

# THE BILGE PUMP

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MARCH 2013

## COMMODORE'S REPORT

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Greetings,

Our club has had a very busy social calendar since the beginning of the New Year, and that's a pretty cool thing. Just a quick review of the past calendars will let you see that our club has a lot of activities going on each year. One cannot say that we are one of those tired old inactive clubs. Thanks to all who have contributed so much of their time to make all this happen.

We have lots of action going on in our committee meetings, and the committee members are busy making good progress on this year's goals and commitments. Keeping up to date on all the action is quite a challenge, but because of all of our chair reports and my personal attendance at most of these meetings, I can report that our club business and activity calendar is doing well. By the time you read this, we will have made the new appointment of the Architectural Advisory Committee (AAC) chair.

RBAW: At the February 11th board meeting, RBAW President Steve Greaves and VP Bob Ranzenbach gave a PowerPoint presentation on the current operations at RBAW. The main purpose of



Commodore Bob Stettner

our meeting was to give RBAW an opportunity to present the changes and proclamations made since the QCYC withdrawal of our membership in September, 2012. At the conclusion of the presentation, questions were taken by RBAW from the Queen City board members and club members in attendance at the meeting.

The consensus by Queen City Board on the material and information presented was that little or no change has taken place in the RBAW board's original position. Of primary

consideration to Queen City is the ability to see measurable advances of the interests of our members together with a strong need for yacht clubs to re-establish their primacy. Finally, the RBAW board must return to a position of advancing the interests of its dues paying membership.

The decision of the QCYC Board of Trustees is to reaffirm our membership withdrawal from RBAW.

WSDOT: I attended the WSDOT #520 Bridge Replacement open house at the St. Demertrios Church on Boyer Ave. As you know, Captains Gary Stone and Pete Delaunay represent our club on this important issue. Gary introduced me to Councilman Richard Conlin and a number of WSDOT project managers, who answered questions and explained

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### MARCH 2013 HIGHLIGHTS

<b>March 2</b>	<b>Queen City Open House</b>
<b>March 9</b>	<b>Pasta Night</b>
<b>March 11</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>March 13</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>
<b>March 16-17</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Day Fleet Captain's Cruise</b>
<b>March 23</b>	<b>Tarette Celebration Tea</b>
<b>March 27</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>
<b>March 31</b>	<b>Easter Brunch</b>

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the graphic depictions that pass over a portion of our Dock 3 covered moorage. My conclusion is if WSDOT goes through with the plan, we need to support the cable suspension bridge design over the box girder design. The cable suspension design favors QCYC as it would clear span the new bridge over the affected part of our Dock 3 covered moorage closest to Cummins Hall. Please feel free to contact Gary Stone for more precise details and specifics on the progress of the #520 process.

**PASSINGS:** We are saddened to hear of the loss of Captain Eugene Richards, member #20, and former member Captain Robert E. (Sam) Rowland. News was also received of the recent passing of Terri Kellogg, the spouse of Captain Dave Kellogg.

Lois and I appreciate your support, and we look forward to seeing you at the March 13 general meeting.

Regards,  
Bob Stettner, Commodore

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

February was quite memorable for us. My mom and dad celebrated their 70th anniversary here at the club with 64 family members! By the time you read this, Laurean and I will have been to 13 junior officer's costume balls. To us this has been the ultimate date night, dinner and dancing with boating friends. Going through the chairs has been very rewarding. If you're interested, just let me know.

The Seattle Boat Show was a huge success, thanks to all our members who helped represent and invite over 54 potential members to join us. The pleasure of your company is requested on March 2nd, 10 AM-2 PM, at the QCYC Open House. Come show and tell about our great club!

### HOUSE:

On Tuesday, February 5th, the House Committee "A" Team made a very quick, productive field trip to the Winslow outstation to construct the new galley cabinetry. You will be very pleased with the redesign.

Main station repairs report: a lower warming oven has needed repair twice since December. It's working fine now. The new washer in the laundry room was out of service for a few days and needed to be repaired. Sorry for the inconvenience. Thank you for letting me know if the problem recurs.

Invitation to all handy-man helpers: the House Committee meets every Tuesday morning at 9 AM on the second deck: you are welcome to join them. Thank you Jim Damery and team, you save this club a lot of \$!

The commodore has formed a new committee to refresh club interiors and exteriors in preparation for the QCYC 100th anniversary celebration. The Centennial Refurbishment Committee is chaired by Captain Laurean Myers. Please see the committee's article in this issue of *The Bilge Pump*.

### DOCKS:

On February 9th, twelve QCYC members had a dock party, and what a party they had: replanking, installing ladders, removing moss, etc. Great fun and camaraderie was had by all. Thank you, new members and long time members, for maintaining our docks. Your contribution

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saves this club thousands of dollars. Thank you!

The Docks Committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 PM on the second deck.

#### MOORAGE:

Moorage is running at 100% of capacity at this time, which is great news from a club revenue standpoint.

Monthly inspection of all boats is a club responsibility. A "Red Tagging" system is used to notify the owner that a boat appears to be out of compliance with QCYC moorage rules. Red Tag infractions may include lack of use, excessive moss/dirt on the boat, missing 30 amp electrical locking ring, absent current WA State registration sticker, missing insurance information on file, etc. Exact "Red Tag" infraction information is provided by the office. Thank you for your attention to these matters. All mooring rules and regulations are found in your club annual.

Remember, our house, docks, grounds and outstation ALL rely your help as a volunteer to keep our club as affordable as it is, so spend some time working for yourself and our club.

—Bob Myers, Vice Commodore



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## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

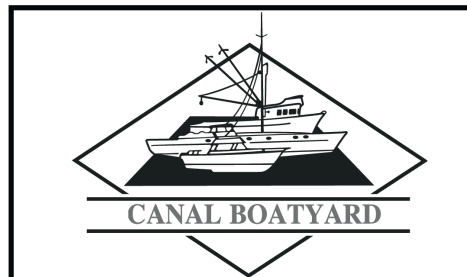
**I**t's official: We have flowers coming up in our gardens! Could spring be here soon?

Please join me welcoming Phillip and Tammie Legg as our newest members!

Captain Chris Benson and the entire band of volunteers have done a great job of representing Queen City Yacht Club at the boat show booth. Thanks for all your volunteer efforts!

An open house for prospective members is scheduled for Saturday, March 2nd, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Join us while we welcome prospective members and showcase our beautiful facility

Al Teel, a long time and well respected member that passed away in mid-2012, has



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bequeathed his lovely 45' Alaskan *ELEGANZIA*, which he owned for many years, to the Queen City Junior Yacht Club. He requested that half of the proceeds from selling the yacht be used by QCJYC to continue to promote boating education and experiences for youngsters and the other half be used to refurbish and maintain the "EIGHT BELLS BUOY" that has served as a befitting memorial to all Queen City Yacht Club members that have passed away. The QCJYC has officially accepted the generous gift.

Please, look at how attractive your boat and car may be to thieves and vandals. Keep all your property out of sight and locked up. Don't let your "stuff" be an easy target.

As your Rear Commodore I am responsible for grounds, membership, security and reception. I take my responsibilities seriously and encourage all members to contact me with concerns, questions, suggestions and support. The McGrew crew is here for you.

—Dick McGrew,  
Rear Commodore

## REGATTA POWER REPORT

The Bremerton YC Heavy Weather Race on Feb 18th once again did not live up to its name with nice weather but some wind in the exposed stretches. The racers went out through Port Washington and Rich Passage. The scores were surprisingly good, with one racer besting 0.5% in the field of 38 racers with 20 from BYC.

The race was won by BYC's Chuck Silvernail on *Solmar* with an amazing 0.4986%. Chuck barely squeaked by MBYC's John Murphey on *Sturdy Gal*, who



was second with 0.5100%. Fred Cole on *Mousetrap* was third with 0.7983%. Bill and Trish Anderson on *The Tillie* were fourth overall and first in Class 5 with 1.1480%. Dave Padgett on *Slipaway* with 1.6168% took seventh overall and second in Class 4. Ken Klett and Marv Elbon on *Klettitat* were 12th overall and third in Class 5 with 2.1685%. All three QCYC racers took home hardware and Bill and Trish just missed the top 3 with fourth overall.

Meydenbauer Bay YC won the P/C Grady Barrentine team trophy.

### COMING EVENTS

- ★ Meydenbauer Bay YC Boomerang Race, March 2nd
- ★ QCYC Club Race: Novice and Old Timer's Race, Friday, March 8th, thru Sunday, March 10th. This is an informal club event. All club members and friends are invited. Please join us. To inquire or SIGN UP - call or email Bob Lindal at 206-892-1234 or bobl@lindal.com or P/C Jeff Ewell at 206-407-1717. There will be a burger bash on Sunday the 10th at 5 PM when the trophies will be awarded. Tell me if you want to come so Willie will have enough food.
- ★ Tacoma YC Jack Hyde Race, March 23rd, which will be run

out of the TYC outstation in Wollochet Bay. The only way (for a non-member of TYC) to visit the TYC outstation is to participate in a log race. Come join us for the first ever visit to the TYC outstation.

- ★ QCYC/SYC Eagle Harbor Race combined with the First of the Season Race (rescheduled), April 6th at our Winslow outstation. All members are invited to come over and race, observe or just have a great boating weekend.
- ★ EZ Pickens Race – POYC - BYC April 27
- ★ Poulsbo YC – May 11
- ★ Gig Harbor YC - June 8
- ★ ICR – Port Ludlow – July 6

—Bob Lindal,  
*Regatta Power Chair*

### OUTSTATION REPORT

This is typically “quiet time” at the outstation, but inspiration hit Eric square in the head and he hit the ground running!

First, after stalling for almost four years, he had the large maple tree that was in the middle of the lawn cut down. An arborist determined the tree was largely dead, and there was the possibility if it fell it would damage the rock bulkhead. It took almost a

week for the tree to be cut down, even with Eric's help - the stump yielded 25 large wheelbarrows full of mulch! He had to get a permit to have the tree removed, under the condition we plant three trees to replace it.

MaryLouise Alving was kind enough to come over with her large garden book in hand and help decide which of the six tree species allowed by the “city powers” we should plant. We hope to plant those trees in April during the work party, and will make sure they do not interfere with the horseshoe pits!

Second, while MaryLouise was giving me advice, John was giving Eric engineering advice on one part of the huge remodel of the galley. This remodel is turning out to be a big project. All of the old cabinets in the galley and alcove were removed, and a 20+ foot long support beam was installed to support the attic area. This was accomplished in one day by Bill Bressler, Kurt Hanson and Eric. They worked all day and when I came home from work that day, they looked tired but pleased with all that they were able to get done.

Mike Cochran, who is making all the custom stainless countertops, sinks, fascias, shelves, and wall coverings, came over and measured, planned, measured, planned some more, and gave Eric guidance.

The mainstation House Committee came over and spent one long day assembling eight new cabinets from IKEA. Jim Damery, Gordy Foote, Gary Fisker, Orrin Phillips and Gene Cotton made the trip by ferry to help put the new cabinets together. The cabinets are very nice.

Then big Bill Bressler came back and spent the day with Eric replacing the flimsy “border” at



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the edge of the attic storage area with solid panels, strong enough that Bill could do a pull-up on them. Bill has been unbelievably helpful on this whole project.

Third, as if the galley project weren't enough, Eric got a wild hair and decided to replace the old, brown-painted wood strips that covered the outside under-deck storage area, using money donated to the outstation by the Brown estate. Bob Lindal obtained some fancy cedar lattice at a favorable price, and Eric cajoled Kurt Hanson into spearheading the project. With some help from Kurt's wife Marcia and Larry Dubia, Kurt and Eric accomplished wonders. Wait until you see it!

You may think there won't be any projects left for the April 13th-14th work party. Not to worry - we're already thinking of things that need attention. We had a great turnout last year and were able to accomplish most of the projects in one day. More in next month's report.

I know some of you may be feeling sorry for Eric and the long hours he is putting in on all of

these projects. Again, not to worry - he's going to the Miami Boat Show over President's Day weekend. I guess he deserves a break.

—Barb Wood

## DOCKS COMMITTEE

**O**ur boats are complicated electrical contraptions. There are pumps, blowers, and electrical and electronic devices of many kinds. When this marina was built, boats had a work light or two and a very simple battery charger on board, and not much else connected to the dock power system. Today, we expect those 30 amp outlets to safely supply all the electrical needs of all of those devices and all of that complexity. There's so much there that could go wrong. It's a different world than it was 50 years back.

There also is a lot more known about electricity, its risks and benefits, and much more case study of what does go wrong and about consequences. Recent tragedies have stirred a large amount of study of a phenomenon now called "fresh water electrocution." It's not a new danger, but mankind's knowledge of it is new and growing. There are a few aspects of this horror that should be shared for the safety of our captains, families, and their guests.

Fresh water is a rather poor conductor of electricity. That makes you feel safe? The problem is that the human body is a much better conductor and if it's immersed in an electric field, the flow of electrical current will focus its energy on that human body. It takes precious little electrical current to completely paralyze a person, and not much more to stop their body processes. The power that runs a TV set can be lethal many times over. In water, the electricity enters

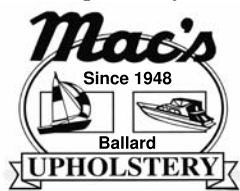
the person over so wide an area, it doesn't even heat or burn the flesh leaving tell-tale marks. That's why so many historical tragedies are now known to have been electrocutions and paralysis induced drowning, and not heart attacks and drowning of strong swimmers as originally determined. Some incidents have taken more than one life as unknowing rescuers become paralyzed victims as well. Don't go swimming to "save" a person who's immersed in an electrical field.

Salt water does not present this hazard in the same way, for many reasons. For one, the human body is not quite so good a conductor as is salt water. Electricity doesn't seek it out.

So many ask why we can't go out there and look for electricity in the water and prove there isn't any out there. Electricity is not a chemical that one pours in the water. It is present as a differential force called a field that will form over a volume of water between two or more objects. The fields differ in location, direction, distance, and time. To attempt to prove that there is no electric field would require measurements over almost an infinite number of distances and orientations and for a duration of all of time. One might stumble on a problem, but no one can do the infinite number of samples required to prove a negative. Worse? The conditions will vary with each vessel that's present and can vary with every device that turns on or off. It depends upon where the faults exist.

Fault currents can be measured on shore power cords, if a person with knowledge is equipped with sensitive and appropriate equipment. The process is not quite so simple as "Go" "No go" testing. It all needs considerable interpretation but can then yield results that

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can guide people to proper corrections. The Docks Committee will again make these tests throughout the mainstation marina in the next few weeks. It is not a fool proof test of all potential problems out there, but it can find most serious dangers. The last time the marina was surveyed we came through with good findings regarding member vessels. Comcast cable connections presented some interesting challenges that proved NOT to present hazards.

Obey the no swimming signs. That is very unsafe activity in any fresh water marina. Even onboard electrical systems can be a hazard without shore power turned on. Keep your electrical systems and devices in good order. NFPA (National Fire Prevention Association) requires it. Your shore power cords are governed by those rules as well. There's more that could be said. Electrical

issues are enormously involved if one really attempts to understand them.

Committee Meetings: 6:00 PM fourth Tuesday of the month.  
Work Parties: 8:30 AM the second Friday of the month.

—Arthur Mauldin,  
Docks Committee Chair

## FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

### U.S. COAST GUARD BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR POSTPONED & BEING RESCHEDULED

As you may have heard, we had over 40 members ready to go for the tour on February 2nd but were informed by the Coast Guard that a training exercise would require the tour to be postponed. As we go to press, a new date is being worked out. Please note that due to limitations on the number of

attendees set by the Coast Guard, only those members currently signed up will be able to attend on the new date. We'll provide a full report on the tour in a future issue.

### GREAT RESPONSE TO SUMMER CRUISE SURVEY

Your Fleet Captain is pleased to report that seventy-five (75!) members have completed the electronic Summer Cruise survey so far! Your responses and feedback will be an invaluable part of planning a great summer cruise, and we thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. We're reviewing the results and will publish a summary ASAP. Now begins the big job of planning the cruise dates, locations, activities, etc. This is a huge undertaking, so any and all offers of assistance would be met with open arms and big smiles! We're not kidding! One item of special note:

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Colleen and I were very pleased to see a high level of interest from members in the South Sound, since we'd like to plan a Fleet Captain trip there later this year. Jarrell Cove anyone?

### ST PATRICK'S DAY WEEKEND CRUISE TO WINSLOW & CHILI COOK-OFF – MARCH 15-17

We're going to put your crock-pot skills to work the week-end of March 15-17th for the St. Patrick's Day Cruise to the Winslow Outstation. We'll have a corned beef based meal on Friday night. Colleen is still determining the exact menu. Then get ready for The Ultimate Chili Cook-Off Contest on Saturday night. There will be judging and prizes so everyone can "strut their stuff" and compete for bragging rights! Let's make this a BIG event with a BIG turnout. Arrive by boat or by (gasp!) car. We'll need helpers to put this event on, including judges, setup and cleanup crews, ticket takers and possibly bouncers and security personnel if a few of the cooks get unruly after

the judging. Your RSVP is greatly appreciated for planning and purchasing purposes. Please see the flyer linked from the QCYC website, either from the club calendar or the event list on the home page.

Daffodil Cruise to Tacoma Yacht Club April 19, 20, 21 and Fleet Captain Prequel Mini-Cruise Cruise to South Sound April 16-18 – Let's show our Queen City pride and arrive with a big turnout! We'll also be organizing a South Sound mini-cruise prior to this event. We're thinking of possibly staging at Winslow, and then heading to Blake Island, then Gig Harbor before jumping over to Tacoma Yacht Club. Details TBD, but mark your calendar. One option to consider: Come to the outstation for the Spring Spruce Up work party the prior weekend, April 13 & 14, and leave your boat at Winslow (permission granted by the Outstation Chairman) to be in position for the following week. Please let me know by RSVP if you plan to attend Daffodil, the mini-cruise or both. You can get all of the details regarding the

Daffodil event, including a registration form for your boat, on the Tacoma Yacht Club website at <http://tacomayachtclub.org/site/event-1044.html>

### VERY FORTUNATE BOATERS

Your Fleet Captain was pleased to observe that the good ship *Salty*, our little slice of boating heaven, was out on the water 3 weekends in January. If I hadn't caught the flu at the boat show, it probably would've been four! We cruised to Winslow New Year's weekend, we led the fleet to Poulsbo for the Ice Breaker Cruise the following weekend and then I participated in my first predicted log race (First of the Season) with a boating buddy and we won the Novice category out of four other novice boats! We're so fortunate to be able to use our boats year round here on the Salish Sea. We hope to see you and your boat in the locks!

—Barry Rutten, Fleet Captain

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Attention all QCYC members: The Nominating Committee is searching for three open positions (Rear Commodore and two Board members) for our club for the year 2013 - 2014. If you or a member you know desires one of these positions and would be an asset to the club for Rear Commodore or Board member please contact me no later than March 10th 2013. If you are recommending someone please consult with him or her to see if they are willing to accept the position. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have about nomination and election process.

—Don Wilson, P/C Don Wilson  
Nominating Committee  
Chairman

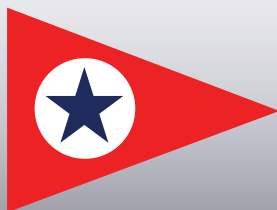


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## RECIPROCAL MOORAGE

We have added three new yacht clubs to our reciprocal list. All three are in the Lake Erie area:

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We can thank P/C Fred Bereswill again for the addition of these clubs. He visited each one at the end of last year and personally exchanged burgees with them. If you are in the Toledo/Lake Erie area, please stop in and visit these new clubs. They would love share some boating stories and learn more about the Pacific Northwest.

—Ed Allison,  
*Chairman Yachting Facilities*

## CENTENNIAL REFURBISHMENT COMMITTEE

**T**rivia question: in 1916 what navigational instruments were used to cross the straits? Can you envision a wall display of 1916 instruments - very handsome and reflective of our history? This is an example of the “refreshing” of the interior our committee is working on.

Creative direction does not have to be expensive and can come from several sources. This particular one is from Article II of

our By-laws Object which states, “...shall be to encourage yachting, to promote the science of seamanship and navigation, and to provide and maintain a suitable clubhouse...” Now creatively to me brings up visions of nautical design, displays of boating science (like an antique sextant), with clean classic elements and décor.

This short term committee has been asked to assess the clubhouse areas, inside and out, make recommendations, prioritize and provide cost estimates for non-structural refurbishments in connection with the upcoming carpet replacement next year. These recommendations will consist of a comprehensive master plan that will roll out in three phases over the next three years that will encompass all three floors plus exterior/grounds areas. We will be identifying costs and funding considerations prior to beginning the project in a planned, managed, proactive manner. Finally, our committee will present a finalized assessment, recommendations, priorities and cost analysis to the bridge, board and AAC for approval. Color boards, samples and sketch displays will be forthcoming for your preview. Timeline is June.

We started by reviewing approved AAC projects which club members have already brought forth, developed and vetted but were unable to complete due to budget constraints. One example is a third floor lighting project researched and developed with plan specifications for which costs had been determined. This is a very worthwhile improvement.

Replacing the club carpet is most significant and a safety priority due to the high trip hazard caused by seam deterioration. Over the past two years we have spent \$2,500 in seam repairs.

Carpet remains the most cost effective floor product. We'll need approximately 500 square yards, taking into account the seam placement that will withstand high traffic flow areas. We will show the cost differences between custom carpets vs. off the roll with custom details. All projects will require three bids from vendors.

A key component involves you! Our hope is to engage each member in this process. We are asking for your vision and input on what it should look like for our club surroundings to project its multi-million dollar view and property value in a way that is meaningful to us as a boating club. We are soliciting member feedback via a brief survey you can access on line now at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C8LMYHS>, or via hard copy at the club now through March 9. Both members can respond to the survey from the same computer. Also planned are focus group sessions for verbal input.

I am so excited! Hope you are too!

This will be a fantastic opportunity to fund-raise! To be creative! To work together to make QC the finest yacht club in the Pacific Northwest! Thank you!

—Laurean Myers,  
*Centennial Refurbishment  
Committee Chair*

## SR 520 COMMITTEE REPORT

**R**ecently the Seattle Design Commission submitted its recommendations for the design of the west side portion of SR 520 between the high rise and I-5. As you may have read, this design contained an option to move the Portage Bay Viaduct north over



approximately 12 feet of Dock 3 near the bend.

During the comment period we voiced disagreement with this plan and urged the WSDOT to follow through with the alignment contained in the final EIS, which keeps the viaduct within the State's right of way, which is 16 feet from Dock 3. A copy of our letter is attached.

In late January the Seattle City Council and the State negotiated Resolution 31427. The resolution acknowledged that the State was considering moving the viaduct north, since it would reduce the

construction time by two years.

Our concerns about not being able to use Dock 3 after construction were voiced at the council's hearing on the resolution. The committee was able, with the support of Councilman Conlin and the State, to amend Section 2.

B. 1 of the resolution to read as follows.

Section 2. B. Portage Bay Bridge

(1) In order to reduce the time required to construct the Portage Bay Bridge, the west end of the bridge should be shifted to the north from the position described

in the Preferred Alternative in the Final Environmental Impact Statement on the project, provided that the State of Washington works with the Queen City Yacht Club to ensure that any effects to the club during construction are appropriately addressed and that operation of the club (including Dock 3) can continue after the bridge is constructed.

The date actual construction starts remains uncertain due to lack of funding.

—Gary Stone,  
SR 520 Committee Chair

## CONNECTIONS CORNER

Dear QCYC Friends,

A NEW CONNECTIONS CORNER has been created to help you know the club needs and where you can share your energy and talents. Choices for your participation will be posted every

quarter in *The Bilge Pump* as well as Connections signup sheets on the QCYC Office board 2nd floor. Give the event chair a call for the many ways to take part.

### CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### DATE, EVENT, CHAIR, CONTACT #

- Mar 2, QCYC Open House, Chris & Sandy Benson, 206-818-7059
- March 9, Pasta Bar, Jess & Linda Hill, 206-948-1237
- Mar 15-17, St. Patrick's Day Winslow, Barry & Colleen Rutten, 425-949-8670
- Mar 30, Children's Easter Party, Sherry Weiss, 206-818-9953
- Apr 13, Winslow Work Party, Eric & Barb Wood, 206-920-0819
- Apr 20, Daffodil Parade, Tacoma Barry & Colleen Rutten, 425-949-8670
- Apr 27, Pride of Queen City, Jerry Zuvich, 206-919-9266
- May 1-4, Opening Day of Boating Season, Dave & Margaret Krows, 206-999-8805
- May 24-26, Memorial Day Winslow, Jesse Hill/Jim Damery, 206-948-1237

### Attention all members.....Club Refurbishment for Centennial 2016.....Needs your help !

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# Queen City Yacht Club

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October 5, 2012

Suanne Pelley  
SR 520 Communications  
999 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Ms. Pelley,

Queen City Yacht Club is founded on the principle that it is a club for boaters of modest means. Our club has been in existence for nearly 100 years and has been in its present location on Portage Bay for 74 years. Our more than 200 moorage slips provide the lifeblood of our existence and loss of even a fraction of our total moorage capacity could prove fatal to our existence.

Over the years we have demonstrated our good stewardship of Portage Bay and its surroundings and are fully committed to our abiding positive relationships with our community.

It is for these reasons that we have insisted that the new 520 bridge should remain within its existing right of way.

The concept drawings WSDOT has shared with our club show that the proposed alignment of the replacement bridge could move north of the present alignment and the alignment shown in the FEIS. These concepts are of course early in the design process and lacking in detail, particularly as affects our principle concern of addressing and solving the potential negative impacts on our club.

The concept drawings show three possible bridge profiles; the "Baseline" or Box-Girder Bridge, "Extradosed" Cable-Stay variant, and "Cable-Stay". It goes without saying that we can only comment on the bridge concept profiles at this time.

Should, despite our objections, WSDOT receive approval of one of these designs we believe in profile, and from an esthetic point of view only, the single column Cable-Stay Bridge concept to be the more preferred option for the following reasons:

- The concept creates a long span between foundations and piers, which eliminates several of the in-water structures
- The concept reduces the impacts of in-water construction, the loss of light and air on the aquatic life of Portage Bay and our moorage structures which will be remain in their

- present location below the new bridge after construction
- The construction can be accomplished with a substantial time savings estimated at 2 years, reducing temporary impacts on our moorage capacity and loss of attendant income
  - The shorter construction duration will produce a significant cost savings to the taxpayers

The proposed addition of a bicycle pathway on the north side of the bridge is not acceptable only because it necessitates moving the alignment further northward than would be the case if the pathway were located elsewhere. This is an issue that can of course be addressed as design moves forward.

In order for us to become comfortable with the ultimate design concept, we will need to understand what WSDOT and FHWA are willing to commit to in addressing our concerns. We need a firm commitment that after construction we will be able to maintain our moorage in its present configuration or one which meets our objectives and is reasonably acceptable to us. Our interests include maintaining the ability to maneuver boats into and out of moorage as well. Sound attenuation, roadway runoff and dust, changes in water depth and debris falling from the bridge would likewise need to be addressed.

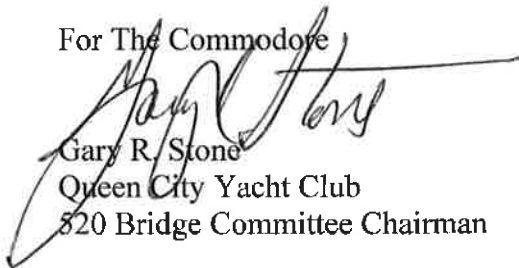
We are willing to consider other ways to address the impacts of these new concepts. It has been encouraging to observe WSDOT's demonstration of its understanding of the need to address these issues in a positive and collaborative manner.

We look forward to meeting with WSDOT to further refine our understand of this project, its impacts on our club and the means by which those impacts will be addressed.

Sincerely,

Bob Stettner  
Commodore Queen City Yacht Club

For The Commodore



Gary R. Stone  
Queen City Yacht Club  
820 Bridge Committee Chairman

CC: Hon. Mayor Mike Mc Ginn  
Seattle City Council  
Seattle Design Commission  
Valerie Kinast, Coordinator  
Tom Lurino



# Tarettes' Corner

**M**arch... ..is known to come in like a lion and go out like a lamb. That would be nice: calmer weather days to come. But then, March is fickle! In the meantime, the Tarettes are hosting a few sure things.

We are hosting a very special Tarettes' Victorian Tea Party on the afternoon of Saturday, March 23, from 1 PM to 3 PM on the third floor of the clubhouse. Lois Odland and Ann Wilbour are carefully creating a "turn-of-the-century" experience for the ladies, with heirloom china and silver services, flamboyant hats of the day, with a program of Victorian Tea traditions, as we enjoy an array of delicate sugary specialties. How refined — and how fun!

This lovely tea event will also coincide with the Tarettes' 70th Birthday. The Tarettes' organization was established formally in 1943 as an auxiliary of the QCYC membership, as it remains today. We will celebrate with a birthday cake as well as showing a short video of our oldest living Tarette, Margaret Baxter, made during an interview with her last spring. Her birthday was February 6 and her age is now a very young 101. Forgive us, Marge, for revealing your age, but in watching the interview, most people will never believe it!

Ladies, if you would to join us for this sweet celebration, you are certainly welcome at no cost. Please know that this invitation extends to all of our clubs' ladies: Tarettes or

QCYC members, or with respective female family members or friends. But you must RSVP as soon as possible to either Lois Odland at 206-335-6630, or Ann Wilbour at 425-241-2574. Your attendance will make this a very special gathering to remember.

Our March open board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 27, at 5:30, in the third floor apartment. Our next year's slate of officer candidates will be announced! Any club member is always welcome.

My Best,

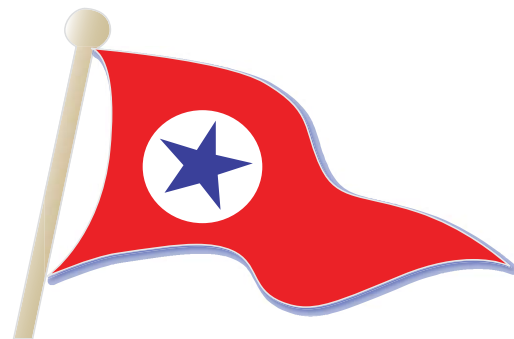
*Sistee Lentgis,  
Tarette President  
kathleenl@comcast.net*

## SWEETHEARTS UNITED

**F**orty-eight sweethearts came together February 9 for a glitzy, yummy, and dance-ful Sweethearts' Ball. We, as the hosts, had fun and we believe the other sweethearts did, too.

One of the reasons we had fun was the wonderful support we received. Many hands made light work, and we truly appreciated Deborah in the office for handling the reservations, ordering the linens, and making the beautiful place cards; Jan Gould, Colleen Rutten, and Carol Soffel for decorating; Willie and his daughter and Peg for a wonderful dinner, graciously served; the Tarettes for the use of their tablecloths; Tracy McPhee for bartending, and YOU, who attended, for being a wonderful group.

—Larry and Dorothy Dubia



### ATTENTION MOORAGE MEMBERS!

*When your boat insurance renews it is your responsibility to provide the club with an updated Certificate of Insurance to remain in compliance with moorage rules.*

## LOOKING AHEAD...

- ★ March 2  
*Rainier Commodore's Ball, MBYC  
Boomerang Race - IPBA*
- ★ March 5, 12, 19, 26  
*SSPS Public Boating Safety Class*
- ★ March 8-10  
*Novice - Old Timer Race*
- ★ March 9  
*Saturday Social - "Pasta Night"*
- ★ March 13  
*Dinner & General Membership Meeting*
- ★ March 15-17  
*St. Patrick's Day Fleet Captain's Cruise*
- ★ March 23  
*Tarette Celebration Tea*
- ★ March 27  
*Tarette Board Meeting, Dinner &  
General Membership Meeting*
- ★ March 30  
*QCYC Children's Easty Party*
- ★ March 30  
*Easter Brunch*

## QCYC CLUB HOURS

Main Gate: Open 0600 – 1900  
 Docks: 24 hour lockdown and  
 card access  
 Clubhouse: Doors open 0800 – 1800  
 Member Access 0500  
 – 2400

## GATE SECURITY:

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# Queen City Yacht Club



**Saturday Night Social  
Pasta Night  
March 9, 2013**

## **CREATE YOUR OWN PASTA DISH**

- How?**
- Select your pasta
  - Point to your ingredients
  - Watch the Chef
  - Enjoy your pasta



- What else?**
- Salad
  - Roll
  - Dessert

**Cost: \$10.00 per person**  
(pay at the door)

**When?**

<b>Bar opens:</b>	<b>1730 Hrs</b>
<b>Dinner served:</b>	<b>1900 Hrs</b>

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**Questions? Call Jess Hill (206) 948-1237**



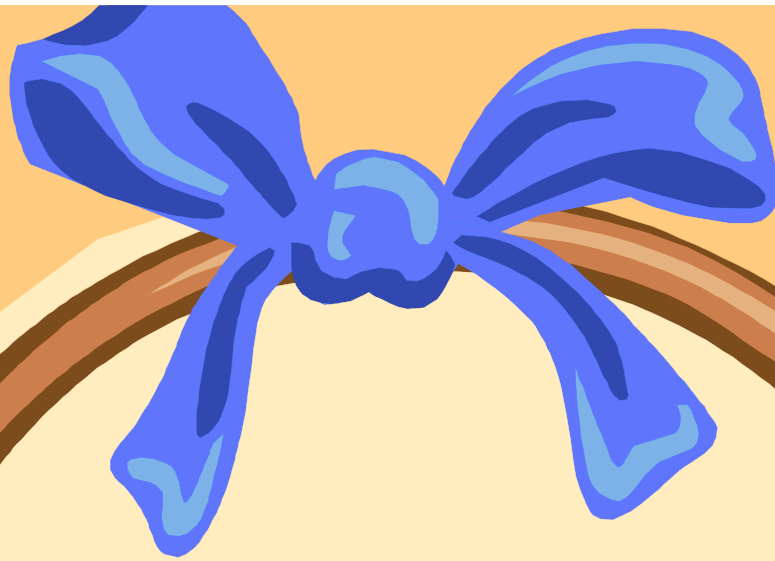


You are invited to come and enjoy a lovely Victorian Tea. We will learn about Victorian Tea traditions and Tea entertainment.

We will honor our Past Presidents and celebrate the Tarettes' 70th birthday. There will also be a short presentation about Marge Baxter one of our first founding Tarettes.

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- **RSVP by March 15 to:** •
- **Lois Odland 206 335-6630 or** •
- **Ann Wilbour 425-241-2574** •
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***QCYC CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY***

***Saturday, March 30, 2013***

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# St. Patrick's Day Cruise

A QCYC Fleet Captain Event at the Winslow O'Station

**Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**



## Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

### **The Fleet Arrives:**

- We're hoping for fair skies, calm seas, and an easy crossing. Please join us by land or by sea!

### **Irish Comfort-food Dinner\*:**

- A light corned beef and cabbage dinner, drinks and dessert.
- Bring an appetizer or finger-foods to share before dinner!



## Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Not-Quite-Traditional Irish Breakfast\*** ("traditional version" didn't sound too good):

- French toast, sausage, scrambled eggs, and fruit.
- Served with coffee and orange juice.

### **Ultimate Chili Cook-Off – Competition and Dinner!!!\***

- Prepare your home-made signature chili; trash-talk the other participants (it's OK, it's the Irish way); then, put your "Pot o' Gold" masterpiece out there to crush the competition as you vie for one of the following titles:
  - Best traditional chili
  - Most unique chili
  - Judge's overall favorite

We'll provide the following accompaniments (if you need something more, please bring it):

- Corn Bread, Sour Cream, Chopped Onions, Shredded Cheese (Dubliner Cheddar, of course).

### **Irish Trivia Night:**

- Many Irish pubs have a weekly "Trivia Night" contest. We'll have our Trivia Night on Saturday while you're enjoying your dessert with Irish coffee. Trivia Night details at the event.....



## Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

### **St. Patty's Day Continental Breakfast:**

- Danish, Muffins, yogurt, fruit, coffee, juice, etc. to fuel you before you head home.

### **The Fleet Departs!**

## **RSVP Requested and Appreciated\*\***

Email or Call Fleet Captain Barry Rutten (or Colleen)  
BarryRutten@comcast.net (or [Colleen.Rutten@Callison.com](mailto:Colleen.Rutten@Callison.com))  
425-949-2815 (or 206-793-8867)

\* **Meal Prices TBD:** Flyer will be updated ASAP.

\*\* **Volunteers Needed:** Kitchen assistants to help prepare and serve meals (Friday and Saturday).  
Chili contest judges (Saturday).  
Clean up crew (Sunday).





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***Drop photos of at the office or send to [cscottgrimm@msn.com](mailto:cscottgrimm@msn.com).***

***- P/C Scott Grimm, Historian***

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# MARCH 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Friday Lunch: 1130	<b>2</b> Rainier Commodore's Ball Saturday Bfast: 0700 Queen City Open House (2nd & 3rd Decks): 1000 MBYC Boomerang Race - IPBA
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Centennial Refurbishment Committee Mtg - Capt Conference Room: 1030	<b>5</b> SSPS Public Boating Safety Class: 1830 Planning & Financy Committee Meeting: 1900	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Novice - Old Timer Race Friday Lunch: 1130	<b>9</b> Novice - Old Timer Race: All Day Edmonds YC Commodore's Ball Saturday Bfast: 0700 Saturday Social - "Pasta Night": 1730
<b>10</b> Novice - Old Timer Race: All Day Burger Bash - 2nd Deck: 1600	<b>11</b> Centennial Refurbishment Committee Mtg - Capt Conference Room: 1030 Board Meeting: 1900	<b>12</b> SSPS Public Boating Safety Class: 1830 Wine Dinner (Andy Gerde): 1830	<b>13</b> Dinner: 1800 General Membership Meeting: 1930	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> St. Patrick's Day Fleet Captain's Cruise Friday Lunch: 1130	<b>16</b> St. Patrick's Day Fleet Capt's Cruise: All Day Olympia JO Ball Saturday Bfast: 0700 SSPS Public Boating Safety Class - 3rd Deck: 0900
<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day Fleet Captain's Cruise	<b>18</b> Centennial Refurbishment Committee Mtg - Capt Conference Room: 1030 AAC Meeting: 1730	<b>19</b> SSPS Public Boating Safety Class: 1830	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> WIC Luncheon at Meydenbauer Bay SSPS Dinner Meeting: 1800	<b>22</b> Friday Lunch: 1130	<b>23</b> Everett YC Commodore's Ball TYC "Jack Hyde" Saturday Bfast: 0700 Tarette Celebration Tea (Past Pres, Tarette Birthday): 1300
<b>31</b> Easter Brunch	<b>25</b> Centennial Refurbishment Committee Mtg - Capt Conference Room: 1030	<b>26</b> Docks Committee Mtg: 1800	<b>27</b> Tarette Brd Mtg - Officer Candidate Noms. Annced: 1730 Dinner: 1800 General Membership Mtg (Guest - SYC for Opening Day Announcements): 1930	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Friday Lunch: 1130	<b>30</b> Olympia YC P/C Cruise-In Saturday Breakfast: 0700 QCYC Children's Easter Party - Sherry Weiss: 1200

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