

# GRYC Newsletter and Notes: August 25, 2009

**Elegant Closure:** A little *ex officio* owl on the island told me the other evening that the people responsible for closing up the club at night are doing a great job of improving the dress standards. A new standard has been set by Susan Brown, who was responsible for closing up the club the other night and was spotted wearing an extremely fashionable, black cocktail dress and significantly high heels - without getting them stuck in the cracks between the boards on the stairs. We now expect this example to be followed by other volunteering for such duties, but please remember that male members are not expected to wear the dress - a tuxedo would do just fine, with low platform pumps as optional footwear. Thanks for doing a great job Susan and for remembering that lock-up took priority over other social engagements, but please remember that the heels not be used to increase your grip on the hiking straps on the Lasers.

**For Openers:** Although summer is just beginning (four days without rain and counting) the GRYC is open during the day for your enjoyment and reading pleasure. If you cannot get in, arrangements can be made to get you the keys through Manager Anning. I bet we will have a wonderful autumn, so let's use the club and keep it open as long as the good weather runs out.

## **This Weekend: August 30, 2009:**

The **Morrissett Cup and Jackson Trophy** have been re-scheduled to **this Sunday, August 30th**. As a result, the "Sail & Slice or Hook" event originally planned for this date will be saved for next year.

## **BIG BOAT SAILING PROGRAM**

Please note the following BIG BOAT Program to the end of this season

- Sunday 6th September **Banana Island Raft** up
- Sunday 13th September **Irish Challenge**
- Sunday 27th September or Sunday October 4th (To be decided ) **Roaring Forties** - Sixth and Final Race in the Seres
- Sunday 11th **Le Gel River**

There was no Wakefest GRYC event this year as Bell Canada has yet to move their lines

across the river at Farm Point (Though Hydro Quebec have now complied) We will certainly plan to hold such an event next year once Bell has complied.

### September 7, Monday is a holiday so let's Sail-O-Rama

Book this date for some fun. Details will follow in the next newsletter.

**Sad News:** The annual *Moon Light Madness* will not be held this year. It has been eclipsed by the **Kanata Sailing Club Regatta weekend of September 5 and 6, 2009**. I suspect this is revenge for the loony communications that the club has had to endure this year. It is the only race our communications officer has ever won. Regardless, I am sure the Kanata Club will give GRYC sailors a great welcome when they attend the Regatta, so let's get as many sailors out as we can.

### Commentary (from a sometimes wind surfer)

Stand-up to the weather - or take it lying down

Lots of GRYC members take it sitting-down - in their boats - witness the turn-out at the Invitational Regatta despite the rain, and Sunday racing as well as the presence of sailboats on the River at most times of any day.

But some members stand-up for their sport, even though when the wind is really stiff they seem to be taking-it lying-down.

GRYC has excellent sailboard launching facilities and at various times there have been a number of keen sailboarders - once there was even a trophy for sailboards - but few members are currently out there.

GRYC is not Cape Hatteras or even Britannia Bay, but it is a beautiful venue, often with gently significant winds funneled through the valley. Easy launching makes it possible to respond rapidly to favourable conditions.

Many early sailboards were designed to move competently upwind and these can be used to sail up and down the river and even into the creeks. For those of us who spend too much time sitting, this can be very enjoyable exploitation of our natural surroundings.

Most boards are, however, designed for thrilling reaches. The river at GRYC is just wide enough to allow good flying reaches close to the Club and to provide entertainment for those onshore. All this is good exercise and can

be accomplished in a short outing.

How about standing-up for the enjoyment of our natural resources?- Malcolm McHattie

**Boats needed:**

Does anyone know of available Lasers or Sandpipers that might be available for sale to club members. If so, please contact the communications e-mail and the information will be forwarded to interested buyers.

Happy Sailing!