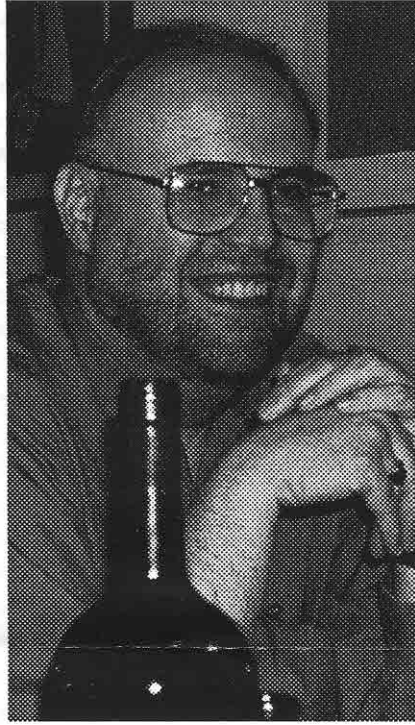


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QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB — NOVEMBER 1998



What a swell season it was!

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I once again enjoyed working on the Board and Management Committee headed by Commodore Moira and Vice-Commodore Norrie, respectively. My operational thanks to the Fleet team: Senior Captain Jack Guilbault, Engineers Mark Millen and Jordan Howard, Captains Kristan Coull and Kevin Blair. For the members who lent a hand at launch and throughout the season, thanks and for those who will assist with haul-out, thanks in advance. A quick thanks to Hossein and his staff for feeding our team, when on duty, and once again, hats off to Harry Howard, "The Voice of Reason."

R. WALLACE

Treasurer

AS YOU READ THIS the fleet will already be in the yard and another season at Queen City will be under wraps. If you examined your Fall Bills you'll have noticed that we were able to maintain the mooring, storage and locker rates at the same level as last year. Even with this 0% rate change the Club will actually realise about a 4% increase in mooring and storage revenue. This is because a review of boat dimensions in the billing database revealed that some boats had been incorrectly sized. After a comparison was made with the manufacturers' specs most boats stayed the same, some got slightly smaller and a few got a little bit larger. Almost all boats in the database are now sized according to the manufacturers specs for LOA and maximum beam for each design. I hope to continue this type of review on a regular basis to ensure that all members are billed fairly.

The new property tax regime that hit Toronto homes and business will also affect Queen City. As it stands today we're faced with an almost 100% increase from last years' taxes. This increase is being phased-in in equal instalments over the next 5 years. We have already appealed the increase and hope to have it reduced but at this stage it is impossible to know how successful we'll be. Needless to say the Club doesn't have much spare revenue to devote to more taxes so it's likely that the Spring Bill will be adjusted to reflect this.

The Work Hours Committee has been busily beavering away at the solution over the course of the season. After many hours of meetings and consultations they are finally beginning to see the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel and details of the proposed plan should be available soon. See you at the AGM.

TONY ARAUJO

Membership Scuttlebutt

BOAT OUT? Still longing for those lazy summer days? Afraid you won't see some of your buddies until next spring? Have I got a cure for you!

Membership is now organizing the 1999 Boat Show. We need help in several areas: booth design, marketing material, set up / tear down, and following up on those who express interest. In addition, we need you to sign-up for working the booth during the show. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the November 20th QCYC Annual Meeting.

Working the Boat Show is fun—free admission and much more! Your assistance in improving the look of the booth is welcome. Every year should be better than the last. Get involved in developing great new ways to attract membership and position the Club. Do giveaways work? Are we forgetting to tell people something? What message do we send out? Let us know.

The Boat Show is one way to keep yourself involved in the Club and close to your pals even though there is snow in the air and ice on the lagoon. Phone me now and get your volunteer hours over with before the boat is in the water.

Aside from the Boat Show, there are some other winter projects that need attention. If you're the type of person who likes to work on the computer and drink wine, then I think we should talk—over a drink of course. Call me.

The 1998 season was truly a pleasure for me. Your support and assistance throughout the year has been appreciated. All in all I think everything worked out well—we presented ourselves well in the community—many new members joined QCYC—and fun was had by all. Once again, thank you, I had a great time too!

The following individuals have been proposed as new senior members. Comments and concerns must be brought to my attention before the proposals are ratified.

Mark Tollefson (senior)
Robert Savage and Francine Langlois (senior)

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