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GAME ON! APRIL 2 VOLUNTEER PARTY TO DOUBLE YOUR OPENING DAY FUN

Posted by Dorothy Dubia

What's more fun than pizza, beer, and wine with friends? Volunteering during Queen City's Opening Day weekend, that's what. And you can check all those boxes Sunday, April 2, from 2 to 4 on the second floor at the Opening Day Volunteer Party. In addition to socializing with friends, you'll have the opportunity to become a member of the Team Game On! Volunteer Corps. for Opening Day activities, May 3-7. Opening Day, itself, is Saturday, May 6. Whether you like to drive a boat shuttle, help serve, bartend, help cook, manage crowds, or oversee games, there's a spot for you. New to QCYC? This is a great way to stick your toes in to becoming more active. Not been around in a while? Here's how to get re-involved. A volunteer regular? Thank you; see you there. Have questions? Contact Mike or Peggie Evans, Opening Day chairs, at email pcevans19@gmail.com or call (206) 465-4906. Opening Day events include several dinners, a breakfast, a float in the marine parade, games, and operation of a shuttle boat between QCYC and Seattle Yacht Club.



Game On!

DOCK COMMITTEE MEMBERS RALLY TO REPLACE WATER PIPES

Excerpts from posts by Chuck Gould, Docks Committee Chair

Thanks to the Docks Committee for saving the club about \$130K by stepping up to repair water pipes on docks two and three that had burst during the unfortunate freeze of late December. New water piping will include freeze valve protection on Dock Two and Dock Three. There was no room in this year's budget to make the repair -- not anywhere close. Question: Can the Docks Committee possibly handle this? Answer: Watch our smoke!

As the club worked to restore water service to Docks Two and Three, if there's going to be any smoke to watch it's going to be because Docks Co-Chair Eric Lindbeck (project lead) engineered the fire. Unlike the stereotypical "engineer", Eric has some mighty fine hands on and mechanical skills as well. Eric who came to the club in the early A.M. to receive the plumbing shipment and stack the pipes. All the small components arrived in a single cardboard box (sorted by type into plastic bags) and Eric counted every one of those components and checked off the materials list. If you see Eric around the club, offer to buy him a drink! He deserves it.

The project to repair our water system advanced significantly thanks to Eric with assistance from Dave Hancock, Rick Ashleman, Pete Moe, Jeff Green, Kirk Knapp, Duane Engel, Steve Barton, Kevin Carlson, the Docks chair, VC Michael Day, Kirk Knapp, David Weale, Mark Stevens, and Jim McFadden. Major thanks to members Steve Bryan and Emily Memales for bringing their boat to the U and "babysitting" the pipes in the U and on Dock One.



Docks Committee Co-Chair, Eric Lindbeck on the job



Docks Committee pipe fitters

THANKS TO MEMBER VOLUNTEERS AT THE QCYC BOAT SHOW BOOTH

Posted by Val Ohlstrom, Membership Chair

The 2023 Seattle Boat Show is in the history books. The QCYC boat show booth went well this year thanks to more than 80 member volunteers.

I especially want to call out Randy & Sandy Smith, who checked out the booth the days I was not there and worked a couple of extra shifts when members had to cancel. We had 37 people sign up for the Open House on March 5. If you have the opportunity, please invite your boating friends who may be interested in QCYC to the Open House!



Members staff the QCYC during the boat show

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Commodore's Report

OPEN HOUSE, SPRING FLING & PREDICTED LOG RACE

Michele Bedner, Commodore

Thank you to all volunteers who signed up to work the QCYC booth at the Seattle Boat Show, and a special thanks to Membership Chair Val Ohlstrom for her hard work. Queen City still needs your help in recruiting new members. Please take a moment to reach out to your boating friends to promote joining Queen City. Queen City is having an Open House on Sunday, March 5th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Mainstation. This would be a great opportunity to introduce prospective members to QCYC. If you invite someone to the Open House, please ask them to RSVP to Val at membership@queencity.org. If your friends are unable to attend the Open House, other arrangements can be made.

Spring is just around the corner with longer and warmer days ahead! Soon the cherry trees will be in full bloom and the Mariners will be playing at T-Mobile Park. Let's kick 'Old Man Winter' to the curb and shake off our winter blues by celebrating the arrival of spring! Please join your fellow members at 'Spring Fling' on Friday, March 24th. 'Spring Fling' is a new Queen City social this year and features light appetizers, buffet dinner and dancing to The Tropics

Band. The Tropics Band is a great dance band that has played at Queen City many times over the years. They offer a variety of music including classic rock, R&B, country, light jazz and edgy-pop! Check them out at www.tropicsband.com. Registration is open for 'Spring Fling' at queencity.org under 'Calendar'. \$50 per person. Each person who signs up for 'Spring Fling' will be placed in a drawing for one of two Spring Baskets. P/C Dale and Susie Roberts are


the event chairs and they are looking for volunteers to assist with decorating. Please reach out to Susie Roberts if you would like to help - susieroberts@gmail.com.

The next Docks Fun Day will be Saturday March 11th starting at 8:30 a.m. All members are invited to turn out, enjoy a free breakfast, and then help with a variety of tasks essential to maintaining our marina. Queen City will be hosting a predicted log race/rally "Novice and Old Timers" on the weekend of Mar 24th - 26th with a Burger Bash on Sunday, March 26th. There will also be the IPBA race/rally "Eagle Harbor" at our outstation on Saturday, April 1st. Both races/rallies will have the new Division USE ALL which allows use of all equipment and is designed for Easy Entry. You will be given all the calculations and charts and you can follow the route on your chart plotter. If interested please contact Bob Lindal - bohl@lindal.com.

Looking ahead, if you have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews, mark your calendar for the Children's Easter Party on Saturday, April 8th. More information to follow.



Michele Bedner, Commodore



Who: YOU!

What: A party - Queen City style. That means good food, good drinks, and great people.

When: Sunday, April 2, from 2 to 4 p.m.


Where: Queen City Yacht Club - Second floor

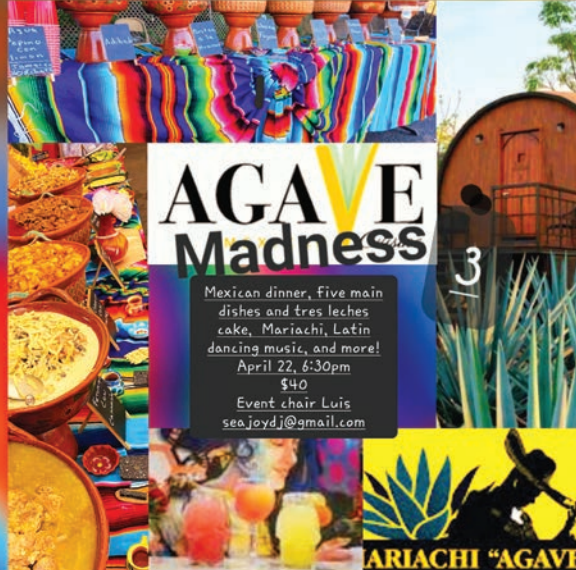
Why: To invite you to volunteer for Opening Day activities, May 3-7. And, to thank you if you've already volunteered.*

(Post: it's a great way to get more involved in the club.)

How: Just show up

**Opening Day activities include helping at dinners, running our shuttle boat, welcoming guest boaters, and more.*





AGAVE Madness

Mexican dinner, five main dishes and tres leches cake, Mariachi, Latin dancing music, and more!

April 22, 6:30pm
\$40
Event chair Luis
sea.joydj@gmail.com

ARIACHI "AGAVE"

You're invited to the QCYC **SPRING FLING!**

Enjoy light appetizers, a buffet dinner, and dance the night away to **The TROPICS!**


Where: QCYC Main station 2nd and 3rd Decks

When: Friday, March 24th, 2023

Time: 5:30 PM Cocktails and appetizers
6:30 PM Buffet Dinner
7:30 PM Dancing to the Tropics

Cost: \$50.00 per person/reserve online





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Vice Commodore's Report

TAKING THE HELM OF A CLUB EVENT IS A FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE

Posted by Michael Day, Vice Commodore

If you don't have time to read this entire article please know that I really need your help. Every time I come home from any Club event or meeting Kitt demands to know who I have recruited for my Commodore year. While the 2023 boating season is just around the corner, the Flag Officers, Committee Chairs, Board Members, Planning and Finance, and others are at the early planning stages for 2024. Likewise, Kitt and I are kicking off our recruiting efforts for committee chairs and event leads. If you have any interest, please do not hesitate to contact me. Leading an event or chairing a committee certainly benefits all club members, but it is also a fantastic experience that pays dividends long after the event. If you are curious, but are not sure what the options are, we can meet for lunch or breakfast at the Club to discuss what might be a good fit.

There is literally something for everyone. One of the best things Kitt and I have done at QCYC was to say yes when a much younger bridge



Michael Day, Vice Commodore

officer named Mark Reed asked us to host the 2019 Labor Day weekend. That weekend made a huge difference for our engagement with the Club. Two couples that were relatively new friends helped with hosting and planning the entire weekend. It was a blast. The weekend started off early with a very well attended hotdog roast at 10 pm on Friday.

That wrapped up with Kitt serving hotdogs to some folks on their boats that were in their pajamas. The weekend got better from there. One of my favorite activities was watching the kids being towed around Eagle Harbor on a large inflatable duck awarded as a door prize. A number of members that we had not met previously just jumped in to help for the weekend. We remember them all. Over the years we have seen them making so many contributions. These include new member recruitment, leading opening day, docks committee co-chairs, grounds committee co-chairs, fleet captains, leading event meals, and the list goes on. Like us, most were all relatively new members at the time.

I am just getting started in the process. If you are on the fence, or even just thinking about it - just say yes. Especially if you have a member number in the 500s, just jump in. Grab a friend (or someone you just met) to help. Make the investment. It is amazing.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS! GET DOWN AND DIRTY, MARCH 4 & 25

Join Susan Rebello susanrebello99@gmail.com and Kaye Brunson (425) 922-7159, 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 4 and March 25, to prune roses, clean up, get the beds ready for spring planting and have lunch with your fellow horticulturalist crew mates. Bring your pruners, garden gloves and knee pads for a great bloomin' day! Shovels and trowels will be provided.



Grounds Chair, Susan Rebello, on the job

CHECK MOORING LINES AS LAKE REFILLS

Posted by U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers

Officials began Lake Washington's annual spring refill operations February 15, 2023. Vessel owners should closely monitor lake elevations and adjust mooring lines as necessary. Water managers are targeting a typical annual refill of the lake to elevation 22 feet this spring. Fill rates and target elevations vary through May based on conditions. Refilling the lake to 22 feet will help meet increased summer water use, providing water necessary for fish passage, navigation, and salinity control. Private and commercial maritime interests along Lake Washington Ship Canal and in Lakes Washington and Union should expect a gradual rise from the winter level of 20 feet until the 22-foot target refill elevation is reached around June 1.



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SWEETHEART DINNER DANCE WAS SWEET

Posted by Ann Wilbour, Sweetheart Dinner Dance Chair

The 3rd deck was rocking for the annual Sweetheart Dinner Dance. Willie & Peggy did not disappoint with a delicious prime rib buffet followed by a champagne toast. Special thanks to those who made it special with decorations by Wendy DeLaunay and Karen Klett, photos by Gordy Foote, Debbie Foote at the Check-in desk, and bartenders Sherry Weiss and Pete DeLaunay.



Desolation Sounds Channels ZZ Top at Sweetheart Dinner



A sweet time was had by all the at the Sweetheart Dinner



Thanks to Ann Wilbour & Wendy DeLaunay for organizing



Near full house at the Sweetheart Dinner Dance



Thanks to bartenders Sherry Weiss and Pete DeLaunay

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FLEET MARDI GRAS PARTY ROCKED THE HOUSE

Posted by Delly Behen, Fleet Co-Captain

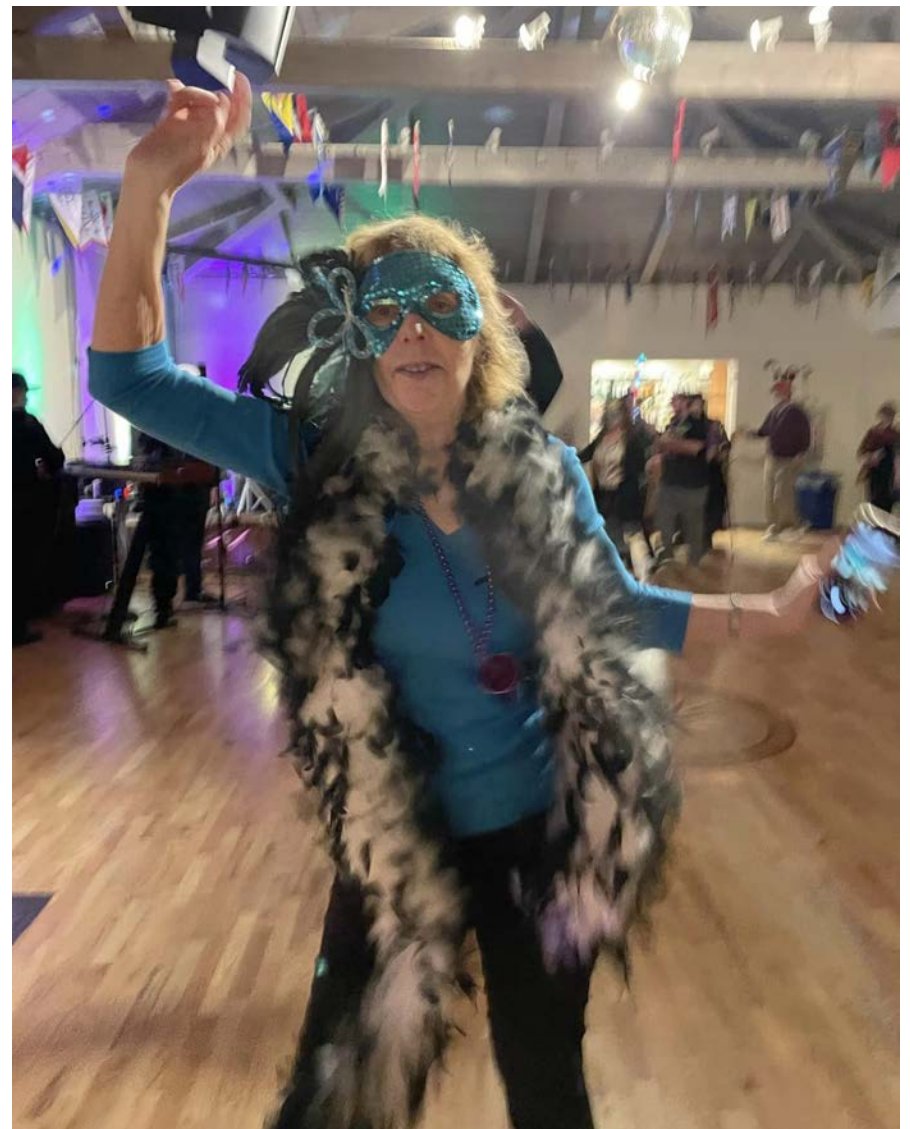
The Fleets brought Mardi Gras to QCYC! It was a fun filled event with Willie's Cajun themed menu! He spoiled us with two types of gumbo, jambalaya, fresh crab, catfish, hushpuppies and more! The four babies in the King Cakes were found by Joni Sare, Jan Gould, Sherry Weiss and Wanda Adams. The prize for the most enthusiastically dressed went to Denise Kitchel. Desolation Sounds provided a New Orleans spin to great classics! Thanks to all that attended and a special shout out for those that helped with clean up.



Mardi Gras Party Crew



Thanks to Mardi Gras bartenders Sherry Weiss & Tracy Redding



Commodore Bedner in Mardi Gras Spirit



Mardi Gras Desolation Sounds



Denise Kitchel wins Best Dressed for the night!

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UNITED YACHT SALES

INCREASED OUTSTATION AND MAIN STATION NIGHTLY MOORAGE RATES

Posted by Rodger McKinley, QCYC Board of Trustees, Chairperson

At the February 6th Board of Trustees meeting and after several months of review and discussion, new Bainbridge Island Outstation and Main Station nightly moorage rates were approved, to be effective April 1, 2023. The increases will reduce the annual operating deficits for both the Bainbridge Island and Deer Harbor Outstations, and place more emphasis on revenue from user-based fees.

The new rates (effective April 1, 2023) will be:

Bainbridge Island	\$16 per night
Deer Harbor	\$25 per night
Main Station	\$16 per night

(Main Station includes the Work Slips, the "U", and Member use of reciprocal moorage [when approved by the Bridge]).

While permanent moorage rates and annual membership dues have seen increases, the \$8.00/night visitor moorage fees for these two Outstations and the Main Station have not been adjusted in over a decade. Annual operating deficits

average about 50% at Bainbridge and 70% at Deer Harbor (Revenue - Operating Expenses = -\$35-40K/year at Bainbridge). This does not include other expenses such as commercial marine insurance (which has increased approximately 187% since 2010) nor approximately \$1M spent on Bainbridge Outstation capital improvements over the past 12 years.

Membership dues and permanent moorage fees have absorbed these operating deficits as well as capital improvements specific to Bainbridge. And soon the Club will invest about \$1M to replace the Bainbridge Outstation pier, ramp, and utilities. The \$8/night fee at Bainbridge is not sustainable.

Over the same 12-year period, the Deer Harbor lease has increased 76%. With the new \$25/night rate, the deficit will be approximately \$18K for this year. The Board believes Members will continue to enjoy a significant benefit with a nightly rate that is about 25% of San Juan Islands market rates.

The rationale for increasing the rates at the Main Station Work Slips, "U", and reciprocal docks (when approved by the Bridge) is to keep temporary moorage rates uniform for both the Bainbridge Outstation and the Main Station. This change will also help shift the revenue stream towards user-based fees while maintaining a significant membership benefit.

The Outstation Committee, Planning and Finance Committee, Bridge, and Board of Trustees believe the rate change maintains the great value of the Bainbridge Island and Deer Harbor Outstations and Main Station facilities while balancing revenue streams between actual use, membership dues, and permanent moorage fees.

NOVICE & OLD TIMER'S PREDICTED LOG RACING MARCH 24-26

International Power Boat Association Novice & Old Timer's Race, Friday, March 24, 2023, to Sunday, March 26, 2023. Want to join or have questions? Please contact the Event Chair, Bob Lindal - BobL@Lindal.com(link sends e-mail) Chair contact phone: 206-919-1045 - for information about predicted log racing visit. www.ipba12.wildapricot.org



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TARETTES

TARETTES - PHILANTHROPIC ARM OF QCYC

Posted by Theresa Wilson, Tarettes president

What a great time we all had at the WIC Luncheon hosted at the QCYC main station on February 16th. We heard so many compliments about the Club, the view, Willie's wonderful food and the decorations. Thank you to Barbara Wilson and Wendy Redding for coordinating the event. The baskets assembled by Sistee Lentgis



WIC Lunch hosts 90+ Women from the Grand 14



Willie Photo Bombs Tarettes Crew at WIC Luncheon

and Becky Garvey were wonderful and helped bring in money to support the Luncheon. Any profit will be donated to Treehouse for Foster Kids. Thank you to all the Tarettes who supported the Luncheon by attending and helping with set-up and clean-up. Captains Tom Wilson, Pete De Launay and Scotty Wilson did a wonderful job waiting and clearing tables and Bartender, Tracy Redding made sure all glasses were filled. We couldn't have done this event without everyone's help.

The Tarettes are bringing back Captain Linda Lewis for her famous, "Couples on the Helm" presentation on Wednesday, March 15th. Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner prepared by Willie and Company will start at 5:00 pm, bar opens prior to dinner at 4:30pm. Dinner



Thanks to 'Da Boys' for helping out at the WIC Luncheon

will be paid to Willie directly. Please register using the QCYC Calendar, so we know how many will be coming to dinner.

SAVE THE DATES - 2023 Tarettes Board or General Membership meetings to discuss Tarettes business, upcoming philanthropic events and meet new friends or re-ignite old friendships.

All meetings are held on Friday's at 1pm on the 3rd Floor at the main station. Board Meeting Dates: 3/31 and 5/12 -- General Membership Meeting Dates: 4/14

The Tarettes Board nomination committee will be meeting shortly to make recommendations for the 2023-2024 Tarettes Board. Please let one of the Board members know if you are interested in serving or want to nominate a Tarette to serve on the Board.

All women are welcome to join the Tarettes' Zoom Book Club. The next Book Club meeting will be on 3/2/2023 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. The current book is, "The Many Daughters of Afong May". Contact Kathy Dow at 425-417-8086 for Zoom info or questions.



Captain Linda Lewis Conducts Couples Boat Training

Do you know someone who is ill, had surgery, who has passed away, or just needs a cheer up? Please contact our Sunshine Chair, Diane Prestebak, at 206-909-4427. Recently, the Tarettes sent Sympathy cards to Kathy Reynolds and Bob & Laureen Myers and Get Well cards Craig Wilbour and Laurie Zuvich.

WOMEN'S INTERCLUB COUNCIL (WIC) MARCH & APRIL LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

Everett Yacht Club WIC Luncheon
Thursday, March 16, 1100 (11 a.m.)
Forest Park, Floral Hall
802 E Mukilteo #205 Everett 98203
\$20, on-line by Saturday March 4.

Gig Harbor Yacht Club WIC Luncheon
Tuesday, April 18 1100
8209 Stinson Ave, Gig Harbor, WA 98332
\$20, on-line by Wednesday, April 12.
For information/questions
Call Wendy Redding 206-376-9688

Join the Tarettes for

🍀 Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner 🍀

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(Pay Willie directly for dinner)

followed by
Couples at the Helm Presentation
by Captain Linda Lewis

Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2023
Bar Opens at 4:30 PM (2nd Floor)
Dinner: 5:00 PM (2nd Floor)
Presentation: 6:30 PM (3rd Floor)
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QCYC WELCOMES RETURNING SNOWBIRDS

Save the date: April 28 at the mainstation for a Friday night social to celebrate the seasonal return of a good many QCYC members who are returning from sunnier climes. With a bit of luck, we will be able to thank them for packing up some of the warmer temperatures from Arizona, Nevada, Idaho or wherever they spent the winter. Chef Willie will prepare his “fantabulous” pot roast, along with scrumptious sides, for dinner, followed by our house band, Desolation Sounds, that will provide music for listening and dancing after dinner. Heather Brignull and Jim Downar are planning to the set evening’s play list, as we will soon be wishing them “bon voyage” as they depart to circumvent Vancouver Island in preparation for voyages to come. The event will be on the third deck. Tickets are \$25. Seating is limited to 60. Signup will be available on the QCYC website.



QCYC Snowbirds Meet Monthly at Casino Arizona

JOIN QCYC SNOWBIRDS ON MARCH 15 AT CASINO ARIZONA

Join QCYC snowbirds on March 15 (3rd Wednesday of each month) at the Eagles Buffet, Casino Arizona www.casinoarizona.com/dining/eagles-buffet/. Contact Roger Courson (Rogerdoops@gmail.com for more information & reserve your place at the buffet!

REQUEST FOR SHAIN TRIMMER SHIP COMPANY INFORMATION

Posted by P/C Margaret Krows

Former member Marc Fleming sold his vessel, “Gypsy”, built 1947 by Shain Trimmer Ship Company, to a person in New Hampshire who is compiling a history of the boat. The evening Marc was inducted into QCYC, a member talked to him about knowing Morris “Mike” Shain, owner of the company, who also had been a QCYC member. Marc does not recall the gentleman’s name. Anyone who has information that would be helpful, please contact Marc at (509) 468-0804, shadowll@msn.com.

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March 2023						
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5 QCYC Open House 12:00pm to 4:00pm Music Committee Rehearsal 5:30pm	6 QCYC Board Meeting 7:00pm	7 Docks Committee Meeting 6:30pm	8 Regular Member Meeting w/ Dinner 7:30pm	9	10 Friday Lunch 11:00am to 1:00pm	11 Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am Docks Fun Day 9:00am
12	13	14	15 Tarettes - Linda Lewis Couples Boat Training/St. Paddy's Dinner 5:00pm	16	17 Fleet Captain - St. Paddy's Cruise to Kingston (SOLD OUT; WAITLIST AVAILABLE) Friday Lunch 11:00am to 1:00pm	18 Fleet Captain - St. Paddy's Cruise to Kingston (SOLD OUT; WAITLIST AVAILABLE) Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am Vessel Electrical Safety Inspection 9:00am to 12:00pm
19 Fleet Captain - St. Paddy's Cruise to Kingston (SOLD OUT; WAITLIST AVAILABLE) Music Committee Rehearsal 5:30pm	20	21	22 Regular Member Meeting w/ Dinner 7:30pm	23 HOLD - Spring Fling Decorating	24 IPBA - Novice & Old Timer's Race Friday Lunch 11:00am to 1:00pm Friday Social - Spring Fling 5:30pm	25 IPBA - Novice & Old Timers Race Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am Grounds Work Party 9:00am to 12:00pm
26 IPBA - Novice & Old Timers Race Burger Bash (2nd Floor) 5:00pm Music Committee Rehearsal 5:30pm	27	28	29	30	31 IPBA - Eagle Harbor Race/Rally (Outstation) Friday Lunch 11:00am to 1:00pm Tarettes - Board Meeting (2nd Floor) 1:00pm	