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Pat Whetung

Let's leave the rainy days and look forward to sun and more stable weather as we set our course to sail the downhill slide into fall. These words needlessly give a sense of urgency to sailors.



Its cruising season and we have major club activities ahead. The club racing series is in the 2nd of 3 series. The AHMEN race series will start out in Humber Bay and the Short Handed Series will be wrapping up their final few races with our boats always strong contenders.

Junior Club still has another session and the youngsters will have their awards banquet. New members start hunting for used cradles to buy or will start the process to build new ones for winter storage.

There will be another great Women Skippers' Race with brand new boats and new members out for the fun. Our salute to summer peaks with our fabulous Lobsterfest and impressively popular Pig Roast.

Club operations are in full swing with the daily routines established. Fleet and House are fully staffed and running well. Under the watchful eye of our Treasurer, we reviewed our finances in June and we're about to start the budgeting for the next fiscal year which starts October 1st.

One thing to keep in mind, the external environment dictates some of our policies

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Fleet

Gary Hoeg

Government directives continue to keep us busy as we try to stay in compliance with a never ending stream of rules and regulations. The latest involved the issuance of a “Minimum Safe Manning Document” from the Department of Transport which details among other things a list of proposed crew aboard the AQII. As mentioned previously, we are legally required to have two crew aboard the vessel at all times. It is reassuring to see members demonstrating fulfillment of our crewing requirements by being in the bridge to help keep a proper look out and actively assisting with the lines when docking or leaving the slip.



The most challenging directive was from the Coast Guard requiring us to pass a radio inspection. Although this may sound simple enough, it was actually more work than the vessel inspection which was completed after the engine replacement! We were required to comply with a long list of criteria, but found to be deficient in three areas – high VSWR due to an improper antenna, emergency power defects, and an improper log book. After a second attempt, we corrected these deficiencies and passed the inspection.

I'd like to thank Tony Pitts for helping to clarify the requirements, Ken Goodings for assisting with the radio replacement, Dwight Hamilton and Paul Olsen for setting up the emergency power system, Whitney Webster for replacing the battery switches and Paul Horne who helped with the antenna replacement. Without their help we would not have been

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Membership

Brad Hearn

Our QCYC Family continues to grow.

Please welcome to the club:

New Associate Memberships

Andre Ganton

Jon Lantz

Karen MacFee

Jan Crist-McConnachie

Scott McLeod

Sophie Athanase

Janet Shumak – daughter Amy

Carla Martin

Anthony Tacoma

Chris Van De Baars – daughter Laura has applied for Junior Club



New Senior Membership

Graeme Rae with his Tanzer 22

If anyone is looking for crew for race night, especially during the vacation season, I'm sure some new members will be glad to help out.

Even with a very full lagoon at the moment, we still want to keep our membership drive momentum at full steam ahead. We have the new “rock docks” approved and need to fill them. Please continue recommending the club to anyone looking for a place for their boat. And look for our QCYC advertisements in the Ontario Sailor magazine and the new Lake Ontario Ports.

One last item, the QCYC Rosters are now available for pick up at the office. It was brought up at the board meeting this month that perhaps we should publish the Rosters a bit earlier. And next year I will endeavour to do so.

That's it for this month. See you on the water.

Grounds

Roz Ross

First of all, my thanks to those who agreed to water the gardens while I was away in the Baltic. Evidently a Higher Power was part of the crew because the amount of rain



dramatically decreased our use of urban water. Everything is growing and blooming but, as usual, so are the weeds. Anyone can help out by pulling out the unwanted stuff from around the plants. Bernice Warren's hosta donations have been added to the gardens and Jeannie Parker's stump garden is shaping up nicely.

The DIY locker inspection resulted in one major and three minor repair/maintenance projects. For those who didn't report for their locker block, your turn is next year. Please note that any wood delivered to the club is earmarked for Grounds, House and Learn-To-Sail projects. Please don't help yourself. If you need lumber for a minor repair, see Don Ferguson or e-mail me for the location of extra stuff. There should be some usable planks from the demolition of one set of steps if you need a board or two at your locker.

Scraping and painting exteriors is still OK to take on this season but please let me know when you will want supplies. I'm trying to minimize paint on hand; it doesn't winter well, and scrapers, rollers, brushes and trays seem to disappear at an alarming rate. Please use liners for the trays and keep the roller handles for the next use. It's hard to salvage brushes from the blue oil-based paint but all white paint is latex and the brushes can be

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Entertainment

Susan Veenhuizen



Hello Everyone. It's been quiet on the social scene since our New Members Night on Saturday, June 7th. The weather was perfect and there was a great turnout to welcome the newest members of our Queen City family, approximately 40 new members. There was even a kid's table with pop, chips and goodies for our future senior members.

Lobsterfest is just around the corner on Saturday, August 16th. Queen City's annual Lobsterfest was started by long time member, Tom King (*Voulez Vous*.) It has become very popular among members and one of the highlights of the season. The Lobster dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the dance starts at 9:00 p.m. to the music of "The Marauders"

The Marauders, well received last Lobsterfest will be returning by popular demand. The band is well known on the sailing scene as fun entertainers for yacht club events. Look for details for Lobsterfest on posters at the club and in "The Beat".

The Family Corn, Wienie and Marshmallow Roast, and Kids Camp-out, kicks off Labour Day Weekend on Friday August 29th. The fun starts at 5:30 pm with the Bouncy Castle for the kids. After sunset, don't miss the movie on the club house wall. Last year Brian Chung (*Nereida*) hosted the entertaining evening of movies.

The Bouncy Castle will go up again on Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Toronto singer Penny Skolski will entertain us again this year from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. Penny is currently on tour and enjoyed her afternoon with us so much last year,

that she has made a special effort to include our Pig Roast afternoon as part of her busy schedule. The Dance begins at 9:00 p.m. with the music of the band 'Now and Then'.

Labour Day Weekend typically features a full lagoon of rafted, visiting boats, many of which return annually for the event each year. For some it is a tradition that can't be missed.

We've begun a new tradition at QCYC called Heritage Day which is a barbecue/potluck. This informal gathering will be held Sunday of the long weekend on the American Side. Every one is welcome to come along and bring their favourite family dish.

For those new members who may not know, the boats moored across the bridge on Ward's Island are referred to as being on The American Side. The boats moored on Algonquin Island where the club is located are on the Canadian Side. The comparison comes from the idea that the geography is similar to the

location of Niagara Falls and the bridge linking the Canadian side to the American side.

The tradition of the corn and wienie roast evolved from the need to get coals started for roasting the pigs. After the last marshmallow is roasted, the coals are brought over to the barbecue and spit. After members and guests leave, a crew attends to the pigs until a morning crew takes over and gives the night shift a chance to catch up on sleep before the party begins.

If you have an opportunity to go over to the barbecue, you will see an example of how this kind of teamwork from our members develops and nurtures the spirit of our club. In fact, the whole Pig Roast has been made possible by the efforts of members who volunteer many hours to make it happen. This is one of the qualities that makes Queen City unique and a special place. See you at the next party.

Queen City Yacht Club Presents Lobsterfest



Saturday, August 16, 2008

Dinner at 5:30

Dance to *The Marauders* at 9 pm

Dinner/Dance tickets: \$40 until Tuesday, August 12
\$45 after August 12. Quantities limited, so order early through the office — 416.203.0929

Wither Queen City's Sailpast

Graham Dougall
Rear Commodore

As the result of the confluence of an early day for Sailpast and the abnormally long spell of cold weather, a number of members asked whether Queen City could move its Sailpast in future years. Sailpast is a significant event in the annual calendar of any yacht club, so members should have input in the selection of its date. To this end, this article discusses

- The tradition of Queen City's Sailpast
- The practice of GTA yacht clubs for their Sailpast dates
- Factors affecting the selection of dates
- Options of keeping the current date with an alternate date later in the season

QCYC has held Sailpast on the May 24th holiday weekend as long as can be remembered. The Centennial book *Queen City Yacht Club 1889 - 1989* quotes Herb Pitcher explaining the Club's response in 1976 to RCYC's request that Queen City change Sailpast to avoid conflict in the harbour:

"After I cooled down, I explained to him that what he was asking was out of the question as we'd held Sailpast the May long weekend as long as anyone could remember...but he agreed to let his members think of an imaginary line dividing the harbour in half. We made a map and told our members to keep clear, which they did. RCYC members, though, sailed merrily through our fleet."

RCYC members have occasionally maintained the tradition of ignoring the imaginary line, including last spring. Interestingly, though, QCYC May holiday week-end Sailpast date existed in the era of wooden sailboats requiring extra prep work. That was why RCYC held its Sailpast in June until 1976.

The following lists the Sailpast dates for a number of yacht clubs in the GTA.

Club	Sail Past Date
ABYC	Two weeks after May 24 week-end and one week after ABYC LORC Open Regatta, i.e., the same week-end as the Susan Hood LORC race, in 2008 Sunday, June 1 st
EYC	Second-week-end of June (same as RCYC LORC Open, in 2008 Saturday, June 14 th)
NYC, PCYC	One week after Susan Hood LORC, (in 2008

RCYC
MCC

Saturday June 7th)

May holiday week-end

First Saturday in June, (in 2008 Saturday, June 7th)

It's noteworthy that several clubs hold a review of the fleet on Sunday after the Saturday night party. I have the feeling that such an approach may not appeal to Queen City members.

The scheduling of a yacht club's events is a house of cards. Any attempt to change the pattern from year to year has a cascading impact on other internal and external events. The factors that need to be taken into account include:

- Seasonal weather patterns (winds are too light in August for racing so, in theory, everyone goes cruising in light winds!)
- Statutory holidays
- Long standing external sailing events that occur on the same time period each year, e.g., CORK, LORC Events, C&C Owners, Youngstown Levels, LYRA, LOSHRS, Lake Ontario 300, The Ice-breaker Regatta, etc.

• Outside events booked in advance, e.g., weddings are often book more than 12 months in advance and once a couple wanted to book QCYC for a reception three (3) years in the future!

The host of conflicting pressures mean that events such as Sailpast need to be set well in advance. Thus, any date change really needs to be selected before the end of preceding season.

Member clubs of LORC are encouraged not to schedule events that compete with its racing events at other clubs. Unfortunately, not all LORC members honour the request. But if QCYC wants to host a LORC Regatta, we should comply so we aren't in position of complaining about competing events with our own regatta if we schedule our events to compete with LORC events.

Since Sailpast is the official opening of the sailing season, I believe it follows that other club events such as the spring meeting and new members night should be scheduled after Sailpast whenever it occurs.

Taking the above into account, I would suggest that there are two possible dates for Sailpast:

- The current date – the Saturday of the May holiday week-end
- The Saturday of the Susan Hood Race, two weeks after the May holiday week-end

The pro's and con's of the current date to Sailpast have been discussed. The reasons for selecting the above alternate option include:

- On week-end of the Susan Hood, no other events will

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Planning

Ron Mazza

Earlier this year, the board requested that the planning committee review priorities based on new information since the short-term plan was approved in October, 2007. The short-term plan included projects totalling \$98,000. But since the fall, other priorities have been identified including:



- \$35,000 for AQII (\$30,000 for the engine and \$5,000 for the exhaust system)
- replacement of the yellow dock
- a flammable storage centre
- refurbishing the manager's cabin and garage

Subsequently, the planning committee developed a mid-term report. Its objectives are:

- to start a discussion regarding priorities

- to provide thoughts on which projects are most urgently required and how large scale projects, such as replacement of the yellow docks, should be implemented

- to determine whether reserve funds such as the one established for the Rapids Queen, are still a high priority

An issue we have been struggling with is how to fund large capital projects. Fundamentally, Queen City has three options: save the money (i.e., in reserve funds), assess the current membership, or finance through a bank loan. In order to be able to address the priorities for spending a limited capital budget, the Board must develop a philosophy related to funding of large capital projects.

Central to the issue is who should pay for projects such as replacement of the yellow dock. If the philosophy at QCYC is that current members should pay, then the options are either to assess existing members or put current money into reserve funds. If the philosophy is that future members should help pay, then a bank loan (with payments over 10 years, say) is an option.

Putting money into reserve funds to accommodate potential risks, such as the replacement of the haul-out winch, comes with its own issues. It means tying up funds that could be used for known

high-priority projects.

On the other hand, the risk if we don't save money is that financing may not be available when we need it later for one of the risk projects.

Borrowing to finance major projects such as the replacement of the yellow dock has risks as well. For one thing, it potentially uses up borrowing power that might be required for unexpected needs. For decades at QCYC, borrowing and debt have been anathema within QCYC's culture. But club culture notwithstanding, it's worth noting that the loan taken to fund the AQII hasn't overly impeded the club's ability to operate and grow.

It's also worth noting that alternatives to borrowing – shelving large projects until all the money is saved, or assessing the current membership for part or all of the project cost – both have implications for the present membership. The first delays a project that improves or enhances enjoyment of the club; the second hits members in the wallet.

Clearly, there is no simple resolution of the issue. But the board continues to identify and quantify future capital spending priorities and develop a philosophy for funding of large capital projects.

Lobsterfest Menu

Lobster

served with...

Baked Potato with Sour Cream

Pasta Salad

Green Leaf Salad

Rolls with butter

or

10-Ounce Strip Loin Steak

served with...

Baked Potato with Sour Cream

Pasta Salad

Green Leaf Salad

Rolls with butter

Coffee and Carrot Cake

Saturday, August 16

Dinner/Dance Tickets: \$40, all inclusive

up to Tuesday, August 12

\$45 after August 12

Got rhythm?

MANY MEMBERS HAVE ASKED ENTERTAINMENT CHAIR SUSAN VEENHUIZEN HOW THEY CAN BRING THEIR MUSIC TO THE CLUB.

NOT A BAD PROBLEM TO HAVE! SUSAN HAS ASKED ME TO HELP HER BRING TO FRUITION SOME OF THE MUSICAL IDEAS THAT HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED.

YOUR ACT MIGHT PLAY A WHOLE EVENING OR TEAM UP WITH OTHERS. A 'QUIETER/LISTENING' EVENING? A FRIDAY MIGHT WORK. IF YOU'RE AIMING FOR THE 'DANCE/PARTY' CROWD, TRY A SATURDAY EVENING.

IF YOU HAVE MUSIC IN YOUR BONES AND WOULD LIKE TO STRUT YOUR STUFF, OR HAVE FRIENDS ITCHING TO PERFORM, LET US KNOW!

EMAIL ME AT GEOFF@HEATHCOTE.CA OR BY PHONE: 905 822 3803 OR CELL 416 399 4787.

GEOFF HEATHCOTE

A message from St. Michael

Mike Veenhuizen

The men's bathroom is almost finished, and as usual, the contractor is nowhere to be found. The renovation was a success due to the efforts of the following volunteers:

Christopher Jared	Bruce Smith
David Hall	David Kent
Peter Broecker	Russell Sergiades
Brian Bowen	Jim Thorndycraft
David Fanning	Tony Pitts
Laurence Concannon	Rick Veenhuizen
Eriks Rugelis	Nate Batko
Mike Darnbrough	Rick Brough
Paul Horne	Roger Petersen
Ken Owen	Don Ferguson and Felipe.

Without all of their time and contributions, this would not have been possible. I'd also like to thank my wife, Susan, for putting up with the lack of work done around the house during this time, and for supplying the volunteers with her miracle drug biscuits that gave us the energy to keep going on those cold Saturdays. We also had various octanes of coffee produced to keep us juiced.

The demolition was done in the fall. Reconstruction began the week before Groundhog Day and continued well after Sailpast. Many times we had to trek across the frozen lagoon and shovel our way into the clubhouse. Luckily, once in the building, work kept us warm and we had the snug room for coffee and lunch breaks.

The sense of camaraderie was amazing, and I think that everyone who contributed should pat themselves on the back. This was truly a job well done!

Note: Mike seems to have neglected the person most due the thanks of Queen City – himself. Without his skill, industry and unfailing good humour, it's difficult to imagine the job would have been done as superbly as it has been. –WL



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rinsed with water and used at least one more time. There are also replacement blades for the scrapers, so make sure handles get back to the shed or the office.

The new picnic tables should be assembled for the August events. If you would like to put one together grab some helpers and see Don. Work hours are a lot easier to spread over the season rather than cramming them at the end.

Thanks to everybody for the proper recycling effort. Please do a bit more: collapse cardboard and ensure Styrofoam containers, deli containers and plastic beverage glasses aren't put in the blue bins. They're garbage. Toxic drums in the compound are labelled; please use the right one for waste materials and liquids, sealed in their original containers, except for oil and bad gasoline for which there is a funnel in the drum.

If you spot a problem, or better, have ideas to improve the grounds, just drop an e-mail to grounds@qcyc.ca and let me know.

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QCYC/NYC

Open Regatta

Saturday, September 6th

&

Sunday, September 7th

Support our Club's Regatta by participating

Party and awards at QCYC this year

Two-day regatta

Trophy for "Best QCYC Yacht in White Sails at QCYC Open"
will be awarded for this event

For more information on QCYC/NYC LORC Open Regatta
including registration details, please see

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Susan Rollinson photo



QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB PRESENTS
THE 35TH ANNUAL

Women Skippers' RACE

Saturday, August 16th

\$20 per boat

(cash or cheque)

Registration	10:00 - 12:00 am
Participant's meeting	11:30 am
First warning	12:50 pm
Award Ceremony (North Lawn)	4:30 pm
Lobsterfest and Dance to follow*	6:00 pm

* Contact QCYC office for Lobsterfest tickets if you want to join in. 416-203-0929.



The year at a glance

Date	Event
Mon Jul 28	LYRA Centennial Race
Wed Jul 30	Club Championship Series 2- #6
Wed Jul 30	LYRA Founder's Race
Thu Jul 31	LYRA Freeman Cup Race
Sat Aug 02-03	LYRA Day Races
Mon Aug 04	August Civic Holiday
Wed Aug 06	Club Championship Series 2- #7
Wed Aug 06	Shark Gold Cup @ABYC
Thu Aug 07-Aug 10	CORK Offshore until Aug-10
Mon Aug 11	Learn-to-Sail/Junior Club Session 4 starts
Mon Aug 11	CORK Regatta (Optimists) until Aug-15
Wed Aug 13	Club Championship Series 3- #1
Thu/Fri Aug 14-15	CORK (Youth Fest)
Sat Aug 16	Women Skippers Race
Sat Aug 16	Bob or Doug's Lobsterfest (MBE)- Dance
Sat Aug 16-Aug 20	CORK until Aug-20
Wed Aug 20	Club Championship Series 3- #2
Thu Aug 21	CORK Classes until Aug-24
Fri Aug 22	Junior Club Banquet
Sat Aug 23	LORC EYC Open & EYC Levels
Sat Aug 23	LOSHRS Race 4 @PCYC
Sun Aug 24	LORC EYC Open & EYC Levels
Wed Aug 27	Club Championship Series 3- #3
Fri Aug 29	Kids camp out - Corn & Wienie Roast
Sat Aug 30	Pig Roast Afternoon / Evening - Dance
Sun Aug 31	Deadline for Award nominations
Sun Aug 31	Heritage Day Potluck on the American Side
Mon Sep 01	Labour Day
Tue Sep 02	Fall Tender Schedule begins
Wed Sep 03	Club Championship Series 3- #4
Sat Sep 06 - Sep 07	LORC - QCYC/NYC Open @ QCYC
Sun Sep 07	LORC - QCYC/NYC Open @ QCYC
Sun Sep 07	Shark Gold Cup @ABYC
Wed Sep 10	Club Championship Series 3- #5
Sat Sep 13	LORC Argosy Rose Bowl (NYC)
Sat/Sun Sep 13-14	LOSHRS Race 5/6 PCYC to NYC; NYC to PCYC
Wed Sep 17	Club Championship Series 3- #6
Sat Sep 20	LORC Donald Summerville (ABYC)
Sun Sep 21	Champion of Champions
Sat Sep 27	Last Chance Cup - Awards Banquet - Dance
Mon Sep 29	Late Fall Tender Schedule
Sat Oct 04	LORC Boswell (RCYC)
Sun Oct 05	Scrabble Tournament
Mon Oct 13	Thanksgiving
Sat/Sun Oct 18-19	Haul-out - Daily flag raising stops
Sat Oct 25	Haul-out -- Pot Luck
Sun Oct 26	Haul-out - And/or Work Party
Mon Oct 27	Snow Bird Tender Schedule
Sun Nov 09	Last day of Tender Service
Fri Dec 05	Annual General Meeting

2008 Call For Award Nominations

In addition to the racing awards several recognize outstanding achievement. These include:

- Parkinson Trophy** - Outstanding achievement in open competition;
 - Sportsmanship Trophy** - Member exhibiting the most sportsmanlike conduct
 - QCYC 16-foot Skiff Cup** - Most valuable keelboat crew
 - Mrs. Jimmy Drury Trophy** - Most valuable female crew
 - NYC 16-foot Skiff Cup** - Most improved sailor
 - Jack Albertson Trophy** - Outstanding service to the Club
 - Melvin Armstrong Challenge Cup** - Community service through yachting
 - Valhalla Trophy** - Best cruising log
 - Georgina World Cup** - Awarded annually to the yacht that has entered the greatest number of individual ports outside a 25 nautical mile radius from the Club.
 - QCYC Regatta 1904 Special Class** - Best Photograph
 - QCYC Regatta 1905 Special Class** - Best Photograph Showing QCYC Spirit
- NOTE: Nominations for Senior Club awards must be submitted to the office -- Attn.: Trophy Committee by **September 6th**. Nominations for cruising trophies must be accompanied by the yacht's logbook. Either prints or slides must be submitted for the photography awards.
- All trophies must be returned to the office by July 31st in order for repairs to be made**

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Pam Mazza

Lovers of words will get a chance to use them somewhere other than the annual meeting and the QC bar – and actually do some good in the process.

On October 5, the Toronto Island *Grannies in Spirit* are staging **Good Words for Africa**, a Scrabble tournament. The tourney at Queen City is part of a Canada-wide fundraising event under the aegis of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Money raised will support grandmothers in Africa who are struggling to raise their grandchildren orphaned by AIDS.

Why Scrabble? We think the ultimate word game is a fitting fundraising vehicle for an organization inspired by Stephen Lewis, whose eloquence and use of language has done so much to bring about positive change in the world.

This is not going to be an ordinary Scrabble tournament. We're modifying conventional rules somewhat to maintain a friendly team competition.

Individuals can play but we hope participants will put teams together. Teams can be any size. Families or the Star fleet for example, could enter teams. Or the American side could challenge the Canadian side of the lagoon. Participants from other yacht clubs, as well as the general public, are being invited, raising the possibility of a challenge from QCYC.

Team members will not be permitted to

sit together, of course, lest players stuck with a Q and no U, say, are overly tempted to seek supportive collaboration. Team members will play against other individuals and their aggregate scores added to come up with a team score.

Another innovation permits players to buy either expert help during the game, or a cheat sheet with suggestions on how to use those pesky Xs or Zs, or to spell-check



before committing to a word. Queen City's own Ann Vanderhoof, author of *An Embarrassment of Mangos*, will be one of the experts roaming the Great Hall, ready to be bought at a moment's notice!

Here's the additional – and most important – challenge: In lieu of an entry fee, players will solicit pledges from sponsors. To buy a seat at a game, each player must bring a minimum of \$250 worth of pledges. (All pledges of \$10 or more are tax-deductable).

Naturally, we encourage pledges over

\$250. Part of the 'challenge' will be to see who can raise the most money.

The primary thing to remember is that you don't have to be a world-class Scrabble player to participate. You must, however, be prepared to have fun. Participation, enthusiasm, and pledges are what really count.

We'll be awarding novel prizes to winners in a variety of categories. But we expect the biggest winners by far will be the grandmothers in Africa who will benefit in so many ways from the money we raise.

To register and receive a pledge sheet, please call or e-mail any of those named below. If you cannot attend but would like to sponsor one of the players, we'll gladly receive your tax-deductible pledge.

We hope you'll get as excited and enthusiastic about this as we are. It should be a lot of fun for a deeply serious cause. Good Words can make a big difference.

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Remember a day this summer when it didn't rain? Evidently it didn't on the evening of the summer solstice when Island photographer extraordinaire Sean Tamblyn caught the city in all its twilight glory. More of Sean's Island photography can be seen at www.seantamblyn.com.

Restaurant & Bar

May-September

Mon. -	Closed
Tues	5pm-9pm
Wed	5pm-10pm
Thur	5pm-9pm
Fri	5pm-10pm
Sat	9am-10pm
Sun	9am-9pm
Holidays	9am-9pm

Bar

Mon	Closed
Tues	4pm-9pm
Wed	3pm-11pm
Thur	4pm-9pm
Fri	4pm-11pm
Sat	Noon-11pm
Sun	Noon-9pm
Holidays	Noon-9pm

Tender Schedule

May 5 to September 1 – All times are departures from City – Pier 6.

Deduct 15 minutes for Club Departures.

Tickets (members only) \$6/10 for \$50 @ Office. No one-way fares. Every effort will be made to post last minute changes on the Flash, www.qcyc.ca and at the club office at 416.203.0929

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*8:45am weekdays begins July 2 ** 1:15 special events only ***11:15pm Sunday when followed by a holiday R=Robbins freight run



Pat Whetung caught the bow wave of Sansei, and its reflection in the flawless hull, while the boat sailed east past Gibraltar Point to Whitby during the Lake Ontario 300.

Picture of the Month Contest!

Got a shot that represents the Queen City spirit? Send it along. Starting in June we'll award the monthly winner a free jug of beer.

Winners also become eligible for the Annual QCYC Best Photograph!

Send photo (at least 500k jpeg, please) to communications@qcyc.ca

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likely (or should) be scheduled that week-end

- A number of other clubs have their Sailpast at this time

Any QCYC yacht that wants to participate in the Susan Hood, could still have a chance to participate in the review of the fleet or the Sailpast dinner, assuming good winds allowing a early morning finish after the Hood's Friday night start. As well, a change of only two weeks, will put less of a pressure on the club's events schedule than a later date

Sailpast is an anchor event in the club's season. Its date should reflect the members' preference. Accordingly, I would greatly appreciate feedback from the members on the preferred date.

To facilitate discussion of the issue, I have created a yahoo groups so members can exchange their comments:

To access this group:

- Post message: qcycsailpast@yahoogroups.com

- Subscribe: qcycsailpast-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- Unsubscribe: qcycsailpast-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com
- List owner: qcycsailpast-owner@yahoogroups.com

Note: Members need to subscribe to Yahoo in order to post and receive messages. It's easy to do.

Group Policy

This group is solely for the discussion of QCYC Sailpast, especially its date. It is not intended to replace any formal or informal communication mechanism of the club.

- Off topic messages will be deleted
 - No attachments
 - The group discussion will terminate the Sunday of Pig Roast
- I hope the membership will reach a consensus by then on one of the options and I'd like to thank contributors in advance for their comments and feedback.

Vice-Commodore, from page 2

and practices. We need to understand that directors are diligent when complying with safety on the tender, the liquor licensing regulations for club events or when welcoming guests to our bar and dining room. We are compelled to do the right thing in spite of our personal opinions.

As written before, a full membership brings new pressures. I encourage you to help relieve some pressures. Help keep our club clean. You can wipe down the counters in the washrooms or place garbage and recycling in the appropriate receptacles.

Mooring space is an issue, yet we have always welcomed visitors so please be sure to indicate your absences and arrivals on the sign out board in the lobby. Welcoming visiting boaters is a cherished part of Queen City tradition. We appreciate being part of a larger community.

It's important to express my thanks and gratitude to the Board and the Management Committee for orchestrating a fabulous year. They have selflessly contributed what it takes. My heartfelt appreciation also goes to members who have headed club projects or donated their time and skills to perform what needs to be done. Let me encourage you to stay involved and enjoy the downhill ride through August and into September.

Fleet, from page 3

able to pass this latest inspection.

The demanding requirement for licensing of captains seem to be changing all the time. Some captains are allowing their licences to lapse because it is difficult and time consuming to keep up with these changes. In fact, there is a shortage of Captains in the harbour right now. At one point Senior Captain Bob Mountjoy was working sixteen hour days to fill the void needed to meet the tender schedule. We're grateful for his efforts and dedication to duty.

In an effort to resolve this chronic shortage we have begun to hire and train our own Captains. It's not easy getting licensed. First you have to attend Safety Day, offered by the Canadian Passenger Vessel Association at the beginning of the season, where you learn fire fighting, launching life rafts, and man overboard drills among other things. This session is the prerequisite for the Marine Emergency Duties courses A1 and A2, taken over two additional weekends, which explore vessel-specific safety in more depth. Those lacking a Restricted Maritime Operator's Card must also take the VHF Radio course. In addition, you must complete Marine Basic First Aid and pass a marine medical.

With all this documentation in hand you can write your Master Limited Exam and Small Vessel Machinery Operator's Exam. Some people prefer to split these exams over two days to lighten the load. Once you've passed the written components, you must take a practical exam to demonstrate engineering knowledge of vessel- and ship-handling abilities before a licence will be granted.

Our trainees went through this rather intensive training process completely on their own time. They are to be commended for their hard work and success on achieving their licences.

We welcome Whitney Smith, who will be attending medical school at Queen's University in the fall, and Paul Dudar who will be attending the underwater skills program at Seneca College. They both deserve the title Captain!

Clipper raises contributors' fees

The Clipper acknowledges it's been a low paying outfit in the past. But now we're doing something about it. We're boosting the fees to contributors by a whopping 100%. That's right, the cheque we'll send you for your contribution will be for twice last year's amount. It doesn't matter what you send us, either. Words, pictures, art, whatever. To get rich quick, see your items and photos in print or to express your opinion, contact communications@qcy.ca

Broecker wins the Lake Ontario 300

Queen City sailors once again put in a good showing in the Lake Ontario 300, the premier long-distance race of the season.

Peter Broecker, sailing *Messing About* with sons Mark and Jan as crew, finished first overall in the fully-crewed, white-sail division of 162 nm (300 km) race. John Ball and his son Alex pulled off a third in *Anne Bonny* in the double-handed division.

Jeff Imai's new Tartan 3100 *Sansei*, crewed by Paul Horne, Eriks Rugelis and Wayne Lilley, came fifth in its fleet. *Sansei* sailed splendidly in her maiden race and would almost certainly have put up a better result without Lilley's ham-handedness on the wheel.

Peter's win was the more emphatic for being accomplished in a J27. Not only was it one of the smaller boats in a fleet of the 29 boats that competed in the fully-crewed fleet, it also lacked many creature comforts. Torrential rain that lashed the fleet about once every two hours over the 38 or so hours of racing didn't make things comfortable aboard *Messing About*.

Or on *Anne Bonny*, for that matter. And John Ball, a veteran single-hander racing in a slower fleet in his Cal 30, had to deal with the conditions for more than two days.

Significantly, there were 24 DNFs among the 127 boats that started the race on Saturday, July 19.



Susan Rollinson photo

Messing About goes through her paces in a QCYC Wednesday night race

The things you find at haul out

Those concerned at the growth on the bottom of their boat might take heart from the experience of the owners of this almost new Bavaria.

They noticed on their way south that the steering was, well, off a bit. Upon hauling the boat they discovered the reason.



The peril of plaid and the pipes

Nick Mather caught a couple of the lagoon's more discriminating swans (left) offering their view of members who ignore warnings and hang out with George Johnson so long they begin looking like his kin. It's difficult to disagree with the swans' view of the wannabe Bay City Rollers. Clockwise from the top: Rick MacHardy, Paul MacHorne, Brian MacChung (!), Dwight MacHamilton, Ken MacOwen and Whit MacWebster.



It didn't say four times around did it?

Wednesday night racing

Susan Rollinson caught Queen City's fleet in action from the committee boat



Skeena's bowman checks the luff



Circe, designed in the 70s, uses her new sails to chase down Blue Streak, designed and built to the latest fashion and standards



Alpha Omega at speed



Skeena splits tacks with her fleet



Jockeying at the start: Enkidu leads Blithe Spirit, One More Time and Skeena heading for the line



Ah, Circe gets clear air.



Breakin' Wind displays the secret speed spots on her sails



One More Time adds some heft to windward



What if the boat you sold turns out to be faster than the one you bought to replace it? Veloce leads Messing About at the start, raising the question, until Messing About got its act together

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