

THE QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB

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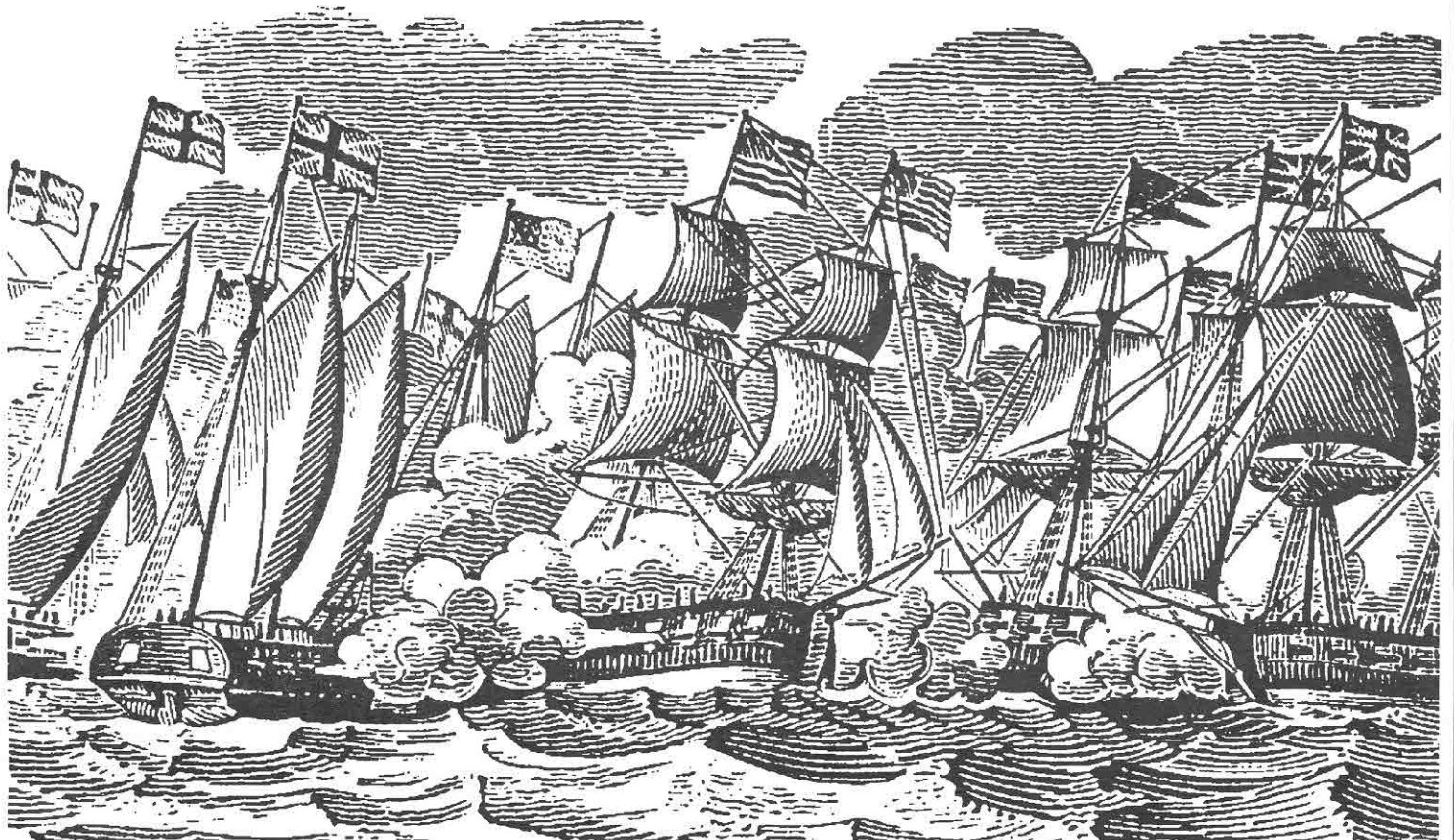
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Sailpast 1994

Review of the Fleet and Official Opening of the 1994 Sailing Season

Saturday, May 21 at 1400 hours



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After a severe winter and a very challenging spring we are finally under way. What a relief! Thankfully we managed to beat the rising water and installed the retaining wall around the clubhouse before launch. At the time of this writing, it appears like all of the **restoration work on the building** will be completed on schedule. Many members, too many to mention individually, contributed a great deal to help complete this work. Willie Shubat and his work crew were called upon once again to help us through the time crunch to get the wall installed and we are grateful to them.

There were certainly some anxious moments this spring as we wrestled with the renovation plan, the logistics of moving considerable materials to our location and the weather. Of the many exciting times we experienced during this project, one of the most memorable for me started when we were informed that the retaining wall bricks could not be delivered as intended by the Ferry service only two days before the scheduled delivery date and just four days before the "all member work party" to install the wall was scheduled. After a couple of days of work and much anxiety for many we finally arranged for Canada Dredging to deliver the bricks by barge. On the Friday morning before the workparty, two barges were moved by tug to the club's lagoon seawall to deliver the bricks. The barges were enormous and the crane dwarfed the clubhouse. Quite a sight and quite a job. Willie arranged for a forklift to unload the pallets. 54 pallets in total at 2300 lbs. each.

We have now completed the **financing arrangements** associated with the clubhouse renovation. The final arrangements are a bit different than we originally intended but they are favourable for Queen City. Our new

bank, the CIBC, has been very helpful and facilitating regarding this financing and we are very pleased with their service. In particular, Olga Eidt, the Senior Account Manager of their Independent Business Centre at 2 Bloor Street West was very helpful. Thankfully, she never gave up on us as we worked through the process.

Most of you will have met by now our **new Club Manager, Harry Howard**. Harry came aboard during the first week of April. He was joined during his first two weeks by Helen Coull who graciously agreed to come back to Queen City to help our start-up and provide some on-the-job training for Harry. Our thanks go to Helen. For more on Harry, please read the brief bio of him in the next column.

Steve Murphy and his crew have started again. They continue to provide excellent food and service. We are pleased to have them back, and look forward to their service for the rest of the summer.

Although official launch was delayed one week, there seemed to be a general consensus that the delay was warranted because of the clubhouse work that had to be done and the poor weather we experienced.

On the basis of some thoughtful feedback that the Board received on the new **minimum billing** program, a decision was made to amend this program to increase its flexibility. Now, the minimum bill may be used to purchase tickets to any event. There are no restrictions. Also, there are no restrictions on the number of tickets that can be purchased for any one event. The Sailing and Entertainment Committee will continue their efforts to make all of our events as full of fun and enjoyable as possible.

Wayne Smith

WELCOME TO QCYC, HARRY!

Harry Howard brings to Queen City a wide and varied background. Harry's career has included a number of service related positions. He has held managerial positions at Hunter's Horn Inn and Pinestone Inn in Ontario and the Little Beach Resort in Ucluelet, B.C. He has also managed a large restaurant and nightclub in Mississauga. Harry also has several years experience in the technical marketing of precision instrumentation. Harry is university educated and is as comfortable with technical matters as he is with services requirements.

Don't let Harry's calm and personable approach fool you. He is very results oriented. Recommendations from Harry's previous employers and his performance to date all demonstrate his dedication and strong work ethic. In the short time Harry has been with Queen City he has demonstrated a good feel for the requirements of our club and our members.

Harry is not totally new to sailing and to yacht clubs. His grandfather was a longtime member of National Yacht Club where he sails an R class yacht called Diana. This boat is still sailing out of National. Harry's parents are also avid sailors. His parents still own an ODay Mariner and sail it out of Port Credit. Of his first two weeks on the job Harry's comment was:

"I love it. The members have been fantastic in their support and have gone out of their way to make me feel welcome." Well said, Harry!

