

The Clipper

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COMMODORE'S REVIEW

It's been some time since you heard from me, and many successful events and improvements have been completed. Going back to our closing Regatta my prophecy of good weather was granted by my Boss, wind just a little light but we can forgive Him - on averages - 40 mph last year and 5 mph this year makes a perfect 22½ mph, which I'm ordering for next year. Kidding aside I don't recall a more perfect Regatta at any Club in my 38 years of sailing. My personal thanks to all members who did anything to make the day a success, particular thanks to Jack Beckett for a job well done; also to Dave Evans and Gainsboro Foods for the eating part of the Regatta, and last but not least, Don Sproul who thunk up the Dixieland Tug Idea and the Go-Go Dance in the evening. As for the scenery credit goes to Vaneta Martin and Al Cox for the careful timing of blooms for the day. I can now officially thank the DeHaas Family for their gift of the Fountain amplified with numerous helpers in the last week before the Regatta. I hope you all were as pleased with it as I was, a lovely addition to our scene - the coins are going to the Garden Expense.

We jump now to a most pleasant closing Presentation Dinner, beautifully planned by Jack Beckett and Doug Rutherford with Dave Evans doing the dinner details. I was very proud to officiate at such a well organized affair. Before closing this department I would like to express my thanks to you members for the Standing Ovation given to Peter Jones - a well deserved tribute to Peter. I can't recall when any sailor in the Toronto area did so much in one year for any Club. Peter, I can't wish you better success in the years to come, but I hope you can hold the line for dear old Queen City - thanks for staying with us. In this regard I'm looking forward to 1967 and more repeats of Nick Schoenstedt's success in the Albany 30's. I hope these successes inspire more results in our Keel and Centreboard Classes. I feel we are on the march and beginning to take our competitive racing serious. Juniors are good, C'bds, Tops and Keels coming along.

In review the Club has gained several permanent improvements this season, for instance the office of Club Manager is a must and will show greater benefits in the next few years. To point out some smaller but important additions, the sidewalk to the north gate, the 2 patios, the Fountain and the Fence at the Club entrance were great improvements, the laying of moorings on the Ward's side of the lagoon accommodated 8 boats and also necessitated extending existing skids to store the extra boats. This was done by cutting down several trees and blocking off the south end of Valhalla Boulevard for the winter, the installation of a worm gear on the spar derrick has been a great convenience, and last but not least is the new hull for our Club Tender to be known as the Algonquin Queen - name contest won by Ken Sinclair - the final construction to be done this winter by Bill Stevenson with some winter member-work Bees!

Hope to see you at the Hallowe'en Frolic!

Al Rae

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The water in the main building will be shut off for the winter after October 30th. So get those showers in before turn off time - we don't want to get involved with cracked pipes.

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FILM NIGHT

Last Friday night we endeavoured to show films and slides, and for those that were there, it was reasonably successful. This Friday, October 28th, we will be having another film night. We have a 16 mm. movie projector and 35 mm. slide projector at our disposal courtesy, A.J. Rae and an 8 mm. projector. If you prefer your own equipment by all means do so, but please bring your pictures. We will keep the Roamer running up to 8.15 from the City to get you over to the Club. For those not staying over, we will have a late Roamer after the films to take you back. We are planning to get started at 8.45. See you there!

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HAUL OUT

The Last official haulout will be this week-end, October 29th and 30th, so have your sticks out and recheck your cradles and butterboards.

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HALLOWE'EN DANCE

Hallowe'en falls on Saturday, October 29th for O.C.Y.C. members and guests - that's the night of our annual Witching soiree. Yea - it is a costume dance, with prizes for the best. Let's wind up the season with a big turn-out.

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Venetta Martin appreciated very much the interest shown by members and friends in the gardening work she and Al Cox did around the Club this year. She particularly wishes to thank those who contributed perennials, shrubs, money and gave of their time laying sod, mixing concrete, cutting trees, etc.

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