

The Masthead



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MANY REGATTAS SCHEDULED IN JULY

A look at our own sailing schedule for the 1969 season, and the various other notices from other clubs and sailing organizations posted on our notice board, will quickly show that July is a great month for testing your sailing skills against a variety of boats and crews in our own and other clubs.

Weekend just passed saw a variety of boats from different clubs racing at the G.R.Y.C. Invitational Regatta. On July 12 and 13 the National Capital Regatta will be held at the Britannia Club. July 19 and 20 the Ottawa New Edinburgh Open will, we hope, be challenged by many of our sailors. On July 26th the girls will be racing for the Evans Shield - etc. etc.

Other clubs in the immediate area have always supported our Regattas by trailing their boats in. The Commodore and his Directors are most anxious to encourage all of our club members to take advantage of opportunities to support regattas staged by other clubs and while there, invite their sailors to join us on any weekend.

Finally, a word about our regular series races and the evening series which started on June 11. To quote the Fleet Captain, "The regular series races are the heart of any yacht club." Your editor was up for Evening Series No. 4 on July 2nd and there were only six boats out. The showing at the regular series races has also been somewhat disappointing - so we offer you this little Irish Rhyme -

Come in the evening, come in the morning,
Come when expected, come without warning,
Thousands of welcomes you'll find here
before you,
And the oftener you come, the more we'll
adore you.

Commodore's Ball

Colin and Doreen Ramplee-Smith represented our Commodore at the Commodore's Ball, held this year at the Britannia Club on June 14th.

Doreen reports that it was a gala black tie affair with an exciting punch bowl keeping everyone very happy. Representatives of all regional clubs were there and the Ramplee-Smiths met many sailing and skiing friends at the party.

National Capital Regatta - July 12th

Have you made plans to show the G.R.Y.C. pennant - on your boat - at the National Capital Regatta? If not, may we suggest you talk it over with Sandy or Connula Wood and see if our Club can bring home the trophy this year.

THEME PARTY

The Chairman of the Social Committee reports that plans are already moving along for the Annual Theme Party. This bang-up affair is planned for AUGUST 16th - and the theme this year is

F L O W E R P O W E R



Start planning your costume now and if you have any ideas for the party - programme, etc., do call Larry Marlott at 827-2227.



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T H E C O M M O D O R E ' S S I G N A L

A number of things to tell you about this month:

Saw Betty and Fraser Fraser-Harris a while back, up from Grenada to pick up son Bill from Sedberg School. All three are doing well - Fraser and Betty are holiday chartering in their own vessel around Grenada and the Grenadines - anyone want a Caribbean holiday?

We are glad to have various members of the Fell family back with us again.

The Club's telephone number is not listed in the directory - here 'tis 827-9026.

Circle these dates on your calendar - July 12 & 13 National Capital Regatta, at Britannia (applications in our clubhouse office) - July 19 & 20 Open Regatta at the Ottawa New Edinburgh Club; we're cordially invited.

Plans are in hand for a combined "thing" with our golfer friends at Larrimac. The idea is for a party of sailors to be paired off with the golfers. Each pair would play golf in the morning and in the afternoon the same pair would sail together. Details are being worked out now, but by the look of the two club's calendar of events, it looks as if early August or some time in September would be the most convenient.

Anne & Connla Wood took their new boat to compete in the Upper Canada Regatta sponsored by the Stormont Yacht Club. They were much impressed with the hospitality shown to them. Stormont sails G.P. 14's but were interested in the Albacore of the Woods.

Rear-Commodore Colin Ramplee-Smith and wife Doreen stood in for me at the Commodore's Ball at Britannia. They met several old friends and made several new ones.

We had planned to put a new deck on the south half of the walkway boom this summer. We also figured on inserting flotation under the boom too. The latter job was undertaken by Don Earl and the Harbour Committee - Rod Spark's inserting device was a terrific idea and made the task so much easier. As for the deck, a quotation of \$737.00 gave us pause - the budget just wouldn't stand it.

I note that the Evans Shield is slated for July 26. This is the trophy for the ladies to compete for in sailing - so girls get some practice in before your day comes up - mark it on your calendar.

Treasurer Pierre Bernier looks worriedly at his budget now-a-days - our revenue is down because some members have yet to pay their annual fees. If this concerns you, please get your cheques in pronto - Thanks.

Too bad, not enough tickets were sold for the Ottawa Area Yachtsmen's Ball so it was cancelled. We'll try again next year.

Welcome from all of us to new members - Mr. & Mrs. Nigel Denyer (who bought the Omholt-Jensens' 420) and Mr. & Mrs. A.W. Harley (who bought an International 14).

We now have a set of shuffleboard for use on the main deck outside the clubhouse, donated by a member. Come out and try a game or two. How about cards on the deck? Or how about bringing your favourite game and introducing it - horseshoes, quoits, tetherball, badminton?

Fair winds,

Your Commodore,

Pat Evans.

L O O K I N G F O R A J O B ?

Have you seen the new JOBS TO BE DONE board in the Clubhouse?

Our congratulations to the Commodore for the design, lettering, etc.

Also a dip of the sail to the many people who have responded to jobs to be done.

One of the first was Huguette Bernier who was to be seen busily planting flowers about the Clubhouse just before the Director's Reception.

DIRECTOR'S RECEPTION

On behalf of all members of the club and their guests, THE MASTHEAD extends a sincere vote of thanks to the Commodore and Director's for a very pleasant week-end of sailing, a very enjoyable reception and party and an all-round good time. Fleet Captain Sandy Harvey kindly arranged good weather; Conna and Anne Wood, Francis Leeney and John Davies, and Phil and Susan Thompson placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively in the races; Colin and Doreen Ramplee-Smith and group provided a great bar, several guests and potential members were up both days; Mr. E. Busnell presented the C.J.O.H. Trophy on Sunday with regrets that there is, at the moment, no dingy sailors at C.J.O.H. and thus, no competitors for the trophy this year.

ACTIVITIES FOR JUNIORS

A couple of young fellows cornered your editor on the island recently and asked a whole flock of questions that can generally be boiled down to two -

1. May we -----?
2. Is there a junior program outline for the Club?

So I quickly phoned Phil Thompson, as I suggest you may wish to - 836-1383 - and this is

what he told me.

So far, he and his committee have heard of a few things people don't want but little of what they do want or if they are willing to help. Accordingly to get things on a more positive plane, Phil has called a meeting in the clubhouse for noon on SATURDAY, JULY 5th for anyone interested in a Junior Program.

In addition, he is proposing to run a one week - five day Youth Camp on the island from July 14th - 18th inclusive. He would like to hear from anyone interested with ideas on activities for this week - i.e. sailing, racing, swimming, other sports - and how these might be organized and run.

Sure, we are all very busy, but too busy to call, write or talk to Phil, Clare Ryan, Norma Beers or Dorcas de Villiers about what we think?

Phil also adds that perhaps the members - and the young people - just don't want anything of an organized nature or are not prepared to help it run. If so, say so and that would help or the program planners must assume this answer and report accordingly to the Commodore.

The two young men I talked to just want to learn to sail, get into a boat or boats and swim - and, of course, eat!

