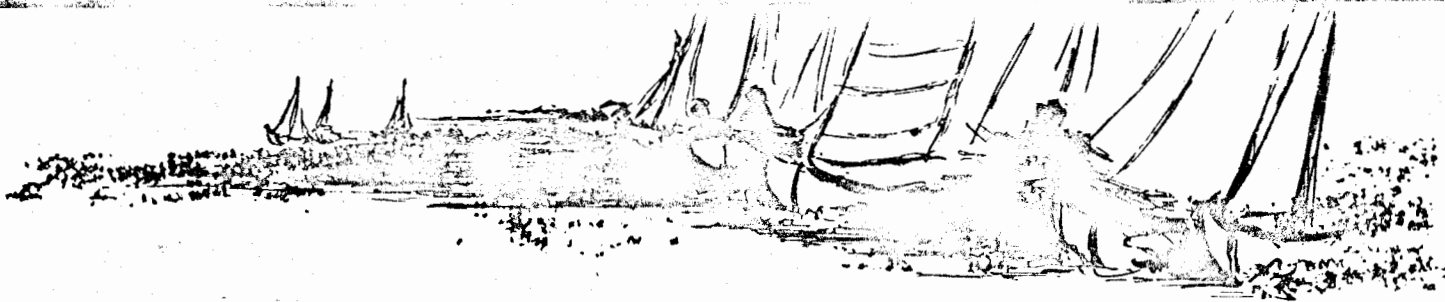


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THE COMMODORE'S HOIST

Since the last Masthead we have had a great Theme Party courtesy of Annette Brand and her social committee under the directorship of Eileen Stranks, we have acquired a new and most efficient Laser ramp due to the efforts of Bill Stoker and his Harbour Committee, and we have had some exceptionally wonderful weather for sunning and sailing. The daily activities of the Club under its new managers and Junior Program staff are running smoothly, and your Board of Directors hope that the membership is pleased with the Club's overall operation.

It is out of the present and emerging pattern of Club life that your Planning Commission has made its projections for the Club's future. I most seriously draw the special section of the Masthead (page 2-4) outlining their proposals to your attention and ask that you support us by attending the very important SPECIAL ANNUAL MEETING which we are planning for the 4th of September, to discuss the future of the Club!

Don't forget the Annual BIRTHDAY PARTY - Monday, September 1st. - when the Juniors receive awards for their summer achievements. There'll be birthday cake and ice-cream as usual, and the Fleet-Captain's water festivities for the day will be announced on the Bulletin Board. See you there!

Jim Strutt

again - Please Note -

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at the Boy Scout Headquarters on Baseline Road
(1345 Baseline Road)

YOUR INPUT IS CRITICAL

- The proposals of the Planning Commission with respect to the future direction of your Club concern every member -

The Club may be spending tens of thousands of
YOUR dollars over the next 5 years!

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

BACKGROUND:

For some years your club has had a body named the "Planning Commission". The function of the Commission has been to assess the long range requirements of the club, its probable membership structure, and the facilities needed, and to make recommendations on how the club should evolve to satisfy the members' requirements. It should be noted that the Planning Commission has no authority to make any changes but can only make recommendations to the Board of Directors which then may act as they see fit on those recommendations.

The Planning Commission will be presenting a detailed plan for the improvement of club facilities to the Board of Directors later this year. If the Board of Directors approves this plan and it is ratified by the membership of the club at the annual meeting this fall, we would expect to begin implementing the plan in 1976, for completion by 1980. The Planning Commission wants to discuss the thinking to date with the general membership of the club at a special general meeting called for Thursday, September 4th, at 7:30 P.M., to be held at the Boy Scout Headquarters building on Baseline Road in Ottawa. The Commission hopes that everyone will attend that meeting and make their views known so that as much input from club members as possible can be included in drafting the final plan to be recommended to the Board of Directors. This plan will affect the entire future of the club and will involve the expenditure of a large amount of money.

PLANNING APPROACH:

The Planning Commission, while it does not think that expansion of the club is mandatory, believes that pressures will develop over the next few years which could force significant expansion of the total membership. If this does happen we should have a plan that can be put into effect and expand our facilities on a logical, phased basis. In any case, the Commission considers that some improvements are required even if the membership remains at its present level.

The Commission stresses that an expansion and improvement program should not be accomplished by improving one portion of the facilities one year and another the next. In the Commission's opinion, it is necessary to carry out a comprehensive, phased development program encompassing the total club requirements in all aspects and to tie that program to a specific membership growth policy and a specific long range financial plan.

The Commission has begun to develop a total plan under the following main headings:

- Clubhouse facilities
- Mooring facilities
- Property
- Junior Program
- Other facilities
- Membership policy
- Financial

CLUBHOUSE FACILITIES

An expanded and improved clubhouse facility is considered to be essential. A study has been made of the existing structure by professionals and it has been judged sound enough to utilize as the nucleus of a new expanded facility. It is proposed that the clubhouse area be doubled,

with provision for a junior lounge, senior lounge, bar, larger and improved kitchen/canteen, improved washrooms, larger screened porch and an expanded deck area. Most of this expansion will be to the north of the existing structure.

Details of the plan, including floor plan, layout and architectural drawings, will be on display at the meeting of September 4th.

MOORING FACILITIES:

A modular system of main pontoons, with extending fingers at right angles, has been identified as a practical and aesthetically pleasing system for use around the south-east shoreline, where a number of "private" docks are now installed. Capacity can be added in the form of additional modules as the demand requires, to a total capacity of approximately 42 Albacores. This provision for mooring will be in addition to the presently available mooring along the existing boom. Modules will be of such a size that they will be removable for winter storage on the island.

An expanded dry-sail area is proposed, to be built to the east of the existing Laser racks, by placing decking between the two islands.

Drawings of the total mooring facility being proposed will also be on display at the September 4th meeting.

PROPERTY:

The availability of additional property on the shore side to the south of the main island has been investigated. Because of the cost of this property and the questionable use it would be to the club, it is recommended that acquisition of this property not be pursued. It is, however, recommended that we attempt to acquire additional property adjacent to the existing parking lot in order to expand that area when required. It is recommended that no property further distant from the club facilities than the present parking lot be considered.

JUNIOR PROGRAM:

The Commission considers the Junior Program to be an extremely important portion of the club activities and that it must be maintained to a high order of excellence. The existing fleet of prams is inadequate to maintain such a program. The Commission therefore recommends purchase of suitable new boats. Assistance through fleet discounts, C.Y.A. loans and the Quebec Sailing Federation are being investigated. The tentative thinking is that two boats should be purchased in 1976 and one additional each year for the following four years, to give us a total of six by 1980. While no specific model has been selected to date, the Quebec Sailing Federation is recommending the CODE 40.

OTHER FACILITIES:

The Commission is proposing that a games and recreation area be developed on the area below the clubhouse on the virtually unused property facing the bay on the north side of the island. Because of cost and space limitations we would recommend against the provision of a tennis court, but consider handball and tether-ball courts both feasible and desirable. A handball court could also be used for badminton and volleyball.

Drawings of the proposed development will be on display September 4th.

MEMBERSHIP POLICY:

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The Commission strongly recommends that the club membership should continue to be a predominantly family type membership, primarily devoted to sailing. Projections and interpolations which we have done would indicate that the capacity of the river and the island to accommodate boats and members in a manner satisfactory to the membership would be reached with a total membership of approximately six hundred.

This would also appear to be the saturation point for some of the other facilities. A membership of six hundred persons would be something just less than double our present membership of approximately 325.

The Commission is not recommending that the club should be expanded to a total of six hundred persons, but if pressures to expand do develop, then 600 is the absolute maximum which the club can accommodate.

Planning of all the facilities is being done to enable expansion on a phased and modular basis, to meet the requirements of a total of six hundred persons, if this becomes necessary.

FINANCIAL:

The plans as being developed will cost a great deal of money to put into action. The Commission considers it essential to prepare an overall financing plan to complement and coincide with the expansion of the physical facilities. Discussions have been held with the holder of our present mortgage. Discussions to date indicate that it would be no problem to refinance the club in order to raise sufficient capital to carry out the proposed program.

Because of the club's solid financial position and favourable cash flow, the Commission considers that it is feasible to finance the planned improvements without substantial change to existing dues structures.

The refinancing alternatives will be discussed at the general meeting on September 4th.

CONCLUSION:

By now we hope you have the message. We want you at the meeting on September 4th. We mean everyone - seniors, intermediates and juniors. A great amount of work has gone into evolving this proposed plan, by many diligent people, over the last several years. This plan involves substantial expenditures. We want your ideas on the plan before a final detailed recommendation goes to your Board of Directors. Comments a year from now about how you would have liked things won't help any of us much if implementation has started. Once this plan is approved and action begun, the future of club will have been set.

The meeting on September 4th, chaired by the Commodore, will be focussed entirely on the Commission's planned approach. A presentation of about thirty minutes' duration will be made, during which it is expected you will take notes. A coffee break will follow the presentation, giving time for you to prepare questions. Following coffee, the meeting will reconvene in the form of a panel discussion involving the members of the Planning Commission. The total meeting time should not be more than about 1½ to 2 hours.

See you September 4th, 7:30 P.M.

at the

Boy Scout Headquarters on Base Line Road.

P.S. Coffee and donuts will be free!

IMPRESSIONS OF CORK '75

The Olympic site was just emerging from its two-by-fours and cement dust when Connla and I arrived on Saturday, July twelfth. CORK's new two-storey building with its variegated wooden and concrete block façade contrasted strangely with the forbidding stone walls of Kingston Penitentiary across the bay. But the Pen quickly faded from notice as the vast asphalt dry-sail area filled up with 370 sailboats varying in size from the 27-foot Solings and Tempests to the more modest centre-boarders: Tornados, Flying Dutchmen, 470's and Finns.

The task of our nine-member team under Connla's direction was to measure the sails, hull, spars and gear of the 6.3 meter Tempest. For the three of us on the hull the major problem was to hoist (electrically) the 444 kg. mass into the metal frame, or "jig", without damaging it. Base lines, unique for each hull, had to be established with wires and aluminum plates parallel to the vertical and horizontal planes of the hull. Then, unwieldy aluminum templates had to be fitted at five points around the hull to make sure its contours were correct. I shall never forget the horrified expression of a California team as they photographed the warp in their hull - it wouldn't have measured in for the Olympics but the boat was allowed to sail at CORK '75. After working flat out for up to sixteen hours in two and a half days we managed to process 39 Tempests. (Next year we should have at least two weeks to measure fewer boats.)

While Connla acted as pilot and supervised the wet water measurement (a British Tempest placing fourth was eliminated on the first day for being two and a half kilograms overweight), I spent the second week watching the spectacular planing departures, especially of the Tornados as they leapt away from the shelter of the breakwater into the 25-45 mph. winds on Lake Ontario. Seeing the seven broken Tempest masts, chewed-up bows and snapped trapeze wires after the two days of line squalls, I had great respect for these Olympic sailors who would brave Lake Ontario at its most ferocious!

Anne Wood

P.S. CORK = Canadian Olympic Regatta Kingston

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AREA TEN ALBACORE CHAMPIONSHIPS

6 September 1975

This year G.R.Y.C. is the host club to the Area Ten Championships and we look forward to all sailors of G.R.Y.C. participating. If you are not an Albacore sailor, volunteer for Committee work: Race, Protest, Safety, Parking etc.

The entry fee will be \$8.00 for skipper and crew for "A" and "B" fleets, with ribbons awarded to the first five places in each race. There will be 5 races, 4 to count, commencing at 11 A.M. Saturday, September 6th. There will be 3 races on Saturday and 2 on Sunday, with the Skippers' Meeting at 10:15 A.M. each day.

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This Regatta will include the awarding of the Thompson and the Wood perpetual trophies.

Dinner: A chili con carni dinner (with etceteras) will be served by our hard working Social Committee.

Cost: \$2.50 per person.

SAILING NOTES:Results of Past Events:

- CJOH Trophy 1. Bill Andrews
2. Don Wilson
3. Roy Jeffrey
- Evans Shield..... 1. Cynthia Desbrisay
2. Frances Leeney
3. Audrey Strutt
- Morrisset Cup (single handed)..... 1. Geoff Erskine
2. Stephen Bailey
3. Connla Wood
- Quebec Games (local)..... 13 and under: 1. Graham Bailey
2. Lianne Hutton
3. Craig Hutton
- 14 - 16 1. Stephen Bailey
crew: Mike Tutton
2. Peter Stranks
crew: Jenny Ryan
3. Bill Andrews
crew: Judy Erskine
- Lasers (19 & under)
..... 1. Cynthia Desbrisay
2. Nick Andrews
3. Michel Vachon

Comments on Events:

Calabogie Regatta A good time was had by all G.R.Y.C. sailors who attended, and the Strutts finally got their boat in the water!

Evans Shield..... "Who is the mysterious competitor??? ! !" they asked.
(Commentary by Snavé)

It was Ladies Day at G.R.Y.C. and threatening clouds thinned the ranks of those on the starting line. Four of the fair sex, manning Lasers, waited for the start signal. These four were joined at the line by a fifth fair competitor, reputedly a houseguest of the Erskine's.

Following a lengthy contest, the standings were as follows: first- Cynthia Desbrisay, second - Geoff Erskine, third - Frances Leeney, fourth - Audrey Strutt, with Beryll Stoker retired.

Yes, the second placer was indeed Geoff, complete with appropriate wig! What a spoof! Surely a candidate for this year's Hansom Transom!

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Quebec Games (Three Rivers) ... High winds, combined with briefings "en francais" were the order of the day at Three Rivers, Quebec, where a group of our Juniors represented the Outouais Region at the Jeux du Quebec on August 18 - 20th. Graham Bailey in an Optimist, Peter Stranks and Jenny Ryan in a Mistral 404, complete with spinnaker and trapeze, and Cynthia DesBrisay in the Laser class (where she was fifth overall) learned much about more difficult and sophisticated sailing conditions and pressures as they competed with Quebec's finest. Congratulations on all efforts!

Canadian Albacore Junior Championships:A Chinese evening, in Midland, where the Championships were held, from dinner at the local emporium to Kung Fu at the Drive-In, was celebrated by the four participants from G.R.Y.C. to mark two hard days of competition. Bill and Peter Stranks placed 5th in the 16 and under group, with Stephen Bailey and Geoff Erskine obtaining 7th place in the 19 and under age group. Congratulations boys! Are the Nationals next?

U.S. LASER CHAMPIONSHIPSFelicitations to Geoff Erskine, who has just returned from the 1975 Championship Regatta at the U.S. Sailing Centre, Association Island, New York. Geoff has also qualified for the Canadian National Championships at the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club, Montreal, this fall.

G.R.Y.C. LASER REGATTA..... Though many who would ordinarily have participated in this Regatta were absent at other meets and on personal matters, those who were there gave their best, and competition was high. The results were:

1. Roy Jeffrey
2. Cynthia Desbrisay
3. Warren Place.

A big cheer for Diane(Pethick)Becket--for running it!

To the Editor:

To date G.R.Y.C. has given limited recognition by means of presenting individuals with honorary membership in the Club. Some years ago such membership was accorded to John and Jessie Campbell upon their attaining Senior Citizenship status. During the early days of the Club both John and Jessie were keen supporters and in particular John gave yeoman service in the days when it was very much a "do it yourself" operation. Unfortunately John was only able to enjoy this special type of membership for a few brief years before he passed to his reward. However, the Club continued to send Jessie an honorary membership card each year. Just what it means to her is outlined in a letter addressed to Pat Evans, the Club Secretary. Jessie has given permission to reproduce the missive.

14th July 1975

Dear Pat:

Would you please pass on this little cheque for \$10.00 to the Club where it is most needed.

I appreciate getting the "Masthead" every month - maybe this will help with the postage.

I had some friends from Scotland and I was so proud to show them the yacht club John enjoyed so much. They thought it was very beautiful, despite the hazardous crossing on the boom, without rubber-soled shoes; especially when I told them later it might be 40 feet deep below. The Sunday we were there they were able to take a snapshot from the Clubhouse

despite the hazardous crossing on the boom, without rubber-soled shoes; especially when I told them later it might be 40 feet deep below. The Sunday we were there they were able to take a snapshot from the Clubhouse of the racing. Any chance someday of a new boom?

I may have been remiss thanking you for my Honorary Member's card, but one day we went by bus to Britannia and of course the guard said "where are you ladies going?" Well as soon as I produced the G.R.Y.C. card he was all smiles and when patrolling later, stopped and asked if we had had a nice visit.

Again, many thanks,

Jessie

More RosesRoses are Blooming Again:

A new and rare variety of rose - blue in shade - a whole armful to the ladies who managed to produce lovely new blue curtains for the Clubhouse and cushions to ease contact with the hard tops of the benches.

A Spray of white roses : to the Club's Swimming Instructor for his continued and persistent efforts on behalf of our junior member. Your endeavours, Bob, are very much appreciated.

An Armful of Mixed Roses: to Lynn Erskine who continues to provide such excellent Wednesday night suppers - despite heat and high waters. And an armful each to Judy and Geoff who serve said meals so tastefully and pleasantly. Also a prize of a pink rosebud to each consumer who can extract the final portion of dessert which always seems to lodge in the stem of the glasses in which it is served!

A Posy of Red Rosebuds: to the person who "spiked" the ramp from the boom walkway to the island entrance and thus prevented what might have caused a serious accident.

And a Bouquet of White Water Lilies: for our hard working Harbour-Master for producing our badly needed new Laser ramp at the dry-sail dock. All Laser sailors thank you!

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JUNIOR REGATTALABOUR DAY WEEKEND RACES

Members of the Junior Program will be racing on the Labour Day weekend for two "13 and over" trophies and one "13 and under".

Watch the Bulletin Board for details.