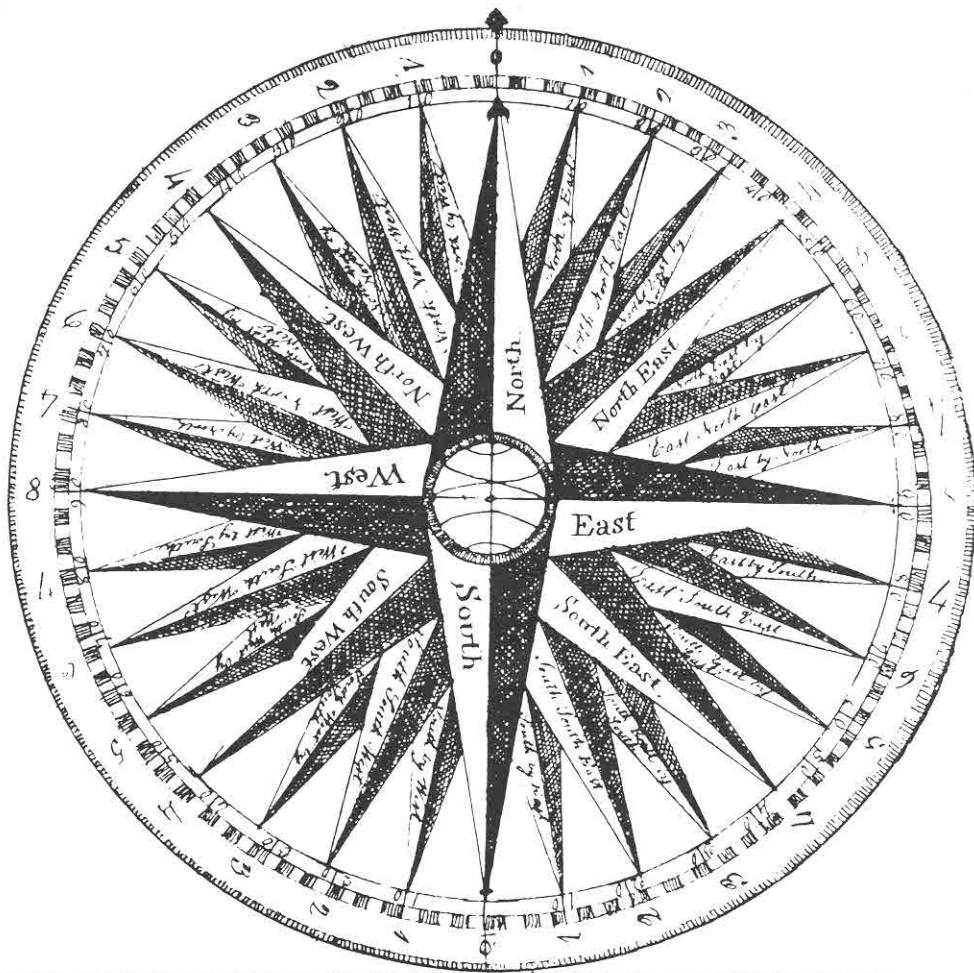


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COMMODORE

Spring is officially here now and members are preparing their boats for launch. We are beginning to open and clean the club house and prepare to launch the summer sailing season. The Spring Thaw luncheon is past and we are negotiating our usual docking slip at the foot of Bay Street with the Toronto Harbour Commissioners.

Some complaints have been made by members that we did not communicate the winter billing adequately. The complaints are justified. Brian King, our treasurer, has attempted to correct this oversight in his report. I hope this will provide the explanation needed.

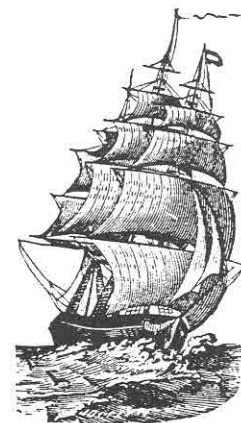
The centennial book which is being written by Wayne Lilley (*Assignment*), produced by Steve Manley (*Overkill*) and researched by Gwen Egan (*Perchance*) is being completed. The writing is almost complete and a printing contract will be signed after the submission of bids from various printers. I am very excited about this publication of our history and hope the members of the

club will respond by buying additional copies. We are ordering 800.

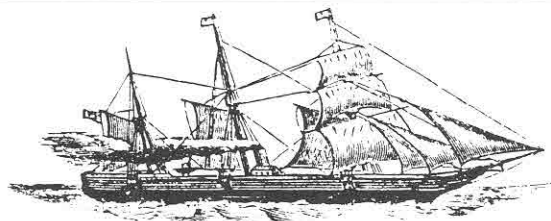
A proposal was submitted to the board by Ray Shepherd to provide parking for a fee in the O.P.P. parking lot. Ray and his committee will be contacting the members to determine the interest in this. This was a contentious issue at the general meeting in December where a good number of the members expressed interest in acquiring parking facilities near the tender dock.

One of the Queen City's cultural assets is the self help nature of the club. At launch time we all get out in the yard and push boats and as usual we will also be carrying out our spring work parties. These work parties help offset the cost of hiring contractors and provide a social atmosphere for the members to work. The work parties will be starting soon and you will be called upon to supply your time and talents. Please respond so that we can launch the club in the right direction.

Mike Shawyer



VICE COMMODORE



This report to the members is going to start with some welcome news, and this is, that **the scheduled April 14 & 15 launch dates have been moved to April 21 & 22** for the first weekend launch, allowing members to enjoy the Easter weekend with their families and giving everyone another weekend to prepare their boats for launch. This was accomplished by consulting Klaus Noack in Florida and getting his permission to change the scheduled dates, so **remember April 21 & 22** is launch.

Again, I wish to bring to your attention, that there is a limited number of 1989 Centennial burgees left, so if you wish one as a collectors' item Helen in the office will supply you with one, (or ask Eric Lye if you want one before Helen gets back to open the club office).

There are a number of new boats coming into the club this coming season, purchased by existing members who are replacing smaller boats with larger ones, some of these members as yet have failed to notify the Mooring Chairman Tom King as

to their intentions. It would be courteous, thoughtful and helpful if they did this. In the mooring guidelines passed by the board in 1988, all members bringing larger boats into the club, will notify the Mooring Chairman of their intentions, if not they might not have the mooring they anticipated, this is an exercise in courtesy to make the mooring chairman's job easier.

Some members have been having trouble using our holding tank pumpout system. After consultation with a plumber into this problem, he has stated that the present system is fine and that the problem exists in the deck fittings on members boats. Also, we need hose adapters for the end of the pumpout hose, (and you all know you do not argue with the plumbers). If anyone knows where these fittings can be obtained let me know. This season we will make a serious attempt to make sure everyone can use our present system we have at the club, so maybe we can look forward to a happy carefree

season this year of pumping out our holding tanks, even if we must hold seminars into the mysteries of pump out operation.

Parking was discussed at the Annual General Meeting and a few members expressed a desire for some form of permanent facility. Anyone so interested please contact Ray Shepherd (*JAFS*) and make your wishes known to him, his number is 654-5363. He will explain what he can arrange, but be prepared to dig deep into your pocket.

The letter to the *Clipper* by Mary Partridge (*Assignment*) was timely and some of the points she raises have been discussed at the planning meetings. They will be addressed this coming season to find some solution that will make everyone happy and be beneficial to the club.

James McKinlay, F.F.H.T.L.

P.S. This club is trying to arrange tennis facilities for the coming season. Nothing definite but we are trying.

TREASURER

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL SENIOR MEMBERS

Due to an oversight in the mailing of the Spring Membership Billing, a letter explaining the 1990 Capital Projects Billing was omitted.

Since it is of great concern to each of us, please accept this belated explanation.

As has been the case in the previous two years, major capital projects have to be undertaken to improve and, in some cases, simply maintain the club buildings and grounds. As much as we would like to pay for these costs out of our operating budget, it's just not possible.

Our annual operation budget is approximately \$400,000.00 and this does not permit us to meet the extraneous costs placed upon us by our aging building and limited membership.

Last year we raised \$22,000 through the Capital Projects Billing. The funds paid for centennial flags, dining room and main entrance renovations, locker repairs and a portion was retained to pay for the centennial book.

In total we spent \$21,000 of the \$22,000 raised on these projects.

This year we face even greater tasks. The new downstairs lounge will mean additional rental space for functions as well as providing an insulated "warm room" for use almost all year round.

This year we will continue to retire the debentures, a project started several years ago and will continue until this liability is ended.

Locker repairs and extensive electrical work will take place, mostly behind the scenes but still costly. A proposal to relocate the dinghy crane to increase its use and versatility is also before the management committee.

The Junior Club fleet update has a very high priority if we are to remain competitive in CORK racing and continue to attract new junior members. The board is committed to replacing the old boats until we have a first rate training fleet.

Finally, the centennial book will be completed this Spring and since much of the funds collected last year was spent on more pressing and immediate concerns, most of the book will be paid

for from this year's Capital Budget.

It is most important to realize that the necessity for this Capital Projects Billing is not to carry on the day-to-day operation of the club but to facilitate the major renovations and update of an aging structure that, if not maintained, will one day cost us all a great deal.

If you have any questions or concerns about the billing or the previously described projects, please call me at (519) 660-6875 any evening.

NOTICE TO ALL ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Your spring billing includes \$125.00 minimum billing. It was decided at a recent board meeting that this minimum billing will be cancelled for the 1990 season.

When paying your Spring billing this \$125.00 should be disregarded. This, of course, means that your tickets will be on a purchase as required basis.

Thank you,
Brian King,

