

The RED ENSIGN

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Stag Edition

STAG PARTY

8³⁰ pm. FRIDAY - JAN - 21st

CARLS RITE HOTEL

CORNER OF SIMCOE AND FRONT STREETS

STRICTLY MEMBERS & FRIENDS

\$1⁵⁰ Each Includes BEER & EATS

"YA GOTTA COME"

MEMBERSHIP

Ted Leonard

The thought uppermost in my mind as I got this message ready for our admirable Ensign, is this ... What's going on in the minds of you fellows? You're the men I've sailed with, argued with, fought for, fought against, got plastered with, or just enjoyed your companionship during past seasons. Some of you will pick up this paper with genuine enthusiasm, others will give it scarcely a glance (if that), others will paste it into scrap books, some will pitch it into the garbage can, while others will cherish it forever. Some will laugh with it, some at it, others will sneer and wonder why it isn't got up on slick paper and fancy binding, others will proudly show it (accompanied by much praise) to their nearest and dearest.

BUT ... Whatever your attitude toward this wonderful little paper is, there's one outstanding fact concerning you personally - you wouldn't be in this Club if you did not like it, or downright love it, depending on the amount of "give" you have in your system. Now you're wondering just what I'm getting at. All right, here's my point.

Despite who you are, what you are, or how high or low you are placed in the social scheme of things, one fact is evident - you men are welded together into a solid unit and organization known as the Queen City Yacht Club. Where I come in is doing the job of thinking up new gags - how to bring in new members, like a magician pulling rabbits out of a hat. Well - the only thing I'm logging out of any hat is a very old argument, you've heard it before, and here it is again - brethren.

This Club is depending on YOU to do your share of things - especially about new members. In case any of you are pessimistic about the number of new members coming in this season, let me cheerfully inform you with great glee that applications are already coming in from prospective members. Now dear friend, for the love of Mike don't sit back in pious self contemplation and let some other guy pull your share in this important Club work. We need new members, we plead for new members, and depend on you to get them.

So take up the slack in your wains'l, haul in your jib sheet, take a look around and do something! We'll welcome your efforts with open arms, so go to it willya? I'll have plenty of application blanks on hand at our coming Stag, Jan. 21st - or phone me if you want them. I'll mail them to you, MA. 6343 - Good luck!

Jack Clapp says he had to wait till he reached forty to learn how to live. P.S. - Where's he been the last 15 years.

1944 handicaps and Mahaffey's draft board are really having a race these days - no odds.

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EDITOR'S REMARKS

Ken. Purchase

Well, here it is 1944, the year that we are going to win the war, so we should be thinking about that 30 footer that we intend to own. December saw the new Board of Directors take over the tiller and believe me, a better crew couldn't be found in any harbour. Master mind Menzies (moorings) has it all worked out now, where the boats are going to be moored. He says, quote (If the G--- D----- Lake comes up any higher he is going to tie up the Sahara to the verandah rail of 19 Fourth Ave., Ward's Island). All joking aside this year the Board has some BIG PLANS afloat and it is up to every last member to help carry them out. If it is necessary to ask you out for a work day it is not because we have a grudge against you but because we have plans to improve the Club and to hire people to do this work is going to cost you and your Club too damn much money, which at the present time we haven't got a hell of a lot of. So what do you say gang - a little work this year (everyone) and watch the improvements.

The December Board meeting was held in Muirhead's on Dec. 17th. There wasn't much business done owing to the fact that there was a meeting at 8 o'clock with regards to the National One Design Class. Jack Clapp (Entertainment) had some work doled out to him in that a stag was planned for Friday, Jan. 21, location Carls Rite Hotel at 8.30 p.m., and take my advice be there for a real party has been arranged. We can just about guarantee everybody all the beer they can drink (no coupons either) some good skits, MORE BEER, cards, MORE BEER, and OH Yes that ancient and honorable game of African Dominoes - MORE BEER. All that Gentlemen for the trivial sum of \$1.50 plus that inestimable quality that goes with a gang of right guys. So let's all get out there Friday night. This Stag is for you so called sailors of Q.C.Y.C.

Reminiscing for a few minutes, this Q.C.Y.C. must be a pretty good Club to last for as long as it has, eh? I wonder if these old boys like Tommy World and "Pop" Brown, to name a couple, had everything handed to them on a silver platter or whether they had to work like blazes to make Q.C.Y.C. as great a Club as it now is. Remember we are enjoying the hard thankless hours that these old boys put into the Club. How many times do you think they said to themselves - "Oh, hell what's the use somebody else will do it". Well, we can thank these old boys, most of them are too old to sail, a lot of them have gone on their last cruise, for not hoisting the red flag. So when you are asked to do some small thing for the Club, don't spend more energy trying to find an excuse to get out of doing it than it would take in doing, but go ahead and do the job, squawk afterwards if you want, we'll listen. The sooner this Club is really looking smart, in and out, the sooner you will be able to look at it and say - "I helped to make it that way". So, let's dig in this year, fellows, and get Queen City where it belongs and where the old boys had it - "The Best Yacht Club in Canada."

DRAMATIC GROUP FORMED - Formation of a group to study the Drama, and enrich the cultural life of the Club was announced New Year's Eve. The New group to be known as the Queen City Drama, Cultural Uplift, and United Imbibers, will present their first offering, a snappy sparkling play at the forthcoming Stag and get-together. So far sixty-nine members have joined the group.

We asked Bill Churchill who the gal was we saw him with the other night. He said - "Oh, her, she was Ma dora" (ouch).

To be overheard at the Stag - "Shay where doosh all thish schtuff come from".

