

Clipper

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EDITOR'S NOTE

"We deal with it by talking about it."

With the above quote in mind, let's have at it once again at the on-going complaint voiced most often...members not using and/or supporting the club.

This is a most irksome problem, even trying to define it. The simple situation of a member who hardly ever shows up at the club and thereby doesn't use the facilities is easy to note and attack with editorial sword.

The insidious problem is the high profile person who appears to be an ideal member. He is always at the club - winter, spring, summer and fall. His wife and family are there regularly. He is often called on for advice because of his experience and expertise. He most likely has a history of many years at the club and his name will come up in many a yarn over a brew in the Great Hall, and yes, you'll see him at the major functions!

The problem is - and we feel that this is a problem - that member is not seen in the club house for the casual activities. Not that he drinks less, or goes without food. He has these in his locker and/or boat. Not that he is anti-social, he has a number of similar people for company. Not that he is a tight wad as he most generously provides. Not that he doesn't care, for he has most likely given many hours on the board and/or committees. Can we assume that they have developed habits without malice and forethought? Habits that are detrimental to a club that is providing two costly services that need their minimum support.

May we make it most clear, we are not advocating that everyone go to every dance, special event or film night. There is no suggestion that an afternoon of holding down a table at the club comes anywhere near the rewards of a days cruising or racing. Let no one criticize a member who substituted a day and evening on the lake in his boat doing what should be most dear to us - sailing - for a bean, weiner and beer feast. But, when a member complains about what the food service is, who's been hired by the club, what the prices are etc. etc. after these have been in effect for some time and after he's been told about it, he doesn't get any support from this corner - nor does he deserve it.

The wind storm of April 14 that did considerable damage to several boats at their moorings brought out the best and the worst of Queen City.

Because of the efforts of a couple of members, more damage was averted and not without the possibility of personal injury.

It is sad to note that there were people in the marine yard who did nothing to help, but continued on with their own activities while vessels were pounding (loudly) away on the seawall.

May their own boats never have such a fate!

Sailpast

MAY 16, 1981



The Commodore's Sailpast marks the official opening of the Club for the 1981 season. It is a colourful and ceremonial occasion honouring our Commodore, Fred Mayerhofer.

R.C.Y.C. holds it's Sailpast on the same afternoon. The harbour 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 across the harbour from the west end of the inhabited part of Algonquin Island to the Ferry Docks. (see chart)
R.C.Y.C. skippers have been asked to keep to the west of this line.

The Commodore's yacht, 'Running Free' 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 'Robbins' will be anchored as a starting line at the beginning of the Sailpast course. If the wind is from the north through east to south, the 'Robbins' will be north and east of 'Running Free'. If the wind is north through west to south, the 'Robbins' will be stationed to the west of 'Running Free'.

Regardless of the wind direction, all yachts should assemble at about 1445 hrs. near the Fleet Captain's yacht 'Frodo', a Bayfield flying a burgee with blue and white tails. 'Frodo' will be anchored in the fleet assembly area upwind of the 'Robbins' if possible. The Boston whaler will be out to assist skippers in finding their own group's lead boat.

The groups will be:

1. Keel boats 31' and over
2. Keel boats 27' to 30'
3. Keel boats less than 27'
4. Centreboarders and Lasers

Each group will have a lead boat, to be 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, Tom Tomblin will lead the fleet on his yacht 'Reverie' followed by Past Commodores Herb Pitcher, Gord Proctor and Len Canham and the four groups. 'Reverie' will leave the assembly area at 1455 hrs. Each group leader should await the departure of all 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 R.C.Y.C. Sailpast area. Our competence as sailors will be open to scrutiny on May 16th.

Let's make this a memorable start to a gala year in the Club's annals. (Please dress accordingly)

The evening programme will be:

- 1700 hours - Punchbowl
- 1830 hours - Dinner
- 2100 hours - Dancing

Tickets for dinner will be available from the office - \$12.00 per person.





