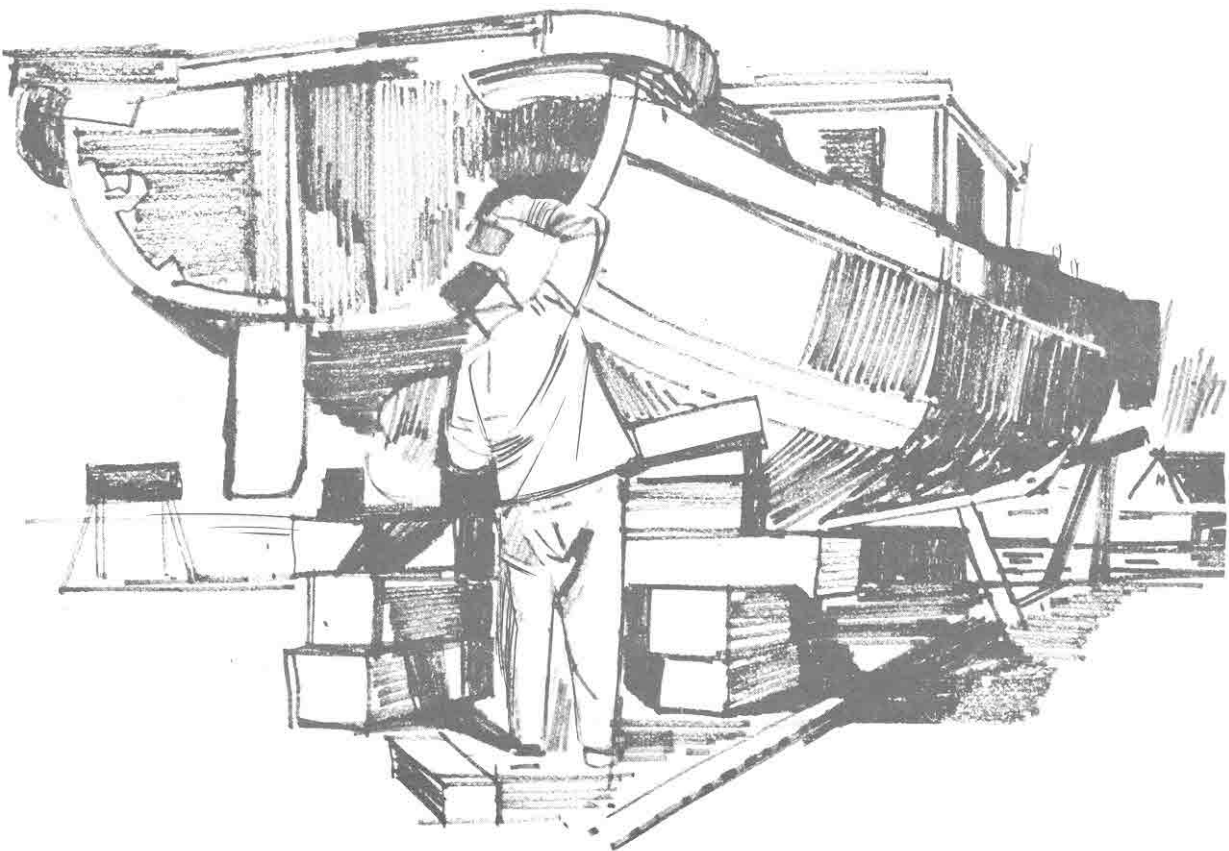


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Newsletter of the Queen City Yacht Club, Algonquin Island, Toronto. News of happenings of interest to members are welcome, also your comments and criticism, photographs and drawings. Send all communications to Bas. M. Headford, 10 Granard Blvd., Scarborough, or to Publicity Committee member Herb Pitcher. The Clipper will appear monthly until the end of the sailing season.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

In the last issue of The CLIPPER we expressed a cautious optimism about the way in which Ron Thomas and his House Committee were tackling the knotty problem of our dining arrangements. And well we might be cautious, after the culinary disasters of our snack bar. But Ron's most recent report on negotiations to let a contract for our meal services will be received with enthusiasm by Queen City members. No less a company than Gainsborough Kitchens Ltd. has signed up to do the job this year. As reported earlier, Ron's committee was considering applications from several firms and individuals. By the night of the last Directors' meeting, the choice had narrowed to Gainsborough Ltd., and a young married couple who also seemed to have the qualifications to make a success of the operation. Although individual entrepreneurs have on occasion provided the best short-order service by far during this writer's short span of membership, (at their peak, Alice and Percy did a terrific job!) the mere mention of the name Gainsborough clinched all discussion. Not only does the good reputation of this company assure us of good food; our fluctuating needs for service can best be served by an organization that can draw on large resources of manpower and supplies. Gainsborough is not new to our Club: they have catered to several of our special events, with complete satisfaction. For starters, they will provide a soup - and - sandwiches service on Easter Weekend, (Friday, April 12 to Sunday, April 14). Some time in May, possibly before the 24th, regular weekend snack service will commence, and in June we will have supper served every weeknight. The actual build-up in operation has not been decided upon, so these dates (except the Easter Weekend) are only tentative. We look to the caterers, of course, for good food attractively priced and properly served. But beyond that, the success of this year's arrangement depends on YOUR PATRONAGE. In spite of the very considerable gift of time and talent by Jack Beckett, who designed our excellent dining room extension, and all the thousands of dollars poured into the project by the Club, something has always conspired to make it fall short of what it could be. Now it would appear that the main problem has been licked: if so, we will owe much to the House Committee. The Publicity Committee is going to press for stricter adherence to the House Rules respecting dress and conduct in the dining room. This will remove the "beach-concession" atmosphere from the premises and allow us to use it for what it is -- the best place in the city for QCYC members to take their guests for a pleasant evening meal, or a good quick snack before the regatta. Make 1968 your year to "discover" Queen City's dining room.

SHELLBACKS CLOSING DINNER

PARK PLAZA HOTEL

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1968

Speaker: BRUCE KIRBY, Editor, "One Design Yachtsman"

Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:30 p.m.

\$ 5.50 per person

Ladies Welcome

Al Rae has tickets; phone him at 366-4162 (days)

Marine Holding Tank Regulations Deferred

On April 4th, the Ontario Water Resources Commission announced that regulations which were to go into effect on June 1st, regarding sewage holding tanks for pleasure craft, have been deferred until 1969. An "International Committee" is being set up in conjunction with American states using the same waters, to investigate and set up "standard regulations" applicable equally to all users of the waters.

JUNIOR SAILING CLUB

Application forms for membership in the Junior Club for this summer are available from the Chairman at the address below. We have hired a very good staff and are looking forward to another great Junior sailing year.

Robbie Black will be our Chief Instructor, and will be assisted by Mike Pangman. Charles Colman and Victoria McLaughlin will make up the rest of the crew.

Gordon Howarth
48 Forest Manor Rd.
Apartment 4
Willowdale

The Junior Club has disposed of its old runabout. It was too small, too heavy, and too hard for the youngsters to manage. The replacement is a 14' Boston Whaler, just one year old and in perfect condition.

MARINE YARD

If you are ready to go in and are on the end of a row you can be launched on Easter weekend - April 12, 13, 14. Bring your own pushers. The first Official Launching will be May 4 - 5 so get busy as soon as you can. Second launching will be May 18 - 19 so you can be in the water for the Sail Past. Last official launching will be June 1 - 2. After this date you will be charged \$15.00 for late launching. Summer Haul outs will be \$10.00.

Many cradles and butterboards are in very poor condition and after launching they will have to be repaired or replaced before haulouts. No exceptions. Construction plans showing minimum requirements for cradles and butterboards will be published during the summer, in plenty of time for everyone to "repair or replace" before haulout.

The Marine Yard takes no responsibility for ridge poles, frame work, tarpaulins, cans of paint or anything else left lying around. If you want to keep them - put them away.

Use the garbage cans. Pick up behind you. It will make everybody's job easier and help keep the Marine Yard tidy.

FOUND

One 5-gallon pressure gas tank (full) with connecting hoses. Left outside the winch house last fall. Owner may pick up by contacting the Marine Yard Chairman.

R. Norton, Marine Yard Chairman

OTHER HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS: Thanks to a good response to the request for a work committee last weekend, a good clearance has been made of the tangle of branches brought down on the property by the storms of last winter. Mike Smith trimmed back some of the trees that had been ruined by the great ice storm, and a mountain of branches and leaves grew outside our gate as the litter was hauled away.

Entertainment Committee Report

The happenings for this switched-on season at QCYC will be wild new things! There'll be new-looks to be seen and heard.

Like - On the grounds - In the water - and in the Great Hall, there'll be splendid assortments of sounds, capers, and sundry other goodies to keep you joyous and put the light in your lady's eyes!

For instance, as in days of yore, an Aquatic Day is on the drawing board - complete with greased pole. From time to time, the Martin Meadows will be the site of flaming pits searing succulent roasts of weiners and those special golden cobs by the gobs from Sinclair's back forty.

And, in that temple of uninhibited cavorting - Ah! The Great Hall. The Place where Rock melds with Jazz and the Old Blues keeps coming up roses, and the flow of the Waltz still bewitches and entrances those who wish they could. And the great - real great - Queen City Repertory Company.

And where could you find an after-hour spot with a bar that's always just at your elbow when the music stops?

On the make is a real nitty-gritty season of entertainment that will put you on a trip of hip, joyous and beautiful sensations.

Queen City's Swingin' 68 will be a habit hard to kick - if you grab it, it won't let go!

Is there anything better to think about during April Showers?

Worth Noting:

John Brodie has again offered to officiate as Starter this year.

Our Albacore sailors will invite Albacores from outside the Club to participate in the Wednesday races. This will in no way affect the standings of Queen City boats: it's a very good way to increase the competition and the enjoyment of the races in that class.

The Geoff Berry Quintet has been engaged for about 12 functions at the Club, starting with the Painter's Prom, May 11th. And elsewhere in this issue, Entertainment Chairman John Perdue whets our curiosity over what appears to be Queen City's venture into High Drama: the Queen City Repertory Players' Night, June 30th. Try not to miss it if you can.

The berth at the Club is being widened in preparation for the "Algonquin Queen." Meanwhile, the "Lillian" has been launched for the season, and was in use last weekend.