

THE QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB

CLIPPER

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COMMODORE

This is the last Clipper of our 1993/94 operating year. As most of you will recall, last year we moved the financial year end forward one month to September 30th, which allows us to hold the **annual meeting** in November rather than the traditional December time period. The primary reason for this change was to allow the newly elected Board of Directors more time to initiate important budgeting and planning activities before the everyday activity of running the club becomes heavy in the late winter and early spring. To make this change meaningful and your participation in Queen City significant you really must attend the annual meeting. Aside from the election of the Board of Directors, year end reports of the current Board members are submitted, and matters properly submitted for vote by the total membership may be decided. Everyone is encouraged to attend the annual meeting.

This report marks my last as Commodore. My decision to step down has certainly left me with mixed feelings. On the one hand I have enjoyed tremendously the opportunity to participate in the management of Queen City over the last two years and share in the sense of accomplishment over the many positive activities that have been undertaken. On the other hand, however, I am of the view that our type of Club, which relies so heavily on volunteers, requires that the process of keeping people active in the Club and involved in its management is as important an activity as any which we undertake. This means that the process of getting new members on our Board and utilizing the talents of existing members in new ways should be continuous.

On this occasion I wish to express my thanks to this year's entire Board of

Directors for their participation and support in dealing with the many tough issues that had to be faced.

On behalf of the Board, I wish to express appreciation to all those who worked so hard on behalf of Queen City this year. **The Management Committee**, consisting of Klaus Noack, House Chairman; David Hall, Treasurer; John Moorhouse, Fleet Captain; Mark Saunders, Vice Commodore and the Chairman of the Committee, myself, continued to play an important role in the day-to-day management of the club, and in the review and recommendation to the full Board of various actions concerning operations and finance. We are indeed fortunate to have so many talented and dedicated members actively involved in the Club.

Also, at this time, I would be remiss if I didn't express my thanks to **Nancy** and my children **Danny** and **Lauren**, for sharing in the various activities and responsibilities that were undertaken over the last two years, and for graciously granting me the time necessary to carry out the duties of Commodore.

The last few events of this season were especially enjoyable. The **Murder Mystery Dinner** was a big hit, and it was especially funny when a few members became directly involved in the impromptu comedy. If an award were to be given for the best supporting actor in a non-rehearsed role, Peter Jones should take the prize. The **Awards Night** was also a big success with everyone enjoying the dance following the dinner and presentations. Also, we brought back this year, by popular demand, an Octoberfest dinner and dance. Looking forward to this winter, we are pleased to advise that the **Snug Room will again be open** on weekends for members' visits to the club. Due to the foundation renovation during last winter, the Snug Room remained closed. The Snug Room

offers a washroom and a place to get in from the cold and chat with friends.

We are also very pleased to announce that **Harry Howard**, who joined us as manager this year, has agreed to stay on as manager next year and to stay on the club premises during the coming winter. Harry has performed his duties very competently this year, and we look forward to his support and efforts next year.

In the last Clipper I reported on the activities of the **Technical Steering Committee for the Toronto Islands Shoreline Regeneration Project**. I am Queen City's representative on this committee. The Shoreline Regeneration Project was developed primarily to manage shoreline issues and to fund restorative actions concerning the Toronto Island shoreline in the area of the existing Toronto Island community on Ward's and Algonquin Islands and the planned development of additional Island housing. The Technical Steering Committee has now decided to replace the cement panel wall to which Queen City moors boats on Ward's Island with a new steel sheet piling (similar to the Algonquin Island wall). From the Queen City mooring area north to the Ward's Island ferry dock, a rock revetment will be installed. This revetment will be similar to that installed to the east of the Ward's Island dock earlier this year. The unprotected Ward's Island shoreline in the Queen City mooring area west of the cement wall terminus to the Algonquin Island bridge will be reinforced by a deep, underwater rock revetment and shoreline protection measures which include landscaping stone and small rock and natural edges. The consulting engineers on this project assure us that the deep revetment and the shoreline treatments will maintain the existing lagoon profile while facilitating the possibility of future dredging.

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Queen City's fixed power and water facilities on the Ward's Island side will not be affected by these changes. The new structures will be installed from the Island. All mooring hardware and boarding apparatus on the Ward's island seawall must be removed at haulout, however, in order to facilitate this work. The projects are all targeted for completion by the end of this year. Restoration of mooring hardware will take place next spring.

Wayne Smith,
Commodore.

VICE COMMODORE

As I write this final report on the eve of the 'Champion of Champions' race I reflect on the great season we have enjoyed at Queen City. As we worked to get our boats ready for launch we had a clubhouse and lawn that looked like they were part of a war zone. The membership as a whole rallied together with Willie Shubat and his crew to get the retaining wall and decking in place, sacrificing a week's delay to launch. When you look back it really was quite a job. Next came the renovation of the ladies' showers; the laying of the sod; the building of the mooring barge; the finishing of the electrical work on the floating docks; Junior Club improvements, and then at last some sailing! It is exhausting just thinking about all the work that was achieved this year.

While all the improvement projects were going on around the club our Membership Chairperson and her committee of helpers were beating the bushes for new members, and what a great job they did, surpassing all

expectations. The new members and the associated revenues really have contributed to the financial health of the Club. Harry Howard our Club manager has done a great job, and has worked very hard to keep the membership happy—not always an easy task. Our Treasurer and Karen Madrick our bookkeeper have continued to improve our accounting function, completing projects such as the implementation of a new payroll system and a cheque printing function. The financing and banking changes that were made this year have worked out very well and have enabled us to keep financing charges to a minimum.

Looking around the different departments of the Board, it has been a very successful year: great sailing program, great entertainment program, the Yard ran smoothly, the Grounds have looked good, the Fleet was painted and well maintained, the Junior Club was well attended, Clippers were produced regularly. The House operation has continued to work well, Stephen Murphy and his staff have done a good job, with fine food, and our revenue expectations from the lease will be achieved.

All of the above achievements did not happen by accident; the Board and the membership as a whole made it happen, so we should be pleased with our efforts.

On the financial side, we are pretty much on budget in all categories, and



will show a positive balance sheet at the end of our financial year. The Directors have paid attention to their budgets and controlled expenses well. The revenue that we have received from our increased membership base, provided we can maintain it, will help improve our financial strength over the long term.

I would like to thank Gib Speight for his management of the locker allocations, and it is probably true to say Gib knows which is who's locker (the locker of whom?) Thanks to Barry and Wendy Hitchins who have done a great job managing the regalia program, introducing some new high quality items on a minimum stock basis. I would also like to thank Barry Hardy for his efforts organizing the Pig Roast. Barry has been involved with organizing Pig Roast for many years, and always makes it one of the great events of the season.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Management Committee of the Board for their efforts and support over the past two years that I have served as Vice Commodore. Thanks to Wayne Smith, Klaus Noack, John Moorhouse and David Hall.

Overall, a great season, good weather, good winds, great sailing and a good time. Look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Meeting.

Mark Saunders,
Vice Commodore.

