

The Masthead



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THE COMMODORE'S HOIST

Well, here it is August. First I would like to congratulate all our GRYC's sailors who have done so well in various regattas, in particular, David Strutt and his crew who this year won the twenty-four hour race at Stormont. Well done. Then David and his father won the Lake Deschenes Regatta and out of the thirty Albacores there the five boats from GRYC were within the top ten places. Congratulations are also due to Miss Des Brisay who, through perseverance and numerous swims brought great credit to GRYC in the Laser class.

Here on the Islands the sailing and swimming programs continue to hum along. Graeme's adult sailing is proving very popular and we are starting to see the results through the increase in the number of new boats and new skippers appearing at the start line in the weekend races. Congratulations, too to all those juniors who successfully completed the courses in July.

I am very happy to report that our summer employment program has worked extremely well and I know all of you must be extremely relieved not to have been called upon to do

evening and weekend duties this summer, this unpopular chore now being done by our three instructors. Perhaps now is the time to mention that this program of employing staff to undertake duties which previously were volunteered by members has been extremely well received, since the previous years the onerous job of being duty officer neither appeared to be popular nor taken very seriously. This was a real problem as the club does have a certain responsibility to its members to have a crash boat available to ensure that not only guests are looked after on the Islands but the would-be trespassers are discouraged and general security is maintained. In addition, this program has provided a nucleus staff to run races, put out and remove marks, and maintain housekeeping at a high standard. In this respect, I should mention that through the kindness of René Gachnang we now have installed a new water pump, removing the ever-present problem of possible breakdown of our sanitary arrangements. Again, thank you very much, René.

Turning to our members, I am delighted to welcome so many new ones and I do hope that you will make full use of the Islands, especially on week nights. Perhaps next year we could instigate a second night of racing and perhaps organize a Friday night evening of instruction, both in the boats and on shore.

I have also heard suggestions that we should build a new large dock to accommodate our Laser type of boats. This dock would be a floating affair for dry sailing and could be located between the junior dock and that of the Ramplee-Smiths. If this could be implemented, it would alleviate the tight mooring situation of the boom and would make it much easier for the smaller boats to be rigged. Provisions could also be made for the stowage of masts and booms. Let's hear more of this proposed project from the membership. A word, too, on the debt we owe the Gatineau Boom Company who do so much to help maintain our access to the Islands. Thank you very much Mr. Vanesse and his crew.

Doreen Ramplee-Smith and her social committee chairman have been extremely busy. You have seen the new chairs on the club deck and the very efficient canteen.

I should like in future issues to highlight the work of various committees and starting with this one I am going to pay special tribute to our editor, Esther Waring.

Getting out a publication is no picnic and a major problem is collection copy by deadline. Thank you very much Esther for your hard and devoted work. This leads into the fact that the club does not run itself. Our successes and problems are dealt with by a dedicated group, many of whom are elected at the annual meeting. Please be ready to help by serving on committees since your participation on an individual basis is imperative to the success of our Club.

Lastly, the area ten Albacore championships are to be held at our Club September 8 and 9. Novice of Albacore sailors are to be encouraged and do please all of you plan to participate. To the non-Albacore sailors, there will be requirements for assistance in launching, parking, race management, etc. On Sunday our special guest will be Michel Gratton the MPP for Gatineau who will present the prizes and we look forward to welcoming him on his first visit to our Club. We also hope to have Mr. Terry Phillips of the Canadian Yachting Association. There will be a barbecue on Saturday night and the races will start at 10 a.m. each day.

We have had to accept the resignation of our treasurer, Miss Ann Chudleigh, who is about to embark on a full-time government course. However, we are delighted that Miss Diana Pethic has agreed to act as treasurer. We wish Ann the very best in her new career.

That's all till next issue -
good sailing!

Connla Wood

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BOAT COMMITTEE

We have learned that interest free loans are available from the Canadian Yachting Association for the purchase of boats for junior training. The loans can be as high as \$1,000 per boat and a minimum of two boats must be purchased. The loan must be repaid within two years. Applications for the loan must be made one year in advance so some forethought is necessary on our part.

I am considering making a motion at the Annual Meeting that GRYC apply for a loan of up to \$2,000 for the summer of 1975. The actual size of the loan would depend upon the availability of second hand boats and the amount of money that the club would have on hand (the boat committee has a current balance of \$225)

I would be interested in hearing reactions from members regarding this plan. Are you generally in favor of the club acquiring at least two boats for junior training? How would we raise money and how much could we raise between now and July 1975? Do you have alternatives to propose?

I would be pleased to hear any comments from members - juniors and seniors. Please call me at 827-2242 or stop me for a short chat on the island.

Tom Ryan

JUNIOR PROGRAM

We have had a very active Junior Program again this year which is proving instrumental in building up our club. A total of 46 students were enrolled in the various classes of sailing and swimming during July and we were fortunate in having the services of very competent instructors.

A program of sailing and swimming instruction is carrying on in August, although reduced in scale, because of the usual drop in interest during August.

A group of our Juniors entered the Stormont 24 hour race on the Civic holiday weekend and took first place. The trophy can be viewed at the clubhouse.

Wrap-up for the Junior Program will again be the Birthday Party and award of Junior prizes on September 1st.

Blair Erskine

WATER TESTING

We have been carrying out our regular testing of the water during the month of July. A total of 19 samples have indicated that the water is perfectly safe for swimming. As is usually the case, however, both the coliform and the fecal counts have increased each week.

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THE FLEET CAPTAIN REPORTS

This has been one of the great summers of sailing with most weekends and evenings bringing out over fourteen boats to the start line.

Following are up to date results of the club events.

CJOH - 1. Connla Wood
2. Dean Smith
3. Geoff Erskine/
Pat Evans

Series B - 1. Colin Ramplee-Smith
2. Connla Wood
3. David Strutt

GRYC Regatta - 1. Ian Mellor (BYC)
2. Phil Thompson (CSC)
3. Ted Johnson (GRYC)

Morisset Cup - 1. David Strutt
2. Connla Wood
3. Andy Harley

MacIntyre Shield - 1. Connla Wood
2. David Strutt
3. Colin
Ramplee-Smith

Medland Shield - 1. Roberta Butler
2. Audrey Strutt
3. Johanna Urbas

Evans Shield - 1. Frances Leeney
2. Margaret Pope
3. Anne Wood

Our sailors have given a good account of themselves away from the club also and following is a list of our best showings.

24 hour Stormont - 1st GRYC Jr. Team
ONEC - 5th Andy Harley
BYC - 2nd David Strutt
LDSC - 1st David Strutt
CSC - 1st David Strutt
2nd Colin Ramplee-Smith

Jim Strutt

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If you have long handled forks or the old-fashioned toaster, these would be a great help. Also on the menu will be salads, buttered rolls, homemade chocolate jelly roll and coffee. Liquid refreshments will be available.

The charge for the dinner will be \$3 for adults and \$2.25 for children 12 years and under.

Lois Hope

GRYC SENDS CONDOLENCES

The Club was represented officially by the Commodore and Secretary at the funeral service for the late John Campbell whose home was at Gleneagle. John passed away after a long illness on Monday, August 6.

The sympathy of the Board of Directors and his friends at the Club was expressed to John's wife, Jessie, and the family, in a letter forwarded by the Secretary.

The Campbell family are long-time members of GRYC. John was an accomplished sailor who also made many improvements in the club house. Much carpentry work at the club was done by John and he and his wife were active in the committee work of the GRYC.

John Campbell will be sadly missed.



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NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to the following new members:

Mr. & Mrs. Jon Hutton and family,
Rod Evans,
Galina Smirnoff and Alexander,
Patricia Kane.

A REMINDER

Young non member guests are the responsibility of host parents. Please refer to the blue book, "You on GRYC"

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