

# The Clipper



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# COMMODORE'S REPORT

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With the coming of June, and another successful Annual Sailpast behind us, the Queen City sailing season is nicely underway.

We seem to have survived our initial problems with the engine replacement for the Algonquin Queen. Everyone involved did their best to assure that the Algonquin Queen would be ready for springtime business. Unfortunately, delays beyond our control and a small bit of Murphy's Law put us behind schedule. The good news is that the cost of this engine replacement, including new batteries and electrical, represents a 40% saving over the last time that major engine work was required.

I think that all members have been properly impressed by the speed and efficiency with which our Yard Chairman conducted the spring launch of boats from the marine yard. This was done in record time, without incident or accident, and it's certainly a mark of achievement for which all of the members can take pride. Haul-out is far enough away that I would rather think about our summer sailing season than the achievement of more marine yard records.

The ladies of our Club, or quite a number of them anyway, are to be thanked for the cleaning-up work party on the tables, chairs and walls of the Great Hall. In addition, there has been other painting and wall-papering in the dining room and bar area and, for this, I would like to express special thanks to Bill and Dianne and their intrepid band of paper-hangers.

In recent Board meetings, the Officers and Directors have discussed the subject of short and long-term planning for Q.C.Y.C. Firstly, I wish to emphasize that overall planning policy, both short and long-term, is a Board-level responsibility. While such planning is under the general direction of the Planning Chairman, the elected Board of Directors retains a general authority to establish and implement policy in this area. We are open to recommendations and assistance from any member of this Club. The operation of Q.C.Y.C. is an evolving and developmental process.

In effect, I suppose every one of us is a member

of the Q.C.Y.C. Planning Committee because the future of this Club is a responsibility, shared in common, among all members. Although, as I have indicated, policy is the responsibility of your Board of Directors, I doubt that any Board would take any steps with respect to the long-term planning of this Club without having an appreciation of the wishes of our membership.

Finally, we continue to look toward our Centennial in 1989 and your Board is having special regard for the projected increased spending in that year. We will need to plan for increased sources of revenue between now and that time and I would welcome suggestions from any of our members on new and novel ways to generate additional revenue.

To finish where I started, that is, with the Sail-past, I wish to express the gratitude of the Officers for having been given the honour of taking the salute.

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