

The Masthead



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THE COMMODORE'S HOIST

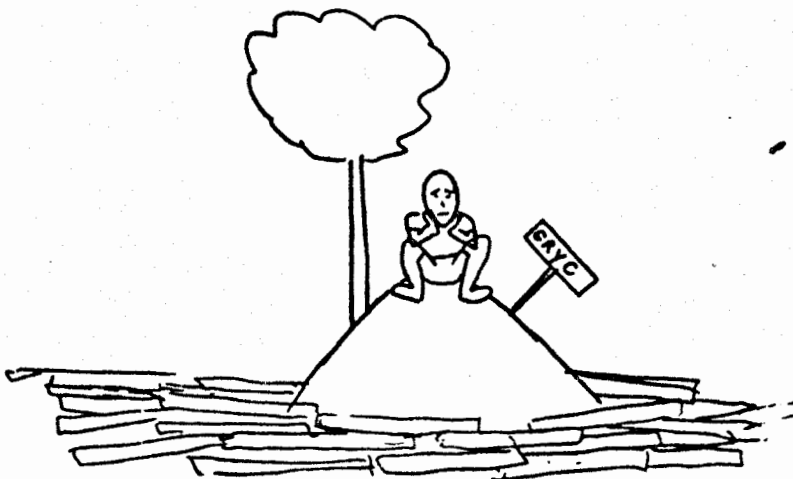
In the May Newsletter of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club the Commodore's message is: "No message from the Commodore." I wish I could say the same.

By now, you are all aware of the Gatineau flooding and the problem of the logs. We at the Club have escaped lightly with the only damage being to our boom. This is now being repaired and our sincere appreciation goes to the Gatineau Boom Company. In fact, our Club has been very lucky, unlike many residents of the Gatineau to whom we as a Club express our sympathy.

It is true that our opening has been delayed and our race schedule upset. However, we are now back in business and all of you must make up for lost time. Come and sail, picnic, use the canteen, participate in the junior activities and help yourselves by serving on the various committees and thus insure that this summer will be the best ever.

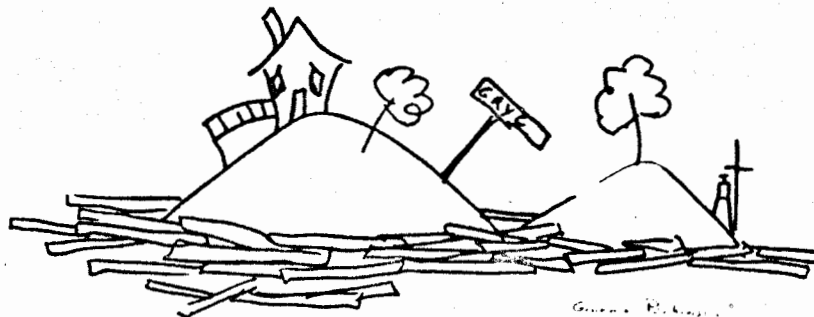
Racing will commence next week-end. For details, ask the Fleet Captain. July First will include the Sail Past and a reception. This will be a good opportunity to bring your friends to the Club.

Graeme, although he has been lonely on the Island, has been very busy this past month.



René Gachnang not only has installed a new stainless steel double sink in the kitchen, but has been supervising an electrician, who has re-wired the Club where required and has installed additional outside lights and an electrical outlet for those working at the dry-sail area. The installation of these new lights will discourage, it is hoped, the petty thievery problem that has plagued us this spring. This latter problem is the reason for the staff being warned to challenge all strangers, so please introduce yourselves to Graeme and his staff. Guests are always welcome on the Island but strangers are not.

As members, I think you should all know of the trials and tribulations that the flooding problems have meant, particularly to your Harbour Committee, under Bill Place. Bill has been going down to the Club every night to keep a watch on the boom and make emergency repairs as they became necessary. As you may or may not be aware, the boom at the height of the problem appeared to be holding back logs stretching as far as the eye could see. The result was that the boom itself was stretched, one of the securing lines broken, and the centre anchor dragged. The Boom Company has now completed repairs and boats should be able to moor again at the boom.



Our junior programme is now well in hand with our instructors away on their courses. Here I might add that we are greatly indebted to the Ontario Sailing Association who agreed to train them when the Quebec Sailing Association course collapsed. Your executive has decided to await further tests of the river before deciding on the swimming programme. We have been warned of possible river contamination because of the flooding and until we are entirely satisfied that there is no danger to health the Club will not be offering any swimming activities in the river. Alternative sites are being investigated. A new innovation this year will be nature and crafts courses. We would like also to have a volunteer to teach canoeing.

See you on the Island!

Connla Wood

Reminder: Club Invitational Regatta on Saturday, July 6th and Sunday, July 7th.

You may be interested to know that the Yacht Club 'phone now works. The number is 827-9026.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Application forms are going out this week for those juniors wishing to take sailing instruction in July or August. It is hoped that we shall be able to offer swimming as well, pending our river conditions at the Club.

To add further interest to the programme this year, we have found two members of the Club willing to share their particular interests with the juniors. Mrs. Crawley will lead a group once a week in studying natural history using the islands and swimming areas. Kathy Strutt will offer instruction in arts and crafts to those interested.

Don't forget to return your application forms and the registration fees as soon as possible.

Aloise Seally
733-7535

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NOTES

THE COMMODORE'S PUNCH PARTY: July 1st, 4:00 p.m. to ___ ?

This pleasant get-together, which was much enjoyed last year and over which our Commodore presided with a masterful hand, will take place immediately after the finish of this year's Sail Past (which starts at 2:00 p.m.). We hope everyone will be there to lift a cup to the beginning of a new summer. Since it will also mark the completion of our first week-end of formal sailing events we should all have lots to talk about!

Audrey Strutt

G.R.Y.C. REGATTA DINNER: July 6th, 5:30 p.m.

There will be an open bar and dinner at five thirty on July sixth for the Invitational Regatta. Tickets for the dinner should be picked up by Saturday noon. They will be sold at the regatta registration table.

Eileen Stranks

EDITORIAL NOTES

We were very sorry to learn that Mrs. H.M. Rowe, one of the early members of G.R.Y.C., passed away following a severe illness which occurred in Florida. On behalf of the Board of Directors and all club members we extend sympathy to her family and friends.

Congratulations to Andrew Harley and crew, Graeme Parkinson, and to David Black for gaining seconds in the recent Stormont Regatta, Andrew in the Albacore class and David in the Laser class. Both were racing with brand-new boats!

Plans are afoot for a GRYC Laser Regatta, possibly at the end of the summer. Further news in future Mastheads.

SECRETARY'S NOTE

WE ARE PUTTING OUT A FEELER:

When G.R.Y.C. was in the organization stage there was discussion about when a member could be considered to have achieved "senior" status. It should be remembered that the voting age was then 21 years. Eventually the choice was for 19 years, with respect to Club membership, and this was written into the by-laws.

Apparently this was a satisfactory arrangement and there was no "flak" during the Club's first few years and there's none really now. However, the legal voting age federally is 18 years. It would seem, therefore, that the Club should fall into line.

Should the membership agree to such a by-law change it is anticipated that the proverbial applecart wouldn't be upset too much. For example, the age range of an Intermediate would be from his (or her) 14th to 18th birthday. On the Intermediate's 18th birthday "senior" status would be achieved but senior's fees would only be expected when next fee-paying time rolls around for everyone.

The same rule would apply to a junior member of a Family Membership. He or she would automatically be a "senior" on the 18th birthday. However the "dependent" clause would still apply to those still at home and attending "school".

One of the nice aspects on reaching seniority in the above manner is that as long as there's no break in membership there's no need for an initiation fee.

The major issue would appear to be that the new applicant for membership would be required to pay the current initiation fee plus the current senior fees if he or she has attained 18 years of age. Even at the age of 19 now this has presented little or no problem - a person who can afford to join a yacht club, perhaps owning a boat as well, can surely be expected to meet the financial charges associated with such membership, so lowering the age to 18 should be no hardship.

Perhaps another consideration is permissive participation in so-called "junior" events. That one could perhaps be played by ear - usually the event initiators define the age groupings of the prospective participants so that any person falling within the span allotted may compete.

Unless there's any violent objection it is proposed to move, at the next general meeting, that the age of seniority be dropped to 18 years.

Let the Directors know your views if you feel strongly about this matter. There'll be no "railroading" to effect the modification, so rest happy.

Pat Evans