

# The Masthead



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GATINEAU RIVER YACHT CLUB - KIRKS FERRY P.Q. 1000

## DIRECTOR'S RECEPTION

About this time each year the Commodore and Board of Directors invite the members to join them for a brief reception as the guests of the Board. It is hoped that members would also take advantage of this reception to bring potential members up to the Club to see our facilities and to meet and talk with the Directors and other members. Although sailing has already started it is a kind of opening get-together at the Club to welcome the new season.

This year the Director's Reception will be held as an informal cocktail party from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. following the C.J.O.H. Regatta on June 26th, 1971. The Reception was originally scheduled for June 19th so please note the change in date. By informal we mean in just about every way. Sailors will be coming in from the races etc., so informal dress is encouraged for everyone.

Do plan now to join with your Director's on June 26th for a pleasant break at the end of the afternoon.

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## ADULT SAILING TRAINING COURSE

As you know, Connla Wood offered a Sailing Training Program which was slated to start on the evening of June 7th. Although there is known interest and support for this program in the Club, only two members had actually enrolled with fees. Therefore, Connla has decided to cancel these dates and to offer the same course during the evenings of July 12th to July 16th.

If you are interested, please sign in on the notice board in the Clubhouse or call Connla Wood. Fees for the course are \$15.00 per senior member or \$25.00 per couple, payable as you register for the course.

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A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

The "Meet the Fleet" Party on May 10th was, as all who were there are aware, a social success. However, the Club suffered a minor, but significant financial loss on the project. The cost of the catering was fixed in advance on the basis of telephoned confirmations, and nine confirmed members and guests did not show; the loss to the Club was \$27.00 which would have paid quite nicely for the new fuel tank required for the crash boat this year. The members concerned are invited to do no more than consider the desirability of making good this loss to the Club.

Al Wilson

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Through the tremendous efforts of a gallant bank of volunteers who, during the month of May, dug and delved, heaved and hauled, sanded, sawed, raked, refurbished, painted, plumbed, cooked and served, your Property and Harbour Committee can now reasonably report the island shipshape.

Many projects remain unfinished and the Chairman, Bert Dollin, asks all members who have offered help, but have not so far been involved and others who are able to donate an hour or so, to contact him at home 749-2109 or at the Club so that jobs may be allocated. In addition some projects will be displayed on the club notice board and, as in previous years, it is hoped that members who volunteer for these will supply both labour and financing to bring them to completion.

Bert Dollin, Chairman.



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THE COMMODORE'S SIGNAL

Our "islands in the sun" are already jumping with activity and the cool waters of the Gatineau have welcomed back G.R.Y.C. boats. Its great to see our moorings almost filled again.

The "Meet the Fleet" party on May 10th was a very pleasant party providing an opportunity for returning members, new members and guests to make or renew friendships and chat about all sorts of things. Those of us who were there enjoyed the evening and we missed all those who were unable to attend. It was nice to have Terry Phillips, Executive Director of the Canadian Yachting Association with us at this party. Terry and the C.Y.A. office moved from Toronto to Ottawa very recently and we are delighted to have them so close. Mr. & Mrs. Ossie Blouin of Britannia Yacht Club were also with us for the evening. Commodore Blouin reports that their Club is close to maximum subscription for membership and he hoped we had a few places vacant. We have.

The Clean-up weekend of May 15 and 16 and the previous weekend saw a good number of members turn out to help with a variety of jobs. Although there are still several things that should be done during the season, many of the essential tasks have been completed. I know we are all grateful for the work performed by everyone, but in particular, I would like to express our thanks to Property Committee Chairman Bert Dollin for all his extra effort, to Tom Ryan, Rene Gachnang and their crew for the repair and reconstruction work on our septic tank system, to a number of enthusiastic and hard-working junior members, and to Roberta Butler for her particular work in the Clubhouse. It was great fun for all of us and the bean supper in the Clubhouse on May 15th, after a hard days work, was just great especially because I'm sure Ester Gachnang introduced some special Black Forest seasoning into the brew.

It was very appropriate that the first boat launched this year was by Fleet Captain Andy Harley.

Doreen Ramplee-Smith has sent out application forms for the Junior Program and needs your reply to assist in the planning of this important Program. If you don't have an application form, please contact her.

As you probably know, Graeme Parkinson is back with us this year under contract as the Club Staff Officer. His terms of reference are posted on the Club notice board for the information of all members.

Now that the Clubhouse is open and all shipshape, we would ask that all trophies be returned as soon as possible for display.

Treasurer Al Wilson is anxious to keep his books up-to-date and to provide prompt payment for all Club expenditures. Please help him by sending along your fees as quickly as possible. A special note of thanks from Al to all those who paid early to enable him to give work parties the go ahead signal on needed projects. Your Directors are happy to report that as a result of a letter to all active Charter members of the Club, who had loaned G.R.Y.C. \$100. each to get the Club started and, in particular, to buy our islands, another eight members have donated this loan to the

G.R.Y.C., thus reducing our indebtedness by \$800. Our sincere thanks to all of these loyal and generous members of the Club.

Since the earliest days of this Club elected officers have called on every member to become involved through participation and active, constructive criticism. As a matter of fact, and to put it in more personal vein, when I was invited to join the Club nine years ago my sponsor, Pat Evans just about laid this out as a condition of membership. With everyone doing a little to help with the running of the Club, everything was done and no one was overworked; everyone spent the vast majority of their time cruising, racing, paddling, swimming or just relaxing, which is what we had all joined the Club for in the first place. As the Club grew in size and age, however, we fell into the trap of more things needing to be done and apparently less willing hands to help.

There are a wonderful group of people serving on the Social, Property, Sailing, Junior and other special committees. They, and your elected officers need your help, support and opinions. I know we are all anxious to have our Club live up to our hopes and that's possible if we all become involved. I would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to help in any way.

George Beers,  
Commodore.

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CLUB DUTY OFFICER ROUTINE

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held on March 15, 1971, it was decided to re-introduce the idea of having a member assigned as Club Duty Officer for each day during the regular season. This scheme has been used by G.R.Y.C. in the past and with the current responsibility of the Club it becomes even more important that we try it once again.

There is only one or two days per member, per year and the duties are not heavy but very important. Detailed duties are in the Duty Officer Book in the Clubhouse. Essentially it is to work with our Staff Officer, Graeme Parkinson, to ensure that the Clubhouse and Club equipment is secured at the end of each day, to welcome guests and potential members to the islands and to oversee general safety regulations. This is only a summary and we would ask that you read the duties and then add your comments as you sign out for the day.

It is impossible for most people to say "for sure" they will be available on a given day. Therefore, we have assigned a day per person arbitrarily and would ask that if you cannot be at the Club that day - you accept the responsibility of switching with another member and changing the list on the notice board.

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MESSAGE FROM THE FLEET CAPTAIN

Well here's hoping I don't have the entire MASTHEAD to myself this month.

We didn't make the 22nd of May or the 23rd either. There were two boats in the water on that weekend. I guess you're all still trying to dig your driveways out. We'll try again this coming weekend and see if we can entice you all out.

There is not very much to report this month except for the proposed list of sailing events listed at the bottom. How they will turn out really depends on you the sailor, we need your active support or the whole sailing program goes bust.

Also at the bottom of the page you'll see the Duty Officer list. The people on the list will be receiving instructions on how to run races, but I'm publishing the list so that if you have questions on the sailing you know who to ask.

G.R.Y.C. JUNE SAILING PROGRAM

- June 5 Sat. Fun day - cruise up the river, starting at 2:00 p.m.
- 6 Sun. RS. 1 & 2
- 12 Sat. MacIntyre Shield - 3 races
- 13 Sun. RS. 3 & 4
- 19 Sat. Balloon Race
- 20 Sun RS 5 & 6
- 26 Sat. C.J.O.H. Regatta
- 27 Sun.
- 30 Wed. Evening ES. 1

DUTY RACE OFFICER ROTA

May 22		June 19	N. Denyer
23	C. Wood	20	
24		June 26	
May 29	A. Harley	27	W. Waddell
30		30 (Wed)	
June 5	J. Davies	July 1 (Dom. Day)	
6		3	F. Leeney
		4	
June 12	P. Bernier	7 (Wed)	
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DUTY RACE OFFICER ROTA (Continued)

July 14 (Wed)	A. Harley	Sept. 4	
		5	P. Evans
July 17		6	
18	P. Tutton		
21 (Wed)		Sept. 11	P. Thompson
		12	
July 31	B. Jeffery		
Aug. 1		Sept. 18	G. Beers
2		19	
4 (Wed)			
		Sept. 25	A. Wilson
Aug. 7		26	
8	M. Butler		
11 (Wed)		Oct. 2	T. Ryan
		3	
Aug. 14			
15	C. Ramplee-Smith	Oct. 9	
18 (Wed)		10	P. Thompson
		11	
Aug. 21			
22	J. Strutt		
25 (Wed)			
Aug. 28	B. Erskine		
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JUNIOR PROGRAM

For application forms call Graeme Parkinson 827-1677

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August 3 - 20 inclusive

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1971 Upper Canada Regatta - Stormont Yacht Club.

Date - June 12 - 13

Location - Stormont Yacht Club

Classes - Albacore, G.P. 14, Y Flyers, Cadet, etc.

Social - Steak dinner and dance Saturday night

Accommodation - Local Motels, Camp on S.Y.C. grounds or  
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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Mr. & Mrs. R. Rowbotham and family

Mr. & Mrs. M. McHatty

Mr. & Mrs. G. Waring and family

Chalmers Reed

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