

# The Masthead



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Gatineau River Yacht Club - Kirks Ferry, P. Q.

## COMMODORE'S SIGNAL

In just a few short weeks the 1971 sailing season will be underway at our Club. It hardly seems possible with all the snow still lying heavy around home and certainly on "our islands" - but just look at the calendar.

Since the Annual Meeting, your Board of Directors have been very busy, meeting monthly to deal with the many little (and not so little) challenges facing the G.R.Y.C. as we enter our ninth year. I hasten to pay tribute to all of the Directors for their many hours of work. In addition, I am happy to report that all Committee Chairmen have been appointed and they too deserve our thanks for accepting these responsibilities and for jumping into immediate action.

Here's the line-up:

Property and Harbour Committee - Bert Dollin  
Social - Hugette Bernier  
Publicity and Public Relations - Blair Erskine  
Junior and Intermediate Program - Doreen Ramplee-Smith.

They all have great plans for this year and will need help from all of us. Every one of these Committees has met separately and the Chairmen have met with the Directors for one general meeting. I would also like to express our thanks to Connla Wood and all the members of his special committee who have been examining ways and means of providing boats to assist in the training of older juniors and intermediates. They have come up with a plan which I hope can be acted upon at our Directors Meeting in April. Also, a special thanks to Pierre Bernier and his special committee who have been representing the Club at meetings of the Western Quebec section of the Quebec Sailing Federation who are anxious to have us work with them in a training program and to host a Regatta in connection with the Quebec Games.

It was great news to hear that Pat Evans has been elected a Vice-President of the Quebec Sailing Federation and I know all of the members of G.R.Y.C. join in congratulating Pat.

I hope that our members will appreciate that the action to increase the fees was reluctantly taken by your Directors. In order to provide a program for our younger members as well as the senior members, to gradually renovate and maintain our property, to provide adequate and safe services on the islands, it is imperative that we act now. Our operating capital is very low and, in fact, barely adequate to permit us to act on any one of a number of essential services. There certainly is no intent to suggest any penalty in the request for payment of fees by May 1st - rather to create in everyone's mind the sense of urgency.

We have always taken great pride in the fact that our Club has been one of active participation by all of its members. This year we have much to accomplish and already many willing hands at work. I appeal to all members to pitch in and with many more hands, make lighter the load and brighter, cleaner and safer our Club.

Let's all get together on May 10th to launch the new season. Do bring guests and/or potential new members.



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**MEET-THE-FLEET PARTY**

**Smorgasbord**

**TIME** - Monday, May 10, 7:30 P.M.

**PLACE** - Transportation Officers' Mess  
(corner of Bank and Catherine).

**COST** - \$3.00 per person

**GUESTS** - Guests invited

Confirmed reservations necessary by April 25.

Phone on or before that date anyone listed below:

Hugette Bernier (after 6:00 pm) 684-4079  
Norma Beers - 722-3746  
Lynne Erskine - 828-4184  
Muriel Jeffery - 729-7345.

Come alongside,  
Drop your anchor,  
And help launch a new season!

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Friday 23 April  
BYC Albacore Fleet  
invites you to the  
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MESSAGE FROM THE FLEET CAPTAIN

It seems an odd time of the year to think about sailing and sailing programs, when there are still several weeks of skiing left. However, the sailing committee has been working on new ideas since early January.

One principle that has seemed to be a guiding principle in the past, as far as the sailing activities of the Club are concerned, is that "sailing" is synonymous with "racing". I think this is true for some Club members, however for others sailing is enjoyed for its own sake. The Club has not really had any program in the past that allows sailing to be enjoyed as a relaxation.

I would be the last to say, let's cut out competitive sailing, however we do propose to cut down on the amount of racing to allow room for other types of sailing. To this end we are running two types of program - Sundays will be for 'dog eat dog' competitive sailing and Saturdays will be for more relaxing sailing, perhaps with an edge of competition.

One event that will be taking place on a Saturday will be a "fun regatta" in which competition will be strictly unorthodox.

To help us implement the sailing schedule we are introducing, or rather re-introducing, a race officer scheme whereby all the members of the Club will take turns in running this sailing program on the Saturdays and Sundays. To help the members acquire the expertise to achieve this, - we will be holding a meeting in early May to familiarize everyone with the sailing procedures. I hope everyone will co-operate to make it a successful season.

Two events are worth publicising at this point in the season - (1) An adult sailing training program will be held in early June, for one week in the evenings and one Saturday. This is to give Club members basic training in the theory and practice of sailing. The number of people on the course will be strictly limited to 10 persons on a first come first served basis, so place your reservations now with Connla Wood, who will be running the program. The fee for the course will be \$15.00 (a similar course in Toronto at the R.C.Y.C. costs \$70.00.)

(2) Subsequent to Connlas training course in June, if there is enough interest shown, we will consider a follow-up of talks and sailing demonstrations, so please support this new venture for the Club.

The sailing season will get under way slightly later this year on the 22nd of May. This is to allow work parties to tidy and renovate the island before the season gets under way, so let's hope we see all the happy smiling faces flexing their muscles on the island in readiness for the sailing program.

Let's see if we can inject a bit more life into the Club this year!!

Andy (Fleet Captain).

NOTES

DUTY OFFICER ROSTERS:

Members will be requested to act as duty officer on the island one to three evenings during the summer. This involves greeting visitors and securing the club house.

SECURITY:

Police will be invited to patrol the island after hours to help protect the property of members and the Club.

EQUIPMENT:

The Club would appreciate the donation of any of the following articles -

Pitchers

Serving Platters

Ice Buckets

Large galvanized washtub  
(for beer cooler).

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