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More than 25 years passed, and no emergency. Perhaps the

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INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE IN PHOTOS

Michele and Dave Bedner enjoy their moment as Queen City Yacht Club's First Couple during the Independence Day parade in Winslow. At left, Rear Commodore Mark Reed won the prize for the weightiest specimen in Captain Crabby's Crab Catching Contest, but Captain Crabby himself, Jimmy Damery, took home the crab-catching raffle prize. Many more photos on pages 8 & 9.

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE BRIDGE: SUMMER CRUISING AND FALL FETES

COMMODORE'S REPORT –

Hopefully all QCYC members had a great summer cruising and are now back in the Seattle area ready to enjoy all the fun fall activities planned at Queen City.

For those of us fortunate enough to have joined the Fleet Captains Cruise to our new outstation on Thetis Island, Dennis and Niki Rampe did an outstanding job planning and executing the cruise to all the various marinas along the way. The last case of rum we won at the boat show has been consumed and is now in a better place.

Some members may be reading this while moored at Winslow for the Gilligan's Island Labor Day weekend being sponsored by Captains Joe and Lisa Sims. Does anyone actually want to be rescued from Winslow?

For the fishermen, mark your calendar for the September 8-10

Fishing Derby which is also held at Winslow. It is being sponsored by the winners of last year's derby, Captains Scott and Joyce Anderson, along with Past Commodore Bob Yates.

Our first general meeting will be on Wednesday, September 13 and this will be of interest as each membership representative who is present will be able to vote for a new commodore. The results will be made known that evening. This is a special election, needed because the current position of vice commodore is vacant. (Normally the vice commodore progresses to the role of commodore.) The new commodore will be sworn in Wednesday, September 27 at our annual change of watch ceremony.

My past three years on the bridge are quickly coming to a



Dave Bedner

close, and as part of my gratitude to all the members who assisted First Lady Michele and me over the years, we are having a thank-you party at the mainstation on Sunday, September 17. This event is hosted by QCYC and will include food, drinks and live music. I hope everyone can make it as you are the guest of honor.

One last thing to put on your agenda is the Commodore Ball being held on Saturday, October 7. First Lady Michele is diligently working on the details, with the challenge of planning a glamorous and festive ball without yet knowing who the commodore is we will be honoring.

As you already know, our long time office manager, Deborah Cobain, retired September 1. She was the face of QCYC to all of us and she will be missed. Hopefully her replacement will be in place by the time you read







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this and our office will continue to meet your daily needs for all the little things Deborah did for us. Best wishes to Deborah and her husband Mark.

This article is the last one I will write as commodore and I would like to reflect on some of the most memorable and significant events of the past year.

First and foremost, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of First Lady Michele Bedner, for without her continuous involvement, there are many things that would have not gone as smoothly or perhaps not gotten done at all. Well done, Michele!

I will never forget the experience of the Grand 14 and our class of Krakens. The enjoyment of spending three years associating with the bridge officers of the other 13 yacht clubs, culminating in our commodore year, cannot really be described, other than to say it is a surreal experience.

To the club members who step up and volunteer to fill a need, I would like to say QCYC would not be the yacht club it is without you. I knew QCYC was a good yacht club prior to being on the bridge, but I now can say with insight and certainty that QCYC is not merely a good yacht club, it's a great yacht club!

The club will be in good hands going forward with incoming Rear Commodore Sandy Werner, incoming Vice Commodore Mark Reed, and with the commodore elected at the meeting September 13.

Michele and I have been honored to serve as commodore and first lady over the past year and look forward to our continued involvement with Queen City Yacht Club for years to come.

— *Dave Bedner, commodore*

THANKS FOR A GOOD YEAR AND ON TO A NEW ONE

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT — As this is my last Bilge Pump column as your rear commodore, some thank yous are certainly in order to the folks who led the committees under my responsibility:

Security - Thanks to Scott Grimm and Wolfgang Werner for keeping the good security up and the bad incidents low.

Membership/ Reception - Chris Benson did a remarkable job in recruiting and administering in our new members.

Grounds - Karleen Junglov-Reed has done an outstanding job with the mainstation grounds and managing the relationship with our crack grounds crew.

Parking - Our anonymous parking watchdog (aka Jim Brooks) is keeping our parking lot in top order, and all the while with a great big smile.

My appreciation to these incredibly dedicated individuals cannot be overstated. Thank you all so much for such a great year.



Mark Reed

In just a couple of weeks, as your new vice commodore I will oversee and support the house, docks, moorage and outstation committees. I look forward to supporting these committees and their members and chairpersons.

The excitement of a new club year also brings us three new members to the bridge.

It will be my honor to serve with Sandy Werner, our new rear commodore, and whomever you vote in as commodore at the next general meeting this month. Welcome to Debbie Foote, our new treasurer and thank you to Treasurer Jan Gould for her service.

And as you surely know by now, after so many years of managing our office, Deborah Cobain has decided it is time to retire. I personally thank her for all she did for us at QCYC and wish her and her husband Mark happy times.

Please be sure to stop by the office and meet our new office manager, Elise Ochs. She comes to us with a wealth of experience and looks forward to getting to know us all. Welcome, Elise!

Here's to a great club and great people.

— *Mark Reed, rear commodore*

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Tarettes' Corner

COME TO THE MEETING AND STAY FOR THE STEAK

PRESIDENT'S REPORT — I hope you have been enjoying our long, hot summer!

I encourage all QCYC women to attend our Tarettes general membership meeting Friday, September 22 beginning at 12:30 p.m. on the Third Deck. We will share our plans for many interesting, fun programs and activities in the coming year. And we've been developing ideas and actions regarding exciting future changes that we will review. We very much hope you are able to attend as we need a solid quorum of members to vote on our budget and any motions needed to pursue those changes.

And plan to stay for the evening and attend our traditional Tarettes Steak Fry, chaired by Shirley Rogers and Sue Rebello. The menu includes cook-your-own steak or chicken, baked potato, salad and dessert. Western wear is encouraged. Cocktails are at 5 p.m., and dinner at 6. Always a fun event and spaces go quickly! Send checks for \$15 each to Shirley Rogers, 20512 129th Ave. S.E., Snohomish, WA 98296. Please specify how many steak or chicken dinners you want.

Also, mark your calendar for the next Women's Interclub Council (WIC) luncheon at Port Orchard Yacht Club Thursday, October 12 beginning at 11a.m. Patti Oberg is our new WIC representative. Checks are due to Patti by September 27. Mail to her at 1321 Chelsea Walk N.E., Issaquah WA 98029.

—Mary Jo Svendsen, president

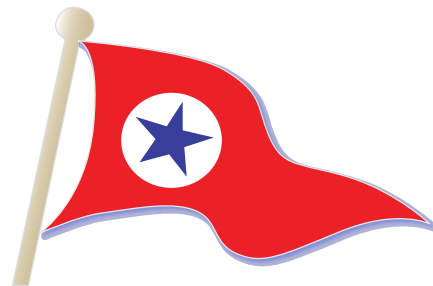
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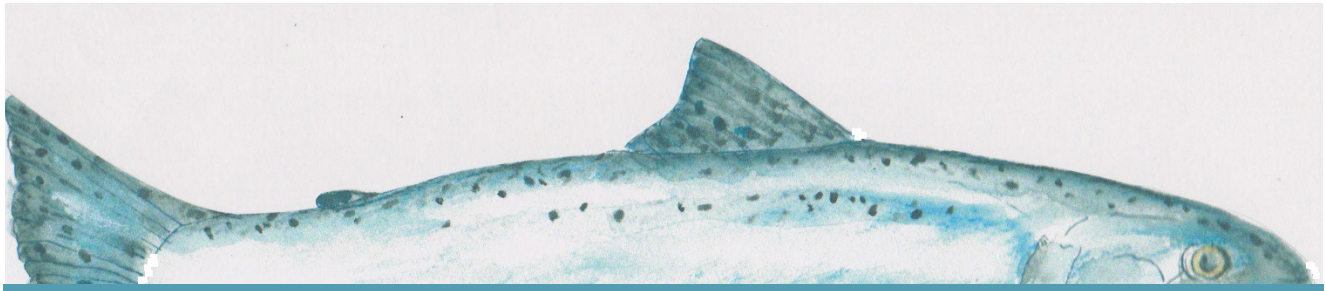
You may have wondered why you haven't been reminded yet to pay your Tarettes dues for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

No dues will be collected this year based on a Tarettes board decision to support a newly proposed policy to invite all QCYC women to participate in Tarettes without paying dues. We want to create a more open and inclusive group that offers increased opportunities to build friendships and enjoy a variety of events and activities together. This new policy, and other proposed changes and opportunities will be shared in the upcoming general meeting Friday, September 22 at 12:30 p.m. We hope you can attend.

We understand that a few Tarettes have already paid their dues for the coming fiscal year. Please let Shirley Rogers know if you would like your dues refunded or offered as a donation to the Tarettes treasury.

—Barbara Wilson, communications chair





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A BIG Thank you to our generous Donors and Participants!

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A NEW FACE IN THE OFFICE

By the time this issue of the Bilge Pump is in your computer's inbox, Queen City will have a new office manager and Deborah Cobain, who has been the main-station's mainstay for the past seven years, will be enjoying a well-earned retirement.

Elise Ochs was scheduled to come aboard August 21 and train with Deborah for a couple of weeks before taking the office helm.

Deborah says she plans to spend time in retirement with two passions, oil painting and her two grandsons, ages 8 and 10.

"They live and go to school within a mile of us, (Deborah and her husband Mark) so I will offer my volunteer services to Snoqualmie Elementary as a former Grade 5-8 language-arts teacher," she says. "My dad was a professional artist and an art teacher, so painting has been a part of my life for as long as I can

remember."

Before coming to QCYC, Deborah had other office management jobs, including with a non-profit dance company, and was donor-events manager for Pacific Northwest Ballet and special-events manager for the Boys and Girls Clubs of King County. Before moving to Seattle, she taught language arts in two Florida schools. And she is a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts.

Elise is a graduate of Portland State University, where she majored in Arts and Letters with a focus on linguistics and conflict resolution. Her resume includes being office manager for an acupuncture clinic in Portland and billing specialist for a dermatology group in Seattle.

In her free time, Elise teaches Zumba and cycle, step, and water aerobics classes.

Deborah leaves with good advice for all of us:

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"I'll miss all of you," she adds, "and best of luck for another 100 years!"

The club is hosting a retirement party for Deborah at 12:30 p.m. Friday, September 1 on the Second Deck.

— Sally Macdonald



NEW MEMBERS

Keep an eye out for these two new members. Above are Luis Mendoza and Herei Contreras. Welcome Luis and Herei! Hope to see you all out on the water in the coming months and at many meetings and functions in the future.

Photo by Wendy Delaunay

A Happy Independence Day in Winslow



Queen City kids have their own yacht in the big parade, above. Commodore Dave and First Lady Michele Bedner aboard one of the three convertibles carrying QCYC's bridge officers in Winslow's parade, top right. Rear Commodore Mark Reed hangs on during the parade, middle right. The big parade to celebrate another independence Day gets underway, lower right. Below, Mark and Karleen Reed enjoy a sunny Fourth of July.



THANKS FOR THE HELP AND THE JULY 4 MEMORIES

The Winslow July 4 Event officially began on Friday, June 30 and ended Wednesday, July 5. With help from many volunteers, we successfully served four dinners and four breakfasts; sponsored five happy hours, organized the David Williams Memorial Golf Tournament, ran the Captain Crabby's Crab Catching Contest, sponsored many children's activities, conducted the ever famous Horse Races, decorated the children's float and showed off our officers in three red convertibles during the July 4 parade through Winslow. What fun we had!

A big thank you to our three



dinner chairs: Josh Hoffman and team for their outstanding Beef Brisket Barbecue Dinner, Mike and Aillene Paull and team for their amazing Philippine Pork Adobe with handmade Lumpia; and Greg and Kathy Satoro and Karleen Reed for their creative

Teriyaki Chicken Dinner served in half a pineapple shell.



Special thanks to



Tim and Nadeane Rutledge and Dennis Rampe for their work as dock masters; Larrie Chmela for chairing the golf tournament; Jim



Damery for running the crab-catching contest; Melissa Fey and Anne Marie Reunert for sponsoring the children's activities; Paul Grimm for running the horse races; Jess Hill for transporting the beer kegs; Dave Silver for organizing the July 4 parade and Robert Svendsen, who took on the onerous task of Garbage and Recycling Czar. A special thank you to



Mary-Ann Williams for her generous gift of prizes and trophies for the David Williams Memorial Golf Tournament. And thanks so much to the many volunteers who stepped up to help with decorating, food preparation, food and beverage service, clean-up, and



countless other tasks over the five days. Your time was very much appreciated!

— Sponsors Mary Jo Svendsen, Tarettes president, and Michele Bedner, QCYC's first lady



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old saying was true.

Until not too long ago when we discovered that, while preparation is vital when facing an emergency, there's something even more important. And that's luck.

After two weeks gunkholing in Washington's San Juan Islands and British Columbia's Gulf Islands we were summoned home on a family emergency.

After negotiating Deception Pass at the north end of Whidbey Island and spending the night in Cornet Bay, we motored south under a sunny sky and through smooth Skagit Bay water.

As we passed Rocky Point on the northwest tip of Camano Island and entered Saratoga Passage a brisk southerly breeze built to 15 knots on our nose with oncoming waves one to two feet.

Sally, at the tiller, dodged and weaved the building waves as wind-blown spray climbed our bow and slammed into our dodger.

John kept watch on the port side to avoid the scores of colorful crab-pot markers that dotted

water along the west shore of Camano Island.

Then a red-orange flash of color caught John's eye off our starboard in the middle of the passage a hundred or more yards away. A crab pot must have come loose and floated away.

A minute so later, the color was still there but there was something else, too. Spray on his binoculars prevented a clear view. We changed course to have a look.

Soon two kayaks came into view slipping in and out of sight behind the building waves. One kayak carried a paddler. The other was overturned and a man in a bright orange life vest was trying to right it and climb back aboard, but with little luck.

As we neared the pair, John threw the flotation collar of our Lifesling and shouted for the

man in the water to grab the red-and-white floating line attaching it to the boat as we circled him.

"Hang in there," we shouted at the other kayaker. "Once we get your friend, we'll come for you."

The man in the water grabbed the line and slipped the collar around his back and under his arms, and we began pulling him in.

"You ok?" we shouted as he came near. "Yeah, think so," the gasping voice of a young man answered.

As he came alongside,

John tied the floating line and began to prepare the Lifesling pulley system to bring him aboard.

"Maybe we don't need that," Sally shouted. "How about using the wave action to pull him on."

It worked. As a wave lifted the young man higher against our hull, we grabbed his life vest and pulled him aboard, vest first and then one leg at a time.

His clear answers to a few questions told us he was cold and wet but apparently okay. His age, about 19, and his good physical condition likely didn't hurt.

"Where's my uncle," he shouted, looking out across the waves.

Meanwhile two people in another sailboat that had suddenly appeared corralled the overturned kayak and were taking the other kayaker onto their boat.

Our new young friend told us he and his family had rented a house on Camano's west shore and he and his uncle had gone



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out for a paddle.

"We had no idea the weather would change so fast," he said. "We've never done this before. By the time we noticed the waves, we were in the middle and just trying to stay upright.

"Then a wave hit me and I was over."

He guessed he'd been in the water about 15 minutes.

"I tried to get back in (the kayak), but I couldn't. Sure glad you came along."

We motored toward shore looking for a place to get the guys to the beach. But there was no dock and the wind and waves were fierce.

A man on the beach must have seen what was going on. He shoved a small rowboat into the water and fought the waves to get to us. Once the bobbing craft was at our stern, our new passenger scrambled in and shoved away.

Meanwhile, the other sailboat

was able to help the uncle into one of the kayaks, and he paddled for the beach.

"Hey, guys, thanks," the young man hollered, his voice weakening and his hands gripping the rails of the dinghy.

Once on the beach, they turned to wave.

We didn't learn the lad's name, only that he was a freshman at Washington State University.

We turned Great Scot back into the channel and waved to the other sailboat crew.

And then it hit us.

We looked all around us. The wind was still snipping the tops off waves and sending the mist to join the low-hanging clouds.

We two boats were alone. No other boats were in sight.

What might have happened had we not seen that flash of color in the middle of the channel and been curious enough to take a

look? The folks in the other sailboat said they hadn't seen the kayakers. They only came by when they saw us changing course and thought we were in trouble.

And if we hadn't shown up, what's the chance that our student friend may not have survived the 50-degree water.

We trust he's okay and will watch the weather a bit more closely the next time he decides to take a leisurely paddle in Puget Sound, even in August.

Did the Lifesling save the day? Perhaps not entirely. But with it we were ready.

What we couldn't have planned for was the luck that put us in the right place at the right time. And we'll take that anytime.

— John and Sally Macdonald

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The QCYC Fleet's in for summer fun



Above, QCYC boats snug up to the docks at Thetis Island Marina. QCYC cruisers take the floating taxi from Genoa Bay to the town of Cowichan for a little exploring, left. Queen City boaters cruise the chow line at Thetis Island, below.



The Fleet Captains' Cruise



Here's to all of you back home from the folks at QCYC's new outstation at Thetis Island in British Columbia's Gulf Islands. The gang gathered at various points north in the San Juan and Gulf islands over a period of two weeks in August for the 2017 Fleet Captains' Cruise. The fleet polished off the last of the three cases of Papa's Pilar rum, the grand prize for rallying the most members for a gang photo at the Seattle Boat Show in February. Membership Chair Chris Benson persuaded 89 members – more than any other club – to show up for the win.



The cruise gang helps Commodore Dave Bedner celebrate serving time with the screw-up flag. Dave and First Lady Michele were "awarded" the flag when someone reported they cut the line going into Canada in Sidney, B.C. Actually, Dave says, "In reality, I did bypass some boats on the way to the Sydney Customs dock, but when I realized the error, I went to the back of the line." Sorry, Dave, once you get that dreaded flag, you can't give it back, even if you are in the right. Below, Dennis Rampe gets framed by the life-ring of Spike Africa, the tall-ship schooner that gives tours from Friday Harbor.



It takes two tables to fit the gang at the restaurant at Genoa Bay Marina in B.C., above. Looks like a fine spread!



Richard Ashleman and Niki Rampe make a pair of happy sailors.



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SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Labor Day at Winslow Friday Lunch 11:30am	2 Labor Day at Winslow Saturday Breakfast 9:00am
3 Labor Day at Winslow	4 Labor Day at Winslow	5 House Committee 9:00 -11:30am Docks Committee 6:30pm Planning and Finance Committee 7:00pm	6	7	8 Friday Lunch 11:30am Private Event (Mike Deaver) 4:00pm - 10:00pm	9 Fishing Derby Winslow Docks Fun Day 8:30am Saturday Breakfast 9:00am Private Event Luau (Doug Morrison) 6:00pm
10 Fishing Derby - Winslow	11 QCYC Board Meeting 7:00pm	12 House Committee 9:00 -11:30am	13 Pre-Meeting Dinner 6:00pm General Member Meeting 7:30pm	14	15 Friday Lunch 11:30am	16 SYC Stimson IPBA Race 8:00am Saturday Breakfast 9:00am
17 Commodore's Thank You Party 5:00pm	18	19 House Committee 9:00-11:30am Architectural Advisory Meeting 6:30-8:30pm	20	21 SSPS Dinner Meeting 5:30pm	22 Tarett Board Meeting 10:30am Friday Lunch 11:30am Tarette General Meeting 12:30pm Tarette Steak Fry 5:00pm	23 Saturday Breakfast 9:00am Private Event (Hathan Hale H.S. Reunion - Sherry Weiss) 4:00pm
24 Celebration of Life for Captain Bill Stannard	25	26 House Committee 9:00-11:00am	27 Pre-Meeting Dinner 6:00pm General Member Meeting - Change of Watch 7:30pm	28	29 Friday Lunch 11:30am	30 Saturday Breakfast 9:00am Tentative - Private Event - Memorial Service (Joyce/ Kevin Carlson) 2:00pm

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