



Just before dawn, Friday, July 31st: the Freeman is over, but there's plenty to do aboard "Mallard" before partaking of the upcoming festivities.

### *Commodore's Passing Comments*

Congratulations to each and every member who pitched in when necessary to make the 1964 L.Y.R.A. at Queen City one of the best-run regattas I have ever attended. I accepted countless praises and thanks on your behalf. The Secretary has received many letters with compliments and regards for our continued success. The girls did a magnificent job on the Information Desk. I can't remember the name of the lady who was chief organizer, but many thanks for a job well done. (Also to Dave Maxwell's tender Bar Keepers. "WOW", they stirred up a lot of business etc.)

There were no major problems, and the little problems were immediately dispersed by our efficient committees. One fellow complained about no hot water. I reminded him that the early bird gets the "warm." The only real problem was beyond our power, and that was the race cancellation on Monday. All in all, I was very proud to be Commodore of a Club with such spirit and hospitality. My special praises to John Beckett, Doug Rutherford, Dave Maxwell, Tom Rice, Bas Headford, Jim Jones and Vi Rae for untiring effort in their responsibility. Also, thanks to Vanetta Martin for the appearance of our grounds, and to Al Cox, who is her assist-

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ant. Some guys are just lucky to have a green thumb. \_\_\_\_\_

Due to the extension of the kitchen and dining room, lovely and all as it is, Alice and Perc Gilmour feel that they can't handle the additional work that it entails, and have tendered their resignation, as of August 22nd. We have been unable to find a replacement to date, so the dining room will remain closed until further notice. \_\_\_\_\_

The Canadian Yachting Association needs your support, particularly in this Olympic year. The best way our working-class type Club can help is to take out an ordinary membership at \$5.00, which entitles you to a free C.Y.A. Rulebook and a continual flow of information and up-to-date reports. It's really worthwhile. Get your application forms at the bar. If you don't care to join, but would like the Rulebook, leave your name and phone number at the bar, or get me, (Al Rae) at EM. 8-8216. Books cost \$1.50, and we have a few left. \_\_\_\_\_

One of the most disgusting experiences a Commodore can have is to sit in at meeting after meeting and listen to your Committee Chairmen tell of what a problem it is to collect from some of the members. I know it is mostly procrastination but for God's sake, have a heart: don't let him have to chase you week after week for what you are going to have to pay in the end. He is doing a voluntary job: why make it hard for him. Onr notification should be sufficient for you; the rest should be up to you. I can just hear your outcry if your company didn't pay you the same week! Your Club, like yourself, needs payment to survive, so, for your own sake, kick in or get off the pot! \_\_\_\_\_

However, the Board has decreed that any boat in arrears as of September 1 will not be recognized in the balance of the Club races and will be denied the privileges of the bar, and posted. \_\_\_\_\_

Weather permitting, the C.N.E. Sailing Committee would like to see as many yachts as possible on hand in the Humber Bay at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, grouping at the Western Gap and forming classes as per program available at the Club. The C.N.E. Committee does a lot for us: let's do this bit for them. Besides, if it's a nice night, it's a lot of fun, and the real place to see the fireworks from.

("whew!") Your Commodore.

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.... and from Mrs. Rae:

I would like to be in the position to hand big bouquets of roses to the 36 girls who took care of the "Information Desk." I have never worked with a more capable, happy and willing group. Space won't allow me to name each of you, but you were noticed by everyone, just as I noticed the man-and-wife team at the O'Keefe tent, the becomingly-costumed Q.C.Y.C. girls upstairs, and so many others.

A few more roses should be added to Barbara Norton's bouquet: she and Joan Rae worked all day Thursday. I couldn't have managed without them. Marg Pitcher, Mary Ward and Kay Walker stayed up with me all night, so that when the boats started coming in about 4 a.m., they were met by a brightly-lit Clubhouse, a very competent Harbour Master and a feminine committee who served them coffee and doughnuts. Needless to say, they were overwhelmed at Q.C.Y.C. hospitality.

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We had a ball, waiting for the boats to appear. Marg had a haircut and shampoo at 3:30, Kay made an immediate appointment, and Mary dealt with the scissors and comb as though it was 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

May I add: I heard so many compliments from sailors of all ports on our club, the hospitality and all the extra services that were available to them: I accepted them unblushingly on behalf of all our members, because I agreed with everything they had to say.

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### A "Visitor" heard from:

Because I've been a VISITOR at Q.C.Y.C. for about twenty years, I'm taking the liberty of commenting on one of the big changes around the old place: the room marked "LADIES." Bouquets before brickbats - so to Vi Rae, Isla Lee and Ann Campbell, thanks for the finishing touches of white curtains, blue dressing table skirt and hand lotion. There were many appreciative remarks from visitors during the L.Y.R.A. Bouquets also to Doug Rutherford and the planning committee for the major alterations and improvements. Funny thing, though, most of the changes occurred after Doug stopped being a bachelor. Purely coincidence, of course!

For the rest, Girls, this room is something we really can be proud of. It is not long ago that we had only one sink and one toilet to call our own - and imagine, if you can, the riot on a busy Saturday night! Unless we use this room as if it really does belong to each of us, it will not long stay as attractive as it is now.

That slot machine is a headache because it will only work if you feed it a ten cent piece. The Commodore's wife has made herself personally responsible for it, because it will not work on nickels, slugs, buttons or anything except dimes. Keep it happy: pay it properly. Incidentally, after some sleuthing, I finally discovered that the reason supplies for that machine are kept downstairs is because the MEMBERS don't steal them!!!

We have, at long last, a Ladies' Room worthy of the name. Let's all work together to keep it that way. It is, after all, the only thing about Q.C.Y.C. that we can call our own!

Barbara Norton.

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Adding to Al Rae's comments about overdue accounts, some locker rentals are past due (the main beef, though, is moorings), and payable to Ian Campbell. The success of the monthly-penalty system, as applied to the payment of membership dues this year, indicates that this method may be adopted for all billing in the future.

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### QUEEN CITY PRODUCES CYA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP CONTENDERS

In the C.Y.A. Junior Eliminations, August 15 and 16, Geoffrey Lye and Ralph Phillips placed 4th, and qualified for a trip to Vancouver and competition in the C.Y.A. Junior National Championships. Warren Gould kindly loaned his Albacore to the Junior Club, so that our representatives could practise for the Eliminations. Another generous member, Jim Beattie, likewise put his Flying Dutchman Junior at the disposal of the Queen City's entrants. The races at Vancouver are sailed in Flying Jrs. Our thanks to these men: also to Nicky Brodie for preparing numerous copies of the Sailing Rules for the Junior Club, and to Herb Pitcher for donating the tickets for the Benefit Dance.

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