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YO- HO- HO & THREE CASES OF RUM AS QCYC WINS YACHT CLUB CHALLENGE



Courtesy of the Northwest Marine Trade Association

Thanks to Membership Chair Chris Benson for rallying QCYC members to meet at the Seattle Boat Show last month for a gang photo in the Yacht Club Challenge! Eighty-nine QCYC members met the challenge — more than any other club — and won the first prize. As the winning yacht club, QCYC will receive three cases of Papa’s Pilar rum, the Grand Prize Trophy now sitting on the bar, and \$500! Nobody knows but us that our burgee was displayed upside down. Colleen Rutten had the misfortune of being caught holding the flag, a faux pas that earned her one of two screw-up flags awarded at the February meeting. Look for the other screw-up flag on “Rock A Bye,” Debbie and John Hieber’s boat, awarded to John for accidentally flooding his boat recently.

GETTING SERIOUS ABOUT SPRING

COMMODORE’S REPORT — One of the sure signs of spring is the time change that comes March 12, taking us into Daylight Saving Time and giving us an extra hour of evening light.

With longer days, Queen City Yacht Club docks start to come to life with people cleaning up their boats in preparation for those long-awaited lake cruises. With

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Dave Bedner

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all those boat projects we thought would get done over the winter still on the list, it's time to get serious.

Queen City had a very successful Seattle Boat Show. Many interested parties signed up to be contacted to attend the membership open house Sunday, March 5. I fully expect QCYC to get to full active membership as a result of our biggest recruiting effort of the year, and I look forward to seeing new members engaging in events at the club and making new friends along the way.

An extraordinary event occurred this year at the boat show, the Yacht Club Challenge. The objective: to take a photo with as many members as possible, and the club with the most members wins. Our Membership Chair Chris Benson thought it would be a fun event and promoted the opportunity, along with complimentary tickets to the boat show. The plan was to muster for the photo at 7 p.m. Friday, February 3.

Not only did we have a reported 89 members in the photo,

we also won the challenge, taking home the trophy, \$500 and three cases of rum. The trophy is on the bar for the next month. The \$500 was contributed to assist with our Opening Day fundraising event. And the rum ... well, Chris hasn't exactly said where that went, but when we recover it we will have a club event for all to enjoy.

Ann and Craig Wilbour hosted another successful and well-attended Sweetheart Dinner and Dance with music provided by the Sweetspot Combo. Bill McGillin and Cammie Mowery hosted "Le Cocktail," the Friday-night social formerly known as Martini Madness. While the event has not occurred as of this writing, I'm sure their special drink ("Naked and Famous") provided a great source of entertainment.

Rodger and Carol McKinley will sponsor the St. Patricks Day social Friday, March 17. While they have been active in the club, this will be their first event as sponsors. So wear your green and have some fun over an Irish coffee.

Last, Waterfront Construction

has been replacing the cement fire-breaks on Dock 2 over the past several weeks, working with an undefined schedule and requiring boats to be moved on a rotating basis. As one firebreak was completed, the workers moved to the next one. You may have noticed the rotation of sailboats in the U, which is where the displaced boats have had temporary moorage. Thank you to all the captains for cooperating when your boat needed to be moved. And a special thanks to Moorage Chair Don Frissell for making all this happen.

— Dave Bedner, Commodore

QCYC NEEDS YOU

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT — There's a new special committee at Queen City, the Member Outreach Committee, co-chaired by Stephanie Arthur and Lupe Weiss.

The purpose of this new committee is to reach out to all members to increase participation in

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all areas of the club. Communication in today's technical age is easy some days and not so easy others. So this committee will work to bridge the gap, working closely with each of the committee and event chairs to find out where and when they need help and then to work to find it for them.



John Hieber

The first order of business is to create a database of members' talents and interests. The committee is doing that with a new survey, so please fill it out online, on the Queen City website. (By the way, if you don't have your own login, ask for one!)

Next, you might just get a phone call or e-mail inviting you to share your talents or join an activity. Each and every one of you is an integral part of this club and we want to emphasize the fun part of volunteering, attending an event or cruise, meeting our newer members or socializing with

those you haven't seen in awhile, all to build pride and camaraderie among all Queen City members.

A lot of time and energy has gone into forming the Member Outreach Committee. Your comments and input are going to be a big part of its success. I would like to thank

each of the members of the committee who participated in this endeavor: Mark and Lupe Weiss, Terron and Denise Lindholme, Tom Johnson, Scott Grimm, Mark Vanderwall, Dick McGrew, Dennis Rampe and Niki Maguire-Rampe, Michael Abrejera, Stephanie Farrar, Bill Brunkhorst, Tamara Hillman, Heather Brignull and Debbie Hieber.

—John Hieber, Vice Commodore

A HINT OF BOATING SEASON IN THE AIR . . .

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT — The days are getting longer and there is some hint of spring warmth in the air. The flowers are beginning to grow and leaves are starting to show.

You know what that means: It's almost boating season!

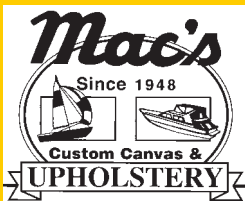
Well . . . At least it's getting a little closer every day.

If you haven't yet noticed, the beautiful weeping willow tree in the dog park has been on both the lunch and dinner menu of the local beaver society. Enzo, the past commodore dog, pointed this out to P/C Dick McGrew on their daily you-know-what and they immediately contacted the Grounds Committee with their concerns.

Within hours — really, less

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than 12 hours later — the tree was professionally rewrapped with chicken wire and is now beaver proof. Wooden boats beware.

Speaking of wooden boats, your rear commodore is planning to attend the Grand Banks Rendezvous this May with the Miramar. The event is held in beautiful Roche Harbor and is always an informative and entertaining weekend of GB fellowship, food and fun. If you have a Grand Banks and are planning to attend, please let me know and we will set up a rendezvous at the rendezvous and represent Queen City.

Save the date for the QCYC Low and Slow to be held at the Mainstation U on June 4. For those new members who haven't heard, the Low and Slow is an afternoon barbecue feast with meat from several of the club's best pitmasters. They truck their barbecues in on Saturday and smoke the meat all night, Then on Sunday *you* get



Mark Reed

to eat the most delicious BBQ in the Salish Sea. Contact Greg Satoro for more information or if you would like to volunteer.

Finally, I would like to once again thank Membership Chairman Chris Benson and all of the incredible volunteers who worked the QCYC booth at the

Seattle Boat Show. This event is truly an example of what the tradition of pitching-in at Queen City is all about. Great event, great people and great fun.

—Mark Reed, Rear Commodore

YO-HO-HO, A TROPHY, \$500 CASH AND THREE CASES OF RUM

MEMBERSHIP REPORT — Members of Queen City: You are the best!

We won the Yacht Club Challenge at last month's Seattle Boat Show, with the most members showing up for a group

photo of any of the 11 yacht clubs that participated. There were 89 of us, three more than second-place Tacoma Yacht Club. Seattle Yacht Club was third.

Way to go Queen City, and what a fun night!

The Membership Committee worked hard over the past two months on our contribution to the Boat Show. And we had more than 80 volunteers at our booth this year.

New brochures were printed with information about our new outstation at Thetis Island, along with cards inviting people to our open house Sunday, March 5. Most importantly we worked on contacting our members to get them there for the Yacht Club Challenge.

It was great to see everyone at our booth throughout the evening. We presented the trophy from the Northwest Marine Trade Association at the February 8 meeting along with a \$500 cash prize and three cases of Papa's Pilar rum, which will be delivered soon.

More than 60 boaters signed up to attend the open house. Folks also inquired about and took information for our Jr. Sailing Program and the Tarettes.

Thank you all for your support and for volunteering for the show. We will be doing this event again next year.

At the February 8 General meeting we had 2 initiations; Capts. Ray and Susan Rebelo, sponsored by Captain Dorothy Dubia, and Captain Bill Reid, sponsored by Captains Tom Johnson and Nick Castro.

We currently have 386 Active Members, 5 pending Active Members, 97 Senior Life Members, 18 Life Members, 8 Social Members and 14 Intermediate Members for a total membership of 524.

Our open house will be from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Please mark your calendar and come out and greet our



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Queen City Membership Chairman Chris Benson, left, shows off the QCYC trophy awarded the club by Tony Floor of the Northwest Marine Trade Association.

Photo courtesy of the Woods



Barb and Eric Wood

WORK, WITH THE EMPHASIS ON PARTY

OUTSTATION REPORT — **BARB:** The prediction for snow this winter is sure proving to be true — Old-What's-His-Name (better known as Eric) almost got to drag out the snowblower! It's been a few years since he had fun using that machine.

The Winslow Waterfront Park upgrade is almost done. They've done an amazing job, and it's a wonderful addition to the island. We are fortunate to have it right next door to our outstation.

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prospective members. We hope to have a great turn out of members and prospective members.

We are still offering a half-price initiation special for full membership. Annual membership dues are currently \$750, for a total price of \$2,250 to join. This is a limited-time offer until we reach full membership. If you know of anyone who is interested in a Queen City Yacht Club membership, I encourage you to reach out and let these folks know.

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

—Chris Benson, Membership chair

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Eric and I are starting to plan for the upcoming annual “work-PARTY,” scheduled for Friday, April 21 to Sunday, April 23.

Most of the projects will be completed on Saturday, so if that is the only day you can attend, that’s fine. Friday is a prep day and Sunday is a final clean-up and “put everything away” kind of day. Food and beverages are provided. If you are a new member, this is a great way to become familiar with the outstation and meet fellow members.

We take pride in making the workPARTY a well-organized success every year. We list all the projects we hope to get accomplished on large poster boards. You get to choose which projects to participate in, it all gets done, and the place looks fabulous!

OLD-WHAT-’S-HIS-NAME: Plus, you get to celebrate my

birthday! Please try to keep your gifts under \$50 in value this year.

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

QCYC MEMORIAL FUND SUPPORTS FACILITIES & ACTIVITIES

The QCYC Memorial Fund was created in 1990 as a way for members and their families to support our club with a financial contribution, says Dean Lentgis, past commodore and chair of the Memorial Fund.

“Over the past 27 years many members and their families have contributed to the fund, designated for specific facilities such as upgrades to the main club house, outstation(s), club debt reduction or (needs) left to the designation of



Photo by Pete Delaunay

P/C & Memorial Fund Chair Dean Lentgis pictured with Captain Ed Ericksen’s hand-crafted Memorial Fund plaque located near the bar on the Second Deck.

the Board of Trustees,” he said.

The memorial fund is separate from the club’s general operating funds, as outlined in Article IV, Section 14 of the bylaws, which may be seen in the annual.

“We want to remind and/or introduce the Memorial Fund to our membership,” Dean says, “and

P/C EWELL’S HISTORICAL JEWELS

CALLING MEETINGS TO ORDER FOR A GENERATION

A distinctive hand-carved wood gavel, fashioned from a piece of “lead pencil cedar” wood, is one of Queen City Yacht Club’s first artifacts.

The gavel was presented to QCYC’s first commodore, William F. Herman, at the club’s fourth meeting, June 8, 1916 by Horace J. Thurlow, a fellow club member who had gathered the wood from a tree in Jervis Inlet, Canada.

This gavel was used by each commodore until the late 70’s when Captain Ed Erickson offered to make gavels for each new commodore upon his installation. Ed,



who presented his first gavel in 1978, continued this tradition for 28 years until his death in 2005. But he had made gavels for each living past commodore and a small inventory for future commodores. All total, he provided about 50 handmade gavels.

The tradition of presenting a gavel to each new commodore continues and is now the responsibility of the Past Commodores Club. Each gavel is still hand carved; since 2011 they’ve been



made by P/C Dick Timmerman.

This original gavel is on display in the Third Deck trophy case.

—Jeffrey Ewell, 1997 past commodore

encourage a contribution while living or in the form of a bequest in their will.”

A plaque hand crafted by the late Ed Ericksen recognizes contributors who have given \$1000 or more to the fund. For more information about the Memorial Fund contact Dean at 206-947-1999 or Lentgis@comcast.net.

— *Pete Delaunay,*
Bilge Pump co-editor

YA SNOOZE, YA LOSE

You can't call Val Ohlstrom lazy. Or unlucky, either.

Well, maybe you could once when a long Queen City meeting, a quiet moment and the need for a catnap caught up with her.

Val is one of the go-to people at Queen City when someone needs the impossible done and done now.

She says where QCYC is



Photo courtesy of Val and Jeff Ohlstrom

Val and Jeff Ohlstrom couldn't be happier at Queen City than they are when there's dancing to be done.

concerned she and her husband Jeff are “not leaders. We are more pitcher-inners.” But she has proven that to be far from true.

Late last summer, when Bill Field died suddenly, he left a huge

leadership hole where planning for the Seafair Christmas cruise for disabled people was about to get underway. The hole widened to a chasm in November when Karin McLean, who had taken over for Bill, also passed away with grim suddenness.

Enter Val, who was tapped in the worst of circumstances to make one of QCYC's proudest events happen.

There were dock elves, who help guests and their caregivers find their way aboard the right boat, to corral. And enough volunteer skippers, servers and clean-up crew to make it happen. And visits with Santa — Santa! — to arrange.

“It was awful,” Val says. “Karin never seemed ill. She kept it under wraps. We had 10 days to go when she died, 30 to 40 elves to get and no idea who had already

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Tarettes' Corner

NOT TOO SOON FOR OPENING DAY DREAMS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT — It's not too soon to start thinking about the Opening Day Tarettes Breakfast, coming up on Sunday, May 7. Tarettes traditionally serve breakfast the day after Opening Day festivities and all the yacht clubs of the Grand 14 look forward to it every year.

Please set aside the date and plan on helping to set tables, serve or clean up. We need lots of help. Tarettes Vice President Mary Jo Svendsen will organize the event and helper sign-up sheets. Please contact Mary Jo if you are interested, maryjosv@me.com.

The next WIC (Women's Interclub Council) luncheon is on Thursday, March 16, at Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club. Captain Jonathan Harvey of The Salvation Army's Northwest Division is the speaker. The social is at 11 a.m., and lunch begins at noon. Cost is \$18. If you are interested in attending, please contact Joanie Preusser, jmp-cfp@comcast.net. Please mail checks made out to Joanie by March 8.

Our next Tarettes meeting is Friday, March 17. A closed board meeting is at 10:30 a.m., and the general meeting is at 12:30 p.m. on the third-floor deck.

The nominating committee lead by Becky Garvie is looking for candidates for vice president and secretary for next year. If you are interested, please contact

any of these committee members: Becky Garvie, canstyle@aol.com, Margaret Krows, mmk-rows@aol.com or Shirley Rogers, jsrogers2@msn.com.

We all appreciate Donna Graddon and Carolyn Rolstad, who continue doing an outstanding job serving at Queen City memorial services. We need more help, so if you haven't volunteered for much this year, please think about volunteering for these meaningful services.

TARETTES EVENTS CALENDAR:

- ★ Thursday, March 16: WIC luncheon, Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club, 11a.m.–2 p.m.
- ★ Friday, March 17: Tarettes closed board meeting, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
- ★ Friday, March 17: Tarettes general meeting, 12:30–1:30 p.m.
- ★ Tuesday, April 11: WIC luncheon, Gig Harbor Yacht Club, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
- ★ Friday, April 21: Tarettes board meeting, 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
- ★ Friday, April 21: Tarettes general meeting, 12:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- ★ Sunday, May 7: Tarettes serve Opening Day Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- ★ Thursday, May 11: WIC luncheon, Rainier Yacht Club, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
- ★ Friday, May 19: Tarettes board meeting, 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
- ★ Friday, May 19: Tarettes general meeting, 12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m.

★ Friday, June 23: Tarettes board meeting, 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

★ Friday, June 23: Tarettes general meeting and installation lunch, 12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m.

—Joanie Preusser, president

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LUNCHEON IS SERVED, WITH A CARIBBEAN FLAVOR

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT — The Tarettes Women's Interclub Council luncheon February 2 at Queen City Yacht Club was a great success, with more than 100 people attending.

Our chef, Willie Williamson, served a tasty Caribbean shrimp salad with help from Robert Svendsen, Gordie Foote, John Rogers, Bill Buller, Tom Wilson and Dan Lohse.

Barbara Wilson shared her illustrated stories of boating and traveling in Cuba.

We heard from many attendees who loved the colorful decorations and varied gift baskets. Many thanks to the following people who also contributed to the success of the luncheon: Carol Soffel, Sharon Stocklin, Ann Wilbour, Margaret Krows, Siste Lengtis, Michele Bedner, Joanie Preusser, Dale Ward, Becky Garvie, Shirley Rogers, Dorothy Dubia, Toni Knickerbocker, Debbie Foote, Linda Dishneau and Denise Whitaker. We can be proud of this highly successful event.

— Mary Jo Svendsen, vice president

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GAINS AND SAD LOSSES

MEMBERSHIP REPORT — I am delighted to introduce Susan Rebello, our newest

Tarette. Susan and her husband, Raymond, officially became QCYC members February 8, and she had her Tarettes application already filled out and ready to go. Your enthusiasm is inspiring, Susan. Susan and Raymond own a 26-foot Tollycraft, "Looking Up."

Sadly, we have lost five Tarettes in recent weeks.

Past President Pat Rubish passed away January 2. She joined Tarettes in 1982 and was president in 2003. Pat had been infirm for several years. We remember her fondly for her many skits on Entertainment nights and her love of country music.

Jackie Gunderson, wife of Captain Bob Gunderson, joined Tarettes in 1995. She was active

on many committees, particularly Steak Fry. Jackie passed away January 11 after a six-month battle with cancer.

Doris Ashelman, a life member who joined Tarettes in 1975, was an active member for many years. Doris is the mother of QCYC Board Chairman Rick Ashelman.

Becky Meyer, a life member who joined Tarettes in 1968, was the wife of long-time QCYC Chaplain, Don Meyer, and was a very active member. Becky passed January 31 at age 103.

Jan LaFontaine lost her battle with cancer February 4. Jan joined Tarettes in 2007.

May all of our dear sisters rest in peace.

— Margaret Krows,
membership chair

RESERVE SPACE FOR THE MARCH WIC LUNCHEON

The next Women's Interclub Council (WIC) luncheon is Thursday, March 16 at Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club. Captain Jonathan Harvey of the Salvation Army's Northwest Division is the speaker. The social begins at 11 a.m. and lunch is at noon. Cost is \$18. We will try to carpool from Queen City because parking is limited. If you are interested in attending, contact Joanie Preusser, jmp-cfp@comcast.net. Please mail checks made out to Joanie at 12003 18th Ave. S.W., Burien, WA 98146 by March 8. Your check is your reservation.

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Photo by Joanie Preusser

Toni Knickerbocker, left, and Linda Dishneau are all smiles at the recent Women's Interclub Council luncheon at QCYC. Toni was one of 17 women who won raffle baskets at the affair.

Photo by Joanie Preusser



Shirley Rogers takes home a prize basket from the recent Women's Interclub Council luncheon at QCYC.

Photo by Debbie Foote



Tarette President Joanie Preusser is pleased with the basket she won at the recent Women's Interclub Council luncheon at Queen City.

Photo by Joanie Preusser



Wendy Hamal Redding is pleased with the basket of goodies she went home with from the recent Women's Interclub Council luncheon at QCYC.

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Val and Jeff Ohlstrom are ready for another summer cruising aboard the "Good Lives."

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volunteered. And it's a moving target as to how many (guests) to expect."

But members responded to her call for help "and within two days we had a full list of volunteers."

About 100 people showed up for the party. And Val has her own list of untiring volunteers from that day — hard workers like Barry and Colleen Rutten, Eileen Huggins, Tim and Nadeane Rutledge, Michele Bedner, Chuck Gould, Jimmy Damery, Doug and Margi Wadden and Paul Grimm came to mind immediately. "And I'm sure there are lots of others I'm forgetting at the moment."

Val is a private-practice attorney specializing in issues facing disabled and older people. She and Jeff joined QCYC in 2010, soon after buying their first boat, "Good Lives," a 33-foot Bayliner cruiser.

"I love to dress up and dance," she says. "We try to make sure when we see someone new we go up to meet them. And we try to

attend all the meetings."

Which brings us to that one time Val might have been accused of not being the most dynamic person in the room.

It had been a long day at work.

But it was a Queen City meeting night. She had dutifully signed in, put her money in the dollar pot, had dinner and made her way upstairs to the meeting.

In the midst of the reports and announcements, she needed to step out to the ladies room. And there the long day and the quiet room prevailed.

While Val was nodding off, her name was drawn for the dollar-pot. It was a large dollar-pot. But you have to be present to win. And being in the restroom isn't being present.

"It's okay to embarrass yourself every now and then," she says. "But it can cost you."

— Sally Macdonald

If you know of a member you'd like to see featured in a future issue of the *Bilge Pump*, please let us know at sbmacd@aol.com or 206-329-5741.



Heather Brignull tends to the scotch at QCYC's celebration of Scottish poet Robert Burns' birth in January. Chuck Gould and Nicholas and Roxanne Corff, Scots to the core, organized the sell-out event, treating members and guests to readings of Burns' poetry, traditional toasts to the Laddies and Lassies present and a buffet featuring Scottish cuisine (including haggis and venison). A tasting of four single-malt scotches added to the fun with bagpipers and kilts a-plenty.

W. A. (AL) SMITH

1922 – 2017

Queen City Yacht Club's much-loved Past Commodore Al Smith was well-known as the father of predicted log racing at QCYC and as a formidable racer within the International Power Boat Association (IPBA), which sanctions the sport throughout Puget Sound and the Gulf of Georgia.

Al passed away January 28.

Al was born February 28, 1922 and grew up in Seattle and Battle Ground, Washington. He and his wife Hazel recently celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary.

After serving in World War II as an Air Force pilot and flight instructor, Al received an aeronautical engineering degree from the University of Washington. Al was a brilliant engineer and mathematician. He had a distinguished 34-year career at Boeing, where he worked with high-speed jet and hydrofoil craft and as Director of Military Marketing for Boeing Marine Systems.

The Smiths' children, Jim and Suzanne, were brought up with a ski boat, and Al was for many years skipper and advisor for Sea Explorer Ship 451. Jim graduated from the U. S. Coast Guard Academy and retired from the Coast Guard as a captain. Suzanne is a retired attorney in California.

Smith is also survived by Hazel; his sister Vanita; Jim's wife Ingrid; Suzanne's husband Dennis; granddaughters Meghan and Gretchen; and great grandchildren, Aidan, Cate and Taran.

Al was a long-time member of Bellevue First Congregational Church. He joined the Masons in 1955 and was the Worshipful Master of Masonic Lodge Eureka #20 in 1974. He also was a member of the Scottish Rite and a Shriner.

Al joined QCYC in 1972, serving on many committees and elected offices. He went through the chairs

at Queen City and was commodore in 1982. He also served on the bridges of the North American Cruiser Association, the Pacific Coast Yachting Association and the IPBA. He was active in Flotilla 23 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in the 1970s. At QCYC he was on the Regatta Committee (often as chair), IPBA representative, the board of trustees, outstation committee, Family Visitation chair and editor of the Bilge Pump.

Al was chair of the Interclub Computer Development Committee in 1988 and 1989. At QCYC he chaired the Computer Development committee and he and P/C Wally McPherson wrote the first billing software used until 2001 by our club.

As a predicted log racer, Al was without peers. He was an IPBA Triple Crown winner in 1979, placing first in all regional and national races. He won the national championship trophy again the following year. He was awarded the IPBA Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014.

Al was QCYC's Skipper of the Year many times and was either Race Master or participant in the Seattle Yacht Club/Queen City Yacht Club Challenge Race from 1977 to 2014.

Log racers will remember Al for developing numerous tools in use today by every yacht club in Puget Sound, including race, wind and currents spreadsheets. At QCYC, he developed a scoring program to help determine the Skipper of the Year and a system to analyze handicap values. It is still in use by the IPBA.

As QCYC members, the Smiths owned two boats; the "Questa," a 34-foot Monk-designed bridge-deck cruiser, and the "Questar," a 36-foot Gulfstar.

Al will be sorely missed at Queen City but recalled by the multiple plaques affixed to the upper deck fire-place wall.



Photo by Craig Ranta

The snow of early February cast a glacial blue light on the docks at Queen City's Winslow Outstation.

JACQUELYNNE BECK GUNDERSEN

1946 – 2017

Captain Jackie Gundersen, who loved travel, adventure and volunteering for her church, passed away January 11.

Jackie was born at Swedish Hospital October 19, 1946 and spent her whole life in the Seattle area. She graduated from Lincoln High School and continued her education at the University of Washington, where she earned a degree in Spanish with a minor in education.

She met the love of her life, Bob, in November 1972, and they dated for five years. They were married for 39 years.

Jackie loved to travel, beginning the summer she graduated from high school when she and a girlfriend backpacked across Europe. Her love of travel was enhanced during the 10 years she worked in sales at United Airlines. She benefited from the low fares and did not mind flying stand-by. After leaving United Airlines she continued to travel every summer with trips to Africa and South America, as well as to China and Nepal. Australia and Iceland remained on her bucket list.

She was adventuresome, and enjoyed ziplining, paragliding in tandem, soaring as a glider passenger and jumping from waterfalls to keep up with her

nephews. Jackie went tandem skydiving on her 70th birthday in October, even though she was undergoing chemotherapy at the time.

Jackie devoted much of her time volunteering at Northwest Church in Lynwood.

Her husband Bob writes she was “the most kind, generous and gracious person” he ever met, “fun loving with a quick smile. She possessed an irrepressible spirit with a truly sincere goodwill towards others. Always friendly, courteous and complimentary.”

Bob remembers Jackie as “very smart, loved to read, enjoyed crossword puzzles and Jeopardy! She considered herself to be a good shopper and took pride in her penmanship.”

She “loved her brothers and family, was down to earth, had a grateful outlook on life but was stubborn at times!” he added.

Jackie became involved in Queen City Yacht Club when Bob joined in 1981 and soon became active in the Tarettes. She helped organize the dock “yard sales” and was in charge of several Tarette steak fries. She was well liked and is remembered at the club as being vivacious, intelligent and willing to help out.

—Ken Klett, chaplain

DANIEL GREY WILSHIN

1945 – 2017

Captain Dan Wilshin crossed the bar peacefully January 26 with his wife Marilyn at his side, never having recovered from a heart attack he suffered the day before. He was 71.

Dan grew up in Baltimore and its northern suburb Towson at a time when being a Baltimore Colts fan was mandatory. Upon graduation from Towson High School, he entered Wake Forest University and its Army ROTC program, graduating in 1967 with a degree in business. He served in the army during Vietnam.

Like his father before him, Dan had a fine sense of humor and an aptitude for business and sales. Following his discharge from the army, he worked for several companies, including Ryder Truck Rental and Polycast, where he specialized in acrylic aerospace products.

Eventually California called him west, where he met and married Marilyn Peck in 1985. The couple lived in Redwood Shores on San Francisco Bay and became ardent sailboat racers. They were active members of the Coyote Point Yacht Club until Marilyn’s work with Expedia required her to move north to the Seattle area.

Here Dan discovered that when the wind blew he didn’t want to be out there sailing, and when the weather was good, there was no wind for sailing. So the couple “went over to the dark side” and became power boaters.

They joined Queen City Yacht Club in 2004 and moored their Bayliner cabin cruiser “North Star” at the club. Both were active at social events, Friday lunches and Winslow outings. Dan was fleet measurer for five years, starting the fall after he joined QCYC. In 2008, he joined the Moorage Committee and served for five years. He was a bartender for two years.

Dan also volunteered at the Washington State salmon hatchery in Issaquah and the Seattle Skeet and Trap Club.

“In addition to being an avid boater,” his brother David writes, “Dan snow-skied, water-skied, and golfed. And wherever he went he was always ready with a story and a laugh. He was fun to be around. His nieces recall him as loving, playful, a sweetheart. So do the rest of us. He will be sorely missed.”

Besides his wife and brother, Dan is survived by David’s wife Joanne and nieces Dana Springs and Ginger Formando of San Diego.

—Ken Klett, chaplain

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APRIL 2017



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Queen City Yacht Club

Memorial Day Weekend - Eagle Harbor

Theme: Celebrate and Reflect - Remembering those who served and sacrificed for us.

When/Where: May 26th thru May 29th 2017 / Winslow Outstation

Program

May 26th Happy Hour with Tyee Y/C
(Hosted Hors d' overs provided by QCYC)

May 27th Breakfast and Dinner
- Games to entertain the young and matured
- Happy Hour (Host Dock A) *

May 28th Breakfast and Dinner
- Games to entertain the young and matured
- Happy Hour (Host Dock B) *

May 29th Breakfast and Dinner
- Memorial service

*Captains should be prepared to provide large quantities of hors d' overs to share

Reservation Requested - Sign up on QCYC web site by May 15, 2017.
Cost - \$45 for adults and \$25 for children 12 and over

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MARCH 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Friday Lunch 11:30am Ship's Store Open 11:30am to 1:30pm	4 Rainier YC Commodores Ball Meydenbauer Bay YC Boomerang IPBA Race 8:00am Breakfast 9:00am
5 QCYC Open House (Chris Benson) 1:00pm	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 11:30am	11 Docks Fun Day 8:30am Breakfast 9:00am Edmonds YC Commodores Ball
12	13 QCYC Board Meeting 7:00pm	14 House Committee 9:00am	15	16 WIC Luncheon at Meydenbauer Bay YC SSPS Dinneer Mtg 5:30pm	17 Tarette Board Meeting 10:30am Friday Lunch 11:30am Ship's Store Open 11:30am to 1:30pm Tarette Gen. Mem. Mtg 12:30pm QCYC St. Patrick's Day Social 5:30pm	18 Olympia YC JO Ball TYC Jack Hyde Memorial IPBA Race 8:00am Breakfast 9:00am
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 11:30am	25 Saturday Breakfast 9:00am Everett Commodores Ball 5:00pm
26	27	28 House Committee 9:00am	29	30	31 Fleet Captain's Ladies Cruise - (Details TBA) Friday Lunch 11:30am Ship's Store Open 11:30am to 1:30pm	