

The Clipper



EDITORIAL

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STILL ON COURSE

It is usual at this time, to reflect on the season and make qualitative judgments as to whether it was a good year or a bad year.

Your editor believes that without doubt 1971 was a good year.

It is not right, it is not really possible, to judge one season in isolation. The club is an ongoing thing and any year must be judged as a part of that fourth dimension, not as an entity. Also each of us is inclined to use his own criteria as a measurement of success, forgetting that the club is different things to different people.

One thing that confirms the success of the 71 season is the willing and cheerful way so many members (some not keel boat owners) pitched in on the marine yard work parties. This is an indication of club spirit that just would not be present if it were not a good year. It proves beyond any doubt that QCYC is still very much a club where the members care enough to get involved and as long as they continue to feel involved we will not know such a thing as a bad year.

To enlarge on an earlier point, 1971 was only one season in the life of the club. The season is past but the club must go on.

Over the last few years successive boards of directors have had to establish some form of direction for the club to take. Provisions had to be made for the funding of future development. It has been difficult to make firm plans because of the many forces that work on us, but it is fair to say that over recent years the club is sailing a discernable course of progress without losing those qualities which make us peculiar among clubs. To define those qualities would require literary talent beyond the scope of this writer. Suffice to paraphrase the late Louis Armstrong, "If you have to ask what they are you wouldn't understand anyhow".

As 71 draws to a close a quick sight on the sextant and glance at the compass will establish that we are still on that course of progress. Such storms as tossed us through the year are now committed to history. As the new crew takes the watch the view astern is of a good year and the view ahead a golden horizon.

List of Nominations for the 1972 Board

Commodore:

- Mr. F. Madrick
- Mr. G. Proctor ✓

Marine Yard Chairman

- Mr. R. Hunter ✓

Vice Commodore

- Mr. H. Pitcher ✓ (Chairman)
- Mr. M. Seymour ✓ (Management Committee)

Planning Chairman

- Mr. C. Lister ✓

Publicity Chairman

- Mr. H. Fiddaman ✓

Rear Commodore

- Mr. G. A. Barraclough
- Mr. M. Loughborough ✓ (Mark)

Entertainment Chairman

- Mr. G. Chandler ✓

Fleet Captain

- Mr. W. Stevenson
- Mr. K. Douglas ✓ (Keith)

Junior Club Chairman

- Mr. G. R. Lambert ✓

Secretary

- Mr. K. Clark
- Mr. R. Coleman
- Mr. R. Preston ✓ (Bob)

A message to the Senior membership from the nominating committee.

Considerable thought and dialogue has been expended in arriving at this nomination list. At the general meeting further nominations will be allowed from the floor in accordance with the by-laws. However please base your nominations on knowledge, good judgement and most of all the consent of the nominee.

Treasurer

- Mr. B. Hitchins ✓ (Barry)

Remember this will be your board for the coming year, come to the meeting and vote.

House Committee Chairman

- Mr. L. Smart
- Mr. T. Tomlin
- Mr. G. Anderson ✓ (Gordon)

Membership Chairman

- Mr. G. J. vanDorsser
- Mr. R. Lye ✓ (Ray)
- Mr. W. Burton

- Mr. J. P. Beckett
- Dr. J. D. Campbell
- Mr. K. O. Douglas

Mooring Chairman

- Mr. D. Roe ✓

Nominating Committee

Broom at the Top

Nice guys don't always finish last, despite the cynical saying.

On the Awards Night, we who attended discovered that hard work, a good crew and not a little expertise are a winning combination. Those of you who missed the accolades at the Annual Presentation Dinner may be under the impression that the winning of the Parkinson Trophy was merely the taking of just another competition prize. Quite the contrary: you have to be something special and bring conspicuous attention to your club if you are even to qualify. And it was Gay Gordon, Gord Proctor's fiber-glass mistress, that carried the broom atop her mast.

Throughout the past season Gord came first in 12 events out of 18, including the Freeman, Lake Ontario International, Lake Ontario Alberg Championships and the Governors-General Cup.

We salute you, Gordon and crew, for a job well done.

Moorings Report

With the sailing season over and all the boats out of the water, or at least they will be by the time this note goes to press, there isn't much for a moorings chairman to report on. I won't complain about lines any more but I do hope improvements will continue next year.

Several people have asked for the waiting list to be published showing their standings for club side moorings. This list stands as follows:

A. Simmons	J. Provan
J. Churchill	G. Ishbister
R. Hay-Roe	J. Towler
E. Soestmeyer	J. Truill*
D. Roe	D. Doyle
H. Altman	J. Lye*
K. Greene	K. Hansen*
S. Scott	A. Gander
M. Currie	T. Swallowell*
J. Zufelt	J. Banky*
B. Hitchins	B. Weatherhead
O. Ferger	R. Sheppard
R. Langlais	B. Gilchrist
R. Engel	J. Shaw
G. Chandler	S. Cook
G. Turner	J. Millyard*
H. Wilmot	R. Madrick
T. Daniels	J. Van Sickle
A. Korzak	D. Reid
W. Ferda	
R. Lye	*Indicates no mooring assigned to date.
A. Camp	

The mooring waiting list as determined by the point system on Oct. 30, 1971 stands as follows:

R Near	103 points	**
J. Clemmer	74 points	**
D. Reid	45 points	**
P. Cotton	39 points	**
M. Galbraith	39 points	**
B. Chenier	36 points	**
D. Thelen	32 points	**
D. Sturgess	15 points	**
D. Thorn	4 points	**

**Indicates no boat (requiring a mooring) purchased to date.

With the addition of several new moorings we were able to assign 16 moorings this year virtually eliminating the list of actual boats waiting for Wards Island moorings. What a pleasant way to end the year.

Please contact me if there are any questions regarding the above.

A number of people have informed me that they are contemplating the purchase of a larger craft for delivery in 1972, some have already made commitments. If these changes take place it will be necessary to make a shuffle of several boats in order to make the best use of our moorings. If there are any changes which I don't already know about, please let me know. It will be to your benefit come spring, we may not be able to accommodate you otherwise. There are several boats in the yard which are for sale, if any are sold over the winter which will affect mooring assignments, notify the club at the time of the sale, not at launching time.

D. Roe,
Moorings Chairman

JUNIOR CLUB

The albacores are hauled - the sails are being checked - the outboard motors are in the shop, so at long last the 1971 Junior Sailing program is over.

-- and yet, is it over?

Already parents are phoning, requesting applications so that their son or daughter will not be left on the dock again, due to late enrollment.

Many young people, some of them graduates of QCYC Jr. Club are making inquiry regarding employment as instructors or instructors-in-training, others have heard that some of our sailboats will be retired and are looking for a bargain (there will be more on this in the early spring).

It has been a wonderful, successful season - and many, many people contributed to make this happen. The list of course is too long for this report but the following deserve special mention.

1. Commodore Len Canham gave freely and generously of his advice and talents.
2. Rear-Commodore Herb Pitcher, last year's Jr. Club Chairman, spent many hours at personal meetings to smooth the path. His help was invaluable.

3. The instructors: Senior instructor Greg Cockburn, aided by Jay Cross, Pat Roulstone and Sally Hill conducted a varied, interesting and challenging program, stressing safety. Ask any parent, this talented staff was absolutely tops.

4. Extra staff: April Hickox and Marcus Gee helped teach, especially when one or another instructor was participating in international competition.

5. Senior Club Members: Gordon Cross on Freya, Tom Tomblin on Reverie, Charlie Millen on Grasshopper Murray Wideman on Bluebell II who loaned their keel boats to further the sailing training of our students - this was a very significant gesture and a tribute to the faith and trust that these adults have in the younger sailors.

Pat Walton on Anore supplied large quantities of lumber and much needed help in the re-construction of the Jr. Club launching ramps.

And the ladies, Betty Chandler and my wife June who helped at the dances, enduring the amplified music of the excellent rock group.

6. The staff, especially manager Ray Lister who worked so hard to ensure the success of the two dances and annual awards presentation dinner.

7. Finally our thanks to the members of the Junior Club itself. These young people conducted themselves in a way that won the admiration of all. They worked, studied, sailed and played hard and achieved much - they are the future of the club. and we are proud of them.

George R. Lambert,
Junior Club Chairman

Fleeting Comments

The Queen had her bottom blasted a couple of weeks ago. I don't know about the diety saving her but I hope that the zinc which was applied will considerably extend her life expectancy.

The Lil is ill. Fortunately for the non-mechanical Fleet Captain she kept going until the end of the season. An exploratory operation will be required to determine the full extent of malaise; right now it looks as if the problem is either relatively simple or will cause a total collapse. In either case I pass on to the next Fleet Captain the recommendation received from my predecessor: for _____'s sake get a new work boat.

I missed saying goodbye to Russ and Marie Thornhill on their last night on the Island. A copy of this Clipper should be going to them (I'm told both the mailman and Santa Claus get to Newfoundland in the winter). Perhaps I can take this opportunity to say goodbye and thanks. The thought has occurred to me that if half our membership cared as much about the club as Russ and Marie, we would have a situation we can only dream of now; -- might even be able to get along without a Board of Directors!

"I do not regret what has happened. We took risks; we knew we took them. Things have turned out against us." This excerpt from Robert Scott's diary could well apply to John Perman and his Black Gull. Fortunately in this case no lives were lost and no serious injuries resulted, but a fine little down-east schooner is gone. A year's work on the boat, many years' personal preparation, a competent skipper and a good vessel but there is never a guarantee. In the words of Old Lodgeskins "Well . . . well, sometimes the magic doesn't work." I hear John is going to get another boat in New Zealand. We hope to see them both back at QCYC some day.

To all those who will not be at the general meeting Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and see you on the lake next year.

Murray Seymour,
Fleet Captain