



**DAFFODIL  
 TACOMA YACHT  
 CLUB  
 HISTORY**  
  
**1980's**

YEAR	THEME	QUEEN	SCHOOL	PRESIDENT	SIR BOSS
1980	<b>Magic Moments</b>	Robin Asbjorsen	Puyallup	Beverley Sawyer	Roy & Gerry Peterson
1981	<b>International Interlude</b>	Cynthia (Kovalenko) Hodgins	Sumner	Bruce Bleckert	Bill & Mae Merrill
1982	<b>Daffodil Festival Salutes Country Western</b>	Sandy Furtaw	Bethel	Jack Richardson	Warren & Addie Barde
1983	<b>Golden Memories</b>	Jeanene Dryer	Bethel	Bob Campbell	Rob & Liz Wekell
1984	<b>Tomorrow's Dreams</b>	Jeanette Hopkins	Gig Harbor	Laura Stoner	Ted & Donna Maloney
1985	<b>Spring &amp; Alive in '85</b>	Jaymee Marty	Clover Park	Andrew P Bergman	Tommy & Kitty Watson
1986	<b>Golden Enchantment</b>	Kristin Macrander	Lakes	Dennis Crumbley	Judd & Jane Dockeray
1987	<b>A Quest for Peace</b>	Deborah Harlin	Puyallup	Jeff Jensen	Earl & Lind Dryden
1988	<b>My Favorite Things</b>	Heidi Johnson	Curtis	Sue Chaplik	Skip & Pam Mayhew
1989	<b>Sentimental Journey</b>	Lea Snider	Puyallup	Walt Copland	Bill & Anne Nelson



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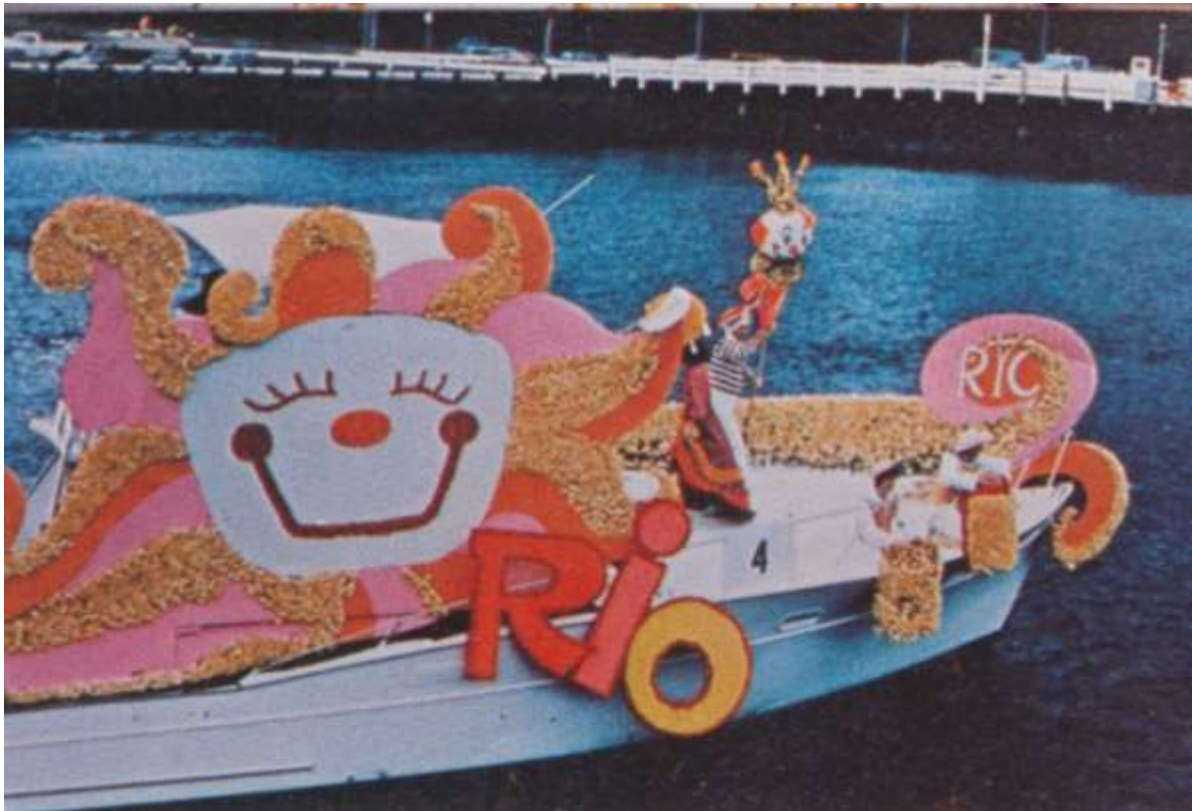






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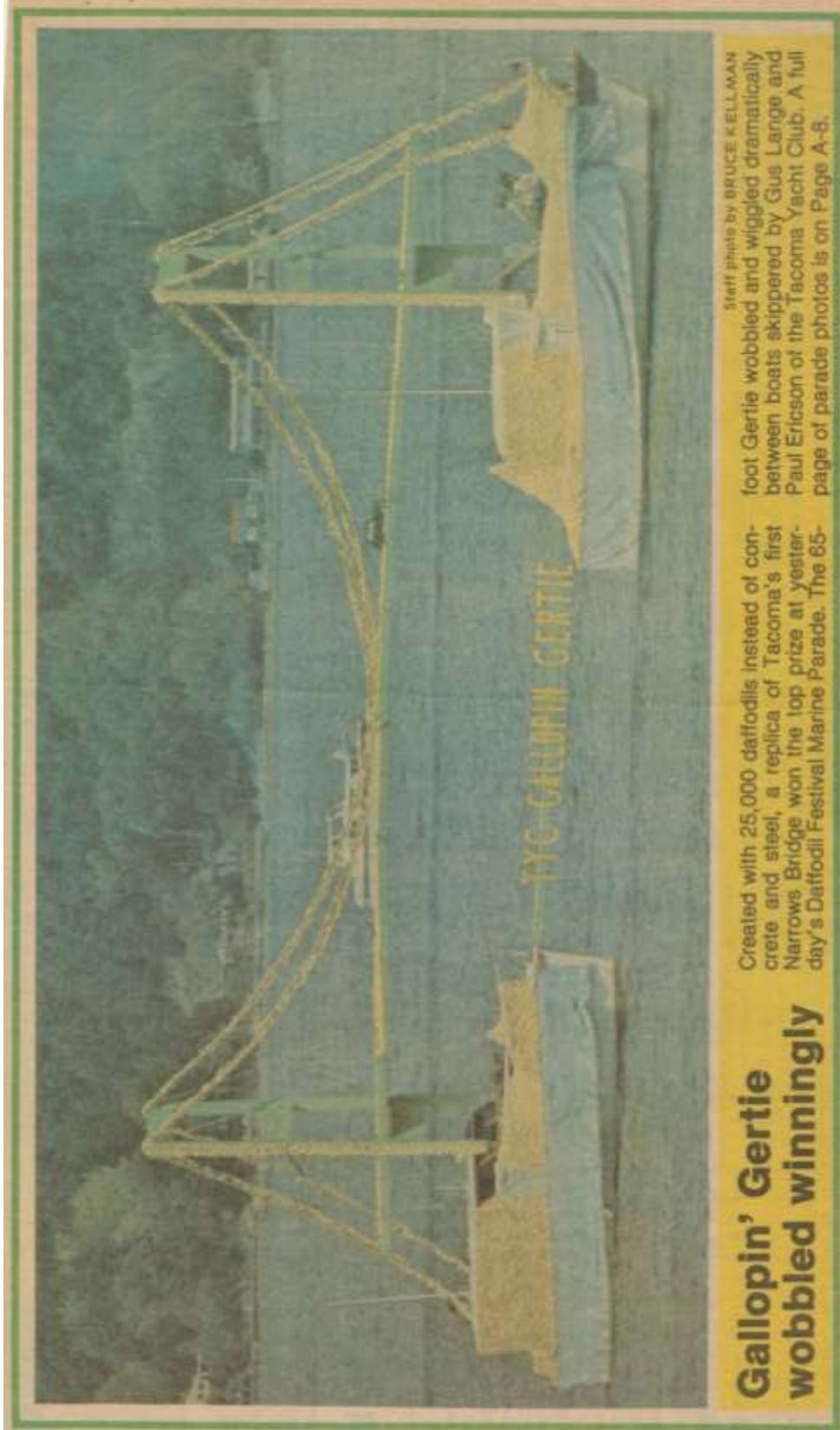




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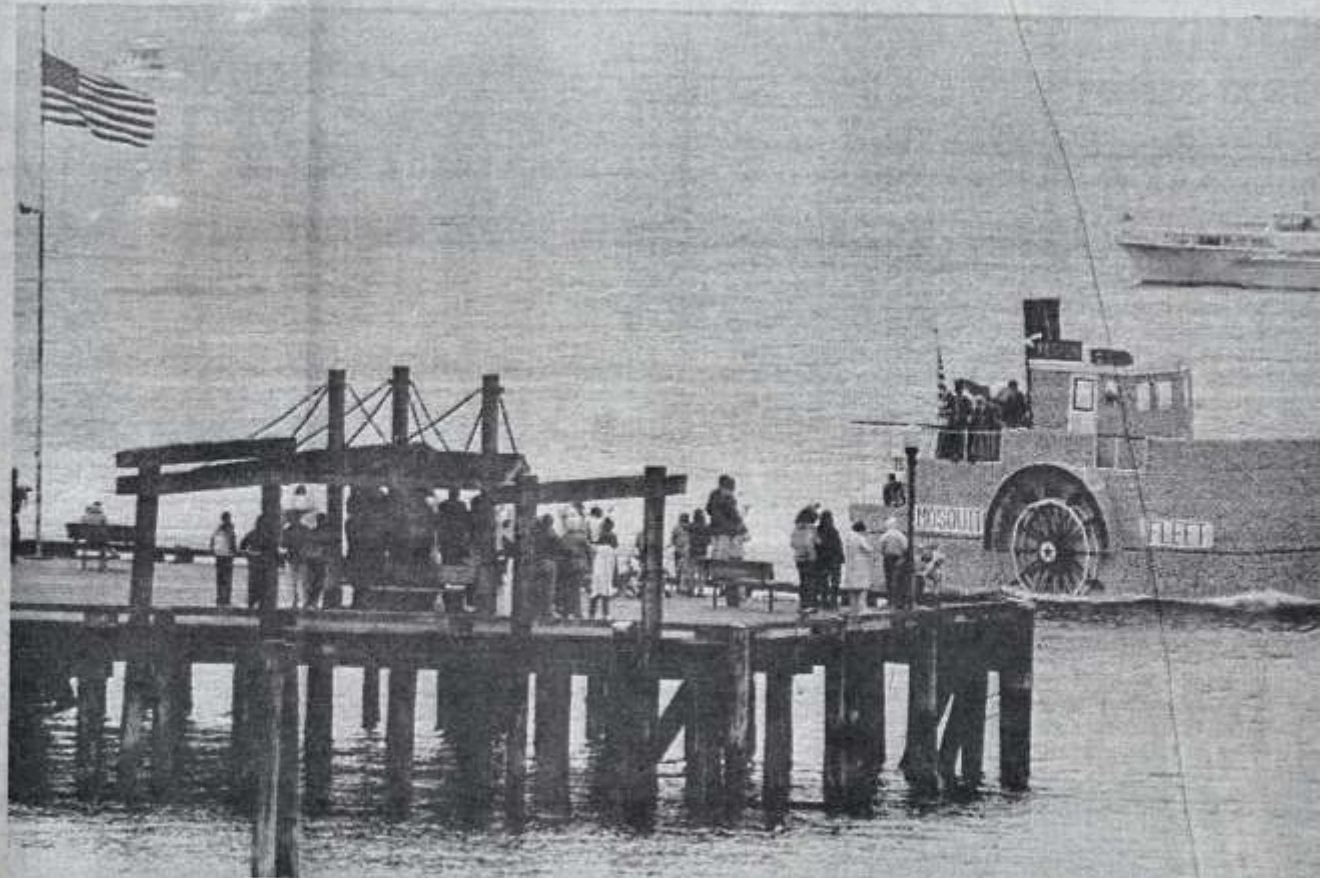
Steff photos by BRUCE KELLMAN  
 foot Gertie wobbled and wiggled dramatically between boats skippered by Gus Lange and Paul Ericson of the Tacoma Yacht Club. A full page of parade photos is on Page A-8.

Created with 25,000 daffodils instead of concrete and steel, a replica of Tacoma's first Narrows Bridge won the top prize at yesterday's Daffodil Festival Marine Parade. The 65-

**Gallopin' Gertie wobbled winningly**



## Daffodil Marine Parade



The 'Mosquito Fleet' from Portage Bay passed the Old Town Dock



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# Marine parade a crowd pleaser

## Top winner makes a bridge to past

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By EARL OTIS

Music, memories, flowers and floats graced Commencement Bay yesterday and "Gallop Gertie" came through a winner in the 33rd annual Daffodil Festival Marine Parade.

Some observers thought the replica of the old Narrows Bridge, carried by two boats tethered together, might fall victim to wind and water as did the original some 40 years ago. But this Gertie, entered by the Tacoma Yacht Club, survived the parade course without wetting a petal of the 25,000 daffodils that adorned it.

The imaginative, 65-foot-long creation maneuvered by Skippers Gus Lange and Paul Ericson captured the Sweepstakes Award, signifying the best in the entire parade, which carried out the Festival theme, "Golden Memories."

The Commodore's Award, given for the second-best float, went to the Yarrow Bay Yacht Club of Seattle.

Using 17,000 daffodils, the runner-up featured memories of youth, with an animated clown, toys and an old-time radio that sent sounds of the past rolling

across the waves to audiences along the shore.

Grand Marshal Joe Devish of Puyallup claimed no prizes, but his boat blossomed anyway with Daffodil Queen Jeanene Dryer and several princesses aboard.

One of Tacoma's new fireboats, with sirens sounding, signaled the start of the parade and led the way from the Tacoma Yacht Club basin to Old Town Dock.

Among those watching the festivities from the Tacoma Yacht Club were visitors who came on 150 boats from surrounding communities.

Judges picked the Seattle Yacht Club's "Mosquito Fleet" entry, with its 17,000 daffodils fashioned to represent one of the ships that plied Puget Sound in days gone by, as winner of the Daffodil Marine Award for the best marine-related portrayal.

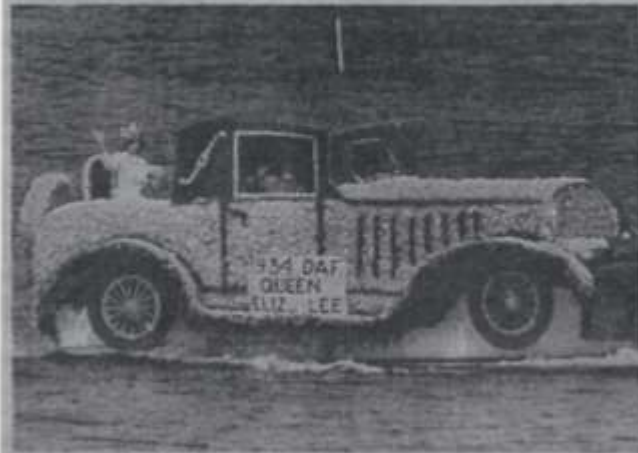
Parade directors radioed skippers to keep their floats close to shore as they approached Old Town Dock, bringing the intricacy of craftsmanship, innovation of design — and animation — into full focus.

Stacks of the floral vessels belched smoke, whistles tooted, music wafted across the water.

And people cheered.



Tacoma Outboard Association offered 'His Master's Voice'



Fircrest Yacht Club portrayed early memory



Totem Yacht Club tooted the festival's horn



Daffodil Queen Jeanene Dryer and Princesses Tina Thomson and Traci Loe, from left, waved from a sailboat





# Winning entries

Sweepstakes Award (best overall) — "Galloping Gertie," Tacoma Yacht Club.

Commodore's Award — (second-best overall) — "Daisy," daisy-themed, "Daisy when We Were Young," Varrow Bay Yacht Club.

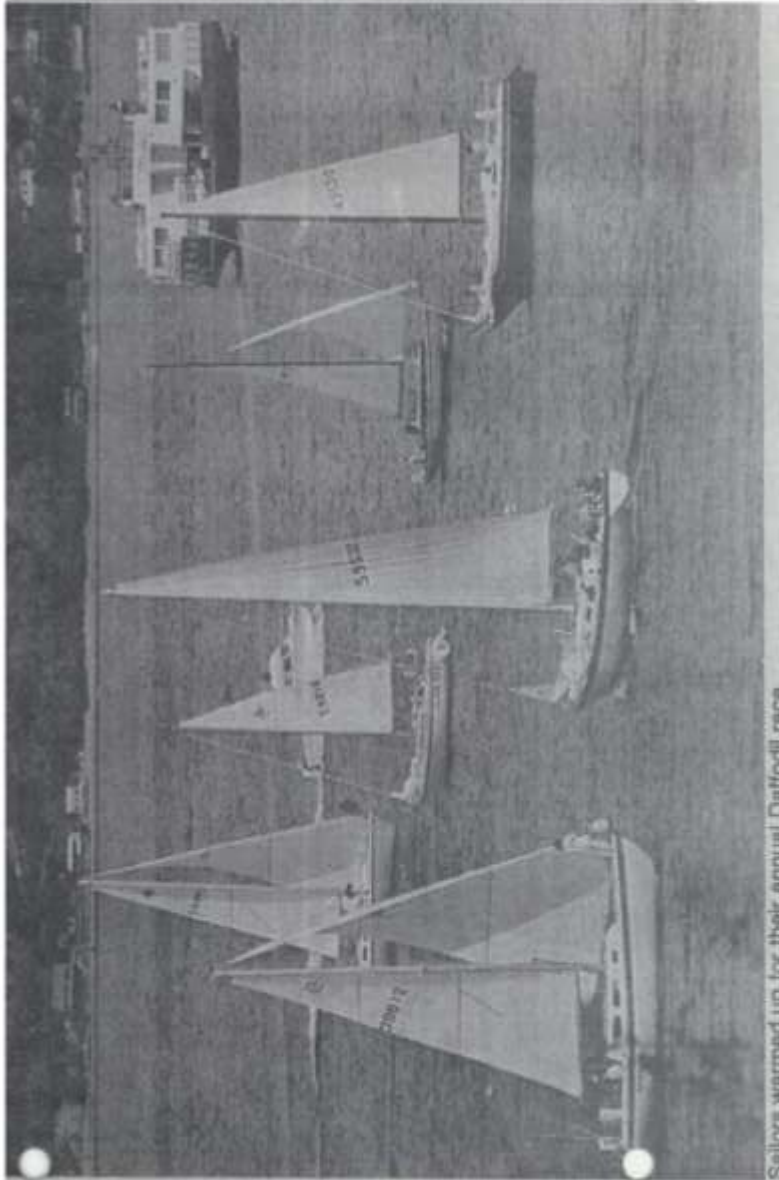
Daffodil Maritime Award (best maritime-related portrayal) — "Musquito Fleet," Seattle Yacht Club.

Tacoma Yacht Club Award (best portrayal of theme) — First, "Spirit of St. Louis," Day Island Yacht Club; second, "Strepachopi steamboat W. T. Preston," Auburn Elks Lodge; third, "First Daffodil Queen," Fircrest Yacht Club.

Queen's Award (best use of daffodil) — First, "Little Teal," Totum Yacht Club; second, "His Master's Voice," Tacoma Outboard Association; third, "Golden Fish," Gig Harbor Yacht Club.

Princesses' Award (most original design) — First, "Toasting Daffodils," Port Orchard Yacht Club; second, "Sunday in the Park," Rainier Yacht Club; Seattle; third, "Golden Memories," Queen City Yacht Club, Seattle.


Staff photos by Bruce Kellman



Sailors warmed up for their annual Daffodil race



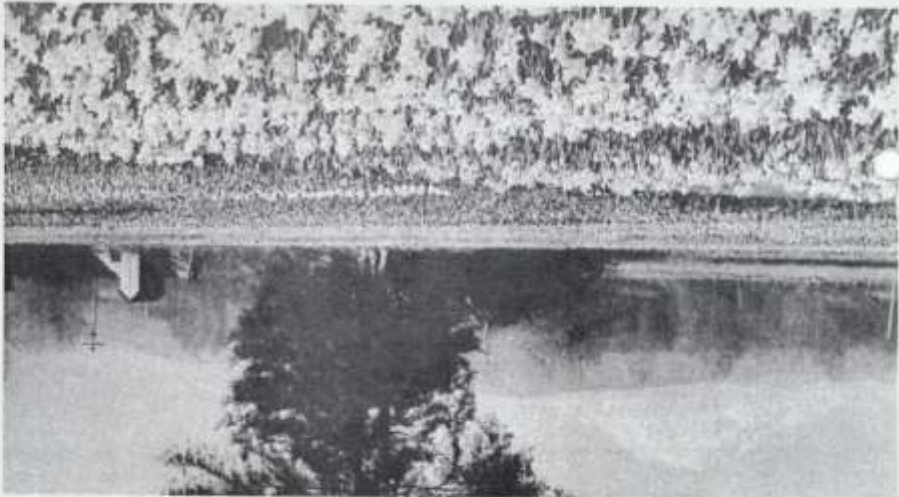
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Daffodil Festival



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The Daffodil Festival began in 1933 as a modest tribute to the valley's flower industry. Today, 50 years later, the festival is the third largest floral festival in the country and Pierce County's annual rite of spring celebration.

Daffodils were first grown in the Puyallup Valley in the early Twenties following the demise from an infestation of the lucrative hop industry. The area's mild climate and rich soil have combined to transform the valley into the "bulb basket" of the nation. Valley growers produce approximately 80 percent of the nation's tulips and over 50 percent each of bulb iris and daffodil bulbs. About 300 varieties of daffodils alone are grown here, with the King Alfred the most popular and plentiful.

The festival is a potpourri of large and small events for young and old alike, most conducted during Festival Week. The chief event and the festival's hallmark is the Grand Floral Street Parade—a four-city affair comprised of scores of floats, marching bands, mounted units and other participants. Among numerous other festival events are a Junior Parade for children, Most Magnificent Mutt Show, Daffodil Flower Show, Marine Parade, 10 Kilometer Daffodil Run and Daffodil Drag Boat Race. Reigning over the festival are a queen and royal court of daffodil princesses selected from 21 area high schools.



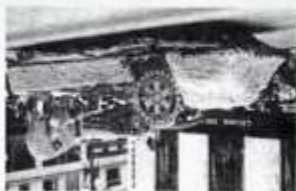
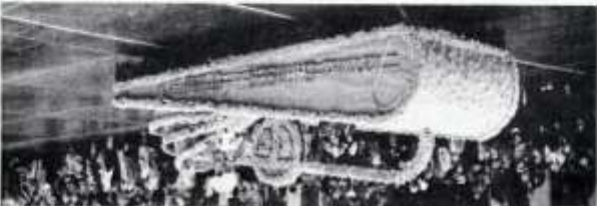

Who sponsors and conducts the festival? You do. The Daffodil Festival, Inc. is a non-profit corporation governed by a 50-member board of directors and supported by thousands of community volunteers. Only two full-time paid staff personnel are retained. The greatest share of festival financing—about 35 percent—is derived from individual and business memberships. And it's a good investment. The festival promotes a sense of community identity and civic pride. It provides family fun for thousands of local and visiting participants and spectators. And it each year returns millions of dollars to the local business community from festival-related events and activities.

Help us make this fiftieth anniversary celebration of the Daffodil Festival the best ever. Complete and return the membership form provided in this pamphlet. Festival event tickets may also be ordered with the form.

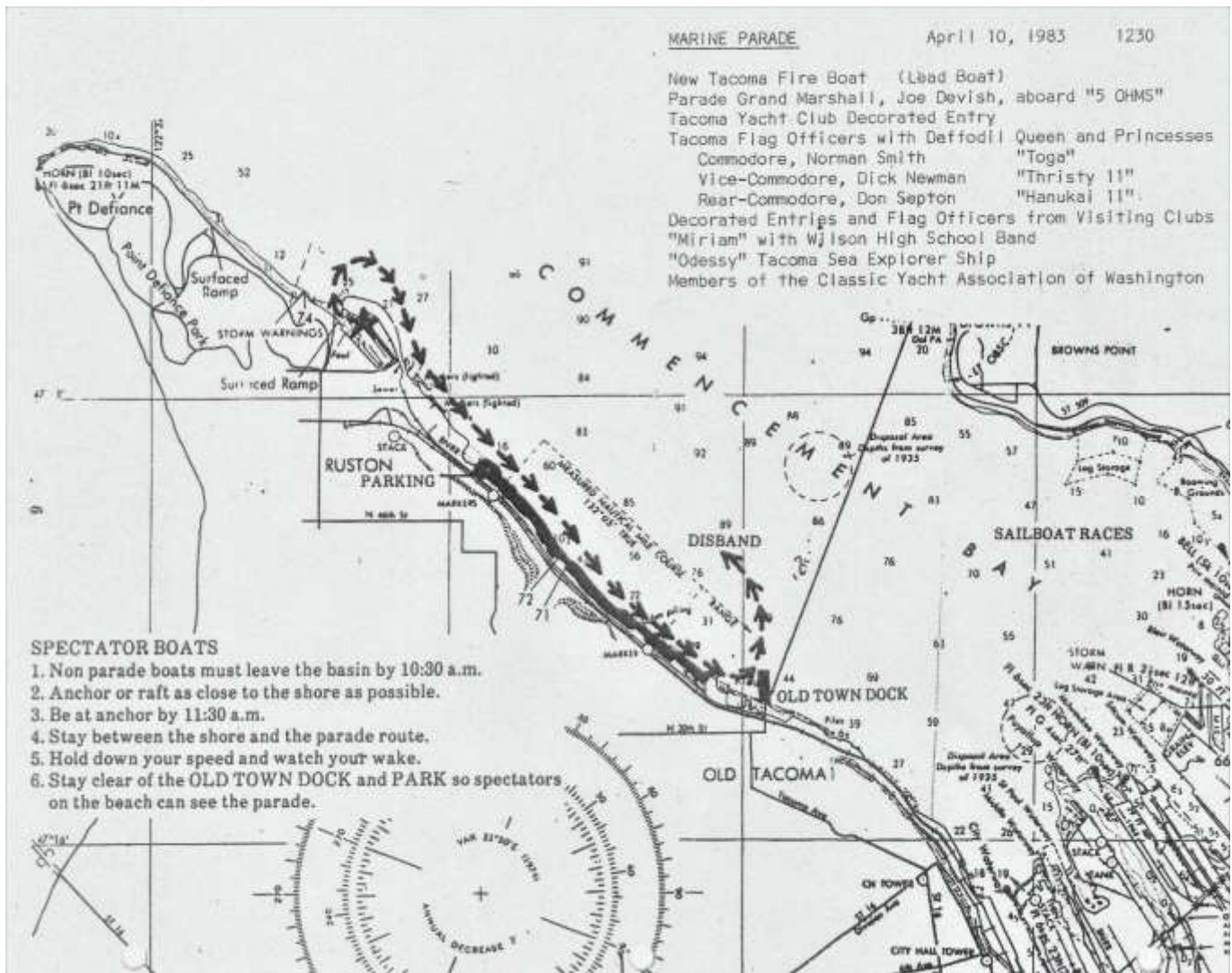
The Daffodil Festival. A rite of spring celebration for and by the people of Pierce County.

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Vintage Puyallup Valley Scene, Chamber of Commerce Float, Rotary Club Float, Marine Parade, 1st Daffodil Queen, Elizabeth Lee.







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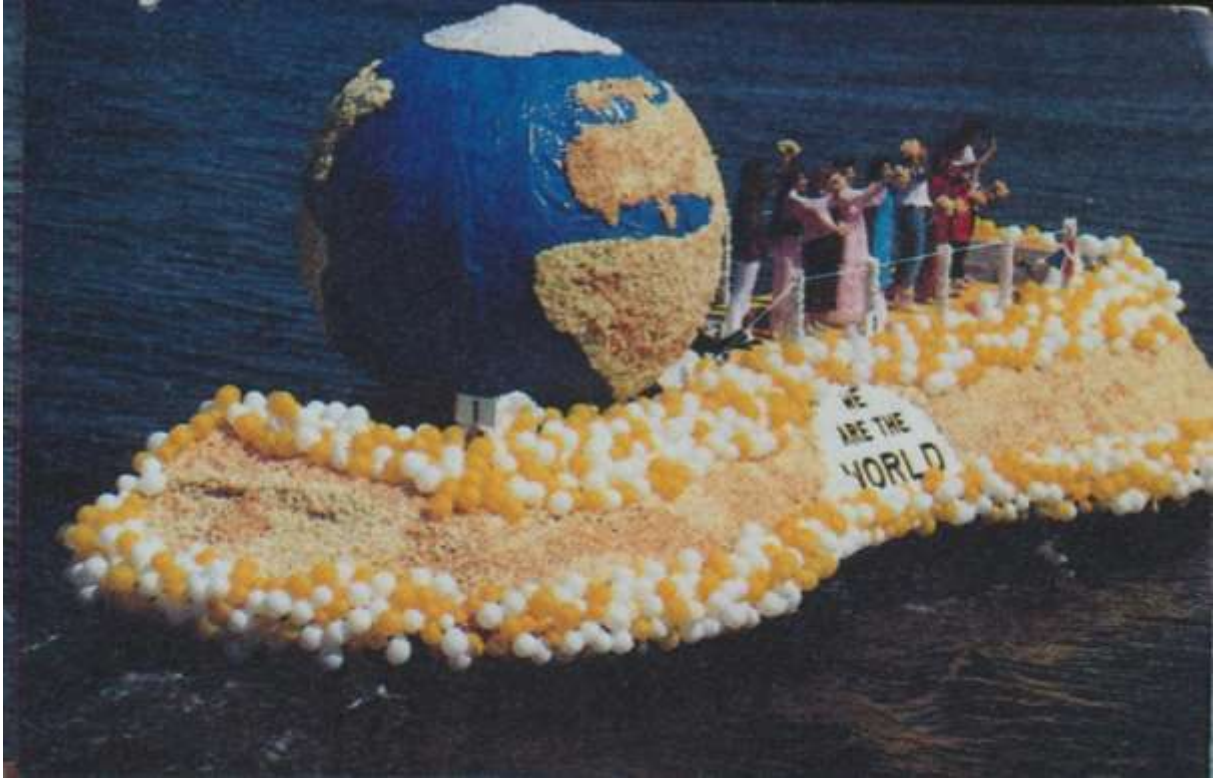




# DAFFODIL WEEKEND

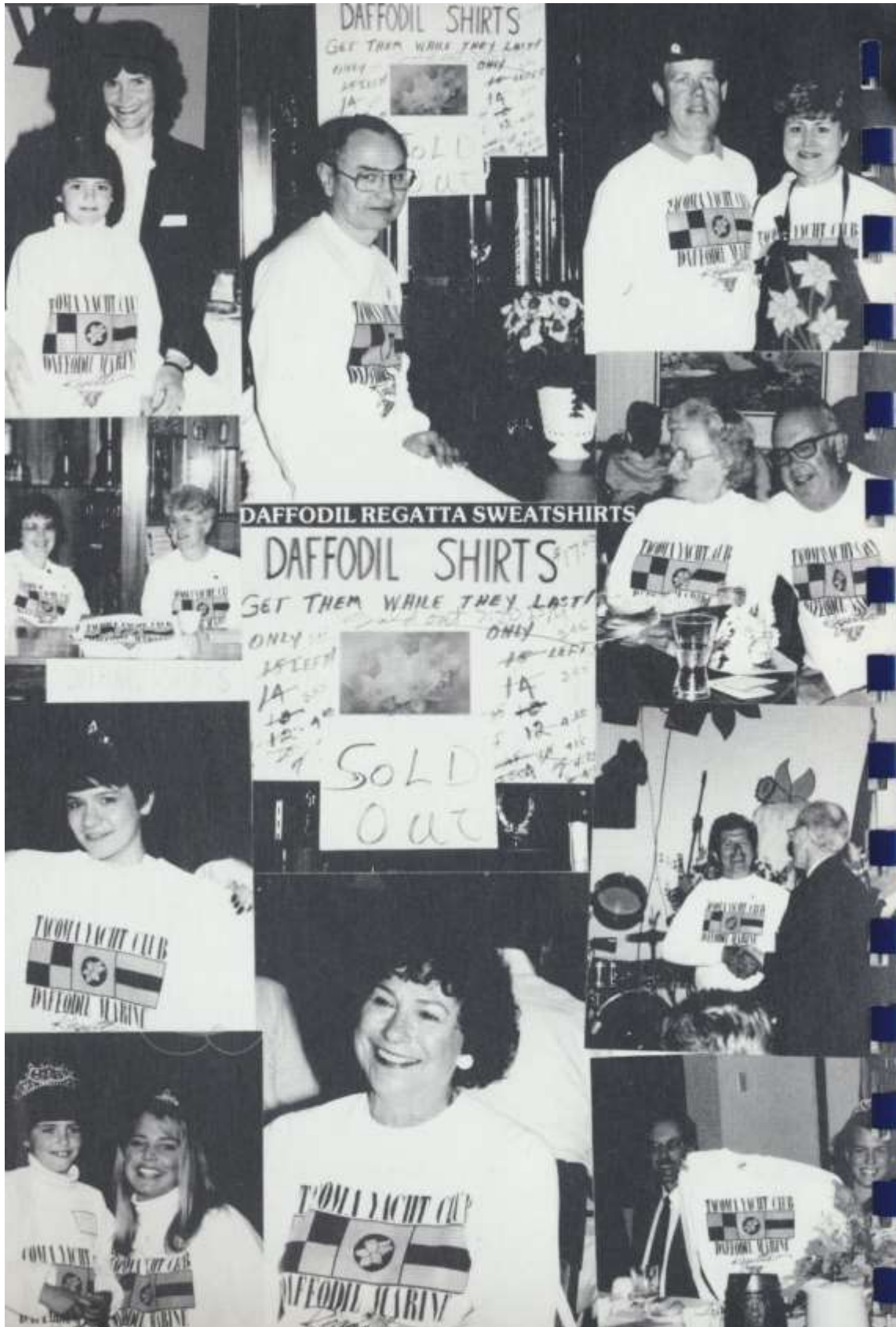


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