

# The Clipper



MAY 1976

## Sailpast — Sat., May 22nd

The Commodore's Sailpast is the official opening of the club for the 1976 season. It is a colorful ceremonial occasion for honoring our Commodore, Herb Pitcher.

This year the Royal Canadian Yacht Club is holding its Commodore's Sailpast on the same afternoon. The harbor will be full of boats (possibly 300) and care and courtesy will be needed to avoid mishaps. To keep the two fleets separated, an imaginary line has been drawn (see chart) across the harbor from the west end of the inhabited part of Algonquin Island to the Ferry Docks. RCYC skippers have been asked to keep to the west of this line. We should keep to the east of this line.

The Commodore's yacht SIMAARON, a white Grampian 2-34, will be anchored northwest of the clubhouse, just south of the ferry route from Ward's to Centre. A short distance from the Commodore's yacht, the Rear Commodore's yacht, TREKKER — flying a burgee with red tails, will be anchored as a starting mark at the start of the sailpast course. If the wind is from north through east to south, TREKKER will be north and east of SIMAARON. If the wind is north through west to south, TREKKER will be stationed to the west of SIMAARON.

Regardless of the wind direction, all yachts should assemble at about 1445 hours near the Fleet Captain's yacht RUNNING FREE, a yellow Alberg 37 flying a burgee with blue and white tails. RUNNING FREE will be anchored in the fleet assembly area upwind of TREKKER, if possible. The Boston WHALER will be out to assist skippers in finding their own group's lead boat.

The groups will be:

- 1: Lasers.
- 2: Other centreboarders.
- 3: Keel boats less than 26'0" in overall length.

- 4: Keel boats between 26'0" and 29'0" in overall length.
- 5: Keel boats over 29'0" in overall length.

Each group will have a lead-boat skippered by a member of the Sailing Committee. These will be designated at the Skippers meeting which will be held at 1330 hours on the day of the sailpast, at the main door to the clubhouse.

Past Commodore Al Rae, who is celebrating his 50th year at RCYC, will lead the fleet on his yacht SWAMBA, followed by the Vice Commodore's yacht REVERIE (burgee with blue and white tails), Past Commodores Len Canham and Gord Proctor and the five groups. SWAMBA will leave the assembly areas at 1455 hours. Each group leader should await the departure of all the boats in the previous group before leaving the fleet assembly area.

All yachts will sail past the Commodore's yacht maintaining a distance of three boatlengths from the boat ahead. Skippers and crew should sit facing the Commodore but should not salute. Yachts may dip or furl their ensigns or luff their jibs.

After the sailpast, all yachts should return to their moorings and dress ship.

Before and after our sailpast all yachts should stay clear of the RCYC sailpast area. Our competence as sailors will be open to scrutiny on May 22nd. Radio Station CKEY will be covering the event. Try and maintain even spacing between boats. Luff or oversheet, if necessary, to slow down. Let's make this a memorable start to a gala year in the Club's annals.

The evening program will be as follows:

- 1700 - Punchbowl.
- 1830 - Dinner.
- 2100 - Dancing.

Tickets for dinner at \$8.50 will be available from the office.

Mark Loughborough.  
Rear Commodore.



ALGONQUIN ISLAND

Honorary Commodore H. S. ROBBINS

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## Commodore's Comments

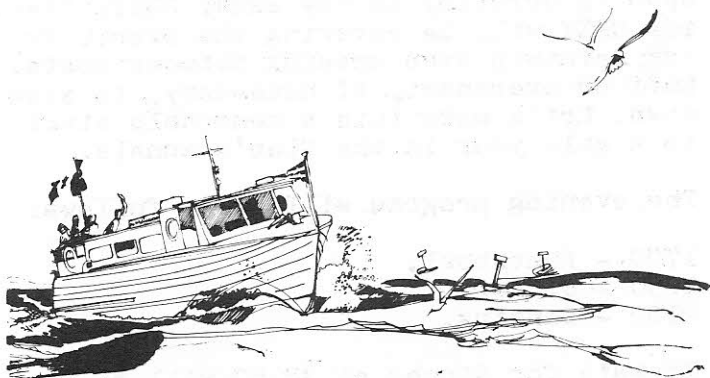
On the 22nd of May, the Queen City Yacht Club will hold its annual sailpast, which officially ushers in the 1976 season. This special occasion gives your Commodore the opportunity to review the fleet and to salute the members as they sail into the new season.

Traditionally, we have always had fine weather and uncomplicated sailing conditions. This year, if you happen to see another sailpast taking place at the same time as ours, don't be confused: The Royal Canadian Yacht Club will be holding the ceremonial review of its fleet on the same day.

If, however, you follow the plan set forth by your Rear Commodore, there should be only minor difficulties.

We are fortunate to have as guests at our head table that day Harbor Commissioner John Mann and his wife; the Chief of the Toronto Port and Harbor Police, Robert Cornish and his wife; Police Superintendent (Retired) George Ragan and his wife; and Mr. and Mrs. Al Rae. Al will be celebrating with the rest of us our annual sailpast as well as his own 50th year with the QCYC.

We will not have all of our club renovations completed in time, but such small aesthetic shortcomings will in no way affect the good fellowship and conviviality of the occasion.



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PITCHER.



