

# The Masthead



## SEASON DRAWS TO CLOSE

After a glorious summer of sailing, swimming, formal and informal social events, and a host of other activities, we are into the last stages of the current season. There is still the Fall Frostbite series of races which started on September 14th and finish October 5th. For a few there may still be swimming with the water still warm and the promise of at least a few warm fall days ahead.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find reports of the various trophy races, regattas, etc.

On behalf of the Sailing Committee we urge all members to give their support to the end-of-season races. The winds during the fall usually promise exciting sailing and, of course, the fall beauty of the Gatineau River is outstanding. It is difficult to imagine anything more pleasing than sailing up and down "our river" on a balmy fall day amid the riot of colour and with a fresh cool breeze to power the sails and blow away all cobwebs. Its enough to stir the imaginative and creative in just about anyone, and its all yours - all free.

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### CLEAN-UP DAY, October 13, Thanksgiving

This year, we have decided to revert, partially to the old order and to split the Clean-up and Prize-giving functions.

However, the clean-up operation will be followed by a simple but satisfying turkey "high lunch" for those who helped. During the next few weeks, we intend to phone all members to obtain a fairly definite listing of all those who are willing to help in the clean-up. In this way we will be able to cater with considerably more accuracy than hitherto and to simplify the job of those organizing both the meal and the clean-up.

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### PRIZE GIVING, Friday, October 24

This will be held in the "Crow's Nest" of HMCS Bytown on Lisgar Street at 7:30 for 8 o'clock. The cost will be \$3.50 per person and the dinner will be one of Bytown's famous buffets.

This promises to be a fine party to round out the season and numbers are limited. So mail or give your money to Colin Ramplee-Smith, R.R. 2, Mountain Road, Lucerne, P.Q. or any other of the Club Directors.

Get organized now and avoid disappointment. In order to give members a fighting chance, we are restricting bookings to members only until October 15th; after this we will accept bookings for guests up to the limit of accommodation.

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

Hi Shipmates:

It's difficult to realize as I write this in mid-August that this issue of "Masthead" won't be in your hands until September, when the season will be rapidly drawing to a close. In many ways it has been a good season, with very little of the sailing program being washed out because of inclement weather. The social events have each in turn proved successful, although participation by members might have been greater.

It is always a challenge for a new chairman to take over at mid-season and to carry on a program started by a predecessor. The Club has been particularly fortunate that John Davies stepped in to fill the shoes of Sandy Harvey, as Fleet Captain and Chairman of the Sailing Committee. Big congenial John has performed very capably and has somehow managed to keep all the sailors happy.

We had to accept with regret the resignation of Larry Marlatt as Chairman of the Social Committee who made a very creditable effort for the first half of the season. Pinch-hitting for the balance of the summer we were glad to welcome Anne Chudleigh, to whom we owe a great deal of thanks.

Then again, the services of the Chairman of the Junior Activities Committee, Phil Thompson, were claimed by his employer, Ottawa University. Whilst Phil didn't actually resign he had to curtail somewhat his plans for the juniors. The junior program was carried on due to Claire and Tom Ryan, along with some of the parents to whom much is owed.

I feel that the efforts of some of our members should be published, even if, as I know I shall, inevitably miss one or two. To the latter, I offer a big fat apology and the sincerest thanks of your fellow members. Your contribution has not gone unmarked - For better or for worse here we go:

A shower of silver dollars to Hans Rainer who filled in for John Davies during the latter's holiday -- to Al Wilson who acted for Hans during his

absence -- to Barry Jeffery and family who loaned their boat to the Club, replacing the barge which became unserviceable -- to Barrie and boys again for substantial repairs to the boom walkway -- to the Intermediates who accomplished what their elders shirked, by launching and positioning the swimming raft -- to Doug Patterson who manned the crash boat and cheerfully placed and took in the racing marks as he was bid by the Fleet Captain -- to those out at the lighthouse who hoisted signals, rang bells, sounded hooters, kept score, got the racers on their way and waited for their return -- to the Harleys who painted our garbage cans -- to Don Earl, Rod Sparks and company who inserted floatation under our boom -- to Terry Winfield who looked after the supplies in the First Aid Kit -- to Bert Dollin and son who made boom repairs -- to my fellow directors who have performed the functions of their offices without stint.

One cannot let pass the contributions of two of our members, who although they received remuneration in the form of salary, each deserves an "honourable mention" -- Niki, who so graciously filled our "inner men" with goodies. Niki's smiling face behind the counter acted as a welcoming beacon to the tired sailor who was either frozen and needed a warming drink, or was baked to a crisp and begging for a cooling one -- to John, who patiently plodded day by day through a never-ending list of things "to be seen to". Although much of John's work was obvious to the eye, there were a multitude of services he carried out "behind the scenes"-- to both, a thousand thanks.

I must call your attention to: -- the Gatineau Boom Company who placed two booms to keep out logs from the swimming area -- our warmest appreciation. -- The small committee of John Davies, Brian Rust and Jim Patterson, which is looking for the most spectacular event or happening of the season in order to award the "Hansum Transom" ... can you help them? -- the work of the Nominating Committee, under the Chairmanship of Barrie Jeffery. They'll be looking for potential directors to be elected at the 1969 Annual Meeting .. please co-operate if asked.

Finally, remember the CLEAN-UP-TURKEY-DINNER PARTY on Thanksgiving. There's usually a wonderful turn-out for this final social of the season and everybody has fun, besides doing a smidgeon of work --

Your Commodore,  
Pat Evans.

## G.Y.R.C. INVITATIONAL REGATTA

The week-end of July 5 - 6 was set aside this year for our Invitational Regatta. Thirty-one boats sailed in five races over the week-end with a variety of winds including one dandy that knocked down twenty-three boats shortly after they left harbour. The overall winners were Trevor Klotz and John Ball of the Britannia Club sailing a large catamaran. Bob Medaglia and Don Fraser, of the Canadian Forces Sailing Association, won the 420 Class; Sandy Haggert and Ross Misener of the R.A.Y.C. won the Flying Junior Class; Anne and Connla Wood of G.Y.R.C. won the Albacore Class. Boats from Britannia, C.F.S.A., Ottawa-New Edinburgh, Pointe Claire Y.C. and, of course, G.Y.R.C. took part in the regatta.

## EVANS SHIELD

This special race for ladies was sailed on July 26th with very light winds. The race was sailed in Prams and our congratulations to Anne Wood who placed first and to Doreen Ramplee-Smith, second and Lynn Grant, third.

## MORISSET TROPHY

There were a series of three races on August 3rd for this trophy for single-handed sailing. It was a beautiful sunny day with moderate winds. Dunn Best and Connla Wood tied for first and Pat Evans and Dave McQueen tied for third.

## MacINTYRE SHIELD

The competition for this shield was keen with nineteen boats entered in one long race up river on August 17th. It was a warm and humid day with fair to good winds. The winners were Gordon and Margaret Grant with Roy Jeffrey second and Colin Ramplee-Smith, third.

## CREWMANS RACE

Unfortunately we must report that there was no competition for this award this year.

## DIRECTOR'S TROPHY

The competition for this important trophy takes place throughout the season and is referred to as the Evening Series

of races. The series started on June 11th and ended with the race on Wednesday evening, August 27th. When the computers had cooled and all posted the winner was Commodore P.M.O. Evans. The points for others who supported this series are posted on the notice board in the clubhouse.

## THOMPSON TROPHY - ALBACORES

This competition was declared open to all Albacores in the Ottawa area this year. On September 7th eleven boats entered three races under overcast skies and brisk winds. The winners were, Don Wilson, first; Connla Wood, second; Phil Thompson, third. There were three boats from Britannia who joined our own Albacore enthusiasts.

## YOUNG TRAY

An eerie mist lay gently over the river almost unmoved despite brisk winds as the two powerful Flying Dutchmen moved swiftly out to engage one Flying Junior. This event, held on September 7th, is for F.D.'s, F.J.'s, and Y's. Hans Rainer crossed the finish line first, followed closely by John Young and about five minutes later by George and Arthur Beers in F.J. 204.

## SNAVE TROPHY

The winner this year of the Trophy for best all-round Junior in the Club is Douglas Patterson.

## JUNIOR SAILING SHIELD

This event is open to all Club Juniors 13 years old and up. On August 20th there were three races sailed in Albacores in moderate winds. Congratulations to the winners, Don Wilson, first; Ross Laycraft, second; Robert McQueen, third.

## AINLEY AND TED JACKSON TROPHY

This junior event is for the under 13 year old members. One race was sailed on August 23rd in Prams and the winner was Brian Jeffery.

## JUNIOR SAILORS

Congratulations to our Juniors who reached the Semi-Finals during local Junior competition at Britannia sailing in Cadets. As a result of these races, Ross Laycraft and Bob McQueen, and Jim Patterson and Charles

Gachnang went on to the Ontario-Quebec competition held at the Royal St. Lawrence Y.C. in Montreal. Sailing in Mount Royals (approximately 18 ft. - modification of a Y Flyer), our young men just missed qualifying for the Canadian finals in New Brunswick. Ross and Bob placed 4th and Jim and Charles 6th in the races in Montreal.

#### WE'RE 7 YEARS OLD

The Birthday Party on September 1st had a small turnout of juniors for the afternoon cake and ice cream party and a small group of adults for an evening party. An attempt was made to hold a junior fun race in Prams, but only three boats were serviceable - the masts and booms of the other five are in pretty desperate shape. In fact, all of the gear for the juniors needs a careful review and overhaul.

#### "HIT AND BLOW"

The combined "do" of the Larrimac Golf Club and the Gatineau River Yacht Club was the first venture of its kind. The seed of the idea was implanted during waiting spells between games of badminton last winter, in that period of the year when sailors and golfers alike take up other occupations whilst waiting for the summer to once more roll around. The plant finally bore fruit on Saturday, August 9th.

At the unheard of hour of 9:30 on the Saturday morning about 25 G.R.Y.C. sailors, still wiping the sleep from their eyes, appeared at Larrimac prepared to do or die. Setting off in foursomes, armed with fearsome weapons to attack those little white spheres, the players were soon scattered around the scenery - and then the rains came, and came and came. Whilst some sought shelter in the nearby clubhouse, other - brave souls or witless - continued on their merry way. One sailor, who shall be nameless, but who can readily be recognized by his hirsute chin, was observed hacking his way into the ground, reminiscent of digging a WWII foxhole - whether to himself escape in it, or whether he thought the point of the game was to sink the ball out of sight on the tee, will forever remain a mystery.

By noon the rains had ceased and the

warming sun appeared once more. Players still on the course headed by devious routes to that haven, the clubhouse, where a most delicious meal of cold meat slices and salads was served. Time slipped by, until the sailors decided to hurry back to their boats to bail and then rig in preparation for their guests.

Skippers were paired off with golfers, who in twos and threes were to act as crews for a couple of impromptu races. In spite of threatening rain again our golfing friends appeared to enjoy the experience, as they bounced over the waves endeavouring to appear nonchalant and unafraid.

Returning to harbour, boats were soon unrigged and the members of the two neighbouring clubs mingled in the clubhouse and on the deck, chatting and socializing. It wasn't too long before a shout of "come and get it" drew weary bodies from chairs, stools and railing to line up for chicken and french fries - straight from Colonel Saunders.

A bit more fraternization after the meal then by twos and threes and in small groups, members of both clubs wended their way over the boom and soon the island lay silent in the soft summer breezes which wafted off the now still waters of the Gatineau.

#### EIDELWEISS TROPHY

#### WAKEFIELD INN TROPHY

The past weekend saw the completion of the regular series races which started on June 7th. Two of the clubs most consistent sailors are the winners of these important trophies.

Our hearty congratulations to Miss Frances Leeney for winning the club championship and the Eidelweiss Trophy and to the runner-up and winner of the Wakefield Inn Trophy our Commodore Pat Evans.

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