

QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB

# CLIPPER

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## COMMODORE & VICE COMMODORE'S WINE TASTING EVENING

Saturday, September 21, 7pm

Special Guest host:

**TONYASPLER** noted wine writer and tasting expert

*Come sample Cabernet Sauvignon wines from around the world*



FUN, ENTERTAINMENT, PRIZES

We may even learn something new about wine

**All for only \$15 each**

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## COMMODORE

Better weather I can't remember. We've just about completed a truly wonderful sailing season which I hope everyone has enjoyed to the full.

On the serious side, during the past six or eight weeks the Club has experienced vandalism and a series of thefts of which I want you be aware and to take appropriate precautions to protect your belongings and the Club's.

In brief, on at least four occasions the *Queen* has been damaged and/or equipment stolen and perhaps more importantly twice this year she has been nearly sunk. The *Robbins'* radio was stolen and her gear has been taken from time to time. A radio was stolen from a member's boat in the yard and a member's expensive dinghy was stolen from the yard. A former member's mast was removed from the mast rack by other than that member without any notice or contact with the club. Strange things have happened to equipment in the winch house. Several teenagers attempted to steal a member's boat from the crash slip, but were scared away.

All of this, of course, has been reported to the police. For the most part, the

costs of any individual incident do not exceed our insurance deductible so we face straight cash expense and inconvenience.

What can you do? Well, first take care of your personal gear and wherever possible keep it under lock and key. Secondly, challenge anyone you see around the Club whom you suspect does not belong. If the situation looks threatening get help first. I might add that a boat took over a Club mooring on the Ward's side for at least a week without reporting to the OOD or the office and took off without anyone knowing who or what.

Club security is being tightened up. We are locking the *Queen* between runs and trying to keep other things under cover or lock. Putting locks on the gates has been suggested, but this is not a great impediment to a determined thief.

If you have suffered any losses or damage that we don't know about, please let me know. Also, please let us know immediately of anything unusual that you might notice on or about the Club property.

*Jim Finch*

### CATHY JACKMAN

Cathy Jackman died after a long illness on Saturday, August 17, in Canrose, Alberta. For years, going back to the 40's, Cathy was a very active and popular member. About 1987 she and Jake retired to England, but they returned to the Toronto area a couple of years ago. Cathy and Jake had just completed their permanent move to Alberta a few days before her death. The Club has expressed our sympathy to Jake and we will keep you posted on any further events.

## VICE COMMODORE

With the 1991 sailing season slowly coming to an end I am sure we can all look back on some of the best weekend weather in recent memory. There have been a lot of members who have cruised extensively and a number who will be cruising "down south" all winter, leaving all of us less fortunates in the soon-to-be-frozen North. To all our Southern bound members we wish fair winds and safe sailing.

For those of us who are left behind there are still lots of things to do.

First there is the commodore and vice commodore's wine tasting evening, Saturday, September 21, 1991 at 7pm.

Tony Aspler, renowned wine expert and writer will lead us through the world of Cabernet Sauvignon wines. This evening will be fun and educational with prizes and lots of good wine. Be sure to join us. We hope to make this an annual event.

There are lots of other events coming before haulout and remember the snug bar will be open on weekends all win-

ter. Last winter's success proved we can keep going, on a limited scale, from December to April. Does this mean Queen City is becoming a year round club? Let's hope so!

I am sure everyone in locker blocks A, B and C is happier now that reliable power has been restored. We hired an electrical contractor to provide 60 amp service to each of the locker blocks. The total cost of this was about \$4,100, however the contractor has agreed to deduct \$2,000 from his bill and is taking the old *Osprey* in lieu of the \$2,000. This also eliminates a source of cash drain on the club since the *Osprey* has cost us more annually than it has ever returned.

We will be calling on all members shortly for fall work parties. There is a lot to accomplish, but if we all chip in, we can keep costs down, get everything done and have fun at it. We have gotten rid of almost all the racoons from the clubhouse. One of the work parties will concentrate on taking down all the ceiling tiles and cleaning them or replacing those too damaged to clean.

Our financial situation is good and we want to keep it that way so we are asking that members remit their fees for moorings, lockers and storage as soon as possible. This will also ensure your 1992 mooring.

Haulout is not far off and please remember no boat will be hauled out unless all fees are paid by haulout.

This has been a great summer and we look forward to an excellent fall and a short winter. Good Sailing

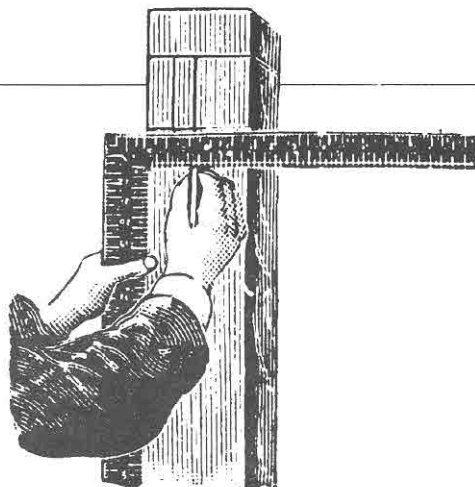
*Brian King*

## YARD CHAIRMAN

The dates of Haulout are as usual, the two weekends after Thanksgiving:

**OCTOBER  
19 & 20 and  
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26 & 27**

There will be a 7:45 am tender on the haulout dates and everyone is expected to be there for the entire two weekends. We are planning some work parties during haulout and everyone is needed. If you are uncertain whether you are on the haulout list, please notify me of your intentions. If you were hauled out last year and have different plans this year, a call would be appreciated.



*Our cradle inspection crew has inspected the cradles and a faulty cradle list has been posted in the lobby. Check whether your name is listed and make repairs accordingly prior to haulout.*

*Klaus Noack*

