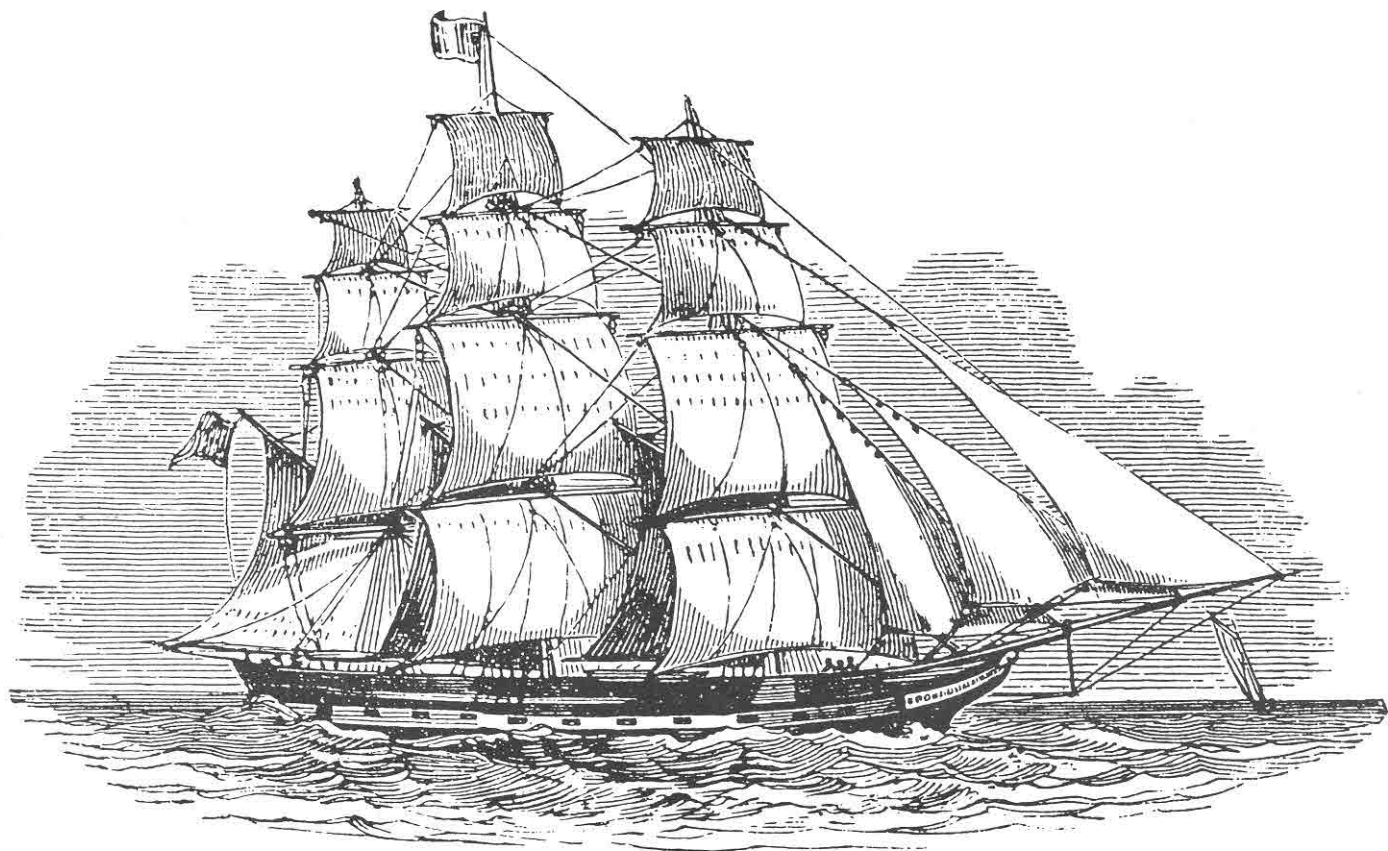


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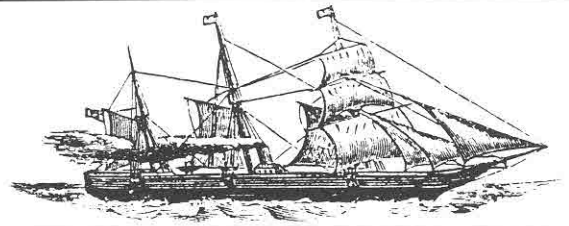
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## VICE COMMODORE



Our 101st Sailpast has come and gone; we had fair weather for the event, and our members' yachts looked great as they sailed by the Commodore's yacht. I wish to thank all the members who took the time to come down and participate in Sailpast to honour our Commodore and Club on our opening day.

Many people worked very hard to put on this event and especially our Past Commodore Jim Finch who organized and pulled it all together; Doug Johnston our House Chairman who coordinated the menu with George Benda our super Chef; George Johnson who arranged for the pipers (who, in my opinion, were the best); Fred Mayerhofer, Grounds Chairman, who had the grounds looking good; Bill and Dianne Eckersley who spent days and days planting flowers and Karl McManaman and Moira Burgess for the use of their trawler and hosting the flag officials. Also, the members'

ladies who put up with all the phone calls and meetings to get the season started. Carl Kay for arranging an excellent orchestra for the dance - they were a lively bunch and had the Great Hall jumping. Last, but not least, our excellent staff, headed by Eric our Manager. No doubt I have missed some people.

The attendance at dinner and the dance was less than anticipated. I have been given to understand by members that the price was the reason for some absences. I wish to point out that in the price of tickets the provincial government receives 8% and then there's 15% for the serving staff's gratuities. This is all factored in when setting the price for events. Despite all of this, the event came off incurring no losses to the Club. There are very few places in Toronto where a couple can participate in an event that includes a punch bowl, flowers for the ladies,

some wine, a full course meal and a dance band for the sum of \$75.00. Perhaps we should look at alternative methods to pay for these functions so everyone will be happy and attend. If anyone has any alternative suggestions, please let the Board know and we can look at it for the future. Don't just knock things and criticize, help solve the problem by some constructive advice and input!

Members who buy tickets for an event and therefore pay for the orchestra out of the money they spend for the tickets have commented on the groups of people who come up later in the evening and dance and enjoy the music for free, crowding the floor for the people (they also take up any available seating between dance steps) who have paid for this event by purchasing tickets - this I would call freeloading. How this problem can be solved, I have absolutely

no idea. It is said that the late comers support the bar, I do not believe this. By the time they arrive they have been imbibing some other place and have had enough liquid refreshment - they may buy a draft for \$2.00 - that goes nowhere in helping fund an event.

Our racing program has finally got started after some cancellations due to weather conditions and it looks like a good season. I would encourage new and old members to participate as it makes for a strong sailing club. Also some Club cruises have been set up for the coming season and look very promising - so don't be left out - get out and participate. The *Osprey* is again participating in helping run the LORC racing events. The boat is skippered by Mike Hoswell, a Club tender driver and with Dale McVay, an associate member on crew to keep things straight. By the way, Dale does this as a volunteer. Thank you Dale for your

participation.

The renovations to the north end lower area of the Club House are progressing at a fine rate and shortly should be completed. The place is looking good. Thank to Ted Moore's direction and Doug Johnston's ideas and input, and the cooperation of other people, we will have a superb room.

That's it for this month. Don't ask what the Club can do for you, but what can you do for the Club to make it the only place to sail from. There is a lot of competition for the boating dollar out there, so help by bringing in new members of any category to help our Club succeed.

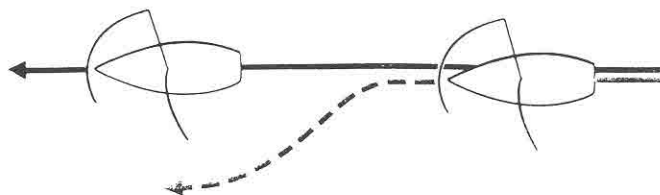
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## REAR COMMODORE



Our racing season finally got started after some difficulties. Poor weather and visibility caused Wednesday Night Race CC1-1 to be cancelled and the Blake Van Winckle was cancelled for lack of competitors. A high sea was running, the wind increasing and only five boats for eleven starts showed up. My thanks to everyone working with or on the Race Committee for their help.

Since then we have completed two Wednesday night races and, with warmer weather on the scene, seem to be on our way.

Help is still needed on the Race Committee boat Wednesdays. Kay Walker has a regular crew of three: Marg Sawyer, Craig Green and Ray Hilchey; however, we need a minimum of four persons and everyone can't make it every night. Two more persons, or even knowing two persons who would come out when necessary, will assure that

our races come off so **RACERS, SUGGESTIONS PLEASE! THIS IS YOUR PROBLEM SO PLEASE HELP TO SOLVE IT.**

While we're on the subject, on May 29th, Craig Green missed the tender because there was a full load ahead of him - so the Race Committee was short. Now some of our good members (and racers) suggested to me that he will simply have to get to the dock sooner. Well, I would like everyone concerned to understand that Craig had already left work an hour early to accommodate us and that another way of looking at it could be for one of the people ahead of Craig in the lineup to give up his/her place and make sure Craig gets on the boat. Racers, of course, think that someone going for a pleasure sail should be the one to give up their place. How noble. Why? This is not their problem. It's a racer's problem!

There are other suggestions: for example, why not send the *Robbins* as well as the *Queen*. A good idea, but we weren't psychic that day. Let's hope that enough racers come out so that we can justify scheduling both boats at this time on a regular basis. Anyway, we're off the main point - which is - we need help on the Race Committee. Ideas please.

Incidentally, George Benda was left at the dock on the same night. I guess we'd have to say that this was a "diner's problem".

With several moorings available for new members, owners of Sharks and J24's are being encouraged to join the Club. If you sail a class of boat with the potential to form a fleet at our Club, please speak to me and we'll discuss a variety of ways to help.

Attendance at Wednesday night races has fallen off to the

