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QCYC member Chet Gibson pilots the Hilma III during early lighted boat parade.

Saltwater People Historical Society

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Thanks to Halloween party chairs Captains David & Veronica Ewton for organizing a howling great Grimm Fairy Tale party that attracted over 70 members and guests who dressed in their Scary Best! Special thanks to the Halloween party committee including: Stephanie Farrar & Michael Abrejera, Lupe & Mark Weiss, Hereri Contreras & Luis Mendoza, and Debi Heiber! Our DJ Todd Imori rocked the dance floor the entire ghoulish evening while everyone enjoyed the fabulous potluck treats. Many more photos page 14.

CHET GIBSON LIGHTED BOAT PARADE MARKS 76TH YEAR

Every December, Queen City Yacht Club holds a Chet Gibson Memorial Lighted Boat Parade. Some might ask, "Who was Chet Gibson? Why does he deserve a memorial?"

Chet Gibson was a Queen

City Yacht Club member. He had a professional interest in lights, sound systems, and early forms of electrical communication. Remember those surplus anti-aircraft searchlights that used to sweep the skies to

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DECEMBER 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

December 3	Seafair Holiday Cruise
December 7	Past Commodore's Cruise
December 9	C Gibson Lighted Parade
December 9	QCYC Children's Holiday Party
December 13	General Member Meeting
December 15	Captains Christmas Dinner
December 31	New Years Eve Party

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HOLIDAY CLUB EVENTS CELEBRATE THE SEASON

COMMODORE'S REPORT-

Thanksgiving fades in the rear-view mirror but the lights of the full holiday season shine brightly in front of us. We continue the season and open the month with one of the most important events for some of the least in our community, the Seafair Holiday Cruise. Queen City has been there since its inception, providing members' boats and member support for this worthy cause. For Karin and me, the cruise provides a jumpstart to our season and puts us in the spirit of the season. It gives us great warmth when we see the smiling faces of our special guests as they speak to Santa and enjoy the ride on our boat. I hope you can find a way to help out.

Continuing the holiday spirit, the Chet Gibson Decorated Boat Parade kicks off its 76th season on Saturday, December 9th with a cruise of lighted boats out into the lake. Throw some lights on your



Scott Grimm

boat and join in the fun! It's a one-night event this year and a different route, so check the website for details. That same day is the Children's Christmas Party. Bring the kids or grandkids to the club for a show and meet Santa, who arrives by boat.

We close out the holiday season with the New Year's Eve party. Details will follow, but mark your calendar to dance up a storm and ring in the New Year at the club!

You may have noticed some changes around the club including the final piece of the puzzle on the second deck in the TV area. The Architectural Advisory Committee approved plans and the Bridge implemented the installation of new cabinetry in that area. Check it out! The two junior officers have been busier than usual in their respective areas. They will update you separately.

May the blessings of the season be upon you and your families, and let's never forget why we celebrate.

- Scott Grimm, Commodore

MAINSTATION TRANSIENT & WORK SLIP MOORAGE RESERVATIONS NOW ONLINE

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT-
As we announced at the November 8th general meeting, you are about to enjoy two new enhancements to our Mainstation transient moorage program. Our







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goal is to have these improvements up and running by December 1st. I'll let you know via blast e-mail if there are complications or delays.

Here they are:

1) QCYC Member On-Line Mainstation "U" and Reciprocal Overnight Registration

As you know, the Mainstation "U" is a great benefit for our members who need a few minutes to load their boat or a few days to enjoy QCYC events. What you may not know is that because boats are getting bigger (and our facilities are not!), the west space at the end of reciprocal moorage is available to every QCYC member, especially for our larger ships.

The old log-in book has been replaced with electronic sign-in through the QCYC web-site for the "U" and reciprocal slip.

Simply:

- Log-in.
- Click on "Facilities."
- Click on "Mainstation

Overnight Moorage."

- Sign-up.

You will be able to see the 'U' and reciprocal slip on camera and with another click, see who else is signed in and when they plan on leaving.

Don't worry, Elise will be available to help you if you need it. Just give her a call in the office. If you are having trouble on a weekend, leave a message with the pertinent details and Elise will call you.

A couple of reminders while using the "U":

- Stern in and not over the yellow loading zone
- If you need to side tie, back up to the north as far as you can go so that others can stern tie in front of you
- You cannot make a

reservation for the "U" or reciprocal, just sign in that you are there and when you are planning on leaving

- No more than 7 Days in a consecutive thirty-day period in the "U"

When using the Member Reciprocal Slip:

- Larger boats (over 55') are encouraged to use the reciprocal slip to allow as many boats as possible in the "U."

- The reciprocal slip is not available to Queen City members during Opening Week.

- Rafting is ok and encouraged.
- No more than 7 days in a consecutive thirty-day period in the Reciprocal Slip.

2) Mainstation Work Slip Online Reservations

Another great benefit we all enjoy at Queen City Yacht Club are the three work slips on Dock 3. What we don't often think about is the cost it takes to replace and maintain them. The QCYC Board of Trustees voted to levy an overnight reservation



Mark Reed

charge of \$8.00 (just like the "U" and Winslow Outstation), to help offset these expenses.

For some time now, you have been able to make your reservations for the Work Slips online:

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calendar of reservations.

Notes for using the Dock 3 work slips:

– Work slips are available to all QCYC members on a reservation basis.

Making the reservation guarantees you the work slip

– If a member uses a work slip without a reservation, that member may be bumped by anyone who does.

– Work slip may be only reserved for 24-hour periods. (8AM-8AM)

– Up to three 24-hour periods. (3 days) may be reserved in a single reservation.

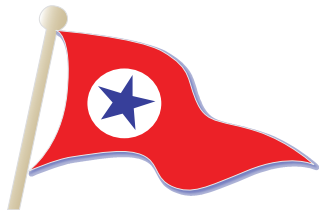
– A second three days may be reserved on the final day of the original reservation.

– Work slips usage is limited to 6 days per member in a consecutive 30-day period.

– Unfortunately, no overnight stays without a reservation
If you have any burning questions or comments, please feel free to contact me directly at vicecommo-dore@queencity.org.

See you in the “U”!

–Mark Reed, Vice Commodore



ORIENTATION EVENTS BRING NEW MEMBERS UP TO SPEED

REAR COMMODORE’S REPORT

—In November we held the

Fall New Members Orientation. It was well attended with 45 members present including 30 new members. Mark Vanderwall once again represented the club well with his powerpoint presentation. Thank you so much Mark! There were a number of event chairs who presented their event or committee. A

burger bash dinner was provided by Willie. Thank you Willie. A good time was had by all. We look forward to our Spring 2018 New Member Orientation to be held at the Bainbridge Outstation. Watch for the scheduled date announcement.

Chris Benson is keeping busy with new members; the bridge inducted 7 new members at our last meeting. Check out their pictures in the Bilge Pump this month. When you see new members around the clubhouse, please introduce yourself and



Sandy Werner

welcome them to QCYC.

Remember only one General Meeting this month to be held on Wednesday, December 13. But there are lots of other activities going on around the

club. Check the calendar for events such as the Seafair Holiday Cruise (12/3), Chet Gibson Lighted Parade (12/9), QCYC Children’s Party (12/9), Captains Christmas Dinner (12/15) and of course the final party of the year, New Year’s Eve.

Check the calendar for a schedule of all

events.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

– Sandy Werner, Rear Commodore

GUSTY WINDS TAKE BAINBRIDGE OUTSTATION BY STORM

OUTSTATION REPORT –

Things are tough at the Bainbridge Outstation – my entire work crew is gone! Old-What’s-Her-Name is laying around in the sunshine in Carmel, and she took my little girl Edie with her. Poor me...

Things are under control at Bainbridge – there were a number of visitors here when the weather was so nice (when was that, now?) in October. But things aren’t so nice right now – as I write this, winds are gusting 40+ from the SE, resulting in a pretty decent chop through Eagle Harbor all the way to our docks.

With that thought in mind, the Outstation Committee has been considering for some time the impact of larger boats - especially

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during the rough-weather months – to the Bainbridge docks, as well as to the boats. It's likely that an Annual Rule will soon reflect that concern – stay tuned.

And, thinking of the Annual – the Outstation sections in next year's Annual will look significantly different than they have for a long time. Rule 11 will still be about the Outstation on Eagle Harbor (located in the berg known to non-Neanderthals as "Bainbridge Island" since its change from "Winslow" almost 27 years ago).

Rule 12 will now be called "Satellite" Outstations. Why? Because we will soon have so danged many of them! We'll have Deer Harbor, SaltSpring, Thetis Island, Mill Bay, Port Browning, Port Sidney, and Dock Street Marinas! The last four are new for us – the three in the Gulf Islands because of a tip long-time Member Don Lyon forwarded to V/C Reed (thanks, Don!). Other than Deer Harbor, all will work the same for Members – phone ahead and reserve a spot, prove you're a Member and sign in, and be a good citizen. (It's the last part that will be hard for some of you.)

You can tell I'm getting even crankier than normal – haven't had a square meal in a month now...

Over and out.

–Eric & Barbra Wood
Eagle Harbor Dock Masters



FIRST FLEET CRUISE ON A LAND YACHT TO WOODINVILLE WINERIES

A hearty crew of QCYC members joined Fleet Captains Michael Abrejera and Stephanie Farrar for their first event of the year on a land yacht (luxury motor coach) that made stops at several ports of call in Woodinville wine country. The cruise started at the main station with refreshing Mimosa's as 'eye-openers' for 40 members as they disembarked for a fun day of wine tasting. Members were entertained with games & prizes as their luxury land yacht made its way to some of Woodinville's finest wineries.

First Fleet Captains cruise attracts 40 members to board a luxury land yacht to Woodinville wineries.



PC Dave Krows leads the crew for great tastes. Photos by Michael Abrejera.



Michael and Steph launch their first Fleet Captains cruise.



New Members Kim & Dan Heffernan enjoy their first fleet cruise.

**REMINDER:
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THE 10TH OF
EACH MONTH**



The crew raises a glass.

Tarettes Corner

BUSY TARETTES VOLUNTEER AT TREEHOUSE, RAISE FUNDS FOR DISABLED PRESCHOOLERS, LEARN OF ESPIONAGE & CONDUCT FALL FASHION SHOW

The Tarettes hosted a Fall Fashion Show, presented by Tannya Barnadette, following their General meeting on Friday November 10.

Tannya, a personal shopper and fashion consultant, in business in Seattle for 8 years, ran through the top 5 reasons we stare in our closets and think we have nothing to wear!

She also presented a fashion show, featuring fashions from Diva Lani Boutique (in Tukwila and Bellevue), to showcase the top trends right now: bell sleeves, cold shoulder shirts, embroidery and casual wear that looks dressy.

Willie decided men and his particular style should be included and Tannya expertly played along. She also handed out a number of gift bags and \$50 gift certificates to Diva Lani Boutique. Thanks to Denise Whitaker for planning this special program!

During the business portion of our General Meeting on November 10, we reviewed key changes to our By-Laws to open Tarettes to include all QCYC women without paying dues. We will next vote to approve these



By-Law changes at our January 12 General Meeting.

WIC Luncheons

Seven women attended the WIC luncheon at Port Orchard Yacht Club on Thursday, October 12. Fascinating stories were shared by Denise Frisino, author of *Orchids of War*, on the untold story of Japanese spies in the US before World War II.

The December WIC luncheon will be held at Day Island Yacht Club on Tuesday, December 12 with a Christmas theme. Everyone is encouraged to wear a Christmas festive sweater. Cost is \$20. Checks to Patti Oberg. The next WIC luncheon will be held on Wednesday, February 21 at Seattle Yacht Club. Contact Patti Oberg, our WIC representative, to attend WIC luncheons at 425-503-1182 or my3ormore@yahoo.com

Tarettes at the Women's Interclub Council luncheon at Port Orchard YC.

Treehouse Volunteering

Seven members had a great day volunteering at Treehouse on Thursday, November 16. Thank you to everyone who volunteered!

The next special Christmas Carousel opportunity to volunteer is Wednesday, December 13. Families and kids of all ages love to ride this carousel downtown Seattle to benefit Treehouse. We will help by selling and collecting tickets. Please contact Barbara Wilson if you can help at 206-276-3874 or barbarawilsonphd@att.net.

Captains Dinner

There is still time to sign up for our annual and ever popular Captain's Dinner that will be held on Friday, December 15. Cost is only \$25. And remember to bring

Tarettes

an unwrapped gift for a child 3 or younger, or a gift card to be gifted to the Boyer Children's Clinic. Please register online and then send a check made out to Tarettes to Shirley Rogers at 20512 129th Ave SE, Snohomish, WA 98296

Next General Meeting

Our next General Meeting will be held Friday, January 12 at 1:00 pm followed by a fun, interesting program yet to be decided. The primary purpose of this meeting will be to vote on the Revised By-Laws. We will send out a copy of the Revised By-Laws via email two weeks prior to this meeting. If you don't receive this email, contact Mary Jo Svendsen at maryjosv@me.com.

And more fun events are in work!

*—Mary Jo Svendsen
Tarettes President*



Fall Fashion



Photos by Mary Jo Svendsen.



Ship's Stores Co-chair Niki Rampe open for business on 12/1, /12/13 and 12/15. Photo by Pete DeLaunay.

QCYC LOGO LOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS AT THE SHIP'S STORES, FREE HOLIDAY GIFT BAGS & FESTIVE TISSUE PAPER

Ship's Stores co-chairs Susan Rebello and Niki Rampe says excellent new QCYC logo merchandise from stylish new looks for captains and mates. Ship's Stores are open before general meetings and during Friday lunches. Come see what's in store!

CALLING ALL LADIES, WE'RE DOING IT AGAIN....

THURSDAY, FEB. 22, 2018

GIRLS NIGHT OUT



It's dinner out, coupled with a fun Broadway Show,
just for the gals, our fellas chauffeuring us!

Meet at QCYC 2nd floor at **4:00 PM.**

Enjoy socializing with champagne during ticket and car assignments.

Our fine male chauffeurs will then deliver us downtown to Hamanasu (formerly Benihana) for our dinner reservation.

Later, we will walk across the street to the 5th Avenue Theater to see the celebrated musical, "Mama Mia!"

After the show, around 10-10:30 PM, our chauffeurs will magically reappear and safely whisk us back to QCYC again.

We always have a grand time!

Your dinner at Humanasu will be at your expense, billed individually, that evening.

The cost of the show at the group discounted rate plus processing is \$76 per person.

Your check will act as your reservation.

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I hope you can come. It's a great way to make new friends and celebrate each other.

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announce the opening of a new shopping mall or the introduction of cars at the beginning of a new model year? For many years, Chet Gibson owned, maintained, and rented out the majority of those lights seen in the Seattle area. He ultimately established a business known as Gibson's Photo and Sound, which until about 40 years ago was located just west of Stoneway on North 45th Street.

Seventy-five years ago, back in 1942, Chet Gibson wondered what sort of reaction he would get if he rigged up a record player, a PA system, and some Christmas lights on his boat, the *Hilma III*. Chet's plan was to cruise slowly around Lake Union, playing Christmas carols on the record player and showing off the Christmas lights. Nobody had ever attempted a "Christmas Ship" cruise in Seattle or Puget Sound- and in fact there are claims that Chet Gibson was the very first Christmas boat of its type in the United States.

The popular response was incredible. People along the Lake Union shoreline were phoning Queen City Yacht Club to inquire when Chet would next cruise again. Waterfront residents began inviting friends over to watch the "Christmas Ship" make its rounds. Before long, a few other boats from Queen City Yacht Club followed in Chet's wake, and the concept of a lighted boat parade evolved.

There were a couple of years during the Second World War when concern about possible Japanese air raids caused the government to order blackouts of the Lake Union shoreline. Queen City members put their boats on trailers and moved the parade to Greenlake during the blackout years.

After the end of the war, Chet

Gibson began taking the *Hilma III* out through the locks. He paraded along waterfronts as far south as Tacoma and Gig Harbor, and as far north as Everett. Chet would follow a precise schedule, often pulling up to a dock to pass out candy canes to any little kids in the crowd. The crowds got larger with each passing year.

Eventually, many of the outlying communities had launched their own versions of a lighted boat parade. By the mid 1960's, Chet only ventured outside the locks a few times during December- but he cruised extensively around Lake Union and Lake Washington.

In the early 1970's, Chet's Christmas Cruise schedule was down to a "mere" five consecutive nights in December. Magazine articles from 1972 mention that the *Hilma III* was sponsored that year by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 21, of which Chet Gibson was the Commander. On two of the five nights, Chet Gibson would join the *Virginia V*

and a number of other vessels for a lighted boat parade organized by Seattle Seafair.

Chet's Christmas Ship schedule took him out through the locks, and he would cruise through Shilshole Bay Marina. The locks made special provision for Chet to hand out candy canes to kids gathered along the wall.

The newly amended Queen City Parade Route for 2017 will duplicate Chet Gibson's original concept; emphasizing Lake Union in the parade route.

Seafair no longer sponsors a lighted boat parade, but the tradition that originated with a single Queen City member in 1942 is still going strong. Other yacht clubs, and even some commercial cruise companies have become involved in similar events. When Chet Gibson led the Christmas Cruise, his final port of call on the final day of his schedule was always at Queen City Yacht Club- where his arrival would officially kick off the club's annual Christmas party.

-A.B. Deckman



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QCYC boats were trailered to Green Lake during war years when Lake Union was blacked out. Photos courtesy of the Saltwater People Historical Society.

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QCYC ELECTIONS AND HARD CORE (!) LOG RACING, 1948

The December 1948 issue of *Motor Boating* magazine reported the results of the QCYC club elections.

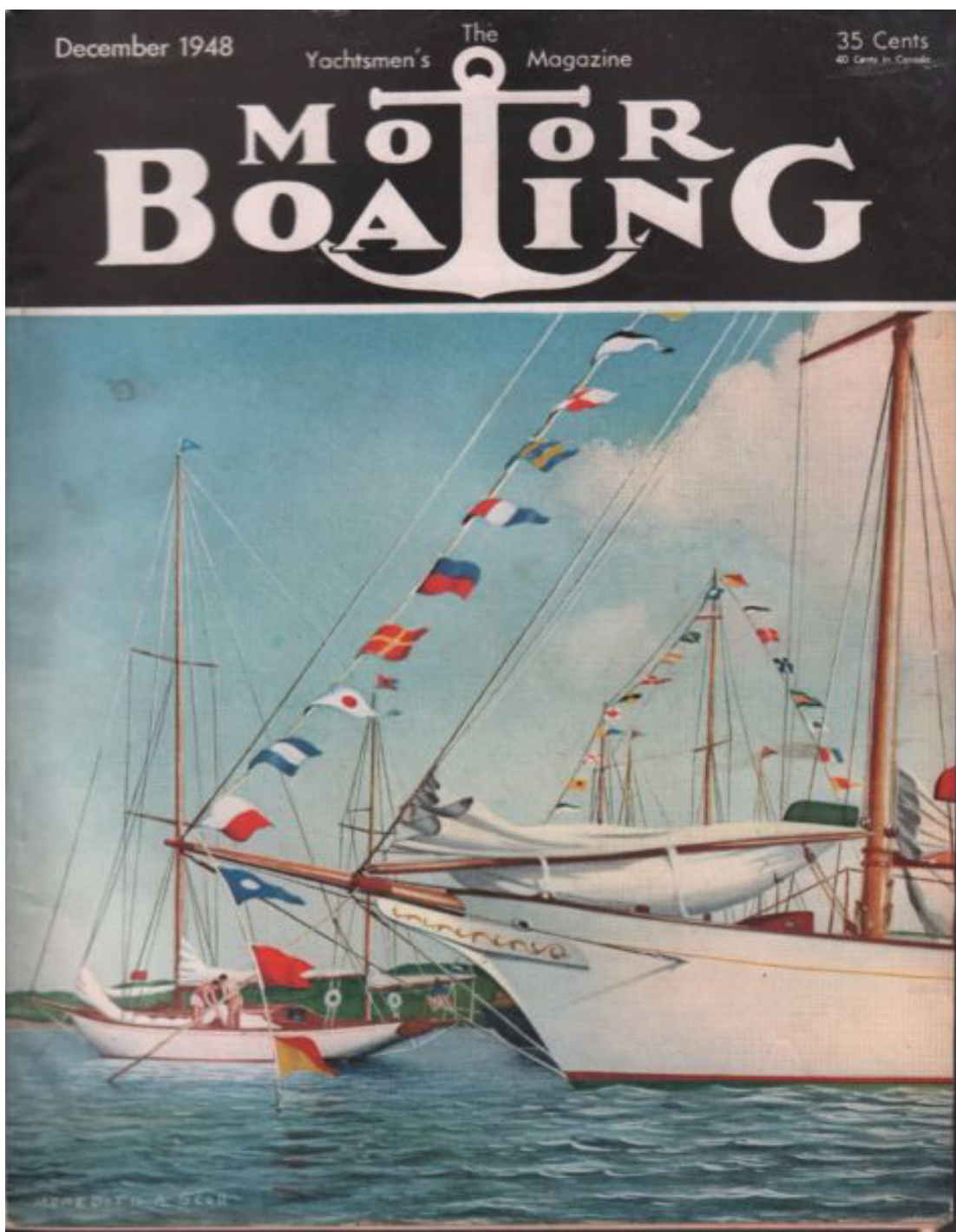
“Across the bay at Queen City Yacht Club, Ray Strobie, who was Rear Commodore this past year, was moved up to the Commodore’s seat at an election held September 22. Russ Rathbone was installed as Vice Commodore and Ray Hacker as Rear Commodore. Re-elections were in order for the posts of Secretary and Treasurer, viz Floyd Somers and Al Kurtman. Al has been Mr. Exchequer for the club for at least seven years now, so the job must have some advantages not visible to the naked eye.”

In the same column covering news from Pacific Northwest yacht clubs, the magazine noted tremendous interest in a new form of predicted log racing. Compared to today’s heavily computerized pursuit, the old time log racers found things much more challenging.

Under a formula promulgated by The Seattle Yacht Club, three different people laid out courses

beginning from a common location. The courses covered approximately 40 miles. On the morning of the race, one of the three courses was drawn from a hat.

Competitors were then allowed one hour to do chart work and calculate currents, before turning in their predictions and setting off.



Halloween



Halloween hijinx, clockwise from upper left: The scary group shot, Queen Denise and King Theron, Halloween revelers, Arab Chuck Gould and Jan. Photos by Michael Abrejera and David Ewton.





*From top left:
Smoocher Captain Paul Grimm, more revelers, doing the electric slide, Dr. Michael and Nurse Stephanie tend to patient, Kent & Carol Stoffel zombie looks, Commodore Scott Grimm 'Reaper' and (above) the two Riding Hoods.*





Calling all QCYC Captains!

Please join us in spreading Holiday Cheer by volunteering for the
Seafair Holiday Cruise

Sunday, December 3, 2017;

Volunteer Orientation Meeting at 1:00pm; Volunteer Dinner approximately 5:30pm.

For this is a fun-filled event individual skippers volunteer their boats to take adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities and their chaperones for a cruise, and our guests receive a special treat bag, a chat and photo with Santa, and a visit with the Seafair clowns.

WE NEED MANY VOLUNTEERS FOR A SUCCESSFUL EVENT, including:

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Questions? Contact Captain Val Ohlstrom. 206-498-1560, or vohlstrom@comcast.net.

Please go to the QCYC Event Calendar to sign up online today!

- **Members must log in to access sign-up feature**
- **Members may RSVP online on behalf of guests**

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NEW MEMBERS

QCYC Welcomes Seven New Members

Membership Chair Chris Benson introduced and received confirmation of seven new members at the November general membership meeting. He reported the club has 400 Active Members, 9 Social Members, 16 Intermediate Members, 26 Life Members, and 90 Senior Life Members, with 6 pending. The QCYC will have a booth again this year at the Seattle Boat Show in January. For information about membership contact Chris Benson - chrisab4242@hotmail.com

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome our new members! We're happy to have you in our midst! Photos by Wendy DeLaunay.



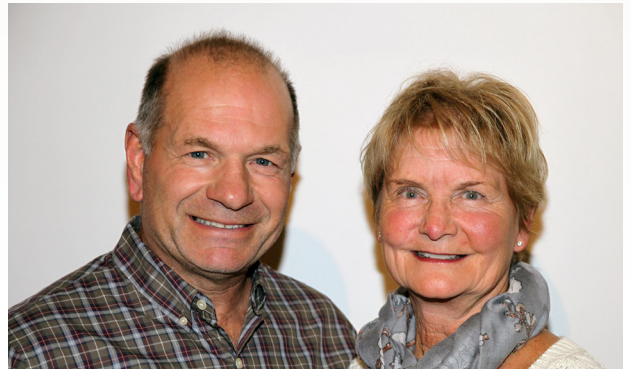
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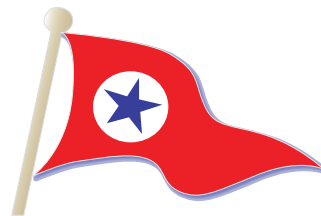
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Friday Lunch 11:30am - 1:30 pm Ship's Store Open 11:30am - 1:30 pm	2 Saturday Breakfast 9:00am Private Event - Luis Mendoza 5:00pm -11:30 pm
3 Seafair Holiday Cruise 12:00pm to 8:00 pm	4	5 House Committee 9:00 -11:30am Docks Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Planning & Finance Meeting 6:30-8:30pm	6 Private Event Harvard & Highland HOA (McGillin) 5:30 pm Alt. Wed. Night Dinner 5:45pm	7 Past Commodore's Christmas Party 5:30pm	8 Friday Lunch 11:30am - 1:30pm Private Event - Windermere Holiday Party 6:00pm	9 C. Gibson Lighted Parade Saturday Breakfast 9:00am Docks Fun Day 8:30am QCYC Children's Holiday Party 11:00am - 1:30pm Private Event (V. Ohlstrom for Sunrise Rotary) 5:30 pm
10	11 QCYC Board Meeting 7:00pm	12 House Committee 9:00 -11:30am	13 Ship's Store Open 5:0030-7:30pm Pre-meeting Dinner 6:00pm General Member Meeting 7:30pm - 9:30pm	14	15 Friday Lunch 11:30am - 1:30pm Ship's Store open 11:30am - 1:30pm Captains Christmas Dinner - Hosted by the Tarettes 5:30pm	16 Saturday Breakfast 8:30am to 10:30am SSPS Holiday Party 5:00pm
17	18 Tarette Past Presidents Holiday Event at Nile Country Club 5:00pm	19 House Committee 9:00-11:30am Architectural Advisory Committee Meeting 6:30pm-8:30pm	20	21	22 Friday Lunch 11:30am-1:30pm	23 Saturday Breakfast 8:00am - 10:30am

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