

The Masthead



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THE COMMODORE'S HOIST

By the time you read this the season will be well under way and we will all have benefited from the hard work undertaken by individuals, work parties, and committee members. Each and every one have in their own way contributed. You will see all around you, on our islands, the results.

Each of the credit belongs to our Club Manager and those members who participated during the last two weekends.

The success of the Ice-Breaking Party and the number of boats participating in the Frostbite Series is a great encouragement and further illustrates the wish of members to become involved in GRYC. By now most of you, I hope, will have sent in your membership fees for this year and will have received, in return, your copy of "You and GRYC". Please read this carefully as it is issued for you and your family's guidance and will, I hope, answer many of your questions.

There are two sections on which I would like to comment. The first is that of the fees. If we have to enforce the by-laws, (and incidentally this would make it very much easier for budgeting) there would be, unfortunately, a lot of people requesting new membership applications. The second is the rule regarding the

privilege of bringing guests of members to the islands. We have a new type of membership, that of associate.

This is specifically designed for your friends who are not boat owners, but do enjoy the club facilities and may, at a later date, wish to become further involved.

Please note that under the provisions of By-Law Number Three, the status of nineteen-year olds is delineated. The Board of Directors must be informed specifically if there are those in your family at this age or over whom you wish to include under your family membership. The approval by the Board of Directors of each individual case is required by this by-law.

Elsewhere you will find out about our Junior Activities' Programme and we are looking forward to an extremely active swimming and sailing programme. Adult swimming instruction, if required, will be available as will, we hope, an adult sailing course.

I should like to welcome all the new members who have joined our club this year and look forward to seeing them participate in all aspects of the club's operations. I especially urge boat-owners to take out new members and consider many of them for crews.

Our next social event will be the Sail Past and Board of Directors' Reception, Monday, July 2nd. Do keep that date in mind and I'll look forward to seeing you all there.

Connla Wood

LIFE JACKETS

Those awfully uncomfortable, damnably hot, most ungainly, often condemned, roundly abused and not-enough used pieces of life-saving equipment deserve a better deal than they get. Obviously the Ministry of Transport with its approved life-jacketing on the one hand and the sailing fraternity on the other, have not yet been able to solve the problem together. The sailor is concerned with a piece of equipment which should be lightweight and non-bulky, almost allowing him to forget he is wearing it. Yet at the same time he wants his device to perform as do the Ministry-approved jackets which are indeed bulky and difficult to wear comfortably in a sailboat under racing conditions.

A number of "Vests" promoted by sailing experts have proved fairly satisfactory but don't quite come up to the standards demanded by the Ministry of Transport.

Perhaps one of these days perfection will be achieved. Until that happy day arrives, the sailor is faced with a fairly wide choice. The purchaser of a life-saving piece of equipment must decide what degree of safety he wants for himself and his family, and buy what best suits his demands.

Whatever is decided to buy, it will be expensive, but worth every cent, if a life is saved by its use.

Remember that the pay-off will only come, if

- a) the life-saving device is worn.
- b) the piece of equipment is in top-rate condition.

It is not the purpose here to advise the reader on either the purchase or the care of life-jackets but we do suggest reading "Boating Safety Guide" put out by the Ministry of Transport and available through Information Canada (Catalog No. 731-3171). What we do want to emphasize is the wearing of life-saving devices, especially if the Lifejacket Signal is flying - and especially if the temperature of air or water is COLD.

Secondly - the care of these pieces of equipment. Too often these expensive items suffer a sad fate. It is really astonishing how many "Lost" lifejackets accumulate around the Yacht Club during a season.

How about,

- 1) Marking your lifejacket with your name?
- 2) An airy, sunproof shelter to hang up lifejackets?

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JUNIOR PROGRAMME FEES

The Finance Committee has recommended a slight increase in Junior Programme fees based on the following guidelines set out for the swimming and sailing courses.

- a) that Junior and Senior levels of swimming and sailing should cost the same because the amounts of teaching and/or supervising time are about the same;
- b) that swimming and sailing activities will be counted separately because some Junior and Intermediate members will not want to take both courses;
- c) that both courses will pay for themselves and not be subsidized by the Club;
- d) that there will be about 30 students enrolled in both courses;
- e) that any surplus will be transferred to the Boat Fund.

Ann Chudleigh

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the hill down to the Yacht Club was part of the main road which more or less followed the natural contour of the then dry land. The old railroad passed between the mainland and the tiny island at the south side of what is now the GRYC harbour.

The road and railroad came close to each other adjacent to where the Club's swimming raft is anchored. This was before the flooding of the river by the erection of the Chelsea power dams in 1926-7. At very low water the slight embankment built to carry the railroad can still be seen.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

July 2nd - Sail Past
Commodore's Punch Bowl

July 7-8 - GRYC INVITATIONAL
REGATTA - Saturday Supper Party

July 21 - Annual Theme Party
More later

July 28 - Up-river Picnic Lunch
Bring your own hamper

Sept. 8 & 9 - Thompson Trophy
Albacore Regatta

CANTEEN

The Canteen will be in full swing by July 1st under the new manager, Geoff Erskine. Until that time only liquid refreshment will be available. Hours will be posted at the Clubhouse.

A REMINDER

All members who won trophies last year are reminded that these should be returned to the Club House for the new season.

NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome the following new members:

Andrew Legun
Miss Diana Pethick
J. David Rimell
Ted Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. George T. Frankl
Miss Joyce Relyea

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