

# The Clipper

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## QCYC ARCHIVES

The club has recently been presented with five very valuable additions to its archives. They are four copies of the QCYC's very first newsletter: The Red Ensign, and a miniature of the club burgee which appears to have been designed for use as a crest for a jacket or sweater.

They come to us through the courtesy of Dr. Norman Foy, a vice-commodore of the club in the 1920's and chairman of the motorboat committee. Dr. Foy passed these treasures on to Russell Wilson (Banshee) who, in turn, has donated them to the club archives. Dr. Foy now lives at the Wexford, a retirement home on Lawrence Avenue East, in Toronto. Russel reports that Dr. Foy, now in his 80's, is still a vigorous gentleman. His father was a member of QCYC before him.

Volume One, Number One, of "The Red Ensign," Official Organ of the Queen City Yacht Club, was published in February, 1925. The editor was G.S. Brownell, publicity chairman for the club and managing director of McPhee Publications Limited.

The club directory of Officers and Committees in 1925, lists E.J. Brown as Commodore; Norman F. Foy, vice-commodore; Fred Churchill, Rear Commodore; the secretary was William R. Wilson; and the treasurer was William R. Foy.

A front page editorial outlines the intent of the newsletter as follows:

"The publishers of the Red Ensign present to the members of the Queen City Yacht Club this first issue of our house organ.

"Its purpose is to recite from month to month all Club happenings in the various branches of the organization, to make it informative without being prosy, entertaining without being burlesque, and to live up to the standards that should govern a Club that is privileged to fly the red ensign.

"There are various reasons why the Executive considered this a suitable time to issue a monthly publication.

"Our membership is strong and healthy - our activities varied: Bowling, Seamanship, Cards, Sailing, Dancing, and (we hope) Tennis."

Later on, the editor notes: "The Queen City Yacht Club has, we think, earned a well deserved reputation for good sportsmanship, hospitality and what is vulgarly known as "pep." The Red Ensign will do its utmost to encourage and perpetuate this good work, and bespeaks the cordial help and co-operation of every Club member."

It's also interesting to note that even in 1925, the club treasurer was appealing for prompt payment of fees. Some things never change.

We will have more from the Red Ensign in future editions of The Clipper.

Tom Egan

# COMMODORE'S REPORT

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It is with regret that I am announcing the resignation of John Warren as Treasurer of the club. One of John's objectives has been to put the accounting for the club on a professional basis so that future treasurers will not be required to make the same commitment of time required of him.

This has been done and we are pleased to announce that Mr. Michael Thompson will be performing the accounting function at the club. However, Michael works with John in his accounting practice; and Section 23 of the QCYC Constitution disqualifies a member from holding office "if he is concerned in the profits of any contract with the club." Since the club is contracting with John's firm for these services, John has resigned.

We will not lose this expertise as John will be involved in the supervision of the accounting, ensuring that our needs are met, and he will undoubtedly continue to be active in the club, particularly in the financial aspects of our long-range planning.

As most members are aware John has been instrumental in improving the finances of the club over the past two years and I wish to thank him for the long hours of unpaid effort.

Klaus Noack

## FROM THE REAR

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Webster's New World Dictionary defines the word Trophy as: "a prize, usually a silver cup, awarded in a sports contest or other competition." Award is: "to give as the result of judging the relative merits of those in competition."

Each year QCYC, as an active yacht club, takes part in various competitive activities, internally and externally. We belong to LORC (formerly CYRA and MYRC) and sponsor two major races as host club. These are the Blake Van Winckle and the QCYC Open Regatta.

In addition, QCYC yachts compete in many other inter-club events; LYRA Week, which includes the long-distance Freeman Cup race, Shark events such as the recent Shark Gold Cup at QCYC, One Design racing - Alberg 30's, Thunderbirds, International 14's, and Junior Club events.

At the club level we race Wednesday nights throughout the summer in a three race series of approximately six races each. Races organized by other clubs and the fun races fill out the season. The time and effort required to participate in these events, all or in part, is substantial. Organizing crew, equipment, food (booze?), getting on location, etc. is a significant undertaking.

On the other side of the coin is the amount of time and effort to organize these events by dedicated volunteers. The time is substantial. The cost is large - fuel, boats, manpower, food, radios, guns, flags, forms, mailings, recording times, protest committees, the list goes on ad infinitum.

Quite apart and separate from competitive racing is an entirely different, but just as important, area involving sportsmanship, cruising, hosting club visitors, organizing club act-

ivities on the social level, and the giving of time for the overall betterment of QCYC. This is another very important facet of club well-being.

We are now at the end of August. A substantial number of trophies and awards, all with a long history and all with significant value, will be given to deserving club members at the annual Fall Awards Banquet.

Do you qualify for an award in 1983?

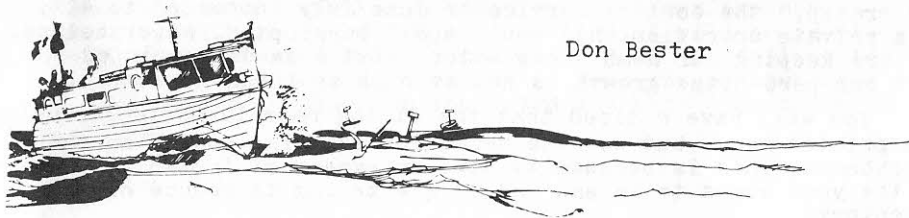
Did you make the effort?

Can you recommend someone who did?

We would be pleased to receive your recommendations in this area IN WRITING, for discussion with the awards committee in mid-September. The list of award categories outside of competitive racing trophies will be posted on the bulletin board.

It would be appreciated if past winners would return their trophies to the club no later than September 24th. We would also like to seek the help of a photographer in the club. We require color photographs of all QCYC trophies. Again, all trophies not on the club premises should be returned for photographing and engraving no later than September 24th.

Don Bester



## FEE SCHEDULE

### QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB SCHEDULE OF CHARGES FALL 1983 BILLING

The charges included in the 1983/84 fall billing are as follows. We have included billings from the previous two seasons to give you some comparison:

	<u>1983/84</u>	<u>1982/83</u>	<u>1981/82</u>
Storage: Winter 1983/84	LxBx75¢	LxBx70¢	LxBx65¢
Lockers: Summer 1984			
Large	\$160	\$150	\$140
Small	85	80	75
Moorings: Summer 1984			
Club side	\$275	\$260	\$260
Ward's side	\$250	\$240	\$240
Dinghy	\$180	\$175	\$175
Dry Sail/Laser	80	75	75

Fee increases are approximately 5% over last year.  
No assessment will be levied in this fiscal period.

John Warren

