

THE QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB

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Commodore

Even though the Club is largely deserted through the cold days of Winter, activity continues with the Board and various committees dealing with a variety of issues and preparations for the 1995 season. With a seemingly endless list of projects, prioritization and cost estimation have been the order of the day, so that we can accomplish the tasks at hand within the revenue projection and operating budget established for the year. One of the more important activities which is ongoing is the finalization of the Club's environmental policy, and the details must be fine-tuned in order to ensure that the standards we set for ourselves are both meaningful and practical.

As some of you will already be aware, **Carrie Noack** and **Debbie Fogh** have advanced their competitive sailing activities to new heights with their selection to the Canadian National Team for 1995 in the 470 Class. Not content with just being on the National Team, Carrie and Debbie have embarked on a campaign to secure a place on the Canadian Olympic Team for the 1996 Games. This campaign, which is already underway, will continue throughout the year, placing considerable demands on the participants, not least of which are time and money. The Board is very enthusiastic about the campaign Carrie and Debbie have organized, especially since they will be participating in the

qualifying events as representatives of Queen City Yacht Club. While some funding is provided through the CYA, there is always more required. As a contribution to their campaign, the Board unanimously felt that it would be appropriate to organize a fund-raising event to coincide with one of our social events this Summer. More details of this will be made available as they become finalized. For those of you who might like to do something more personal, contributions may be made to the CYA, who will pass the proceeds (less a small handling fee) on to Carrie and Debbie. I understand that the CYA will issue tax receipts for all donations made in this way.

On a more somber note, it is with great regret that we have just learned of the death of **Betty Perdue**. As a long-time member and supporter of the Club, Betty was ever present across the full range of activities and events. Our sympathy and thoughts are with Betty's family at this time. We understand that a memorial service will be held for Betty in the Spring.

DAVID HALL,
COMMODORE.

Vice Commodore

For those of you who have not been able to get over to the club, I wish you a belated Happy New Year.

I thought that there might be a break in the social activities at the club, however, as luck would have it the great spirit for gatherings at QCYC lives on! The social events just keep happening. There have been Pub Nights organized in the city, parties in the snug bar, meeting friends at the boat show and ongoing work parties.

One memorable work party would have to be the one in January which involved putting rocks under the Junior Club. I was not in attendance at the event, however I came home to a house full of members bonding in my living room on the island. I must admit that I have never seen a happier bunch after a work party—the celebration went on into the evening (I had different plans and left). They did, however, clean up the kitchen after a huge feast of pork chops which I understand was prepared by Chef John Coull. I would just like to thank everyone on that cold wintry day.

My role. Now down to business. If you have any concerns now or through the summer please do not hesitate to call me either at my business number: (416) 353-1317, or at home (416) 203-0917. This is my first year as Vice Commodore, and I may not have the answer to your question immediately, but I will definitely get one for you.

Treasurer

My role as Vice Commodore is to run the Management Committee, assist with policy decisions, calm the waters, help with financial decisions and interface with the Board of Directors. I report back to the Board on everything that the Management Committee has discussed. The Management Committee meets at present once per month officially, and we talk to each other on issues that need to be resolved daily. If you would like to have anything reviewed at the Management Committee or Board meetings which are held the third Thursday of every month, please call me and I will have your item added to the agenda.

Safety

This year at QCYC we will be looking at setting up a Safety Committee. I will run this committee to get things off the ground, however, I am looking for volunteers to work with me. If you have a background in first aid or water safety, or none of the above, I would like to hear from you. We will look at having someone come in to teach a first aid course and a CPR course. The cost will still have to be discussed as the course will be run under the Canadian Red Cross standards (possibly \$100 per person). If you are interested in getting certified please contact me or leave a message with your name advising that you would like to attend a first aid course. Your response would determine if we set up a course or not.

MOIRA COULL,
VICE COMMODORE

By the time you read this report you will have received (and possibly even paid!) your spring bill. David Hall handed me an extremely well-organized department, so it has been relatively easy to prepare the bills. Nonetheless, there are always some questions and adjustments arising. Please feel free to call me at home in the evenings or on weekends. If you can pay your bill earlier than April 15th, please do so as it really relieves the pressure on our line of credit at the bank.

Operating Budget

Using the club's very successful financial result last year as its guiding post, the Board has approved an operating budget which forecasts a small profit (or provides a small contingency fund, depending on your point of view). It assumes approximately the same level of income and expenses and allows for improvements to the clubhouse and grounds as follows:

Bar renovation	- max. \$15K
Seawall improvements	- approx. \$10K
Exterior stairs replacement	- max. \$10K
Garbage containment structure	- max. \$3K

We intend to continue tight control over expenditures to ensure that costs are kept within budget. As well, the aggressive membership campaign will be continued in the able hands of Gail Smith.

Therefore we are cautiously optimistic that it will be a good year.

Dues & Fees, Minimum Billing, Initiation Fee, Junior Club Fees

As explained in the letter which accompanied your spring bill, the Board has approved a fee structure for 1995 which is almost identical to last year. It was decided by the Board that due to the continuing recession and low inflation, as well as optimism for our ability to attract new members, the club will be able to live within existing levels of income. The only membership dues which have changed are:

- 1.) **Student**, increased from \$57 to \$60, and
- 2.) **Senior Associate**, increased from \$455 to \$515. This change was made to correctly reflect that Senior Associate dues were meant to be half the current Senior fee (which is now \$1030). The **Minimum Billing program** will stay unchanged from last year except for improvements in the administration of it. Thus the rate for Senior members (and Senior units) will be \$150, and for Associate and Dinghy members \$30 per adult.

The **Initiation fee** for new members will remain at \$1500 until the end of May.

Junior Club fees remain the same except that they will be subject to GST for the first time in 1995.

Now that the spring bills are out I can relax for a little while (hah!) so I hope to see many of you around the club as we get ready for another great summer!

MARY PARTRIDGE, TREASURER

