



Queen City Clipper

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Commodore's Comment

When I joined The Queen City Yacht Club some 17 years ago, I discovered that one of the chief advantages and satisfactions of membership was the friendships formed, not just at QCYC, but at all other yacht clubs. And this, I am happy to say, has continued through the years for my family and me. All will, I think, agree that the cementing of ties with our American cousins has not only done much for the sailing fraternity as a whole, but has increased our mutual awareness on both sides of the Border that Americans and Canadians differ from one another in a few, inconsequential details only. As all you members are aware, we try to accommodate visiting boats whenever there are slips available to them; and the system of members informing the club of whenever and how long they will be away has proved most helpful and successful in extending these gestures of hospitality and courtesy. The occasions when members have returned unexpectedly early and found their slips

in use have been very few, and I must say that they have been uncomplaining and sportsmanlike about the inconvenience. Maybe it was because they had similarly inconvenienced someone at some time when they themselves were visiting sailors and had been offered a slip.

The thermometer may drop in September, and yet our annals show that it usually rises most accomodatingly for our annual regattas. This year's falls on Saturday September 14th, when we shall play host to all the other yacht clubs.

Traditionally, ours is the last of the season and is well attended. So, fellow-members, circle that day on your calenders and colour it gold, because your old Commodore has has this feeling in his water-logged timbers that it will be a high and gala occassion.

Herb Pitcher

Vice Commodore's Report

We appreciate Rob Preston stepping back into the position of secretary. Replacing Roy Hunter, who has been forced to resign due to the pressure of business. Rob will be a real asset again.

Notice to owners of lockers under the club house. Effective immediately, we will be cutting holes in some floors as we check the condition of the clubhouse foundation. This is part of a feasibility study re the future plans for the development of the property. Would you please ensure that spare keys to your locker are available at the office.

We appreciate your favourable comments on the new patios with picnic tables and bar-b-que holders. If you have any further suggestions for improvements in the appearance of the club please let us know.

George R. Lambert

Don Coulson, Entertainment

Some two hundred members and guests had a great time last August 23 and 24.

The Pig Roast should become an annual institution of the Club; it was fun, it was profitable, and perhaps most importantly, it involved almost 30 souls in it's preparation and organization.

In fairness to the members who worked both as committee heads and assistants, I'll not single out any one person. However, one individual, a non-member, did yeoman service in the preparation of cooking, and carving of the pig - Ron Jones. So to Ron, and all others involved, three cheers and our thanks. Regatta is again upon us - make your reservations, and gather up your friends. Also pray for the usual fine weather.

Membership Report

Frank Murray Anderson - Senior Member

Don DiCarlo - Senior Member

From The Rear Commodore

PRESENTATION DINNER 1974

The Presentation Dinner October 12th is barely a month away and will mark the end of a fairly successful season. Our turn-out for the club championship series does not seem to vary from year to year. This area is a good training ground to practice your skills, even on nights with light airs. Perhaps we need a different rating system from our present L.O.R. system to allow all our boats to be competitive with each other. Work will be done in this area over the winter with the view of being able to offer a more palit-able program in 1975. Perhaps we have enough boats in certain classes to have them race boat for boat such as the Stars and the Alberg 30's did for some years. Suggestions for up-grading our present program will be welcomed. Avote of thanks to Murray Seymour and his two able assistants Kay Walker and Marg Pitcher. They have ably and willingly worked on the committee boat this year with some high degree of success. The number of yachts in Queen City participating in the MYRC and CYRA events this year has stayed fairly constant. Two new entrants this year are Don Martin's Calamity and Don Stagg's Pumpkin Eater. To date Pumpkin Eater has been possibly our most successful boat this year. The boats that do compete need crew and perhaps more of our boats would compete if crew were available on a consistent basis. If you are interested in an active sailing season make it known early next year so the skippers that are racing can contact you. The club plans to continue the Wednesday night races as long as we can get a turn out of 20 boats or more. The races may be shortened due to the limitation of time but generally we can expect better winds this time of year than during the summer so there could be some good sailing. Come out and

join the gang for the last few nights of this year.

Regatta day September 14th always a big day this notice may not get out in time to let you know about registration by September 9th. If you are not already registered you can not race. If you are not sailing come and join in this our biggest party of the year.

RACE TROPHIES

All sailors who have Queen City Yacht Club trophies in their possession are asked to turn them into the office as soon as possible and not later than September 30th so that they can be prepared for the Presentation Dinner.

SPECIAL SAILING EVENTS

During September we have these special events within the club:

Rally to the Flagpole-----September 15th
Cheaters Race-----September 21st
Last Chance Cup-----September 28th

These events are all good fun and have been held for many years. Anyone interested in details is asked to contact John Purdue.

Larry Smart

NEWS SHORTS

Pat Walton is back from his Caribbean cruise and we hope to cover this in detail in the October issue of the Clipper.

Steve Dompster, out of town member of QCYC while sailing with his wife near Yongestown saved the life of the young boy who was pacing Neil McNeil, the lad who unfortunately died while trying to swim Lake Ontario.

Marine Yard Report

It's haul-out time again, where did the summer go, seems like only last week-end we finished the launching.

There will be a couple of work parties coming up so watch for the notices.

It's also cradle inspection time so have a look at your cradle and butter boards and get on with the repairs. Any new cradles being built, follow the instruction sheet enclosed in your Clipper. Haul out dates will be posted, watch for the notices and be ready.

We have a tractor now with a winch attached, so it should make for easier side hauling once we get the pad-eyes at the end of each row. So when the notice for the work party is posted come out and give a hand. There'll be free beer and eats.

R. Norton

Moorings Report

HYDRO ON WARD'S ISLAND

After many years of effort, I have finally succeeded in getting hydro." RUNNING FREE" has water, at her own expense, which can simply be installed for any other member as well. Our gas pump and pump-out facilities are now operating. Every boat in our club must have insurance. Strong north winds will be upon us soon so make sure you have good stern lines out. Each boat should have two fenders out on each side.

