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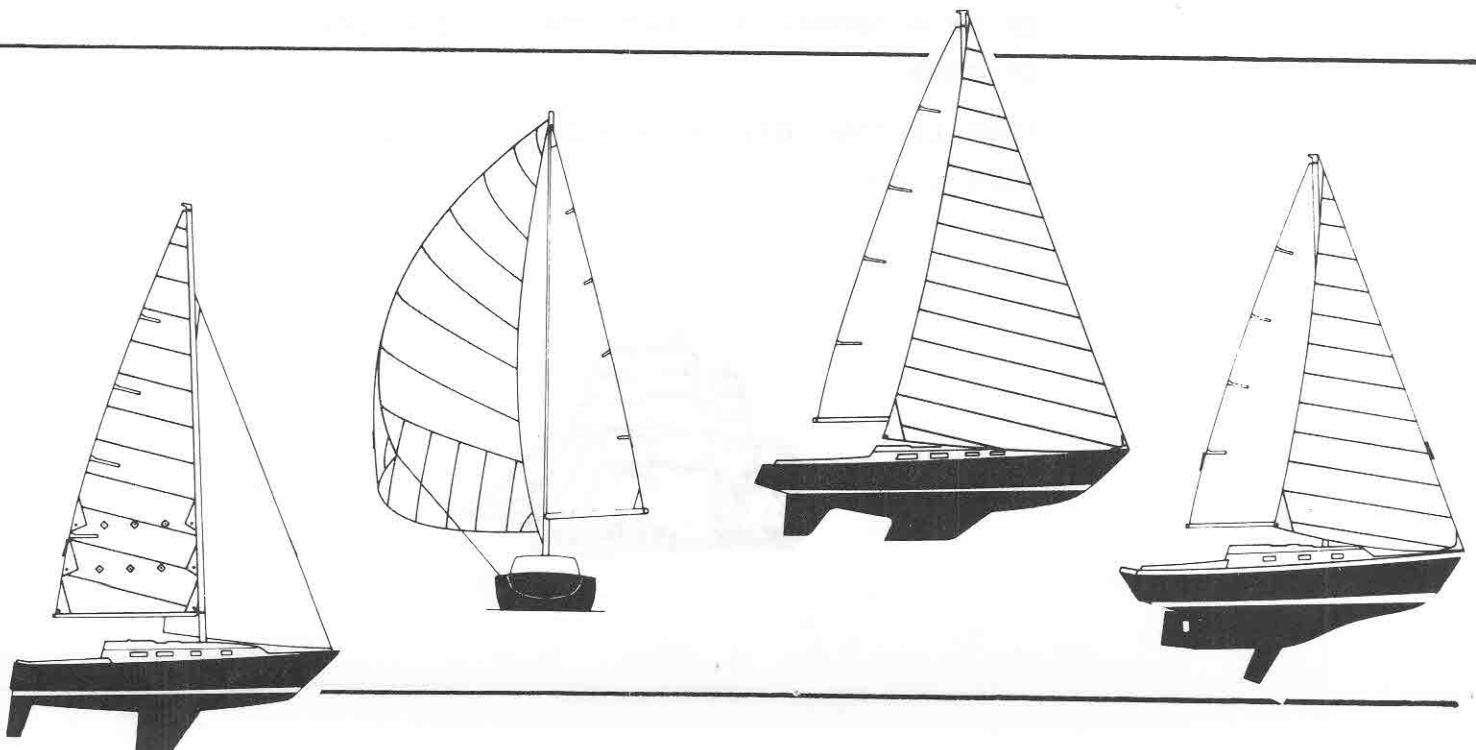


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## QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB BOARD MEMBERS - 1982

Commodore.....Fred Meyerhoffer  
Vice Commodore.....Tom Tomblin  
Rear Commodore.....Klaus Noak  
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Membership.....Karl Manaman



## EDITOR'S COMMENT

This year's Board has made an impressive start arriving at the first meeting extremely well prepared. The House Committee in particular has already put in many hours of work. There are a number of goals for this year's Board. Important goals, and none too easy.

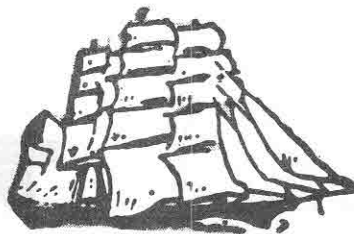
The goals include:

- . Reducing the club's debt
- . Reducing operating costs while maintaining a level of service acceptable to the membership
- . Reducing waste and increasing efficiency
- . Increasing Senior membership
- . Minimizing membership fee increases
- . Maximizing moorings

These and more.

All this is necessary if Queen City is going to remain the club you are proud and happy to be a member of, for now and the years to come.

1982 is the year to be positive about  
YOUR club.



# Letters - - - -

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## TO THE EDITOR

I would like to apologize to George Johnson (Heather J) with regard to my report in the November issue. The boat "got rid of" was 'Ruthie B' - a stink potter, not a yacht.

Sincerely,  
Donald Bester  
Yard Chairman

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## **Blindness no handicap to determined sailors**

Maintaining his hold on the sheet, Stan King coaxes the last measure of speed he can from *Pokey*, his Grampian 26.

"There's no great mystery about sailing," says the stocky, tanned 38-year-old executive. The mystery, if there is one, is how King, who is blind, not only sails but also skis and rides a bicycle.

A graduate of a special course for blind sailors and a member of the Queen City Yacht Club in Toronto, King learned the basic techniques of sailing on his own and is now mastering the subtleties of a sport that can take years to learn. Blinded in an explosion at 17, King can actually hear which direction the wind is coming from. Relying on the sound of the wind in the sails and how the sails feel in his hand, he has taken three-week cruises with his wife, Shirley, who is also blind, and their sighted sons, Steve, 16, and Mike, 13. "The public thinks what we are doing is unusual," King says, "but we're simply leading a normal life. Remember, we're used to our handicap, the public isn't."

King trained with the Blind Sailing Program. The first of its kind in North America, the program was organized in 1978 by the Ontario Sailing Association and the Ca-

nadian National Institute for the Blind. David Pritcher, a veteran sailing instructor, says that once classes begin teachers tend to forget their students are blind. April Hickox, a sailing instructor for nine years, says she sometimes places a nail at the bottom of the boat for blind students to use in lining up the tiller. She also uses a pie plate with special niches in it that can be lined up with the wind so the students know exactly what point of sail they're on and can determine correct sail trim.

Both Pritcher and Hickox agree that the sailing techniques and methods used are not very different from those used for sighted people, except "there's a little more talking. If I were in a tricky sailing situation, I would have no qualms about being with a blind person," Hickox says. "They react quickly and coolly in the face of danger where sighted people might freeze up or panic."

King, who has made trips with his family around Lake Ontario and through the 1000 Islands and has done some club racing with the Queen City Yacht Club, enjoys sailing in heavy weather, although, like most sailors, he prefers to avoid unpredictable winds and the danger of

storms. "I'm probably a little crazy," he says, "but no matter what, I refuse to sit back and take things easy. I have a low threshold for boredom and just do what I enjoy doing

at any particular point in time. After all, you're only born once and you're not likely to get a second chance."

— Robert Sward

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OUR FRIEND AND FELLOW SAILOR,  
STAN KING,  
HIT PRINT IN THE FEBRUARY  
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SENIORITY LIST

1000	NORTON B.	1043	MILLER D.	1088	EGAN T.	1136	OLLIFFE M.
1002	NIMMO T.	1045	ANDREWS N.	1089	JONES G.	1139	GRICE J.
1003	CROSS G.	1046	KORCZAK A.	1090	HARRINGTON B.	1140	DORNER E.
1004	PROCTOR G.	1048	PINCOE G.	1091	HEINS D.	1141	RUST J.
1005	CALLINGHAM G.	1049	CAMP A.	1092	HAWKER M.	1143	SORENSON T.
1006	LYE J.	1050	DOYLE D.	1093	PEAT B.	1144	SMALL A.
1008	LYE R.	1051	DANIELS T.	1094	HAWKINS B.	1146	MOORE E.
1009	REID L.	1052	SHEPPARD R.	1095	LING C.	1147	BESTER D.
1010	JONES P.	1054	MOOREHOUSE J.	1097	HARDY B.	1148	CHARETTE R.
1011	RAE A.	1056	MORRIS S.	1098	BOUDREAU P.	1149	BRETT V.
1012	PITCHER H.	1057	CHANDLER G.	1100	TILKER J.	1151	GILLIS D.
1013	THOMAS R.	1058	LANGLAIS M.	1101	MORRIS R.	1152	KRAMER B.
1014	CAMPBELL J.	1059	ENGEL R.	1102	FELDCHANDLER S.	1153	EVANS F.
1015	FLOOD P.	1060	ASHBY P.	1103	MITCHELL B.	1154	THOMAS S.
1016	BARRACLOUGH B.	1061	ISBISTER G.	1106	FISHER R.	1155	MCMANAMAN K.
1018	CANHAM L.	1062	FINCH J.	1107	SPURR F.	1156	DAVIDSON V.
1019	SUTHERLAND P.	1063	JACKMAN W.	1109	FOWLER D.	1157	WARREN J.
1020	MARTIN D.	1064	MAYERHOFER F.	1111	JOHNSON G.	1158	BEAUMONT L.
1021	WARNER J.	1065	WALTON P.	1112	DIXON M.	1159	FERGUSON R.
1023	SMITH M.	1066	NOACK K.	1113	PERKINS J.	1160	SMITH W.
1024	WILSON Russel	1067	CAMERON R.	1114	KING S.	1161	PERDUE M.
1025	WILSON Rellis	1068	STURGESS D.	1115	FARRELL J.	1162	MILLAR J.
1026	LISTER C.	1069	CAMERON A.	1117	BRITTON J.	1163	BURROW G.
1028	DOUGLAS K.	1070	CLEMMER J.	1118	NEVILLE R.	1164	ROBINSON B.
1029	LITHGOW A.	1073	SMITH H.	1119	STRATTON P.	1165	KING B.
1030	LATENDORF G.	1074	MacINNES M.	1121	REINHARDT K.	1166	LYE M.
1032	OLSEN P.	1075	HUISMANS K.	1122	WALDUCK K.	1167	KOZAREVICH N
1033	TOMBLIN T.	1076	TOMS D.	1123	JACK B.	1168	YOUNG G.
1034	DEW A.	1077	ECKERSLEY B.	1124	WHELLER T.	1169	EBERT H.
1036	HITCHINS B.	1078	BROWN D.	1125	LOUGHBOROUGH K.	1170	HOEY E.
1037	BROECKER P.	1079	WARDMAN M.	1126	PRYCHODA R.	1171	CLARK G.
1038	ANDERSON G.	1080	PRENTICE T.	1127	ANDERSON I.		
1039	CASE B.	1082	MASTERMAN L.	1128	ROHN H.		
1040	OLSEN K.	1083	GRANT P.	1129	NICHOLS B.		
1041	ANDERSON H.	1084	MIDDLETON E.	1131	SPEIGHT G.		
1042	ALTMAN H.	1087	JOHNSTON D.	1135	BROCKHAUSEN K.		

FIRST ANNUAL  
QCYC SKI DAY AT  
ALPINE SKI CLUB

COLLINGWOOD FEBRUARY 26

COME ONE COME ALL...GUESTS WELCOME

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY APRE SKI IF ENOUGH  
OF YOU WRITE YOUR NAME AND THE NUMBER IN YOUR PARTY  
AND MAIL IT TO ME  
Dr. J.D. Campbell  
1711 Victoria Park  
Scarborough, Ontario  
M1R 1R7

To find Alpine.....go through Collingwood and  
continue west on Highway 26 along scenic Georgian  
Bay.....

The road into the club is signed "Alpine Ski Club"  
It is the next road beyond the Blue Mountain Park  
Road at Craigeleith.....

If you reach Georgian Peaks Ski area....turn around  
and try again.



## WINTER YARD REPORT

On Sunday January 17th I braved the wind and cold to inspect my boat in the yard. Access at this time of year is via the Island Airport ferry and then by bus to the foot of the bridge at the Junior Clubhouse.

The severe wind and snow has caused some damage to various tarps and frames in the yard, most notably the following boats:

MRS. JONES  
RUNCIBLE  
CATCH THE SUN  
NORTHERN SPIRIT

Most problems appear to be snow loads which have collapsed some tarps; some frames have punched holes in tarps from wear; and some frames have collapsed.

We recommend you plan a winter inspection of your boat to make sure everything is OK. The bus runs on the hour so plan your inspection accordingly.

Dress warm and take a thermos of 'hot'.....and don't forget your boat keys!

Don Bester



## MEMBERSHIP

### Proposed for membership:

Eamon Hoey                      senior  
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Toronto M5P 1P1

Graeme Clarke                      senior  
20 Cornish Rd.  
Toronto M4T 2E2

David R. Kent                      senior  
500 Murray Ross Pkwy  
#612  
Downsview M3J 2Z3

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### Membership accepted:

Hal Ebert                              senior

Graeme Young                      dinghy

Tom Tomblin Jr. Now      senior  
   member

Nick Kozarevich                      senior

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