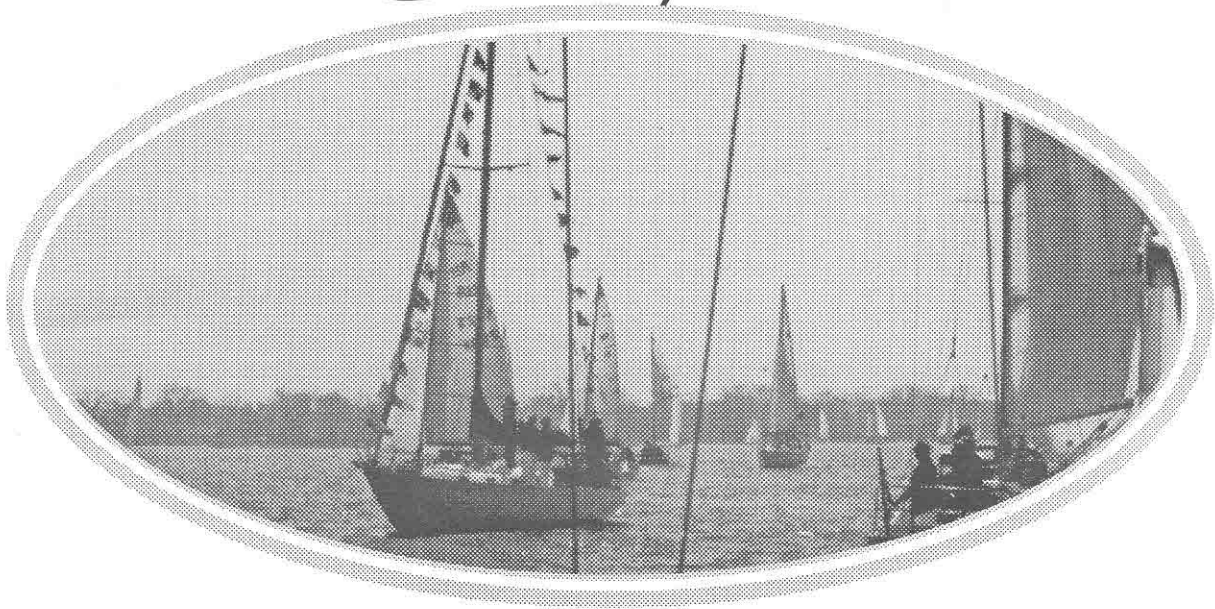


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Queen City Yacht Club 1997 Sailpast



SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1997 QCYC SEASON OPENER AND REVIEW OF THE FLEET BY COMMODORE MOIRA COULL

Powerboat races in the inner harbour?

Commodore

It is with deep regret that I am starting this Clipper report off with sad news. A long standing member and friend **Bobby Norton** passed away on April 9, 1997. The family had a small private funeral. QCYC sent flowers to the family and we will be holding a memorial service this summer at the club in his honour. The family, Joanne and Tom can be reached at 1-705-762-0649. The address is P.O. Box 160, Bala, Ontario P0C 1A0.

The Board of Directors have been working all winter to prepare for the opening of the club.

One of the first duties we had to perform was to secure a new caterer. Lakeview Food Management did not keep their commitment to pay us their portion of the unpaid taxes. Steven Hills will provide details to the Senior Membership at the annual Spring Meeting on Friday, May 23, 1997.

We put together a new lease agreement and had it blessed by Don Martin to make sure that we had all the legal angles covered. Thanks Don.

The new caterer has started in the kitchen and partial food and bar service has been provided for launch weekends. In order to assist the new caterer we put a survey in the last Clipper. If you haven't already done so please fill it in and send the results back to Don Aronchick. The results of the survey will be published in the next Clipper.

In preparation for the caterer arriving we had to clean the kitchen which ended up taking a few days of very hard work. I would like to thank the volunteers that helped tackle this project. Another project that was completed was the scrubbing and restaining of the dining room ceiling.

You have probably already noticed that the dining room has been repainted as well. Our clubhouse needs this kind of tender loving care from the membership. It is rewarding to sit back over a drink and admire the finished product.

Sailpast will be held on May 17 this year. This is the first formal event of the season and represents the official opening of our 1997 sailing season. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Safe Boating Week is June 1-8, 1997. The theme is "Don't Get in Over Your Head". On June 8 we have offered to host the **Metropolitan Toronto Police Marine Unit Sailpast** (nothing is finalized yet, not even the date). We are looking for volunteers to assist with this event. If you are interested please contact Graham Dougall.

I didn't think that I would ever have to write about the garbage again. But...this good news! The City of Toronto has funds in this year's Capital Budget to rebuild the Algonquin Island bridge. We will keep you posted as to the results. If you need more information the number to call is 392-7911 and ask for Shannon Thompson who works in Councillor Dan Leckie's office. If it gets fixed the large garbage trucks will be able to get across and we will be able to rent the large disposal bins. This will keep the area cleaner and help with the raccoon problem. I'll keep you posted.

Fixed Link/Island Airport Update

The consulting firm "Dillon" is almost finished the Environmental Assessment on the fixed link. At

the City, staff were asked to assess "Dillon's" fixed link proposal and asked to develop alternative emergency measures should the fixed link not proceed. Both of these reports according to Dan Leckie are coming to the Executive Committee May 5, 1997. To get copies or to speak call Chris Dodds at 392-7031.

Noise

A few days ago a proposal for power boat races this summer came to the Land Use Committee. It is a daytime weekend event in the inner harbour (in front of the Docks). I have called Dan Leckie's office at 392-7911 to advise them that QCYC is not in favour of these races due to safety and also the fact that the type of activity and the noise would destroy the tranquility of the Harbour. If you would like to voice an opinion as well call Frances Pritchard at 392-7033.

We are still looking for a new Membership chairperson. If you are interested please call Moira at 353-1317 or talk to Gail Smith directly if you need more information. There are volunteers that will help you. Linda Toms has volunteered to do the Roster again for this year. New Members Night has a team of members already who want to help out Linda Creor and Bruce Beyer. We could use some more people to help with the food preparation etc. that night (in addition to Linda Toms and myself). Please call Linda Creor to volunteer. Thanks!!!

I look forward to seeing you at the Chili Challenge on April 26. Dress warm.

MOIRA COULL

Welcome to our new restaurant/bar operators!

Vice Commodore

We're almost there...we're almost there. Reminds you of a song from the sixties. It's April 13 and raining (make that light snow flurries), after a freezing day yesterday. We're supposed to be launching boats next week but I still see a lot of covers on in the yard. The new restaurant/bar operator started yesterday, Saturday, April 12. Unfortunately the club was empty. Some of us had an excellent lunch, after which John and Moira Coull, JC, Big Norm and Moira Burgess started washing the ceiling and staining the wood in the dining room. Marlyn and I gave them moral support and kept the beer jugs full in true Queen City fashion. There has been a mad scramble this last week to get the kitchen and bar cleaned for the new operator starting up. It started last week with a cleaning work party led by Pat Finch and her crew of Moira Burgess, Gwen Egan, Sandy Peat, Robert Bruce, Graham Dougall, Tony Araujo and a couple of other members who I can not remember at this time, but thanks a million to all of you. Tom King, Dave Craddock and I installed the new glasswasher, which is now working a treat.

Moira Coull continued the cleaning marathon throughout the week with the services of Shannon, her daughter, and Harry and his staff. It's funny how the same names keep cropping up and how many board members are involved. It seems as though we have a membership of about fifteen to twenty people from which to draw bodies for work parties. If this participation rate keeps up we will have to consider specified work party hours for each club member to even out the load.

As I mentioned earlier the new

operators of the Restaurant/Bar have started. The company is R&R Executive Catering, which comprises two partners, Hossein Tavakoli and Ron St. Jean. A brief resume follows. These two gentlemen have a very professional approach to the food and beverage business and I know you are going to see some welcome improvements from now on. We are working on a variety of ideas to boost the business in the restaurant and bar. We are planning some gourmet nights to allow Ron, who is the chef in the partnership to let loose his talents. We are also encouraging members to bring their company seminars, meetings, dinners and any other group functions which will increase the mid-week use of our perfectly located, beautiful club.

We will formally introduce Hossein and Ron at the Spring Meeting, Friday, May 23, though you will get to know them over the next two weeks during launch. I hope the weather is warmer by the time you receive this Clipper. Almost forgot. Marlyn and I are the proud owners of Born Free II, previously owned by Barry Hardy. We now have a boat to take out at Sailpast.

Norrie.

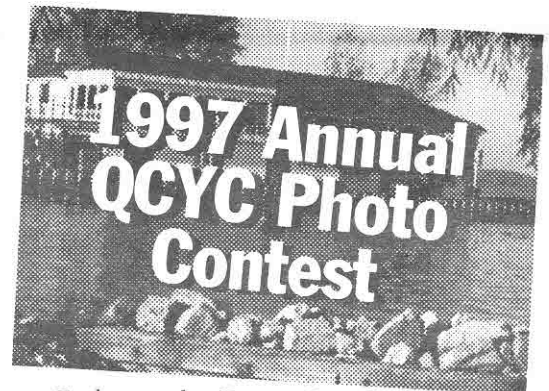
Next Board Meetings

Thursday, May 15 at QCYC
Thursday, June 19 at QCYC
If you have any questions or concerns to be addressed by the Board, please contact a Board Member a few days before a meeting and the subject will be added to the agenda.

R&R Executive Catering

R&R Executive Catering is owned by Ron St. Jean and Hossein Tavakoli. We are in our fourth year of operation and are backed by twenty years of experience in the food service industry.

We have provided our catering services to Klancy II Yacht Charters along with Bay Street law firms including Borden & Elliot, Blarney McMurtry, and Fogler Rubinoff. We also service a number of larger corporations including CGC Inc., Xerox, St. Mildred's Lightbourne School, as well as catering to private parties. We look forward to being here at Queen City.



Each year the Queen City Yacht Club awards the following perpetual trophies:
QCYC Regatta 1904 Special Class - for the Best Photograph
QCYC Regatta 1905 Special Class - for the Best Photograph Showing QCYC Spirit

These awards are open to all classes of membership. The photograph or slide must be submitted by 1700 September 23, 1997 to Club Office Attn.: Awards Committee.

Queen City Yacht Club reserves the right to publish the winning photographs in the Clipper and display them in the clubhouse.

