

# The Masthead



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## THE COMMODORE'S HOIST

I am writing this year's opening edition of the Commodore's Hoist Sunday evening, April 16 after a glorious day of spring skiing; a day with cloudless blue skies, hot sun, dazzling white corn snow and the pungent odour of suntan lotion.

The latter turned my thoughts to summer and, of course, thoughts of summer brought me around to our mutual love - sailing.

On completing my last run of the day I went to the Yacht Club to view the state of affairs. Snow up to my butt - couldn't get down the hill - no blue water - no water period - just winter! Yet the sun was so hot it can't be too long before spring really does arrive in the Gatineau.

And when Spring does arrive there is going to be a beehive of activity at GRYC. Permission has finally been granted by Quebec City to allow us to proceed with the building of the new club house. A number of members have indicated they are anxious to proceed as soon as possible. Before we do proceed, however, the Board of Directors will hold a general meeting of the membership to outline the total program. The agenda for this meeting will cover the basic elements of the program, including: details of the club house and its location; the construction phases and schedules; the participation of club members and the formation of work teams; and the financial implications with appropriate forecasts.

The essential ingredient of this undertaking is the participation of members. The Board of Directors is counting on a broad spectrum of

volunteers, noting that "many hands make light work". With the proper number of volunteers the work can be distributed in such a manner that no one will have to work excessively hard or give excessive time to this project.

I am looking forward to the start of the GRYC season when we congregate at the General Meeting to be held at the Chelsea Protestant School, Chelsea, at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 1978.

Jon Hutton

#### REAR-COMMODORE'S REPORT

This will be primarily addressed to the newer club members since you old-timers must be pretty familiar with the summer social routine by now. Not that we can't expect some innovations this year, like trying to organize a buffet for a hundred people with one hand while holding up a wall of the new club house with the other.

In any case, the opening clean-up takes place on Monday, May 22, and, as usual, there will be a hot lunch to reward the willing workers who attend. Members are being asked to bring along a can of soup to donate to the soup pot and the club will provide the rest. Come out to see how the island made it through the winter and lend a hand!

The only other dates established at this point are the traditional Punch Bowl Party in the clubhouse following the annual Commodore's Sailpast on July 3 and the Family Buffet dinner on Saturday, July 8, after the first day's racing in our Annual Invitational. So keep your fingers crossed for good weather on those two dates and for the rest of the summer while you're at it.

Friday, June 23rd, is a tentative date for an informal get-together to meet the new members and to get caught up on the between seasons activities. This will probably be another Jeans 'n Beans affair.

To be announced: The mid-summer Theme Party. This is usually the season's biggest bang with costumes designed to fit the chosen theme, prizes, bar, dancing, et. al. I am ready to receive any brilliant suggestions anyone may have about this one. And for you new members, you can also expect another informal party later in the summer as well as the annual GRYC Birthday Party complete with cake, ice cream and balloons on Labour Day, following the Junior Awards Presentation.

Margaret Des Brisay

#### N.B:

Susan Thompson who has been selling sailing gear at Regattas will soon be closing shop. Therefore, if you are in need of Gloves, Battons, Boots or Birgees you will appreciate her bargain prices. Phone Susan first: 233-0674

VICE-COMMODORE'S REPORT

Staff Appointments 1978

Planning is well in hand for the coming season's activities. Putting first things first -- our staff appointments will show a healthy mix of experience and new blood. It gave the Board a great boost to realize when they were dealing with the difficult job of selection, that every one of the candidates this year came from the Club's membership. That in itself is a testimonial to the effectiveness of Junior training programmes in years past.

With more applicants than we have job opportunities we can appreciate the advantages of having a very competitive appointment situation, but at the same time we are conscious of the disappointment that our choice must bring to those candidates whose qualifications were presented unsuccessfully. Our thanks to all those who applied, and congratulations to the following appointees :

Club Manager	-	Geoff Erskine
Assistant Manager	-	Warren Place
Senior Instructors	-	Chris Place (Sailing)
	-	Karen Colby (Swimming)
Instructors	-	Lewis Reford
	-	Patrick Ryan
Canteen	-	Nick Andrews

Junior Programmes

Application forms and final timetables are still being drafted, but we can expect to offer the usual four-week sessions in July and August. Watch the next "Masthead" for details, but the session dates are scheduled for July 3 - 28 and August 7 - September 1. One change likely this year is that we will probably not be able to offer Leader Patrol swimming this August.

It is always hard to forecast demand this far ahead of time, before we even know how many members we will have or what the "mix" of ages and interests will be. However, of two things we may be certain: our instructor teams will be ready and qualified, and we will get the support we rely on from members. If you have any advance queries or constructive proposals about the Junior (or Adult) programmes, please don't hesitate to call "yours truly" at 733-7535.

John Scally.

Graffiti Department

If you drive like Hell, you'll soon arrive There!

To residents of Aylmer -- don't forget to flush twice, Ottawa needs the water!!

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

It looks like summer is finally on its way. By the time you read this it will be time to put the boards away and think about all the mistakes you made last year. If you didn't make any, don't forget to bring your trophy to the club on Clean-Up Day so that we can display it. After all, the rest of us happy blunderers want to see what we're after when we flog ourselves around those miserable triangles, watching YOUR transoms!

The schedule - ATTACHED AT THE BACK FOR EASY REMOVAL TO HANG IN A PROMINENT PLACE - is as complete as possible, based on available information. I have attempted to avoid conflicts between Club trophy races and outside regattas. If there are any errors or omissions please let me know so we can inform everyone in time. (If it has to do with lasers, I may keep it secret!)

Please take note:

THE 10 MINUTE GUN WILL BE AT 1:00 p.m.

This has been moved up so that there will be more time after the races for sailing, drinking and socializing. We hope people will make more use of the club and islands earlier in the day. Also, because it was noted that there was always wind at 1:00 p.m. last year. Well, sometimes there was! This year, it will blow at noon and be gone by 1:00 p.m., knowing my luck.

STARTING TIMES for trophy races, regattas and special events will be posted in the club house as well as in subsequent Mastheads. DON'T THROW THEM OUT. We will try not to change things once they are printed. (Unless they involve lasers, remember!)

GOOD SAILING - We will see you on the water. Any yellow transoms you see will be mine, unless they are Cynthia's, Geoff's or Doug's or. . . .

Graeme Parkinson

EXECUTIVE - 1978

Commodore	Jon Hutton	827-2349
Vice-Commocore	John Seally	733-7535
Rear-Commodore	Margaret Des Brisay	827-1944
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Property & Projects	Bill Stranks	827-1833
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A TIMELY REMINDER!!

The Club desires to know 1978 membership numbers for several reasons. The two most important are a) so that the Treasurer can determine cash flow for the season and b) so that the Secretary can allow new members to join. If you ARE NOT joining this year, would you please write or phone one of the executive on the above list. And, of course, if you ARE JOINING, would you kindly mail your cheque to the Club at the first opportunity. Due Date is May 1.

AND THAT LEADS TO A TIMELY ANECDOTE!!! - (which we want to avoid)



JUNIOR SQUADRON

JUNIOR SQUADRON elections will be held on Clean-Up Day. ALL POSITIONS ON THE EXECUTIVE are up for re-election so I hope ALL juniors will be able to attend on Monday, May 22nd.

Warren Place

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

One membership card is issued for a family membership in the name of the spouse making the application. If cards are needed for other members of the family who visit outside clubs the Secretary will be pleased to supply them.

OSF/CYA cards will be available later in the season and may be obtained from the secretary or the Manager.

CHELSEA HAS A NEW POST OFFICE

Did you know that Chelsea now has a smart new Post Office? Because of this the club has been issued a new Box number - and one that is nice and easy to remember - Box No. 3.

GRYC CANTEEN NEWS

As this season's CANTEEN MANAGER, I have formulated a number of new policies and objectives which I plan to implement in the daily operation of the canteen. Primarily, I hope to introduce a greater variety of lunch dinners into the menu, with a stronger emphasis on FOOD-QUALITY AND NUTRITION. Also, this season, I will be using a sales register to record all transactions, and to keep a strict control over the management of my finances. Hopefully, these innovations coupled with my experience in the "fast-food" market will benefit both you, the customer, and me, the manager.

So, with a good deal of optimism and enthusiasm, I hope to run a clean, efficient canteen WITH AN EMPHASIS ON NUTRITION AND CUSTOMER SERVICE.

All the best wishes for a breezy summer

Nick Andrews

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO ALL MEMBERS

LAC DESCHENES SAILING CLUB invites all sailors to a "SEMINAR ON SAILS" by RICHARD STORER on Wednesday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m., in the Metropolitan Life Building, 99 Bank Street, 14th Floor. An Admission fee of \$1.00 per person will be applied towards Mr. Storer's honorarium.

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<u>DATES</u>	<u>CLUB RACES</u>	<u>TROPHY</u>	<u>REGATTAS &amp; OTHER EVENTS</u>
OCT. Sun. 1	FF #8	O'Keefe	AL North Americans- Chesapeake Bay Dutch Pumpkin - Kingston
Sat. 7			
Sun. 8			
Mon. 9		Closing Clean Up	

SF - Spring Frostbite  
ES - Evening Series  
FF - Fall Frostbite

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, May 2	FEES are overdue!
Wednesday, May 3	"SEMINAR ON SAILS"
Wednesday, May 10	GENERAL MEETING of GRYC
Sunday, May 14	Bridge Down
Monday, May 22	Clean-Up Day
Saturday, May 27	FIRST race of the season

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. John Young in Sussex, England on  
March 29

John Young was a very early member of  
the Club and a keen sailor. His memory  
will stay with us as his keen interest led  
to his donation of the "YOUNG TROPHY".

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