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Save Friday, March 14 for American Red Cross blood drive on the Third Deck

By Don Bernard

QCYC Blood Drive Wrangler dpbernard@att.net

isasters around the country, including the many fires in California, have suspended blood drives in these areas resulting in significant shortages. The American Red Cross needs our help by signing up to donate blood at QCYC on the third deck Friday, March 14, noon-5 p.m. To donate blood and make

an appointment, visit <u>redcrossblood.org</u> and enter the sponsor code: <u>QueenCity</u> or call 1-800-733-2767. For those that donate blood on March 14, the American Red Cross will give each donor a \$10 Amazon Gift Card via email.

Thank You for helping save lives! Together, we can make a profound impact.

For questions, please contact QCYC member, Don Bernard at (714) 914-9828.









Save March 1 for the Mardi Gras Party & Cajun-style buffet at the Mainstation. Every ticket includes 5 premium beer samples, (or a book of drink tickets instead). Live Zydeco music for dancing! Costumes are optional, but useful if you want to win cool prizes in the Mardi Gras Costume Parade.

Bar opens at 5:30
Dinner at 6:30
Music & Beer Tastings around 7:00

\$40 Advance registration via club calendar required. 100 ticket sell out.

Crew Wants **YOU** to Join the Fun on March 1!

Dock Committee Volunteers Value Margaret's Cookies!



For the past several years, P/C Margaret Krows has delivered her homemade cookies to Dock Committee volunteer workers during monthly on dock maintenance days. Margaret brings each volunteer a sandwich bag of homemade cookies in appreciation of their efforts. Here she is giving a bag to Jay Giese.

Mainstation Grounds Crew Workday Saturday, March 1, 9 a.m. to noon



Grounds Chair Kaye Brunson on the job!

Calling All Gardeners!
Get Dirty for QCYC! Join
us on Saturday, March 1,
9 a.m. to noon for early
spring rose pruning and
spring grounds clean-up.
Bring garden gloves and
pruning shears. Gounds
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gloves, tools and training
as needed. For questions

& more information contact Gounds Chair, Kaye Brunson (425) 922-7159 or *kaye.brunson@yahoo.com*!

Commodore's REPORT

Opening Day Planning Underway Around 520 Construction

By Doug Genord Commodore

anuary seemed to pass quickly for Gail and me. We traveled, got the green off the boat for a weekend at Bainbridge Island with our Grand 14 counterparts, and kept an eye on the boat through the freezing temperatures.

As many of you know firsthand, there is construction going on all around the Mainstation. Boyer Avenue, out front is torn apart. One way traffic has been the norm for a couple weeks now. The 520-pile driving and barges are getting closer to our side of the bay. We have started working with Seattle

Yacht Club and Skanska, the 520 contractor,

to determine how we will manage all the vessels during Opening Day. Both clubs are challenged with getting visiting yacht clubs space to moor their boats. In our case, the movement of our work slips to the end of Dock 3 to open space for the construction of the 520 bridge north span, and the construction of a temporary work bridge, is introducing new challenges to make room for what typically has been about 50 boats from other clubs to moor.

I know it is early, but please let me know if you are planning to be out of your slip during Opening Day week. We are going to need your help in making room to welcome other clubs to Opening Day and to make the event a success for QCYC that it always has been.

For those of you unaware, several of our club mooring members on the end and outside of Dock 3 have been significantly inconvenienced with the efforts of the contractor to move our work slips to the end of the dock. Their boats have been moved offsite for over a month now with no end in sight until at least the end of March. The Bridge and 520 committee are quite constrained in our ability to influence the reconstruction work and the member cost reimbursement timeline.

For those desiring more information on the 520 Portage Bay project, information can be found at sr520construction.com/portage-bay-project.

The road construction and bridge



DOUG GENORD COMMODORE

construction traffic near the club is expected to last for some time. Give yourself extra time to get to and from the club.

No Matter the Volunteer Ask, the Evans' Rise to the Task!



By Denise Lindholme Spotlight Columnist

eggie and Mike Evans, wandering the boat show, looking to learn more

about boating, spotted Queen City

Yacht Club's booth. The club was offering a reduced initiation fee, so they took the bait and were inducted with about 20 other new members in 2013.

More than a decade later, Peggie said they've met so many people. Plus, they're learning more about boating through QCYC members and the club's forum on the website. Peggie describes the club as having members who are very involved but also adds that maybe only a quarter show up for a meeting.

She is very involved, putting in many more hours than members may realize or see. For instance, you can thank Peggie for the hours she puts in every week, logging members' insurance documents. After logging into the new documents that came in that week, Peggie updates it on website.

Peggie started her volunteering gig, hanging around the ship's store, helping



February Spotlight Volunteers Mike & Peggie Evans #298

Vivian Johnson computerize processes for the store. She then recruited Nikki Rampe to co-chair the store with her.

When asked, Peggie took over Sunday breakfast for Opening Day weekend. She kept that volunteer job for quite a few years, before she and Mike then chaired Opening Day in 2023. Peggie and Mike both help with decorating the club for all kinds of functions and the holidays. "Mike will get in there and lift things," Peggie said.

When asked, she also jumped in as an interim membership chair and really believes that the outstation is for sure, a selling point in recruiting new members. They've chaired Labor Day weekend at Bainbridge Island, helped with the outstation volunteer party and served as outstation hosts throughout many summer seasons.

That's a task they enjoy, being the docent, like at a campground answering questions

for members. "You search out people on the dock, you haven't met and let them know you're there for them," Peggie explained.

And there are tasks, making sure members are logged in and asking them to scrub this, water that, mow the lawn or help fix something. In that last instance, she said Mike would get the necessary tools out. He also made sure there was always firewood ready for the firepit, a fan favorite there! "You're not the workhorse, that's not what you're there for, just to keep things running smoothly," Peggie said.

Then Mike chimed in, "You're the wrangler!" She said it is very important for members to regularly volunteer to help keep costs low. Plus, she said the club provides so many ways people can get involved and gain knowledge through volunteering and meeting other members.





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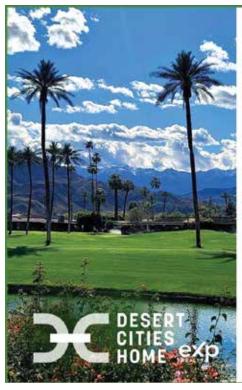
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Vice Commodore's REPORT

QCYC Development Forum Continues & 520 Construction impacts

By Doug Wadden Vice Commodore

n between the Dock Three 520 challenges, the Grand 14 meetings, the ongoing routine Club business and life in general, I'm asking a couple of dozen members to consider how we present ourselves to the public, to interested

audiences and to potential members.

It's time to evaluate our messaging, conceptually, visually and functionally. The group has now met twice and has talked about who we are, how we communicate and to whom we communicate. It's an important exercise and a fairly common undertaking for institutions of all types and sizes. New technologies sometimes create opportunities, new audiences may require new approaches, and new ideas may drive new

It is possible to refresh our brand and image without

messages and solutions.

loosing what has been established over a century of existence and effort. In short, it's time to reflect and invest some collective thinking as we ask ourselves some fundamental questions... How are we communicating on-line, in print, in person and across different audiences?

Its been a good couple of meetings, a

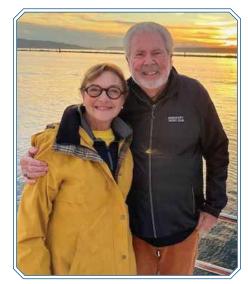


Chef Willie Serves Birthday Pancake to Jim Brooks

good couple of hours examining opinions and ambitions that could help us determine what works well, what could work better and what could be added or subtracted.

I'm grateful for the time and attention that has been contributed as we move to the next phase of analysis in small affinity groups that are focused on questions of branding, marketing, messaging and identity. How can we improve our web presence, inform external audiences and manage information across different interest groups in a way that is creative and effective.

If anyone has ideas about these issues and would like to add their opinions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone, email or at a Club meeting. In my first sentence in this month's article, I mention the Dock Three 520 project and as of this writing there are still many issues that have not been resolved. Clearly, this



DOUG WADDEN VICE COMMODORE & Margi out there somewhere

project, that has displaced over twenty members and their boats, has challenged our patience and taxed several individuals financially. While much delayed, it appears to be back on track. More to come.

As for the Grand 14, we just finished the annual Winter Cruise-in at our Eagle Harbor outstation and it included the roasting of each clubs commodore. It was all good fun. 🔔

Mainstation Mooring Members Should Confirm Emergency Dock Cards

By Docks Committee

ooring members should confirm plastic emergency card holders are properly Cards attached. were removed from the dock during the marina painting project. As of writing, there are 28 boats missing card holders and 54 boats without cards in the Mainstation marina. The docks committee is happy to reattach your

holder and card. Complete your emergency card information online using the template can be ordered online as well. 🔔



found at *queencity.org/marina*. A new holder

Send the filled out *Emergency Contact Template* to office@queencity.org.

Questions? Email docks@queencity.org.

The Docks Committee have a list of slips that are missing a card.

Save June 1 for Low & Slow BBQ Competition in the 'U'

By P/C Mark Reed & Gary Turner Low & Slow BBQ Competition Co-Chairs

The ever popular "Mostly Annual Queen City Low and Slow Barbecue Competition" returns in 2025 on June 1st around the 'U', and the planning is well underway! Pitmaster competitors are clamoring to sign up for one of the coveted pit spots. Members will want to save June

1st on their calendars for the event and tickets will go on sale online April 23rd. We are always looking for a few new "Live Fire" or "Low and Slow" Pitmasters who want to bring their BBQ skills to the party. All questions answered by contacting either Low & Slow Co-Chair P/C Mark Reed mark.reed@bythenumbers.com or Gary Turner g.m.turner@comcast.net.



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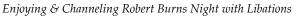
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Super Successful Robert Burns Night



Burns Night Co-Chairs for the 12th year! Chuck & Jan Gould

By Chuck Gould Robert Burns Night Chair

hearty crowd attended the QCYC traditional Robert Burns night now in its 12th year. Whisky tastings were superb thanks to Kyle Bixby who selected the Scotch samples. Well done! Bar manager, Sherry Weiss, and bartender, Dave Hancock, showed up early, stayed late, and never really stopped working all night to make sure everybody had a good time.

Jay and Tara Giese, just flat out insisted that the show must go on even *if* it initially looked like it was going to lose money. (It didn't, probably \$100 or so to the good in the end). In addition to being the "Chieftains" for our haggis parade, Tara (especially) seemed to be everywhere all night picking up empty glasses, and more.

Joe Adams, who showed up early and asked, "What can I do to help?" He helped a lot, especially with the set up portions of the night. Mark Vanderwall spent a lot of the night at the dishwasher. Invisible to most and the epitome of an unsung hero, things would have ground to halt if we didn't have a steady supply of clean whisky glasses. Thanks to Mark. Paul Grimm, and Greg Wharton- two very fine singers, who performed acapella for the assembled guests.

Last, and a hell of a long way from least, Jan Gould. Jan put up with 15 days of our day to stand in for the world champion piper (Tyrone Heade) we normally count on for this event. Jan kept track of the money [a career in banking, a certification as a CPA, and experience as club treasurer served her well]. For two days the Gould house smelled like a high-end bakery as she labored to make all the shortbread for dessert. Jan drove up to Mt. Vernon to bring back the flags and other decorations we used for the evening.

I probably missed at least somebody.

substitute so-so bagpiper practicing every If so, blame it on my aging memory and general dimwittedness. It was QCYC at its finest. People who weren't "assigned" to jobs just jumped in to do whatever they realized was needed.

Why was the event a success? 1) mostly because virtually, everybody seemed to be having an extremely good time. 2) It exemplified the camaraderie, the enthusiasm, and the spirit of volunteerism that make Queen City work. We are somewhat uniquely successful among a lot of social organizations. 🔔



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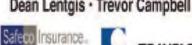
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Join the Fleets Mystery Weekend & Members Roll into the New Year!



Fleet Captains cruise to West Seattle Bowl attracted 50+ QCYC members

By Denise Lindholme Co-Fleet Captain

Register no later than February 15 for the fleet's second cruise to help solve the 'Murder in a Small-Town Murder Mystery" in Langley! Come help solve the Murder in a Small-Town Murder Mystery with your Fleet Captains, February 22. Refer to the flyer on this page for a link to learn all about Murder Mystery Weekend. The docks are reserved for us in Langley's South Whidbey Harbor. Visit visitlangley.com/mystery-weekend. Questions? Email fleetcaptain@queencity.org.

The fleet's first cruise to West Seattle Bowl attracted more than 50 members and guests who rolled the night away for bragging rights,



High Rollers show off winning gold, bronze & sliver medals

medals and a lot of laughs. Action started with a lively 'happy hour' where bowlers applied liquid courage before taking to the lanes. High roller winners were Josie Reunert, Silver medal; Sugar Garcia Hall, gold; and Anne Marie Reunert, bronze.



Lois Long Wins "Gutter Ball" Trophy designed by Fleet Co-Captain Chris Castrow

Murder Mystery Weekend

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February 22

Langley, Whidbey Island

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Come on your boat or the governor's boat.

Buy your tickets in advance, \$16 each, to avoid waiting in line to get your clue map in the town's annual newspaper, "The Langley Gazette."

Walk about town; shopping, eating, collecting clues and

questioning the suspects, to solve the case!

The docks are reserved for us at South Whidbey Harbor at Langley.

Murder Mystery: 9:00 am-4:30 pm

Questions? Ask here: FleetCaptain@QueenCity.org

Buy Tickets: https://visitlangley.com/mystery-weekend/mysteryweekend2025













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Rear Commodore's REPORT

Membership Chair Delly Behen Helps New Members Onboard

By Joyce Carlson Rear Commodore

his article is dedicated to Delly Behen, Queen City's Membership Chair. As we know, Queen City is fortunate to have Delly in this leadership position. Delly (and spouse Steven) joined Queen City in December 2017. Neither of them has been idle since they were initiated.

Delly has built a history of volunteering in club activities which includes serving as a Bartender and Fleet Captain which encompassed the Summer and Big Brother Cruises. Delly has served as an Event Chair covering the 4th of July Bainbridge cruise as well as a Night in Mardi Gras. She has supported Opening and Closing Days, Steven being an accomplice all the way along. Delly does not hesitate to pitch-in "here and there" either.

Now Delly has taken the helm as this year's Membership Chair. The tasks of Membership Chair are many and Delly dove right in. She is responsible for working with potential new members and sponsors, securing applications, interviewing applicants, follow-through



Delly Behen QCYC New Membership Chair

with appropriate documentation needed, interviewing applicants, working with office operations, reporting and keeping the officers and Board informed, inductions and follow-up with new members.

She gathered a small crew of volunteers to support and assist her so that new members become more acquainted with what the club offers, answering questions and making new members feel welcome and encouraging them to come and participate in club events.

No small task being the Membership Chair!

This year Friday night socials for new members are being held on or about every quarter. An all-around fun event, new members greet, meet, and socialize. Officers and committee chairs are available to provide background covering club activities and respond to questions. New(er) members are invited to attend



JOYCE CARLSON REAR COMMODORE & Kevin

successor member socials as they gain experience with club activities.

You cannot miss Delly's smiling face, sense of humor and energy. While Delly conducts business in a reliable, professional and friendly manner, she can easily laugh, and laugh she does. Working with Delly on my end is a breeze, always enjoyable, always fun.

We can all be thankful! Please take a moment to recognize Delly and thank her for her efforts.

Got Boating Friends? *Invite them to*

join QCYC.



Queen City Yacht Club members are our club's best source of new members. Invite your boating friends to join our affordable family-oriented boating community. For information about membership - queencity.org/membership and Membership Chair Delly Behen qeencity.org/membership and



Desert Dwellers Welcome QCYC Snowbirds February 13 at Casino Arizona

By Roger Courson #69 Life Member, Desert Dweller & Snowbird Wrangler

The monthly QCYC dwellers luncheon will February 13 in the Eagles Buffet at the Casino Arizona in Scottsdale. Please RSVP (email) me so I can notify the manager of our count for the month. All members are welcome to Join this great group of QCYC members while visiting Phoenix during the winter months. Please RSVP to <u>rogerdoops@gmail.</u> com and plan to be there at 11 a.m. so we can check in together. 🔔



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Are Tarettes Meeting Needs of QCYC Women? Bridge Wants to Know

By Kimberlee Campbell Tarettes Women's Club President

ome help us redefine and rebrand the Tarettes women's group! We have been asked by our bridge officers if we are meeting the needs of the women in the club and if we have taken this question seriously.

We are seeking input and creative ideas regarding ways we can better serve all members. We will discuss this at our next general meeting on Wednesday Feb. 12th at 5pm on the 3rd floor. You are welcome to email your thoughts to any current Tarettes officer as we have yet to be given access to our general list-serve to more efficiently survey the ideas of all club members.

The next Tarettes museum tour will be on Feb 6th at the National Nordic Museum. We will meet at the club @ 10am and carpool over. RSVP to Becky Garvie at *canstyle@* <u>aol.com</u>.



Zoom Book Club meeting, Feb. 10, 7pm. We will be discussing Lisa See's novel "Lady Tan's Circle of Women." Our next read is "The life Cycle of the Common Octopus" by Emma Knight, March 11, 7pm. Contact Kimberlee Campbell at kimcamp5000@gmail.com.

We are excited to host the Women's Interclub Council (WIC) luncheon on Feb. 20th, 11am. Our speaker is Captain/ Pilot Sandy Benidixon who was the first female captain to maneuver large ships in the NW. We will be raffling 8 gift baskets chock full of luxury

items (cash only) to which are always a hit! 🔔

▼ Tarettes Women's Group Field Trip to SAM with Hammering Man

Gamers Gather After Friday Lunch 7

Club Leaders Welcome Members' Comments at Friday Lunch →



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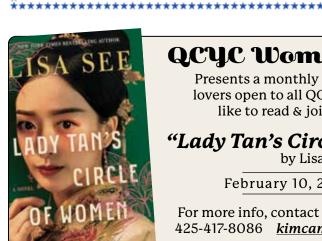
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QCYC member's guests welcome. All ticket sales will be final.

For more information contact Gary Turner at g.m.turner@comcast.net or Mark Reed at mark.reed@bythenumbers.com



QCYC Women's Group

Presents a monthly gathering of book lovers open to all QCYC members who like to read & join in via Zoom.

"Lady Tan's Circle of Women"

by Lisa See

February 10, 2025 - 7 PM

For more info, contact Kimberlee Campbell 425-417-8086 kimcamp5000@gmail.com





FREE Event! REGISTER ONLINE

Please join the Tarette's (all are welcome) on a Museum Tour at a local Museum followed by a lunch at a Local Knowledge Historic Restaurant. Each of these visits will be the first Thursday of the month and it's FREE!

Vessell Electrical Testing Prevents Leaking Current

By Miguel Suarez

Vessel Electrical Safety Committee Chair

eaking current on boats is a serious safety hazard that can lead to electric shock drowning (ESD). This occurs when an alternating current (AC) flows into the water and passes through the body of a person in the water. Here are frequently asked questions & answers:

Why Testing for It is Essential: When it comes to maintaining a boat, ensuring the electrical system is in top condition is crucial for both safety and the longevity of

the vessel. One often overlooked yet critical issue that boat owners should be aware of is leaking current or stray current. This phenomenon can lead to serious damage to the boat's electrical system, corrosion of metal parts, and even safety hazards.

Four reasons why testing for leaking current is important?

1. Prevention of Corrosion: By regularly testing leaking currents, you can identify potential sources of corrosion before they cause significant damage. Early detection allows you to take

corrective actions to prevent costly repairs to critical components like the hull, propeller, or rudder.

- 2. Ensuring Electrical System Safety: The boat's electrical system is vital for powering onboard systems such as navigation lights, bilge pumps, and communication devices. If the electrical system is compromised due to leaking current, it could lead to malfunctioning systems, and a fire risk. Testing helps ensure the electrical components remain in optimal working condition.
 - 3. Saving Money in the Long Run: While testing leaking current might seem like an additional expense or

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11am - 11pm

Planning & Finance Meeting

6pm - Zoom

time-consuming task, it can save you money in the long term. By addressing minor issues before they escalate into more severe problems, you can avoid expensive repairs and replacements. Regular testing also extends the lifespan of your boat, ensuring you get the most value from your investment.

4. Protecting the Marine Environment: Leaking current not only poses a threat to your boat but can also have detrimental effects on the marine environment. Additionally, these currents can pose serious risks to human safety, as contact with electricity in the water can lead to electric shock hazards, endangering swimmers, divers, and anyone near the boat.



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Grounding Day		6pm Zoom		Nordic Museum	New Member Social	8-10:30am
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23	24	25	26	27	28	MARDI ¹ GRAS
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Music Committee Rehearsal 5:30pm			Regular Member Meeting w/ Dinner 7:30pm		Friday Lunch 11am-1pm	Saturday Breakfast 8-10:30am Grounds Work Party 9am-Noon
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					New Member Social	Saturday Breakfast 8-10:30am