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Mary Jo Svendsen, center, was installed president of the Tarettes at the group's June meeting. With Mary Jo, from left, are former Tarette presidents Becky Garvie, Shirley Rogers, Joanie Preusser and Debbie Foote. —Photo by Wendy Delaunay

## NEW TARETTES OFFICERS STEP IN

Queen City Yacht Club's women's group, the Tarettes, installed new officers at the organization's June meeting.

Officers for the coming year are: Mary Jo Svendsen, president; Carol Soffel, vice president; Patti Oberg, secretary and Women's Interclub Council representative;

Shirley Rogers, treasurer; and Joanie Preusser and Denise Whitaker-Lindholme, trustees.

The Tarettes, formed in the club's early years, have been instrumental in many of QCYC's most well-attended events over the years. They're the ones who sponsor the Captains' Christmas

dinner and the breakfast for hundreds on the Sunday morning after Opening Day, among other soirees and fundraising events. And members volunteer several times a year at Treehouse, a non-profit that outfits and provides extras for Seattle's foster children.

Tarettes also gift the club with many of the extras we members appreciate, including, most recently, the fire pit and adirondack chairs at the Winslow outstation and the Centennial Garden at the mainstation.

## SHOCKING TRUTH: WHY THERE'S NO SWIMMING ALLOWED IN THE QCYC MARINA

Leaking alternating-current (AC) electricity in the water is the culprit that leads to numerous accidents each year in waters around boats and docks where electrical power is in use.

In the U.S. last year, at least six deaths and 15 near misses (where the potential

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### JULY-AUGUST 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

<b>July 1</b>	Fourth of July at the Outstation
<b>July 8</b>	IPBA International Cruiser Contest
<b>August 4-16</b>	Fleet Captain Summer Cruise
<b>Tuesdays</b>	House Committee Meeting
<b>Saturdays</b>	Saturday Breakfast

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## SUMMER CRUISES – BRING 'EM!

COMMODORE' REPORT – It's finally the time we all look forward to all year, cruising season.

Our outstation events kicked off with Memorial Day, which was a huge success thanks to the capable leadership of sponsors Walt and Rita Braithwaite and co-sponsors Nicholas and Roxanne Corff, along with all the other volunteers. The weather could not have been more cooperative, especially on Monday when Rich McCrosky conducted the memorial presentation honoring all those who have served.

Our second annual Low and Slow Barbecue, sponsored by Greg and Kathy Satoro, was another huge success. Much of that success can be attributed to the 10 pit masters who have honed their craft to perfection in preparing and serving the best BBQ available anywhere. If you missed this event, put it on your calendar for next year.

The Big Brothers Cruise

alternates between Bremerton and our Winslow outstation and this year was to be at Winslow. While the event has not occurred as of this writing, this is always a well-attended event by both QCYC and Bremerton Yacht Club. Fleet Captains Dennis and Niki Rampe sponsor this event and they have been coordinating with the BYC fleet captain to ensure everyone is well fed and ample beverages are available.

Many members typically extend their stay by a few days at Winslow after the Big Brothers Cruise. That leads directly into our biggest event of the year there, the July 4 weekend. The sponsors this year are Robert and Mary Jo Svendsen, along with First Lady Michele Bedner. Hopefully this event has already been added to your calendar to enable you and your family to enjoy the long weekend.



Dave Bedner

On June 14, we once again hosted our members who have belonged to QCYC for more than 25 years to join us on the Old Timers Cruise. This event was sponsored by Gerald Fey, and we were fortunate to have David Silver and Greg Burgess provide their boats Silver Lining

and Charlevoix for the two-hour cruise starting and ending at the main station.

Our Fleet Captains Dennis and Niki Rampe will also be sponsoring our summer cruise starting August 4 at Winslow and concluding August 16 at our new outstation on Thetis Island. Hopefully as your summer cruising plans develop you will be able to join in all or any part of the cruise that your travel plans allow. Provisions in the form of six bottles of rum will be consumed during this cruise for those brave enough to join us.

Labor Day weekend will cap







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off the summer cruising season. Joe and Lisa Sims will host. They are already planning this event and the theme is one that we are all familiar with. Afterward we should be able to answer the age-old question: Ginger or Mary Ann?

On a personal note, Michele and I have completed our 14<sup>th</sup> and final Commodore Ball as of June 10 with the final ball being held at Port Orchard Yacht Club. This essentially concludes our formal engagement with our class of Krakens from the Grand 14 yacht clubs. Both Michele and I were honored and proud to represent QCYC at these events over the past year. It's been an experience neither of us will ever forget.

— Dave Bedner, commodore

## QCYC OUTSTATION CRUISE GUIDE

*(Editor's note: This cruising guide, published in the June issue of the Bilge Pump, was so popular with people preparing their Summer 2017 cruise season, it was suggested running it again so that members who may have missed it before can make a copy to take with them to the San Juan or Gulf islands. So here it is again. Happy Cruising!)*

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT — With the 2017 cruising season underway, we should share each of our outstations'

information and policy for Queen City members. Have Fun!

### Thetis Island Marina

Location: This is the first marina you encounter as you enter Telegraph Harbor and is on the west side of the harbor.

QCYC use area defined: Phoning ahead is required and members are strongly encouraged to phone as far in advance as possible. Before reaching the dock, hail the "Thetis Marina harbormaster" on VHF 66A for slip assignment. QCYC members may be asked to raft together if space is tight. Occupancy limits may be found in Club Rule 12.04 on page 139 of your annual. There is 30 amp power and potable water on the docks. Although the marina has its own desalination plant, it's



Thetis Island Marina

best to check with the harbormaster to see if the Gulf Islands are under water restrictions.

Contact information: 250-246-3464 or VHF 66A.

Instructions on arrival: Following arrival and securing your vessel, contact the harbormaster either at the fuel dock (the building with the green roof on the dock) or shore-side in the grocery. The harbormaster has the QCYC registration book, which you are required to fill out.

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Amenities: The marina has a

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*Thetis Island Marina*

convenience grocery, liquor store and post office. There is an on-site restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating. Families are welcome.

Comments: It's a short walk from the marina to the BC Ferry Terminal that connects Thetis Island to Chemainus on Vancouver Island. The town of Chemainus is known for the many murals on buildings in town, craft stores, restaurants and dinner theater.

### Salt Spring Marina

Location: The marina is at the very north end of the harbor at the town of Ganges, past the Canadian Coast Guard and Ganges Marina docks. Look for the large red building, which is Moby's restaurant, located on the marina property.

QCYC use area defined: Members are strongly encouraged to phone as far in advance as possible. Prior to reaching the dock, hail the "Salt Spring Marina harbormaster" on VHF 66A for a slip assignment. QCYC members may be asked to raft together if space is tight. Occupancy limits may be found in Club Rule 12.04, page 139 of the QCYC annual. There is 30 amp power and potable water on the docks. However, if the Gulf Islands are under restricted water use, the marina water is turned on only during specific hours of the

day. Plan accordingly.

Contact information: 250-537-5810 or VHF 66A.

Instructions on arrival: After arriving and securing your vessel, proceed to the head of the marina. There is a small office building to the left as you leave the dock. The harbormaster has the QCYC registration book, which you are required to fill out. Be sure to get the gate code for re-entry during your stay.

Amenities: The marina has coin-operated showers and laundry (Canadian currency), plus WiFi.

Comments: Ganges is a full-service destination. One can walk to the center of town (about one-fourth mile) or take the dinghy and tie up at the Rotary Club dinghy dock on the west side of the Ganges Marina. (A \$1 donation is

requested for dock maintenance.) There are many restaurants, a fully-stocked grocery store, a hardware store with marine supplies, a drugstore and a BC liquor store all within a few blocks of each other. On Saturdays from April to October, an impressive farmer's market is held in the civic park two blocks from the center of town. (Pets are not allowed.)

### Deer Harbor Marina

Location: This is the southwest corner of Orcas Island. The marina is the first commercial marina as one enters the harbor and is located on the east side.

QCYC use area defined: The QCYC-contracted dock space is identified by the yellow highlighted bar in the Deer Harbor aerial photograph on our website and by a QCYC sign affixed to the



*Salt Spring Marina is worth calling ahead for, and if it's crowded we may have to raft.*



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west side of the dock. The entire east side of that float and the “dog-leg” part of the west side are devoted to normal marina transient moorage and are subject to overnight fees. No reservation is necessary as this is a first come, first served tie up. Thirty-amp power and potable water is available dockside. Rafting is allowed up to three deep. Occupancy limits can be found in Club Rule 12.04, page 139 of your QCYC annual. Tying up anywhere outside the QCYC area is considered normal transient moorage and the marina is due their standard overnight fee.

Contact info: 360-376-3037 or VHF 78A (but neither is necessary to stay at the QCYC area)

**Instructions on arrival:**

Following arrival and securing your vessel, proceed to the head of the marina. Continue past the small store and down the ramp on the far side to the office/gift shop. The attendant inside should have the QCYC registration book, which you are required to fill out.

**Amenities:** The marina has coin-op showers and laundry plus WiFi.

**Comments:** The small convenience store onsite has an adequate selection. It also serves as a small deli with food prepared on-site. The marina also affords access to a small swimming pool across the street (check with the office during registration as the pool tends to be in or out of service). There is also a U.S. Post Office across the street. The Deer Harbor Restaurant is about a mile north of the marina and an easy walk, or the restaurant will provide pick-up service. Good walking and bicycling opportunities



are nearby.

**Bainbridge Island (aka Winslow)**

**Location:** Halfway in on the north shore of Eagle Harbor. The Eagle Harbor Public Dock is directly to the east and a private residence sits to the west. The end pilings and docks are clearly marked with Queen City signs.

This is the club’s main outstation and is owned by the

club. The dock is “U” shaped, with 30-amp power and potable water throughout. From May 15-September 15 every year, members can tie up on either side of both fingers on a first come, first served basis. Dock A is the western finger and Dock B is the eastern finger. Rafting up to three deep is allowed and encouraged during busy periods (Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends).

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(September 15-May15) visiting moorage is limited to the outside of both fingers as the inside area (the inside of the "U" ) becomes seasonal long-term moorage for members.

All vessels should be moored with bow to the water side (south) -- or stern to shore (north) -- with one exception: The one vessel nearest to shore on the east (Eagle Harbor Public Dock) side of Dock B should tie up with bow to shore to prevent grounding of running gear during low tide.

The shore side of the cross-connecting dock is reserved for dinghies, as low tides prohibit any larger vessels. The water (south) side of the cross-connecting dock will allow large vessels to side-tie. However, members are encouraged to stern-tie (aka Mediterranean-tie) during busy periods.

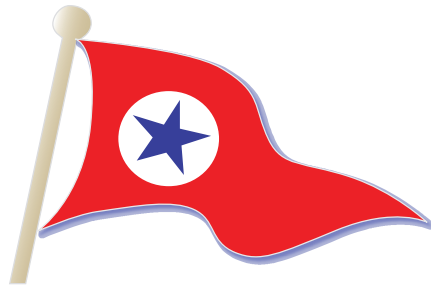
Instructions on arrival: Following arrival and securing one's vessel, members should proceed to the clubhouse and register. You will need your QCYC proximity key card to both depart and enter the dock area as well as the outstation clubhouse. Inside the clubhouse you will find the registration book immediately to the right, beside the main door. You are required to fill it out.

Amenities: The clubhouse is equipped with a full kitchen, restrooms, showers, laundry, cable television and WiFi, picnic tables and two charcoal grills. Horseshoe pits for your use are on the shore side lawn. There is a limited area for parking vehicles next to the clubhouse. Members are reminded to complete a vehicle identification form (found at the registration desk) and leave it on the dashboard of the vehicle in case it needs to be moved.

Comments: The city of Bainbridge Island has countless resources, which makes it

a very popular destination for club members. One will find a grocery store, small chandlery, movie theater, U.S. Post Office and numerous restaurants within a few blocks' walk. Approximately a mile away is a hardware store, drugstore and another grocery store.

—Vice Commodore



## MID-YEAR WRAP-UP: THUMBS UP

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT — This year has been a fun and productive time for me serving as your rear commodore, and I thought a quick update on some projects and a beginning-of-cruise-season wrap-up of the efforts the rear commodore supports would be in order.

-- Security: The good news is that it has been a pretty darn quiet year for Co-Chairs Wolfgang Werner and Scott Grimm. After a few car break-ins early in the year and a couple of issues with the gate hardware, it has been business as usual. This is the case where no news is great news.

-- Membership/Reception: Chairman Chris Benson has

been instrumental in bringing our membership numbers up to the limit of 400 and supporting our New Member Welcome Plan. I am pleased to point out that after two new-member orientations (one in the mainstation and another disguised as a cruise-in at the Winslow outstation) many hosted lunches for recent inductees and a photo board honoring them, we have seen a marked rise in the meeting attendance and volunteerism among them. Welcome, once again, and thank you to everyone who has joined this year!

-- Grounds: Karleen Junglov-Reed has done an outstanding job of keeping our beautiful mainstation grounds mowed, weeded, trimmed and in ship-shape for our enjoyment. The entire place was just gorgeous for opening week, thanks to the help of about 15 volunteers at the Pride of Queen City event. A landscaping crew has been hired to keep the place looking fantastic all summer long.

-- Parking: After many discussions among our members and the bridge, New Parking Rules 7.01 was drafted, presented to and passed by our board of trustees. This plan recognized that parking in the summer is for cruising, and parking in the winter is for our active members to attend mainstation events, meetings and meals. Everyone's understanding and immediate compliance should be duly noted and is certainly appreciated.

There have been many, many other projects keeping us busy, including:



Mark Reed

-- Tomorrow's *Bilge Pump*: The *Bilge Pump* newsletter was reviewed from a "viable business standpoint" by a team led by Pete Delaunay. Several recommendations were made to and then accepted by the bridge. As a result, the *Bilge Pump* will continue into the future as an electronic format which allows the editors to include all the modern features that software has to offer, including photo albums, video and links to advertisers. You will also start receiving a "Bilge Blast" e-mail each Monday that will bullet-point the key events of the week and links to the proper web pages for more information and sign-up places. Finally, there will be two paper *Bilge Pumps* a year, one highlighting the Boat Show and one featuring Opening Day. They will showcase our great club and all it has to offer for prospective

members.

-- And my favorite project of them all, the annual QCYC "Low and Slow" BBQ Competition. After a ticket sell-out the second year in a row (about 180 attendees!), a record 10 pit masters transformed the mainstation 'U' into a marine version of a southern BBQ competition with some rocking live music. They powered down some of the greatest BBQ of all time, and it was an easy decision to make this event a tradition. So mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual 2018 QCYC "Low and Slow" BBQ Competition to be held on Sunday, June 3, 2018. And no, you can't buy your tickets yet, but I promise to let you know as soon as they are on sale.

Our next *Bilge Pump* will be in September. Until then, Karleen and I wish you a great cruising season, a wonderful summer and all the best to you and your

families.

— Mark Reed, rear commodore

## CRUISING THE COAST, ONE FJORD AT A TIME

OUTSTATION REPORT — As you can see from this picture, we are a long way from the outstation on Bainbridge Island.

Thanks to the occasional internet connection, we are able to see that the outstation on Bainbridge is being watched over and cared for by members and the volunteer hosts. Thank you for helping out.

We visited two of our northern outstations this past month. The Deer Harbor location now has a pizza restaurant across the street. The outstation at Ganges is always our first stop when we enter

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enter Canada. We were able to be there for the Saturday market and Old What's His Name (Eric) even bought me some earrings!

This picture was taken at the Toba Wilderness Resort ([www.tobawilderness.com](http://www.tobawilderness.com)), at the mouth of the Toba Inlet, a deep fjord on Canada's Sunshine Coast. They

have brand new docks, beautiful grounds and a large deck with comfortable furniture and a fire pit. This is a nice stop for those who plan to visit Desolation Sound this summer.

Summer is finally here!

Happy Boating!

-- Barb and Eric Wood, co-chairs

## AROUND THE DOCKS

Try this if your computer kicks out QCYC news.

As the club becomes more dependent on electronic media, including calling up the Bilge Pump online rather than picking up a paper copy, a few members are finding messages from the web team are being rejected as spam, says Bill Brunkhorst, a team member.

It's a problem that has been preventing essential club information such as announcements of events, blast e-mails about news that crops up without much notice and even moorage billing from reaching its destination, Bill says.

To solve the problem, he suggests members follow whatever protocol is set by their internet service provider to identify

[QUEENCITY.ORG](http://QUEENCITY.ORG) as a trusted domain for receiving e-mail.

If you can't figure that out, Bill did some research and found a guide on how to set up trusted-domain or safe-sender lists for a variety of service providers.

Try going to (you can click on it right now!): <http://knowledge-base.constantcontact.com/articles/KnowledgeBase/5873-adding-email-addresses-to-a-safe-sender-list>

## Ship's Store Summer Hours

The Ship's Store in the main-station has switched to limited hours once a month during the summer cruising season.

Here's when to expect to pick up that jacket with the cool Queen City logo or that scarf with the neat sailing motif:

Wed., June 28 -- 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Fri., July 21 -- 11:30 a.m-1:30 p.m.

Fri., Aug 18 -- 11:30 a.m-1:30 p.m.

## The Boat Number Memo

This year's summer cruising checklist had a new hitch in it, and many boat owners who waited until the last minute to get their boat-registration stickers affixed to the hull may have a knotty problem.

About 19,000 Washington boaters were notified by the U.S. Coast Guard in March that the vessel-identification numbers on their registration do not coincide with the hull identification number stamped on the boat.

While the majority of vessels registered in Washington do have compliant numbers, the situation has been fairly chaotic for those who found they couldn't renew their state registrations online because of the situation. And until the numbers are updated, owners are not be able to register, renew or title their vessel.

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## Mark the Date

Queen City Yacht Club's Commodore Ball is scheduled for Saturday October 7 this fall. And watch for a flyer to tell you what to expect in a later Bilge Pump.

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## JAN LAFOUNTAINE

1950 – 2017

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT --  
One of our most likable, welcoming and popular members, Jan LaFountaine, passed quietly away February 3 at a young 66.

Jan was born in Reno, NV, but her family relocated to Portland, OR when she was very young. She attended elementary school there and went on to attend Franklin High School where she graduated in 1968. She was a good student and a hard worker.

Although she didn't attend college, Jan graduated from high school through a fast-track accounting program and went to work immediately for US bank of Oregon. In a couple of years, she advanced to the bank's stock-trading department, becoming a trader.

In 1974, Jan married Dennis McEachern of Portland, and soon daughter Jennifer arrived. This marriage did not last, and in 1976 she met Mark LaFountaine on a blind date. Later that year Jan and Jennifer became a new family with Mark in Vancouver, WA.

There, they boated the Columbia River in a 21-foot Bell Boy cruiser.

In 1977, the family moved to Anaheim, CA where Mark went to work for General Electric Co., in Los Angeles. Jan was anxious to be back working and soon landed a job at nearby Disneyland Park. Jan loved her time at the park and worked first in merchandising and later as assistant to the director of marketing. Soon after, Jan

and Mark had their son Chad.

The next year the family moved to San Diego, where Jan went to work once again in banking at San Diego Trust and Savings Bank. After three years, the family was back in Anaheim where Jan returned to Disneyland's marketing department for the remainder of her time in Southern California. She loved to take her small children to the



*Jan LaFountaine*

park, sometimes several evenings a week, to see various entertainment and musical shows.

In 1985, Jan, Mark and the children returned to the northwest. They settled in Fairwood Greens in Renton and Jan was thrilled to be moving into her first "brand new" home.

Jan became a bit restless staying home and took a part-time job at Hazelwood Elementary

School as a playground monitor and office assistant. It wasn't long before she accepted a better position at the Renton School District headquarters where she worked in the business department. She eventually became assistant to the business director there.

Jan and Mark soon became interested in boating again and reconnected with old friends. They bought another 22-foot Bell Boy and enjoyed cruising Puget Sound and the San Juan Islands with their friends. Jan longed for a bit more comfort afloat than the little Bell Boy cruiser offered, so she and Mark bought a classic 1966 32-foot Tollycraft "woody." The years passed and other boats followed, but the old Tolly always remained the family's favorite. Many happy family memories were made while cruising that boat. She and Mark joined Roche Harbor Yacht Club in 1990.

Jan excelled at her job at the Renton School District. She was friendly, courteous, helpful and, above all, professional. Her hard work and wonderful personality helped her win promotion to assistant to the superintendent. She enjoyed working with the school board, parents, teachers and administrators and earned their respect. Her job required her to attend all school board meetings and record the proceedings. Many times she worked long into the evening

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as she followed the meetings' progress.

In 1995 she and Mark joined Queen City Yacht Club and brought their 32-foot Bayliner "Blind Date" into the club. It was aptly named because Jan bought the boat, sight unseen, in Seattle while Mark was out of town on business. And, of course, they had met on that blind date so many years ago. (They named the dinghy "Second Date.")

Jan always sought challenges and soon became interested in the assistant position to the superintendent of the Mercer Island School District. She was so interested in the job that she insisted Mark and she go to the district office to check it out, even thought it was a Sunday afternoon.

The superintendent, who was working overtime that Sunday, soon spotted Jan, peeking in the windows. She was embarrassed. But the superintendent invited her in for a chat.

Jan was always convinced that impromptu "interview" went so well that it gave her an edge in

seeking the job. She was indeed hired after the district reviewed more than 25 qualified applicants.

Jan worked successfully in that role until her retirement in 2014, again making many friends along the way. She enjoyed her daily noontime walks and often covered three or four miles during her lunch-hour break.

Jan's favorite interest outside of work was spending time with her family. She also enjoyed boating and camping trips and a bit of world travel. She went on safari in South Africa and visited South America with stops in Chile and Argentina.

There were many Caribbean, Mexican and Hawaiian cruises, too, and beach trips to Hawaii.

Jan was excited about her prospects and new-found freedom in retirement and was happy to make the move to another new home in Arizona. She enjoyed relaxing in the desert sun and spending time on her patio in Sun City West.

Jan and Mark joined Queen City in 1995 and were active socially through many activities,

events and committees. Jan was active in Tarettes and was always ready to assist Mark as he held several posts.

The couple owned three boats while belonging to Queen City -- the "Blind Date; the "Island Song," a 34-foot Camano, and the "Encore," a 38-foot Bayliner still moored at the club.

Jan's time in retirement in Sun City was cut short when she left us in early February after a long struggle with liver disease.

True to herself, Jan never complained or gave up hope. She was tough that way, a true fighter who did not want to give up.

Finally at her weakest point, she confided she was tired and ready to let the good Lord take over her direction. She chose a final resting place in Sun City because, she said, "It was the last place we called home."

Jan leaves Mark, her loving husband of 41 years, daughter Jennifer, son Chad and sister Brenda Bonife and her family of Vancouver.

-- Ken Klett, chaplain

*Shock continued*

victim escaped death) have been identified, according to BOAT US.

Electric-shock drowning (ESD) occurs when an AC electrical current flowing in the water passes through the body of an individual immersed in the water.

The electrical current causes muscular paralysis which impairs one's ability to swim or stay afloat, leading to drowning.

Docks Co-Chair Ron Stevenson says the temptation to swim in the marina grows along with warm weather.

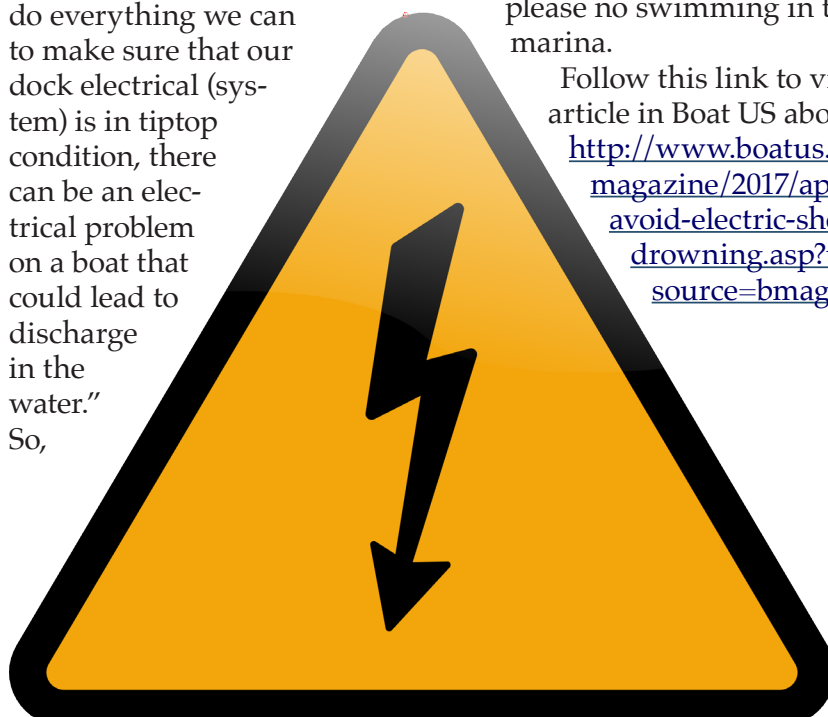
"We seriously get flak from members about why kids cannot swim off the boats in the marina on a hot day," he says. "While we

do everything we can to make sure that our dock electrical (system) is in tiptop condition, there can be an electrical problem on a boat that could lead to discharge in the water." So,

please no swimming in the marina.

Follow this link to view an article in Boat US about ESD:

[http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2017/april/avoid-electric-shock-drowning.asp?utm\\_source=bmag&utm\\_](http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2017/april/avoid-electric-shock-drowning.asp?utm_source=bmag&utm_)



# WARNING: GRIEF ON A REEF UP AHEAD

Many cruises on the Salish Sea include a happy stopover at Pirate's Cove, on De Courcy Island. But if you plan to stop there this summer, check a guidebook before entering the cove.

Those who approach by line of sight have often come to grief on a reef there. And those who inhabited the place in years gone by sometimes found grief there as well.

An English-born con artist named Edward A. Wilson settled there on De Courcy Island in the late 1920s, adopting the name "Brother XII". He convinced followers he was the twelfth disciple of a spiritual being associated with the Great White Lodge and hundreds of people flocked to the Nanaimo area to join his commune there.

One condition of entry into the group: the applicants must sell all their worldly goods, convert the proceeds to gold, and gift it all to Brother XII.

The commune eventually owned nearly all of De Courcy Island, as well as a small community on Vancouver Island south of Nanaimo, Cedar by the Sea. Brother XII preferred to spend most of his time on the island. He theorized that he would have a chance to flee if Nanaimo-based law enforcement staged a raid on his operations. Pirate's Cove was Brother XII's port and base of operations on De Courcy.

Brother XII worked his believers as if they were slaves. Farming, fishing, forestry, and any other enterprise Brother XII could instigate. Overworked, underfed and locked in a private prison at the first hint of insubordination -- Brother XII's residents of Pirate's Cove had very little fun at all.

But the pilgrims kept

coming. Eventually, the gold secreted away on De Courcy was said to be worth over \$1 million. And that was back when gold sold for \$20 an ounce. (The price of gold a few weeks ago was \$1,262 per ounce.)

Brother XII's excesses ultimately brought him down. Many of his converts lost faith in Brother

For almost 90 years, visitors to Pirate's Cove have kept a lookout for any portion of the millions in gold coins and bullion once reputed to have been left on the island. It's likely that Brother XII took his fortune with him when he fled.

Brother XII was never arrested. There was a report of his death,



*The idyllic scene here at Pirate's Cove belies the fascinating tale of Brother XII and his followers .*

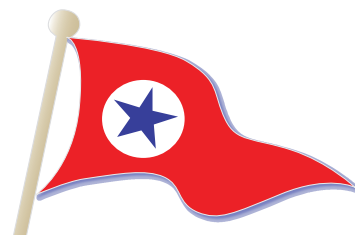
XII when he claimed to be the reincarnation of the Egyptian deity, Osiris. And about that same time, he was involved in a scandalous affair with the wife of a convert.

Eventually, one of his prisoners on De Courcy broke out of his cell, rowed to Nanaimo, and alerted authorities to a variety of crimes committed by Brother XII.

Brother XII's hope that his island location would provide a head start from the law when his situation blew up proved true. After destroying the colony buildings on De Courcy, he and his primary mistress, Mabel Skottowe, (aka "Madam Z") escaped on their private tug boat.

in Switzerland, in 1934. The son of Brother XII's attorney insisted that Wilson's death was fabricated, and that he was present when Brother XII and his father met, years later, in San Francisco.

-- A.B. Deckman



# Tarettes' Corner

## NEW LEADERS ON BOARD

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** — A talented group of new officers and trustees were installed at the recognition luncheon Friday, June 9.

President Mary Jo Svendsen, Vice President Carol Soffel, Secretary and Women's Interclub Council (WIC) Representative Patti Oberg, Treasurer Shirley Rogers, and trustees Joanie Preusser, the past president, and Denise Whitaker-Lindholme were approved for leadership roles next year. Past President Margaret Krows was unable to attend but was approved as the third trustee.

Twenty-four Tarettes, Dave Bedner and one guest attended.

Incoming President Mary Jo Svendsen, outgoing Secretary Dale Ward, Ann Wibour, Shirley Rogers, Margaret Krows (Past President), Becky Garvie (also PP), Stephanie Weiss (PP), Diane Prestebak, Carol Soffel, Donna Graddon (PP), Carolyn Rolstad (PP), Barbara Wilson (PP), Patti Oberg, Karen Klett, Sistee Lentgis, Sharon Stocklin (PP), Debbie Foote (PP), Carolyn DeCook and Tim DeCook were recognized for their outstanding support this past year.

I cannot tell you how proud I am to have been among the hundreds of Tarettes who have gone before us and a small part of the club's 74 years of amazing tradition.

Tarettes have a legacy of giving and volunteering tirelessly for Queen City Yacht Club. Several gifts to the club have been purchased with money raised from fun Tarettes events, including the Western Steak Fry, Captain's Christmas Dinner, WIC Luncheon and numerous basket raffles.

This year we donated money for remaining Centennial china and eight adirondack chairs at the Winslow outstation. In past years we have donated indoor chairs, the fire pit, a card table and a dock cart at the outstation. At the main



*Immediate Past President Joanie Preusser, left, presents recognition awards at the Tarettes' June general membership meeting, assisted by Past President Linda Dishneau. The meeting featured the installation of new officers for the 2017-18 year.*

*— Photo by Wendy DeLaunay*

station, we donated the Centennial dishes, silverware, a good portion of the Centennial garden and steak knives. We have also donated in the past to such civic efforts as the Boyer Children's Clinic, Bainbridge Schools and Treehouse.

We should be proud of what the Tarettes stand for, the reputation we have earned and what we have done. We have a tradition of service that may be unmatched.

I want to THANK YOU for all your support during my term as your president. It was a great honor. I learned a lot about the Tarettes and I made long-lasting friendships. It was my pleasure to serve and I plan on giving the next president and the Tarettes my strongest support in the future.

*— Joanie Preusser, president*

## TARETTES TO HIT THE DECK RUNNING IN THE FALL

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** — As your newly-elected Tarette president, I look forward to not only supporting traditional Tarette services and activities, but growing and improving what we can offer to QCYC.

We started a strategic planning process a couple of months ago to explore ways we can improve our organizational structure and create more opportunities to enrich the lives of QCYC women.

During this process we developed the following goals: build friendships in QCYC and other yacht clubs, consider changes in the structure of the organization and its board, extend sunshine and philanthropic services, provide education through a variety of programs and continue to support traditional Tarette services and events.

For each goal we established an action planning committee whose members are tasked with bringing back some specific actions to pursue beginning in September. If you would like to join one of these committees, please let me know.

Our first Tarette general membership meeting will be on Friday, September 22, beginning at 12:30 p.m. We hope you are able to attend as we kick off the new season with information on activities, services and proposed changes to our organizational structure.

Also, mark your calendar for the next Women's Interclub Council (WIC) luncheon held at Port Orchard Yacht Club on Thursday, October 12, beginning at 11 a.m. Patti Oberg is our new WIC representative and will begin collecting checks for \$18 for the luncheon in September. More information on her mailing address and sign-up deadline will follow in the next Bilge Pump.

—*Mary Jo Svendsen, president*



*Heading up the Tarettes during the coming year are, left to right, Trustees Joanie Preusser and Denise Whitaker-Lindholme; Secretary and Representative to the Women's Interclub Council Patti Oberg; Treasurer Shirley Rogers; Vice President Carol Soffel, and President Mary Jo Svendsen.*

— *Photo by Wendy Delaunay*



*Debbie Foote, right, administers the Tarettes' oath of office to incoming President Mary Jo Svendsen, left, as outgoing President Joanie Preusser looks on.*

— *Photo by Wendy Delaunay*

## A NOTE FROM OUR NEW PRODUCTION GUY

It's been a time of change for the *Bilge Pump*, with more to come.

About the same time the "Tomorrow's *Bilge Pump*" committee decided to make the switch to a digital-only publication for the most part, Mark Reed, Pete Delaunay, Sally Macdonald and Wendy Redding started looking for ways to take advantage of the new format. And while many of us still love the feel of paper in our hands, the cost savings combined with some new flexibility made going digital an easy decision.

Your new *Bilge Pump* is delivered as a PDF, without the Waggoner packaging we came to know it by, via email. It is also

made available as a download from the web site.

Opening the *Bilge Pump* should now be a matter of clicking on the icon, which should bring the document up in the Adobe Reader program, which you probably have on your computer or pad already. It's an intuitive program that allows you to move around the document quite easily.

When a print version is not part of the plan, a couple important things happen. First off, length is not a cost issue. If there are eight great pictures, we don't have to narrow the choice to two. And while printed photos are rather persnickety about their resolution, online it's not that critical. So even if the photo doesn't have high resolution it can often be used.

And while seeing a mailbox stuffed with the *Pump* is surely fun, online distribution means we can get it into your hands a bit

sooner.

We're not abandoning print altogether, though. We're looking hard at large special print-plus-online issues to coincide with the Seattle Boat Show and Opening Day.

While you're poring over the online *Bilge Pump*, you can click on an ad to go to the web site. It's one of the ways we're going to make the *Bilge Pump* irresistible to advertisers.

Personally, I'm very excited to be working with all of you as the production guy. You have a great club and a super volunteerism ethic. If you see anything in the *Bilge Pump* that needs fixing or improving, please let Mark, Pete, Sally, Wendy or me know.

You can just click on my email address below!

– Kurt Hoehne

[kurt@meadowpointpub.com](mailto:kurt@meadowpointpub.com)

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### VESSEL REGISTRATION DUE IN QCYC OFFICE

Don't forget, all vessel registrations must be renewed by the last day of June. The office will need a copy of your registration when your new tabs arrive. This must be done annually. If you have not sent yours in – you are not in compliance, which could affect your moorage.

For those of you who have insurance renewal coming up – we will also need a copy of your paperwork. We need to see that you have a minimum of \$500K in Liability insurance and that Queen City Yacht Club is named as "Additional Insured" (not to be confused with additional interest).

# PETE'S BRIEFS

## REAR COMMODORE AND TWO BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED AT MAY MEETING

Past Commodore John Rogers chaired the club nominations committee which reviewed candidates for rear commodore and two open board positions.

At the April meeting of the general membership, the committee recommended Sandy Werner for the position of rear commodore, and Gerald Fey and Walt Braithwaite to fill two open board positions.

There being no other nominations from the floor, committee recommendations were unanimously voted on at the May meeting.

## BALLARD FOOD BANK (BFB) NEEDS USED PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES

Used prescription containers are water tight and needed by the BFB hygiene department for liquids such as shampoo that are distributed to neighbors in need. The BFB has been providing healthy food, personal hygiene items, access to community service providers and resources to less fortunate Ballard area neighbors since 1982. For the past year QCYC member, Wendy Redding, has been volunteering at the BFB helping people with rent, utilities & state identification cards. Remove the label from the prescription containers you no longer use, and leave them in the receptacle located in the QCYC office; or if you'd like to help the BFB contact Wendy @ 425-239-3189 or email her at [wendy@dreamketcher.com](mailto:wendy@dreamketcher.com).

– Pete Delaunay

*That hat will have to grow to fit Sandy Werner, second from right. Sandy will become Queen City's first female bridge member in September.*

*She was Queen City's Member of the Year in 2016. Congratulating her are, left to right, Denise Whitaker-Lindholme, Niki Rampe, Peggie Evans and Debbie Hieber.*



*Sandy Werner, the first woman to be elected to join the bridge at Queen City Yacht Club, poses with Commodore Dave Bedner and Past Commodore John Rogers. Sandy will be Queen City's rear commodore next year.*

– Photos by Pete Delaunay



# SECOND ANNUAL LOW AND SLOW BARBEQUE WAS A SELLOUT



*About 180 Queen City folk turned out for the second (and now annual) “Low and Slow” Barbecue event. Tickets included 10 kinds of barbecue, but no Tums for the aftermath.*

*There’s nothing like a heaping plate of brisket, chicken, sausage and salmon to bring out the gourmand in a Queen City boater.*

*-- Photos courtesy of Mark Vanderwall*





*Al Jones, a veteran of World War II, is the center of attention and the honoree at Queen City's Memorial Day service at the Winslow outstation. KOMO-TV is there to record the moment.*

*All photos by Michael Abrejera*

# MEMORIAL DAY AT THE WINSLOW OUTSTATION



*In the top picture, the Winslow outstation is afloat with boats from dock to dock throughout the Memorial Day weekend.*

*What's a Memorial weekend celebration without a parade of decorated dinghies? The dinghy parade is nothing if not colorful.*



*Above, the Silver Lining, Dave and Janel Silver's boat, is decorated to the flying bridge for Memorial Day festivities at the Winslow outstation.*



**NEW MEMBERS**

Keep an eye out for these six new captains, clockwise from upper left, who were inducted into the club June 14. Welcome to Chris Richards, Peter Cohen and Gloria Chenoweth, JB (James) Hanna and Tim Hicks and Liz Hart. Hope to see you all out on the water this summer and at many meetings and functions in the future.

*Photos by Wendy Delaunay*



*QCYC members make sure the new adirondack chairs, the Tarettes' 2017 gift to the Winslow outstation, are kept warm and well used. The Tarettes gave the outstation eight of the comfy outdoor chairs.*

*-- Photo courtesy of Mark Vanderwall*



## FLEET CLEAN UP FOR SOLD-OUT 2017 QCYC JUNIOR BOATING PROGRAM

The Queen City Junior Yacht Club is doing so well the season sold out. But you still may get your youngster's name on the cancellation list and hope.

To get ready for the nine-week season, June 26 to August 21, Dave Ewton's crew of team instructors and member-sailors cleaned and prepped the fleet of Optimis and Lasers.

The program, for students age eight to teens, is Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students bring their own lunch. Tuition is \$335 per week, \$605 for two weeks for the same student. Plans for 2018 may include expanding the fleet.

If you want to help out with the effort, Dave is looking for members to join his QCJYC committee and lead the program into the future.

To inquire about cancellations, call Deborah Cobain in the office (206-709-2000).





## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS in WINSLOW**

### **July 4, 2017**

- |                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>7:00 AM–11:00 AM</b>   | <a href="#">Traditional Pancake Breakfast</a><br>Town & Country Market Parking Lot   |
| <b>9:00 AM-5:00 PM</b>    | <a href="#">Street Fair, Downtown Winslow</a><br>Town & Country Parking Lot, Bjune & Brien Streets and Waterfront Park. Arts and crafts, food, and information booths, live music, photo exhibit, Young Artisan Market, and Kids' Zone with kids' musical games, puppet show, pony rides and activities. |
| <b>9:00 AM-1:00 PM</b>    | <a href="#">Classic, Antique and Special Interest Car Show</a><br>Parking lots behind Columbia & Chase Banks with DJ music   |
| <b>11:00 AM-12:00 PM</b>  | <a href="#">Clay Martin's Puppets</a> , Waterfront Park Stage  |
| <b>11:00 AM-5:00 PM</b>   | <a href="#">Beer &amp; Wine Garden</a> , Corner of Bjune & Shannon.  |
| <b>11:00 AM-12:30 PM</b>  | <a href="#">Ranger &amp; the Re-Arrangers—Gypsy Jazz Band</a><br>Town & Country Parking Lot Stage  |
| <b>12:00 PM-1:00 PM</b>   | <a href="#">Home Town Band</a><br>Traditional John Philip Sousa-style music—Winslow Mall   |
| <b>12:00 Noon</b>         | <a href="#">Alleyoop! Children's Musical Games</a> , Waterfront Park Stage   |
| <b>1:00 PM-2:30 PM</b>    | <a href="#">MILE-LONG PARADE</a> , Madison Avenue & Winslow Way  |
| <b>3:00 PM-4:00 PM</b>    | <a href="#">Alleyoop! Children's Musical Games</a> , Waterfront Park Stage   |
| <b>3:00 PM-5:00 PM</b>    | <a href="#">Soul Siren (Band)—Rhythm &amp; Blues, Soul &amp; Rock</a><br>Town & Country Parking Lot Stage  |
| <b>6:00 PM – 10:00 PM</b> | <a href="#">Grand Old 4th Battle of the Bands</a> , Waterfront Park Stage  |
| <b>Dusk</b>               | <a href="#">Fireworks</a> , Over Eagle Harbor  |



## **QCYC Outstation July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend Information & Schedule Friday, June 30 – Wednesday, July 5**

**Cost for all 8 adult meals is \$60. \$12 for individual dinners. \$8 for individual full breakfast \$5 for continental breakfast. Children 12 and under are half price.**

### **Schedule:**

#### **Friday, June 30**

5:00-6:30 pm

No Host Happy Hour – BYOB and appetizers

#### **Saturday, July 1**

5:00-6:00 pm

Happy Hour – Dock A brings light appetizers

6:00-8:00 pm

Dinner – Beef Brisket Barbeque by Josh Hoffman

#### **Sunday, July 2**

8:30-10:30 am

Breakfast – Special red, white & blue pancakes by Joyce & Kevin Carlson

Captain Crabby's Crab Catching Contest begins

1:00-3:00 pm

Adult and Children activities

5:00-6:00 pm

Happy Hour – Dock B brings light appetizers

6:00-8:00 pm

Dinner – Philippine Pork Adobo by Mike & Aillene Paull

8:30-9:30 pm

S'mores & marshmallow roast at Fire Pit

#### **Monday, July 3**

8:30-10:30 am

Breakfast – Ham & Cheese Strata by Michele Bedner

Captain Crabby's Crab Catching Contest continues

9:00 am

David Williams Memorial Golf Tournament at Meadowmeer

1:00-3:00 pm

Adult and Children activities

1:00 pm

Captain Crabby's Crab Catching Contest ends; Awards after dinner

5:00-6:00 pm

Happy Hour – Dock A brings light appetizers

6:00-8:00 pm

Dinner – Chicken Teriyaki by Greg & Kathy Satoro and Karleen Reed

8:30-9:30 pm

S'mores & marshmallow roast at Fire Pit

#### **Tuesday, July 4**

8:30-10:30 am

Breakfast – Continental style by hosts

9:00am- 5:00 pm

Street Fair in downtown Winslow with food booths & activities

9:00am-1:00 pm

Classic & Antique Car Show in downtown Winslow

10:00 am

Decorate floats for Parade

1:00-2:30 pm

Parade through Winslow

3:00-4:00 pm

Children's Games in Waterfront Park Stage

3:00-5:00 pm

Soul Siren Band in Town & Country Parking Lot

5:00-6:00 pm

Happy Hour – Dock B brings light appetizers

6:00-8:00 pm

Dinner – Burger Bash by QCYC Bridge Officers

8:30-9:30 pm

S'mores & marshmallow roast at Fire Pit

Dusk

Fireworks over Eagle Harbor

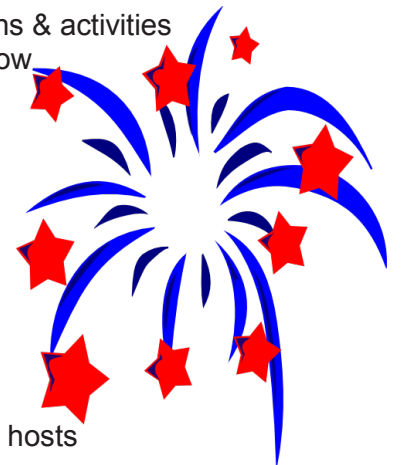
#### **Wednesday, July 5**

8:00-10:00 am

Breakfast – Continental style and/or leftovers by hosts

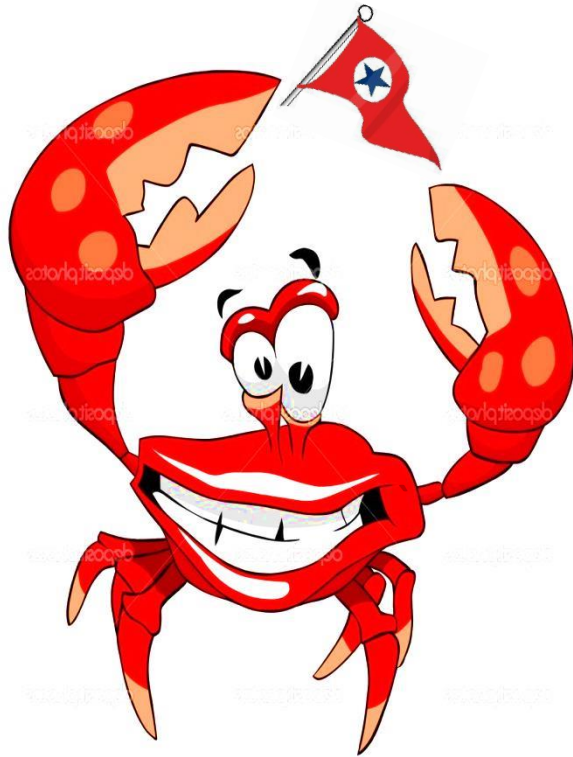
10:00 am

Clean Clubhouse



Hosts: Michele Bedner (425) 224-9424 and Mary Jo & Robert Svendsen (206) 304-6842

Queen City Yacht Club at Winslow Outstation  
**2017 Captain Crabby's  
Crab Catching Contest**



**JULY 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*The 2017 Crab Season has been forecast by the State of Washington to be a plentiful year. Please join Captain Crabby in a Crab Catching Contest. Prize for the Largest Crab (by weight) + lots of other Captain Crabby Prize Categories. Afterwards – you keep the crab (yummy!)*

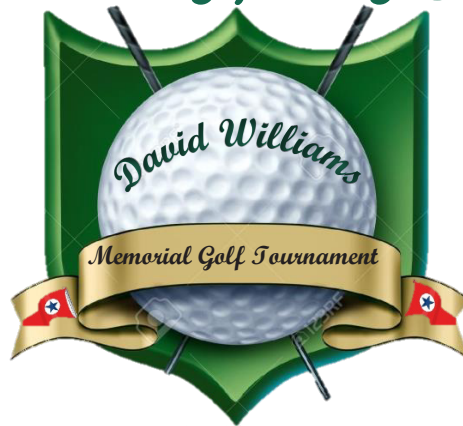
- Participants should bring their catch to be weighed by Captain Crabby himself, Jim Damery, aboard the *Golden Fleece*.
- Crabbing Time – July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> though 13:00 hours (1 PM on Sunday)
- Winners to be Announced at Sunday Night Dinner
- Prizes to be Displayed in the Clubhouse all Weekend

**Prizes:**

- Free Night's Stay at Winslow (4)
- Free Friday Lunches (2)
- \$20 Book of Bar Tickets
- \$25 Ship's Store Gift Certificate

*See Captain Crabby himself for more information:  
Jim Damery: 425-776-7447 (home) 425-422-4996 (Cell)  
gofleece@comcast.net (email)*

# The 2017 QCYC Annual David Williams Memorial Golf Tournament Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>



- Location:** Meadowmeer Golf Course  
8530 Renny Lane NE  
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
- Cost:** \$40 per Golfer (\$10 QCYC Discount) – Includes Cart
- Format:** 4 Man, Team Scramble Event – 18 Holes!  
Best Ball Tournament  
KP's, Long Drive Contest  
Limited to the First 28 Players
- Time:** First Tee time 9 AM Sharp
- Contact:** P/C Larrie Chmela to guarantee a Tee Time  
206-261-6069 or [ljchmela@comcast.net](mailto:ljchmela@comcast.net)
- Deadline:** Must Have Signed Up by June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – if not yet signed up, contact P/C Larrie Chmela to guarantee a tee time.
- Transportation:** Vehicles Needed to Shuttle Players to & from Winslow Outstation Clubhouse. Please Advise If You Can Assist.

**Awards Ceremony, Prizes and Trophy Awards**  
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**Queen City Yacht Club Main Deck  
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***We are hosting a cocktail party to thank all of you who  
volunteered and said "YES" when asked to serve on a  
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## JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 4th of July at Outstation Saturday Breakfast 9:00am
<b>2</b> 4th of July at Outstation	<b>3</b> 4th of July at Outstation	<b>4</b> 4th of July at Outstation House Committee 9:00am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Friday Lunch 11:30am	<b>8</b> Saturday Breakfast 9:00am IPBA Sponsored Intl Cruiser Contest 8:00am
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> House Committee 9:00am	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Friday Lunch 11:30am	<b>15</b> Saturday Breakfast 9:00am
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> House Committee 9:00am Architectural Advisory Committee Meeting 6:30 to 8:30pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Friday Lunch 11:30am Ship's Store Open 11:30 to 1:30	<b>22</b> Saturday Breakfast 9:00am
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> House Committee 9:00am	<b>26</b> NO Alternate Wednesday Night Dinner	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Friday Lunch 11:30am	<b>29</b> Saturday Breakfast 9:00am

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		<b>1</b> House Committee 9:00am	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Fleet Capt. Summer Cruise	<b>5</b> Fleet Capt. Summer Cruise Saturday Breakfast 9:00am
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