



## COMMODORE'S REPORT

OCTOBER, 2016

It is my honor and privilege to serve as commodore of Queen City Yacht Club for the next year. It seems like such a short time ago that I was a nominee for rear commodore, and now the time has arrived to fill the role the past two years has prepared me to do. The progression through the chairs involves a mentorship process, and following Commodore John Rogers the past two years has been both interesting and valuable, while leaving me with big shoes to fill.

Our incoming rear commodore, Mark Reed, will make a superb addition to club leadership based upon the thoughts and actions he has already demonstrated in his "Low and Slow" event and, most recently, his sponsorship of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event at Winslow. As John Hieber moves on to vice commodore, he takes on progressively more responsible duties which will build on his accomplishments as Rear Commodore.

September was a busy month on several fronts since that's when the draft budget and calendar are drawn up, and the majority of committee chairs and event sponsors for the upcoming year are



Dave Bedner

appointed. There are some exciting capital improvements planned, along with some club upgrades included in the draft budget, but more on those later once they become part of the final approved budget.

October kicks off with the Commodores Ball on October 1, and while Michele and I have attended many, needless to say this one has special significance for us. We will be attending a total of 14 Commodore Balls over the next year, one at each of the Grand 14 yacht clubs, with Queen City being the first. The Queen City Ball will also be hosting the commodores and first ladies from the Grand 14 yacht clubs.

There will also be a Halloween Party on October 29 that will be sponsored by Denise and Terron Lindholme. Knowing the energy and enthusiasm those two have, I can only imagine what a ghoulish and scary event they have planned. It certainly will provide an opportunity to bring out your whimsical and creative side.

With the unfortunate passing of Bill Field, we have two members who have agreed to take over the editing and production of the Bilge Pump. Sally Macdonald and Pete DeLaunay are working as a team to both produce our newsletter and to make

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### OCTOBER 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

<b>October 1</b>	QCYC Commodore's Ball
<b>October 4</b>	Planning & Finance, Docks Committee Meeting
<b>October 7</b>	Fleet Captain Cruise-In to QC Trailer Park
<b>October 9</b>	Bill Field Memorial
<b>October 13</b>	Past Commodores' Fall Meeting & Dinner
<b>October 12 &amp; 26</b>	General Member Dinner & Meeting
<b>October 14-16</b>	Flag Officers' Race

evolving improvements. While their roles likely overlap and will evolve, Sally is the editor and articles should be submitted to her. Pete is working on improvements to the Bilge Pump layout and publication.

Lastly, fulfilling the role of commodore would not be possible without the support and participation of the Queen City membership. Beyond that, at least for me, the participation of one person stands out above all others and that is the role of First Lady Michele. Over the next year both of us will be working hard for the club and members to make for a positive Queen City Yacht Club experience.

—Dave Bedner, Commodore

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Summer has pretty much come to a close and boats are finding their way back to their moorage spots. There has been quite a bit of activity around the main

station these past few weeks. Getting ready for the coming year includes the ability to look at a number of opportunities to enhance our club.

Some of those include adding a bar to our third floor and putting in a new work dock slip at the main station. We plan on remodeling the showers at the Winslow outstation.

We are also currently exploring the option of adding Thetis Island to our list of outstations. This is a wonderful marina in the Gulf Islands, complete with restaurant, pub, fuel dock and post office. It would provide our members a great get-away.

As vice commodore, I will be relying on many of you to help me in seeing that our club continues to excel. Many thanks to Gordy Foote and Jim Damery on the House Committee; Eric and Barb Wood, the Outstation Committee; Chuck Gould, chair of the Docks Committee, and Jeff Madera for heading up the Moorage Committee.

—John Hieber, Vice Commodore

## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

It is with pleasure and honor that I write my first article for the Bilge Pump your new rear commodore. Karleen and I are excited to undertake our roles as bridge officers and to begin this journey through the Queen City Yacht Club chairs with all of the responsibilities and adventures associated with them.

Months ago when I was first asked to consider "going through the chairs," I started reflecting on the rich Queen City traditions that have evolved over the past 100 years and the best ways to serve the club's diverse membership. I also thought about how to promote new traditions and how to indoctrinate and quickly include new members into the workings of an all-volunteer club.

I simply concluded that while past traditions are the foundation of Queen City's success, new members and their involvement

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will ensure success in the future. The best way to serve Queen City is to bridge the gap between the past and future and the only way I know to do that is to promote the present.

The incredible wisdom and talent of the current membership along with new ideas and energy of future members is the key to the club's future and the next 100 years. With that thought in mind, it will be my pleasure to present our membership with a **3-Point New Member Welcome and Indoctrination Plan** during a general meeting this month. We strongly encourage everyone to attend.

This plan will outline ways for all us to help new members promptly understand the culture and workings of Queen City in order to be assimilated into our community quickly. The plan will also outline opportunities for committee chairs to recognize and recruit people with similar interests to their teams. We will also bring to the table some new ways

to recognize new members and fresh ideas on how to help them quickly feel welcome and an integral part of our family.

Karleen and I are thankful and appreciative for the opportunity to help steer Queen City into the future, all the while honoring our past traditions as well as creating new ones. We will do our very best to represent all of you with dignity and respect, both here at home in Portage Bay and throughout the entire Grand 14.

—Mark Reed,  
Rear Commodore

## FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT



**D**ennis and Niki Rampe reporting for duty as new fleet captains for the year!

Our first event, "Cruise In To

Queen City Trailer Park," is on October 7. We urge you to cruise into the U (or the parking lot) for this truly trashy party featuring harmonica and banjo music, "classic" trailer park cuisine and a costume contest to boot. This will be an outdoor event at the main station, so bring your boat or station wagon, sport your bandannas, tattoos and wife-beaters, and c'mon down for some cheap beer and hot dogs. The fun starts at 5 p.m. and ends when the cops get there.

Also on the agenda for the season are the following, dates and locations subject to change:

- ★ November 18-20 FLEET CAPTAIN CRUISE to Langley on Whidbey Island
- ★ January 28 FLEET CAPTAIN LIMO-BUS CRUISE to Woodinville Wineries for a tasting day

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- ★ March 17-19 FLEET CAPTAIN ST. PATRICKS DAY CRUISE TO Andrews Bay
- ★ March 31-April 2 LADIES CRUISE to Meydenbauer Yacht Club; QCYC Men's Poker Night
- ★ April 21-23 Daffodil celebration at Tacoma Yacht Club
- ★ May 5-7 CINCO DE MAYO CRUISE to an undecided location
- ★ June 23-25 BIG BROTHER CRUISE to QCYC Outstation with Bremerton Yacht Club
- ★ August (dates to be determined) LONG CRUISE NORTH to Ganges and beyond

—Dennis and Niki Rampe,  
Fleet Captains

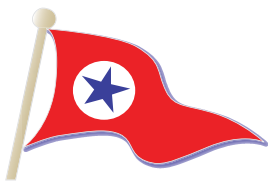
## THE BAINBRIDGE OUTSTATION HAS NOT BURNED DOWN

This reporter received a return phone call from Outstation Chair and Club Secretary, Eric Wood, who said the Bainbridge Outstation had NOT burned down over the summer!

"I would have heard from the fire chief if such a fire had taken place," he said. He and Barb are on the last legs of a four-plus month cruise. He says Barb refers to him as "her flunky" while they're underway.

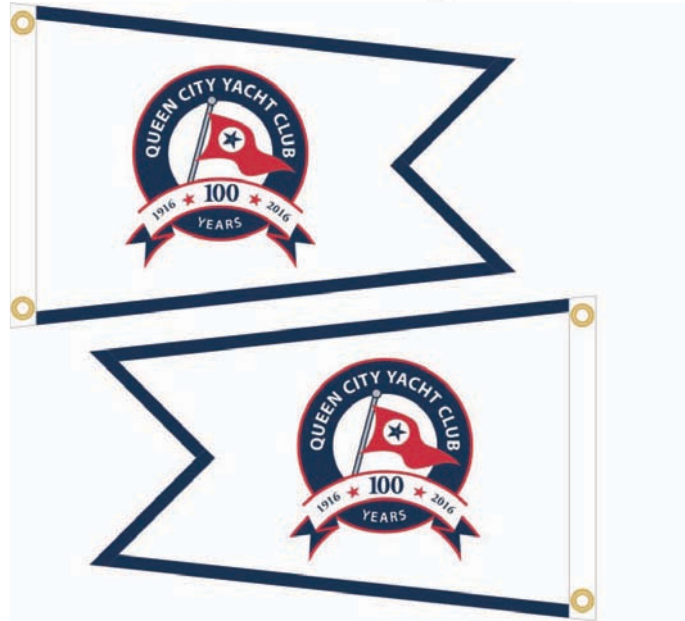
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—PeteD elauhay,  
Bilge Pump Reporter



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## DOCKS DOIN'S

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Worst case scenario: We burst a pipe that disrupts all water service to a dock and costs several hundred dollars or more to replace.

Please remember to unhook your water hose after each use.

The Docks Committee will help out members who forget



*Imagine this on our docks come January.*

to follow this guideline, by proactively removing connected hoses if we encounter them. But don't wait for the committee to come along and do what anybody



*Here are two kinds of snubbers to use when dock ties are vertical. The snubbers provide slack needed to offset movement, particularly in winter storms.*

except an absolute lubber should be doing instinctively.

Another housekeeping item. If your boat is designed in a way that requires a vertical or near vertical line between your deck cleat and the dock, please consider adding rubber snubbers to those lines.

Our boats move up and down in the slips as lake levels change, or when there's a large wake or a windstorm. Vertical lash-ups don't provide the same amount of slack to absorb this vertical motion that a line led up to the deck at an angle provides. A rubber snubber, (less than \$20 from some sources), will protect your boat as well as the dock if you must employ a vertical tie up.

The next Docks Committee meeting will be Tuesday, October 4. We meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second deck. There's always hot pizza, and usually some cold beer.

The next Docks Fun Day is slated for Saturday, October 8. Meet on the second deck at 8:30 a.m. for free breakfast. Then have fun improving and repairing our marina until about 1 p.m. when it's time for a free lunch.

*—Chuck Gould,  
Docks Committee Chair*

## Reminder

**I**f you have a report, article, news or fun photos for the Bilge Pump, it's due the 10th of the previous month. If you submit photos, please tell us all about them — who, what, when, where.

*— Pete Delaunay, [pete@delalaunay.com](mailto:pete@delalaunay.com)*

*— Sally Macdonald, [sbmacd@aol.com](mailto:sbmacd@aol.com)*

*Bilge Pump co-editors*

# Tarettes' Corner

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I want to extend a warm welcome to Patricia Oberg. Patricia and her husband, Past Commodore Russell Oberg, cruise in a 35 ft. Chris Craft, *Nordic Lady*. As a brand new Tarette, Patricia has stepped up to be our Sunshine Chair. Thanks to her for getting involved right away.

## WHY JOIN TARETTES?

Tarettes have a tradition of supporting women's friendship through social and philanthropic activities both at QCYC and in our community. We have fun doing it and our participation in Women's Interclub Council also builds relationships with women in other yacht clubs. Our modest dues are waived for the first year. Applications are available on the QCYC web site and from Tarettes officers.

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—Margaret Krows, Membership Chair

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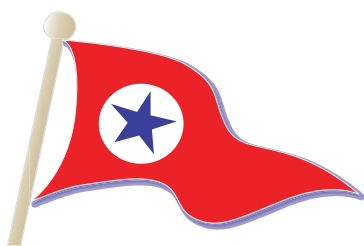
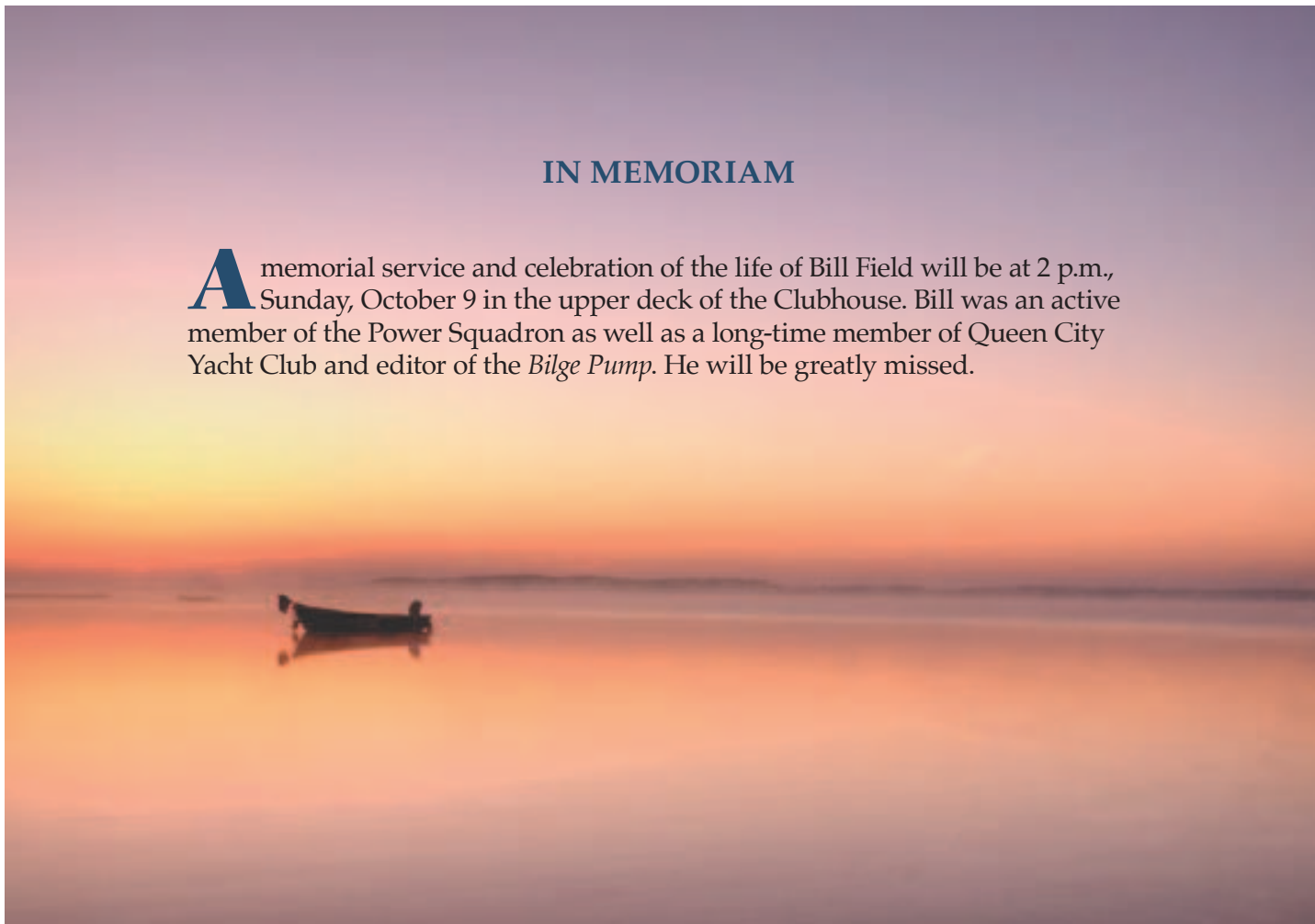
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## IN MEMORIAM

A memorial service and celebration of the life of Bill Field will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, October 9 in the upper deck of the Clubhouse. Bill was an active member of the Power Squadron as well as a long-time member of Queen City Yacht Club and editor of the *Bilge Pump*. He will be greatly missed.



### QCYC CLUB HOURS

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### QCYC Captains Dinner



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dinner by the  
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**Happy Hour at 6:00 PM**

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**Cost – approx. \$25 (TBD)**

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## OCTOBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Saturday Breakfast 9:00am QCYC Commodore's Ball 5:15pm
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Docks Committee Meeting 6:30pm Planning & Finance Meeting 7:00pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> WIC Luncheon at Poulsbo YC 11:00am	<b>7</b> Friday Lunch 11:00am Fleet Capt Cruise-In to "QC Trailer Park" (Rampe) 5:00pm	<b>8</b> Docks Fun Day 8:30am Saturday Breakfast 9:00am POYC IPBA Fall Round Up Race
<b>9</b> Memorial Service for Captain Bill Field upper deck 2:00pm	<b>10</b> QCYC Board Meeting 7:00pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Pre-Meeting Dinner 6:00pm General Member Meeting 7:30pm	<b>13</b> Past Commodores' Fall Meeting & Dinner 6:00pm	<b>14</b> Friday Lunch 11:00am Flag Officers' Race 8:00am to 8:00pm	<b>15</b> Flag Officers' Race 8:00am to 8:00pm Breakfast 9:00am
<b>16</b> Flag Officers' Race 8:00am to 8:00pm Race Burger Bash 4:00pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Tarette Board Meeting 5:00pm Tarette General Membership Mtg 7:30pm	<b>20</b> SSPS Meeting/Dinner 5:30pm	<b>21</b> Friday Lunch 11:00am	<b>22</b> Breakfast 9:00am Olympia YC Commodores Ball
<b>23/30</b> Everett JO Ball	<b>24/31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Pre-Meeting Dinner 6:00pm General Member Meeting 7:30pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Everett JO Ball Friday Lunch 11:00am	<b>29</b> Everett JO Ball Breakfast 9:00am QCYC Adult Halloween Party 5:00pm