

The Clipper

August 1986

Photos. courtesy of Sandy Ebert.



Queen City sailors with RCYC confrere (dark glasses).
Paul Olsen in cabin.
Mike Entwistle grabbing forty to starboard.
Toby Wallace (ex. QCYC) to port.



The Canadian Shark contingent including
Queen City's Sandy Ebert,
Mike Entwistle (centre),
Paul Olsen (wearing cap).

SHARK WORLDS: SWITZERLAND '86

QCYC FINISHES
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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Welcome to Midsummertime!

Moving into the second half of our sailing season, I am pleased to report further progress in a number of areas. Water and hydro service should be complete on the Ward's Island side by the date of this Clipper.

Fleet Captain Jim McKinley has just graduated another crop of harbour license applicants.

Note also, there will be new Club regalia available shortly, including new Club shirts for summer and fall.

Incidentally, Jim McKinley is to be congratulated upon the efficient repair of the ALGONQUIN QUEEN, which recently required an engine head overhaul. Thanks also, to Fred Jones and K. O. Douglas.

I'm sure all of Ernie Middleton's many friends join me in wishing him total success with his current hospital treatments. Come back soon, Ernie, we all miss you.

Once again Honorary Commodore Bob Johnson has demonstrated his enduring affection for Queen City, as well as his generosity, by presenting us with a cheque for \$500 - this on top of a similar gift last year. Many thanks, Bob.

The Club dining room continues to do brisk business. Although revenues are up, the net profit is down. We are gradually overcoming problems which have arisen out of recent staff changes. The management committee have this in hand, and there should be greater efficiency in the second half of this season.

I am pleased to report that this year's entertainment schedule has been well received. Special thanks are in order to Paul Sutherland for his organization of the social events. Were you lucky enough to make it to Newfie Night? It was an outrageous success.

Another success, though of a different kind, was the splendid showing of our Shark sailors in Switzerland for the Shark Worlds, in which Paul Olsen (RED CAP) and crew placed second. Mike Entwistle and Sandy Ebert (STRIDER) raced to a creditable eleventh place after skipper Hal Ebert was obliged to return home prematurely.

On the cruising scene, two Queen City boats, LILIANA (Lillian and Torben Sorensen) and SOLANA (Josie and Dave Fowler) are back at the Club after an adventurous passage to Bermuda with various members along as crew. Welcome home, it sounds like it was quite a trip!

Let me remind you that a feature of the Fiftieth Anniversary Cruise to Port Credit will be a Tug-of-War between our two clubs for men of 'mature years'. If you qualify, and feel vigorous, contact Fred Mayerhoffer, Len Canham, or Barry Hardy.

You may have heard disturbing rumors regarding the proposed banning of yacht racing in Toronto Harbour. The Rear Commodore and I have discussed this, and will be conferring with RCYC and IYC to present a united stand against any such incursion into our traditional rights.

Sadly, we can lose our special people at any time, as happened on July 22nd when Honorary Member Flora Peat passed away after a brief illness. As far as I know the Peat family have always been Islanders, first at Centre, now at Algonquin, and have a long and happy association with Queen City - many an old timer will recall easing his thirst on Regatta Day at the Suds Bar run by Flo and husband Babe. We extend our deepest sympathy to Flora's sons John, Bob and Jim at this difficult time.

Barry Hardy,
Commodore.



FROM THE REAR

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLUB RACES

Please submit your LOR and PHRF rating certificates to Kay Walker, or request that an estimated rating be assigned. This will allow Kay to calculate the results under both LOR and PHRF systems.

PHRF VS LOR HANDICAP SYSTEMS

A meeting was held on Thursday, May 29th, to compare PHRF and LOR for use on our Club Races. The net-position at the end of the meeting was that either system could meet our needs. The following is a summary of the discussion:

Objectives of Wednesday Night Races:

Participation - Currently we have 32 boats out.

Preparation - Racing is a form of education; learning to get the best performance from your boat; learning to handle your boat smartly; acts as a springboard for members to prepare for inter-club and class association races (eg.: Alberg 30's, Nonsuchs)

Why are members reluctant to race?

Fear of collision.

Lack of knowledge of racing rules.

Lack of racing experience/training.

Hassle to get rating certificate.

How can we address the problems?

Make it easier and less expensive to get a rating for racing.

Publish that the Club offers LOR and PHRF unofficially assigned ratings for Club racing at no cost.

Have a guest skipper or experienced crew to get new members started. (Gord Proctor and Tom Tomblin Jr. are already helping out.)

Have a Cruisers' Division for Wednesday Night Races.

LOR

PHRF

Purpose: Fair rating system at relatively low cost
vs.
Expensive IOR system.

How is rating assigned?

Measurements of boat & sails used to estimate speed.

Analysis of race results.

Problems:

Some boats are rule beaters - sail much faster than estimated by measurements.

Some boats are sailed much better than average.

Some boats are overly penalized - sail much slower than estimated by measurements.

Some boats are sailed much poorer than average.

