

THE BILGE PUMP

of the Queen City Yacht Club

OCTOBER 2014

COMMODORE'S REPORT

OCTOBER, 2014

I am humbled to have been selected as the 100th commodore of Queen City Yacht Club. Our club has been the shining star of the Salish Sea for almost 100 years and we can all fly our burgees proudly. Our 100th anniversary will be May 18, 2016, and there are many members making preparations behind the scenes planning our centennial celebration. Captain Sandy Werner is our Centennial Planning Committee Chair and already has loads of good ideas to showcase our club and involve the community and our members in a year-long centennial celebration coming soon.

I want to thank Past Commodore Bob Myers and Past First Lady Laurean for the guidance and friendship that allowed the last two years to fly by. Without their willingness to share their successes I would be facing a much more difficult time filling the responsibilities as your commodore.

I look forward with great anticipation to serve with Vice Commodore John and Shirley Rogers and Rear Commodore Dave and Michele Bedner. We have a very good bridge for the coming year.

I am also looking forward to the experience



Richard McGrew

and devotion of our Secretary Eric Wood and our Treasure Jan Gould. I thank both of them for serving again, another year, as they have in the past. Having this straight line of continuity means the club will continue to run as smoothly this coming year as it has in the past.

I can't overlook the dedication and the timeless efforts of all the other committees chairs and club volunteers that will shape our club as we go through our next year. Thank you to all that have said yes to

my requests to help the club.

Our new Fleet Captain Chuck Gould has come up with some great and innovative cruises for this coming year. First off is the Pumpkin Cruise to Langley, October 10-12. Langley has installed a new floating breakwater and an additional 400' of dock space recently so it should be a comfortable and roomy experience for all our members while we shop, participate in the Pumpkin Cookin' Contest and the Puzzle Mixer.

Regatta Power Chairman Bob Lindal has announced that the Flag Officer's navigation contest will be held on October 17-19. The more seasoned racers will hold a "skull session" to help all of us novices hone our navigation contest skills on

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- Oct. 10-12** Fleet Capt. Pumpkin Cruise to Langley
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- Oct. 23** Past Commodores Fall Luncheon
- Oct. 25** Tarette Excursion to Woodland Park Zoo

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Tuesday, October 14th. The race weekend will end with a burger bash on the second deck on Sunday night. Entering a navigation contest is fun and it will help you get to know your boat better. Even I am going to enter this year.

There are loads of activities going on around the club. The electrical upgrade project should be coming to a close soon thanks to John Alving and the construction of the Dock 1 extension should be starting in late October

In closing I want to thank my lovely wife Teri for putting up with my antics while staying by my side shaking her head. She has always been my rock and my voice of reason. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. We are a team. The "McGrew Crew" is here for you.

—Dick McGrew, Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

I would like to thank Past Commodore Bob and Laurean Myers for their hard work this past year. A number of major projects were completed or are well underway. It takes everyone's efforts but it also takes someone to get out in front and lead the way. We owe Bob and Laurean a big thank you for their efforts the past three years. We are looking forward to working with Dick and Teri McGrew and Dave and Michele Bedner as your bridge for the coming year.

As we transition into our new role of vice commodore I look forward to a new set of adventures. The major responsibilities include responsibilities for the house, docks, moorage and outstations. I am pleased to say that all the able chairmen of these committees appear to be willing to continue in their roles. I hope that I am able to assist with their assignments and not get in the way. Major improvements continue with the house carpeting project and the dock electrical. Hopefully these will come to completion shortly.

As I mentioned in last month's article, time just seems to fly by. This past month saw us dressed up as red necks at the Rainier Yacht Club and as Woodstock hippies at the Tacoma Yacht Club. Both were great events. In October we have two more junior officers' balls to attend. We know the themes but have not decided on the costumes yet. Oh, the life of a junior officer. And we are looking forward to our club's Commodore's Ball in honor of Dick and Teri McGrew. I am glad we don't have much of a social life.

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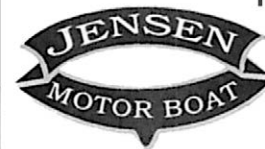
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On a personal note, we have just completed having both bow and stern thrusters installed on our boat. I am getting too old to pull on lines or fight the wind. We will have just completed our trip to Tacoma Yacht Club by the time you read this so I will be able to tell you how great these new toys are. Safe boating, everyone.

—John Rogers, Vice Commodore

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

This will be the first of many reports as I begin my journey through the chairs after being nominated and elected your next rear commodore. By the time you read this, I will have been formally installed in this position during the Change of Watch which occurred at the general membership meeting on Sept. 24. Many thanks to all who supported Michele and me in getting to this point and enabling us to continue our service to QCYC.

As we move into our new expanded roles, we will be cutting back on some of the activities that we have enjoyed so much, such as Michele being involved in the ship's store and as a Tarette officer, my serving as bar manager, and with all the fun times we had

being the decorated boat. While our overall participation within QCYC will increase, some of our past activities can now be fulfilled by new members seeking greater involvement in what is clearly one of the premier yacht clubs within the Puget Sound region.

One new aspect for us will be participation in the Grand 14, which has already started with the Bremerton Cruise-In, which was held Aug. 8-10. This is where all the rear commodores from the yacht clubs that constitute the Grand 14 meet for the first time to get acquainted and establish a

class name. Our class will forever be known as the "Krakens." In case you're wondering, a kraken is a legendary sea monster of giant proportions.

Each of the yacht clubs within the Grand 14 sponsors a JO (junior officers') ball, which are really three day events. Friday nights consist of a social, Saturday is the actual ball, and on Sunday there is a business meeting. We participated in the Rainer Yacht Club JO Ball on Sept. 12-14 and the Tacoma Yacht Club JO Ball Sept 26-28, so we are already well into the swing of things.



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For those of you that might not be aware of the responsibilities of the rear commodore within QCYC, the areas of prime responsibility are: grounds, membership, security and reception. I still have much to learn about these areas and will provide additional information in future reports. I know there are some near term updates that will be occurring to the grounds which will enhance our front entrance (lower level). Security is an ongoing issue with near term plans for upgraded exterior lighting.

Michele and I are thrilled to be going through the chairs and are looking forward to engaging with the bridge and board, but especially getting to know all of the members.

—Dave Bedner, Rear Commodore

OUTSTATION REPORT

As I write this article, we are in Ganges at our club's outstation dock. We have been cruising all summer, as many of you know. Every once in a while, when we had a strong enough Wi-Fi connection, we would look at the webcam at the Bainbridge Outstation and see how things looked. We could see lots of boats on the dock and we even saw a member mowing the lawn! I did receive a couple of emails and pictures of the gardens and flower pots from friends in the club.

It looks like many of you participated in helping keep plants watered and the lawn green. Thank you for your help.

Since we are at the Ganges Outstation dock at the Saltspring Marina, I thought I should write about it. Ganges is a wonderful town to visit in the Gulf Islands and is centrally located. There are lots of shops, a great grocery store and even an organic farm right across the street with wonderful produce. If you feel like eating out, there are many restaurants on shore, all within easy walking distance. If you don't feel like



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walking or want to see more of the island, a car rental agency is right at the head of the ramp! If you need to do laundry or take a shower (Eric promises not to lock you in), the marina has the nicest laundry and shower facility that I have seen in a long time.

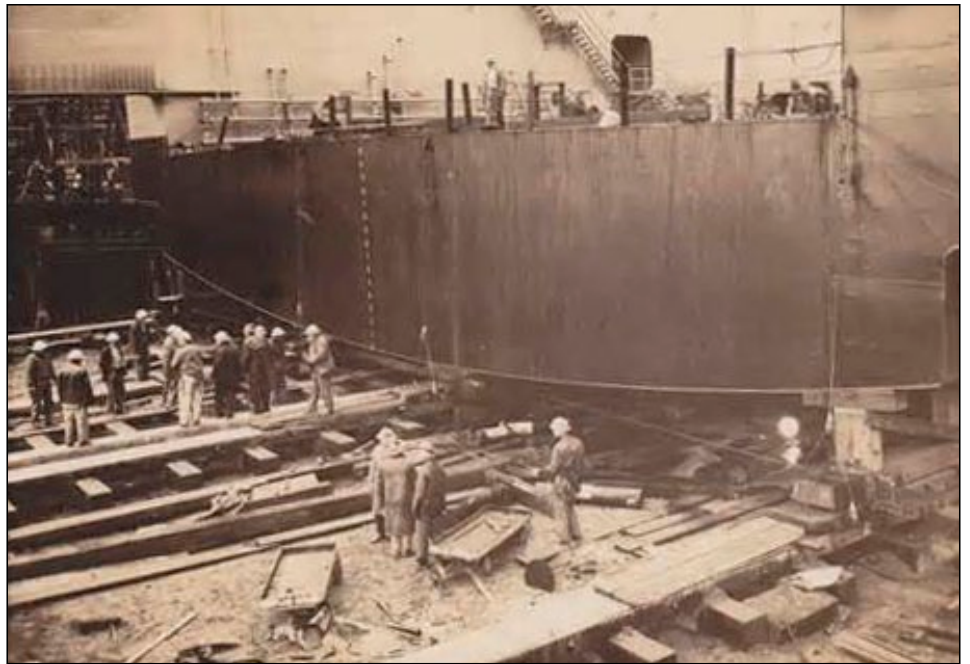
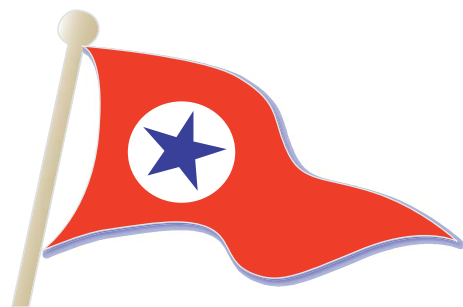
We had a wonderful summer cruise and ran into many QCYC members on the water. It looks like many of you enjoyed time on your boat and took advantage of the warm summer weather.

Winter moorage started September 15th and ends May 15th at the outstation on Bainbridge. That means, members visiting the Outstation, need to tie to the outside of the U shaped dock. The inside of the U is for the winter moorage boats only.

Happy boating,
— Barb

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

The Special Holiday Cruise will be held this year on Sunday, December 7. After you have finished celebrating Pearl Harbor Day, please join us in giving developmentally challenged folks a treat they will remember all year. For you hardy members, it would make sense to participate in the Cruise and then participate in the Chet Gibson Lighted Boat Parade on the following weekend. If you wish, you can decorate your boat before the Cruise and enter it in both events.



DOCK DOIN'S

A hearty "Thank You" to the happy crew that turned out September 13 for Docks Fun Day. We had 12 or 13 people on hand, and accomplished a lot.

Next Docks Committee meeting will be Tuesday, October 7, 6:30, 2nd deck, free pizza.

Next Docks Fun Day, Saturday, October 11, 8:30, breakfast and lunch provided.

ALL MEMEBERS: 'Tis the season to make extra sure your water hose is disconnected from the hose bib. Leaving the hose connected increases the risk of freezing the waterline. Also, we have had to remind a few members about solid backed rubber "Welcome" mats and potted plants on the docks. Please refrain from either, both potted plants and rubber backed mats/ carpets accelerate rot.

—Chuck Gould, Docks Committee Chair

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

There is a "treasurer promotion" in place. If you sign up for email delivery of your Queen City bills, you will receive one drink ticket. Please either see me at a meeting or event or email me at treasurer@queencity.org if you are interested.

Enclosed in your October invoices will be the listing of your personal information that will be in the annual for this year. Please

review and either call Deborah with changes, email her at office@queencity.org or include with your payment if you are paying by October 20th. There is a very short turnaround with this information if we are going to get the annual to you in a timely manner.

—Jan Gould, Treasurer.



Tarettes' Corner

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WE KICK OFF "WOMEN AT THE HELM"

The Tarettes kicked off the 2014/2015 season September 9th with a salad buffet dinner followed by our first general meeting. I want to specially thank Diane Prestebak for stepping in unexpectedly to take charge of the galley food duties. Many helping hands made the dinner a success. I appreciate the whole crew: Kathy Montgomery, Suellen Purvis, Marge Hillmann, Vivian Johnson, Stephanie Weiss, Becky Garvie, Pete Collins, Chuck Cooper, Gordon Foote, John Rogers, and my best friend, Dave Krows. I am sure there were others whom I did not observe. Thank you, everyone.

The vice president's report details part of the vision we have to implement a theme, "Women at the Helm." Be sure to check this publication as well as the club calendar and other notices for the schedule of activities and classes. Becky Garvie has worked very hard to put together a truly ambitious program that has broad appeal. Debbie Foote painted a canvas, based on a small graphic she found, as a gift to the Tarettes for inspiration to make the theme a reality. Thank you, Debbie.

WE ARE CHANGING

We are changing our meeting days in order to have more flexibility. For several years the Tarettes met on one of the QCYC meeting nights to facilitate riding with spouses, etc. This worked fine for a while, but it is time to return to having our own day and not be limited by the time constraints built into the previous situation. With the exception of December (no meeting) and February, when we host a Women's Interclub luncheon, we will meet on the third Wednesday of the month. We will try to have a couple of daytime meetings during the winter months. Generally, there will be light refreshments before each meeting to encourage a social time and also accommodate women whose schedules make it difficult for them to have a meal before coming to the club. For October 18th I am asking ladies to bring some sort of topping for a salad. I'm looking forward to it.

JOIN US!

Anyone who wants to join the Tarettes in time to be listed in this year's roster needs to complete an application before the last week of October. This is probably the last year we will be offering new Tarettes the first year membership without dues. Deborah has applications in the office or you can

contact membership chair, Karin McLean at k.mclean3108@comcast.net. We want to have everyone onboard!

Please be sure to make yourself known to me if I haven't had a chance to get to know you. I am thrilled with all the new faces at Queen City and I want to personally welcome you and have a visit.

Even though the sunny days are waning, there are cruising opportunities coming up to enjoy. It is going to be a great year.

Happy autumn!

—Margaret Krows, President

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A YEAR OF FUN ACTIVITIES: JOIN US!

This year will be a year of fun activities, including boating events, Women's Interclub (WIC) luncheons, and education. They might include learning how to pick out good cheap wine with "Kevin the Wine Guy," exploring Seattle, visiting the zoo, and/or touring the Arboretum and SAM, among others. All QCYC women are invited to participate.

The first WIC luncheon of the season is October 1, sponsored by Shipmates of Tacoma Yacht Club. The theme is "Whiskey Cove," featuring "Rum Running in the San Juan Islands" with Denise Frisino. The next luncheon is November 13 at Everett Yacht Club. Please contact me if you are interested in attending.

In addition, since we are a boating community, we are combining boating adventures and education in our schedule. We are calling this adventure "Women at the Helm," and the goal is to provide women with an overview of basic boat operation. We'll be learning more about galley stocking, children and grandchildren aboard, using the VHF, weather, electronics, boat maintenance, etc. On-the-water experiences are also possible.

JOIN US FOR A PLANNING MEETING

Please join us on Saturday, October 18, at 10 AM, for a no-host breakfast with Willie at QCYC to present and plan the upcoming year's program. A survey will be circulating by email to get your interest and ideas. This should be a fun, exciting year, so please come and join us. Tarette membership is not required—just your sense of adventure, knowledge, expertise, and love of boating!

Too excited to wait for the survey and you want to get involved now? I would love your input; your ideas and help in planning "Women at the Helm." Call me at 206 979-1870 or email me at Canstyle@aol.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

—Becky Garvie, Vice-President

SUNSHINE REPORT

Cards of encouragement were sent to Bob and Laurean Meyers, Sharon Stocklin and Lois Stettner. Hopefully they were all buoyed by these expressions of love and concern. I remember my parents talking about life getting harder as they aged. They

sure weren't kidding! Eccles. 4:9-10 is a reminder that if a friend falls down, his/her friend can help them up. We need each other.

Life member Adele Werner, age 94, passed away August 22. Adele joined the Tarettes in 1969. A celebration of life service took place at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Bellevue in August. The family requested any memorial gifts to be given to St. Luke's Church or Evergreen Hospice.

If you know of someone in the club who needs some Tarette sunshine, please contact me at chrismc38@comcast.net or 425-743-6463.

—Chris McCroskey, Sunshine Chairman

CELEBRATING NEW AND 25-YEAR MEMBERS

Congratulations to Stephanie Weiss and Audrey Wallick, our newest 25-year members.

And welcome to our newest members Mary Rose Diefendorfer (*Nostrovial* - power), Mary Weale (*Dulcinea* - sail), Wendy DeLaunay (*Jessica II* - sail), Cheryl Wilson (*Sequel* - power), and Valerie Ohlstrom (*Good Lives* - power).

Interested in taking us for a "test drive?" All Tarette events are open to ALL QUEEN CITY WOMEN, so you can see what we're about at one of our meetings or events. Contact Karin McLean, membership chairman, at 206-365-6840 or k.mclean3108@comcast.net for more membership information.

HIPPOS, PUMPKINS, AND YOU

Let's Do the Zoo!

QCYC family members are invited to join Larry and Dorothy Dubia, who are ambassadors at the Woodland Park Zoo, for a Tarette-sponsored guided zoo tour on October 25 from 10-noon.

In addition to seeing the hippos, gorillas, and other animals enjoy a pumpkin bash, you'll learn some interesting zoo facts and could save some money. That's because Larry and Dorothy can get up to 20 people into the zoo for half price (maximum two per party). So contact Dorothy early (LDDubia65@msn.com or 206-300-2933) to reserve your spots.

LOOKING AHEAD...

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Saturday, October 11: Muffins, Mimosas, and Bloody Marys for breakfast. Remainder of fleet arrives. Afternoon: Puzzle mixer, bucket of bottled beer (and boxed wine). Pumpkin cookin' contest and progressive potluck featuring the contest entries.

Sunday, October 12: Muffins, Mimosas and Bloody Marys for breakfast. Check out and return to home port.

Reservations with Captain Chuck Gould by October 3, please.

Email for reservations: gould0738@aol.com

Highlights

- ◆ Pumpkin cookin' contest. Saturday night potluck featuring all entries. Cookies, pies, soup...anything pumpkin goes *from scratch*.
- ◆ Puzzle mixer: Get to know your fellow members, one of them will have the pieces you need to finish your small and fairly simple jigsaw.

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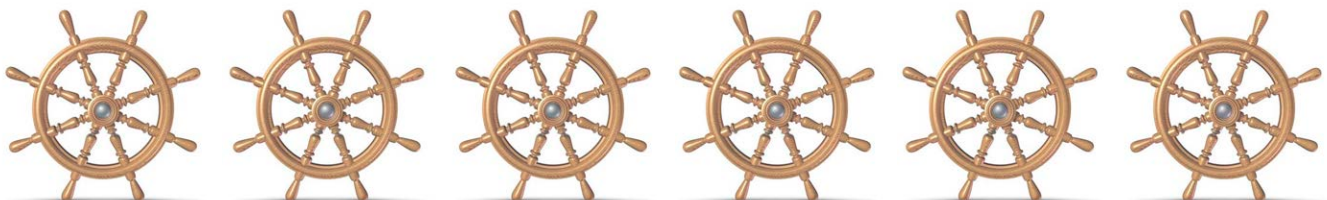
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			1 WIC Board Meeting & Luncheon	2	3 Friday Lunch: 1130	4 Queen City Commodore's Ball Sat Breakfast: 0700
5	6	7 Planning & Finance Meeting: 1900 Docks Committee Meeting: 1830	8 Dinner: 1800 General Membership Meeting: 1930	9	10 Fleet Capt Pumpkin Cruise to Langley Friday Lunch: 1130	11 Sat Breakfast: 0700 Fleet Capt Pumpkin Cruise to Langley: all day Docks Fun Day: 0830
12 Fleet Capt Pumpkin Cruise to Langley	13 Board Meeting: 1900	14 Skull Session - Flag Officer's Race: 1900	15 Tarette Board Meeting Tarette Monthly Meeting: 1730	16 SSPS Dinner Meeting (Pot Luck): 1800	17 Flag Officer's Race Friday Lunch: 1130	18 Flag Officer's Race Sat Breakfast: 0700 Tarette Planning Meeting: "Women at the Helm": 1000
19 Flag Officer's Race Burger Bash on Middle Deck: 1600	20	21	22 Dinner: 1800 General Membership Meeting: 1930	23 Past Commodores Fall Luncheon: 1100	24 Friday Lunch: 1130	25 Sat Breakfast: 0700 Tarette Excursion to Woodland Park Zoo - "Pumpkins Fed to Hippo's"
26	27	28	29	30	31 Friday Lunch: 1130	

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