

The Clipper

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AL RAE

Many, many people will be saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Al Rae Senior.

He died at his island home in the early hours of Monday morning July 11.

Al Rae, Past Commodore of Queen City Yacht Club, honorary member, was known as Mr. Queen City. His ready humour made him outstanding at any gathering, large or small. His dedication to Queen City should be an inspiration to all. Al was active in sailing to the end.

We will miss him.



CANADIANS ANNOUNCE FOR CUP, U.S. QUIET

The 1978 Canada's Cup competition will be held September 10-14, 17 and 18, 1978, the defending Bayview Yacht Club, Detroit, has announced. No official American entries have been received as of May 17, but two Canadian entries, one from Royal Canadian Yacht Club and one from Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, have been announced.

Scott Kaufman has designed a Canada's Cup contender for Paul Phelan of Toronto's Royal Canadian Yacht Club. The hull features a daggerboard. Construction will be of aluminum by Robert Derektor of New York. Dirk Kneulman will complete the boat in Oakville.

Don Green, whose C&C 38 Motivation, was campaigned on Lake Ontario last season, has been working with C&C Custom Division on a Two Tonner for the Canada's Cup.

EIGHT TO RACE AROUND THE WORLD

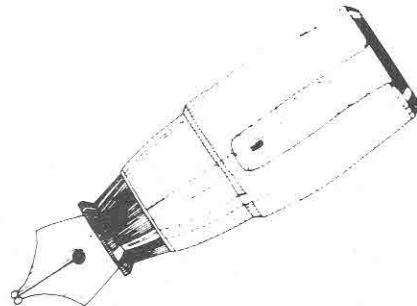
Clare Francis' firm entry in the Whitbread Round the World Race in ADC ACCUTRAC, a Swan 65, brings the total number of sure competitors to eight. ADVENTURE, the British services entry, is a Camper & Nicholsons 55, the same one beaten to first last time around by Ramon Carlin's SAYULA II.

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CHANDLER'S CORNER

Well, the big subject for days has been the cruise to Youngstown. Maybe there's a few stories you haven't heard already - like: BETTY PERDUE was on RAY LYE'S boat along with MARG LYE. This was BETTY'S first sail across the lake. So what happens? RAY's mast breaks. BETTY says she loved the trip in spite of the winds and seas, and would go again, but maybe not this year....FRANK and NADENE BURGESS (and WILLIE) made the crossing okay. This was a first for them as well. FRANK being the cruise master took some ribbing (put him in charge of the bingo games! Next cruise around the Horn etc.)but the point is that FRANK and NADENE like a number of people, new to sailing did it and are better people for it, and so is the Club.....St. Catherines Boat Club said they have never seen so many boats over on a weekend. They were filled, there were boats anchored down stream, the marina was packed and of course Youngstown, was filled to overflowing. What's it going to be like in a few years? Now's the time to start talking people out of sailing.....ROYALS is trying to encourage their members not to feed the ducks and geese. They want the government to stop giving the birds free hand-outs of grain and instead give them brochures on Florida and other places south. No a bad idea really..... JIM TILKER likes wires - on mooring shackles. Get them on. The boat you save may be mine.....DAVID SPARKS is not married.....The rest of the summer could go very fast. Two crows just flew by the office window. Usually see crows in the early spring and the fall.....We mentioned before that HARBOURFRONT was going to develop the old post office warehouse on pier 4. One of the first outfits to start up there is a company called Sicom Communications Ltd. Sicom is in the business of electronic repairs to VHF, CB and most other instruments. Big feature is that you can sail up to their place and unless it's a major problem, they can work on your situation right away.....

We're off cruising 'till the end of July. Try not to do anything 'till we get back. If you can't wait, make sure there's witnesses, and if possible, photos.



MATILDAS MASS FOR BON VOYAGE PARTY

The July 1st holiday weekend saw a gathering of Matilda skippers and crews at Queen City. They came in their boats from Port Credit to Whitby and a representative from the Lake Simcoe fleet, to see two members of the Matilda Class Association Canada, off on a year-long trip to Florida.

There was much good fellowship around the bar-b-q and many praises for Queen City's hospitality. The couple off on the epic cruise are Bill and Doris Stewart. With much planning and forethought, the couple look forward to their trip with much confidence and knowing their boat will serve them well.

Many of the ideas the Stewarts have come up with will surely be copied by other Matilda owners. That's what makes belonging to an association worthwhile.

Queen City's David Reid is the Matilda Association President.

SOCIAL SCENE - by martha mouthmore

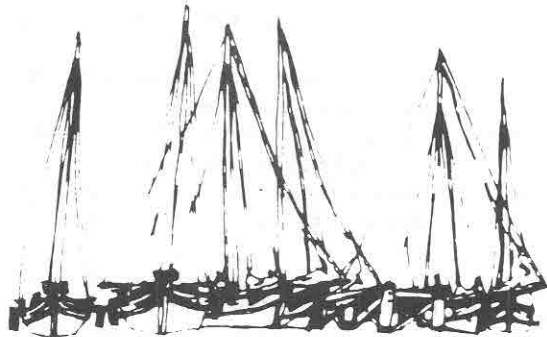
Absolute highlite of the young season was the Queen City Yacht Club's cruise to Youngstown. The cruise day being bright and beautiful, one didn't expect to see the gaily coloured foulweather gear on our guys and dolls, but a playful breeze threw refreshing splashes of water onboard so nearly everyone donned their silks. It made for colourful shipboard parties as the yachts streamed into port and the champaign was broken out. Laughter rang out into the late night as skippers and mates recounted delightful anecdotes of the fast trip across the sparkling waters of Lake Ontario.

Saturday, the next day, many of the yachts upped anchor and moved about to form up new partytime groups. Tall, dark and handsome Tom Tomblin, Queen City's commodore hosted a delightful dinner party under the stars on Youngstown Yacht Club's patio. The setting sun behind a forest of masts set a romantic background that had many couples young and old, holding hands and gazing into each other's eyes. Later, members and guests danced away the evening to the delightful strains of old favourites played by a local orchestra of some renown. June Canham wife of the Vice-commodore, was outstanding in her Gucci t-shirt, foul-weather jacket and hip-hugging slacks all in matching yellow. Mary Tomblin, the commodore's lady wore a beautiful wide brim, white hat over her golden tresses. Stunning my dears and an original Tilker design, and don't ask the cost! Shirley Brown's delightful sense of humour was apparent when she arrived for the pre-dinner cocktails wearing an off-the-shoulder battle dress jacket The kahki coloured sandals by (you guessed it) Gucci set the whole outfit off. All in all, it will be difficult at least to surpass the grandness of the holiday weekend event. But the season is still young.

One off-beat note, not all members realize you should try to assist other yachtsmen, particularly fellow members. Someone said no to a request to raft alongside..... a no-no love.

ENTERTAINMENT

- August 6 Spaghetti Night
and DJ for dancing
- August 13 Monte Carlo Night
and "Cur Sound"
- August 20 Carribean Night
Something new has been added. Dinner with a Carribean flavour but which will be solicitous of the most tender palate!
Music from all the islands
Disco Reggie with a DJ.
Wear something bright and colourful, straw hats and limber backs because we're going to try the limbo too, and take a shot a making up and singing calypsos.
Compose and air your beefs in song.
The evening promises to be a lot of fun.



QUEEN CITY MEMBERS FAR AFIELD

TWO QUEEN CITY MEMBERS TILT AT THE ATLANTIC



Tom Tomblin Jr. Queen City's commodore's son, is nearing completion of a transatlantic race at this time and crew member John Ball returns to Toronto after completing the first leg of a transatlantic cruise.

Tomblin Jr. is crewing on the yacht Berendina, a C&C 38 owned and skippered by Royal Bremmer. Mr. Bremmer is a well-known Toronto restaurateur. The Berendina, is the smallest yacht in the fleet of nine in the race that started June 18. The fleet sailed from Manchester Mass. into fog and fluky winds and have since been through gales, twenty-foot waves and just about everything else the Atlantic can come up with. The finish is Plymouth England, where the host club, the Royal West Yacht Club is situated.

Following the race, Tom will continue on with the boat to Holland for another series of races. She will then be taken up to Denmark after which Tom will return to Toronto sometime in September.

Tom Tomblin is a graduate of Queen City's Junior Club and went on to be an instructor for the Junior Club. This is not young Tom's first off-shore experience. He helped deliver Graham Kerr's (the Galloping Gourmet) seventy foot plus sailing yacht to Bermuda two seasons back. Tom Tomblin Jr., one that all Queen City members can be proud of.

John Ball, regular crew on Barry Hitchin's Southern Cross, has returned to Toronto after a thwarted attempt to sail the Atlantic. Ball was part of a crew to take a fifty foot catamaran from Miami, Florida to Portugal via Bermuda and the Azores.

On the first attempt, the self-steering broke and they returned to Miami. The second try was scrubbed after one of the hulls developed a leak. They had to return a third time when the same hull started to leak badly again. By the time they made it to Bermuda, John's vacation period had run out and he had to leave the vessel.

This may have been a good break for Ball. It will be interesting to see how the rest of the cruise went.

There was no lack of comfort and equipment on the boat, which included an electric sewing machine for sail repairs.

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Addenda (Latest word is that the Berendina has reached England in excellent time and all in good shape. We will report in the next issue of the Clipper.)

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