



DAFFODIL TACOMA YACHT CLUB HISTORY

1950's

YEAR	THEME	QUEEN	SCHOOL	PRESIDENT
1950	None	Nancy Davis	Sumner	E C Orton
1951	None	Elaine Chipps	Puyallup	Howard R Forbes
1952	Alfred in Wonderland	Eva Beattie	Sumner	Orville L Brown
1953	Washington Territorial Centennial	Joan Marie Dennis	Puyallup	Orville L Brown
1954	Vacation Land	Mary Carlile	Sumner	Orville L Brown
1955	Golden Future	Elvera Sommer	Puyallup	Otto C Reise
1956	Storytime in Daffodils	Margaret Strachan	Stadium	Robert G Gregory
1957	Memories in Daffodils	Janice Methven	Lincoln	Jerry Geeham
1958	Fairytales in Daffodils	Gretchen Brockhoff	Stadium	W C Pence
1959	Daffodils Salute Alaska	Carol Mills	Franklin Pierce	Wallace T Staatz



1950



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The Tacoma Yacht Club, located at Point Defiance, was included in the tourist sightseeing tour the "Kla-How-Ya" trail. Founded in 1889, the Club relocated to Point Defiance in 1914, near what is now the ferry dock. In an effort to find a mooring spot less vulnerable to winter storms, the Club relocated southeast under the high bank near the Tacoma Smelter. The former office building of Seaborn Shipyard was moved to the site by scow to serve as the clubhouse. In 1934, a road was built along the bulkhead under the ferry landing.

The Yacht Club originated the Daffodil Marine Parade and the decorated-boat Christmas parade. (T.P.L)



April 1, 1950

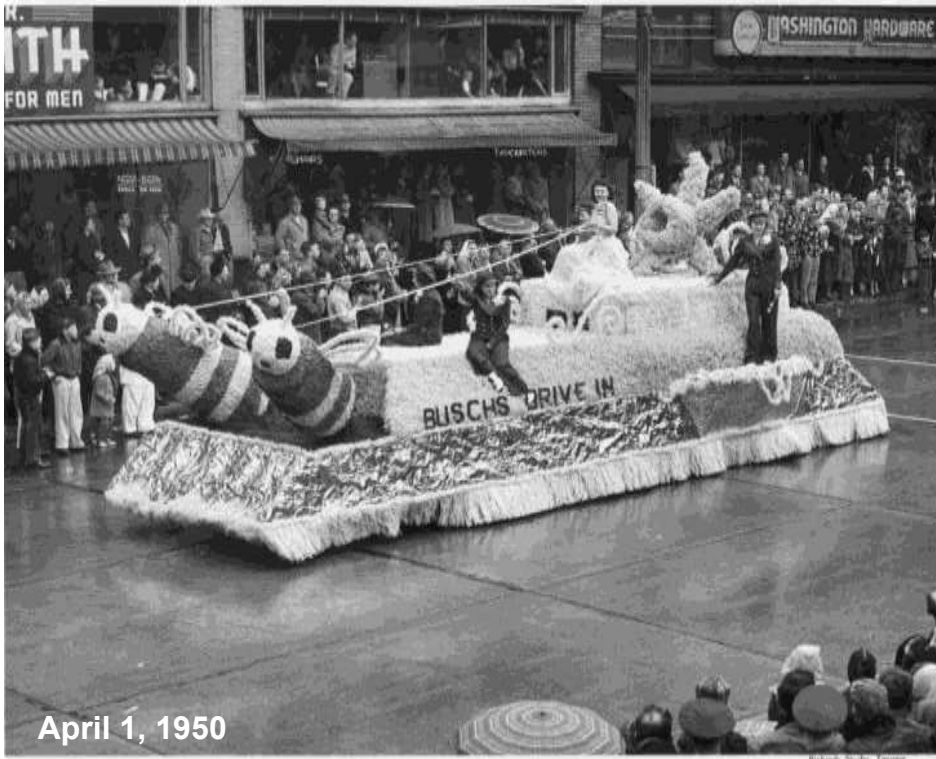
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Daffodil court members stand between the wings of floral doves in this tribute to the "American Way" produced by St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Company, winner of the first place commercial entry award. A huge floral daffodil dominates the center of the float, followed by a fountain at the rear of the float. The float had just turned the corner from 9th onto Pacific. The Daffodil parade has been held annually since 1934 except for World War II years and was suggested as a use for the blooms of the Puyallup Valleys' Daffodil bulb crop that were either thrown away or used as fertilizer before the parade's inception.

Three members of the Daffodil Royal Court ride on the float sponsored by St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Co., winner of the first place commercial entry. In previous years, the Festival had been reigned over by a high school aged Queen and two princesses. For the first time in 1950, a royal court of 16 attendants were selected. Twelve of these came from Tacoma, Puyallup, and Sumner, as did the Royalty, and the town of Orting was asked to select four court members. This was the first time that the agricultural area of Orting was officially recognized as part of the Festival core group.



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Daffodil court members smile and wave from this daffodil covered float pulled by two floral bees sponsored by Busch's Drive In, winner of the 2nd place award for commercial entries in the 1950 Daffodil Parade. Busch's Drive In was the "in" place for teens in the 1950's with 10¢ hamburgers, french fries, milk shakes, curb service, car hops and plenty of parking room to show off their cars. Busch's Drive In was owned by William M. (Bill) Busch and located at 3505 So. Tacoma Way. TPL-9545

Daffodil court members smile in the early morning gloom aboard the Tacoma Kiwanis float as they line up for the parade. The Kiwanis' floral tribute to spring topped by a beautiful butterfly took second place in service club entrants in the 1950 parade. The parade was a grueling all day affair for marchers and float riders, beginning with the line up in the morning and the two hour parade through Tacoma, after which parade performers reassembled at noon in Puyallup for the march to Sumner.



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The Olympia Centennial Queen Royal and her court, dressed in pioneer garb, appear in the 1950 Daffodil Parade to advertise their upcoming celebration May 17th. In the background spectators view the parade from the front of Union Station. The two hour parade was led by the U.S. Marine color guard, followed by the Governor's car, with the cars bearing the mayors and officials of the sponsoring cities of Tacoma, Puyallup, and Sumner immediately behind.

April 1, 1950

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This float by Tacoma City Lights carried Queen Nancy Jean Davis (at rear) of Sumner, Princess Audrey Rentsch (left) of Puyallup, and Princess Betty Hurlong (right) of Stadium High in Tacoma down Pacific Ave. during the 1950 Daffodil Parade. The float was decked with thousands of daffodils and tulips befitting the royal trio. The trio were very busy during the Festival and throughout the Spring attending functions and representing the Puyallup Valley area.



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Richards Studio D49059-40

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The Tacoma Outboard Association displayed some humor with this action loaded float in the 1950 Daffodil Parade. The motorboat named Wha' Hoppin' pulled three water skiers on a daffodil formed sea. Spectators stand 4-5 deep on the sidewalk and in all store front windows to watch the parade. More than 100,000 viewed the parade in Tacoma. T PL-5485



Schooner *White Cloud II* Wins Daffodil Sail Race

Rad Pratsch's 52-foot schooner *White Cloud II* led the fleet of 16 Tacoma Yacht club sailboats around a 10-mile course Sunday to be first both on elapsed time and corrected time.

The 25-30-knot breeze was made for the big boats and they showed what they can do when they have plenty of wind. C. N. Udall's 46-foot cutter *Adelphia* was second, and William Larsen's 39-foot sloop *Symra* was third.

The course for the Daffodil race is traditional, starting off Old Tacoma dock, then to Port piers and return, and finally to Browns Point and finish off Old Tacoma.

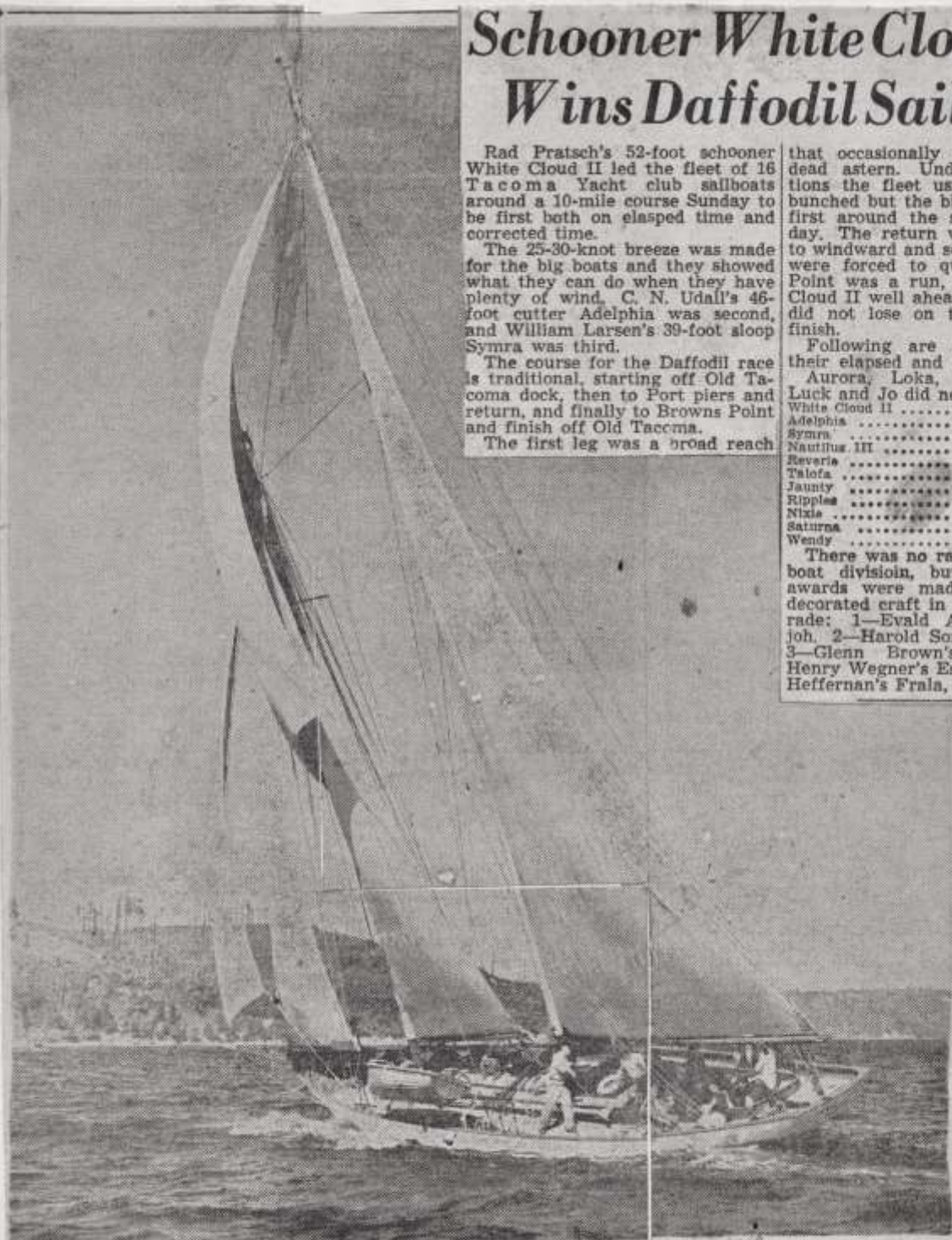
The first leg was a broad reach

that occasionally found the wind dead astern. Under these conditions the fleet usually stays well bunched but the bigger boats were first around the stake boat Sunday. The return was a hard beat to windward and some of the boats were forced to quit. To Browns Point was a run, with the *White Cloud II* well ahead, a position she did not lose on the beat to the finish.

Following are the boats with their elapsed and corrected times:

Aurora, Loka, Nautilly, Lady Luck and Jo did not finish.		
<i>White Cloud II</i>	1:35:55	1:16:05
<i>Adelphia</i>	1:52:58	1:30:28
<i>Symra</i>	1:45:53	1:31:43
<i>Nautilus III</i>	1:43:54	1:34:44
<i>Reverie</i>	1:49:11	1:36:41
<i>Talofa</i>	2:07:20	1:37:20
<i>Jaunty</i>	1:55:55	1:39:15
<i>Ripples</i>	1:48:07	1:41:27
<i>Nixie</i>	2:02:06	1:43:46
<i>Saturna</i>	2:12:12	1:47:12
<i>Wendy</i>	2:51:40	2:25:00

There was no race in the power boat division, but the following awards were made for the best decorated craft in the nautical parade: 1—Evald Anderson's *Marjoh*, 2—Harold Sorenson's *Gedoca*, 3—Glenn Brown's *Neola*, 4—Henry Wegner's *Escape* and Frank Heffernan's *Frala*, tie.



Sensational Sport—Shown above is Rad Pratsch's *White Cloud*, winner of this year's annual daffodil sailboat race, one of the attractions during the spring festival. Pratsch, a longtime sailing skipper, sailed around the 10-mile course in 1 hour 35 minutes 55 seconds. Tacoma's harbor is the scene of many such racing events held under the auspices of the Tacoma Yacht club.—Kenneth G. Ollar photo.



Queen Nancy Aboard—Shown above is the Martina, owned by Don Shotwell, well known Tacoma contractor. Queen Nancy of the recent Daf fodiil festival was the royal guest aboard, together with her court, to view the colorful parade of yachts from the Tacoma Yacht club. This is one of the most beautiful and modern yachts on the sound.



1952



April 1952

General Photograph Collection G21.1-041

1952 Daffodil Festival Queen. More than 2200 people gathered at the Tacoma Armory to view the public coronation of the Daffodil Festival Queen on April 1, 1952. It was the largest crowd recorded at that time for a festival coronation. Eva Beattie, Sumner High School senior, was crowned with a garland of daffodils by Orville L. Brown, festival chairman. She was given keys to the cities of Puyallup, Sumner, Orting, and Tacoma by the mayors and representatives of those cities. Queen Eva's coronation officially marked the start of a six-day celebration. (TNT 4-1-52, p. 1; TNT 4-2-52, A-1)

A United Airlines flight attendant adorns the hat of 1952 Puyallup Daffodil Festival Queen Eva Beattie, from Sumner, with sunny springtime daffodils, in this publicity picture for the Daffodil Festival. The back wall is papered with covers of glamour magazines of the period. One of the Queen's royal duties was to fly to public appearances around the country presenting officials and celebrities with daffodils and inviting them to Tacoma's festivities.



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April 05, 1952

Richards Studio D65889-5

Exposure of Nalley's 1952 Daffodil parade float with posing attendants at Nalley Valley. The Nalley float was titled "A Kings Castle," in keeping with the 1952 "King Alfred" theme. In 1923, The US Department of Agriculture suggested replacing the Puyallup Valley's dead and diseased hop crop with commercial bulbs and the reign of King Alfred began. Puyallup Valley soon became the world's top

producer of daffodil bulbs. "Bulb Sunday" was born in 1926, when socialites were invited to go from field to field viewing the different varieties of daffodils. The tradition was going strong by 1932 when 80 - 100,000 people thronged the roads on "Bulb Sunday." It was discontinued in 1934 due to traffic congestion and the parade was suggested by Tacoma photographer Lee Merrill to take its place. ("A History of Pierce County, Washington" Vol. 1)

The man adding a uniform hat to the top of this small totem pole is wearing a Daffodil Festival pin on his lapel in this photograph from March of 1952. The hat would perch on the carved dome of a dark-haired figure. Three official badges, one of them a Tacoma Police Department Chief badge and another a Tacoma Fire Department Chief badge, are shown against the bottom of the totem pole. A small wooden box with an engraved message on top sits on the table and the unidentified man holds a square platter decorated with an image of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. Events celebrating the 19th annual Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival were held on April 1-6, 1952.



April 1952

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Richards Studio D66035-2

Float sponsored by Tacoma Savings and Loan Association in the 1952 Daffodil Parade. This float with floral leaping goldfish and daffodil bedecked tall ship won the second place in the organization division. The parade kicked off in Tacoma at 10a.m. on Saturday April 5, 1952 with the 15 mile long parade moving north on Broadway to 9th Street, down 9th to Pacific Ave. and down Pacific to 19th Street. After Tacoma, the parade marched through Puyallup at 1p.m. and Sumner at 2:30p.m. The three sponsoring cities all elected princesses, and took yearly turns having the Queen elected from their ranks. (TNT 4-6-1952, pg. 1)



April 05, 1952

Richards Studio D66035-4



Richards Studio D66035-1

Seattle's entry in the 1952 Daffodil Festival Parade. Seattle's Seafair Queen rides majestically along on a float with a decidedly nautical theme. She is seated in a giant shell adorned with a glittering starfish while fish announce her arrival with a flourish of trumpets.

Floral fish blowing trumpets herald the arrival of Seattle Seafair's Queen on this float inviting all of Tacoma to "Come to the Fun" at Seattle's 1952 Centennial Seafair. The Seafair float is followed by a car pulling a flatbed loaded with young women in white evening gowns.



Colorful and Thrilling 200-Boat Flotilla on Commencement Bay *1952*

Tacoma plays host to a rapidly-growing marine show, beginning to take on a regional and international flavor. The Tacoma Yacht Club stages one of the most interesting of Daffodil Festival events in the parade of daffodil-decorated boats and sailboat race off the McCarver Street shore. Entries from all over Puget Sound will make this the biggest marine show ever staged in Tacoma! Visiting yachtsmen will be conducted on tours of Tacoma, will see the big Daffodil

Parade in downtown Tacoma Saturday, April 5, and then decorate their boats for reviewing by Queen Eva I and her court on Sunday. Be sure to see this feature . . . from the many vantage points overlooking the Bay . . . from Stadium Way . . . from Old Town dock . . . from Brown's Point.

When you hear the aerial bomb at noon, April 6, it means the start of the Daffodil Festival Marine Parade on the Bay.

Your Friends — Come One, Come All — You'll Enjoy "Alfred in Wonderland"





Queen Meets Star—Queen Eva Beattie, Daffodil Festival monarch, and her princesses give a royal welcome to screen star Deborah Kerr of "Quo Vadis" fame when she visited in Tacoma this week. Queen Eva presented Miss Kerr with a huge bouquet of her favorite flowers, together with a special invitation to return and witness the three-day festival starting April 4. Front row, left to right, Princess Myrtle Troseth, Princess Janet Miller, Queen Eva and Miss Kerr. Watching from above are Tacoma Yacht club officials Frank Heffernan, commodore, and Evert Landon, rear commodore. Tacoma Yacht club is planning a gigantic regional event April 6, when it stages its annual Daffodil Festival parade of decorated yachts and sailboat race off McCarver St. Marine event details are being handled by Judd Day.



1953



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Herb Erickson leads his students in a melody during the 1953 Daffodil parade. He was a teacher of the Honolulu Conservatory of Music; the school taught accordion and guitar to aspiring musicians. View of Erickson conducting his ensemble of accordionists, guitarists and bass player. Hundreds of daffodils cover the float, including a shell and two musical symbols, as well as a multitude of wooden notes..



April 11, 1953

Richards Studio, Tacoma

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Two majestic elk, festooned with blossoms, "pull" an old fashioned streetcar in the 1953 Daffodil parade. The float was entered by the Tacoma Elks Club; the surface of the float, including its sides and also the streetcar, are covered with daffodils. There is a policeman, dressed in an old-time uniform, and conductor on board along with several passengers.



1954



CF Mueller Chairman

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GIFTS FOR DAFFODIL FESTIVAL ROYALTY

Art Swenning and his committee, in recognition of the time and effort contributed by Queen Mary Carlile and Princesses Janet Turman and Carol Drahold, presented them with gifts at the Shipmate's Inter-Club Guest Luncheon Monday, March 22nd.

Also receiving gifts were Mrs. Louise Mazza, Queen Mother, piano player Ronnie Mills and our own little dancer, Sue Malacky.

Art and his committee, Peter F. Bennison, Russell Covert, C. G. Gilliard, Frank Farron, James P. Repp, Walter C. Witte, Charles T. Abbott, Thomas Fransen, A. E. Lundgren, Marcus E. Anderson, Kenneth Ollar and J. R. McLean, have done a superior job and have added some fine touches, such as this presentation of gifts. Well done, Daffodil Festival Committee!



MARINE DAFFODIL FESTIVAL ROYALTY



Note –

The Tacoma Yacht Club first Marine Daffodil Festival started in 1937.

1951 was the first year for TYC to host a three day event for the Marine Daffodil Festival.

Third Marine Daffodil Festival

The Tacoma Yacht Club 1954 Marine Daffodil Festival will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 9-10-11, under the able chairmanship of Art Swenning. Chairman Art has appointed his Committee and has had several meetings in making out the plans for the biggest event of the season. The general plans for the three day affair will be somewhat the same as the successful 1953 festival under the chairmanship of Carlyle Muehler.

On Friday night there will be a get-to-gether dance for those visitors who will be able to get away from the home port early. The Committee will furnish buses for the visitors to transport them to the special grandstand to view the big street Daffodil Parade of floats and marching units on Saturday morning. The evening doings will be a "Night in Hawaii" dance in the club rooms, and games will take care of the overflow crowd in the Captain's Lounge. A late supper will wind up the evening affair.

Sunday, at 12 noon, the Annual Marine Daffodil Parade of decorated boats along the Tacoma waterfront will take place. The Daffodil Festival Queen Mary Carlisle and her Court will view the parade of over a hundred boats from the Royal Yacht, "Thea Foss," which will be at anchor at Old Tacoma. While the parade is passing in review for the thousands of people along the waterfront, there will be a big Sailboat Race in Commencement Bay.



ARTHUR SWENNING
CHAIRMAN





April 11, 1954

Richards Studio, Tacoma

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Thousands were expected to line the city waterfront to watch the 200+ daffodil adorned boats proceed from the Tacoma Yacht Club to the City Waterway. This would be the final activity in the 1954 Daffodil festivities.

Flags and flowers decorate the purse seiners Joann and Memories, among others, as they file in single formation past a reviewing yacht containing the Daffodil Queen, Mary Carlile, and guests. The Joann, owned by George J. Peterson of Peterson Boat Company, won a special award. The festival would officially end when the last boat vanished from view (TNT, 4-11-54).



April 11, 1954

Richards Studio D82163-1

Richards Studio, Tacoma

Golden sunbeams burst onto Puget Sound in April of 1954 as the annual Marine Parade concluded Daffodil Festival activities. Crowds crowded Tacoma's shoreline to see the colorful marine floats. This particular entry had a distinctly tropical theme, with palm trees, flowers and even a hula dancer cutout on display. There were many passengers on board enjoying the brisk air and beautiful scenery. Besides the parade of more than 200 boats, there was also a sailboat race; only two of the 16 boats entered in the race finished the 11 mile course. Tom Sias' Lady Luck was the winner with Bill Brasier's Aurora second. Photograph ordered by the TNT. (TNT 4-12-54, p. 1, 16-articles)



April 11, 1954

Richards Studio D82162-3

Richards Studio, Tacoma

Entry #76 in the 1954 Daffodil marine parade was a long, sleek craft with two large, flowered butterflies on display. Three ladies are shown on board, with two waving gently to onlookers. Thousands of spectators watched the parade from Ruston Way, surrounding hillsides, and the Old Tacoma dock. More than 200 boats, all decorated with daffodils, proceeded from the Tacoma Yacht Club to the City Waterway (T.N.T. 4-11-54).



April 11, 1954

Richards Studio D82163-5

Richards Studio, Tacoma

The 1954 Puget Sound Daffodil Regatta awarded the grand prize for visiting boats to Chester Gibson, owner of the Hilma III, an entry from the Queen City Yacht Club of Seattle. It depicted Neptune, the Roman god of the sea, and his chariot of sea horses. The boat was smothered in daffodils with an attached sign reading "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary".

A sailboat race, colorful exhibition by the City fireboat, and the parade of floats concluded the Daffodil Festival which was enjoyed by thousands viewing the proceedings from nearby surroundings.

(T.N.T 4-12-54)



April 11, 1954

Richards Studio D82163-8

Richards Studio, Tacoma

Entry #99 in the 1954 Puget Sound Daffodil Regatta was covered with literally thousands of blossoms, including windshield, making it truly a floating garden of daffodils. The boats passed, one by one, in front of a reviewing yacht carrying the Daffodil queen, Mary Carlile, and her guests. Once the last boat had passed from view, the Festival would officially end.

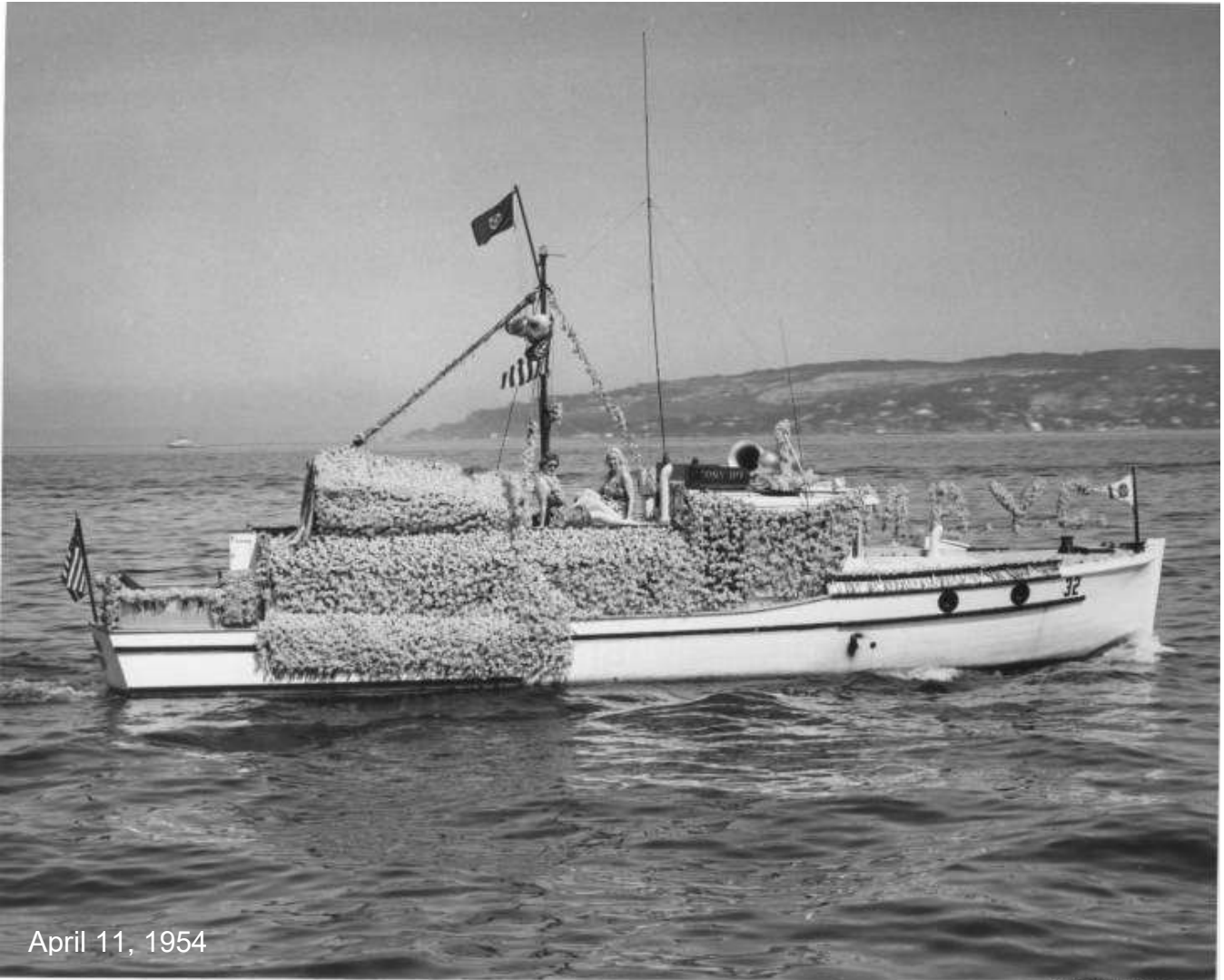


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The Suitsus, owned by Harold Thompson of Tacoma, its sails decorated with thousands of daffodils, won an honorable mention in the 1954 Puget Sound Daffodil Regatta. More than 200 boats participated in the parade, including sailboats, purse seiners, and the City fireboat which tossed thousands of gallons of colored water into the air for a beautiful water fountain effect. The surrounding hillsides, Old Tacoma Dock and Ruston Way were crammed with spectators enjoying the impressive procession of vessels. Photograph ordered by the TNT. (TNT 4-12-54, p. 1)



April 11, 1954

Richards Studio D82162-2

Richards Studio, Tacoma

All of the boats entered in the 1954 Daffodil marine parade were decorated with blossoms; this particular vessel even had its initials spelled out in daffodils. The name of the boat may have been the "Mony Boy". Hundreds of flowers were used to nearly cover the entire boat, leaving barely enough room for the two lounging riders.



1955



JAMES REPP
Chairman

The Fourth Annual Tacoma Yacht Club Marine Daffodil Festival will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 15, 16 and 17, with James Repp General Chairman of the Affair. The three-day Affair as in the past will be the main attraction on the club calendar.

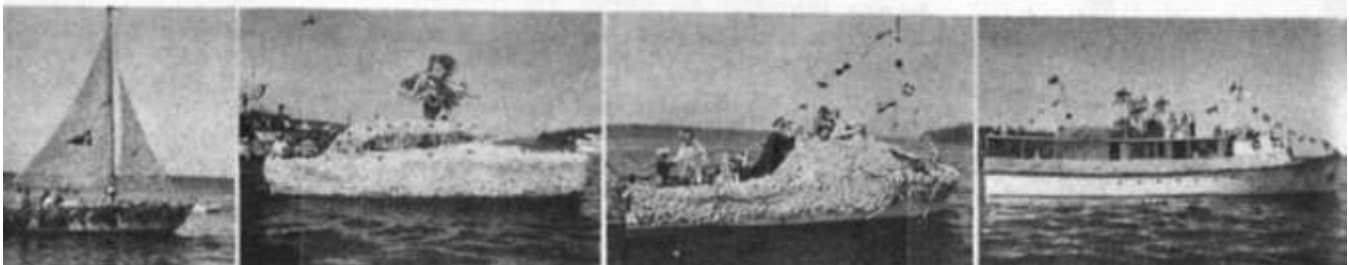
The visiting boats on entering the Club Basin will be met by the Sea Cadets, who will again assist in berthing the cruisers. The visitors will be greeted and will register their boats and guests in the Club Lounge where coffee and donuts will be served Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. The Shipmates are working with Wally Farron and his committee in taking care of the visitors.

Friday and Saturday nights there will be a dance in the Club rooms to a popular three-piece band with hors d'oeuvres, popcorn, potato chips and ice served by the club at both dances. To take care of the overflow crowd Jack Geisburt and his committee will again have charge of the Bingo games in the Club lounge which proved very popular the last two years.

All guests will again have a chance to view the big Daffodil Street Parade Saturday morning. Neil Armstrong has arranged to transport the visitors in buses to and from the special TYC grandstand.

The annual marine Daffodil Parade of decorated boats will start from the Club basin at 12:30 on Sunday. Parade Marshal Ted Worthington plans to have the cruisers come right out of the basin then heading east pass in review before the Daffodil Queen's Royal Yacht "Bridges" at the "Top of the Ocean." The cruisers will continue down the waterfront, turning under the 11th Street span then passing by the Port Piers to Browns Point Light, where the Parade will disban with the cruisers heading back to the Basin or Home Ports.

Before the parade starts the Tacoma Outboard Association will perform with maneuvers while a sailboat race will be in progress in Commencement Bay.





April 11, 1955

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Richards Studio, Tacoma

1955 Daffodil Queen Elvera Sommer, from Puyallup, waves from her sunburst throne on the 50 foot City Light float. The float, designed by Weston DeMaris and built by Bill Knabel, is adorned with 50,000 blossoms of daffodil, iris and foliage. The Queen is accompanied by her Princesses Marianna Vaughan of Sumner and Bette Birkland, a senior at Stadium High School in Tacoma. Also adorning the float are Daffodil court members Darlene Swalley and Judy Nelson, on the left, and Philimine Tungsvik and Joanne Sheppard, on the right. Queen Elvera I had only been in the U.S. for three years, coming as an immigrant from war torn Germany. She repeatedly emphasized in speeches how wonderful America was and how happy she was to be here. She was the perfect representative for the theme "Golden Future." In 1955, for the first time the queen was chosen from an open field of candidates from Puyallup, Sumner and Tacoma high schools. In previous years, each city had elected the queen solely from their city in alternating years.



April 11, 1955

Richards Studio D90066-3

Richards Studio, Tacoma

The Daffodil Court attendants' float travels down Pacific Avenue, following that of Queen Elvera I and preceding the Eatonville drill team. Riding on the float are Sally Strobel, Sandra Drahold, Rosemary Fly, Gloria Minarisich, Janet Bock, Dorothy Sellers and Colleen Doyle surrounded by 30,000 daffodils. The float is flanked by the Rosarians as guards, representatives from the Rose Parade in Portland, Oregon. The float was sponsored by the Young Mens Business Club and built by the Associated Contractors.



Richards Studio D90144-7

Richards Studio, Tacoma

In April of 1955 over 100 baton twirlers from WA, Canada and several neighboring states competed in the fifth annual Daffodil Baton Twirling contest. Held in the Sumner Gymnasium on Wood Avenue, there were separate divisions for beginners, intermediate and advanced artists, with various age groups in each division. Special contests were held for advanced and beginning boys, flag twirling, two batons, three batons and pairs twirling. The climax was the selection of a "Miss Majorette of Washington" to compete in the national contest to be held in August. The winner of the local event was Sherill Francis of Sumner. The contest was judged on personality, cooperation and friendliness as well as twirling ability and showmanship. (TNT 4/21/1955 & 4/25/1955)



1956



Richards Studio D97676-4

Twelve princesses for the 1956 Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival, dressed in Easter dresses and hats and holding baskets of flowers. Preparations were well underway for the 23rd annual Daffodil Festival to be held on April 9-15, 1956. Twelve candidates were vying for Queen. Seated left to right in row 1 are Diane Divelbiss of Sumner and Judy Poolman of Sumner. 2nd row: Donna Kaelin of Sumner, Nancy Rosario of Sumner, Cheryl McDonald of Tacoma, Evelyn Strandley of Puyallup. 3rd row: Frances Delano of Puyallup, Connie Vandewall of Puyallup, Judy Nelson of Puyallup, Margaret Strachan of Tacoma. Top Row-Kathy Gustafson of Tacoma and Betty Zevenberger of Tacoma. Margaret Strachan was crowned Queen by Governor Arthur Langley April 9th in Spartan Hall in Sumner. The 18 year old Stadium High School senior was the first Tacoma girl ever elected Queen. Princesses were Diane Divelbiss, 17 year old Sumner senior, and Evelyn Strandley, 16 year old Puyallup junior. (TNT 4/1/1956, pg. D-1, TNT 4/10/1956, pg.1)



THE TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE



Boat Parade Entries Ready

The great ribbon of yellow that winds through Tacoma's streets Saturday will be matched this year—at least from an entry standpoint—by the 2nd annual Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival maritime parade at noon Sunday.

Chairman Wally Farron said today more than 300 boats of all sizes and shapes will take to the water at the Old Town Dock and glide, single file, along the Tacoma shoreline.

Queen Margaret Strachan will be aboard the yacht Corsair.

Outboard Drill Team

There will be nearly 200 entries from the Tacoma Outboard Association, including the highly-touted outboard drill team.

At least 60 boats—hailing from the Puget Sound area and British Columbia—will be decked out in thousands of fresh, dew-kissed daffodil blooms. An estimated quarter of a million flowers will be used on the aqua-floats.

And there will be numerous boats, freshly painted or cleaned, that will pass in review without benefit of flowers.

Commodore Cliff Clark, Linda Lee; Vice Comm. Rufus Parker, Alida; Rear Comm. Carlyle Muehler, Aqua Tahquitz; Past Comm. Evert Landon, Landmark; Larry Dufraine, Patrus; Monty Boston, Leeway; Wendell Emery, Miss Cathleen.

Mark Henderson, Lark; Bill Berg, Illahee; Wally Farron (YMBC), Ramona II; Dwayne Erickson (Jaycee), Glacier; John Van Leuven, Mar Mar II; Jerry Weinstein, Pam III; Dr. Carl Scheyer, Docs Aweigh; Bill McDonagh, Sleepy Gal; Roy Pietsberg, Joannette.

George Russell, Keewaydin; Arne Strom, Holiday; Dr. Lou Rosenblatt, Howdy; Ed Wright, Wanderer; Dr. Roy Henry, Thora Gay; Howard Branchflower, Maryland, and Arthur Malacky, Susan Lynn.

Water Capers — The Buccaneers, drill team of the Tacoma Outboard Association, will do a series of spectacular "water marches" off the Old Town Dock at Sunday's marine portion of the 23rd annual Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival. Roaring across the sound (Fox Island Bridge in background) are Irv Sigler, Chuck Darling, Joe Marsett, Dick Schultz, Tony Petrich, Ken Whiton, Jack McGrath and Wayne Welch.—Photo by Effie Whiton.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 1956



Ahoy Daffodil Lovelies—It was strictly smooth sailing when the Tacoma Yacht Club held its annual dinner for the 14 young glamor girls who comprise the royalty for the 23rd annual Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival. Front row, left to right, Frances Delano, Queen Margaret Strachan, Kathy Gustafson, Cheryl McDonald, Betty Zeverbergen, Nancy Rosario, Donna Kaelin and Judy Nelson. Back row, left to right, Carlyle Muehler, rear commodore of the Yacht Club; Judy Poolman, Evelyn Strandley, Connie Vanderwall, Cliff Clarke, commodore; Leona Fish, Dianne Divelbiss, Emille Daniel and Rufus Parker, vice commodore.—Photo by Kenneth Ollar.



Apr 6.

Royalty Visits Yacht Club

The Tacoma candidates for the Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival will be guests at the Shipmates 12:30 p.m. luncheon Monday at the Yacht Club.

Invitations were sent to Cheryl McDonald, Margaret Strachan, Kathy Gustafson, Betty Zevenbergen and their chaperone for the event.

The flag officers, Cliff Clarke, Rufus Parker and Carlyle Muehler, also will be present. The flower of the week, daffodils, will be used in the decorations. After the business meeting Mrs. Clarence Smith will demonstrate arrangements made with daffodils.

Luncheon committee chairman is Mrs. C. C. Clarke, assisted by Mesdames Stieg Gabrielson, Homer Williams, Howard Trefry, Eugene Rose, Warren Rathbun, Roy F. Henry, Thomas Lewis, C. F. T. Rowe.

This starts the week of entertaining at the Tacoma Yacht Club which will end on the weekend when the club will be host to yachtsmen from the many bays on Puget Sound.

Regatta Is Finale To Festival

Colorful Flotilla Will Sail From Old Town To 11th Street Bridge Starting at Noon

The annual all-Puget Sound Marine Regatta—featuring 300 boats of all sizes and shapes—will write a nautical but nice final chapter today to the 23rd annual Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival.

Thousands of landlubbers are expected to line the shore and cheer the colorful flotilla as it churns from the Old Town Dock to the 11th Street Bridge, starting at noon.

The first flower-bedecked boat will "shove off" from Old Town at noon, under the auspices of the Tacoma Yacht Club.

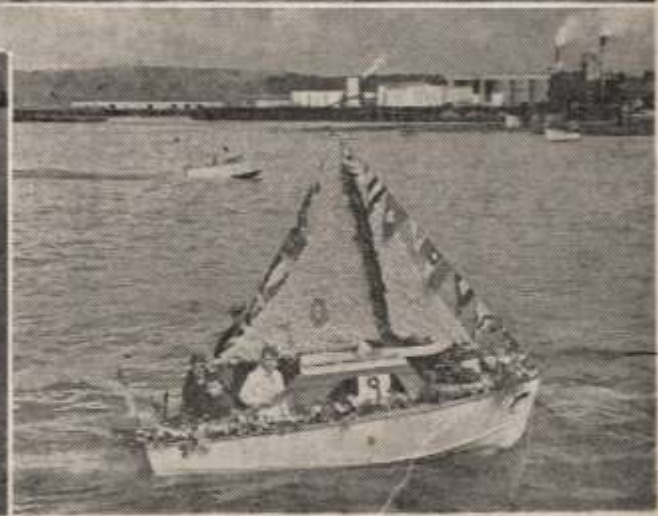
There will be everything to delight the person who likes his daffodils spiced with the tang of salt air.

Sailboat Race

A thrilling sailboat race, daring high-speed exhibitions by the Tacoma Outboard Association's drill team, sleek yachts slicing the water like a knife, and even some swash-buckling pirates.

The pirates—from the Tacoma Outboard Association—will surround the queen and her court and whisk them off to a nearby island for a crab feed. They can be ransomed only if Yacht Club members come to the crab feed.

Queen Margaret Strachan and her court will view the seagoing parade from the Yacht Thea Foss, the queen's official ship for the festivities.



Daffodil Regatta Winners — The commercial fishing craft "Memories" brought owner George Peterson his second consecutive sweepstakes award in the Daffodil Festival marine regatta yesterday. "Quite Contrary Mary's" watering can sprayed water over the boat's floral decorations (except the oversize daffodil on the mast). Roy Pietsberg's "Joannette" won the over-35-foot a ward, with Rufe Parker's "Alida" second, and Arne Strom's "Holiday" third. At lower left is the "Hilma III," owned by Chet Gibson of Seattle, winner of the best visiting boat award. "Our Wish," owned by R. H. Porter of the Tacoma Outboard Association, got the nod for the best outboard award. — News Tribune staff photos by Bob Rudsit.



Winners Of Marine Parade Announced

Yellow daffodils contrasted sharply with lead-gray skies and water yesterday as the 1956 Daffodil Festival Marine Regatta bobbed gently across Commencement Bay.

Proud pleasure and commercial craft—twin-screw, palatially appointed yachts, stubby outboards, husky fishing craft—carried out the theme "Story Time in Daffodils." Queen Margaret Strachan reigned from the "Thea Foss" as the Tacoma fireboat saluted with skyward streams of water.

Sweepstakes Award

The commercial fishing boat "Memories," owned by George Peterson of Tacoma, took the sweepstakes award for the second consecutive year with a "Mary, Mary Quite Contrary" theme carried out with "Mary" watering the floral displays from a watering can. The mast was turned into one huge daffodil. Peterson also won the commercial fishing craft award.

Tacoma boats dominated the 25-foot classification. T



Daffodil Festival



WALLY FARRON
Chairman
Daffodil Festival

The Fifth Annual Tacoma Yacht Club Daffodil Festival for April 13, 14 and 15 under the Chairmanship of Wally Farron has been well organized and a big guest list is expected.

Visitations to other Clubs always helps to stimulate interest and also to cement relationships with other Clubs, and that is why visitations were taken on again this year.

The Program is virtually the same as in the past successful years, with dances both Friday and Saturday nights.

Transportation for our visiting guests will be furnished for the Saturday downtown Parade.

The Tacoma Outboard Association are teaming with our Club for the Sunday Parade, to make the 1956 Marine Festival the greatest.



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Daffodil Festival

The Sixth Annual Tacoma Yacht Club Daffodil Festival will be held April 12, 13 and 14th. This year's program, under the Chairmanship of William Kunigk promises to be the most outstanding in years.

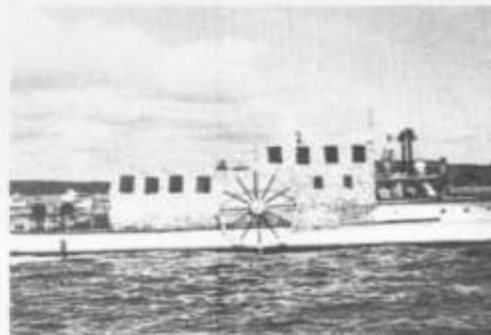
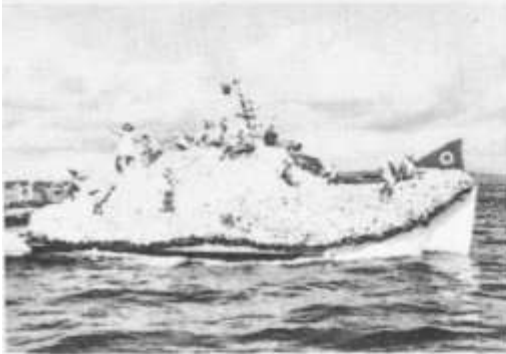
The weekend of activities will open Friday night with a dance. Saturday will be devoted to decorating boats. Busses will be available to take visiting yachtsmen down to the Daffodil Parade and return them to the Yacht Club. Saturday evening's entertainment consists of a buffet supper and dancing. Bingo games with prizes will be in the main lounge.

On Sunday the Marine Daffodil Parade will be held, passing from the Yacht Club along the waterfront to the City Waterway. The many visiting boats and Tacoma boats that are decorated always presents a gala sight. Again this year the Tacoma Outboard



WILLIAM KUNIGK
CHAIRMAN

Association and fishing boats will participate in the parade. The annual Daffodil Sailboat Race will start from the Old Tacoma Dock. This is one of the most beautiful sights in the entire Parade. All in all, the Daffodil Festival this year will provide real fun and beauty, not only for local and visiting yachtsmen, but also for the many thousands who will view and participate in the activities.





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Instead of cutting the traditional ribbon, Mayor John Anderson saws through a foil-wrapped board on Opening Day of the 1957 Tacoma Home Show. Norman Jardeen, general Home Show chairman for the Tacoma Master Builders Association, smiles broadly as does General J.W. Schwartz, commanding officer of the Madigan Army Hospital. Mayor Anderson is ably assisted by four Tacoma candidates for Daffodil Parade queen in this March 19, 1957, photograph. The four young women pictured wearing hats were (L-R): Joan Weller, Sherry Holmes, Debbie Dean and Janice Methven. Miss Methven would be later chosen queen. Not identified was the woman without a hat who was standing next to Mayor Anderson. Photograph ordered by National Home Show, Inc. (Additional information provided by a reader)



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Sporting a very patriotic theme, the U.S. Army Reserve float was one of 47 entries in the 1957 Daffodil Parade. A giant eagle perches majestically aboard the float while Diane Ryan, Fife High School senior and newly elected Queen of the Army Reserve, and her four princesses wave and smile at the crowds thronging Pacific Avenue. As with all entered floats, only blossoms were used as decorations with other natural items, such as woods and foliage. 40,000 daffodils were used on the float which won first place in the Armed Services division. Photograph ordered by the U.S. Army Reserve. (TNT 4-14-57, A-1)



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The Queen and her court on the Tacoma City Light float make the turn onto Pacific Avenue to the delight of thousands of spectators viewing the 1957 Daffodil Parade. Escorted by dapper caped men, the Portland Rosarians, Daffodil queen Janice Methven of Lincoln High School and princesses are seated on a slender barge of blossoms, with an enormous eye-catching lyre as the backdrop. The theme of the 24th annual Daffodil Festival was "Melodies in Daffodils". 60,000 King Alfred daffodils decorated the float "Pomp and Circumstance", including a fountain spraying streams of golden flowers. Photograph ordered by Tacoma City Light. (TNT 4-13-57, A-1)



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The Tacoma Retail Trade Bureau's 1957 Daffodil Parade float entitled "Symphony" featured a king-sized violin with a lyre. Margaret Strachan, the 1956 Daffodil queen, graciously waves to the parade watchers as the float passes on Pacific Avenue near 11th St. United Savings Bank and the Perkins Bldg. are in the background. 32,000 daffodils were employed on this float, which won first place in the Retail division. Photograph ordered by the Tacoma Retail Trade Bureau. (TNT 4-14-57, A-1)



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Jim Harmon's
Harmony II



FAIRY TALES IN DAFFODILS

TYC is looking forward to the greatest daffodil festival in history. Have you made your plans for decorating your boat? This year we have everything, including the weather, to make this a wonderful occasion.

The largest visitation in our 6 year history of the Marine Festival is expected, with the warm weather and the success of the past festivals. Burns Browns and his committee are busy making visitations and extensive plans. Although visitations cannot be made to all yacht clubs, they

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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Another month, another meeting. The regular April 7th meeting has been moved up one week to March 31st for a special occasion. It is another ladies night, just fourteen of them, and they are all Princesses. It is Daffodil time again, so we are entertaining the young ladies at dinner at 6:30 P.M. They will have something to say to us at our general meeting at 8:00 P.M. Your Officers are expecting a large turnout to welcome these beauties -- every one of them.

Those that missed the "Night in Las Vegas"

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(Fairy Tales in Daffodils continued from page 1 were able to visit Bremerton, Seattle, Rainier Queen City, Olympia and Everett. The visiting committees were very well received. It is hoped that many stalls will be made available for the visiting yachtsmen. Let's all cooperate on this courtesy.

It would be grand if Tacoma Yacht Club members would get out and decorate to show to other clubs what TYC really can do.

Here is the program of the three day event:

FRIDAY, APRIL 11th

Visitors Greeted and Provided Moorage
Get-together Dance at Club Rooms at 9:00 P.M.
Register at Club House

SATURDAY, APRIL 12th

Transportation Furnished for Skippers and Guests
Wishing to see Daffodil Street Parade. Last Bus Leaves at 8:30 A.M.
Dance, Bingo Party and Buffet Lunch at Club House Saturday Evening

SUNDAY, APRIL 13th

Sailboat Races
Daffodil Marine Parade
Decorate Your Boat - Starboard Side Only
Use Daffodils, Greens, Crepe Paper, Foil and Flags
We Must Have Your Order For Daffodils by April

1958 Daffodil Festival Queen. Gretchen Brockhoff, a Stadium High School senior, became the 1958 Daffodil Festival Queen. She is posed in flowing robes and a bouffant gown. A beribboned bouquet of daffodils is cradled in her arms. The 17-year-old blond, blue-eyed queen was the third successive Tacoma representative selected as festival queen, having succeeded Margaret Strachan of Stadium and last year's queen, Janice Methven of Lincoln. She was crowned by Governor Albert D. Rosellini in ceremonies held at

Sumner's Spartan Hall on April 7, 1958. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brockhoff, Sr., had her whole family present that evening; her six-year-old brother Hans, having correctly predicted her victory, fell asleep before and slept through her coronation. (TNT 4-8-58, p. 1, 6)



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Daffodil Parade Will Mark 50th Year for Tacoma Yacht Club

By LEO LIVINGSTON

TODAY—Behind the breakwater lie the moorings and clubhouse of Tacoma YC which developed the first small boat anchorage in Tacoma. Clubhouse is located near the left-hand corner of the basin.



Past Commodore Ev London's Finalley was named 1957 power boat of the year. Here he is with Commodore Carlyle E. Muehler (right). Sail boat of the year was Dr. Gov Tanti's Stormy Weather.



Every April on Commencement Bay Tacoma YC is host in a colorful marine daffodil festival parade when the boats are decorated with thousands of flowers.

Ken Otter photo

THERE'S a gold-studded date on the Northwest boating calendar this year . . . it's April 11-13 when the Tacoma YC invites all yacht clubs to help celebrate its golden anniversary with garlands of golden daffodils at the Tacoma Daffodil Festival.

Special plans to host a large fleet of visiting yachtsmen have been announced by Commodore Carlyle F. Muehler. The festivities begin with a dance on Friday night, April 11. The following day the visiting yachtsmen will be conveyed to watch the colorful parade of flowered floats in downtown Tacoma and that night there will be a second dance, bingo game and entertainment at the club.

Then the unique daffodil marine parade will be held Sunday, April 13, with prizes awarded to the best decorated boats. This event is usually attended by 100 visiting yachts with as many as 500 persons aboard, supplemented by a participating fleet of 50 boats from the Tacoma club. The decorations will be most lavish this year, Commodore Muehler promises, with the golden anniversary theme predominant.

The Tacoma YC, which now has 425 members and 360 boats, is one of the oldest and largest clubs in the Northwest and is exceeded by no other club in its year-round schedule of boating events. Its moorings are strategically located at the entrance to the beautiful cruising waters of upper Puget Sound and at the same time it looks northward to the broad waters of the lower sound and the islands beyond.

The second issue of *Pacific Motor Boat*, published in November, 1906, carried the report that 40 yachtsmen and enthusiasts met at the Commercial Club in Tacoma on Oct. 23 to adopt a constitution and by-laws. The youthful Miller Freeman was publisher and his young associate, Daniel L. Pratt, was editor. The editorial policy favored creation of new yacht clubs and new interest in pleasure boating in the Pacific West.



The following month the fledgling magazine reported that the new officers of the fledgling club elected Nov. 6, 1908, were: commodore, Clarence W. Claghorn; vice-commodore, Prescott H. Sawyer; rear commodore, B. F. Jacobs; secretary, Arthur Foss; treasurer, Ray Freeland; trustees, George Quinan, George G. Goodman, S. S. Aass, C. E. Hogberg, C. W. F. Lundberg, C. H. Zahn.

Most of these early-day yachtsmen have sailed away into the sunset but one old-timer, Arthur Foss, who directed the Seattle activities of the Foss Launch & Tug Co., is still on deck to remember that there was considerable discussion in those early days as to the eligibility of power boats in the new yacht club. (Power boats now outnumber sail boats eight to one in the Tacoma YC.)

"Sailing was considered the true expression of yachting," Foss recalls. "Motor boats were considered faddish, with engines often unreliable, especially in the hands of amateurs. However, the motor boats were often appreciated at such times as when the wind went down."

From the early days of yachting until only several years ago Tacoma was plagued with the lack of adequate space for mooring pleasure boats. The first attempt to start a yacht club was at Manzanita Beach on nearby Maury Island in 1890, Foss recalls. The club did not survive the panic of '93. In 1898 Charles Bakes as temporary commodore organized a club with headquarters on the old Tacoma dock. This organization disbanded, too, because it didn't provide a good anchorage for small craft.

Another original member of the Tacoma YC recalls that the first clubhouse was located on the Tacoma tide flats. Writing from Van Nuys, Calif., Karl E. Marsh states:

"There were no automobiles (on the tide flats) at that time so we had to walk across the 11th St. bridge, then for half or three-quarters of a mile along some railroad tracks, cross the tracks and wade through sands, etc., for two or three blocks in order to take a peep at our new baby—the Tacoma Yacht Club."

On Labor Day, 1909 the grand opening of the clubhouse designed by Captain Lundberg, was held. About 30 sail and power boats anchored nearby made a colorful sight. There were several fine sailboats at the club at that time, with long, narrow racing lines and gaff-headed rigs. The power boats had little of the cruising comfort of today. One of the newest back in 1908, was Conrad Dahl's launch, *Trigee*, 40x11x3½ ft., powered with a 12-hp Standard gas engine, according to the old files of *Pacific Motor Boat*.

Then you had a wide choice of engines in those days—Atlas, Bridgeport, Buffalo, Cushman, Flyer, Fox, Enterprise, Gray, Imperial, Palmer, Regal, Standard and so forth, or a local foundry would build you one of their own design, such as the N & S foundry in Seattle.

Arthur Foss recalls that the Tacoma YC decided to move about 1915. Foss, S. A. Perkins, Richard Veath and others on the committee for acquiring a new site, made a deal with the Tacoma Metropolitan Park Board to lease a site on Point Defiance Park and one dark night at high tide moved the clubhouse on a scow and berthed it at the site of the present ferry landing.

This was then an open roadstead and several good boats were wrecked that winter. But an astute deal was made with the nearby smelter to dump its slag in the form of



YESTERDAY—View of the landing of the first headquarters of Tacoma YC, almost 50 years ago, looking across to the old Commercial Dock with a naphtha launch in the foreground.



This photo of the first clubhouse of Tacoma YC was taken Memorial Day 45 years ago.

a protective breakwater which through the years was built up to form a snug yacht basin for the Tacoma YC. The present clubhouse, once the office building of the Seaborn shipyard, was obtained in 1922 and modified for club use. It was enlarged in 1935 and contains a galley, comfortable lounges and game rooms, hall and meeting place.

The present yacht basin has undergone recent improvements, too, and there's always a space available for a visiting yacht. In the Tacoma Yacht Club portion of the basin are 275 stalls; and nearby is a public moorage, Mojean's float, with approximately 150 additional stalls. There are two Standard Oil gas docks. For club repairs there is a gridiron with eight bents and one small haul-out. The Tacoma YC owns all the floats and facilities behind the breakwater.

When you're cruising this year, watch for the red,



Regatta Draws Curtain On Daffodil Festival

(See Pictures on Page Four)

Sunshine all but vanished completely Sunday for the closing events of the 25th Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival, but in the closing moment of the day it broke through to smile broadly and say farewell to the colorful fete.

Rain fell intermittently all during the running of the all-Puget Sound marine regatta on Commencement Bay. No events were canceled by the mariners and thousands of persons lining Ruston Way and vantage points around 11th Street Bridge were treated to a spectacular marine parade of decorated boats.

Jim Hanson led the regatta down the waterfront and his "Pied Piper" decorations on the Harmony II were judged the winner of the over-all regatta award.

Best Entries

Best out-of-town entry was the "Stork Fairy Tale" by Dr. Ed Chase of Everett aboard the Docsout cruiser.

Best Tacoma entry: McKinnon's Department Store with its

multiple entry of the "Ugly Duckling." The mother ship, completely covered with daffodils to represent a waddling duck, was followed by two bobbing ducklings, fashioned from two skiffs trailing by tow line.

Best entry over 35-feet: "The Goose That Laid the Golden Egg," Ed Wright, Tacoma Yacht Club, on the Nakomis. Second place to the "Ugly Duckling," entered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Tacoma, on the Miss Kathleen. Third place went to "Water Safety" by the U.S. Power Squadron aboard the Flamingo.

Smaller Boats

Best under 35-feet: First place to the animated "Peter Rabbit," with illuminated eyes and a carrot that moved to the rabbit's mouth. Kay Parks, Tacoma Yacht Club, trimmed her "Julie Kay" for this prize winner. Second place to "Pinochio and the Whale," Lee Gamaunt, Totem Yacht Club, Tacoma. Third place to "Little Black Sambo" by Fred Dewar on "The Lark" from the Day Island Yacht Club.

Open Outboards: 1st — "Pied Piper," Ed Ayelsworth, Tacoma Outboard Association. 2nd — "Peter Rabbitt," Harry Schaler in the Rene.

Cabin outboards: First — "Three Little Pigs," Jim Taylor in the Five T's. Second — Aladdin's Lamp," Harold Richards in the Aladdin, Day Island Yacht Club.

Commercial: First — "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary," by George Peterson, Tacoma, in the "Memories."

32 Participate

Retail-Sponsored: First — Reliance Paint's "Snowwhite and the Seven Dwarfs," with Don Brooks in the Steelhead, Tacoma Yacht Club. Second — "Magic Carpet"

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Regatta Draws Curtain On Daffodil Fete

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by Tacoma Carpet Cleaners, with Don Riedler in the "Scott Lynn," Tacoma Outboard Association.

Sailboat Race: First — Stormy Weather, Govnor Teats; Second — The Adelpia, Charles Udall; Third — Nautilus IV, Harbine Monroe.

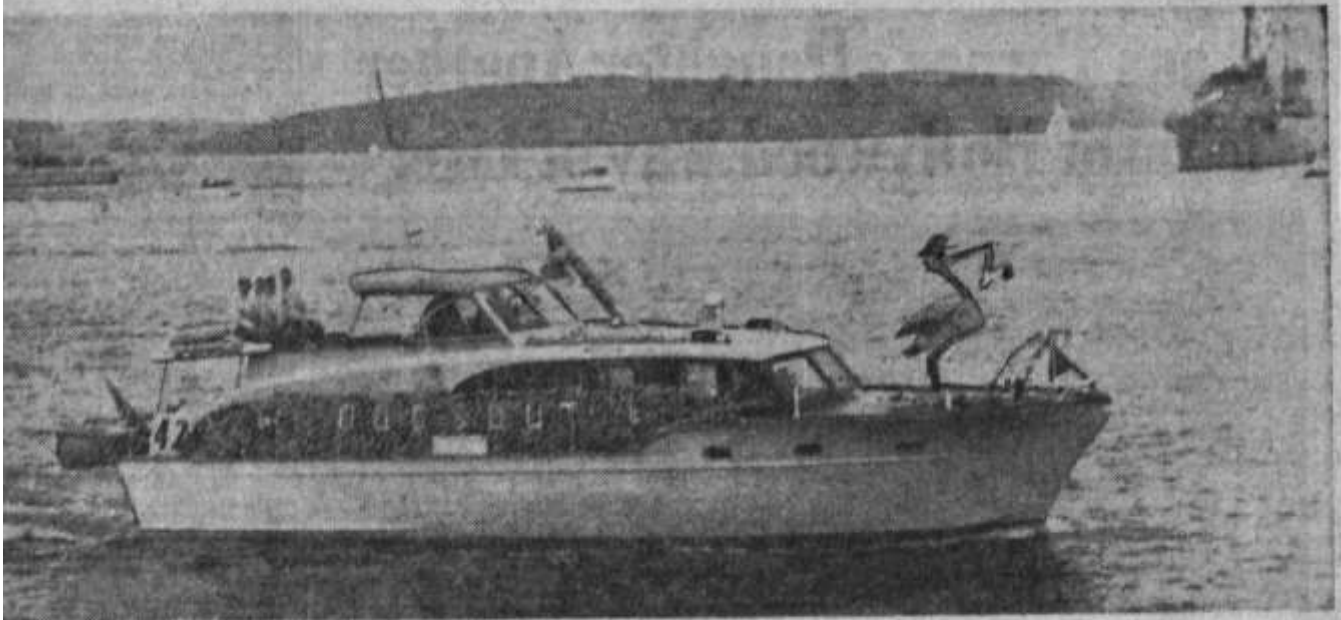
Thirty-two boats participated in the regatta, including a colored water display by the Tacoma fire boat. Both the USS Falgout and the HMS Cowichan anchored off Old Town dock during the regatta.

Queen Gretchen and her princesses were enthroned under a striped canopy on the Old Town dock, while alongside dignitaries and festival officials saw every-



NEWS TRIBUNE

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 1958



BEST OUT-OF-TOWN—Dr. Ed Chase of Everett and his cruiser *Doesout* came a long way to the Daffodil Marine Parade, but were rewarded with the best out-of-town award. The Everett cruiser, keeping with the over all fairy tale theme, depicts a "Stork Fairy Tale." The doc, naturally, is a baby physician. Thousands lined Ruston Way and the piers of Tacoma to see the parade of boats.—News Tribune staff photos by Wayne Zimmerman.

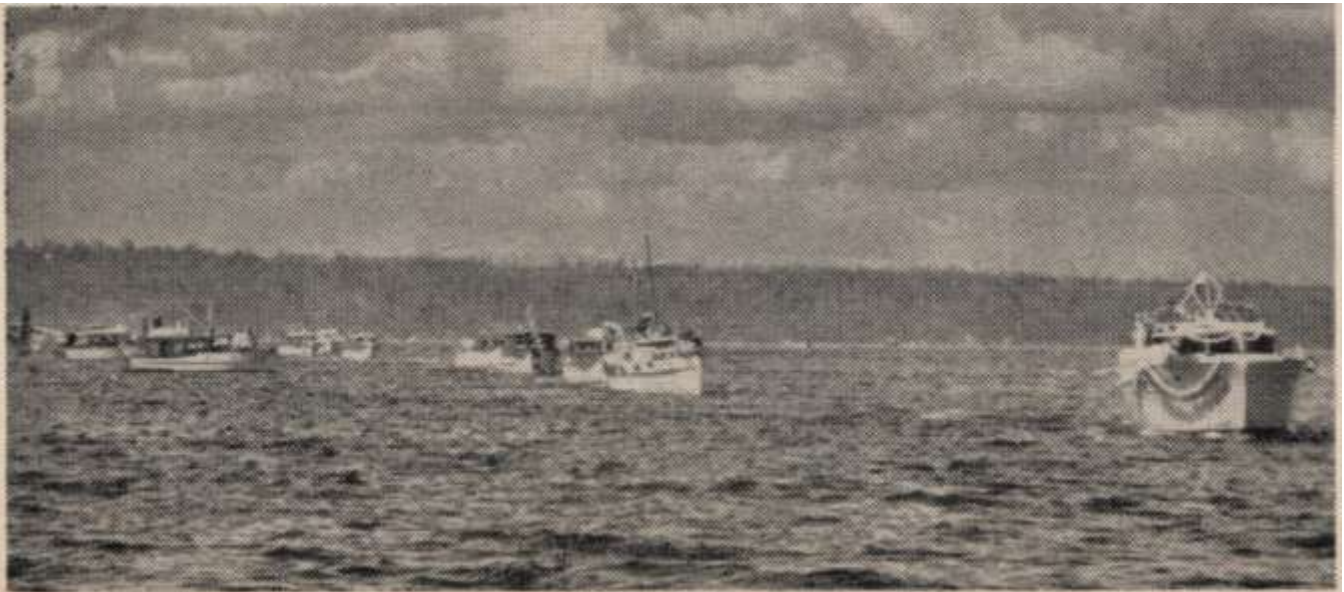


The seventh annual Tacoma Yacht Club Daffodil Festival will be held April 11, 12 and 13th. This year's program, under the able chairmanship of Burns Brown, will stress both the Festival's theme of "Fairy Tales in Daffodils" and the club's Fiftieth Anniversary.

This is T. Y. C.'s big event of the year in which we entertain yachtsmen from the entire area. The weekend of festivities will open Friday night with a dance. Saturday will be given to watching the downtown parade and decorating boats. Busses will be provided on Saturday to take visiting Yachtsmen to the Daffodil Parade and return them to the Yacht Club. Saturday night will be given to games, dancing and refreshments.

For the big Yacht Parade on Sunday, in which all boats will be decorated, Jim Harmon, who was last year's sweepstakes winner, will act as parade marshal. Again this year the T. O. A. and fishing boats, as well as visiting yachts and our own T. Y. C. members, will provide the thousands who line the shore a never to be forgotten spectacle.





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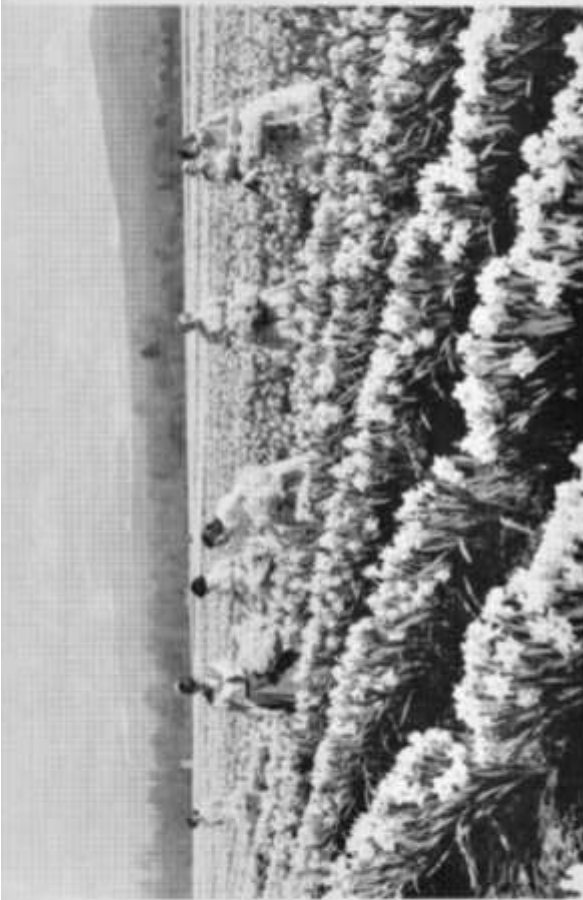
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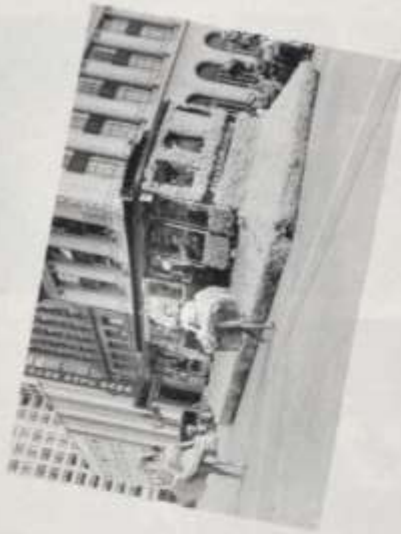
King Alfred welcomes you to the 25th annual Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival, one of the earliest floral festivals in the nation, sponsored jointly by the four communities of Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner and Orting.

Festival theme is "Fairy Tales in Daffodils" and over a million daffodils will be used on the nearly 60 elaborate floats with such imaginative titles as Cinderella, Enchanted Forest, Aladin's Wonderful Lamp, Legend of Hiawatha, Alice in Wonderland, Little Black Sambo and many others.

Guiding the festival this year are the officers pictured above, left, top to bottom: W. E. Pence, president; Wallace T. Steatz, vice president, and E. M. Wetherell, secretary-treasurer. Right, top to bottom: F. W. Farron, Tacoma chairman; R. Buryl Bryen, Puyallup chairman, and Robert Blakeway, Sumner chairman.

The welcome mat is out in Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner and Orting to an unforgettable sight . . . the 25th annual Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival.





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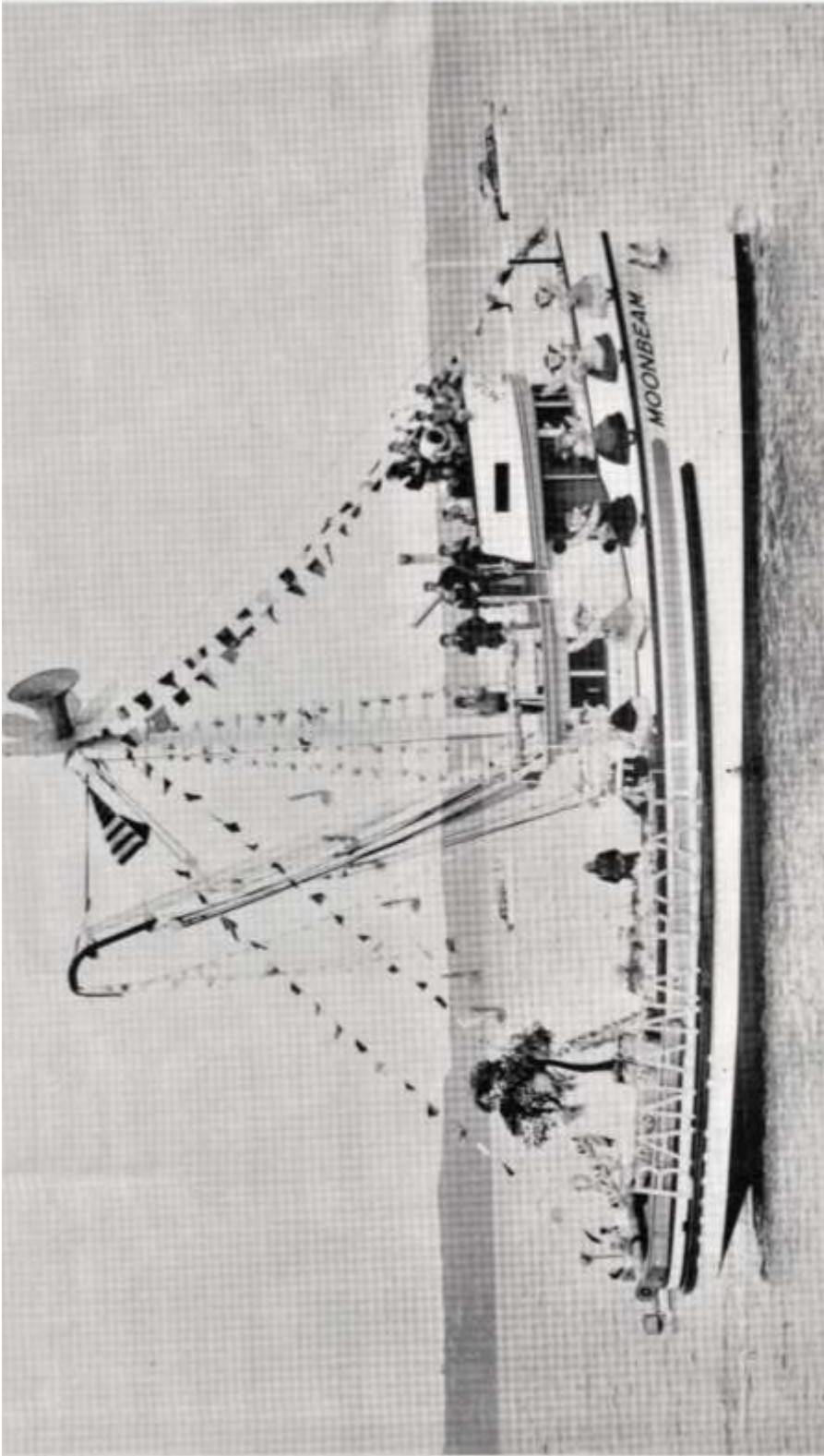


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One of the nation's greatest floral festivals comes to a fitting climax each year with the annual Daffodil Marine Regatta sponsored by the Tacoma Yacht Club on Commencement Bay. Hundreds of decorated yachts, sailboats, outboards and fishing craft make this all-Puget Sound marine spectacle a must for all festival visitors. Puget Sound's green-trimmed waters furnish the setting for this final, colorful event of the 25th annual Daffodil Festival.

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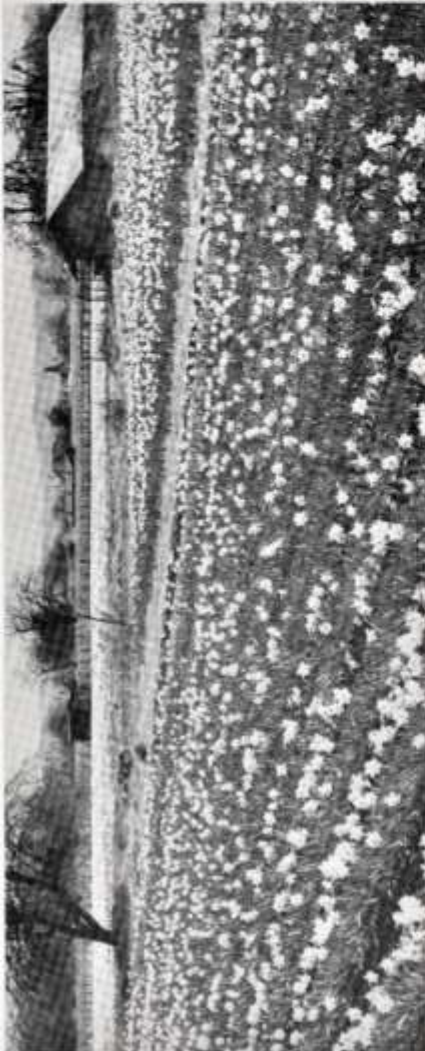
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Ribbon cutting ceremonies at the "Blue Flame" home in Glenwood Acres were held on May 18, 1958. The planned community in Lakewood was comprised of 60+ houses built by Stromberg Construction. It was the first housing development to feature natural gas for home heating. View of Mrs. America of 1957, Cleo Maletis, cutting the ribbon with a giant pair of scissors; she is assisted by a smiling Dick Stromberg, president of Stromberg Construction. Standing next to Mrs. Maletis is believed to be Gretchen Brockhoff, 1958 Daffodil Queen, and next to Miss Brockhoff, Judith Williams, Miss Tacoma. For additional view of home, see A114469-18. Photograph ordered by Stromberg Construction.



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The twelve 1959 Daffodil Festival Princesses, representing Tacoma, Sumner, Puyallup, and Orting, pose in the daffodil fields of the Francis Chervenka family farm on the east side of the Sumner-Orting Highway. Kneeling is Carol Mills, representing Franklin Pierce High School. Seventeen year old Carol was selected to reign as the 1959 Daffodil Queen in April. The standing princesses are left to right Sandra Lilyblad of Sumner, Lani Torre of Wilson H.S., Chris Rupp of Sumner, Julie Wahlgren of Stadium H.S., Caryn Chervenka of Puyallup, Sally Yoder of Sumner, Shelia Keogan of Puyallup, Jo Anne Tatum of Clover Park H.S., Gail Christenson of Puyallup, Anita Johnson of Lincoln H.S. and Gail Eagan of Orting. The 26th annual Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival would take place April 6-12, 1959. It was a salute to Alaska, the newest state. The princesses are dressed in daffodil yellow full skirted dresses with white parka jackets. The jackets are the festival's abbreviated version of an Alaskan parka, designed by Norma Coquillette. They can be worn with hoods, or the hoods can be folded back into a shawl collar. (TNT 2/18/1959, pg. 1)

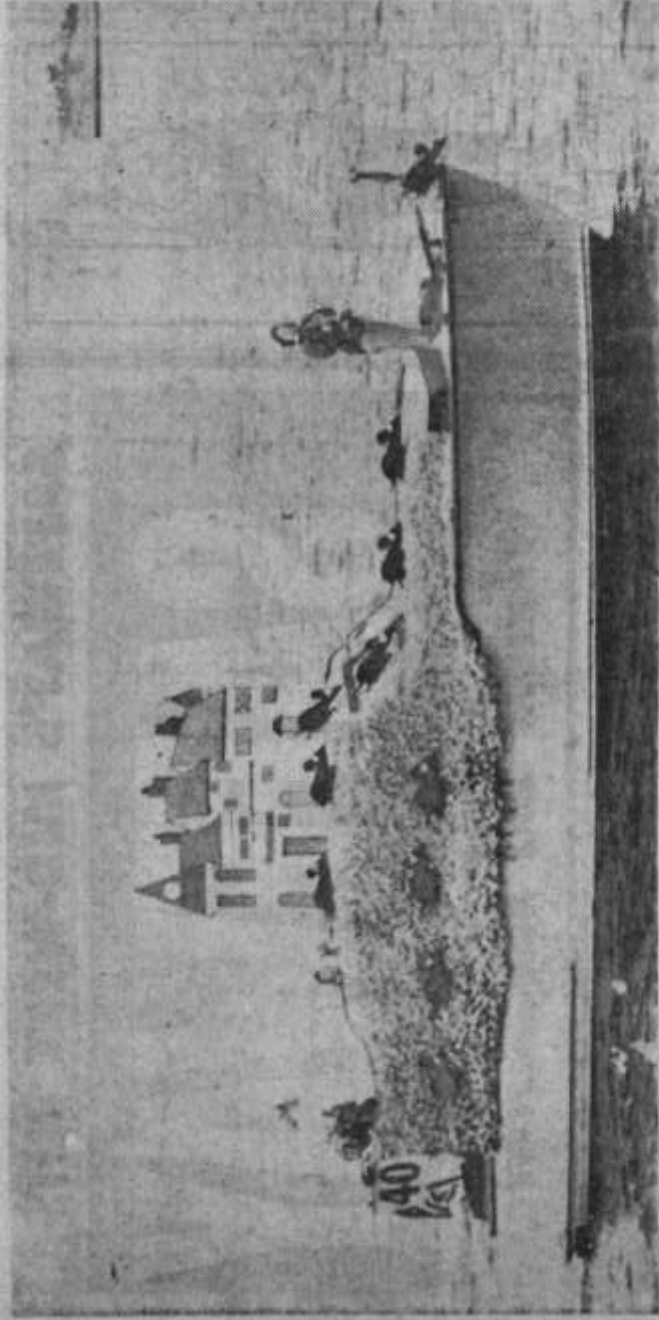


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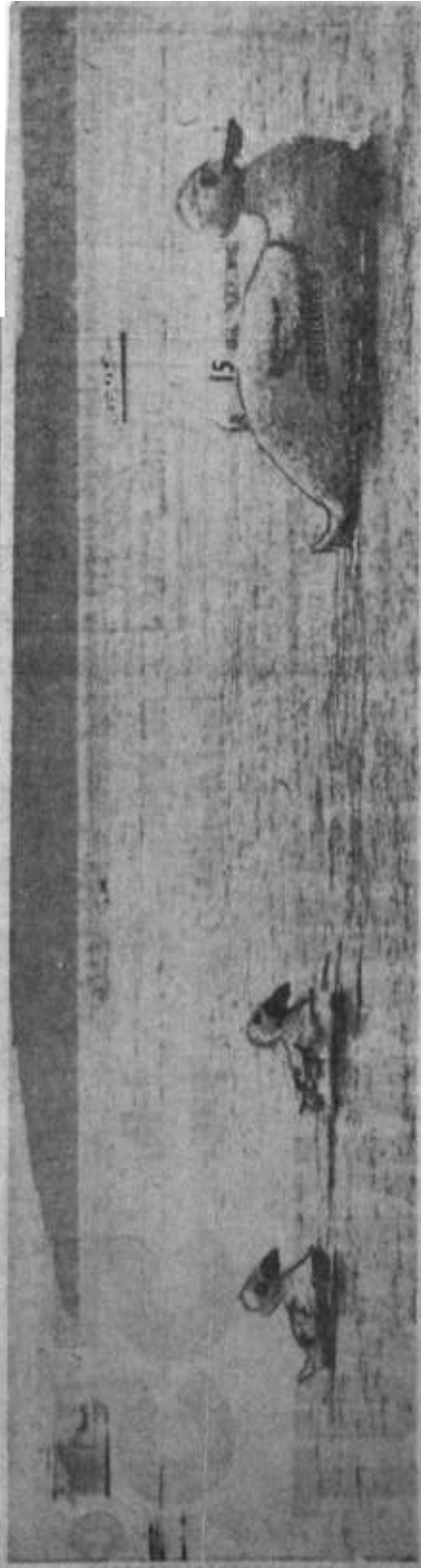
Governor Albert D. Rossellini addresses his audience outside the new County-City Building during dedication ceremonies in April 1959. Seated in the group behind the governor are members of the police, service organizations, and councilmen, including Mayor Ben Hanson, in the second row, and John Anderson, third row. Wearing a crown in the front row is Pat Baldwin, the Queen of Anchorage Alaska's Fur Rendezvous, in Tacoma for the Daffodil Festival's Salute to Alaska. To her right is the 1959 Daffodil Queen Carol Mills.



THE TACOMA



OVER-ALL WINNER—Jim Harmon of Tacoma. In the daffodils, led the big Marine Parade down the waterfront in Harmony II, was declared over-all regatta winner with his "Pied Piping." This cruiser, decorated with several thousand King Alfred Fuyallup Valley Daffodil Festival.



BEST TACOMA ENTRY—The "Ugly Duckling," sporting not one, but two hobbling ducklings, was declared "best Tacoma entry" in the Marine Parade on Commencement Bay. It was sponsored by McKinnon's Department Store. The little ducklings, covered with daffodils and not ugly at all, are really scriffs. The mother ship, or duck, towed the pair about all afternoon to the delight of watching youngsters.



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DAFFODIL FESTIVAL SAILING—Pictured above is the start of the annual Daffodil Festival Sailboat race yesterday off the Old Tacoma Dock. Twenty-two boats entered the event and 16 finished with Brent Nichols of Seattle winning.—News Tribune staff photo.

Seattle Skipper Leads Daffodil Sailing Race

Brent Nichols of Seattle, sailing a Star class boat, won the Tacoma Yacht Club's Annual Daffodil Sailing Race yesterday.

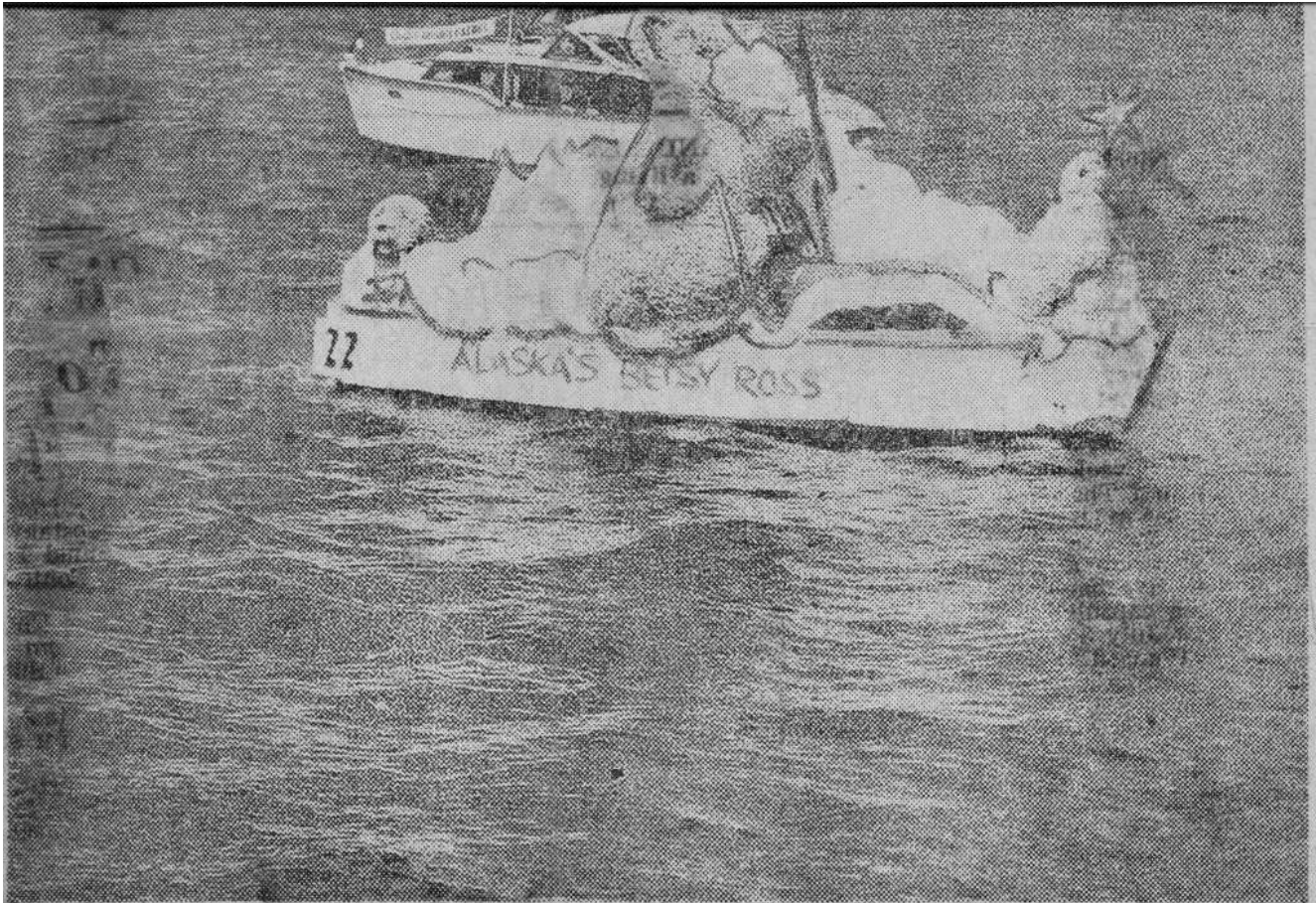
Sailors from Seattle, Bremerton, Gig Harbor and Tacoma entered the race and of the 22 boats which started, 16 finished the eight-mile course. The event was sailed in light variable winds from 3 to 7 m.p.h.

Nichols' corrected time was 3:26:45, while Bruce Teats of Tacoma was second in his Astra Novis in 3:27:37. Bud Larsen skippered his Vixen to third place.

Other finishers were:

4—Bill Nelson, Wynkin; 5—Smith, Twinkle; 6—Howard Greenwood, Hotie, Gig Harbor; 7—Des Sessinghaus, Makai; 8—

Jack Farrell, Revenge; 9—Dr. Gov Teats, Stormy Weather; 10—Jack Evans, Ripples; 11—Jerry Smith, Windsong; 12—Fred Haley, Symra; 13—Merritt Cookingham, Thorobred; 14—Harbine Monroe, Nautilus IV; 15—Clarence Plotts, Pinnochio; 16—Thistle, Gig Harbor.



WATERBORNE PARADE WINNER—A giant Betsy Ross, formed of daffodils and riding on the side of the cruiser Julie Kay, entered by Kay Parks, captured the sweepstakes award for the boat in yesterday's concluding event of the 1959 Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival—a marine parade on Commencement Bay. Betsy, sewing another star on the American flag, carried out the theme of the festival, the admission of Alaska to the union.—News Tribune staff photo.



Daffodil Fete Winds Up With Marine Parade

The Puyallup Valley poured its final flood of yellow down the river to Commencement Bay yesterday as the population of Daffodil-land turned out for a marine parade, concluding event in the 1959 Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival.

Thousands of viewers lined the shore from the Smelter to City Waterway or crowded aboard boats along the parade route to watch what was acclaimed the most successful of the annual waterborne pageants.

Relaxing under sometimes sunny skies, the crowd watched 36 decorated boats, ranging from canoes to large cruisers, parade past the judges' stand aboard the yacht Thea Foss, moored at the Old Tacoma dock. Parade Chairman Jack Giseburt reported almost 500,000 daffodils were used for decorations by participants.

Use Alaska Theme

Most of the decorated boats used the 1959 festival theme, the entry of Alaska to the union as the 49th state. That theme, the judges decided, was best carried out by Kay Parks aboard his 30-foot cruiser, the Julie Kay.

A display featuring "Alaska's Betsy Ross"—portraying the sewing of a new flag—won the Julie Kay the parade's sweepstakes award.

With the judges aboard the Thea Foss were Alaska Gov. William A. Egan; Rear Adm. Allen Winbeck, commandant of the Coast Guard's 13th District; civic officials from Valley communities and leaders of the festival organization.

Queen on Dock

In the reviewing stand on the dock Festival Queen Carol Mills and her princesses held court, along with Pat Baldwin, queen of this year's Anchorage Fur Rendezvous.

Judges were Mrs. Janet Bjork of Orting, Jim Repp of Puyallup and Ed Garrison, Tacoma.

An added feature of this year's
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Marine Parade Ends Festival

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parade was music from the city's three high school bands, riding boats at the head, center and rear of the parading craft.

Winners, in addition to the Julie Kay, were:

Boating organizations — Flamingo, Olympia Yacht Club; Hilma III, Queen City (Seattle) Yacht Club; Venice, Totem Yacht Club.

Commercial — Scott Lynn, Tacoma Outboard Assn.; Mardalu, Tacoma Yacht Club; White Spray, TYC.

Fishing Boats

Fishing and work boats—Johann, Alan Cole, Seattle; Maverick, George Peterson, Tacoma.

Service clubs — Holiday, Tacoma Power Squadron; Bobalu, Downtown Lions Club; Warrior, Lakewood Kiwanis Club.

Over 35 feet—Nokomis, TYC; Modesto III, TYC; WCB TYC.

Under 35 feet—Lois Ann, Vagabond Boat Club; Lark, Day Island Yacht Club.

Outboard cruisers — Aladdin, Day Island Yacht Club.

Open outboards—Kay Gee, Tacoma Outboard Assn.; Lola, Day Island Yacht Club.

Novelty—John R. Miller's decorated canoe.



Picture Courtesy of Tacoma Junior League

FRONT ROW: (left to right) Madeline Shouse, Orting; Martha Barringer, Tacoma; Sharon Phelps, Tacoma; Margaret Dudley, Sumner; and Judi Shoe, Franklin Pierce. **SECOND ROW:** Sharon McCoy, Sumner; Marcia Ann McLean, Clover Park; Sandra Nevins, Puyallup; and Molly Gerhard, Sumner. **BACK ROW:** Diane Harkness, Tacoma; Ellynda Giles, Fife; and Peggy Root, Puyallup.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pictured here are the Daffodil Princesses who will be at our March 28th meeting. They are a treat for the somewhat dim eyes of a lot of members, so come out and see

what you have missed by getting "too soon old and too late, smart."



1959 Overall Winner



KAY PARKS' "JULIE KAY"



HARMONY II, TYEE YACHT CLUB, JACK HARMON 1959



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