

The Masthead



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DIRECTORS RECEPTION

JUNE - 21 ST.

June is the month of the Director's Reception. We regret that an error in the last issue of the MASTHEAD showed this scheduled for Sunday, June 22nd.

The reception is on Saturday, June 21st.

What is the purpose of this Director's Reception? It is a special invitation to all Club Members to renew acquaintances, meet other members of the club, and to help us all welcome guests and new members to our beautiful island. This is one of the "special" times to introduce possible new members to the club and all of us with boats will be happy to co-operate in providing a sailing experience (weather permitting)

if anyone wishes to get the "feel". For others, who may not wish to sail or may be prevented from doing so by advanced age or for other cause, the club launch will be handy and other power boats may be available for short spins on the river.

The C.J.O.H. Regatta will provide a racing show for visitors.

Refreshments will be served and there will be a bar open for this occasion.

Let's all show our Directors, who work very hard for us, that we are behind them by turning up in force for this event and by bringing many guests and friends up for a wonderful day!

JUNE IS AN EXCITING MONTH AT OUR CLUB

PLAN NOW TO TAKE PART IN AS MANY OF THE ACTIVITIES AS POSSIBLE

June 7th - Regular Series Races begin

June 11th- Evening Series Races begin - briefing at 6:45 p.m.

June 21st- C.J.O.H. Regatta and Director's Reception (see above)

June 28th- Commodore's Sailpast at 2:30 p.m.

June 29th- Carling Trophy - briefing at 11:00 a.m. -
Long race up river

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

Dear Friends:

The time has come, the walrus said, to
talk of many things -
of shoes - and ships and sealing wax -
of cabbages and kings.

THE BOOM....many of you will know by now
that the boom walkway did not suffer too
much damage after all, when the level of
water was once more restored. The Property
Committee, under Chairman Don Earl, soon
had us walking dryshod over to the island.
Don and his gang are doing something about
flotation and renewing some of the old
decking.

CANTEEN....a reminder about the new approach
this year - the Club will operate the canteen
rather than letting out the concession.
Niki de Villiers is running the operation
on our behalf. Another new look is the
institution of the Canteen Ticket. These
may be purchased in advance and handed to
the members of your family. The purchase
of each item will be punched out until the
ticket is used up. This will save bringing
money to the island and will be a convenience
if attired in swimming togs. Unused
portions of tickets will be refunded at the
season's end. By the way, cash will still
be acceptable at the counter - no credit,
though.

MILES FOR MILLIONS....it was gratifying to
learn that so many of G.R.Y.C.'s members,
especially our Juniors, took part in the
MILES FOR MILLIONS walk. Congratulations
to both marchers and sponsors.

GOLFERS-SAILORS....throughout the winter
from time to time, a get-together of golfers
from Larrimac and sailors from G.R.Y.C.

was mooted for the 1969 season. The idea
is for some dozen or so golfers to come to
the Yacht Club for an afternoon of sailing
as crew members. The following day, or the
following week, the sailors would go to
Larrimac for a spot of golf. Sounds like
fun - if interested, see Fleet Captain
Sandy Harvey.

NEW MEMBERS....the Club still has room for
new members. Bring your friends to see
what goes on and what facilities we have.
Some of them may like what they see enough
to come and join us.

DOGS....dogs are welcome on the island only
if they are under the control of a fairly
short leash. We had our difficulties last
summer so request that this stipulation be
adhered to. We don't want to be forced into
the position of forbidding dogs.

LOCKERS....these are available in both
changing huts, at no cost. Claim one and
put a padlock on it. Your name, printed
on masking or adhesive tape, fastened on
the door will identify it. FIRST COME,
FIRST SERVED.

CLUB BURGEES....wear a Club Bourgee on
your boat, or buy one for your den. See
the Club Secretary.

SHUFFLEBOARD....new cues and discs have been
presented to G.R.Y.C. The court is painted
on a length of linoleum which can be laid
flat on the new deck. Have fun!

FLOWERS AND SHRUBS....any members who are
fond of gardening and who would like to
help beautify (still further) our island
retreat? Flower boxes are available and
bare spots could be turned into a garden
paradise. Who's got a Green Thumb?

W H Y N O T ?

INVITE a junior member to crew sometime this month.

Challenge another boat to a race up to the entrance to Blackburn Creek -
on jib only.

Offer your services and ideas to the Directors.

Encourage everyone to help keep our island free of litter - there are
plenty of garbage cans.

IT'S OUR CLUB

One of the many charms of our Club has been the informal but very willing way so many members have tackled numerous jobs in the building and maintenance of the club. Untold hours and dollars have been contributed toward dressing up the clubhouse, providing other sports facilities, repairing booms, fixing paths, etc., etc. Older members will recall the posting, in the clubhouse, of a list of jobs to be done with the invitation to members to pick one, say so to a member of the Executive, then go ahead and get it done. It is great fun and seldom costs very much. Not everything can be done this way, of course, as some projects require too much material cost, but if you have an idea on which your willing to help, do talk it over with Pat Evans, Connala Wood or Colin Ramplee-Smith. If you can't find them, write a short note to one of them and pin it on the notice board.

For example right now we need a volunteer to paint a shuffle board on the deck; swing - teeter totter - steel frame available on island - needs swing and teeter-totter or two swings - painting - installation for non-tip-over; horseshoes - supply of suitable horseshoes, stakes, etc., and install; bridge at mid-boom - paint job required - green paint available on island; framework to hold lifebuoy - (see Fleet Captain) constructed, painted and installed; deck chairs - check deck chairs (white chairs on deck) - job for carpentry-minded member, to repair or replace broken or rotted pieces - John Jeffery (our maintenance man) can paint ; window boxes - locate, repair, and install old window boxes - or construct new ones, paint and plant flowers; railing - front door clubhouse - construct and install stanchion and rope rail, as designed by Ed Quipp, on each side of short ramp to front door of Clubhouse; verandah ceiling (over telephone) - apply wallboard to ceiling to cover unsightly mess - two or three 4' x 8' available in Men's Changing Room (behind lockers); barbecue pit - construct proper fireplace or fire pit in place of circle of stones, perhaps a turnspit could be incorporated; railing - construct small railing at entrance to island, embodying perhaps the GRYC Board already on island paint white, (See Commodore Pat Evans).

OVER AND IN

Its very early in the season and the water is really cool. Despite that a few of our sailors have decided to test the water by tipping their boats. Pierre Bernier sailing with John Young, Frances Leeney and Nolly de Villiers were the brave souls. Phil Thompson has been in but his dip doesn't count - he was just testing skin diving gear.

PHOTOS NEEDED

There is a need for good, clear black and white prints of pictures of the island, clubhouse, racing, etc., for possible use in the MASTHEAD. Anyone who has a picture to loan the editor, please send it along to George Beers at 956 Muskoka Avenue, Ottawa 13, or leave in an addressed envelope pinned to the notice board.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR CANTEEN CARD

Our canteen is in full swing and the charming young lady in charge is most anxious to have your custom. We all like to have the canteen available and to make sure Niki de Villiers is able to provide service and variety, let's buy a Canteen Credit Card for \$5.00 on the next visit to the club.

The canteen is open every weekend from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

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R A C E R E S U L T S

The following is a summary of the Frostbite series to date. The final race in this series was sailed on May 31st.

SUNDAY, May 18 - Windy-cool-threats of rain
Six boats.

Frostbite No. 1 results:

1st - Connla Wood; 2nd - Sandy Harvey
3rd - Pat Evans

Connla Wood thus wins the Commodore's "Opener".

A second race followed, in the Frostbite Series (one that was postponed from previous weekend because of rain and cold).

Frostbite No. 2 results:

1st - Connla Wood; 2nd - Sandy Harvey
3rd - Jim Patterson

MONDAY, MAY 19 - Dull - cool. Four boats

Frostbite No. 3 results:

1st - Brian Rust; 2nd - Pat Evans
3rd - Nolly de Villiers

Frostbite No. 4 results:

1st - Brian Rust; 2nd - Pat Evans
3rd - Nolly de Villiers

SATURDAY, May 24 - Sunny-cool-strong puffy winds. Six boats

Frostbite No. 5 results:

1st - Nolly de Villiers; 2nd - Hans Rainer;
3rd - Sandy Harvey

SUNDAY, May 25 - Bright and sunny - cool - strong steady winds.
Seven boats.

Frostbite No. 6 results:

1st - Sandy Harvey; 2nd - Connla Wood;
3rd - Pat Evans

SATURDAY, May 31 - Bright and Sunny, warm moderate winds. 5 boats.

Frostbite No. 7 results:

1st - Nolly de Villiers; 2nd - Connla Wood
3rd - John Young

FINAL STANDING IN FROSTBITE SERIES

Brian Rust - 27 3/4
Nolly de Villiers - 21 1/2
Pat Evans - 21

ALBACORE OPEN - June 1st - Dull - winds strong and steady, morning light to moderate in afternoon with some drifting

1st - Connla Wood; 2nd - Sandy Harvey
3rd - Pierre Bernier
