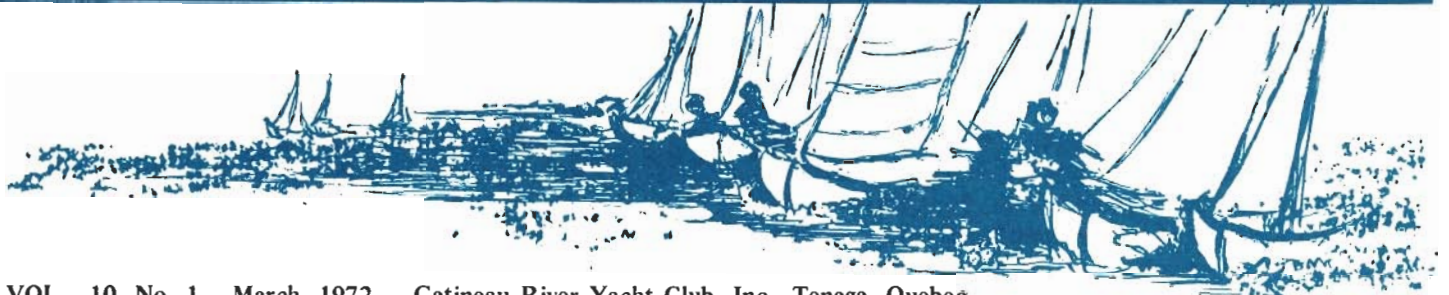


The Masthead



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LEGAL RULING ON CLUB VOTING PRIVILEGES

You will recall that a motion was passed at the 1971 Annual Meeting of the Gatineau River Yacht Club on November 27, instructing the Board of Directors to obtain legal advice on the right of Intermediate members to become full voting members of the Club in as much as we are Incorporated in the Province of Quebec. This ruling has now been made and it is reported here in the letter from Mr. R. Miller Wallace, Q.C. - C.R.

"With reference to our conference regarding the eligibility of directors for your Club, please be advised that directors are restricted to major persons having civil status and minors not having the competence are not eligible to become directors of an incorporated Company under the laws of the Province of Quebec as there are certain responsibilities pertaining to directors which responsibilities minors do not have.

"There is no reason that they could not form part of a committee but having no power to bind the Company.

"Regarding classes of membership, only majors should have voting powers as to the question of responsibility and powers under the Act of Civil Status must be fulfilled."

In view of this ruling, it is obvious that the resolution passed in 1970 appointing an Intermediate Commodore and the resolutions placed before the membership by the Board of Directors last year, were both illegal.

In view of the fact that there is no other reason, at this time, to call a special general meeting of the membership, the Directors felt that this matter did not require a meeting, but simply an announcement in THE MASTHEAD to all members of the Club.

The Board further feels that the membership clearly indicated a desire to involve young people in every other way possible in the operation of the Club. Accordingly, all committees are being urged to have young people on their committees and to encourage them to play a full role in recommending and implementing the various programs of the Club. It is the Directors intention to seek such advice at its regular meetings by an appropriate appointment of one of more young people as advisors to the Board of Directors.

Your Directors are glad to have this clarification on status of membership and firmly believe that, although a vote is not permitted to Junior and Intermediate members, everyone is anxious to have them play a very active role in advising those who may vote.

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

What a glorious country and what a glorious part of this country we live in! Sure the snow is deep, except for the sheer ice in the driveway and at the most impossible place when you have to make a turn with a car or try to negotiate a steep, short hill - but - the skiing is great, its been a great hockey season, snowshoeing has been fabulous and retailers report unprecedented sales to enthusiastic converts. Where else can you skate 8 or 9 miles on a canal from the Arts Center to Dow's Lake and return. Even the rates for sunning in tropic climes have been forced down by competition, for escapees! And I've just been to two fascinating boat shows, both of which project a great increase in sailing interest and offered for display a marvelous selection of sailing craft.

As you will see elsewhere in this issue of the MASTHEAD, your Directors have been meeting regularly since the Annual Meeting and with your help we'll be ready to swing into a new season in a few weeks.

I would like to express appreciation to those who have already offered to serve as Chairmen or members of the various Committees of the Club. There is much to be done and many hands will make the tasks more fun and less laborious. There

is still a need for volunteer help, so if you can and wish to help, please call the Chairman or Director concerned.

Plans are underway for a membership recruiting campaign for the Club. A new pamphlet will shortly be produced and circulated in appropriate spots like sports shops, clubs, etc. Meanwhile, this is perhaps a good time to talk about the Club with friends and associates who want to sail or learn to sail. If you would like a few pamphlets for this kind of promotion, just call Marion Rowbotham and she'll be glad to send them along. Application forms are available from Joan Tutton when you have someone all ready to sign-on.

Plans are now being formulated for a full Junior Training Program and possibly for Adult Training Courses. A Committee is working hard on plans for additional Club boats for more advanced Junior Training. All this coupled with our natural ideal setting should be an attractive invitation to potential sailors.

So here we go into the 1972 season and its amazing but probably the first boats will be in the water in about six weeks! Are you ready?

George Beers, Commodore.



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With spring just around the corner and a new season ahead, many of you will soon be turning your thoughts to that first sail in the brisk, sparkling waters and your first picnic on the islands.

The Directors and Committee Chairmen have been very busy during these past few months making plans for you as members of the G.R.Y.C.

We would like to introduce and welcome the new Committee Chairmen for the 1972 season:

Property & Harbour	-	Bert Dollin
Social	-	Roberta Butler
P.R. & Publicity	-	Marion & Rich Rowbotham
Membership	-	John Seally
Sailing	-	Jim Strutt (by election as Fleet Captain)

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BOAT SHOW - MARCH 6 - 11

The G.R.Y.C. was represented at the Boat Show at the St. Laurent Shopping Centre from March 6 - 11. Some of our members were on hand to answer any queries about our Club and membership applications were available for anyone interested.

JUNIOR PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND CLUB WATCH OFFICER

I am sure you will all be pleased to learn Graeme Parkinson has been hired again his season as Junior Program Director and Club Watch Officer. Graeme will work on maintenance at the Club from May 1st to July 1st; Junior Program activities for the months of July and August; maintenance work from September 1st until closing in mid October.

Nice to have you with us again Graeme.

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The MASTHEAD is very anxious to provide information about Club activities and discussions of things which concern us all as G.R.Y.C. members. If there is anything at all that you would like to have included in the MASTHEAD, or have any constructive suggestions with regard to the Club, we would like to hear from you.

The Editors are Marion and Rich Rowbotham who can be reached by phoning 749-4290 in the evenings, or by pinning a note to the Club notice board.

Looking forward to seeing you on the islands.

ONE TIME OFFER ON LASERS

To encourage the formation of fleets, the suppliers of the LASER offer a \$70.00 rebate on the first order of 5 or more boats or \$85.00 on 10 or more boats. This would make the price about \$625.00 or \$610.00 plus Provincial Tax. The offer applies only to the initial order in a fleet.

If interested in a Laser, leave your name with Muriel Jeffery (state colour) who will try to co-ordinate a group order.

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from the Treasurer:

I sent out the invoices for the annual fees for this season in the past week and I hope that by the time this first MASTHEAD reaches the membership everyone will have received his invoice and will be aware that the Directors did not see fit either to increase or to reduce the fee's amounts; if the membership remains approximately as large as it was last year, and if the Club does not find it necessary to make any substantial capital expenditures this year, we will be able to meet our fixed expenses and to carry out a schedule of activities at least equivalent to those of 1971 in a financial atmosphere that will be breathable if not exactly heady.

Please confirm our judgement with respect to the first "if" above by paying your fees before the Club formally opens in May, and preferably before the end of April.

An auxiliary duty of the Treasurer is to represent the Property and Harbour Committee on the Board of Directors. I am very happy to report that Bert Dollin has agreed to chair this Committee for a second year; under Bert's capable planning and execution last year, a lot of necessary maintenance and desirable improvements and renovations were accomplished.

However, there is no logical end to the work on our property. A very large number of things need to be done, and should be done, in 1972. May I make a special plea to the membership to participate in this work, on the formal "clean-up" parties, and throughout the season. Bert cannot be expected to put our house in order by himself.

Al Wilson, Treasurer.

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NOTES AND TIPS

BY

"WIND INDICATOR"

Is your boat stored outside? If so, with the fickle weather make sure that you keep the snow load light, and I do hope that the boat is upside down, or is stored so that you can brush off the snow. Check, too, to see that water has not collected where it can freeze - wood and fibreglass split if subjected to ice pressures.

Now that you are happy with the hull, make sure that your mast is carefully stored. If you did not put it away in a straight position, do not expect to have a straight mast in the spring!

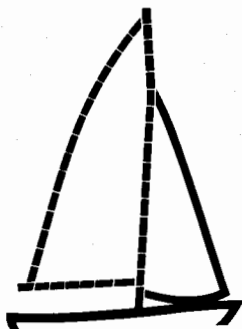
What about the sails? Check them over and have repairs made now; don't wait for spring. Look them over carefully, check especially the batten pockets for wear, also check the head board of the main and the foot of the jib.

Remember, too, those little gadgets you talked about all summer: a clip and stowage system for the whisker pole and paddle, or, what about the boom crutch.

If you have a wooden centre-board, now is the time to sandpaper off those rough edges. Look, too, at the rudder blade; varnish applied now will have two months to dry.

Lastly, remember the improved mooring arrangements you were always talking about. Why not start planning for them now, especially that new mooring float and the heavier ropes?

Well, that's about it - will have some other ideas next issue. Good skiing and see you on the water next April!



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