

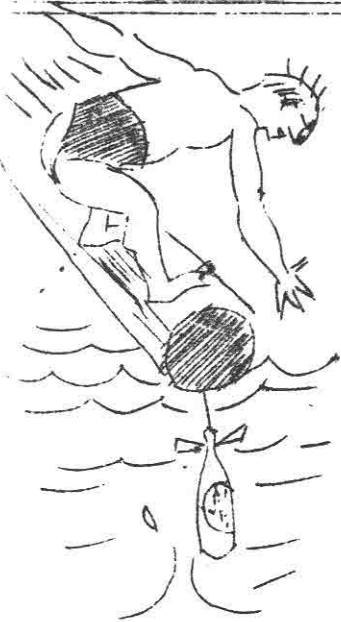
# The RED ENSIGN

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## AQUATIC DAY

SUNDAY, JULY 16<sup>th</sup>

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### COMMODORE'S REMARKS

Al Rae

With the Season in full swing the Q.C.Y.C. is more than ever in the limelight. Wednesday night races now look like regattas. To date there has been an average of 25 starters each race. This is a remarkable record, but I'd like to make an appeal here, to the number of boat owners who have not turned out on these occasions. Don't let the fact that you have never raced before hold you back - get in there - it's a lot of fun, and I assure you there's no better way to learn to sail properly and get the most out of your boat. You will no doubt make mistakes, but you will only make them once and there's no better place to get off the rough spots than in your own Club. We want our Q.C.Y.C. fleet to be well versed in sailing tactics and manœuvres when we visit other Clubs or when they visit us at our open regattas. Sail Handling is a very important part of racing and there's nothing more creditable to the reputation of the Q.C.Y.C. than to be known all over as a group of fine sailors. This is a reputation we have enjoyed in the past - let's make every effort to keep it that way. We have a fleet to be proud of and there's no reason why you new comers to the sailing game can't fit into the picture.

In conjunction with these remarks, a series of instruction periods have been planned for the benefit of new members and others who may feel the need of them. The first of these periods will take place Sunday, July 16th from 11.30 a.m. till 12.30 p.m. in the downstairs lounge. It will be an informal get-together where you should profit from the time you spend there listening to the advice of experienced sailors. The first talk will be nautical terms for boat gear, etc., and I hope it will help you understand and speak the same language as the sailors you will run into from time to time. This first talk will be given by myself. Following periods will be on Sails, Racing Rules, Cruising, in such order as suitable speakers

## MID-SUMMER DANCE

## FRIDAY JULY 14<sup>th</sup>

## MARK COLDIE'S BAND

COME AND BRING

YOUR FRIENDS

\$ 11<sup>00</sup> per COUPLE

can be procured and will be announced on the Notice Board or here in the Red Ensign.

Our Annual Marine Field Day, complete with fun for all, will be held next Sunday, July 16th, commencing at 2 p.m. sharp. All events will be staged in the lagoon in front of the Club.

There will be mirth and jollity for all, be they young or old, and you are invited to come along and bring any friends who enjoy a good time.

The following events have been scheduled:-

1. Rowing Dinghy Race for ladies, men and juniors.
2. Obstacle Race (this is a swimming race that should be good - folks).
3. Greasy Polo Walking Competition.
4. Championship Race around Algonquin Island - Leonard vs. Purchase
5. Men's Swimming Race.
6. Ladies' Swimming Race.
7. Junior Swimming Race

The winner of each event will be awarded a prize. At the end of the festivities each member will turn his prize into a common pool and draw lots to see who wins the combined prize.

Our Aquatic Day last year proved to be a big success and we want each and every one of you to come along and participate. And don't forget to bring along your friends.

P.S. - Dig into your old trunks in the attic and bring along any really ancient bathing suit you can unearth. The funnier they are the better will be the day. A prize will be awarded to the person appearing in the most uproarious costume. Because of the fire hazard grass skirts are outlawed.

All skippers are requested to dress ship and moor in vicinity of Club House.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Ted Leonard

The membership dinner was reported by all to be a success. This was due, not to any particular member, but to several who dug in and assisted in putting the dinner over. To these people I extend my appreciation for their co-operation and hard work.

To the new members, I say you got off easy. I noticed very few N.M. caps during the week. Any of you new members who did not receive their caps see me. I have a few caps left. Applications are still coming in, and are posted on the notice board. And to the ladies who gave of their time to help at the New Members dinner I hereby give honorary mention.

#### EDITOR'S REMARKS

Ken Purchase

Well, blow me down - some Club, oh. 25-30 starters every race - and all skippers in some state of sobriety - that's the record Q.C.Y.C. is setting this year. I assure you its the talk of the waterfront these days. The other Clubs are wondering where we are getting the yachts and skippers from - not to mention the new members. Well, boys, it's up to every one of us to keep it rolling. You must know a friend that has always wanted to sail but never got around to it - well, they're the ones we want. Let's get them over here - and interested.

I notice this year a somewhat friendlier feeling - everyone knows everyone else. That's good. If you meet someone that you don't know, don't let it go at that - find out who he is - and introduce yourself. He may be a swell guy - who knows? There are a few around.

The cruise to Oshawa saw about 15 Q.C.Y.C. yachts present. Well, boys, the next one is to Olcott, N.Y., Aug. 5. Let's have every available Yacht over there - see if we can get 25 - what do you say?

A new member of the board:- "Bill" Woodcock - ably assisted by Gord Finnemore. Let's give them a hand - figuratively and literally - preferably the latter, because the House Committee is one job where you can use lots of hands - more than the "Good Deity" gave us.

Don't forget Friday night's dance - good music, good women, good fun - your own liquids. Jack "Honey" Clapp has arranged a swell night - Be seeing you on the 14th! Sunday July 16th - Gala Aquatic Day - entry ticket - one silly costume. Help out - see how nuts your dress can be - if only one dresses up, he looks silly. More dress up than those that don't - the latter looks silly - if all dress "formally" no one looks silly - and who wants to look silly, eh?

New Lockers now have ceilings - getting claustrophobia already.

Let's give the gals a hand - they have formed an Auxiliary and are willing to do some interior decorating - so let's help them get started.

Every time I hear Tommy World or Cap Mathews say a few words at a Banquet, or gathering, I sort of fill up, and I'm not alone by a damn sight - so let's all work for Q.C.Y.C. keep it where it should be - the best damn Yacht Club on Lake Ontario.

A word to new members - As we have no paid hands aboard Q.C.Y.C. it is up to every member to help out keeping the grounds and buildings shipshape, so don't be absent on any work days that might be announced. Also you are allowed to have the same guest use the privileges of the Club twice in a month. So let's all pay attention to this rule - if the friends like to come over more often see Ted Leonard - he still has lots of blank application forms.

CHANGE IN SAILING PROGRAMME

Al Mahaffy

Please make the following changes on your sailing programme -

AUGUST 5 - COMMODORE'S CRUISE TO OLCOTT, NEW YORK

SEPTEMBER 2 - R.H.Y.C. INVITATION REGATTA

Will all skippers who intend to enter our races be sure and list their yacht on the Bulletin Board.

The Rear Commodore wishes to thank the members for their splendid co-operation in starting the races. In the event any member is unable to take his turn as scheduled, please phone Al Mahaffy at MO. 9715 or at the Club.

Q.C.Y.C. LADIES' AUXILIARY

Ray Hand

"A bunch of women going somewhere, winter or summer," quoth Josie, referring to the newly re-organized women's Committee of the Q.C.Y.C. But don't worry boys, 98% of us are married (i.e. duly submissive?).

It seems that the energetic and capable wife of our Commodore felt it was high time that the Ladies' Committee be revived. This Committee, which had done such good work until recently, had languished because most of the ladies had moved away. So "Vi" invited us to her home and really got us all enthused.

Doris Harris was elected President and the other officers are as follows: Honorary President - "Vi" Rae; Vice-President - Dorothy Menzies; Secretary - Peggy Lill; Treasurer - "Josie" Sinclair; Social Convenor - Doreen Leonard, assisted by Dorothy Sparling and "Flo" Purchase; House Convenor - "Vi" Rae, with Flo Woodcock and Edith Poitras as assistants, and Publicity Convenor - Ray Hand.

We are looking forward to another enthusiastic meeting this month at Vi's home, which she has so kindly thrown open to us for all the summer gatherings. The membership to date - 40 - so look out, boys, we're going to show you how to do things around the Q.C.Y.C.

BIG DANCE AND JAMBOREE - FRIDAY, JULY 14th - 8.30 p.m. - Jack Clapp

Don't miss this dance, friends. We again have Mark Goldies Orchestra with an added member - who by all reports is a band in himself.

Prizes - lucky numbers and indoor sail boat racing will be the feature of the evening - so get behind this dance, fellows, and make it go over like you did the last one.

Guests and friends of the members are cordially welcome. Also don't forget prospective members. Bring a couple along with you, and show them our Club House and our Fleet (brag a little) it doesn't cost anything.

Admission - - - \$1.00 a couple.

REMARKS FROM THE TREASURER

Tony Hopp

The Club's financial position is better than it has been for many years. Your Board has planned many improvements in the sailing, service and social departments of the Club, which will take the better portion of these funds, however.

While all fees fell due on June 15th, a few remain unpaid and we would appreciate if those unable to renew their membership for any reason, please send in their resignation so that their names may be removed from our books - otherwise a member is liable for payment of fees.

NEW HOUSE CHAIRMAN

Congratulations to Bill Woodcock and Gord Finnemore on their new positions on the House Committee - give them all the help you can, each member will benefit by the results.

DINING ROOM

Please be patient on weekends - it isn't practical for the Club to have full time help, so help Hilda all you can - Come early! don't order sandwiches during dinner & supper hours.

CARPENTER WANTED

Did you hear about the Engineer who was putting up some moulding to trim his locker. He cut 10 pieces with a total 5 mitres wrong, and 3 pieces too short - ask Al Osborne about it.

VALHALLA ODDITIES

John Hogg the new Junior Crew of the Valhalla was the only dunker on Saturday night at the Oshawa Y.C. - the rest of the crew were able to look after themselves. Reason: John was sober.

GALA DAY

Better start thinking up your fancy dress costume for our Gala Day which has been postponed until Sunday, July 16th, 1944.