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Queen City Yacht Club

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Photo by Lynda Chubak

Fred and Inga celebrate their 50th Anniversary! See page 6 for details.



Commodore

Tony Pitts

As the season draws to a close, I would like to reflect on the year. The club faced a number of challenges – the main one being the reconstruction after the fire.



From my perspective, QCYC had a very successful year. In fact, it was remarkable in all portfolios. I am only going to highlight a few here since I am sure the individual Chairs will provide details. Don Ferguson was hired as our new club manager and thanks to his architectural experience and his quiet, organized, manner, has been a huge benefit to the club. Thanks to Don, Pat Whetung and others, the club opened for business just prior to sailpast – an extraordinary feat! We now enjoy a refurbished Great Hall and kitchen and a clubhouse that we can feel collectively proud of.

Another highlight was Heritage Day that was held in July. This was the first time we had an event like this and I can remember the good feeling amongst our members that day. This was the result of Pat Whetung's vision and a lot of work by many people. We shared our past, met many former members and got a better sense of our heritage – some of those former By-Laws restricting women were something else!

It would be remiss of me not to mention the outstanding year for the Learn-to-Sail program. Lynda Chubak, with her new approach and energy, has revitalized the program and participation was up throughout the summer.

We have a By-Law Review Committee chaired by Belinda James. We have been working over the summer to review and suggest improvements to a constitution that has not been changed much for 35 years. It is my hope that we can realize impor-

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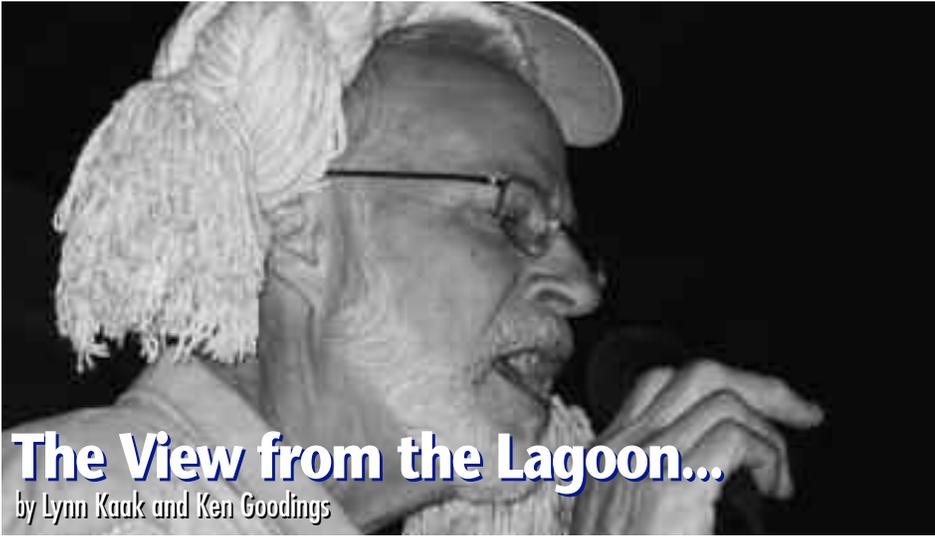
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The View from the Lagoon...

by Lynn Kaak and Ken Goodings

Ken going 'wiggy' at Karaoke night

"Some sailors lead a largely solitary life. They are temperamental and will often fight with their own family members as well as with others. Although some sailors live in the wild, close contact with raccoons does not bother them. They often nest in buildings, garages, sheds, and even their QCYC lockers. Many sailors seem to be nocturnal, as they are most active at night. Sailors do not hibernate in the winter, but those that live further north, where it is colder, grow thick skins to keep them warm and spend long periods sleeping."

Now take a moment to re-read the previous paragraph, only replace "sailors" with the word "raccoons."

Raccoons have disturbed our sleep at the dock frequently this season. In three summers at Queen City we've never seen anything like it. We've learned to differentiate between the skritch-skritch claw sounds of a masked bandit; and the soft pad of cat's paws. We spray vinegar and water at the bandits, but feed the cat; our other "Great White Hunter." A Google search on raccoon abatement suggests marking the territory with dried coyote urine. Apparently you can buy this stuff! Right now I'm picturing someone following a coyote around...waiting for a chance to collect a sample? It's far easier to collect the do-it-yourself kind in a small container before retiring for the night. It does seem to work for us. Perhaps raccoons are repelled by the smell of alcohol. However, it seems thriftier to filter it through one's kidneys first. Actually, raccoons aren't repelled by beer, as apparently they have been witnessed sucking the dregs from empties (hmm, another line that could have been added to the

top paragraph...)

The critters seem to be trying to reclaim their island. Between the beaver biting the dog, and the damage the raccoons are doing this year, one would wonder if the local rodent fraternity has declared war on us humans. How many of us have experienced that not so pleasant "deposit" in our cockpits, or the damage to screens as the masked bandits try to pillage the boats for something more palatable than grubs? One boat became a flop-house for a young raccoon, and typical of most adolescents, blinked at them uncomprehendingly in the afternoon light as they tried to rouse him. He eventually ambled out, only to be found basking in the sun on the foredeck of the neighbouring boat. All he needed was an iPod to complete the scene.

Last Saturday night there was some sort of ad-hoc "Hunting" party.

Several hunters were observed beaming high intensity lamps into the bushes and trees, shouting, "There he is. Get him!" Cornered on the side deck of our neighbour's boat, one masked bandit leapt to safety from bow to dock, and away into the night. The hunt's leader had already bagged one of the critters, and was seen proudly wearing it on his head. His fierce-looking consort had a row of luminous eyes that glowed in the dark. It seemed that no varmint was safe. The hunt seemed to continue for an hour or so, and we figured that we had to finally be safe from the ravages of the raccoons - until we saw one amble out of a tree to check out the local grub offerings... Anyone know if we can buy a coyote somewhere?

Rear Commodore

Graham Dougall

I would like to thank everyone for their help and support in making this year a success. I want to especially extend my appreciation to Brad Hearn for stepping up to chair the 2006 Cruising Committee.



The detailed report from Sailing Committee will be available at this year's Annual General Meeting.

The list of this year's award winners will be posted on the club's web site as of Sunday, October 1st at: http://www.qcyc.ca/sailing/racing/racefiles/2006awards_list.pdf

The results of this racing season are there as well.

There is still a chance to race in 2006 in the AHMEN series on Sunday October 8th, for more information, please see <http://www.ahmen.ca/>.

The annual participants' end-of-season meeting will be at 1600 on Saturday, October 21st. This meeting will cover both the cruising and racing components of the Sailing Committees' program for 2007. I would encourage everyone to participate in order to provide your input.

From the feedback received so far, a number of issues will be addressed for next year's racing, including:

- Larger marks as we have found a source that sells a reasonably priced 4' mark
- Time limit on reaching the first mark
- Series scoring

Information about the 2007 season's cruising and racing activities will be available on the Club's web site, in The Clipper and on The FLASH.

If you have comments, suggestions or questions, I can be contacted as follows:

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Planning

Mary Partridge

I am very pleased to announce that two important motions, related to the Planning process at Queen City, were approved unanimously at the Board of Directors meeting in September. The first motion gives



Planning a new mandate with much clearer responsibilities and accountabilities. The second motion formally establishes that Queen City will have a short-term (2 to 3 years) capital projects plan, developed in the context of a long-term (10 years) capital projects plan.

A third motion, related to how Queen City will set aside money to pay for capital expenses in the future, was tabled to the next Board meeting.

By approving these motions, the Board has taken significant and essential steps toward ensuring the future strength and growth of our club through planning. I would also like to thank the members of the Planning committee (Brian Chung, Ted Doyle and Simon Faulkner) for their hard work and commitment.

Following is the presentation, including the motions as passed, that was made to the Board.

Background

The three motions below are based on conclusions arrived at by the Planning Committee over the course of the year. At the beginning of 2006, the Planning Committee defined itself as having the following goals: (1) to educate the membership to the need for long-term capital requirements of Queen City and options for funding them; (2) to develop a long-term capital-projects plan; (3) to develop an open planning process; and (4) to explore different means of generating revenue to finance projects in the plan.

From discussions with members, the Planning Committee has come to appreciate a general lack of confidence that a long-term plan will be sustained. We consider it paramount that we change that perception.

We believe if the planning process is going to gain



QCYC Existing Floor Plan

traction, the entity known as Planning must have more credibility with the membership. We believe Planning should have clearly defined responsibilities and accountabilities, within a structure that is formally accepted by the Board and embodied in the club's Bylaw (constitution).

Members need to see that planning at Queen City is achievable and that the Board is behind this effort.

Issue 1 – Need for a revised mandate/role for Planning

Planning, unlike other roles, does not have a clear definition in the Bylaw. Traditionally there has been no continuity in the role from Board to Board and as a result the club has not been able to benefit from a longer-term vision for the need and funding of capital projects. Some Planning Chairs have tried valiantly to do long-term planning but got nowhere because the current board did not get behind them or because their plans were disregarded by the next board. There was almost no carry-over from year to year. Other Planning Chairs have focused on organizing work parties, while still others have concentrated on one big project.

Furthermore, the sheer amount of administrative work involved in reviewing, scheduling and coordinating all Capital Projects has prevented any one person on the Board (or the Board as a whole) from managing them properly, and as a result there has been poor communication between the members, the committees and the Board, and there has been little, if any, actual planning done.

Furthermore, there has been confusion about the planning required to schedule maintenance and other operational work, as opposed to the planning required to accomplish capital projects.

Motion #1 [approved unanimously September 21, 2006 Board meeting]

Moved by Mary Partridge, seconded by Ken Owen:

- (1) that Planning at Queen City shall be defined as Capital Planning (i.e., not Operational Planning);
- (2) that the Planning Committee shall co-ordinate the short-term and long-range Capital Planning at Queen City;
- (3) that the Planning Committee shall act as a communication and coordination hub between all stakeholders at Queen City (members, committee members and Board of Directors);
- (4) that the Planning Committee shall be composed of members that are nominated by the Planning Chair and approved by the Board;
- (5) that the Board, in planning and approving capital projects, shall take into consideration the recommendations of the Planning Committee;
- (6) and that this revised role shall be reflected in the Bylaw.

The intent of this motion is to create a sustainable environment in which all capital project ideas and requests to spend capital money would be sent to the Planning Committee (and to the appropriate Board Chair if the request is coming from someone other than the Board Chair). The planning committee would report to all stakeholders about the ideas and requests, providing the context of (a) the short-term plan and (b) the current and projected level of "capital" money available (in the Capital Fund)

Issue 2 - Adoption of the concept of short-term and long-term capital-project plans

As it stands now, the Board does not have a long-term context in which to make capital-spending



Brian Chung Ground Floor Layout September 2006

decisions. What is needed next year? The year after? What should the club save for in 3 years? This means that we do what we can this year. Since there can never be enough money, this is reactive with a one-year horizon. Larger projects are sacrificed to smaller projects that fit into this shortened context.

Furthermore, Queen City Boards do not feel empowered to commit future Boards to specific capital projects. We think that should change. We believe that each Board must look ahead and make decisions that are in the long-term interests of the club. And that the incoming Board, though responsible for managing the club as it sees fit during its term, should respect the ongoing planning process.

Furthermore, to the extent that any planning is done at Queen City, there is no “manager” or “administrator” for the Plan.

Motion #2 [approved unanimously September 21, 2006 Board meeting]

Moved by Mary Partridge, seconded by Ken Owen, that Queen City shall adopt a Capital Planning model:

(1) that consists of a Long-Term (10 year) Capital Projects plan as well as a Short-Term Capital Projects plan which addresses in detail the near term (2-3 years) aspects of the Long-Term Plan

(2) and in which the Short-Term Plan shall be approved by the Board of Directors each fall for the following 2 years; and be administered by the Planning committee

Issue 3 – Establishment of a Capital Fund

Queen City has limited money each year for Capital Projects. In fact, there is insufficient capital for even the minimum number of projects the club should be doing.

Furthermore, there is currently no provision for capital projects funding. To be sure, the current Bylaw defines how revenue is to be allocated to fund the “Capital Development Fund”. But the formula is not followed and is, in any case, long out of date.

Queen City, in short, needs to find other sources of revenue.

And it needs to develop a workable mechanism for allocating a portion of revenue for Capital Projects. The following motion speaks to that need.

Motion # 3:

Moved by Mary Partridge, seconded by Ken Owen,

- (1) that Queen City shall have a Capital Fund, the contents of which shall be used solely to finance Capital projects;
- (2) that the Planning Committee shall recommend and the Board of Directors shall approve and adopt, on an annual basis, a formula for allocating certain portions of the club’s revenue to the Capital Fund;
- (3) that the Planning Committee shall be responsible for reporting how much money is in the Capital Fund and any shortfalls in funding for the projects on the Short-term plan;
- (4) that the Planning Committee shall further have the responsibility for investigating and recommending additional sources of revenue to the Board;
- (5) and that the Bylaw shall be revised to reflect that a Capital Fund will exist but that the Bylaw shall not reflect the specific formula

[This motion was replaced during the Board meeting with simpler wording: “Moved that Queen City shall establish a capital fund and that the Board of Directors shall make an allocation to it from the available revenue on an annual basis.” However, it was decided that Planning should rework the wording again and come back to the next Board meeting with a revised motion.]

Planning – Town Hall on use of the Ground Floor

On September 23rd, 14 members gathered to discuss options for configuration of the men’s washroom and the rest of the ground floor of the clubhouse. As mentioned in the Flash, the motivation for the town hall was the planned (but as-yet-unapproved-by-the-Board) overhaul of the men’s washroom. In addition to making much needed improvements, the intention is to reclaim some of the under-utilized space in the men’s washroom for storage. At the town hall, we also talked about creating better meeting and learn-to-sail facilities, moving the club office to the south-east corner of the ground floor, possibly moving the laundry out of the clubhouse, and reorganizing all of the storage space.

To kick-start the discussion, Brian Chung presented a plan which shows some potential changes. Al Rae’s ideas were also presented. In both designs, the space currently used as the

“kids” room plus some lobby space would be transformed into two self-contained rooms: “function/meeting” room and “Learn-to-Sail”/Kids” room. A new hallway that leads from the lobby to the snug room would be created by reclaiming some of the “storage” area in the men’s washroom. Storage areas (janitorial, caterer’s, office, chair/table storage, etc.) would be reorganized and the office would be relocated to the south-east corner of the clubhouse.

The Men’s washroom configuration was the focus of the discussion. The participants discussed how many facilities (e.g., sinks, showers, etc.) are required, as well as the need for good ventilation, a brighter look and feel, and general space requirements.

For more information, please contact planning@qcy.ca

Lots of fun events...



To the Very Special People of Q.C.Y.C.

May we thank you all for the surprise of our 50th Anniversary, Saturday, Sept.2, 2006. We could not believe the flowers, cake and cards. It is unbelievable the effort involved.

Many thanks to all of you!
Fred and Inga Mayerhofer



Who would have thought the soul of Slim Whitman resided in our very own Thomas King. The applause went on and on at Karaoke night!

Events photos by Ted Doyle & Glen Newbury

Lots of nature...



Nature photos by Susan Rollinson

Winter at the Club



The Toronto Islands are probably the most peaceful place in the city in the winter . So if your missing the club, why not use the Snug Room as a base to warm up and spend skating, x-country skiing or just enjoying the club! Email communications@qcy.ca if you want ice conditions for skating (no liability accepted!)

Life at QCYC in 2006!

Lots of sailing and racing...



Photo by Pat Whetung

CROC Attack on Lake Ontario

A Croc attack warning was issued for Lake Ontario in mid-August. QCYC member Paul Horne is shown here recovering from his injuries. Paul Horne said it was scary at first but a good Scotch helped a with the pain.



Photos by Whit Webster



Photo by Susan Rollinson

Lots of cruising...



Etobicoke Yacht Club Cruise



Oakville Yacht Squadron Cruise

Lots of work...



Work photos by Pat Whetung



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Whit Webster and family are the lucky winners of the Learn to Sail fundraising raffle for the Weber® Q™ 300 Barbecue that has graced our lobby all season. Thanks to Weber-Stephen Products Co for donating this beauty of barbecue. Thank you also to everyone that has supported Learn to Sail and the fundraising efforts this season through the purchase of raffle tickets, silent auction items, and donations.

Membership

Jacquii Cook

Recruitment Begins Again!

I write this article on the last day of summer. I know it is the last day because I just bought 6 gallons of plumbing anti-freeze. With the touch of fall in the air, I can't help but reflect on the season. We started with holes in our roof and no kitchen. We worked together to fix our clubhouse and had a very successful social and sailing season.



I hope you had a chance to meet our new members:

Senior Members

Andrew Good and Gwen Rayner and family
 Eric Whan and Anna Christina Carlson and family
 Paul Horne
 Ean and Andre Kingston
 Chris Jared
 Stuart McLean
 Leslie Heathcote and Norm Paquette
 Ed and Genia Vanderkruk and family
 Richard and Karen Veenhuizen and family

Dry Sail

Nick Ferguson, John Fursdon, Charlotte deHeinrich

Associate

Marc Brian
 Michael Haswell, Isuzsa Keleman, Ann Kerr, Allan and Susan Sparrow, Alison Webster, Sandro Debattista, Lynn McClory, Eric Fraterman, Greg Kirk, Janet White, Michael Belsky

Student

John Carlos Rogers

Please continue to take time to say hello to the new faces. New members feel new for a couple of years as they meet their fellow members and learn their way about the club.

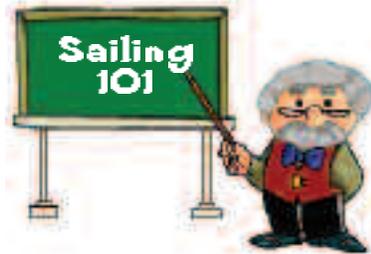
The work of recruiting members continues year round. I am looking for help on the membership committee. Here are the jobs available:

- Recruiting initiative for Dry Sail and Associate Members
- Buddies for New Members
- Creating a special work project for New Members

The following people have applied for Senior Membership at QCYC:

Russel Sergiades
 Inna Povarchuk and Dale Whittington
 If you would like to help with membership, please contact me.

See you at Haul Out!



WHY NOT TAKE A COURSE THIS WINTER?

by Graham Doughall

The winter is great time to take sailing and boating courses, seminars and presentations. Unfortunately, with the clubhouse closed in the off season, we are unable to host such events during this period. However, many of the other local yacht clubs have such sessions after the New Year and QCYC members are always welcome. I recommend you check their web sites, some of which are listed below:

NYC	www.thenyc.com
ABYC	www.abyc.on.ca

Other organizations holding courses include:

Canadian Power & Sail Squadron	www.cps-ecp.ca
Humber College	www.humber.ca

The winter is also a good time to take a CPR & First Aid course in preparation for the next season. Organizations in the Toronto area that offer these courses in the evening and week-ends include:

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Canadian Red Course	www.redcross.ca

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Entertainment

Veronica James

Hi everyone,

Our 2006 sailing season is far too quickly coming to an end. All of the season's events were well attended. Thank you for supporting your Club.

As I look back over the season there are a couple to things that

really stand out in my mind. The first was waking up at the crack of dawn on the Sunday after Lobsterfest and thinking, Lobster!! There are 36 LIVE LOBSTER left over and how on earth am I going to sell them? I worried and fretted most of the morning away but luck was on our side and we managed to sell them all by 2:00. Phew... you have no idea what a relief that was!

The second thing was Pig Roast and rain, lots and lots of rain. The pigs had to be cooked outside and we knew that dinner for 350 people had to be inside. Yikes! But once again in true Queen City fashion it all worked out just fine. People are still talking to me about the fun they had. Klaus Noack and all of his volunteers, along with Silke and her staff deserve a big round of applause for making this mega event the wonderful success that it was.

Speaking of volunteers, over the course of the season many of you volunteer to help at the events and your help is greatly appreciated. You might want to think about volunteering next year. It's a great way to meet people and also get those "Work Hours" up.

I would like to thank Geoff and Lesley Heathcote along with Sue and Norm for hosting the Karaoke nights. They were so much fun and I hope that they will do the same for us next season.

The Pot Luck dinner is on Saturday October 21st, the second Saturday of Haul Out. See you there!



Treasurer

Tony Araujo

It's hard to believe that another season has almost come to an end. Pretty soon we'll all be back in the yard hauling our boats out of the water in that decidedly old fashioned way. Not very much has changed in the way we haul and launch our boats every year for the last century.

I'm sure that you, like me, don't spend a lot of time discussing budgets around the locker blocks. Budgets are a decidedly unexciting exercise that don't compare well to tall stories about racing exploits or late night revelry. At the end of the day though, we all dig deep and have to pay for the Queen City experience out of our hard earned money. Well considered budgets ensure that our experience remains affordable to you the member.

I remember ten years ago during my first year on the Board as secretary, the then treasurer brought the new board members up to speed on the budgeting process at the Club. I can still remember him explaining that at Queen City, cost control was the key to a successful budget. Only after we had wrung out all of the inefficiencies out of our budget, he explained, could we then consider cost increases to the membership as a measure to balance the budget.

Over the past season I have tried, with varying levels of success, to bring that traditional approach to the budgeting process back into fashion at the Club. There have been some successes. This year for first time in as long as I can remember, we've been able to reduce labour costs in a couple of departments and still obtain as good or better results for you. With the cost of fuel rising rapidly, your Fleet Captain has also been able to reduce the cost of fuel for the tender by purchasing it from the same supplier as the tour boats in the Bay. However, there are other areas where we've made little progress and have in some instances regressed considerably. We can and should do better with less.



We've just come out of a period where membership revenues climbed faster than at any recent time at Queen City. Unfortunately, as I have explained before, many of our controllable costs have risen much, much faster than this spectacular revenue growth. Membership revenue growth has stalled this year but we now have an infrastructure in place that costs considerably more than it did during our last period of low membership numbers. Without membership revenue growth, this infrastructure is not sustainable.

We need to put our heads together to find new ways to provide a Queen City experience that the majority of us can continue to afford. The Queen City membership has plenty of ideas (just take up a tool and start working in the yard, and see how much advice you'll get!). To that end, I'm looking for your help. During the recent "Doing More With Less" town hall meeting, I heard many good ideas about how to get more value for your membership dollar. I want to hear your ideas comments or criticisms and to give you that opportunity, I'll be holding the "Doing More With Less" town hall as often as there is membership interest. Stay tuned to the Flash for the next date to attend.

Commodore continued

tant amendments before the AGM this year.

The restaurant and bar had a successful year and the club is earning a reputation for its cuisine around the lake. There have been successes in other areas such as membership, grounds and planning. I am sure the respective Chairs will report on these.

I close with thanking the entire Board for their tireless efforts in their portfolios and in exercising constraint in their budgeted expenses. Collectively, we watched our expenses and will leave the club in a sound financial position for next year. The year has been rewarding and memorable for me personally.

Communications

Glen Newbury

To paraphrase Robert Faulke, an academic on seafaring culture "what wonder that mariners tended to be reflective when they had to deal with abstract time and celestial space just to find out where they were in the watery world."



Well, now that we have GPS's, knot meters, reliable charts, electric bilge pumps, portable computers, GSM phones and we're not struggling with scurvy or weevils in our biscuits we have time for a lot of other things. We have planning town halls, finance town halls, mooring town halls, board meetings, committee meetings, Clippers and the Flashes.

Now this might seem like I'm leading up to a joke or a criticism but I'm not. As Communications Director I'm trying to figure out why we have so much communication and why do people still spend so much time discussing different issues at the club. Like I mean, it's a club and we love it but it's not children in Darfur or the border between Lebanon and Israel we're talking about, it's a leisure club where we enjoy our summers.

Root Causes

One of the things I thought at the two excellent Town Halls over the weekend is maybe we need to start examining not what are the topics that are causing discussion, but why certain topics cause so much discussion or dissension. I think if we can identify root causes of debate on these topics we can move forward on them better.

An example would be Tony Araujo's finance Town Hall: How to Get More For Less. Tony's basic premise (which he's presented to the board) is that we have had a large increase in Administration and Fleet expenses and it could lead to trouble as we are pricing ourselves closer to several full service clubs and/or if the economy downturns we could be in trouble. Comments made by some people attending the town hall were they see it as inevitable that as the club moves that forward fees will rise and people will want more services. Also they feel that people don't want to work at the club as much. Other people see fees as being too high

and would rather members work to keep fees low or be more efficient on spending.

This is a basic philosophical difference and we can talk until we're blue in the face about how much we're spending on a line item like Administration or Fleet, but until we have a basic agreement about what we want from the club and the club's future, we're bound to debate because we're not talking about the root cause of the disagreement.

The Planning townhall was about the men's washroom. A part of planning is to make sure that current projects are viewed with thought of possible future projects. Something that was discussed is that we may want to develop parts of the ground floor for renting out. This is once again an idea I think will create a lot of conversation because the discussion won't be 'should this wall go here or there', it will be 'is this how we want to fund our club' in the future or more fundamentally 'what kind of club is it?' This is why so much attention to Planning right now is great, because to quote Tony Araujo Saturday "*The Club appears to be undergoing a basic change in philosophy and that change should be discussed with the membership*".

These questions of what kind of club we want, how many and what kind of members we want, how we will fund it, to what degree are we a self-help club and who makes the decisions are all basic issues we should spend some time on. These are all questions club members have been discussing for over a 100 years, but when they're not the foundation of it decision making it can be to our peril.

After IYC had their fire they had several days of mediated workshops trying to figure out what kind of club they want to have...upscale/downscale, more members, dresscodes and many other issues. They did this before the planning process for the rebuild and it help lay the groundwork to lessen dissension and create a more focussed rebuild.

I think unless we discuss and can somewhat agree on root issues about the club we will continue to debate and/or will occasionally paralyze bricks and mortar or finance issues. I think this is part of what has caused the slow down of moorings.

Listening Skills

We also need to learn how to listen to one another. One thing I have personally tried in the last few years is to try seek out the opinion of the person I disagree with most and discuss the issue with them. It doesn't mean I'll agree with them (though that sometimes happens) but it often makes it easier to develop enough respect for them to make it

easier to work with them on other issues.

When listening we also need to actually listen, too often while others are talking we are formulating our response so we can 'win' the argument.

Simple listening skills like these can not only prevent a lot of misunderstandings, they also tend to open the other person up a bit so you can have an actual discussion rather than always being on the defensive or offensive.

If we're not willing to listen to one another on a committee, board position, job, marriage or whatever, particularly at the club where we're here to have fun, or if we're finding ourselves angry all the time or not enjoying what's happening around us, step back a bit and try something else at the club. The club isn't worth having a heart attack about and rather than getting frustrated to the point of quitting, sometimes trying something else will help us have fun at the club again.

Basic Philosophy

Here's something I emailed to the board a while ago:

We need a basic philosophy statement placed in the constitution along the lines of:

- (a) *the club is for enjoyment, association within the sailing community and respect for one another. These three things take priority above all else.*
- (b) *a member in the club in a position of responsibility is to act responsibly while remembering (a).*
- (c) *if at any point a member in position of responsibility cannot perform (b) while remembering (a), then they should pass that responsibility to someone else and find another place within the club to contribute.*

Sexy Ex-Commodores

Lastly, in the spring several of you noticed at Karaoke Night I took off my shirt while dancing to Dwight singing reggae. I apologize as I was pretty unsightly (and drunk) being out of shape. Also I realized if Dwight sang again, I'd have to do the same thing again as Dwight is one sexy beast. So I went and joined a gym and worked out all summer. I hope you appreciated it when I took off my shirt when Dwight sang at fall Karaoke. Thank you.

Summary

Be sure to check out Graham's course directory on page 8! We'll be taking Power Squadrons Weather Course next month so maybe see you there. Thanks to Ken & Lynn, Susan & Leslie, Whit, Elana and all the others that helped on the Clipper this year! Have a great winter!



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House

Pat Whetung

The clubhouse has received her share of the spotlight again this year. With time, the stress and frustrations of reconstruction have faded and your house chair has had time to reflect on a busy productive year. I extend a huge and sincere personal thank you to all members who offered time, physical effort and continued moral and monetary support. This thank you is extended to the board members this year and last year who approved the necessary budgets for all the projects including the Clubhouse Heritage Day.



The Restaurant Committee will be meeting for the last time this year on Thanksgiving weekend. If you have any comments to offer, please forward them to Chair Garry Baker, Marilyn Small, Terry Hofkirchner, Greg Poole, David Stern or myself. All Set Hospitality has 'watered' and fed us well.

Update on Fire Reconstruction

There was a September 22 meeting with our insurance adjuster Ivan and Roger from Belfor Construction. Although our house has been functional and most of the reconstruction has been completed, there remain a few deficiencies. These have been listed and actions have been planned. The largest item is the replacement of the flooring in the service area of the dining room. The blue tile will be replaced with the same material used in the kitchen.

2006 Capital Projects – as were listed on the clubhouse bulletin boards

All Winter Capital (add-ons) approved at the January board meeting totaling just over 92 thousand have been completed

Additional House Capital Projects approved in February for 9 thousand have been completed with the exception of purchase of new balcony furniture.

Repairs and Maintenance To be completed: Kids room carpet cleanup, carpet and ceiling tiles in

snug room, office carpet, and the laundry room floor and walls. Because the wooden walk around the clubhouse required more paint than first estimated, we deferred the cost of refinishing on the balcony railings. We need to complete installation of the flashing for the north deck membrane (under the north facing windows in the dining room).

The women's washroom was refurbished with funds 'outside' the budget. With the savings from the deck membrane project, (thank you Erik Jacobson and crew) together with the considerable effort and donations from Michele Forbes, the project cost the club just over \$6 thousand. (and several hundred member work hours)

Planning

The Planning committee has been working on a Ground Floor plan. The urgency for an overall plan is to allow work to start on the men's washroom this fall. I will be approaching the board for approval of the estimated costs in October. If approved, and if we find enough members to commit hours, the project can begin shortly after haul out. I do not recommend this as a spring project.

The ground floor plans may involve removing and relocating the laundry. Specifically, a laundry area removed from the clubhouse.

It is time for the board to review the club rental rates. I will be proposing an increase for 2007. The rates charged this year were from 2004. The rebuild was the main reason to hold the rates for 2006. The management committee continued to limit the number of weekend events (outside of club events) this year.

Donations and year end.

Elsbeth Fanjoy donated \$3,000 to purchase new trophy case(s). This donation has not been spent. We are waiting for the ground floor plan. Elsbeth is comfortable with this.

Looking forward, we're going over the checklist for winterizing the building and the new systems. Yup, checking it twice and making the necessary arrangements to keep the snug open on weekends during the off-season.

Events

Last Chance Cup/Awards Banquet w/Gist Band	Sept. 30, Sat
AHMEN 5 RC NYC	Oct. 1, Sun.
LORC Third Frostbite	Oct. 7, Sat.
AHMEN 5 RC TS*&CC	Oct. 7, Sat.
Haul-out /Daily flag raising stops/ Octoberfest (All Set - tentative)	Oct. 14, Sat.
Haul-out	Oct. 15, Sun.
Haulout/Pot Luck	Oct. 21, Sat.
Haulout And/or Work Party	Oct. 22, Sun.
Annual General Meeting	Dec. 7, Fri.

Restaurant & Bar FALL HOURS

Sept.24 - End Haulout	
Mon. - Thurs.	Closed
Fri	5-9pm
Sat	9am-9pm
Sun	9am-8pm
Statutory Holidays Same as Sun Hours	

Tender Schedule

All times are departures from City — Pier 6.
Deduct 15 minutes for Club Departures.
Tickets \$6/10 for \$50 @ Office. No one way fares.

LATE FALL OCTOBER 2 - 29TH, 2006							
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Special Events Only						1:15	
*Robbins Freight Runs. Tender Captain reserves right to switch boat.							
** 9:15 last run Sundays for Haulout							