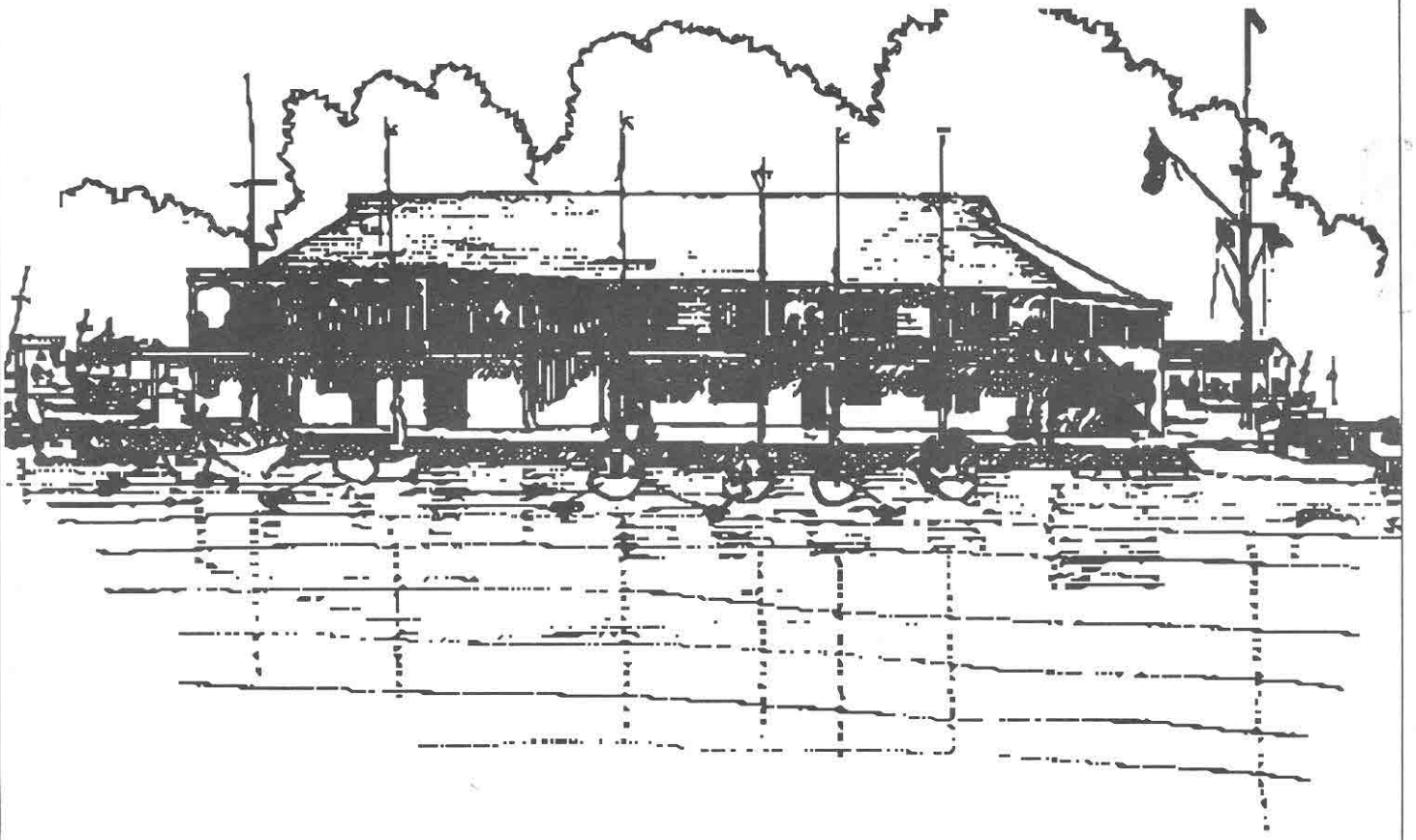


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COMMODORE'S REPORT

It won't be long now before we're back in the yard, madly working on our boats to get them ready for launch and cleaning up the buildings and grounds making them pretty for Sailpast.

Launch is later this year, due to Easter being a week later. While this makes it a bit tighter for the racers and means we will have to hurry to get the club ready for Sailpast, most agree that this is preferable to officially launching on the Easter weekend which is a "family" time for many members. The key will be organization so that work on the club grounds and buildings is done during and immediately after launch. We all need to turn-out on the three weekends of April 25-26 (launch), May 2-3 and May 9-10 with Sailpast on Saturday, May 16th.

Planning for 1992 is well on its way. The Board is meeting monthly and our new members are bringing new skills, enthusiasm and energies to match the experience of the veterans. Budgets are the order of the day, hand in hand with setting priorities for many necessary projects. Hearing from members who would assist in organizing work parties would be very much appreciated. If you are at the (st)age where it is difficult to participate in the heavy work, or perhaps find it inconvenient to attend work parties, we would welcome your help with organizing them. Please let us know.

Last year was very good what with fine weather and a number of major improvements around the Club. At the same time, it was an education for many of us, myself included, as we took on our own bookkeeping and for the first time really came to grips with how the Club

finances traditionally worked and what has to be done to provide for the future. The year-end statements released at the AGM showed some startling results and cash shortfall to which David Hall referred in last month's Clipper. As a result we went into an overdraft situation at the Bank briefly both last October and again early this year. In both cases, prompt payment by members of Fall and Spring billings respectively kept our overdrafts to a minimum and only for a period of four or five weeks in each instance. We are not overdrawn now nor do we have any debts other than the sewer debenture.

This year we are taking steps to recover our cash flow. In hindsight we probably should have had an assessment last year. However please do not misunderstand. we have a certain amount of space to work in and members can help in a number of ways, for example, by paying fees on time, turning out to work parties and helping to enlist new members so that all moorings are full. whether an assessment this year is necessary or not has not yet been determined and my personal view and hope is that it may be avoided by all members helping as mentioned above.

For many members 1991 was a trying year financially and this year promises to be no better. Inevitably each year some accommodations are made for members in difficult circumstances and let me emphasize that the club has always been there for its members and still will be. At the same time, members expect the Club to be managed by its rules - regarding mooring assignments for example - especially when their personal circumstances indicate otherwise and they know better. We'll be keeping you posted.

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Copies of the 1991 Annual statement will be available in the office when it officially opens for those members who missed the AGM. If you would like one in the meantime, please give me or David Hall a call.

For a number of years now during the winter months, the Board has met at Don Martin's office. In appreciation, we have presented to Don's firm, Thompson Tooze and McLean, a beautifully framed and suitably inscribed picture of the cover photograph of our Centennial Book.

Thanks very much, Don.

Again this winter the Snug Bar has been enjoyed by a growing number of members. With the mild weather, it makes it easy to get a head start on your boat... and catch up with your friends.

Last year I scheduled the Commodore's Corner regularly each month - a time when for the price of a draft you could corner me for whatever might be on your mind. This year will be no different except that I don't propose to schedule regular meetings and I do hope to sail more. Please don't hesitate to call me. The Board and I welcome your comments.

See you in the yard!

Jim Finch

GROUNDS

In the February issue of the Clipper I said I would like to see the rock garden refurbished. Since then I've been approached by Marlyn MacDonald who has offered to help plan and be key participant in this project. Also, Berly West has offered her landscaping expertise which I understand is significant. There will be some initial moving of stones and top soil necessary to get the area back in shape for planting and with a few more volunteers, including some strong backs, I am sure this can be accomplished in a very short time.

We have also decided to take advantage of the leaves that are raked up each year to produce our own top soil. Yes, a compost pile. There will always be a need for top soil to maintain planting areas and the lawns and there certainly is no shortage of leaves, so why not be ecologically minded and create our own. If you are familiar with this process we need your help to build the necessary compounds and administer the process.

It is essential that we plan the required work well in advance of spring so don't hesitate to contact either Marlyn or myself if you have any ideas, or wish to contribute or participate in either of these projects.

Doug Stevens

MOORINGS

**Hey sailor,  
Look'n for a mooring?  
(Part II, The sequel)**

The February Clipper has been out for two weeks now and I have yet to get any complaints about "THE POLICIES". That's good, because it will take a majority vote by the membership to cause the board to change these decisions (Hey, there's a concept: Majority Rule!). I personally hope that these decisions are supported by the majority of members. Over the past eight years I have heard the many good members in this club who have requested (and yes even demanded) that the club be operated in an organized and businesslike fashion. The direction laid out for Moorings in February and again in this issue will be put into motion without bias. We believe that these tough measures serve both the majority interests of the members and current financial situation. I can only hope that I don't screw up a good intention with bad execution, then you'll all be mad at me.

Back To Business, as promised, this issue of the Clipper lists all moor-

ings which are open due to any of the following reasons:

1. Members gone south for the season
2. Members failing to pay fall billing by December 31, 1991
3. Members with new boats which are not appropriate for the mooring assigned in 1991
4. Members who left QCYC
5. Mooring not occupied in 1991

If your mooring has been designated as "open" and you believe this is inappropriate (ie: you paid your bill by December) please phone the treasurer, David Hall. David will phone me should there have been a clerical error. Please do not phone David to complain about the policy. Also, it is not the intent of the board to publicize the members who have not paid their fees. It is however the intent of the board to provide strong incentive to all members to pay their fees on time. For all those who have asked the question "Why should I pay on time when those who don't pay are not penalized?". Here is your answer:

Members not paying fees by December 31 have lost their 1991 mooring. As pointed out in the last Clipper, these moorings will be assigned to boats which are appropriate in size. More than that however, other members will now be able to request moorings which have not been paid for by Dec 31. A member paying before Dec 31 will be considered ahead of those paying after Dec. 31.

Several members have verbally let me know that they have or are about to buy a new boat. Thank you. You will be assigned your old mooring providing it will not crowd your neighbours. I have contacted your neighbors to be sure (Of course I trust you, it's your neighbours who don't). If you cannot be accommodated in that mooring, I will place your name at the top of the list, ahead of those who have not paid their fees. For those who are planning on bringing a new boat into the club and have not let me know, please do so. If you show up in the spring with a new boat which crowds the other moorings, you will not be allowed to stay in

