

# CLIPPER

QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB — FEBRUARY 1998



**Counting the days ...**

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## Commodore

THIS IS THE FIRST *CLIPPER* OF 1998. For those of you that I haven't been in contact with, I hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season and also wish you and your families a Happy New Year. The Board of Directors and the Management Committee has been hard at work since the elections held in November. The new board is full of energy, new ideas and a new direction for another great year at QCYC.

We have already set the budget and are working hard at setting the project priorities for this year. We are developing the not-so-future plans for ongoing maintenance of the club house, grounds, yard and the fleet as well as the Rapids Queen (the breakwall).

We have come up with the first list of priorities for the 1997 season.

The main priority is to finish the kitchen. It has been agreed at the board level that we will level the floor in the kitchen, put supports in the ground floor and start structural repair to the kitchen ceiling. Willie Shubat will continue to work with Norrie MacDonald and other volunteers to complete the kitchen project. Willie and his crew completed the following repairs: repair of the cement pile caps; water meter pipe is now properly supported; shelving off the electrical room; rotted floor repaired in the work room; support beam installed under the dining room; miscellaneous electrical clean-up; laundry tub installed in the workroom; repaired the tiles in the women's washroom damaged by a leak in the kitchen.

We are still discussing the possibility of

fixing the balcony this year which is in much need of repair. The water from the balcony is leaking down the wall into the snug bar which is causing damage to the ceiling and wall. The stairs are leaking water into the work room. The flat roof near the dining room on the north side is leaking into the work rooms below and needs to be repaired or replaced. The board is concerned about the amount of capital we will have to spend this year to fix these problem areas, however, we have been talking about these projects since 1994 and we cannot delay another year. Some of these issues will be discussed further at the Spring General Meeting.

It is critical that we continue to maintain the clubhouse in good repair for safety reasons as well as giving us a club that we can be proud of. We as the new board have agreed to tighten our budgets and only spend what is necessary to keep the club safe.

This leads me to the next topic: Work Parties. With the coming of spring, and the help of a milder winter than in the past, it won't be long before we can start to think about getting the Club ready for its opening in April. As always, we need the help of the members, pitching in to get our Club ready for the season. It's always a great feeling when there's a big turnout by the members when there's work to be done. Doug Stevens, our Planning Chairman, will be the overall coordinator of work parties this year. Bob and Gary have picked a weekend after launch for the big clean-up before Sailpast. We will plan the first weekend work party with Doug's help who will sign you up for specific tasks. If you have any special skills such as raking, fixing locker block stairs, or revarnishing the

furniture in the snug bar let Doug (Planning), Gary (Yard) or Bob (Grounds) know what your preferences are. Bruce Beyer will have jobs in the main clubhouse that will require attention as well.

Gerry Doyle, working in the capacity of Membership Chairman, and his team of member volunteers completed yet another successful Boat Show. We will now have to follow up on the leads that we received and hope that we actually sign up some new members.

The Council of Commodores and the Annual meeting of the Ontario Sailing Association was held in January of this year. Prior to the OSA's General Meeting there was the Provincial Commodores' Assembly.

The QCYC land lease discussions will take place at the Commodores' meeting scheduled for March 3, 1998. The new Megacity scenario has stopped talks with the landlord. As soon as discussions are resumed I will update the membership as to what our new land lease will be.

The Junior Club Fundraiser which was held in November, 1997 was a great success. We raised \$1,000.00. A special thanks to Kathy Rogers and her crew of the Wayward Princess and The Queen City Blues Band for making the event possible. Some of our members who couldn't attend and who made donations to the cause were Bob Cassidy, Millie Bishop, Doug Gill, Jim Mckinlay, Charlie Tanner, Rick and Judy Temporale.

Our Honourary Commodore Bob Johnston passed away in December, 1997. I spoke to his son Bob on behalf of

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the club and passed on our condolences. Len Canham will be our new Honorary Commodore.

Finally, on behalf of the membership and myself I would like to take this opportunity to thank Past Secretary Dawn Martin, Past Treasurer Steven Hills, Past House Chairman Tom King, Past Membership Chairperson Gail Smith and David Deering, Past Mooring Chairman John Carroll, Past Junior Club Chairperson Carolyn Murray and Past Publicity Chairman Myron Lasko for the excellent job they did for the 1997 sailing season.

Regards,  
MOIRA COULL

## Rear Commodore

AS THE 1998 SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING, there is planning to do. In this *Clipper* is a questionnaire to help plan the cruises. To encourage the submission of the questionnaire, there is a prize of a case of beer. Please return the questionnaire to me by the end of February.

The details of final schedule are being worked out as this report is being written. If all goes as planned, a preliminary schedule should be in this edition of the *Clipper*.

One good way to learn the Racing Rules is to sit in on a Protest Hearing. The OSA sponsors evening or weekend seminars on protest hearings. If anybody is interested, please contact me or check the OSA web site at [www.sailon.org](http://www.sailon.org).

## Annual Yachtsman's Spring Thaw

This is the he first of many reminders of the Annual Yachtsman's Spring Thaw Luncheon on Friday, April 17th. All proceeds raised go to support Toronto Brigantine. I hope to see many members there.

I welcome any comments, questions or suggestions. I can be reached at 416-233-2277 or via E-mail at [dougalg@interlog.com](mailto:dougalg@interlog.com).

GRAHAM DOUGALL

## Membership Scuttlebutt

A GREAT JOB WAS DONE BY ALL at this year's Boat Show. We had over thirty people covering the many shifts during the ten-day event. A special thanks goes out to Paul Trotter for his help in getting our new and improved booth set up (two TV sets in a 10' x 10' booth?). Arlene, Su, and Gail also deserve a special thanks for their time and ideas—including "The Top 10 Reasons to Join QCYC". Lots of potential members completed our questionnaire and hopefully a few will join us this season.

### QCYC 1998 Cruising Questionnaire

Please return by mail, FAX or E-mail by February 28, 1998 to win a case of beer to:

Graham Dougall  
50 Cordova Avenue, #2504  
Toronto, ON M9A 4X6

FAX: 416-233-2277  
EMAIL: [dougalg@interlog.com](mailto:dougalg@interlog.com)

#### Number of Cruises

One Organized Cruise       Two Organized Cruises

Destinations:  Hamilton       Whitby       Niagara on the Lake  
 Wilson       Oakville       Youngstown  
 Port Dalhousie  Other.....

Comments:

I will volunteer to help organize a cruise.....

Name for Beer Draw.....

