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QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB — MARCH 1998



Launch
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THE RECENT WARM WEATHER (and lots of rain) indicates that it is not long to go before launch. It's time to start removing the tarps from your boats and open up those lockers. Let the fun (work) begin!

Many club members have already started working on the club inside and outside to get it ready for the 1998 sailing season. Special thanks again to Willie Shubat and his crew for the work they have done in the clubhouse and to Norrie for coordinating the extensive amount of work that has happened in the kitchen and thanks to all who participated with Norrie in doing the work.

Thanks to Bob Peat who had to start working in the yard by burning all the old wood and debris from the renovations.

Some good news from Harbourfront Centre: Craig Weekes who sails with Bill Eckersley on *Gone With the Wind II* has arranged for a new six month parking deal for valid QCYC members at 200 Queens Quay West. Lot P1 is the service lot and garage located on the north side of Queen's Quay West at York St. across from the Algonquin Queen berth. The cost of the pass is \$505.00 for unlimited seven day per week access. The pass starts May 1, 1998. For those members interested in monthly parking the summer rate is \$90.00 per month starting May 01, 1998. Regular commercial rates are \$130.00. If you are interested or want further details call 416-973-4875. You must show your QCYC membership card or a valid membership application form. Thanks Craig.

Some information from the Ontario Sailing Association: The Canadian Coast Guard and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans are about to announce a requirement for all boaters, in all types of boats to meet a minimum basic knowledge requirement. It appears likely that this requirement will be phased in over many years. At the present time it is expected that all persons born after December 31, 1983 will be required to meet the standard. The "in force" date will likely be January 01, 1999. Coupled with the knowledge requirements will be age restrictions which will limit unaccompanied qualified children less than 12 years of age to boats with engines of less than 10 horsepower and unaccompanied qualified children between 12 and 16 years of age vessels of less than 40 horsepower. The OSA is exploring partnerships with other training bodies to develop an accredited, 8 hour training course which will meet the Coast Guard's requirements. I'll keep you posted on any new developments.

Safety Equipment: The Small Vessel Regulations will be changed early 1998 to give boaters more options on the safety gear they are required to carry on board their vessels. Some additional equipment will be required including waterproof flashlights, and buoyant heaving lines. As well, all vessels will be required to have PFDs which actually fit everyone on board. The actual draft standards document will be released over the next couple of weeks.

Additions to the usual ticketing charges for inadequate PFDs (\$200.00!!) will include infractions for right of way rules and several other offenses including operating at an unsafe speed and failure to

keep a proper lookout. The present proposal only covers failure to exhibit proper lights. Enforcement agencies feel that it is important to be able to charge careless boaters with offenses before there is a serious accident. Mike Vollmer, the OSA Vice President, can be contacted at 416-425-SAIL (7245) if you require more details. I will keep you updated as more information comes to my attention.

Well it's almost time for launch; buy that bottom paint, dig out your work boots and air out those coveralls.

See you in the yard.

MOIRA COULL
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Dapper says, "Be sure to check out the revised Small Vessel Regulations for new 1998 safety options."

DAPPER'S PORTRAIT BY JOHNNY CARROLL

