

The Masthead



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NEW SEASON IS UNDERWAY!

The new season is launched and a few of us have already had our first sail in brisk May winds. Boats are going in almost daily - how about yours?

You will be pleased to learn that all committees have been rounded out, with George Beers taking on the job of producing our bulletin. George is an experienced editor, having been responsible for the production of the "Scout Leader" and later founded and edited "Canadian Boy", both of which are periodicals published by Boy Scouts of Canada. George will have a "Cub Reporter" to help him, Claire Ryan who will be only too glad to receive a phone call with a hot tip - try her (827-2242). We also welcome Lawrence Marlott as the new Chairman of the Social Committee. I do wish to thank all those members who "volunteered" for committee work.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the new season's schedule, assembled with much blood, sweat and tears. Pin it up on your wall or family bulletin board.

We are very pleased that John Jeffery has come back to work for us as Watch Officer. John's main job will be to see that everything is shipshape and Bristol fashion. If you see him with paint brush or saw in hand give him a cheery word. We are also delighted that Niki de Villiers has agreed to run our canteen for us. Stay out of that hot kitchen this summer and plan to give your patronage to Niki - both

of you will then be happy. By the way, it is expected that we'll be putting in a sort of credit card system this year. On the purchase of a credit card you will have established a credit at the canteen against which you can draw until the amount is used up.

By the time you read this, the old porch at the north-east corner of the clubhouse will have been turned into an office. This will give a place for the Race Committee to work out race results, keep their gear and also be a business office where the Club's paper work can be done.

As this is being written the Quebec Hydro has recently and drastically lowered the water level which has, of course, taken down our boom, with tons and tons of ice attached to it. What will be the damage, if any, time alone will tell. Its an ill wind-or-tide, learning of our possible distress the Ottawa-New Edinburgh Club most generously offered their facilities, in case of need. Truly a magnificent gesture.

As a final word to those holding trophies, please return these to the Club on or around May 1. Thanks.

Fair Winds!

Pat Evans,
Commodore.

CONGRATULATIONS SKIING-SAILORS!

Three young ladies, members of the G.R.Y.C. were on the winning team from Champlain High School who won the Ontario High School Ski Championships at Camp Fortune this winter. Our congratulations to Lynn Omholt-Jensen, Nina and Anne Sparks. Lynn is also the current women's cross-country skiing champion.

Our Rear-Commodore, Colin Ramplee-Smith was the organizer of the Canadian Marathon Ski Tour which held a two day, 100 mile cross-country ski tour in March. Colin and several other G.R.Y.C. members took part in this "skiing for dollars" operation to raise funds for the Children's Hospital Building Fund. Colin reports that over 400 ski enthusiasts, all sponsored by supporters of the Hospital Fund, raised over \$1,000.00 for this important project, and had great fun in the process.

It was a wonderful winter for skiing and many members of the club were seen on all local slopes and trails throughout the winter.

NEW MEMBERS

A special welcome to three new members of the Club:

Ann CHUDLEIGH
Brian RUST
Mary Kate RATHBURN

FEES

All members are reminded that payment of fees for the new season are now overdue. Please rush them along to Pierre Bernier.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

The committee dealing with Junior Activities would appreciate advice from the young people of the club. In particular, those in the age bracket 14-18 are encouraged to phone or write a brief note about what you would like to have this committee consider. Please contact

Mrs. Dorcas de Villiers
505 Kenwood Ave.,
Phone - 725-1589

Those interested in a program for 6 to 10 year old members, please call Clair Ryan at 827-2242; and for 11-13 year old members, Norma Beers at 722-3746.

PHONE TODAY!

THE CANTEEN

You will all no doubt recall that, last year, the operation of the canteen turned out to be a rather hazardous affair dependant on the goodwill of a gallant group of volunteers. This coming season we have made somewhat better arrangements in that the Directors have engaged Niki de Villiers to operate the canteen on week-ends from May 17th (long weekend) to Labour Day between the hours of 12 noon and 6 p.m. She will be completely in charge of the canteen area and responsible for all operations and transactions therein. The Social Committee is arranging to buy the food in bulk which will be passed to Niki for processing and sale.

We are planning to have food tickets for \$5.00 which members may buy as a credit account and then purchase food against the ticket to its face value. These tickets will be kept in the canteen and again, Niki will be responsible for debiting purchases and their safekeeping.

If you have any particular ideas on what food the canteen should stock and serve, please drop either Niki de Villiers or Colin Ramplee-Smith a note c/o GRYC.

AN INVITATION

WHAT : The Ottawa Yachtsmen's Spring Dance
WHEN : May 30, 1969; 8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. (2030-0100)
WHERE : Britannia Yacht Club
HOW MUCH : \$3.00 per person

This event was such a success last year that we are going to do it once more with same RCAF band that everyone enjoyed so much before. There will be a smorgasbord supper and during the evening there will be several spot prize dances.

Come along and have a pre-season reunion with old friends and meet new ones.

P.S. The GRYC and the RCNSA have taken on the job of decorating the BYC before the dance and (ugh!) cleaning up the next day (no food or bar leftovers). If anyone wishes to help on this project, please call Colin Ramplee-Smith at 827-2855.

MESSAGE FROM THE FLEET CAPTAIN

The Fleet Captain's main concern throughout the sailing season, is, of course, sailing in all its forms - but most particularly racing. Most Fleet Captains tend to try to persuade all members that racing is the be-all of a Yacht Club. This is not so at the G.R.Y.C. but that still does not prevent the Fleet Captain from trying his best to get you and your boat or you and someone else's boat to the starting line as many times as possible during the season.

This is one of those attempts!

The Regular Series Races are the heart of any Yacht Club and participation in them is somewhat a measure of the health of the Regular Series Races were well attended on the water. (More than 12 starters). At the end of one of the races a surprised voice was heard "But I didn't come last!" There is a sailing maxim "The more boats - the more fun." This is very true for Handicap Racing. You may surprise yourself!

Last season the average number of boats racing in a Regular Series Race was 9.4, an increase of 1.3 boats over the previous season. The Sailing Committee would like to see this average over 12 this year!

Series Racing has 4 major functions:-

1. To give the maximum number of club sailors the maximum amount of competitive fun during the season.
2. To give the experienced sailor a chance to compete.
3. Racing is probably one of the fastest and best teachers that an inexperienced, but keen, helm and crew can find. They can both watch others and learn while participating.

4. To improve the general standard of sailing in the Club.

Most experienced skippers are only too willing to help and give advice and in many cases take you out with them for a race.

The secret of winning a series Trophy is not winning a few races, but to sail in as many races as possible.

Last season club entries were very disappointing in our open Regattas. It is a great shame, when both the fleets of visiting clubs, different classes, mind you outnumber our major class - especially when you consider that they have to trail up to the club.

June 1st - Albacore Open.

June 21st, 22nd - C.J.O.H. Regatta,
Club open to visitors.

July 5th, 6th - G.R.Y.C. invitational.

September 7th - Thompson Trophy -
Open.

Please note these dates. Visitors will be at the club. We are on show! The quality of racing we offer is somewhat dependent on the weather and the number of boats sailing. The weather we can do very little about - but we can improve the number of boats with a little determination and a little organization. Let's try anyway!

Good luck to the new boats and just as much luck to the older ones.

Sandy Harvey

FOR SALE - Call Barry Jeffrey - 729-7345

Sailboat - Pram 8 Ft., good condition	-	\$45.00
Rowboat - good condition	-	\$25.00
Two small outboard engines	-	\$15.00 each

G.R.Y.C. SAILING SCHEDULE - 1969 SEASON

All briefings for Club Races are at 1:30 p.m. except where noted.

All briefings for Evening Series are at 6:45 p.m. except where noted.

Most Series Races will be followed by a Fun Race etc.

May 11th 1st Spring Frostbite
(Commodore's opener)
17th 2nd Spring Frostbite
18th 3rd " "
19th 4th " "
24th 5th " "
25th 6th " "
30th Ottawa Yachtsman's Dance
Britannia
31st 7th Spring Frostbite

June 1st Albacore open. Briefing 10:30 a.m.
7th Regular Series A1.
8th R.S. A2.
11th Evening Series 1
14th R.S. A3
15th R.S. A4
18th E.S. 2
21st C.J.O.H. Regatta. Briefing 1:00pm
22nd " " " 11:00am
Open Regatta
Directors Reception
25th E.S. 3
28th R.S. A5. Briefing 1:00 p.m.
Commodores Sailpast at 2:30 p.m.
29th Carling Trophy. Briefing 11:00 am
Long Race up river.

July 2nd E.S. 4
5th G.R.Y.C. Invitational. Briefing
10:30 am
6th G.R.Y.C. Invitational. Briefing
10:30 am
Party
9th E.S. 5
12th R.S. A6 National Capital Regatta
13th R.S. A7 Britannia
16th E.S. 6
19th R.S. B1 New Edinburgh Open
20th R.S. B2 " " "
23rd E.S. 7
26th Evans Shield. Briefing 1:00 P.M.
R.S. B3
27th R.S. B4
30th E.S. 8

August 2nd R.S. B5
3rd Morisset Trophy (at least two
races) Briefing 11:00 A.M.
4th
6th E.S. 9
9th R.S. B6
10th R.S. B7
13th E.S. 10
16th R.S. C1 Theme Party
17th MacIntyre Shield. Briefing 11:00
a.m. (3 races)
20th E.S. 11
23rd R.S. C2
24th R.S. C3
27th E.S. 12
30th R.S. C4
31st Crewman's Race. Briefing 1:00
P.M. R.S. C5.

September 1st Birthday Party.
(Don Rantz Challenge Trophy -
Dows Lake)
6th R.S. C6.
7th Thompson Trophy - Open
Albacores. Young Tray -
Closed. F.D's; F.J's; Y's;
4 Races - Briefing 10:00 am
13th R.S. C7. (Commodores Cup)
14th Fall Frostbite 1.
20th " " 2.
21st " " 3.
27th " " 4.
28th " " 5.
October 4th " " 6.
5th " " 7.
13th Clean up. Prize giving.

TO BE ANNOUNCED - Evening Cruise