

The Clipper



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EDITORIAL

The Boat Show is past and launch time is not far away. It will soon be time to put away the skis for another year and get out the scraper and the paint brush. This is all just another way of saying it is Yacht Club time again.

Of course, for one group, the Yacht Club season is twelve months long, that group is your Board of Directors, and over these last three months, they have been busily working to make this coming season even more fulfilling for all the members of QCYC. Much time has been spent on the budget with all departments trying to hold the line on expenses yet at the same time, providing these facilities and services which you, the membership appear to want and need. Already, your editor has heard cries about the dues going up by \$25.00 (a figure consistent with government guidelines) but stall, dear reader; the dues have gone down. It must be remembered that we had an assessment of \$40.00 last year, making senior membership \$140.00. OK you say, what guarantee do we have that there will not be an assessment this year? The answer is none. But, and it is a big but, this year we will have a far tighter system of cash control and will, therefore, be able to spot problem areas and control expenses much better. Also, much effort will be put forward by the Directors and the staff to make revenue-producing services and functions far more attractive to members and their guests. With this combination we should be able to go through the year without having to come to you for more money.

What sort of season will it be? A great season. Recent discussions with the Parks Department have been most gratifying and the future looks wonderful.

Enjoy your club, use your club, support your club, it's a great place to belong.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS . . . !

Golly! What does a new commodore say to his fellow club members? After giving it much thought, I think it has to be HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Now I know January 1st passed several weeks ago but our sailing season, which starts a little later in the year, gives me the right to wish you all a happy new sailing season.

If the enthusiasm of the board of directors is any indication of the success of 1972, we are in for a fantastic year. Attendance at meetings so far has been excellent, and new ideas and many older ones are being thoroughly investigated. All suggestions passed on to us from the previous Board have been discussed. You will be pleased to hear that Ray Lister will be back with us as Club Manager. The Board has also decided to hire a secretary-bookkeeper on a permanent basis for the season. This will be an additional expense but in the long run the club should operate much more efficiently and smoothly.

Many members' wives have suggested starting a roster of wives and lady guests who would volunteer their help when needed. This sounds encouraging. All in all, we hope for a good year.

Gordon M. Proctor,
Commodore.

CHANDLERS CHORTLES

Hi there;

This is the first of what will be a regular column in the season to come. In it, we'll be keeping you up-to-date as to social functions at the Club plus we'll try to round it out with other information on items pertaining to entertainment in the City. We'll also report the happenings of interest of Club members and other notable people. In other words, it's going to be wide-open baby!

We've been working hard at getting the old "Body" in shape to go down south for the last three races of the S.O.R.C. It really is amazing how much a person gets out of shape over the winter, so we thought we'd pass on some of the routines we've worked out to be prepared for the upcoming season. Sure, it calls for a little work on your part, but the rewards are worth it. First of all let's get to work on the most important part of our "sailing" body. The Drinking Arm...

Unless you've kept this part of your body in regular use you'll find that it will be giving you real problems when you start to work on your boat this spring. Remember last spring when by Sunday afternoon you could hardly lift that beer to your mouth? What we do is tape to our wrists, weights... the weight of a bottle of beer, whenever we eat. Everytime you lift food to your mouth, you're building up that old drinking arm.

Another problem you'll most likely face again this season is the run upstairs to the bar for the bag of ice which you'll invariably forget until the last minute before shoving off for a cruise or a race. Start now on those stair exercises and to make it rewarding, have a drink when you come back down the stairs thereby helping the Drinking Arm again! Now this next one is particularly important for the ladies. Start now to get ready to carry all that gear over to the Club every weekend. This is really tough as the greatest load come the spring, when you're more likely to be out of shape!

Fill your laundry bags with bricks, pots and pans and other heavy objects

to approximate the weight of an anchor...24 beers, 2 bottles of rum, next, three sail bags, gas tanks and all the other fun things you end up carrying. Naturally the men will be carrying the delicate and lighter items such as the compass and the R.D.F. This is a case of responsibility and is no way discrimination!

Also, it's not too soon to start practicing staying up until the wee small hours. You don't want to be sleeping should anything of interest happen over at the Club. First hand is always better than second. You can do this while working on the other necessities. Starting this week, we suggest you start dancing again. Get the kids to show you some of the new routines and surprise us all at the "Painter's Prom".

We've only touched on a few of the conditioning needs for the upcoming season. You'll think of more as you start your campaign of reconditioning.

PARTICIPATORY PLANNING

In early February, a successful meeting was held with Tommy Thompson - Commissioner of Metro Parks. At this meeting permission was received for us to dredge the shallow areas against the south seawall of Algonquin Island, east of the bridge and to deposit the dredgings on the island side of the seawall. Discussions are underway with contractors now. We hope to accomplish this before May 1 at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Permission was also received to moor boats against the Ward's Island seawall in the area previously occupied by the Chunkie Joe. This 150 foot area should permit the mooring of about ten more boats.

Concern has been expressed about the condition of the pilings under the club house. We will undertake to see that this situation is studied and would appreciate the help of any club members who are knowledgeable about such things - any volunteers?

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