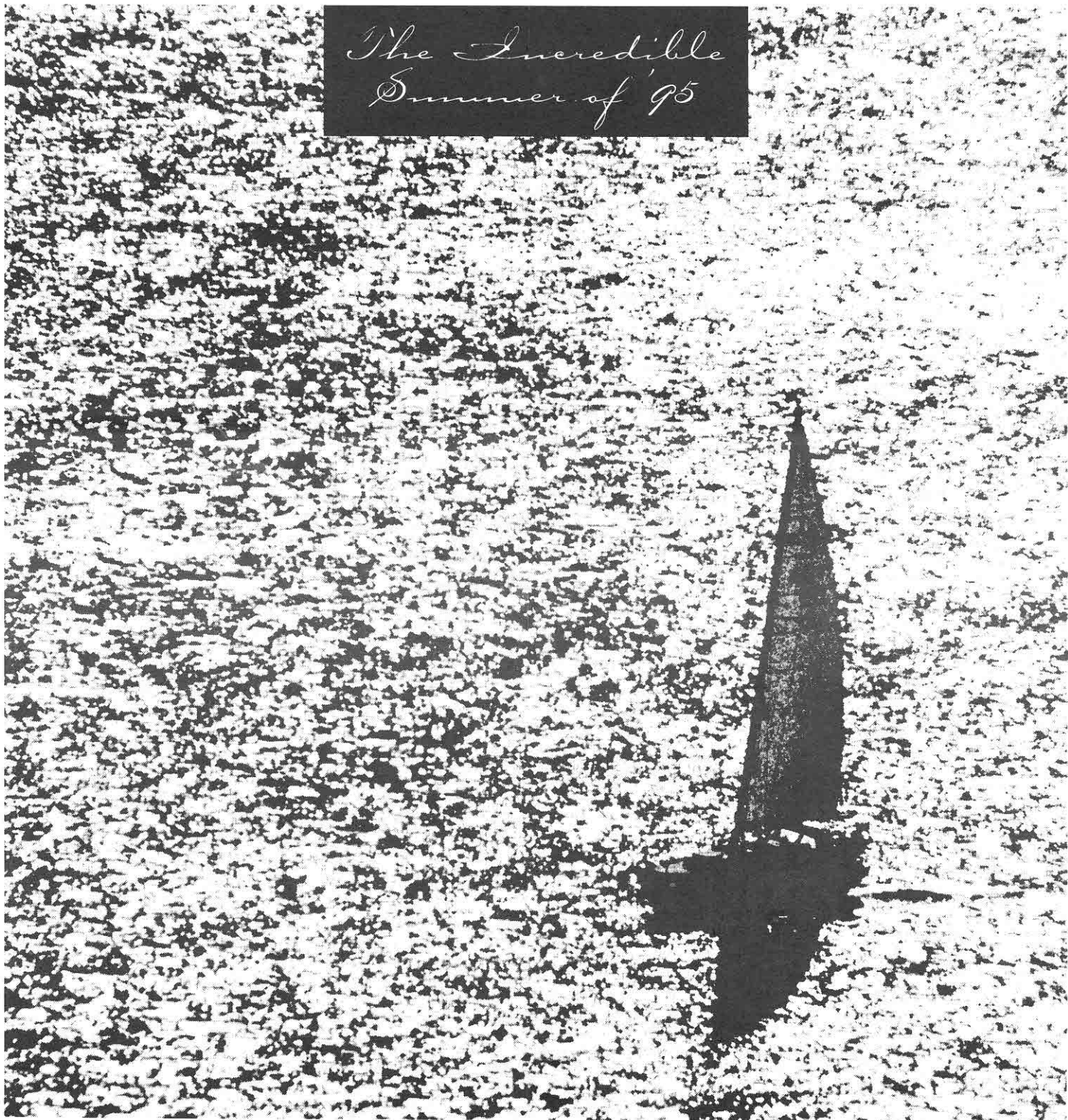


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*The Incredible
Summer of '95*



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What a great summer! I would certainly classify this year as a success for the Club in every respect, with good weather, smooth sailing, well-organised and attended social events and the usual large number of visitors who clearly think that Queen City is the place to be.

In looking back over the year, I think it's appropriate to highlight some accomplishments which don't immediately spring to mind, but which will stand the Club in good stead for the future. It was recognised earlier this year by the Ontario Sailing Association that further legislation and regulation of the boating community is inevitable. It was also noted at that time that the growing burden of regulation might be eased somewhat through clubs taking a proactive approach to policy formulation and member education on critical issues such as safety and the environment. Queen City is certainly supportive of this position, and took steps this year to establish a leadership position as evidenced by the following:

- Δ Adoption of a formal environmental policy, with particular emphasis on the handling of hazardous materials.
- Δ Establishment of a Safety Committee, which will work towards improved definition of safety procedures, and accident reporting.
- Δ Sponsorship of First Aid and CPR courses, including participation in these by staff members.
- Δ Improved emergency response capability for the Junior Sailors with the provision of hand-held VHF radios for the instructors.
- Δ Flare Day, with education, demonstrations, and the chance to fire a wide variety of flares ourselves.

I personally found the flare demonstration to be extremely interesting, and would like to thank **Paul Boudreau** and

Peter Ashby for their efforts in organising a most informative session. Like distress signals, it is very clear that the minimum safety equipment of any type required by Coast Guard regulations should be regarded as just that - the minimum.

The social program this year aimed to provide a variety of events with something for everyone. The events were well attended and great fun, with much of the credit going to those members who put time and effort into the organization of these activities.

MORE THANKS

From an operational point of view the Club ran smoothly all year, with credit due to **Harry Howard** for an outstanding job as Club Manager. I am extremely happy to report that Harry will be back with us again next year. This year's Board has worked hard, with good results to point to in all departments. I would like to offer each and every one of them my thanks for their efforts, and their support. A number of Board members are standing down at the end of the year, having contributed many years to the organization and running of various aspects of the Club. The search for those hidden talents is on, so if you would like to have some extra fun, call Klaus Noack, the Nominations Committee Chairman.

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As the Annual General Meeting approaches, I would urge all Senior members to make an effort to attend. The 1995 financial statements will be presented, together with individual reports from each Board member. Following these presentations, elections will take place to determine the new Board for 1996. Best wishes to you all for the Winter months - Spring isn't very far away!

DAVID HALL,
COMMODORE.

