

Clipper

The Queen City Yacht Club

MAY 1979

Hi there...

As you can see by this month's Clipper, I have attempted to include reports from your executive, so that you are all prepared for the General Meeting. I sincerely hope that you will come out to support your Club on Friday, May 18th, Great Hall, QCYC, at 19:30 hours.

Next time you are at the Club please look for my suggestion box for articles to be included in the clipper. The box will be located outside of the Office.

The only item that's come my way this month is that Peter Flood is once more a proud grandfather. Congratulations Peter...

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those of you who have forwarded items of interest to the Clipper. I hope you are enjoying the newsletter.

Thanks must be extended to my Committee... Louise Barraclough, Cath Jackman and last but not least Shirley Brown. Without Shirley's typing skills your Clipper would read something like this.

Have a good sailing season. Until next month ...

Jean Grice

MEMBERSHIP CARDS *****

Membership cards are now ready in the office, and may be picked up by Members whose dues are paid and completed registration forms returned to the office.

The Club office is open ...

Monday	8:30am-12:30pm
Tuesday-Friday	8:30am- 4:30pm
Saturday	9:00am- 1:00pm

DISTRESS FLARES *****

Federal government regulations requiring approved distress flares on pleasure craft have been withdrawn for a year.

Mr. William Robertson, Executive Director of the Ontario Marina Operators Association, is confident that the Ministry has bowed to pressure from the O.M.O. in rescinding this regulation.

VICE COMMODORE REPORT

At this time it is not customary to provide a comprehensive written report to the Membership, due to it being so early in our active sailing and operational season.

However, I feel it is my responsibility to bring your attention to various matters which affect the entire Club and its operation.

We, at Board level, your elected officers and committee chairman, endeavour throughout the year to communicate with you via the "Clipper", the spring General Meeting and the Annual Meeting.

Hopefully you communicate with us and contribute to the legislative process, it must be an interdependent relationship.

The various committees have been working very hard since last fall and a great deal of change is contemplated for this year, hopefully for the future betterment of the Club.

These changes are, the escalating costs of operation, alternate sources of income, management of the Club, revamping the marine yard and facilities, and long term financial planning.

In order to provide a firm basis of planning and operations, consideration, I feel, should be given to the terms of office for various positions on the Board.

It is one thing to be the entrepreneur, quite another thing altogether, to be financially responsible.

We cannot afford to be otherwise.

If we are to succeed, ultimately we must address ourselves to the complex problems of business, which is what this Club is, a business.

While we are not perfect and will not be perfect, we will endeavour, as previous Boards have done, to serve the Membership first and foremost to the best of our ability.

However the needs of the Membership and the Club are changing, and we must accommodate those changes.

When the record is read, it would be both mine and the Boards sincere hope that we have served you well.

With the very important considerations facing us in the operation of the Club, and on behalf of the Board, I request your presence and contribution, in the form of constructive dialogue at the spring General Meeting.

Ours must be an interdependent relationship, please attend and support your elected officers and your Club.

Ronald P. Fisher
Vice Commodore

REAR COMMODORE REPORT

The visible results of the efforts of the Sailing Committee are the Sailing Programme and the instructions for the Commodore's Sailpast, both of which should be in your hands before the Spring General Meeting.

The Sailing Committee had some good ideas for this our 90th year. One of them is that they would like to hear more of your ideas, opinions and comments throughout the season.

Read the Sailing Programme when you get it and have the best years sailing yet.

Mark Loughborough
Rear Commodore

FLEET REPORT

As you are all now aware, a considerable amount of activity has been taking place over the winter months with regard to the Club's boats and in particular with regard to the "Algonquin Queen".

The Queen is currently approaching a state where she should be able to be run by the Club with a minimum amount of maintenance for the next ten to fifteen years. The new construction on the Queen is all aluminum top sides (for those worried about electrolysis there is a rubber seal between the steel hull and aluminum sides). By using this material we were able to obtain a structure impervious to the elements we are likely to encounter on the Lake, i.e. rust and rot, etc. without the Club having to take extensive precautions to eliminate these.

Also, by using aluminum, we are able to improve the headroom within the boat without significantly changing the outside profile. We now have headroom varying between 6'4" and 6'8", which has made our long standing members extremely happy.

When the decision was made to opt for a whole metal boat an increase in engine sound within the boat was anticipated, however, the end result is the boat is much noisier than we expected. We are taking steps at this time to come up with an effective way of isolating the engine sound away from the cabin compartment. To do this will need some experimentation, so I trust you will all bear with us for a short time.

We anticipate running the Club Tender (either Queen or Robbins) on a limited basis up to the day of Sailpast. Please watch for notices at the Club House and York St. slip or telephone the office for information. After this the Queen will run the regular morning and afternoon schedules until the restaurant is open for lunches, at which time we will be adopting a complete daily schedule, similar to the later part of last year.

Dave Fowler
Fleet Captain

MARINE YARD REPORT

I would like to thank everyone for coming out and making the big task of launching the boats an easy one.

We realize the railway is deteriorating and we are looking into this to improve it for the future.

The date for the yard clean-up will be posted on the board and in the Queen, and I hope everyone will come and help with this final chore.

Klaus Noack
Yard Chairman

JUNIOR CLUB REPORT

Junior Club applications are still being processed for this year's program. Children need not be children of members. Last year's program was not full. Applications are available from me or may be picked up at the office.

We will have an Adult Sailing program from July 10 to August 9th, five weeks, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Cost:	Members	--	\$ 50.00
	Non-Members	--	\$ 75.00

MOORING REPORT

My report to the Membership has been made essentially in three parts in the form of articles in the February, March Clippers and with a Mooring Plan in the April Clipper.

I wish to thank the members who write with requests and ideas about the moorings and who offer to join the Mooring Committee.

The moorings weathered the winter ice amazingly well with only a couple of tires sinking. They were fortunately well secured and will have been retrieved in time for the Club launching.

The job of Mooring Chairman sometimes resembles a 3-pin juggling act, yet I enjoy the challenge to apply fairly the principles and regulations endorsed by the Board of Directors in January and published in the February Clipper.

Enough of this waffling -- the spring weather calls us outdoors down to the island to "mess about in boats". Good Sailing in '79.

Kevin Loughborough
Mooring Chairman

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

Early this year our committee, composed of Liz Dorner, Claire Sinclair, Glenys Squires, and Sym and Jerry Fieldchandler met to sort out objectives and delineate responsibilities for the coming season.

The first objective was to make sure each member of the Club knew exactly what was coming up each week-end in lots of time to plan their schedules accordingly. We hope the monthly calendar system in the Clipper and the posted notices will properly advertise the events.

The second objective was to design a variety of events, some repeats, some new, with an eye to something for everybody. Hopefully we will meet this one too, and each of us on the Entertainment Committee will appreciate comments and suggestions for expanding the program.

We've selected five feature films for the year, and will be improving the sound system on the projector to make sure we can hear the tracks. Wednesday night After-The-Races Films will be a regular feature looked after by Sym and Gerry Fieldchandler. And we hope to stage some special-event functions, the first of which is Naomi James' personal appearance on May 5th (See poster and the special notice mailed with your minimum billing invoice).

So things are shaping up. And the way they shape will depend on what you want, your comments, and your help in putting it together, and your attendance at as many events as you can get to. Bring your friends and join Queen City's Summer Fun!

Cheers,

Paul Sutherland
Entertainment Chairman

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Total membership this year is about the same as it has been for the last two years.

Of the fee-paying memberships, Senior remains around the 150 figure, just about the number of keel boats our moorings can accommodate. The next largest category, Crewing, is now approximately 50, with the remaining 50 members made up of Dinghy, Intermediate, Student and Out-of-Town.

On Saturday, May 26, we will be officially welcoming our newest members at the Annual New Members Wine and Cheese Party. Plan to attend. It is a fine occasion, a fact to which many "old" members will testify.

Bert Barraclough
Membership Chairman

