

# The Masthead



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## UP ANCHOR

With the amount of snow still settled around the Clubhouse and elsewhere in the Gatineau, it's difficult to realize that we'll be sailing soon. As a matter of fact, the first race is only 3 weeks away - May 10th! Several committees of the Club are already hard at work on plans for the new season. Some of them are so prepared and anxious to get started that we might even expect ice breakers on the River.

The Masthead is anxious to provide both information about Club activities and a forum for discussion of things of concern to our membership. We are anxious to publish pictures of our craft and people doing things and solicit your support. The prints will be returned unharmed if you wish. If

there is something you like, or dislike, about the Club and you can offer constructive suggestions, they will be most welcome. If we don't hear from you we'll assume everything is just fine and there is nothing more, or less, you would like your Club to be doing. Let's communicate!

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See you soon on the water or on the island.



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

Here we are at the beginning of a new season. Blue skies, sparkling waters and green-clad hills beckon the sailor and the lubber alike to the enjoyment which is life at G.R.Y.C.

The winter months were not idle ones for your Directors and Committee Chairmen who have all been busy with plans for your welfare and happiness as members of the Club. Let me tell you about some of the happenings of the winter, some of which will undoubtedly have a bearing on the future.

Late last summer a small committee was formed to review the matter of memberships, their types and classifications and to make recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Committee was under the chairmanship of Barrie Jeffery who "drafted" Dick Medland (former Commodore) and Pierre Bernier (treasurer) to serve upon it. They met twice and gave the whole subject a complete airing. The Committee's findings were laid before the Directors in a pretty comprehensive report, which was happily accepted in principle.

In a brief summary the outcome is as follows:

The Committee did not feel that the Club should, at this time, venture into Associate Memberships. Provision was made for the Directors to review special cases of memberships involving dependent members of families who are over the age of 19, and the younger brothers, sisters and friends of Intermediates under the age of 14, and to grant membership if this review is favourable. The Board of Directors took the necessary steps to amend the by-laws, which amendments will stay in effect until a General Meeting of the Club's members either ratifies them or reverses the decision.

It gives me pleasure to report that the chairmanship of the various committees have all been filled. Allow me to introduce them to you:

Property	-	Nigel Denyer
Harbour	-	Al Wilson
Social	-	Ann Chudleigh
P.R. - Publicity	-	George Beers
Junior Activities	-	
Sailing	-	Andy Harley (by election as Fleet Captain)

Now, a message of congratulations to Anne Wood on winning the Helen Keefer scholarship of \$4,000. from the Federation of Women Teachers Association. Good show, Anne!

I was greatly shocked by the sudden death, in late February, of Ivan Herbert, one of the five founding members of the Club. Ivan served in the navy during the war years and was always very much a sailor at heart. Apart from his wife and family, his first love was for a small boat to mess about in. On the Club's behalf, I attended the memorial service.

Here's wishing you all the fun and happiness you dreamed about when you joined your fellow members in G.R.Y.C.

Sincerely,

The Commodore.

P.S. No doubt you'll be pleased to learn that the 1970 membership fees remain the same as last year.

# M E S S A G E F R O M T H E F L E E T C A P T A I N

## SAILING ACTIVITIES

In spite of the late falls of snow, we have to get the 1970 sailing season underway on the 10th of May. By this time, we shall be geared up to provide an interesting season of sailing activities. The sailing committee has already met this year and has decided to try out a few changes in the running of the races. These are set out below.

## SERIES RACING

The regular series racing has been split into two sections, Series A - a Saturday series of races and Series B - a Sunday series of races. This has been done so that members do not have to race both Saturday and Sunday for the same trophy.

There will be two races on Saturday and two on Sunday, both counting towards their respective trophies. In both series of races, as in the Frostbite Series, two-thirds of the races will count for the trophy.

## SCORING

In order to shift the emphasis of the racing to skippers who sail regularly, the high points system of scoring is being dropped in favour of the low points system. That is, the winner receives 3/4 point, the second place finisher - 2 points, etc.

It was also decided that points for racing will be awarded to the skipper of the boat, irrespective of the boat owner.

This does, however, raise the difficulty of the starter and the Fleet Captain not knowing who is skippering each boat. To help us out, we are requesting a member of each boat to fill in the log,

at the briefing, giving the name of the skipper together with their sail number. I hope the members will co-operate to make sure each skipper gets his fair share of points.

## PROTESTS

Protests can be a lengthy business, and so that they can be dealt with efficiently, we are asking that:

(a) All protests must be presented to the Sailing Committee within 15 minutes of the last boat home.

(b) They must be presented in writing stating the rule number, sail numbers involved and witnesses.

Now, having got that lot off my chest, I would like to say that I shall try to set up races with interesting and varied courses, and, thinking that variety is the spice of life, I have included long river races, picnics, fun racing and, I hope, a bit and blow day. Couple these with regular series racing and regattas, and you should have an enjoyable sailing season.

There should be plenty of hot competition this year at the club with all the new Albacores, but at the same time, I hope we can arrange realistic handicaps so that everyone can enjoy the sailing.

I might add, to end up with, that all those lucky enough to have a trophy, should return them at the earliest opportunity at the beginning of the sailing season.

I hope we'll see you start of the season.

Andy Harley,  
Fleet Captain.

G.R.Y.C. SAILING SCHEDULE - 1970 SEASON

May 10th 1st Spring Frostbite  
 (Commodore's Opener)  
 16th 2nd Spring Frostbite  
 17th 3rd " "  
 18th 4th " "  
 23rd 5th " "  
 24th 6th " "  
 30th 7th " "  
 31st Regular Series B1 & B2

June 6th Regular Series A1 & A2  
 7th Albacore Open Briefing 10:30 a.m.  
 (3 races)  
 13th Regular Series A3 & A4  
 D.P. Kirby Trophy Britannia Y.C.  
 14th Regular Series B3 & B4  
 20th Regular Series A5 & A6  
 21st Long up river race  
 Briefing 11:00 a.m.  
 27th CJOH Regatta Briefing 1:00 p.m.  
 28th CJOH Regatta Briefing 11:00 a.m.

July 1st Commodore's Sail Past  
 Evening Series 1  
 4th G.R.Y.C. Invitational  
 Briefing 10:30 a.m.  
 Party  
 5th G.R.Y.C. Invitational  
 Briefing 10:30 a.m.  
 8th E.S. 2  
 11th R.S. A7 & A8  
 12th Fun Race & R.S. 5  
 15th E.S. 3  
 18th R.S. A9 & A10  
 National Capital Regatta B.Y.C.  
 19th R.S. B7 & B6  
 National Capital Regatta B.Y.C.  
 22nd E.S. 4  
 25th Long River Race Briefing 11:00 a.m.  
 26th Evans Shield Briefing 1:00 p.m.  
 29th E.S. 5

August 1st R.S. A11 & A12  
 2nd Morisset Trophy Briefing  
 12:00 p.m. - 2 races  
 3rd Up river Picnic  
 5th E.S. 6  
 8th R.S. A13 & A14  
 9th R.S. B9 & B10  
 12th E.S. 7  
 15th R.S. A15 & A16  
 Theme Party  
 16th MacIntyre Shield Briefing  
 11:00 a.m. - 3 races  
 20th E.S. 8  
 22nd R.S. A17 & A18  
 23rd R.S. B12 & B11  
 26th E.S. 9  
 29th Crewman's Race Briefing  
 1:00 p.m.  
 Run Race  
 30th R.S. B14 - Young Tray  
 Briefing 12:00 p.m.

September 5th Visitors Races  
 6th Thompson Trophy Open Albacore  
 Races. Briefing 11:00 a.m.  
 (3 races)  
 7th Long River Cruise  
 12th R.S. B15 & B16  
 (Commodore's Cup)  
 13th Fall Frostbite 1  
 19th " " 2  
 20th " " 3  
 26th " " 4  
 27th " " 5  
 October 3rd " " 6  
 4th " " 7  
 12th Clean up. Prize giving  
 All briefings at 1:30 p.m. unless  
 otherwise stated.

FEES ARE DUE MAY 1ST

KEEP THE TREASURER HAPPY