

The Masthead



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THE COMMODORE'S HOIST

When I accepted the position and honour of becoming Commodore I had some appreciation of the tasks and duties in store. One of the more pleasant tasks I had forgotten, which the editor reminded me of (now twice!!), was the writing of this column for each edition of the Masthead.

My predecessors in this role have set a hard act to follow. Albeit I will attempt to carry on in the tradition established by them and make this "Hoist" a focal point for discussion of key issues affecting the G.R.Y.C. I encourage you all to suggest issues that should be discussed herein.

I am tempted to explore the issue raised by the presently proposed legislation before the Quebec Legislative Assembly - Bill 1 - and what effect passage of this bill will have on the operation of our Club. I am aware of the many Quebec citizens, residents and organizations - including individual members of this Club - who wish to influence the content of this Bill and I also wish to assure you that when there is more to impart I and the other Directors will do so.

On a more immediate level I would like you to understand and sympathize with one fundamental need for the survival of our club as we know it to-day- the friendly informal, relaxed, economical and family atmosphere - that is best expressed in one word - PARTICIPATION.

Participation in the programs and participation as a volunteer on our many committees is necessary. Each of these committees - Property, Marine, Social, Junior Program, Sailing and Project - have a need for volunteer service if they are to reach their objectives. And I have assured the Chairmen of the various committees, on your behalf, that they will have the volunteer service and program participation required to make this a most successful summer.

May I close with a modified bromide; the enjoyment you will have this summer at GRYC will be proportional to the extent of your PARTICIPATION.

Jon Hutton
Commodore

REAR-COMMODORE'S REPORT

Given the vagaries of the Canadian postal system, the Annual clean-up will probably have taken place by the time this appears. Many thanks to Maureen McIntyre and Nancy Marjoribanks for organizing the soup-pot and liquid refreshments.

In an effort to involve more members as well as to arrange things so that the same people aren't "stuck in the kitchen" for every social event of the season, we are going to have separate committees for the various events. So, be prepared to volunteer when asked. Many hands will be needed if the dinner the night of the Invitational (Saturday, July 2nd) is to be the success it has been in the past.

Plans are underway for the theme party on July 9th. We hope to convert the clubhouse into a German Beer Garden for the evening. Do we have an accordionist among the members?

Until the end of June, beer will be available on an irregular basis (week-ends only) in the seniors' lounge. A long-standing problem with the beer sales has been that many members didn't like to carry money onto the island and certainly not onto their boats. Although in the past members have been able to sign a chit, frequently they didn't bother thinking they would make it up the next time. It has been proposed that this summer, all beer purchases be effected on an honour system. A ledger will be provided in which members print their names, sign their initials and indicate the number of beers being purchased. A bill would then be distributed with the Masthead. Probably the few non-members who make beer purchases could use cash.

And one last thing to note - Adele Colby is the new Chairman of Public Relations and Publicity. She would welcome any suggestions on how to maintain the kind of Club image you want us to have in the community.

Margaret Des Brisay.

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The typewriter made an error in the last Masthead. Any member wanting to buy something from SUSIE'S SAILING SHOP will wonder why they got no answer. The typewriter regrets its mistake and assures you that if you dial 233-0674 Susie will be there for battons, gloves, boots, etc.

NOTICE TO ALL GRYC MOOSES

I would like to encourage all juniors to come and take part in the JUNIOR SQUADRON ELECTIONS on Clean-Up day - May 14.

If you are unable to make it to the Club on Clean-Up Day and you would like to run for a position please give Cynthia (827-1944) or myself (827-4184) a call.

Even if you are not interested in running for one of the 6 positions come and give us some ideas for the coming summer.

Geoff Erskine
Junior Commodore

SWIMMING AND SAILING PROGRAMS

Details of the Junior swimming and sailing program, class schedules and application forms will be in the next issue of the Masthead. The Junior program will commence on Wednesday, June 29 and the first session will end on July 27th. After a one week break, classes will start again about August 3 - unless otherwise notified - and end on August 26.

The Ladies' program begins Thursday, June 30 and the Working Folks program on Friday, July 1.

Application forms will also be available at the Club House. If you would like more information before the next Masthead, please call Beryl Stoker at 731-2884.

SUMMER STAFF

Manager	David Strutt
Assistant Manager	Warren Place
Swimming Instructors	Rob Lafleur (Head) Cynthia Des Brisay
Sailing Instructors	Geoff Erskine (Head) Bill Andrews Cynthia Des Brisay Peter Stranks

John Seally
Vice-Commodore

HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

1. Private docks should be in position as soon as possible now so that they are out of the way of other moorage.
2. Club moorage and dry sail storage is available on first call to prior (1976) holder. A RESERVATION application chart will be posted in the Club House on May 7th. Cut-off date is June 1st, at which time spares will be allotted on a first call basis.
3. No new personal docks will be allowed in 1977.
4. The next Masthead will include a policy statement on installation and provision of future wet sail dockage.

Bill Stoker.

To Laser Owners - did you know:

The Laser Association has been busy all winter. Counterparts in England staved off a movement to name the International Laser as an Olympic Class for the 1980 Gammes at Tallin, USSR - Olympic status is of no interest to the Laser hierarchy.

The Laser World Championships are slated for Buzios Beach, Brazil from November 4-13, 1977, and 10 Canadian sailors will be named for this event.

The Canadian Nationals are being hosted by Percé July 31-August 4. After the Nationals, the Canada Summer Games begin at Conception Bay, Nfld., where four teams from each province will compete in Lasers, along with other teams in quarter-ton sloops. Who's representing GRYC in these events???

It is expected that Boat Number 50,000 will be reached by mid-season.

To Albacore Owners -

I'm sorry but I have no news for you. Perhaps someone could provide me with something for the next newsletter!

PROJECT AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

To bring the members up-to-date on the continuing saga of the Building Permit, fraud was discovered in the septic world of the new Government. Someone has been peddling inferior electric toilets in Quebec under the name of "Humus" and putting on their own C.S.A. labels. Because of their poor performance, our first submission did not receive government approval.

The villain has been apprehended, our engineering report has been translated and resubmitted indicating the efficiency of the real Humus equipment, and Mr. Michael Gralton has received a copy and has promised to help in Quebec City. We are more hopeful for a happier and speedier reply.

As the guiding light for the Property Committee, I will be calling on strong backs and inventive brains and skills to help cut down dead trees, repair picnic tables, club steps, paint decks, cut grass etc., all those good things that will sparkle our "Island in the Sun".

W.H. Stranks.

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OTTAWA'S FIRST - ON THE WATER BOATSHOW

As I mentioned in the last Masthead this takes place the weekend of May 14 and 15 at the Dow's Lake Boathouse. Tickets at the gate are \$1.50 for adults and .75¢ for children under 16.

It's open 9:00 a.m - 9:00 p.m. Saturday; 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

There will be 25 different types of sailboats on show.

The procedure to be used by crashboats will also be explained fully.

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Canadian Yachting Association

The Canadian Yachting Association has a list of films that are available for rental, many of them are free. They vary from basic safety rules to such films as one on Sir Francis Chichester crossing the Atlantic to the history of Performance Sailcraft and the Laser from its beginning. I have a list so if anyone is interested let me know. (745-9961)

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Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning!
Red sky at night, sailors' delight.
Sailors who pay their dues are all right!

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GOOD SAILING EVERYONE.

KAI

The Editor.



AD SAY.. CHINESE JUNK FOR SALE...WHAT YOU EXPECT?