

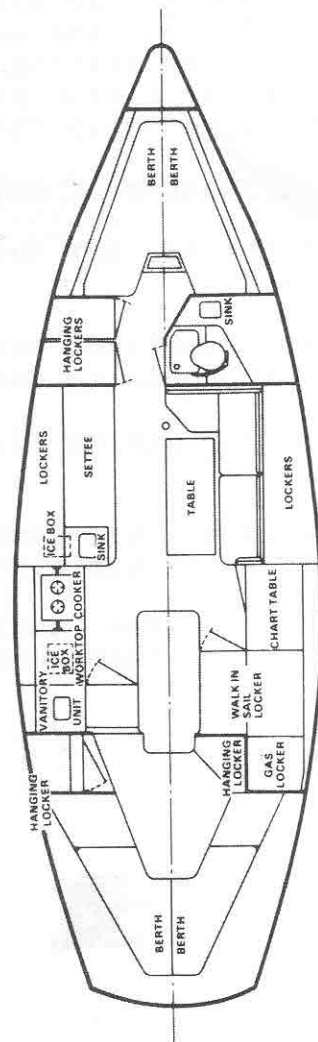
**The Queen City Yacht Club**

# Clipper

## SPECIAL REPORT




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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

The 1977 sailing season has ended and by the time you receive this Clipper the club activities will have discontinued bringing to a close, one of Queen City Yacht Club's best years.

The success was due mostly to the efforts of my fellow board members, their constant support and hard work making decisions on day to day problems and working on plans of future development made being Commodore worthwhile.

The introduction of minimum billing was quite successful since hardly a weekend went by that the dining room wasn't filled to capacity. This not only brings more money into the club but the warm fellowship of members getting together brought us all closer and it will pay big dividends in the future.

The final success of any club is not a good board or the making of money at the bar but the members themselves.

It's their excellent team spirit and good turnouts to our functions.

Thank you for making 1977 a good year.

Many thanks to Past Commodore Herb Fitcher for his assistance.

Tom Tomblin  
Commodore



## REPORT FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

All indications at the time of this writing, show a successful year at Queen City Yacht Club. Probably one of the most successful in the last ten years.

The renovations in the main club house obviously contributed in no small way to this success.

Further reports in this issue will deal with this in detail.

The locker situation has not improved. We were only able to allocate five lockers from the waiting list of approximately 35 members.

A new locker block has been discussed, however it is just one of the major items the club must consider in the next few years.

An up-to-date locker waiting list will be published in a later Clipper.

Thank you.

Len Canham  
Vice Commodore

## REPORT FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

I would like to put this report into perspective by quoting by-law #1 of the Queen City Yacht Club which lists the duties of the Rear Commodore as follows: "...he shall be Chairman of the sailing committee, shall superintend all regattas and races, shall endeavour to promote the best interests of the club in sailing matters generally. He shall have custody of all the trophies and sailing records and all other properties pertaining to sailing activities".

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In 1977 our sailing activities were blessed with good winds and little fog. The organized activities were the Sailpast, the Blake Van Winckle Race, the Club Championship Series (18 races) the Open Regatta, several notable cruises, the Cheaters Race, the Rally to the Flagpole and the Last Chance Cup. The cruise to Wilson in August saw a record 36 Queen City yachts crossing the lake. The turn-out for the Club Championship Races totalled an average of 43 yachts per series. In these races, in past years, the conventional time allowance formula was adjusted to give more allowance to the smaller yachts. There was some improvement but a reduced discrepancy remained. This year a further adjustment in the same direction appears to have removed the discrepancy. For the first time the formula was such that, of the three divisions studied, Div. 4, 5 and 6, the 'fastest' on corrected time was the division having the lowest rating, and the 'slowest' was the division with the intermediate ratings. The division with the highest ratings had average corrected times between those of the smaller and medium sized yachts.

Of our two open events the Blake Van Winckle Race saw the biggest CYRA turn out of the season with 133 yachts on the starting line. Our open regatta attracted 245 yachts of all classes.

In the CYRA races a total of 7 yachts carried Queen City colours. In the MYRC races 9 keelboats and 6 dinghies showed the flag. These few sailors put the QCYC on the awards list in almost every race. There may be many reasons why more of our sailors are not racing in open competition, but I suspect that if they did they might surprise themselves by their successes.

Our thanks go to several members who did the work of organizing and running our sailing events; in particular Frank Burgess and his Cruising Committee, Peter Jones and his Protest Committee. The Race Committee, Paul

MacKenzie and Uta Sadtke assisted by Wes Burton and Tom Prentice at the start of the season, did a fantastic job. They turned out every Wednesday from May 25 to September 28 and ran the races. They started the season as novices, took a one-day course in race management and became experienced race committee officials by seasons end.

Thanks are also due to Alex Camp, our Safety Officer and member of the Ontario Sailing Association Safety Committee. Also Gerry Grundland who put much time and energy into organizing the Lake Sailing Skiff Association Regatta and the Queen City hospitality to the sailors from the U.S., the U.K. and Canada competing in the International 15 team races.

My personal thanks go to our Club Manager Peter Siskos for excellent organization of the Sailpast and Awards banquets and to Judy Morrison for excellent secretarial assistance.

With regard to the Awards banquet, my decision to streamline the proceedings by eliminating the individual presentation of flags generated as much displeasure as favourable comment. The decision was made in response to comments in 1976 that the presentations were too drawn out. Since the first function of the Awards banquet is to recognise the achievements of our sailors I would recommend that the colourful flag presentation be re-instated in 1978.

Through our membership in several outside organizations the Club has a say in the organization of racing in the Toronto area:

Metro Yacht Racing Council - The Club is one of the nine clubs constituting the MYRC which organizes 8 Open Regattas, the last of which is our regatta in September. Most of the work of organizing these races is done by the MYRC committee. Our contribution is through George Annand, Keelboat Course Race Committee Chairman.

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I attended two meetings of the council last winter when plans were made for this year's regattas.

Cruising Yacht Racing Association -

The Club is one of the eight clubs constituting the CYRA which organizes 13 middle and long distance races each year, the first of which is the Blake Van Winckle Race. Most of the work is done by the officers of the Association and by their committees. Don Stagg is Vice-Chairman Safety and George Annand is Race Committee Chairman. For the Blake Van Winckle Race, we were indebted to Al Rae Sr., who provided the race committee boat. I attended a Club Delegate meeting last winter to select dates for the races.

Lake Yacht Racing Association - As a full member of the LYRA the Club has three votes at their annual meeting at which decisions are made on the running of the Freeman Cup Race, the LYRA regatta and the Lake Ontario International Race. At this year's annual meeting the Club was represented by Len Canham, Bob Norton and myself. None of our sailors entered the Freeman Cup Race this year.

Ontario Sailing Association - The Club has no direct voice in the running of the OSA, although it is represented by members on committee. Alex Camp is on the Safety Committee and Gord Proctor on the Offshore Committee.

In conclusion, my thanks to all the sailors of Queen City Yacht Club whose enthusiasm made my contribution more than worthwhile.

Mark T. Loughborough  
Rear Commodore.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The minutes and attendance of the regular Directors' meeting have been kept and recorded as prescribed. Correspondence has been received, sent and filed as necessary. Courtesy cards have been distributed to other clubs on the lake and in other areas where our members have visited.

W.M. Ferda  
Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT

The club records are now with the club auditor Elvira Goman who has performed this function for the past twenty-five years. Financial statements are in the course of preparation and will be presented at the Annunal Meeting. These statements will show that the club had a good year financially and that bank borrowings have been avoided other than the mortgage of lease arranged to finance the balance of the costs of renovations which was discussed at some length at last year's Annunal Meeting.

Members are reminded that only members in good standing - i.e. only those whose accounts are paid in full may attend and vote at the Annual Meeting.

D. Toms  
Treasurer

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