

The Masthead



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THE COMMODORE'S HOIST

The weather is beautiful, the water is warming up, our Juniors have already broken the ice for us, but we haven't seen nearly enough of GRYC's intrepid sailors! Don't forget that there is only about three weeks left to get in shape for our annual gala Sail-past and Punch-Bowl party and the Invitational Regatta. We have already had the Club represented at events away from the Club, with Geoff Erskine, Cynthia DesBrisay and Patty Ryan tackling the Laser Regatta at Hudson on the 5th, and we will be represented again by our young sailors at Stormont on the 12th.

We look forward to meeting many of our new members at the Theme Party on the 19th of June. We now have a fleet of some thirty Lasers at the Club and a number of eager sailors, either wanting to refresh their skills or learn port from starboard, have enquired about the adult classes. Please get your applications in for both adult and junior programs to John Seally, so that David Strutt and his staff can plan their courses, to your best advantage!

See you on the water!

Jim Strutt

ADULT SAILING CLASSES: Please Note! Classes will start Tuesday, July 5th, (not June 29th, as previously listed).

COMING EVENTS

THEME PARTY : June 19th, 8:30 P.M. \$3.00 a couple.
 SAIL-PAST : July 1st, 1:30 P.M. (followed by The Commodore's
 Punch-Bowl)
 INVITATIONAL REGATTA: July 3rd & 4th. (dinner - Saturday night)
 OPENING JUNIOR DANCE: July 9th, (confirm with Junior Commodore)

THEME PARTY

By now you must know June 19th is Theme Party Night - A Midsummer Night's Dream. "Come as your fantasy dictates" was the way the Social Committee stated it. The early date this year is to ensure that everyone will start the season knowing each other. The Social Committee are a fantastic new and enthusiastic group - Marg Desbrisay, Diane Hutton, Nancy Marjoriebanks, Maureen McIntyre, with Annette Brand back to lend a hand, and Cathy Pawley as back-up crew, when needed. They have put together a party that sounds like fun, close to the magic of Midsummer's Eve; there will be lots of prizes (this is a costume party, remember, so get your imagination going!), and even a door prize; Brian Jeffery will be our music man again, there will be a well stocked bar, and coffee to top off the evening and let you drive home safely!

Tickets are \$3.00 a couple, and festivities start at 8:30 P.M. Come early and have a drink as the sun sets, to put you in the mood. The river is beautiful at sunset. Make up a party, as your friends are welcome, too. Sorry Juniors, this is an adult party.

Eileen Stranks, Rear Commodore.

<u>Social Committee</u>	Marg DesBrisay	827-1944
	Diane Hutton	827-2349
	Nancy Marjoriebanks	733-8236
	Maureen McIntyre,	733-3303
	Annette Brand	827-1380
	Cathy Pawley	827-1906

JUNIOR SQUADRON NEWS

At the Club Spring Clean-Up, May 8th, the Junior Squadron held its first general meeting of the season, at which were elected the new season's Executive. The results were as follows:

Geoff Erskine	Junior Commodore	828-4184
Brian Jeffery	Commanding Officer	229-7345
Judy Erskine	Social Committee Chairman	828-4184
Karen Colby	Fund Raising Com. Chairman	827-1369
Lisa Colby	Treasurer	827-1069
Cynthia DesBrisay	Secretary	827-1944

The Executive has already set up a proposed calendar for the season's activities, which amount to as follows:

Opening Junior Dance	July 9
Inter-club 13 & Under Regatta	July 26-27
Fun Day - Casino Night	July 30
Mid-Season Party	August 13
Closing Dance	September 3rd.

Remember, this is only a tentative schedule, and does not include all events. Further information will be posted on the bulletin board in the Club house.

Last summer, as a fund-raising activity, the Junior Squadron sold Club T-Shirts. To elaborate on the idea, we would like to know if there is anyone with ideas for T-Shirts this year - for example: Moose-Club T-Shirts. If you're interested, or feel you have a good idea, please contact Karen Colby.

In order to run a Junior Squadron smoothly, we need co-operation from all Junior members. Please try to help out! You can get involved in any one of the Committees by contacting the member of the Executive heading it.

We hope that, with your help, this summer will be a great success.

Geoff Erskine,
Junior Commodore.

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

For all those aspiring sailors whose boats are still under wraps in the back-yard, the first trophies of the year have been won. In fact we're now 25% through the sailing season, so come out and make your membership work for you.

The following results are hot off the press:

Commodore's Opener (AL):	David Strutt & Jim Strutt
Commodore's Opener (Laser):	Cynthia DesBrisay
Spring Frostbite (AL):	David Strutt and Jim Strutt
McIntyre Shield:(AL).	Ted Johnson & Sharron Vance

While on the subject of Trophies, two things come to mind, firstly to remind you lucky winners of last year's trophies to return them as soon as possible to the Club, and secondly that we are still looking for willing volunteers to donate Laser trophies for the series racing.

1. Policy re use of Code 40's

The Club has purchased this year two Code 40's for use by Club members. After much discussion it has been decided that, at least for the first year, the boats will only be used in the training programs for adults and Juniors. In the light of the experience gained by the R.A. Yacht Club it was felt that general use by members at large would place undue strain on the boats. However this policy will be reviewed in light of our own experience.

2. SCHEDULE CHANGES

In looking over the published schedule I realize that there were a few omissions. I would like to correct these now.

- A. July 10,11 : The R.A. Yacht Club will be holding a Regatta at O.N.E.C. on the weekend of July 10-11.
- B. June 27 : Replace the team racing scheduled for Sunday, June 27, with a series race A-17, and the Young Tray for Y Flyers.
- C. Evening Series: Evening series races will start with the 10 minute gun at 18:30 for the Albacores. (Lasers will start at 18:45 if there are enough out).

3. Invitational Regatta

The Invitational Regatta of the G.R.Y.C. is being held this year on the weekend of June 3rd and 4th. We look forward to seeing you sailors out there once again defending the Club's honour. Ted Johnson is your Race Committee Chairman, and if you wish to help, I am sure he would be glad to hear from you. His phone number is 235-7326.

If you are not sailing, come to cheer. And don't forget that there will be a dinner on Saturday night, to be taken care of by your Social Committee.

andy Harley, Fleet Captain.

CLUB STAFF

While the over-all management of the Club is in the hands of David Strutt and his Assistant Manager, Bryan Jeffery, it would perhaps be of interest to new members to know that these two wear another hat, that of Sailing Instructor in Chief and Race Manager, respectively. In the sailing and swimming scene Warren Place is Senior Instructor and Bob Lafleur is our Chief Swimming Instructor. The Club has also added to its staff of instructors three new enthusiastic members, Bill Andrews, Peter Stranks, and Cynthia DesBrisay, who will be working with Geoff Erskine in both Junior and Adult programs in both sailing and swimming as assigned. Judy Erskine is our capable manager of the Canteen for another year.

So that you know their roles a little better, we have:

David Strutt	Club Manager	827-0129
Brian Jeffery	Assistant Manager	729-7349
Robert Lafleur	Chief Swimming Instructor	459-2411
Judy Erskine	Canteen Manager	
Warren Place	Senior Instructor	
Geoff Erskine	Instructor	
Bill Andrews	Instructor	
Peter Stranks	Instructor	
Cynthia DesBrisay	Instructor.	

How much our Club has grown in both staff and programs in the last few years!

CLUB RENOVATIONS

Plans for the renovations and improvements to the Club House are under way, and we are now in the midst of procedures to get a building permit.

PRAMS

Members of the Junior program may be pleased to hear that our prams have all been repaired professionally and are ready for another season of good use.

MEMBERSHIPS

Applications for new memberships have been coming in very steadily, and our attrition rate for this year is small. The Club looks forward to another year of clear sailing, and the Directors have not forgotten the mandate of the September meeting to preserve the present character of the Club, as a small Club.