

The Masthead



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THE COMMODORE'S HOIST

A good summer is drawing to a close, and on what better note than the September 4th General Meeting whose whole thrust is towards the future. Thanks must be expressed to George Beers for his very effective visual rendering of the Planning Commission's proposals, and to Bob Knights for his clear, often humorous presentation of the same.

And thanks indeed, many, many thanks must be offered first to Pat Evans who originally proposed the concept of a Planning Commission and got it going, and then to the Planning Commission itself, for its comprehensive, far sighted and well thought out analysis of what must be done to carry the Club satisfactorily through another five years of improvement and growth. The time, energy and concern invested by its members over these last years, culminating in the intensive work of the present Commission, is something for which the Club has much reason to be grateful. The Commission would welcome any further input which Club members would care to make, but the deadline is September 24.

Our Rear Commodore and her Social Committee are once more to be congratulated, this time for a great birthday party and for the efficient handling of the Area 10 dinner. You all, and Ron Brand, our "refreshments" manager, have seen us successfully through another heavy season.

I think Club members will be interested to know that, at the last great Albacore sailing event of the season, the Albacore National Championship Regatta, our G.R.Y.C. representatives this year will be four of our young Gold Sail aspirants; two crews are going to Muskoka - Stephen Bailey and Geoff Erskine, Peter Stranks and Bill Andrews. Good luck, boys!

Don't forget the Annual G.R.Y.C. dinner or the Annual Meeting which will be so crucial this year. You will find the notice of the dinner (October 18) elsewhere in the Masthead.

Those who attended the September 4th General Meeting represented a good cross-section of the membership - parents, seniors and intermediates. The importance of their input will be evident in the following Report.

Jim Strutt

REPORT ON SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE G.R.Y.C.
HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, at 7:30 P.M.

NOTE: Any additional comment with respect to the Planning Commission Report must be made to its Chairman, Blair Erskine, or other of its members before September 29th, after which it will be preparing its final report to the Board of Directors, for presentation to the Annual Meeting in November.

The Commodore, acting as Chairman for the meeting, opened proceedings by remarking that it seemed fitting that this meeting, which will affect the future direction of the Club for years to come, should take place in the very same room in which the decision was taken 13 years ago to buy the islands which now belong to G.R.Y.C. Using an excellent visual presentation prepared by George Beers, Bob Knights made a brief resume of the Report, and then Jon Hutton expanded on the financial implications of the recommendations made by the Commission (see August Masthead).

The Financial implications and the membership structure on which these projections are based are appended to this report (pages 5 and 6). Jon Hutton pointed out that they are predicated on a fee rate relatively unchanged from the present, and on an annual increase of 16 new members and an attrition rate of 5, resulting in nearly double the membership by 1980 for whom wharfage, social amenities and Junior Program services and personnel must be provided.

After an interesting and enlightening discussion of the Commission's proposals, the members present (who represented a good cross-section of G.R.Y.C. - parents, intermediates and seniors) made clear that, while they enthusiastically endorsed some proposals, they as vehemently rejected others, and that while they wished the Commission to present its proposals as contained in the original Report, they wished an alternative set of proposals to be drawn up, also to be presented at the Annual meeting, based on the views expressed at the September 4th meeting. For the second set they requested the Commission to prepare a budget and membership data, if possible, to make clear the differences in fee structure and membership which would be entailed, if this set of proposals were to be implemented.

Major recommendations of the Membership present to the Commission were as follows:

1. That the existing character of the Club - as primarily a sailing Club and a family Club, with a very active Junior Program - remain unchanged.

2. That, in the light of this major concern, a doubling of membership by 1980 be reassessed as unwelcome to the members present because:
 - (a) The ecology of the island would be overtaxed
 - (b) The sense of community, natural groupings, and privacy, which the nature of the island and present numbers make possible, would be jeopardized.
 - (c) The requirements of the larger numbers of members could well result in changes in services and club facilities which would change the character of the Club.
3. That the budgetary effects of increasing membership by only 5% per year, taking up capital debt and operating costs in increased annual dues be explored, results to be presented to the Annual meeting.

Particular recommendations following on these concerns were:

1. CLUBHOUSE:
 - (a) that the senior lounge be only moderately enlarged, with provision for a small or occasional bar and a continuation of the present honour beer system,
 - (b) that a budget allocation be explored towards the provision of such sailing facilities as change rooms and sail lockers for all members as part of the Clubhouse building.
 - (c) Island storage for boats, suggested from the floor, was deemed impossible because of space and winter security conditions.
2. DOCKING:
 - (a) that the principle of modular growth of docking be accepted, to be provided only as needed, and out of operating costs, not capital.
 - (b) that fingers from the boom be contemplated before running modular docking along south/east shore-line, as (1) preserving shore-line, and (2) keeping some traffic off island and thus protecting its ecology somewhat.
 - (c) that boom be improved.
 - (d) that more dry-sail area be provided.
3. PARKING:

The membership agreed with the Commission that, with land costs so high, the acquisition of more land for parking be abandoned. With the provision of sail-lockers and grooming of existing parking lot it might be possible to persuade members not to park on road, whose edge is gradually being destroyed.

4. JUNIOR PROGRAM:

Unanimous assent was given to the incremental acquisition of boats by the Club for the Junior Program, with an injunction to the Board of Directors to apply themselves now to this matter, to take advantage of all Provincial and municipal loans and grants being provided this year.

4. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

Proposed facilities north/east of Club house were agreed to, though not considered of high priority.

Additional recommendations made to the Commission were:

1. To look into the protection of tree roots gradually being exposed through increased traffic on the islands.
2. Implement ways of lessening parking on road to boom.
3. To consider a caretaker for the island.
4. To consider major improvements to the boom, not just maintenance.
5. To provide a dolly-ramp some time in the future.

CONCLUSIONS:

The Commission feels that the G.R.Y.C., even at the present membership level, can carry the refinancing costs necessary to improve the Clubhouse and sailing facilities, and that these improvements must begin in 1976 to maintain and improve the viability of all that the Club offers.

It will prepare at least three alternative budgets for the Annual Meeting in November, related to the financing of the Commission's proposals for Club improvements, and incorporating changes resulting from the input of members at the September 4th meeting. These alternatives will be voted on by the general membership and the one chosen will be left with the Board of Directors to be acted on beginning in 1976.

These alternative budgets will be based on the relation of fee structure to membership structure: -

- (a) as proposed in the Commission's report (on following pages).
- (b) as based on the 5% annual increase of membership proposed at the September 4th meeting, with a consequent increase in fee structure.
- (c) as based on a freeze of membership at the present level, with its consequent change to fee structure, and to physical requirements of the Club.

Any alternative views presented by members will be welcomed by the Commission, but they must be received by the 29th of September.

See you at the Annual Meeting!

Editor

SAILING NOTES:

Full details of the summer sailing achievements will be in the Annual Report.

Colin Ramplee-Smith

JUNIOR PROGRAM:

The Swimming Season has closed on the most successful year of Junior swimming achievement. The enrolment was of record proportions and the overall excellence of the test results reflects great credit on everyone who participated. A special vote of thanks must go to Bob LaFleur for obtaining some notable firsts. Full details of the Junior achievements will be presented in the Annual Report.

The Sailing Season also broke records in all directions. The Gold Sail achievement was outstanding, but the full results have not been received. More details in the Annual Report.

John Sealey

ANNUAL G. R. Y. C. DINNER

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 18, 1975.

7.30 p.m.

TICKETS \$6.00 each
Available from E. Stranks or
A. Brand.

PLACE:
CARLETON UNIVERSITY
FACULTY CLUB
(University Centre)

Parking: No. 2 Lot

WE LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING TOGETHER FOR ONE LAST GOOD TIME THIS SEASON!

GATINEAU RIVER YACHT CLUB Inc

PLANNING COMMISSION

	-----ACTUALS-----				1975	-----PROJECTED-----				
	1971	1972	1973	1974		1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
<u>MEMBERSHIPS:</u>										
Family	41	44	64	74	70	80	88	96	104	113
Senior	12	9	16	12	12	15	18	20	22	25
Intermediate	12	11	6	8	14	15	16	18	20	22
Associate	-	-	12	9	10	11	14	17	20	21
	<u>65</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>181</u>
<u>MEMBERS:</u>										
Active	187	194	256	262	265	303	335	362	393	435
Retaining/Hon.	17	12	73	64	62	65	68	70	75	75
	<u>204</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>329</u>	<u>326</u>	<u>327</u>	<u>368</u>	<u>403</u>	<u>432</u>	<u>468</u>	<u>510</u>
<u>JUNIOR SAILING:</u>										
White	20	20	18	15	13	15	16	18	20	20
Bronze	17	27	12	15	24	25	26	28	28	30
Silver	9	12	13	3	16	20	21	22	24	25
Gold	-	-	4	-	9	7	8	8	10	10
TOTALS - July	30	43	28	14	32	37	40	44	47	49
- August	16	16	19	19	39	37	39	40	45	46
	<u>46</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>95</u>
<u>JUNIOR SWIMMING:</u>										
Pre-beginner/Beginner			7	2	6	7	7	7	7	8
Junior			8	-	12	12	13	14	15	16
Intermediate			11	4	13	12	14	16	17	20
Senior			12	-	15	12	16	17	20	20
Bronze Medallion			4	8	6	6	6	4	6	6
Bronze Cross			-	4	8	6	6	8	7	8
Leader Patrol			-	-	5	8	6	6	8	7
TOTALS - July			24	-	37	38	38	39	43	45
- August			18	18	28	25	30	33	37	40
			<u>42</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>85</u>
TOTAL JUNIOR ENROLMENT			89	51	136	137	147	156	172	180

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GATINEAU RIVER YACHT CLUBCASH FLOW PLANNING COMMISSIONSPECIAL MEETING SEPT. 4, 1975

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>
A. Operational costs (Minus mortgage interest)	\$11,600	\$12,750	\$13,500	\$14,700	\$15,450
B. Normal capital costs (Minus mortgage retirement)			700	700	700
C. Planning commission proposal capital costs (Includes principal and interest on mortgages)					
1. Club house	1,565	2,880	2,880	2,880	2,880
2. Junior Prog. boats	730	1,095	1,460	1,825	2,190
3. Warfage (built over 6 years)	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
4. Recreation - general	700				
D. TOTAL COSTS	\$16,095	\$18,225	\$ 20,040	\$21,605	\$22,720

REVENUES

1. Membership dues	\$ 9,657	\$10,614	\$11,571	\$12,528	\$13,485
2. Initiations	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
3. Other (junior, senior programs, social etc.)	5,000	5,500	5,800	6,050	6,450
E. TOTAL REVENUE	\$16,657	\$18,114	\$19,371	\$20,578	\$21,935
F. Surplus (E-D)	(562)	(111)	(669)	(1,027)	(785)
G. Approx. 1975 year end surplus = \$2,000					
H. Adjusted surplus	2,562	2,451	1,782	755	(30)
I. Cash - Bank bond					1,000
J. FINAL SURPLUS	\$ 2,562	\$ 2,451	\$ 1,782	\$ 755	\$ 970

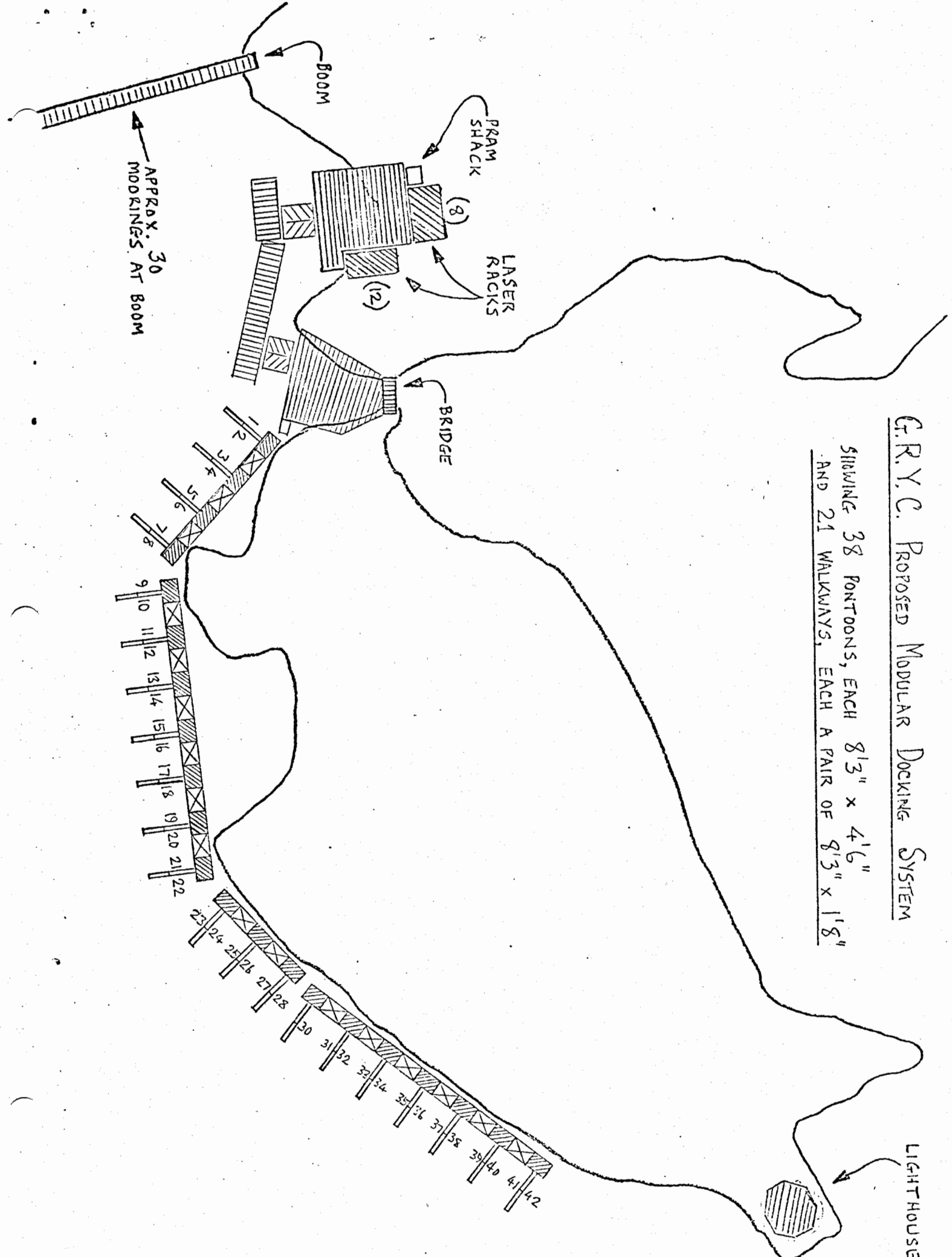
NOTE 1 - Memberships are based on an increase of 11 total members per year at the present membership mix

NOTE 2 - Initiation is based on a loss of 5 old members and an addition of 16 new members giving a net increase of 11 members per year.

NOTE 3 - No change in dues or initiation fee structure for next 5 years

G.R.Y.C. PROPOSED MODULAR DOCKING SYSTEM

SHOWING 38 PONTOONS, EACH 8'3" x 4'6"
AND 21 WALKWAYS, EACH A PAIR OF 8'3" x 1'8"



APPROX. 30
MODKINGS AT BOOM

BOOM

PRAM
SHACK

BRIDGE

LIGHTHOUSE