

The Masthead



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THE COMMODORE'S HOIST

This is my first opportunity to wish you all the best for the New Year and to thank you for your expressions of confidence. May I say that I hope that I can live up to your expectations and I wish you fair winds and prosperous voyages. By the time this goes to press your Board of Directors will have held their fourth meeting, and it is hoped that all systems will be "go" including various plans which will be elaborated here and in other articles. You will find lists of the various committees and I hope that many of you will offer your services. You will note that I have taken on the job of chairman of the property committee and plans are afoot to extend the deck early in the spring. This is going to be "in house" and all additional help will be more than welcome. We are doing this in order to save the costs of labour.

Graeme Parkinson will again be our Club Manager and with some increased areas of responsibility. It is most important that we increase our membership this year. Your committee has decided to maintain the present fee structure in spite of rising costs and

we will only be able to balance our budget if we can encourage more new members. Do talk up the club among your friends and especially keep in mind our junior instruction programmes in July and August. There is also a new category of associate membership. This is designed to attract the non-sailor and single adult who wants to be introduced to our club. We are looking forward to attracting people who would like to swim and make use of our social amenities.

In another area, as directed at the Annual Meeting, we have established a planning commission to study and recommend long-range plans for the club. This committee has already met and I am looking forward to working closely with them.

As recommended, your directors have arranged to return the \$100 entrance loans to those who have requested their return. It is with a sincere "thank you" that we are reimbursing these people who were so generous to us in the club's formative years and who have since then been unable to avail themselves of the club's facilities.

Now I should like to say a word as chairman of the property committee. Probably the second impression you get when visiting the club, after that of our boats and the boom, is that of the club house. No one is attracted by a building needing paint, suffering from shoddy furnishings or bad housekeeping. We will do our best but it will be up to you, the membership, to make the work of our Board and that of the Club Manager truly effective. I need not remind you that every can of paint, every nail and every chair costs money. Please pay your fees promptly and encourage new members to join the club. In the same vein, if you have any usable articles in good condition, such as folding chairs, linoleum, carpets, paint, furniture, tools, curtains, curtain rods, kitchen utensils, etc., please donate them to the club. There will be a donation book established by the property committee in which you can list your contributions. If there is a surplus, then we could hold an auction, with the proceeds being used to finance specific projects on the property.

Graeme will start at the club on the 15th of April and it is hoped that we will get on with the construction of the deck and painting and clean-up during the first three weeks. All volunteers will be more than welcome.

A project book will be maintained by the Club Manager in which he will record suggestions and requirements relating to the operation of the club. These will be initialled from time to time by your executive and appropriate action taken. On the social side, we are looking forward to increasing the number of activities with the object of making further utilization of the island's facilities. There will be at least two major regattas this summer, the Club Invitational in July and we will be hosting the Thompson Trophy, Area 10 Championships for Albacores in September. On closing, I have reviewed this letter and I apologize for its length; I can only say that I hope you will excuse my enthusiasm.

Connla Wood

MAY 20

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ITEMS FROM THE VICE-COMMODORE

1. A chairman for the Junior Activities Committee has agreed to act. During our search for this chairman a number of people indicated they would be willing to assist but not chair the committee. We will be looking for this assistance, particularly from anyone who can normally be at the club during week days.

2. A swimming instructor has not been appointed yet but this is being pursued through the Red Cross Water Safety Organization and we think a suitable person will be located shortly.

3. Our Boat Committee will be chaired by Tom Ryan this year.

4. The Canadian Yachting Association is making major changes to sailing programs for Canadian Youth this year. Basically these changes are aimed at increasing the participation of young people in sailing, on a cross Canada basis, and introducing a standardized training program so that anyone in the program can be placed at his proper level anywhere in Canada. To participate fully in this new program will require funding which is probably not available from normal club resources. Any ideas for fund raising to help finance these activities would be appreciated.

Blair Erskine

PLANNING COMMISSION

The 1972 annual meeting of the club decided to form a planning commission. This commission held its first meeting on February 3rd. It elected Frank MacIntyre as chairman and secretary to be assisted by Andrew Beers as vice-chairman. Other members of the commission are John Seally, Charlotte Kindle, Esther Waring, Chalmers Reid Jr., Connla Wood and Jim Strutt.

The commission will be concerned with medium and long range planning of the assets and affairs of the club. It hopes that members with specific concerns and ideas will write or speak to members of the commission. What form do you think we will have 10 years from now? And how will we achieve that form?

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REPORT FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

The GRYC took a stand at Ottawa's first boat show on the weekend of March 16, and got what it went after. We have a list of 39 names of people seriously interested in what we have to offer. Many of these people will visit the club, request applications, and we will have a good opportunity to select new and valuable members.

The willing co-operation and friendliness of members manning the booth made the work of the committee worthwhile. The chairman, Esther Waring, is grateful to a good neighbour and friend for his professional design of the booth. Jim Strutt and his students, in spite of a hectic schedule, executed the design and John Tutton was ingenious in putting the whole thing together at the Coliseum. John also helped with the booth every day of the three day event.

We list here, with our thanks, all those who gave their time to promote our membership drive.

Pierre Bernier
Ann Chudleigh
Blair and Lynn Erskine
Pat Evans
Chris Place
Frances Leaney
Don Wilson
Al Wilson
Graeme Parkinson (our manager
who came in off the soggy
slopes)

The Jeffery Boys
Colin Ramplee-Smith
Jenny Waring
Alex Hope
Andrew Harley
Roberta Butler
Dean Smith
David Strutt, who did a lot of
running in the rain
Gerry Waring who wrote our press
release, and Connla Wood who
took a long shift and whose reg-
ular visits and enthusiam en-
couraged us all.

Doreen Ramplee-Smith



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TREASURER'S REPORT

This month, the good news!

Membership fees will not be increased again this year. A family membership will cost \$80., a senior (20 years or older), \$55., an intermediate (14 to 19 years), \$25., and an absentee member, \$5. The new Associate Class (an experiment for 2 years) which permits use of club facilities but not mooring or voting privileges, will cost \$30. The \$100 initiation fee will be waived for Associate members.

Invoices for 1973 fees will be mailed out in early April. Prompt payment will be welcomed as we hope Graeme can begin a program of capital improvements in May. High on the list of priorities is an extension to the Club House deck.

Your executive has voted to pay back the outstanding loans of founding members who have requested their \$100. As there are ten of these, \$1,000 is a considerable outlay, but our honor and good intentions will be demonstrated.

You may well ask where the funds will come from. When we renegotiate the mortgage in July, we will borrow an extra sum to cover some of the capital improvements required by the property committee.

My advisory committee includes a new member, David Morley, Pierre Bernier, former treasurer, and Connla Wood.

Next month, the sad news!

Ann Chudleigh

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THE CLUB CHAPLAIN

Rev. Bert Mortlock,
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has accepted the position as
Protestant Chaplain of the Gat-
ineau River Yacht Club.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Harbour Master	- Andy Harley
Property Committee	- Connla Wood
Junior Activities	- Irma Place
Social Committee	- Lois Hope
Masthead	- Esther Waring
Sailing Committee	- Jim Strutt

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to new members:

Mrs. Anne Ager and family
Mrs. & Mrs. David Morley
John Urbas and family
Rod Haney

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

Commodore	Connla T. Wood	116 Dufferin Rd.	746-8845
Vice Commodore	Blair Erskine	2550 Henley St.	828-4184
Rear Commodore	Doreen Ramplee-Smith	R.R. 2, Aylmer E.	827-2855
Secretary	P.M.O. Evans	Tenaga, Quebec	827-2675
Treasurer	Ann Chudleigh	R.R. 3, Wakefield	827-1560
Fleet Captain	J.W. Strutt	R.R. 1, Aylmer E Que.	827-0129

WORK PARTY
MAY 12

G.R.Y.C. SAILING SCHEDULE - 1973 SEASON

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>Host</u>
<u>May</u>			
19	Spring Frostbite 1 & 2	All Classes	
20	Spring Frostbite 3 & 4	" "	
26	Spring Frostbite 5 & 6	" "	
27	Spring Frostbite 7 & 8	" "	
26 & 27	Brockville	Albacore	Brockville Y.C.
<u>June</u>			
2	1 Series A + Ribbon	All Classes	
3	1 Series A + Ribbon	" "	
9	1 Series A + Ribbon	" "	
10	1 Series A + Ribbon	" "	
9 & 10	Upper Canada Regatta	Albacore	Stormont Y.C.
16	1 Series A + Ribbon	All Classes	
17	1 Series A + Ribbon	" "	
15,16,17	North American Championships	Albacore	B.Y.C.
23	1 Series A + Ribbon	All Classes	
24	1 Series A + Ribbon	" "	
23 & 24	Kingston Regatta	Albacore	K.Y.C.
30	C.J.O.H. (3 races)	All Classes	
30 & 1	Ottawa New Edinborough	Albacore	O.N.E.C. *
<u>July</u>			
1	1 Series B + Ribbon	All Classes	
2	Sail Past + Ribbon	" "	
4	1 Evening Series	" "	
7 & 8	G.R.Y.C. Regatta	All Classes	G.R.Y.C. *
11	1 Evening Series	" "	
14	2 Series B	" "	
15	2 Series B	" "	
14,15	National Capital	All Classes	B.Y.C.
18	1 Evening Series	" "	
21	Morisset Cup Race + Ribbon		
22	1 Series B + Ribbon	" "	
25	1 Evening Series	" "	
28	2 Series B	" "	
29	MacIntyre Shield (3 races)		
<u>August</u>			
1	1 Evening Series	All Classes	
4	1 Series C + Ribbon	" "	
5	1 Series C + Ribbon	" "	
8	1 Evening Series	" "	
11	1 Series C + Ribbon	" "	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>Host</u>
<u>August</u>			
12	1 Series C + Evans Shield + Medland Shield	All Classes	
11,12	Lac Deschenes	Albacore	L.D.S.C. *
15	1 Evening Series	All Classes	
18	1 Series C + Ribbon	" "	
19	1 Series C + Ribbon	" "	
22	1 Evening Series	" "	
25	1 Series C + Ribbon	" "	
26	1 Series C + Ribbon	" "	
25,26	Madawaska	Albacore	C.S.C. *
29	1 Evening Series	All Classes	
<u>September</u>			
1	Fleet Captain's Choice		
2	2 Fall Frostbite	All Classes	
1 & 2	Hudson Regatta	Albacore	H.Y.C. *
8,9	Thompson Trophy	Albacore	G.R.Y.C.
15	2 Fall Frostbite	All Classes	
16	2 Fall Frostbite	" "	
22	2 Fall Frostbite	" "	
22,23	Canadian Nationals	Albacore	Orillia

Frostbite and Regular Series - 2:00 P.M. sharp

* Area Series