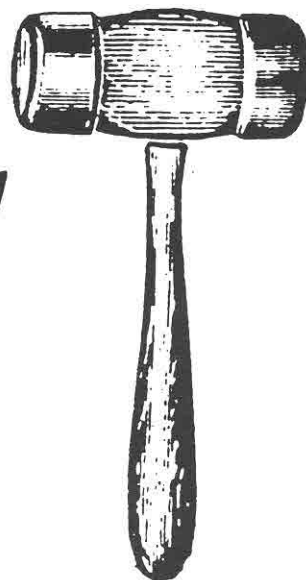


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## COMMODORE

“Altogether now...one, two, three, PUSH!” And so the 1991 season winds down. It was a good season with better than average weather, great sailing and racing, and fun on the water, in the Club-house and on the locker block steps.

The Board has worked very hard this year to maintain the Club facilities and to deliver a balanced program of sailing and social events. As you will read in the Treasurer and Vice Commomore’s reports, financially we weathered a difficult year, however we have established a sound financial basis for next year. To every Board Member I extend my heartfelt thanks for their effort and support.

Often during the year members asked how I was enjoying the job. It didn't take long for me to realize that just getting to know our members better was the greatest joy and immensely satisfying. I can't say enough about the care, cooperation and help voluntarily provided to the Club by many members. There were a number of problems needing special skills or knowledge which were unstintingly given.

You will recall that one of my objectives was to make sure that members' views and concerns were heard. Pat and I enjoyed many a conversation (with many a drink) and I am particularly grateful to those dozen or so members who made the effort to specifically arrange a meeting to explain their particular concern or hope for the Club. This input helped me to get a better perspective on current issues and future directions.

Two topics that received a lot of discussion this year were planning and work parties. I am concerned over our lack of continuity in planning from year to year and for the future. Each Board's apparent inability to deal with long term financial and facilities planning on the basis that it has no jurisdiction beyond its one year term results in wastage and false economies. This year we went part way towards establishing two standing committees— one for finance and one for planning. Such committees, if approved, would survive any single Board term and committee members could be rotated every two or three years. Of course, the establishment of any Standing Committee would require approval by the member-

ship. However, the problem is that such a committee might work very hard only to have its recommendations refused by a Board concerned only with the current year. This would be very frustrating to committee members.

Another approach might be to make Board terms longer, e.g. two years, with half retiring or up for re-election each year, i.e. staggered terms. Combined with supporting sub-committees to Board Members where necessary. This could improve continuity considerably. Against this is the argument that most persons go on the Board with the intent of serving more than one year. However, the original argument still holds that Board Members cannot speak for future Boards.

Regarding work parties, there seems to be two views: one where members come out or if not are fined and one where so long as the work gets done it doesn't really matter who did it and fines are not appropriate. Whatever, it is clear that we need a better system for work parties to ensure that necessary maintenance gets done and that all members get sufficient notice and/or choice of work. (Please read the

Planning Chairman's report in this *Clipper*). One of my objectives is to see that an equitable system is put in place.

Possibly we will address these issues at the AGM. If you have strong opinions about these or any other concerns, please let me know as soon as possible.

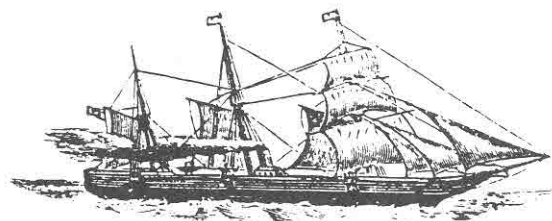
Particularly were the three fires in October. It has been necessary to deal with the three levels of government—The Toronto Fire Department, The Metropolitan Toronto Police Department and the Solicitor General's Fire Marshall's office—however, hopefully we will resolve whether or not these fires are accidental. Club insurance does not cover members' contents of lockers so please make sure that your insurance coverage is adequate.

This coming AGM on December 5th, will be our first under the "Unit Membership" system. I hope that at least one if not both of each of our unit members will attend and that we will have a record attendance. We are fortunate to have a number of this year's Board members offer to serve again as well as some new members whom I am confident will add enthusiasm

and new ideas.

Again, thank you to the Board, the Members and the Club Staff for their good work this year. Your encouragement and support is very much appreciated. It has been a pleasure to be your Commodore this year and with your concurrence I look forward to serving again for a second term next year.

*Jim Finch*



## VICE COMMODORE

The boats are all put away, winterized and covered. We have even had our first snowfall to herald the impending winter.

This has been one of the best sailing summers in recent memory. Long, hot, sunny days and eventful nights.

The club too has had a great season, financially. The management committee has controlled spending while still accomplishing a great deal. We have rebuilt the dining room, published the Centennial Book, replaced wiring services to several locker blocks and hopefully over the winter, rebuilt the dinghy crane.

All this has been achieved without an assessment or unusual fee increases.

We have also embarked on an ambitious visual identity program through a wide variety of new regalia and acrylic glassware. We still have inventory in stock, so anyone who missed out this year will be able to get in on the goodies early next year. We will also have a new display case in the front hall so that the selection of items will be on display all year for members and visitors.

On an unhappier note, as many of you are aware the Club has been plagued with a series of small, but potentially disastrous fires in outside garbage cans, the storage room in the downstairs lobby and the Junior Club storage locker.

Any one of these fires could easily have burned the entire club to the ground. Fortunately Mike Haswell was on the scene quickly in at least two occasions to contact the fire department and even help fight the fires. Thanks also to Norm Dilworth and Dennis Bigham who both helped contain the clubhouse fire.

Over the winter the Junior Club locker will be boarded up. In the spring the building will be torn down and a new, larger building constructed in its place. The new design has yet to be approved but will include additional members' lockers, Junior club and clubhouse general storage. It will be a much more useful building than the current structure. These fires have made us all think a little more about how quickly and completely fire can destroy a wooden structure.

Before winter settles in I ask that you please make a thorough inspection of your locker and remove any combustible materials. Do not leave appliances or heaters plugged in and watch for strangers on Club property. Question anyone you don't know who may appear suspicious.

Again this winter the clubhouse snug bar will be open each Saturday and Sunday so you'll have a warm place to meet with friends old and new after working on that cold boat.

Keep warm. Have a great winter and I hope to see you all at the Annual General Meeting.

Best Regards  
*Brian King*

*P. S. During the coming months, I will be dealing with ways and means of selling and distributing our extra copies of the Centennial Book.*

## REAR COMMODORE

Another summer has passed by and yet it seems like yesterday that we were pushing everybody's boats to get them in the water, not out. Our sailing season seems so short, compared to our neighbours to the south. We try to pack a great deal of activities into such a short time.

We started the year off by sending four members to the O.S.A. Race Committee Clinic in Orillia. This was an outstanding success due to their theoretical knowledge gained. An improvement was shown in our staffing and running of races. One of our R.C. members, Graham was involved as well in running the Frenchman's Bay Open, LYRA and CORK..

A number of purchases were made to improve the equipment operated by the Club. Additional inflatable markers, a high speed air pump, 2000' anchor line, and a lightweight anchor for the *Robbins* were all put to good use. This improved the ability of the Club to host races and run them efficiently. Additional equipment is needed, but will be purchased next year.

The Wednesday night races (3 series) of 19 races have finished with an increase in the number of boats registered from last year. This is a very positive high, and a trend for the better.

LORC events were attended by some QCYC boats with a number of flags won by boats in different divisions. There were a few new members who expressed an interest in possibly entering for next year. Do it and you will have a great time! LORC has a provisional list of dates for the 1992 season and these will be published by LORC shortly. Please note that our Blake Van Winkle race will be held on Monday May 18, 1992, two days after Sailpast, not the Sunday after the Sailpast. Also Etobicoke Yacht Club may be hosting a Regatta for the first time.

We had several boats entered in the Fujinon 300 double-handed race *The Wind, Macwing*, the Amstel Easter Seals Regatta *Time Passage* and CORK (Debbie and Carrie Noack).

We took upon ourselves a number of additional events, the Nonsuch Regatta, the C&C 29 Regatta, and the Shark Gold

Cup. These gave our Club some exposure to hosting outside events. They proved to be a good training ground for our Race Committee members, and gave us additional financial rewards.

Within the Club, we held several fun events, the Rubber Ducky Race, Lady Skippers Race, Cheaters Race, and the Last Chance Cup. The results are listed below. There are two terrific races which have fallen by the wayside. These were the Reprobates Race (senior members racing in Jr. Club dinghies) and the Rally Round the Flagpole ( a series of questions to be solved by sailing around the harbour using binoculars, your brain, and whatever else! John Moorhouse has already volunteered to run this race). These races will definitely be scheduled next year.

Following is a list of the trophies and flags presented at the Awards Banquet, with their respective recipients. I would like to thank all of you for participating.

This past year has been packed with events, all staffed by volunteers. In addition the Club must interact with various sailing organizations. As a standing

