

The Clipper

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Dissent, Yes . . . Sabotage, No!

It is the nature of some people that, when faced with a problem, they look for a scapegoat rather than a solution. The club has had more than its fair share of problems this year. Because of this, some of the club facilities have fallen into neglect to an unacceptable level. The word "unacceptable" is deliberately chosen because we wish to emphasize that the directors find it just as unacceptable as the most vociferous of its critics. The big difference is that the directors are working their hides off finding solutions while the critics are rushing around starting or repeating vicious rumours about the club facilities, directors or personnel. One member was even heard to comment that he would take action which would result in the club "getting into real trouble". "that will teach them", he said. That will teach who, what? Doesn't this irresponsible person realize that this is his club, as well as the directors'? Any trouble for the club is trouble for the whole club and that includes those who precipitate the trouble. This attitude extends to comments on the dining room, gas dock, etc. If you don't think the club gas is any good, you don't have to buy it. If you feel compelled to comment on it, do so to the board of directors, not to the membership. The directors can, if there is a problem, do something about it. All the membership can do is stop buying gas and thus create further problems. The same logic applies to the dining room. The last thing club needs is a self-styled latter-day Che Gueverra mounting a revolution in the name of the membership. What we do need is constructive help and team spirit. This has been a time of minor crisis. Gossip and muck-raking can only aggravate our problems and is not in the "best interest of the club" and we would respectfully suggest before indulging in such verbiage the would-be offender read section 66 of the club constitution. The vast majority of members do not partake in this rumour mongering but their thinking and attitude must be affected by it. If you hear any member making disparaging remarks about the club, check the information for yourself. If the complaint is valid, bring it to the directors' attention, they want to know. If, however, it is a vicious rumour, invite the offending member to button his lip or leave the club, or, preferably, both.

Your board works hard to make this a happy and successful club for you as well as for themselves. The job is never easy and often has unpleasant responsibilities. A little co-operation and discretion will go a long way and help a lot. Verbal sabotage accomplishes nothing.

COVER

Cheryl Seymour assists Mary Madrick in the launching of the Seymour's new boat "Taron".

The launching is the culmination of years of work, by Fleet Captain Murray Seymour and his wife Donna, on this lovely "Character" gaffer.

A future issue of the "Clipper" will carry an article on the building of Taron and many other of the "Home built" boats at QCYC.

A Matter of Manners



This is the wording of our invitation to members of other sailing clubs on the lake. It is extended in the spirit of hospitality and friendship which we find when we attend other clubs.

Unfortunately QCYC has very limited docking facilities for visiting yachts. Because of this we usually accommodate visitors in berths normally occupied by member's yachts while those members are away from moorings. If the member should perchance return and find a visiting yacht in his mooring that membershould simply tie up at the clubhouse or gas dock while alternate arrangements are made for the visitor.

Over the July 1st weekend we were faced with a larger than usual influx of visitors - especially from the U.S., and some rather ugly incidents occurred which call for comment.

The moorings chairman worked exceptionally hard all weekend shuffling boats. Some of our members, on returning and finding their moorings occupied created unpleasant and beligerent scenes with the chairman and the visitors. That a director of this club should be subjected to such abuse while doing his job is bad enough. That a visitor, duly invited to our anchorage, has to suffer it is really too much. It was a disgusting display of atrocious manners and must not be repeated. It will be noticed that our invitation also covers the clubhouse. Some of our visitors may not be familiar with our house rules regarding dress, etc. By all means bring these rules to the attention of visitors if the situation warrants, but do so courteously and discreetly, not in the crude and embarrassing manner in which one member spoke to a lady visitor on the July 1st weekend. This club has earned over the years a reputation for hospitality and friendship second to none. We should be and indeed can be proud of our club and the warmth of its membership. Isolated incidents such as those mentioned can undo all the good done by the majority of our members in making visitors welcome.

"Good Work 71" A Success.

As most of you know, on the afternoon of July 25 the club played host to some children from the University Settlement House for a sail and picnic.

Your editor offers heartfelt thanks to all those who helped make this event such a roaring success. There were, of course, the inevitable "apostles of doom" making dire forecasts of damage to boats, theft, etc. We would even thank these people, for they have proved that no matter what a few people with a negative outlook may say, the members of QCYC are nice guys who will pitch in for a good cause.

The only hitch in the otherwise perfect day was that we had more boat space and skippers than were needed. As a result some people wound up standing around waiting for kiddies who did not arrive.

To those skippers who wound up empty-handed we do offer our most sincere apologies. Sixty children were arranged for but only thirty-six could make it. Those thirty-six had the time of their lives - the only people who enjoyed the whole thing more were the skippers.

We must try to do it again next year, having learned some valuable lessons this time. Most of all we learned that we can have fun sharing our recreation with others less privileged than ourselves.

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| STATISTICS: | Number of Children | 36 |
| | Hot Dogs Consumed | 150 |
| | Soft Drinks Consumed | 120 |
| | Ice Creams Consumed | 80 |
| | Plus Untold Other Goodies | |
| | Aboard The Boats | |

Thank you again all who helped and a special thank you to Opal Welsh for her generous contribution toward the refreshments.

We also owe thanks to Mio Manufacturing for the soft drinks and Tom Taylor Limited for the loan of life jackets.

Vice-Commodore's Report

It is with pleasure that we announce the appointment of Mr. Ray Lister to the position of Club Manager. Ray comes with many qualifications for the job. The Board of Management feels sure that Mr. Lister will be a valuable addition to the Club Staff. Starting work in the middle of the season is a big undertaking for Ray so let's give him all the help we can. Introduce yourself and your family so he can get acquainted. Also this way you will avoid the embarrassment of being asked for your membership card when you probably left it in your other pants.

The great trench dug along the fence down by the south gate is for electric cable for the new lockers. As soon as the cable is installed there will be lights - and we will fill in the trench as soon as possible.

The HOLDING TANK (that's right) will be connected and ready for use very soon. Please check with Ray Lister about the use of this facility and the charges.

R. Norton,
Vice-Commodore

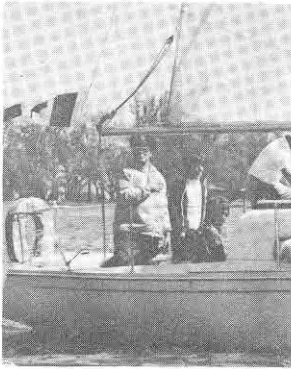
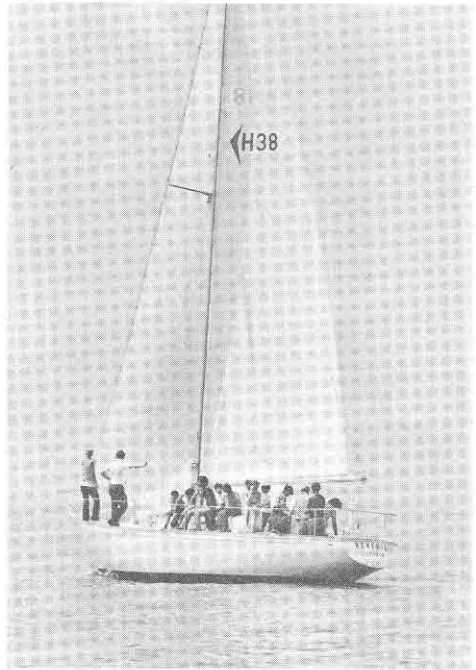


Meet your new manager. Ray Lister



George Lambert with his "charges" aboard Anore II.

"Reverie" well loaded.



The "B-----" Admiral

End of a happy sail.
Now where's the food?



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