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MEGA-YACHT DREAMS AND AGE-OLD REALITIES

COMMODORE'S REPORT — While it's been a cold winter and easy to keep the mooring lines attached to the dock, one of the first sure signs of spring comes in the form of the Seattle Boat Show. It's always fun to look and dream while I'm there, but the reality is I don't really ever buy very much other than coffee.

For me, attending the boat show is mostly about looking at accessories and talking to various exhibitors to learn and plan for future needs and adventures. However, there is one thing the boat show provides that cannot be bought or obtained elsewhere, and that is the renewed excitement and anticipation of the upcoming summer boating season.

After attending Boats Afloat at South Lake Union for many years, Michele and I have narrowed our interests to boats that might actually be a viable replacement for *Merleau*. Boats Afloat has a combination of new mega-yachts and seasoned boats that are looking for a new caretaker. As always, there are the age-old complications: too big, too small, too old, too expensive. And the list goes on. . . .

There were some big events in January, starting



Dave Bedner

with the Past Commodores Cruise at Winslow. The immediate past commodores sponsor this event, so this year P/C John Rodgers hosted just under 100 past commodores from the area's Grand 14 yacht clubs at our Winslow outstation.

The following weekend, QCYC hosted the bridge officers from the Grand 14, also at Winslow. The commodores, vice commodores and rear commodores from all the Grand 14 yacht clubs are invited to this annual winter cruise-in. Sadly, this is the last time this Krakens (Commodores) Class will getting together with the

Salish Lights (Vice Commodores) and Nautilus (Rear Commodores) classes of the Grand 14.

Rear Commodore Mark Reed and Vice Commodore John Hieber hosted the event, which includes a roast of the respective commodores from all the clubs. I couldn't imagine there would be much material to put together for my roast, but there were those who thought otherwise.

Queen City's dedicated group of sailboaters hosted a successful Sailor Stew and Brew night under the able guidance of Pete DeLaunay.

Our Fleet Captains Dennis and Niki Rampe hosted a land cruise to the Woodinville wineries,

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FEBRUARY 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

February 1-4	Seattle Boat Show
February 4	Tacoma YC Commodores Ball
February 8, 22	General Member Dinner & Meeting
February 11	Docks Fun Day, QCYC Sweetheart Dinner
February 17	Tarrette Board and General Membership Meetings
February 18	Brememberton Heavy Weather IPBA Race
February 25	Seattle YC JO Ball

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which is not for the weak and easily impaired. Fortunately we all got back safely in our rented coach.

After returning from the wine tasting, the really hardy continued into the evening at the Robert Burns social sponsored by Chuck Gould and Nicholas Corff. Somehow, I found the strength not only to attend, but to taste a wee dram of the Scottish nectar, which is the key component to truly enjoying the haggis.

Our upcoming February events include the Sweetheart Social sponsored by Ann and Craig Wilbour. Hopefully there are still openings so you can sign up and bring your sweetheart to this popular event. "The Art and Science of Le Cocktail," aka Martini Madness, is on the calendar for later in the month, hosted by Bill McGillin and Cammy Mowery. Rumor has it that Bill had some responsibility for originating this social, so we can no doubt expect an extraordinary event put together by a seasoned expert.

Commodore Ball season is again in full swing with the

Grand 14 yacht clubs, and Michele and I will be representing QCYC at the Tacoma Yacht Club on February 4. It has been both a privilege and an honor to represent Queen City at these events. We are quickly approaching the mid-point of attending these Grand 14 Commodore Balls, and each one leaves us with a fond memory.

— *Dave Bedner, Commodore*

NEW QCYC WEBSITE SURVEY IN THE WORKS

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT — Next month you will be introduced to the new survey feature on the Queen City Yacht Club website. This is an exceptionally useful tool that will allow the bridge and board to reach out to the general membership for feedback on issues important to the club. As we own this resource, it is located behind the QCYC website firewall, thus requiring a QCYC login and password to participate.

Rest assured there will be considerable thought put in to the

necessity of doing any survey, as well as the question and answer structure. The key to the success of any survey is the level of response, so be confident we will only ask what is necessary and we'll get right to the point. Unlike Survey Monkey or similar web-based survey tools, this resource is very flexible in the way we can efficiently ask questions.

How will it work? Depending on the nature of the survey, we will generally use the QCYC blast e-mail resource to send a message to the membership containing a link to the survey. We will also add a menu header to the website navigation bar as an optional way to access any survey. From either of these access points you will be taken to the opening page of the survey and be able to proceed.

As most surveys are associated with a specific data-driven purpose, there will be a defined-announced response time, after which the ability to answer will be suspended. In most cases, each



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log-in will be offered one editable response opportunity and all responses will be visible to the general membership. However, if the subject is of a sensitive nature, the survey tool has the ability to blind poll responses as well as progressively restrict membership responses to a one-time, no change option. You will always clearly know what circumstances are being applied to a given event.

The survey tool is equipped with very dynamic security as it has the ability to track every response as well as record the associated login, date, time submitted and even the originating IP address. It can also tabulate the results in a variety of formats. This will aid the bridge and board immensely in their review processes, as well as sharing the results during a general membership meeting or via *Bilge Pump*.

Two items are asked of you.



John Hieber

The first is to ensure your primary and if desired, secondary (aka spouse) e-mail addresses are correct. To check this, log into the QCYC website, click ANNUAL/MEMBER SEARCH, type your name in the search box and enter. The subsequent information screen with

your name on it will only show priority information, so click on your name to see everything in the database. If you need to make a change, please send an e-mail to office@queencity.org noting the necessary revisions. It can take up to 30 days for a change to appear on the website as updates are synchronized to new-member enrollment.

The second and equally

important request is that you participate in the survey process. In virtually every case, a survey will apply to a decision (s) that will affect you as a member. Your survey feedback is critical in guiding that decision process.

As always, please feel free to extend comments or concerns.

—John Hieber, Vice Commodore

QCYC HOSTS GRAND 14 WITH FUN, FOOD AND FOOTBALL

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT — January brought a new Grand 14 event up on our radar: the G-14 Cruise-in at the QCYC Winslow Outstation.

For those if you who are not aware of this affair, the rear and vice commodores of Queen City

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host all the commodores, officers and their significant others of the Grand 14 area yacht clubs to a weekend of food, fun, socializing and even a meeting or two.

My wife Karleen and the great crew from the Rear Commodore Class Nautilus provided two fantastic breakfasts. John and Debbie Hieber and the Vice Commodore Class Salish Lights hosted a cook-your-own steak dinner. We also enjoyed a Seahawks party to watch the game against Atlanta.

The main event of the cruise-in was a "roast" of all the commodores from the Commodore Class Kraken, and you can be sure that our Commodore Dave Bedner was not spared in the fracas. Many thanks to QCYC's Josh Hoffman, Terron Lindholme, and Michelle Bedner for the hilarious presentation. I am certain that Dave was properly and duly embarrassed.

The cruise-in was a great



Mark Reed

opportunity to get to know our counterparts from all over Puget Sound a little bit better, to share the opportunities and challenges of our different clubs and to enjoy a winter escape to Winslow for a few days.

On the business side of this report:

- ★ The Grounds Committee would like to thank Tim Rutledge for replacing the sprinkler heads in the centennial garden in a more appropriate pop-up style.
- ★ The Security Committee wants to thank Scott Grimm and Vice Commodore John Hieber for resetting the security system after the recent power outage.
- ★ The Reception Committee thanks everyone who helped out in the boat show booth and is looking forward to the induction of many new members as a result of all the bragging about our great club.
- ★ The Parking Committee plans to send all members a media blitz

regarding the mainstation parking rules and policies in hopes of heading off parking problems this summer.

We'll see you at the next general meeting.

—Mark Reed, Rear Commodore

AULD LANG SYNE AT THE OUTSTATION

OUTSTATION REPORT — The outstation welcomed the New Year with more than 50 adults, teenagers and children. (Barbara Wood, outstation co-chair)

OMG — Noise! Laughter!! Frivolity!!! (Old What's His Name, aka Eric Wood, outstation co-chair and self-proclaimed Barbara's Personal Editor)

Many members decided to come over by boat and celebrate. A potluck was arranged and, as usual, there was more delicious food than could be eaten. (Barb)

It WAS good to finally get a square meal. (Eric, OWHN, BPE)

We played games, worked on puzzles and even made a fire in the fire pit. (Barb)

Don't tell Denny Ward that I liked the fire thing. (Eric, OWHN)

Although not a club-planned party, it seems every year more folks decide to come to Bainbridge Island to celebrate Shauna Bennett's birthday and New Years Eve.

The following weekend, many boats and cars arrived to participate in the Grand 14 Past Commodore Cruise-in. The docks were full and boats were rafted. I heard more than 90 people were entertained and the place looked full. Between decent weather, a great Seahawk game and plenty of food and drink, P/C John and Shirley Rogers worked hard and made sure everyone had a great time. (Barb)

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Barb and Eric Wood

I TOLD him to just stay treasurer. (OWHN)

We are already starting to think about the annual work party planned for April 21-23. (Barb)

Uh-oh. I'd better make plans to be somewhere else.) (OWHN)

We try to make this a fun event and always accomplish so much more. More details in the next *Bilge Pump*.

Safe Boating!

—Barbara and Eric (OWHN)
Wood, co-chairs

GOOD TIMES FOR A GOOD PRICE

MEMBERSHIP REPORT — Queen City is offering a half-price special on memberships for a limited time for \$1,500.

This offer will end when the club reaches an active membership of 400 boaters, so if you know anyone who is interested in joining, I encourage you to reach out and let them know about it. Our annual membership dues are \$750.

Currently we have 386 Active Members, 98 Senior Life Members, 18 Life Members, eight Social Members and 14 Intermediate Members for a total membership of 524.

Five people were initiated at the general meeting December 14: Captains Kurt and Trela Herman, sponsored by Captain Doug Wadden; Captains Patrick and Mina Dye, sponsored by Captain Ann Wilbour; and Captain Nick Werner, sponsored by his mother, Captain Sandy Werner.

We will have our QCYC open

house Sunday, March 5, from noon to 4 p.m. We hope to have a great turnout of interested prospective members, so please mark your calendars and come out to greet them.

Thanks to all our members who helped with our booth at the Boat Show this year.

If you are interested in helping the Membership Committee contact me or Rear Commodore Mark Reed. We appreciate all your ideas and considerations for membership.

—Chris Benson, Membership chair

GRIEF ON A REEF: A REMINDER OF HAZARDS ON THE WAY TO LA CONNER FOR OLD SALTS AND NEWBIE SAILORS

A local insurance professional once said that the southern entrance to the Swinomish Channel is, year after year, the site of a lot of claims resulting from grounding.

Experienced mariners know better than to cut any of the buoys here. A range in Dugwalla Bay, to the west, is defined by marker boards with red backgrounds and white stripes. When the stripe on the more forward of the two boards appears to be in line with the stripe on the board farther to the west, a vessel is aligned with the center of the channel.

It isn't difficult to get started up the channel without going aground, just as it isn't difficult for an unlucky boater unaware of local conditions to make the close acquaintance of a mud bank in this location.

When entering the Swinomish, proceed slowly, watch the depth

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sounder, keep an eye on the Dugwalla Bay range, and make sure to round every last buoy. The proper turn into the channel is almost a 90-degree affair. Boaters approaching the end of the channel with a long, casual angle may have missed the final buoy.

Boaters bound for the San Juans from the central sound will pass Goat Island and a booming ground, (both off the starboard beam), before arriving at an “S” turn along a rocky cliff. Some old charts list the passage as “Hole in the Wall”, although that name is more commonly associated with a channel near the Octopus Islands in British Columbia. Be cognizant that there may be some speedy boat blasting through the passage and that the skipper will be

unable to see you around the corner until the last few seconds.

Once past the “S” turn, the Swinomish route passes the Shelter Bay community. Recent dredging has removed a mud hump that tends to form off the southern-most house in the Shelter Bay development, but it pays to watch the sounder very carefully when passing Shelter Bay.

Currents can run several knots in the Swinomish, but unlike Deception Pass the primary concern with current here is its effect on the speed of a vessel. Picking up a few knots of “push” can be very useful for an 8-knot trawler, but should the same 3-knot current be running the wrong direction instead of speeding along at

11 knots a trawler might be slowed to 5.

Observe the No Wake Zone off the town of LaConner. Many boaters bound for the islands will overnight at LaConner, (highly recommended). If the current is running at all, be sure to approach the guest docks when headed upstream- even if that means going beyond an available space on the dock and turning around to return.

The channel north of LaConner is adequately marked, but a chart and or plotter will be essential to ensure passage on the safe side of all buoys. At a couple of bends along the route, it would be easy to assume that the channel continues where the channel does not.

P/C EWELL'S HISTORICAL JEWELS

A ROCK, A CLOCK AND A LOCK MAKE UP A GEM OF A TALE

Ever wondered why there's a rock in the history trophy case on the third floor of the mainstation clubhouse?

Early on, Queen City Yacht Club helped sponsor Bremerton Yacht Club, which in turn helped sponsor Port Orchard Yacht Club. Thus began the Big Brother Cruise-In traditions of QCYC with BYC and BYC with POYC at each club's outstation.

In the early 80's, it was decided amongst Past Commodore Dean Lentgis and his counterparts in the brother clubs to have a Tri-Club Cruise-In. Each club was to have a predicted log race from its respective home station to QCYC's Winslow outstation.



This rock reminds Queen City members of a history of fine predicted log racing. Photo courtesy of Jeffrey Ewell

But QCYC's entries were hampered a bit: Their predictions had to include time spent getting through the locks from the mainstation to Puget Sound. It was easy to predict the time to the locks, P/C Lentgis said, and from the locks to the outstation. But how do you accurately predict the time it takes to transit the locks?

Having guessed their best times, P/C Lentgis, P/C Al Smith and others, including P/C Joel Rindal, set off early that Saturday morning and, as luck would have it, the locks were open. They cruised right in and were let down to the sound with no wait.

That night when the scores were announced, P/C Lentgis had nailed the lock time (he guessed 28 minutes and was off by only one), had the best score and thus won the Tri-Club Predicted Log Race.

P/C Rindal found a rock, member Ed Larson made a base for it, and P/C Lentgis painted burgees on it.

And thus that rock in the third-floor case — the trophy for the first and only Tri-Club Predicted Log Race.

—Jeffrey Ewell, past commodore

Once past Twin Bridges Marina and the railroad bridge, the channel continues through Padilla Bay to Anacortes. Again, don't be fooled by what appears to be a vast area of open water to the east of the channel. The safe channel is found only between the marker buoys, as a passage through here at a low tide will dramatically reveal.

— A. B. Deckman

IN MEMORIAM

Our condolences go out to Rick Ashleman, president of the Board of Trustees, and his family on the loss of his mother, Doris Ashleman. Doris was an active Tarette for many years. There will be a memorial service and celebration of her life at 2 p.m. Friday, February 10 on the third deck of the clubhouse.

Photo by John Macdonald



Niki Rampe and Peggie Evans toast Valentines Day gifts on sale at the Ship's Store at the mainstation on a recent Wednesday evening.

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Tarettes' Corner

TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT OFFICERS AND OPENING DAY

PRESIDENT'S REPORT —
Happy Valentine's Day!

That said, it's not too soon to start thinking about the breakfast we Tarettes serve as a tradition on Opening Day weekend. This year, it will be on Sunday, May 7.

All the yacht clubs of the Grand 14 look forward every year to the Tarettes' Opening Day Breakfast, so please set aside the date and plan to help set tables, serve or clean up. We will need lots of help. Tarettes Vice President Mary Jo Svendsen will be organizing the event and helper sign-up sheets.

The nominating committee, lead by Becky Garvie, is looking for candidates for next year's slate of officers. If you are interested please contact Becky at canstyle@aol.com.

We are also looking for co-chairs for a dock sale and Friday Night Social. Please let me or any of the officers know if you are interested in volunteering as a co-chair.

We start this month by hosting the Women's Interclub Council (WIC) installation of officers and luncheon for all the ladies of the Grand 14 yacht clubs on February 2.

I want to thank Tarettes Past President Margaret Krows, who organized the installation of the

WIC officers; Vice President Mary Jo Svendsen, who organized the luncheon; Barbara Wilson, who was our speaker; Siste Lentgis, who put together baskets; all those who donated to the baskets; Carol Soffel, who was responsible for decorations; Ann Wilbour, who took reservations, and all the Tarettes who helped set up tables, decorate, and clean up.

I also want to send a big thank you to Chef Willie Williamson and his assistant Peg Braxton for the delicious lunch. (The WIC lunches are a always a great way to make friends in other yacht clubs.)

Our next Tarettes Meeting is Wednesday, March 15. There will be an open meeting of the Tarettes at 5 p.m., Willie's dinner at 6, and a general membership meeting at 7:30 on the third floor.

—Joanie Preusser, president



WIC LUNCHEON TO FEATURE SALVATION ARMY KEYNOTE

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT — Our next Women's Interclub Council luncheon will be at Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club, Thursday, March 16. The keynote speaker will be Capt. Jonathan Harvey of the Salvation Army's Northwest Division, who will discuss how the organization serves our community.

The social hour begins at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon, followed by the speaker.

The cost is \$18, and the sign-up deadline is March 8. Please make checks payable to Joanie Preusser and send to her at 12003 18th Ave. S.W.; Burien, WA 98146.

Mark your calendars for this fun event!

And Opening Day is not too far away. If you can help with the Tarettes' traditional Opening Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 7, please let Mary Jo Svendsen know at maryjosv@me.com. Sign-up sheets for specific roles and shifts will be available in early April.

— Mary Jo Svendsen, vice president



FUN, CHARITY AND FRIENDSHIP FOR WOMEN CAPTAINS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT — The women's group, Tarettes, is open to all ladies of Queen City Yacht Club.

Since 1943 Tarettes have supported social, educational, and philanthropic events that augment the mission of Queen City Yacht Club. We have six to nine meetings a year that alternate between daytime and evening. We also coordinate with the Women's Interclub Council of the Grand 14 yacht clubs for monthly luncheons that promote friendship among the clubs.

Come to a meeting and check us out – get acquainted with other ladies of QCYC and have some fun. A simple application for membership is downloadable on both the Tarettes' page and forms page on the QCYC website.

For additional information, contact Membership Chair Margaret Krows, 425 488-3202 or mmkrows@aol.com.

— Margaret Krows, past president and membership chair

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P/C Dick and Teri McGrew are not such a menacing crew at QCYC's New Years Eve celebration, despite the prison garb that won them a "best costume" award.

Photo courtesy of Bob Lindal



The Queen City Yacht Club team were awarded the Al Smith Trophy at the recent predicted log races for members of area yacht clubs. The team members are (left to right) Dean Lentgis, Marv Elbon, Ken Klett, Bill McGillin and Bob Lindal. Dean came in second overall, Ken and Marv were third, Bill was fourth and Bob, fifth. Jim Korzetz of Poulsbo Yacht Club came in first.

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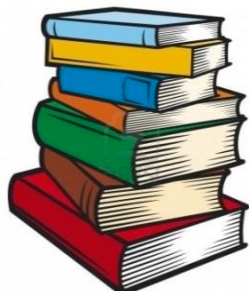
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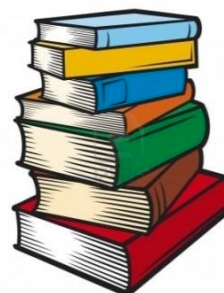
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There would be NO assigned individual book for all to be read before the next meeting. There would be no one saying, "I didn't read the assigned book, so I'd better not attend the next meeting." There would be no one saying, "I liked the book", as opposed to, "I didn't like the book". Simply, it's just us girls having a relaxing get together on each other's boats. We would rotate hosting. No boat? You might wish to cohost on another member's boat.

Want to try this?

First time meeting is on my boat, KalosFilos, Dock 1, about half way down on the left, Monday afternoon, February 20, 3 PM. I will have wine and light snacks. Just bring yourselves and any reads you'd like.

No RSVP necessary!

I look forward to having you join us! – *Sistee Lentgis*

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Dinner served at 6:00 PM
Meeting to Follow at 7:30 PM

For seating and dinner planning purposes, please indicate your interest in attending at:
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Seattle Boat Show Alternate Wednesday Dinner 5:30pm	2 Seattle Boat Show WIC Installation of Officers 10:00am WIC Luncheon 11:00am	3 Seattle Boat Show Friday Lunch 11:00am Ship's Store Open 11:30am to 1:30pm	4 Seattle Boat Show Tacoma YC Commodores Ball Breakfast 9:00am IPBA Meeting at QCYC 1:00pm
5	6	7 House Committee 9:00am Docks Committee Meeting 6:30pm Planning & Finance Meeting 7:00pm	8 Ship's Store Open 5:30pm to 7:30pm Pre-Mtg Dinner 6:00pm General Member Meeting 7:30pm	9	10 Friday Lunch 11:00am	11 Docks Fun Day 8:30am Breakfast 9:00am QCYC Sweetheart Dinner 5:30pm
12	13 QCYC Board Meeting 7:00pm	14 House Committee 9:00am	15 Alternate Wednesday Dinner 5:30pm	16 SSPS Dinneer Mtg 5:30pm	17 Tarette Board Meeting 10:30am Friday Lunch 11:00am Ship's Store Open 11:30am to 1:30pm Tarette Gen. Mem. Mtg 12:30pm	18 Bremerton Heavy Weather IPBA Race 8:00am Breakfast 9:00am Poulsbo YC JO Ball 5:00pm
19	20	21 House Committee 9:00am Architectural Advisory Committee Meeting 6:30pm	22 Ship's Store Open 5:30pm to 7:30pm Pre-Meeting Dinner 6:00pm Gen. Mtg. & Speaker Series 7:30pm	23	24 Friday Lunch 11:00am Martini Madness Social 5:00pm	25 Saturday Breakfast 9:00am Seattle YC JO Ball 5:00pm St. Patrick's Church Dinner & Auction (DeLaunay) 5:00pm
26	27	28 House Committee 9:00am				