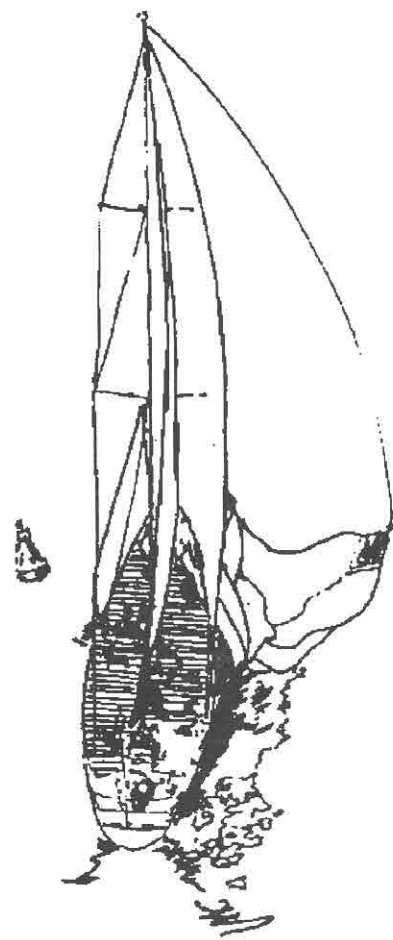
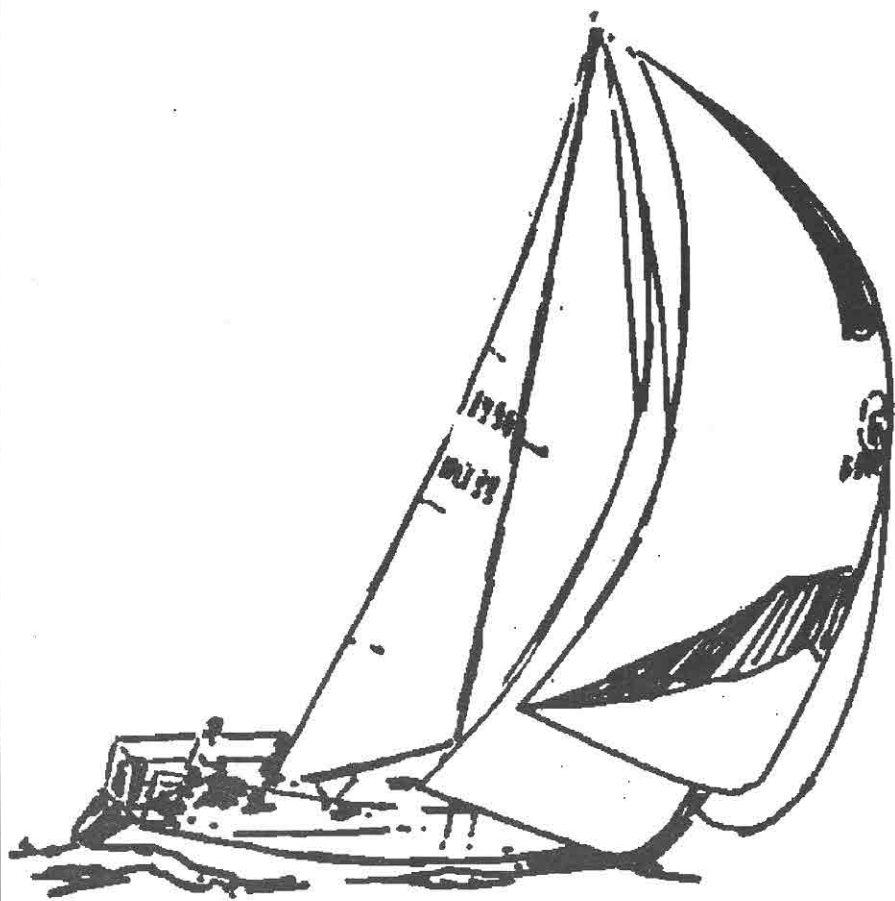


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COMMODORE'S REPORT

With Sailpast, Saturday May 16, upon us we look forward to good weather and fun – and a full turnout of everything that floats – for this kickoff to the 1992 sailing season. This is one of our few “dress-up” occasions for members and boats alike and it will be a pleasure and my honour to salute you.

With the arrival of launch and, finally of good weather, it has been great to see the grounds, house and fleet shape up. I don't recall the Club looking better. Thanks to all who helped organize and participate in the work parties. QCYC has a unique character and heritage – envied by other clubs and not one that a “new” club can copy or ever hope to achieve – of which we can be proud.

Our annual Spring Meeting will be held Friday evening, May 22, at which time Club Officers and Directors will report to you. One of our top priorities is to repair the floating docks so they are both usable and safe for families. The current setup has served us well for a number of years, but, like everything else, now requires serious renovation and perhaps replacement.

Finances, especially revenue, continue to be a concern so we must get our priorities right. The Board's firm stance on the collection of dues and other charges has paid off both in terms of bringing our cash flow back under control and in achieving a consistency that the majority of members want. This has not been easy for some members especially in these recessionary times; however, it was necessary and, most agree, long overdue.

For years now, you've been told that we must run the Club like a business. Well, we are a Club and not a business in the commercial sense and, therefore, we always

have operated differently. At the same time, it is important to appreciate that we are a club and not a charity. I am pleased with the way in which the Board is operating this year. We are not running like a business and may never do so, but we certainly are more business-like.

My greatest wish is to see our moorings full. For the last several years we have had anywhere from 5 to 10 moorings available. Considering the financial times, and relative to other clubs in the area, this is a small number. However, we are a small Club and so we are impacted financially to a greater extent. Moorings are our limiting factor.

Again this year we welcome a number of new members who replace the leaving members, but we seem unable to get back to the “full” state that the club enjoyed for so many years in the past. Some say that when the recession eases, the problem will be solved, but I'm not so sure. We will get a precise count at the Spring Meeting, but at this point it would appear that we may have upwards of 15 to 20 free moorings. Often we hear that QCYC is one of the best kept secrets on the lake. I urge everyone to not keep this secret so well and to encourage new membership. This is the true secret to our achieving financial stability.

Good luck this season. Pat and I look forward to seeing everyone on May 16 and May 22.

Jim Finch

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE
FOR 1992 SEASON

FLEET

Q.C.Y.C. Sailpast	Sat., May 16
Spring meeting	Fri., May 22
New Member's Night	Fri., June 5
J-24	Sat., & Sun., June 6-7
ABYC Sail in	Sat., June 13
ABYC volleyball (free beer & hot dogs)	Sun., June 14
Metro Works Dept. Party (Norrie MacDonald)	Fri., June 19
Rod Jones Wedding	Sat., June 20
PCYC Sail in - Caribbean Night	Sat., July 4
QCYC Regatta	Sat., July 18
Rubber Ducky - Junior Club Dance	
Wilson/Youngstown Sail in	
Karaoke party	Sat., July 25
Lobsterfest	Sat., August 8
Doug Moore Wedding (Ted Moore)	Sat., August 22
Pig Roast Weekend	Fri., & Sat., Sept. 4-5
Junior Club Banquet	Fri., Sept. 11
50-60 Dance	Sat., Sept. 12
Awards Night	Sat., Oct. 3
Pot Luck Dinner	Sat., Oct. 17

Our fleet was looking pretty sad as we began to get the boats ready for the season but through a great effort by a number of members and staff I think the boats look great and are running with very few problems.

As some members may know I had a fractured shoulder during the winter and was unable to do a lot of lifting. The help that came to my aide was overwhelming. It started with Brian Case taking the masts from both the Queen and the Robbins home and completely refinishing them. The shaft and propeller were taken to Norrie MacDonald's and he was able to improve the fit of the prop to the shaft. A new "V" Drive was also installed in the Queen by Norrie who gave up a number of weekends in March and April to work on the installation. Thanks also to Carl Kay and Barry Hitchins for helping Norrie with the final lifting and fitting of the "V" Drive. I purchased two new heavy-duty truck batteries for the Queen and Paul Olsen made up all new mooring lines for the Robbins and Paul Boudreau is going to splice new lines for the Queen, which will be spliced right to the cleats to prevent loss.

New name boards for the Algonquin Queen have been made for us by Fred Mayerhoffer and Geoff Turner painted the name on them.

At the beginning of May I asked John Moorehouse to haul the Harold Robbins for some major refitting. Norrie was able to arrange for a welder to come to the club and they welded a new bow on the boat as well as replacing some badly damaged areas with new metal. New stanchions and life lines have been fitted and the boat was thoroughly cleaned and painted. I realize that the Robbins is our work boat but that is no reason to abuse it. If

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anyone sees that the boat is improperly tied up or the wind has shifted causing it to bang against the wall please take a minute to retie it instead of ignoring it.

The cradle for the Queen was cut up after launch and so we need to build a new cradle. The cradle that is used for the Robbins is a Corvette cradle (wide gauge) and works equally well for both boats. I would like to ask any willing members to help build a new cradle for the Queens/Robbins. Since we already have the one cradle to use as a pattern it really should not be very difficult to make. I would like to have at least four people on the cradle project and would rather start early in the season instead of waiting until the fall. Volunteers should see me at the club.

Finally I would like to thank Norrie MacDonald for all of the help and support he has given me and the club. His skills and donation of time has literally saved our club thousands of dollars. He doesn't know the word 'no' and is always there for the good of the club. I could not possibly have gotten through this spring without him and I know that the club really appreciates his efforts.

Karl McManaman

With a late spring, a late launch and an early Sailpast, the full sailing season will be with us before many of us are fully prepared. However, the House is ready to go! The restaurant and bar was open for breakfast and lunch during launch weekend. After Sailpast we will expand the operation.

You will be pleased to hear that we are attempting to hold the line on prices in both Bar and Restaurant. This will not be easy! We need your help in bringing outside events to the Club on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Have you considered having your office party at the Club? Our rates are competitive and our setting is magnificent. Talk to Helen or to me. We need your business.

We will be having various work parties in the house in the next few weeks. Watch for the notices.

Bill Eckersley

