

The Clipper



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House Committee

Now that the renovations are almost complete, we are directing our attentions to putting the finishing touches to the clubhouse to give it the Queen City flavor. Geoff Turner is the "art director" for this project and he will be pleased to accept from members any old photographs, artifacts, pictures etc., which might be appropriate.

An important date change to note is that the Open House has been moved from July 3rd to September 3-6th, to coincide with the Pig Roast on the Labor Day weekend. However, we have arranged for a Greek Dinner and dance for July 3rd. This looks like becoming another tradition with the roasting of whole lambs in the Greek style, under the expert direction of our manager, Mr. Siskos. Unfortunately, tickets will be limited to 150, so make your reservations early. A few people missed out on the Lobster Dinner and Dance, which was a fantastic bash.

As there are regattas every Saturday in June, we are concentrating our entertainment on Pub Night every Friday evening. Bring your friends over for Fish and Chips between 5-9pm, and then the fun starts with sing-songs around the piano, old tyme movies, darts tournaments, horse racing, and a bit of a "knees-up."

We hope members who can play instruments or who are in good voice will participate so that Friday Night at Queen City will become known around the lake.

Starting Monday, June 19th, the tender will run at 12 noon, 1pm and 2pm every day. We encourage you to bring a business friend over for lunch (what better way to impress your bank manager when negotiating for that bigger boat.)

The dining room will be open every day, including Monday. We have arranged for

waitresses to provide table service in the dining room. We have also arranged terms of service with the staff which make gratuities unnecessary. The staff has also been instructed not to accept any cash - or tickets which have been detached from books.

Thanks to Barry Hardy and Ron Thomas we now have a great P.A. and stereo system. If you phone the club and find the line busy, it is because there were only three Bell Telephone lines available to us until the fall and we opted for two public pay tepehones for the convenience of members, and one private line. The Coda-phone will have to wait until next year. By the way, the pay phones will accept incoming calls and we have arranged for a phone extension in the bar to facilitate faster answering. We are also re-installing the paging system.

We are now taking bookings from several members who wish to use the club facilities for private parties. These won't interfere with the membership uses. Why not talk to Mr. Siskos if you are interested in booking the club - and before we run out of dates.

Unfortunately, we have to warn members not to leave valuables or clothing in the washrooms. Several items have been reported missing.

Remember that the club is for your enjoyment. If you have constructive suggestions on the improvement of operations, or if you would like to volunteer for the House Committee, please speak to Mr. Siskos or myself at 494-1307 or 294-0344.

We have arranged for sailing movies every Wednesday evening after the club races.

Malcolm Wardman.
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Commodore's Comments

As you all know, two recent boating disasters on Lake Ontario claimed four lives. These are now seen to be all the more tragic and poignant because they might easily have been avoided. And yet, any member -- novice or veteran -- might well reflect that: "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

Indeed, every season brings its tales of similar drownings or near-drownings that could have been avoided had the victims been properly schooled in water safety. Or, being schooled, had used that safety knowledge to better purpose.

Each season, into our club come more and more members who are novices in boating, with negligible sailing experience or Power Squadron instruction under their belts. We would like to set up a sailing seminar to teach safety in sailing as well as in racing.

It has been well suggested that the seminar's experts draw up a check-list, with each member checking out all possible dangers and hazards himself, or having one of our experts check the list for him.

Prominent on the seminar's agenda will be the correct use of distress signals. The Fire Department will show us the way to fight fires aboard, and tell us how often one should have his fire equipment checked. The Harbour Police will give us the benefit of their wide and practical experience in the cause of safety.

Safe Boating.

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