

The Masthead



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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE BUILDING OF THE NEW CLUB HOUSE

For the first time in my experience in the making and use of construction schedules, we have one that is accurate and on time. The weather has been on our side and the workforce, covering all age groups, is a construction team "par excellence". It is a large project for a bunch of amateurs to build so any amount of help - great or small - is welcome. COME OUT WHEN YOU CAN. The wages are great -- getting to know your fellow members and being creative!

The construction schedule says the second floor framing will be complete by the time you receive this Masthead - AND IT IS.

Bill Stranks.

JUNIOR COMMODORE'S REPORT

The first Bar-B-Que and bonfire was held Friday, August 11 and other events will be planned at our next executive meeting. The junior program is going well.

However, Juniors, I think we could all do a little more to help in the building of the Club House. There is invariably something like carrying of equipment or cleaning up the garbage waiting to be done. We could do this so I would like to see more juniors offering their services each day - even if only for 10-15 minutes. So when you have a spare minute - please think of the building project.

Let us hope the rest of the season carries on as well as it has up to now.

Paddy Ryan

REAR-COMMODORE'S REPORT

Buffet Dinner

First of all, thanks to Rowena, Roberta, Muriel, Brenda, Pat and Lynn who helped prepare and serve a buffet dinner for 60 members and visitors after the first day's racing of the GRYC Invitational on July 8. It always amazes me that we manage to produce such a terrific dinner with the limited facilities we have on the island. Good work, Ladies.

Theme Party

A small but most enthusiastic crowd attended the Shipwreck Party on July 29th. Several sarong-clad maidens and stripe-shirted deckhands danced non-stop until the early hours under the excellent tutelage of Annette Brand. In fact, they might still be perfecting the hustle if an exhausted Rear-Commodore hadn't pulled the plug on the music box in desperation.

David Morley earned the prize for best man by making a dramatic entrance in full evening dress, minus trousers, dripping real sea weed obtained from Lapointe's. The prize for best female costume went to Eileen Stranks who was suitably dressed for someone who had been marooned nine months previously with Clark Gable! A prize was also awarded to Pat and David Black who came in Edwardian elegance carrying suitcases and other appropriate trappings for Titanic passengers.

The grand prize, however, went to the sensation of the evening, the Ancient Mariner and his Albatross, alias Kotik and Brenda Wachmann. The skill and imagination with which these costumes were designed had to be seen to be truly appreciated. Now we're all wondering how the Wachmanns can possibly come up with anything next year to top this!

REMINDER

There will be a Birthday Party on Monday, September 4, with FREE CAKE AND ICE CREAM. G.R.Y.C. will be 16 years old. The celebration will follow the presentation of badges, trophies, etc. to the Junior Squadron. (approx. 4:00 p.m.)

ONE LAST THING - DOES ANYONE HAVE A GOOD IDEA ABOUT WHERE TO HOLD THE ANNUAL DINNER AND PRIZE GIVING. We've been to the Faculty Club for several years and some of us were disappointed with last year's dinner.

Margaret DesBrisay

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

This Fleet Captain is getting very upset. It would seem that the sailors around here have no respect for age, ability, or rank. Come on guys, let me win at least one race. Its getting embarrassing. I've even been knocked out of the Fleet Captain's Choice. Which reminds me - those of you who have signed up for it, please find your opponent and have your sail-off. You can race any time during the week-end, or if you are up during the week, see Geoff and he will arrange a start for you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, Aug. 18	Midnight Madness Race
Saturday, Aug 19	CJOH series
Sat & Sun, Aug 26,27	Laser Regatta
Sat. Sept 2	Junior Races
Sun. Sept 3	Fleet Captain's Choice Final
Mon. Sept. 4	Pat's Event

It has come to my attention that parts are disappearing from member's boats. Believe me, it is no fun to arrive at the Club ready to race only to find your boat rendered useless by the absence of a transom plug, boom vang, etc. I cannot call it borrowing, as no attempt to notify the owner, nor any attempt to return the article is being made. So it must be stealing, and it must STOP. NOW!

On a more pleasant note, our Annual Regatta was a huge success with a total of 46 boats participating. Many thanks to Blair, Lynn, Laura, Brian, Warrent, Marg and all those who helped made it one of our best Invitationals ever. Results are as follows:

<u>Albacore Fleet A</u>			<u>Albacore Fleet B</u>		
1.	McIntyre	BYC	1.	Sergeant	R.A.
2.	Murdey	BYC	2.	McIntyre	BYC
3.	Weir	BYC	3.	Dettman	R.A.

Lasers

1.	Geoff Erskine	GRYC
2.	Alan Clarke	B.Y.C.
3.	Ralph Nolting	B.Y.C.

For those who think I'm really out of it, I did win one regatta, in a Sailfish, at Temagami.

Graeme Parkinson

P.S.

Congratulations go to Muriel How and David Morley for winning the Ladies Race and Single Handed Race respectively over the week-end.

P.P.S.

And Congratulations to Bill Andrews for finishing FIRST at the IDC Regatta and to Eric Wachmann and Graeme Bailey for placing 6th.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Work on the new Club House is coming along well for those of you who have been unable to see it. Congratulations go to David Morley for pouring a footing in the wrong place and then actually signing his name to it. David's new job will be to straighten bent nails.

Both the July and August Junior programs have been full but attendance for the morning and evening adult classes is down. Two new 420's for the junior program have helped to ease the boat shortage somewhat.

A St. John Ambulance first aid clinic was held in mid-July to teach the 45 juniors attending some of the fundamentals of first aid. Hopefully it will be continued on an annual basis.

Canoe enthusiasts may thank Warren Place for constructing a new (and much needed) canoe rack on the main island. More picnic tables are on the way soon. Any ideas, suggestions or comments are welcome any time.

Geoff Erskine.

JUNIOR SWIMMING PROGRAM

Judging from some of the inquiries and questions put to me by parents it seems that there are a few members who are not sure what "swimming lessons" for their children really entails. For the benefit of those people a brief explanation seems in order.

We follow the Canadian Red Cross Society levels ranging from pre-beginners to Senior, and the Royal Life Saving Society levels, Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross. Both of these organizations follow a strict structure of

standards which are recognized on a national scale. A qualified examiner is sent down at the end of each session to examine children from the intermediate level up. (I examine the younger children on a progressive system, eliminating any test).

Unfortunately the river offers more limited potential for games and varied teaching techniques giving lessons a little more work than play; but the river also seems to offer something valuable and the children come out in general with higher levels of competency. They are constantly exposed to - and become quite comfortable with such things as weeds, logs, rocks, boats, deep water longer swimming distances, waves, weather and realistic situations at all swimming levels. This is in contrast to the slightly sheltered and secure atmosphere offered at swimming pools. This season, teaching children in the river was a new experience for me. I am pleased to say that all in all I find the river teaching much more challenging and its results much more satisfying. The children who were successful in achieving their badges deserve congratulations and I hope they will continue their climb in aquatics.

NOVICE	Robin Fraser	
BEGINNERS	Leo Henning	
JUNIORS	Debbie Trent	
SURVIVAL SWIMMING	Jeremy Dolgin Eric Hutton Chris Kerr Michelle Morrison	
INTERMEDIATES	Krista Colby Alan Marsden	
SENIORS	Adam Kerr Scott Kerr Meg Macintyre	Jerry Smith Brent Thiele
BRONZE MEDALLION	Kevin Hunt Leanne Hutton	Jane Macintyre
BRONZE CROSS	Graeme Bailey Morag Hutchison	

For those children who were not successful in achieving their badges please remember that you were successful in achieving higher swimming levels than you had at the start. August classes have started and although smaller this can only be an advantage for both me and the children. If anyone has any queries please call me at 827-1369.

Karen Colby
Swimming Instructor

MIDNIGHT MADNESS

THE FIRST ANNUAL MIDNIGHT MADNESS TROPHY WILL BE SAILED
ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

THE 10 MINUTE GUN WILL BE FIRED AT 12:00 MIDNIGHT

9:00 p.m. Pre-Briefing Warm up in Club House
11:30 p.m. Briefing

FOLLOWING THE RACE YOU ARE INVITED TO STAY FOR A BONFIRE
AND CHILI

NOTE ---- A flashlight is strongly recommended although not
mandatory.

N.B: This Trophy was kindly presented to the Club
by the Erskines who are also making all arrangements
for the evening. And in Geoff's own words "let's have
a good turnout as this event should be worth losing a
night's sleep!"

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Annual Meeting - Quebec Sailing Federation

The Q.S.F is planning on enlarging the program
for its annual meeting to include more seminars, exhibits and
panel discussion. This year's meeting will be held towards
the end of October in Quebec City. Further information will
be given in the next Masthead. However, it should be an
interesting and worthwhile meeting. Pierre Vachon is interested
in knowing how many of our members might like to attend. If
numbers are sufficient he will arrange a bus and group rate at
a hotel. Please let Margaret DesBrisay know if interested.



AILORAMA '78

1.00 PM
BRIEFING

MONDAY, SEPT 4

OPEN TO TEAMS OF ANY NUMBER -
TEAMS WILL FORM CREWS OF VESSELS OF ANY
DESCRIPTION, SAIL, MOTOR, OAR, PADDLE, ETC.
WHICH CAN BE PROPELLED AROUND A COURSE
LAID OUT ON THE GATINEAU RIVER

*This is a fun event - It is not a race - Come One, Come All
JOIN IN THE FUN*

*Remember this is an aquatic event, so use common sense when
manning vessels and observe the Rules of Seamaanship*

THE BRIEFING WILL TAKE PLACE JUST BELOW THE NEW CLUBHOUSE AT 1:00PM.

*THIS TIME HAS BEEN CHOSEN IN ORDER TO FIT IN THE EVENT PRIOR TO JUNIOR
PRIZE-GIVING & 16TH BIRTHDAY PARTY THE SAME AFTERNOON.*

*THE EVENT WILL START ANY TIME AFTER 1:30 (THIS WILL ALLOW
30 MINUTES TO READ & UNDERSTAND INSTRUCTIONS, TO RIG & GET
UNDER WAY)*

BY ORDER

Jap Snave

Lord Hi Admiral.