

THE QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB

CLIPPER

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*Fall Fashion
Forecast*

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Coveralls, bulky knits,
plaids and work boots-
Look smart in the yard!

QCYC HAULOUT
October 15-16, 27-28



COMMODORE

What a summer we have had! Not only has there been lots of good sailing and fun, but operationally we continue to do very well indeed. Our membership drive continues to be very successful. We achieved our goal of 20 Senior members a short while ago and we are continuing to grow with several new Senior members joining recently. Also, we have welcomed many new Associate members during this year as well.

Operations have been very smooth this summer thanks to the hard work of our maintenance and grounds staff, our boat drivers and thanks to Harry Howard's management. Our approach to not only maintain but to continually improve our facilities should be apparent to everyone, in our clubhouse, on the grounds and on our boats. All of this year's planned projects have been successfully completed (even the grass stayed green). We are starting to look at plans for the restoration of the pile caps under the clubhouse (this is the final stage of the foundation restoration), a renovation of the bar, and a few other projects.

What does all this mean to each of you? Well, financially we are just about where we expected to be in our earlier plans which were discussed at the Spring Meeting. In other words, we continue to predict a small operating profit for this financial year. Also, the new banking arrangements which were put in place primarily because of this year's building renovation have worked out very well. Considering all of this, the Board of Directors recently approved a motion to keep the 1994 fall billing rates flat at 1993 levels. There will be "no" increase! Do the words 'read my lips' come to mind?

Our sailing and entertainment program has been very successful this year, and there is one great event yet to come: Awards Night on Saturday,

October 1st. The quality of our meals and entertainment has been maintained at a high level this year and the costs have been reduced. As of early August, about one half of the minimum bill program had been used by members. Remember, as announced earlier in the year, the minimum bill program can be used only for this year's event ticket purchases.

A few months ago Queen City Yacht Club was asked to join a 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 Island, and the planned development of additional Island housing. Queen City is obviously in the middle of this area and we are the most significant user of this shoreline area. The visible example of the work which has flowed from this committee thus far and before we were asked to join, is the rock revetment on the north shore (harbour side) of Ward's Island.

Although the progress of the Technical Steering Committee has been slow, it now appears likely that restorative actions will occur on the Queen City shoreline on Ward's Island during this fall and winter after our boats are hauled. I have included a separate report on this topic in this Clipper.

Wayne Smith, Commodore

REAR COMMODORE

This year the number of QCYC boats competing in the Queen City Open Regatta was down, but there were four boats who represented us. They were: *Watermark* (Mark Allen), *The Tart* (Doug Morris), *Gannet Cay* (Mark Gifford), *Bravada* (Andreas Kowali). Congratulations to Mark Allen and Doug Morris who added more flags to their boats' inventory. *Opechee* (Willie Shubat and Tom Tomlin) and *Bravada* (Andreas Kowali) sailed across the lake to Youngstown Yacht Club to compete in the Level Regatta. Unfortunately neither boat finished, but the crews were able to drown their sorrows by imbibing the beer provided to all boats that competed in the Level Regatta.

The summer is coming to an end and soon it will be time to put away the T-shirts and bring out the sweaters.

Wednesday nights have been quite enjoyable, and luckily Kay and our volunteer Race Committee have only had to cancel one race due to lack of wind.

The Cheaters' Race was won by Quentin Thwaites aboard *Millie Haines*. Quentin was the only person to follow Graham Dougall's race instructions and outsmarted the rest of the fleet. When the rest of the fleet returned after going to the wrong mark a huge fight broke out (water fight), and no one went home dry.

Once again Marlyn MacDonald has done an outstanding job organizing the Women Skippers' Race. There were 24 boats entered in this year's race and we are happy to report all skippers and crews are still talking. Thank you Marlyn for all your time and effort put into this race. It is greatly appreciated.

I would like to remind everyone that QCYC Awards Night is October 1st. This evening is to award the members who race as well as members who put in a lot of their time to make Queen City the great Club it is.

