

The Clipper



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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

It's springtime at Queen City. Did you think it would never arrive?

This year, your board allocated funds to provide for necessary improvements to our club. Specifically, we have established prices and funding for five projects. However, money is not the only requirement. We will need the active assistance of all members through work parties to achieve these goals. Anyone who has been involved with this club over the years will readily understand that money and manpower form the basis of our whole existence.

Installation of a new pump-out facility is our number one priority. We hope to have this installed and operational at the earliest possible date.

The electrical system on the American side will be up-graded from the Algonquin bridge down to the fire hall. This will eliminate all electrical cables running across Metro property.

We plan to install full water service on the American side, initially from the Algonquin bridge to the fire hall. However, if funds and manpower are available, the service will be extended as far as possible.

This spring we will be required to repair some of the locker roofs. If the work is done through contracting: trades, etc., the cost may be out of the question. However, through work parties and prudent purchasing, we could complete the work satisfactorily.

We are acquiring new tables and captain's chairs for the Great Hall. The cost of these items can be self-liquidating through donations from the membership. For example, the tables have already been purchased through the kindness of debenture holders who have forgiven the repayment of their Member's Debenture.

These are: Freddie Mayerhofer.
Bob Wilson.
Gord Cross.
Paul McKenzie.

We are asking members to purchase chairs at \$100.00 each. The donor member's name will be encribed on a plaque to be placed on the back of each chair. The inscription will be either in memorial form:

In Memory of
John Doe
1985

or:

John & Jane Smith
1985

As many of you know, Tom Prentice (TOMSUE II) was seriously injured in an automobile accident. In result, Tom may not launch his boat this season. However, all of us send him our best wishes for a speedy recovery and return to the sailing scene.

Finally, if any member has any positive suggestions for the improvement of our life at Queen City, or in any way wishes to discuss any matter pertaining to the operation of this club, please do not hesitate to contact me, either at the club or at home.

As with all members of Queen City, I look forward to a happy and successful sailing season.

Barry Hardy,
Vice Commodore.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Now that spring is here it's time to put the skis away and start preparing the boat, if you have not done so already. By the time the bottom paint is barely dry, we'll be ready to launch in mid-April - that is assuming there's no ice in the lagoon.

The winter billing was sent out in early January to members for dues, minimum billing, and tender passes, if any. This year the Board approved a 5% increase in member's fees to keep in line with the increased cost of running the Club.

At the time of writing, the Board is in the process of setting the operating and capital budgets for the season. Some capital projects, as detailed in other reports, have been approved and spending limits have been authorized by the Board. As in the past, each Chair and Flag Officer has a budget which will be approved by the Board, and will be expected to spend within the limit.

This year Anita Douglas will be back in the office providing the excellent service to Club members she provided last year. The hours of operation of the office will be determined and written up in the next Clipper.

Michael Thompson will be providing the excellent accounting service that the Club has had in the last two years. Some of Michael's clerical duties will be performed by Anita. This is being done to free Michael's time for the more important accounting duties.

This year the Club will be introducing some more internal controls to tighten our financial integrity. These controls, such as requiring members to sign the book for tickets sold, may be time-consuming but are necessary for cash control. These controls, as suggested by John Warren in a report to me, will be discussed in the Board meeting and implemented when approved.

As in past years, the January billing is due at the time of receipt, but as in past years, some payments are not made until launch. It is board policy that all bills must be paid by launch, or the Yard Chairman will be instructed not to launch the member's boat.

We have a stable financial position and your Board is working to keep it that way.

Michael Sawyer,
Treasurer.

HOUSE

Weather permitting, we'll have the water turned on, the washrooms in operation, and the heat turned on by March 30th.

The dining room will be open for business on April 5, 6, and 7, from 10 a.m. to 4p.m. featuring a limited early spring menu.

Bar service will be from noon to 4p.m. that weekend.

On launch and work party weekends, the restaurant will be open from 8.30 a.m. to 4p.m., and the bar from noon to 5p.m.

Starting May 7th, the dining room will open Tuesday through Friday from 5p.m. to 7p.m. until club racing starts.

Towards the end of the month Jim Douglas will return as Club Steward.

Neil Hardy also returns in a new position as restaurant and bar manager.

Donna Green retains her former position in the kitchen.

For Sailpast Dinner our guest chef will be David Dayo, from Cafe De Copains. He has already started working on the menu.

Additional staff will be hired over the next few weeks.

Last year the club paid \$14,000 to the Ontario Government in the form of Provincial Sales Tax on food and beverages. So far, this tax has not been significantly passed on to the membership. Beer prices have not increased since 1982. This year, some dining room and bar prices will reflect both increased costs and the Provincial Sales Tax.

I would like to thank all the members who have taken the time to share their ideas, suggestions and aspirations for the Queen City dining room.

I trust you'll all enjoy a successful 1985 sailing and social season.

Neil Andrews,
House Chairman.



YARD

We can start the countdown for launch, which is less than three weeks away (April 13th) - don't let it sneak up on you! With all the boats ready and skippers present we can avoid unnecessary and frustrating delays to make this a speedy and efficient launch.

To get us all in shape for the season, a terrific fitness program has been dreamed up. No fancy machines or boring exercises, just a shovel, workboots, and coveralls. You will be notified by phone about participation times for removing ways, storing cradles, etc., so please be prepared to give some time to this.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the yard.

Bruce Robinson,
Yard Chairman.



EARLY ALCONQUIN : YACHTING

THE NEW CLUB
TENDER'S MAKING
ITS MAIDEN VOYAGE;
DO YOU WANT TO
GO ALONG?

AHOY,
MATEY!
BE RIGHT
THERE!



