

# The Masthead



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## "MEET THE FLEET" - May 17

Now that the snow has all melted and the days are getting longer and warmer, it is time to start our 1972 Sailing Season - and what a better way to begin than with a get-together.

This year, as in the past, we are launching the new season with a "MEET THE FLEET" party.

This year's party will be held on May 17th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

at the:

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149 Somerset Street West  
(just east of Elgin)

There will be a \$1.00 charge per person, a cash bar, and light refreshments will be served.

So do plan to come to renew friendships, meet and welcome new members and help us launch a new season.



The Directors are looking for someone to operate the CANTEEN this season. If any member is interested or knows anyone who might be interested in running the canteen on a consignment basis, please contact the Commodore at 231-4410 or 722-3746 or any member of the Board of Directors.

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

With the beautiful crescendo of spring all around us, there's a burning desire for the feel of a taut sheet and a lively tiller. Our islands and bays are gradually clearing of ice and snow and almost any time now the first few launchings will take place.

The Gatineau River Yacht Club is ten years old this year. Much has been accomplished in this first decade and I would like to suggest that we can all pay tribute to this by making a special effort to become involved in the life of the Club this year.

We will have an active Junior and Intermediate Program involving direction from our younger members, a full racing and cruising program, social events, etc....We are small in number and need your active support to present an enjoyable and meaningful summer program. Do come along to planned events and invite your friends to join our Club so that we may build an even stronger base as we enter our second decade.

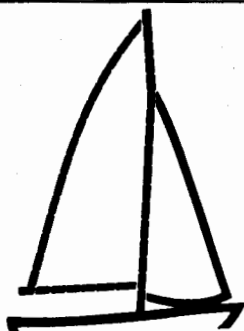
Thanks to a wonderful gang of Committee members we're all set to go for another season. So..... See you at the Meet the Fleet Party on May 17th.

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CLEAN-UP DAY - MAY 20th

Willing hands are needed to put our island in good shape for the coming season. Operations will commence at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 20th and continue on Sunday if necessary. Major jobs include:

- move prams from Clubhouse
- clean up Clubhouse
- clean up locker rooms
- place picnic tables and garbage cans
- boom work as required
- launch crash-boat
- clean up shore and grounds

The baked bean supper produced by our Social Committee last year was warmly appreciated by the toilers, and we are looking forward to a repeat performance. More details at our "Meet the Fleet" party.

To those holding Club trophies, please return these to the Club on Clean-up Day or shortly thereafter.

Bert Dollin, Chairman  
Property & Harbour Committee



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NOTES AND TIPS

BY

"WIND INDICATOR"

Launching day is nearly here! Who will be the first to sail on the river this year? Don't forget the water will be very cold and, as well, you will be out of practice, so wear your lifejackets.

On the subject of lifejackets; why is it so many of us appear to hold our own lives as almost worthless, if judged on the basis of the quality, condition and our attitude to our lifejackets? The lifejacket, although you may not realize it, is your most important and valuable part of your equipment. Treat it, therefore, with a considerable amount of respect; keep it dry, do not leave it in the sun, do not use it to sit on and by all means, wear it under all but perfect conditions. NOTE: it is well worth investing in a comfortable and safe lifejacket of the correct size.

Remember - your lifejacket is just that - a potential life saver!

Last issue we talked about boat storage problems and now this is followed up with a few comments concerning "fitting out".

Check all your running rigging, (those are the ropes that hold up the sails), replace worn ones now since it is hard to replace a broken rope when out on the water. It would also be a good idea to reverse the main sheet.

Secondly, make a list of all your gear and double check before you leave with your boat for the Club, to ensure you have everything, i.e. mast, boom, sails, spare rope, paddle, etc.

The following you might like to show to potential guests:

\*\*\* TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR BOATING GUESTS \*\*\*

Honour thy captain at all times.

Tread not upon his deck in hard shoes. Instead, garb thy feet in soft sneakers so that ye scuff not the deck.

Smoke not thy cigarettes while ye captain puteth up his sails. Such behaviour is likely to make all explode.

Offer not thy suggestions for navigating ye craft. Such words from a guest are like cacklings of ye gull.

He who sits and watches at sea will surely watch at shore, for ye captain will not bid him welcome again.

Drop not upon ye deck such things as cigarette ashes, beer cans, stale sandwiches, and stale bait or fresh caught fishes.

Spit not ever to windward, for such behaviour shall return to plague you.

Empty not thy stomach upon the deck when sickness strikes. Bend ye head well over the leeward and contribute thine bile to the sea.

After ye voyage remain to aid thy captain in scrubbing all manner of salt and dirtiness.

Till next issue,

"Wind Indicator"

G.R.Y.C. SAILING SCHEDULE - 1972 SEASON

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>ELIGIBILITY</u>	<u>HOST</u>	
<u>May</u>	21st Spring Frostbite 1 & 2	All classes		
	22nd Spring Frostbite 3 & 4			
	27th Spring Frostbite 5 & 6			
	28th Spring Frostbite 7 & 8			
<u>June</u>	4th Regular Series 1 & 2	All classes		
<u>10 &amp; 11th</u>	Upper Canada Regatta	Albacore	Stormont Yacht Club	*
	11th Regular Series 3 & 4	All classes		
<u>17 &amp; 18th</u>	Ottawa New Edinburgh	Albacore	O.N.E.C.	*
	18th Regular Series 5 & 6	All classes		
<u>24 &amp; 25th</u>	C.J.O.H. / New York	All Classes/Albacore	Hammonds Port	
	29th Evening Series 1	All classes		
<u>July</u>	1st Ladies Race-Evans Shield	All classes		
	2nd Regular Series 7 & 8	All classes		
	5th Evening Series 2	All classes		
<u>8th &amp; 9th</u>	Gatineau River Open Regatta	Albacore	G.R.Y.C.	*
	12th Evening Series 3	All classes		
<u>15 &amp; 16th</u>	National Capital	Albacore	B.Y.C.	*
	16th Regular Series 9 & 10	All classes		
	19th Evening Series 4	All classes		
	22nd Crewman's Race (Medland Shield)	All classes		
<u>22 &amp; 23rd</u>	Rothmans		B.Y.C.	?
	23rd Regular Series 11 & 12	All classes		
	26th Evening Series 5	All classes		
	29th Morrisett Cup single-handed	All classes		
	30th Junior Races	Albacore		
<u>Aug.</u>	2nd Evening Series 6	All classes		
<u>5th &amp; 6th</u>	Quebec Games Regatta	All classes	G.R.Y.C.	
	9th Evening Series 7	All classes		
<u>12 &amp; 13th</u>	Madawaska	Albacore	C.S.C.	**
	13th Regular Series 13 & 14	All classes		
	16th Evening Series 8	All classes		
<u>19 &amp; 20th</u>	24 Hour Race	All classes	Stormont Yacht Club	
	20th Regular Series 15 & 16	All classes		
	23rd Evening Series 9	All classes		
<u>26 &amp; 27th</u>	Lake Deschenes	Albacore	L.D.S.C.	**
	27th Regular Series 17 & 18	All classes		
	30th Evening Series 10	All classes		
<u>Sept.</u>				
<u>2nd &amp; 3rd</u>	Hudson Regatta	Albacore	H.Y.C.	**
	3rd Regular Series 19 & 20	All classes		
<u>9 &amp; 10th</u>	Area 10 Championship	Albacore Open	Stormont Yacht Club	
	10th Regular Series 21 & 22	All classes		
	16th Commodore's Cup	All classes		
	17th Thompson Trophy Race	Albacore	G.R.Y.C.	
<u>23 &amp; 24th</u>	Canadian Nationals			
	24th Fall Frostbite 1 & 2	All classes		
	30th Fall Frostbite 3 & 4	All classes		
<u>Oct.</u>				
<u>1st</u>	Fall Frostbite 5 & 6			
<u>7th &amp; 9th</u>	North American Championships	All classes		

\* Area 10 Best 4 out of 7

\*\* Travellers best in all 7