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THE COMMODORE'S HOIST

The Sailing Season is under way -- it's still a bit cool for swimming -- and by the time this "Masthead" reaches you the first trophy will have been won. The Commodore's Opener took place on Saturday, May 26, as the first race of the Spring Frostbite series. The weather and the low level of the Gatineau River have not been very helpful so far, causing the Clean Up to be a wash-out and members to be a little tardy in getting boats in the water and getting out to the start line in strength.

Work has re-started on the new Clubhouse, and the old structure has been stripped to its "bare essentials" as an incentive to get everyone thinking -- and working -- towards making the new building habitable as quickly as possible. Bill Stranks is on site again and construction work groups are being organized by David Morley. If you don't know how you might help, why not phone them and ask ?

We have decided to delay holding a full commissioning ceremony on July 1, but we will go ahead with an "open house" (see Lynn Erskine's report). Come one, come all, and bring your friends and neighbours -- but leave their pets at home, please.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find details of our schedule of fees and planned timetable for the summer programmes, both Junior and Adult, and the application forms for your early use. Geoff Erskine, who in addition to being

our Club Manager again this year will be directing our Sailing programmes, is also proposing to offer a series of Adult Sailing clinics as a supplement to our regular classes. Contact Geoff directly or call me if you have an interest in participating.

There are no scheduled Adult Swimming lessons offered because there has been no significant demand. If you think you might be interested in organized Adult swimming instruction at the Club, why not make your interest known? Our Senior Swimming Instructor, Karen Colby, is happily back again this year and she will be assisted by Morag Hutcheson with the Junior programme.

To complete our staff roster, Warren Place is back as Assistant Manager. Most of us only see Warren on the point handling the races on weekends, but he is also indispensable during the week in helping to keep the Club activities going smoothly. We welcome Graeme Bailey as a Sailing Instructor and Eric Wachmann as an Instructor in Training. The Canteen will be operated this summer by John Pomeroy -- under somewhat difficult circumstances !! A special thanks also to those applicants for jobs who were disappointed this year -- the competition, especially with so many well-qualified swimmers, was particularly difficult. Incidentally, for our Junior members with aspirations to apply for jobs as instructors please make sure that you get all of the pre-requisite qualifications, such as first aid or boat rescue awards, insisted on by the governing bodies before they will accept you for their Instructor Training courses. If you need more information, talk to Geoff or Warren or Karen soon.

Just to remind ourselves of the good bargain that our training programs represent you may have seen the ad by BYC (below) that appeared in the Ottawa newspapers: \$115 for 3 weeks, membership extra! The OSA Learn to Sail School costs \$195 for a one-week course, but this does include accommodation and meals. Or spare a thought for the "poor" golfers: \$20 for a half-hour lesson at the Pineview Municipal course.

Also on the financial scene, see the announcement in this issue about a way to help yourself to a good investment opportunity and also help the Club to save some of the high costs of mortgaging for the new Clubhouse.

Finally, a special mention for our Harbourmaster Bill Stoker who, supported by Joe McIntyre and Don Henning, turned out in atrocious weather and at very short notice last month to put down new anchors for the boom. Thanks team, for that special effort.

Good sailing (and good working parties), everyone -- see you all at the Club, rain or shine but preferably, Mr. Weatherman, shine and fair winds.

John Seally



LEARN TO SAIL
FULL DAY SESSIONS DURING 3 WEEK PERIODS
FOR JUNIORS - 10 YEARS OR OLDER
SPACES STILL AVAILABLE IN COURSES
STARTING JULY 23RD AND AUGUST 13TH
FEE FOR EACH COURSE \$115.00
(membership extra)
BRITANNIA YACHT CLUB 828-5167

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Having launched the season with a bang you hardy souls who turned out for Clean-Up weekend will agree, it's time to plan future events.

If you have visited the island since May 20, you will appreciate that we will be operating with a bit of a handicap for some time yet so no party (with the definite exception of "work party") has been planned during June. We have also decided to delay the Commissioning of the Clubhouse until the Strutt's are back BUT on July 1st (Sunday) we will hold an "Open House" from 11:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. We will be inviting the surrounding community so let's all show up, bring your friends and let everyone see what a beautiful Club we have. There will be a cash bar, light snacks (the Canteen will also be open), sailboat rides, swimming, etc. On July 2nd (Monday), following the Commodore's Sailpast we will be serving our famous GRYC Punch around 3:30 p. m.

For our other July events we have Pat Black convening the Regatta Dinner after the first day's racing of our Invitational on July 7, and Laura Parkinson looking after the Theme Party on July 21st. Please don't be shy about offering your assistance, if Pat or Laura haven't already called you.

We will try to get a "flyer" out to remind you and give more details, but watch the bulletin board -- if you can find it !!

Beer prices will be seventy cents (70 c.) this year -- please don't forget to sign the book.

Lynn Erskine

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Moorings ! this is just a reminder that each boat owner wishing to retain the same mooring space (or dry sail space) as last year should sign their name on the list provided by Bill Stoker before June 7th. The list is on the bulletin board and after June 7th moorings will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.
2. For Sail : IYRU rule books (as amended by the CYA) are available for \$3.00 In addition, the CYA has recently published an excellent sailing manual (entitled Advanced Sailing Skills) : copies are \$5.50 each.

The Club also has nylon GRYC pennants for sale (see me for further information).
3. Sailing Clinics : this summer I am hoping to organize a number of adult sailing clinics on the weekends. Each clinic will be aimed at one specific

aspect of sailing, i. e. -- a clinic for complete beginners, one for sailors who would like to start racing, one for racers wishing to practice tactics or boat tuning, etc.

These clinics will probably run from 9 - 12 a. m. and the boats used will be Lasers. Anyone interested in participating and who does not own their own Laser should attempt to borrow one (with over 30 Lasers at the Club this should not be too difficult, but if you have a problem call me).

The first clinic is scheduled for June 16 and 17 (9 - 12 a. m. both days) and will be aimed at those racers wishing to improve their racing tactics/skills. In order to get the most out of the clinic you may prepare yourself by reading (or reviewing) the racing rules. Although I will try to cover a fairly broad area of skills the main emphasis will be on starting, rounding marks, and rules. There will be a reasonable charge (approx. \$8.00) for each weekend clinic. For further information give me a call up at the Club (827-9026). I would also welcome any suggestions.

4. Beer and Beans: after the clinic and races of June 16th there will be a beer and beans supper followed by sailing films tentatively scheduled. Tickets would be in the \$2 - 3.00 range or 50c. for the movies only (to cover rental costs). Please watch the bulletin board for further details.

Geoff Erskine

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors set up a new Committee last winter, co-chaired by Pat Evans and Pat Bailey, known as the House Committee. The group held meetings during the winter months to consider many of the matters connected with the new Clubhouse, except for the actual constructor work. There are many such matters, most of which involve priorities and expenditures, such as furnishing and fittings for the interior, equipping the canteen, etc., the allocation of space and the "rules of house conduct" to ensure that the maximum benefit to the greatest number of our members is planned for.

The Committee met with Bill Stranks and the Directors, and several ideas were thoroughly reviewed. One result is agreement that all services (canteen, office, lockers and washrooms, telephone, etc.) should be provided at Level One. You may have noticed that Bill Stranks has already got things under way to provide the extra space on Level One, so that Level Two (Lounge area) can become a large and relatively clear general purpose area for the members, adults and juniors and their guests, and the Club's social functions.

Sensibly, the Committee suggests that until the end of this first season, until usage indicates, the furnishing of the lounge area should be held in abeyance. We can thus see how traffic patterns emerge and usage evolves before we install permanent fixtures. This will undoubtedly mean some inconveniences in lack of tables and seats, but this is surely preferable to filling the place up immediately with discards from the old clubhouse or the household cast-offs of generous donors.

The Committee will continue its good work and this should help in many ways to steer us all in making the best possible use of our facilities. The Directors thank all the members of the House Committee for their contributions to date, and look forward to further proposals.

JUNIOR SQUADRON

Your Commodore of last year (Paddy Ryan) will not be able to participate in club activities this summer. Therefore, until you have had an opportunity to elect new officers, Eric Wachmann will be happy to answer any queries you might have. He will help to co-ordinate the date for election of officers so if you would like to participate on the new executive team this summer do call Eric and let him know you would like to have your name included.

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Well, the sailing season has started and we have a winner for the first race- Cynthia DesBrisay. Congratulations are in order, not only for that, but also for being named to the Quebec B Laser Team. I wonder how they overlooked me!

It seems that I have scheduled our CJOH Regatta at the same time as the District 2 Laser Championship, so take note. The CJOH Regatta is to be moved from Saturday, August 18, to SATURDAY AUGUST 12. Normal C Series racing will take place on the 18th.

I will be posting a notice on the bulletin board (wherever that might be) shortly, requesting volunteers for our Annual Regatta. I will need ALL the help I can get, so please sign up if you are available. (time-keepers, setting up course, etc.)

A WORD OF CAUTION - there is not much water in the river at the **time** of writing so don't shave the lighthouse too close - it's your centre-board!

And finally, something to keep in mind. There are 2 Trophies up for grabs for the Spring Series: The Molson for Albacores and The Harley for Lasers. The more races you enter, the better your chances of winning, so let's get out there and sail. Besides, you get more chances to beat me!!

See you next Saturday.

Graeme Parkinson

LATE NEWS - STOP THE PRESS!

It's so early in the season, but Geoff Erskine at least got off to a flying start. CONGRATULATIONS, Geoff, on winning the Canadian Inter Collegiate single-handed sailing championship, sailed in Lasers at Lake Couchiching on May 26-27. Today, Canada, tomorrow, the North American Inter Collegiate??

SAVE AND EARN
HELP YOURSELF AND HELP THE CLUB

As all new home buyers know only too well, mortgages carry high interest rates today. The Club is caught up with these problems, but high interest rates also represent opportunities to earn good returns on investment. It has been suggested to your Board of Directors that members would like, or at least should be offered, an opportunity to participate in financing the Club, i.e., to reduce our need for mortgage money, and at the same time to earn personal income at least the equivalent of the interest rate payable on Canada Savings Bonds, trust company savings accounts or guaranteed interest certificates.

Here then is the proposition - with two optional plans. Obviously, there is absolutely no obligation to participate but if you have a little savings money available you might like one of these plans. The first choice is a straightforward loan (or debenture) that offers a 10% interest rate compounded and paid semi-annually, with a full repayment of the original principal at maturity (15 years). The second scheme is what might best be termed a "discounted membership fee", whereby for a lump-sum payment (in units of \$500.00) and an interest rate of 9 %, you would be credited a substantial part of your annual membership dues over the next ten years. For each \$500 unit you would earn a credit of \$80.00 every year for the next ten years off your membership dues. The total of \$800.00 represents both the interest, compounded annually, and the amortization of your initial lump-sum \$500.00 payment.

You may have an insurance policy with a guaranteed cash value on which you can borrow at, say 7%, and earn 9 % or 10% through the GRYC plans. Better yet, the interest payable to the insurance company on the loan would be tax-deductible since it is being used to earn investment income.

INTERESTED?? Why not call for more details or indicate that you would like a piece of the action. Contact Kotik Wachmann or John Seally as soon as you can - we would like to be able to estimate the demand before we finalize our first mortgage arrangements. When we have an idea of the response, we will call a meeting of prospective participants.

Count me in!

John Seally

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GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP we hail, we sing
It's always pleasant when you spot it.
There's only one unhappy thing:
You have to lose to prove you've got it.

ANNUAL FEES

It's that time of year again when the fingers of the Secretary and Treasurer become ITCHY -- FOR MONEY!

REMEDY TO REMOVE ITCH - There is only one remedy!
The itch won't go until ALL ANNUAL DUES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

Please help to remove the itch by sending in your cheques. Thank you.

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BUILDING PROGRAM

The building now has window frames and is progressing well, but time is fast approaching when:

1. Bill Stranks could do with more help on the building (even just banging in nails when you have 2 hours to spare).
2. Kotik Wachmann will need willing hands to help finish the septic tank area.

You might like to call before going to the club, to make sure your help could be used. If so, do call Bill - 827-1833 or Kotik - 827-0972



GUIDELINES FOR CLUB HOUSE USE

1. The Club House will be open to members at reasonable hours. Members wishing to arrive early or leave late may contact the manager or assistant manager who are responsible for the keys.
2. There are steep stairs in the club house. Please be careful and, at all times, do not run.
3. Appropriate footwear is recommended to be worn on club property, particularly during our construction phase.
4. More than 15 people in the crow's nest is probably unsafe.
5. Ashtrays should be used at all times. Please be careful with fire. Wastebaskets are for litter.
6. The club house furniture will be left inside the club house at all times.
7. Clothing, lifejackets and other personal belongings should be kept in their designated areas.
8. Trophies are better not handled as they damage easily.
9. At no time, unless authorized, will any member be allowed on the roof of the club house.
10. The club manager's office is restricted to authorized members.
11. Members will be severely reprimanded for defacing the property.

G. R. Y. C. PROGRAMME SCHEDULE & FEES - 1979

(All courses are subject to cancellation, and class times are subject to change)

<u>JUNIOR SAILING</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Basic Fees</u>	<u>Class Times Mon. - Fri.</u>	<u>First Session</u>	<u>Second Session</u>
Junior Skippers	3 weeks	\$25	10:15 - 11:45	July 9 - 27	August 14 - 31
CYA White Sail	4 weeks	\$33	10:00 - 12:00	July 3 - 27	August 7 - 31
CYA Bronze Sail	4 weeks	\$36	13:30 - 15:30	July 3 - 27	August 7 - 31
CYA Silver Sail	6 weeks	\$50	13:45 - 15:45	July 3 - 27 and	August 7 - 17
CYA Gold Sail	8 weeks	\$80	13:45 - 16:00	July 3 - 27 and	August 7 - 31

JUNIOR SWIMMING

Pre-Beginners	4 weeks	\$22	15:00 - 15:25	} July 3 - 27	} August 7 - 31
Beginners/Juniors	4 weeks	\$27	15:30 - 16:10		
Intermediates	4 weeks	\$33	14:00 - 14:55		
Seniors	4 weeks	\$36	11:45 - 12:45		
Bronze Medal/Cross	4 weeks	\$40	09:50 - 11:40		

ADULT SAILING

"Mid-Weekly"	8 lessons	\$27	10:30 - 12:15	July 3 - 26 (Tues. & Thurs.)	August 8 - 31 (Wed. & Fri.)
"Business- persons"	8 lessons	\$30	18:00 - 19:30 10:00 - 12:00	July 5 - 28 (Thurs. evening/ Sat. mornings)	August 5 - 28 (Tues. evening/ Sun. mornings)

PRE-REQUISITES

Junior Skippers: Minimum age 8 years. Should be able to demonstrate the ability to (a) tread water for 2 minutes without a lifejacket, and (b) to swim 50 yards wearing shirt, long trousers and lifejacket.

White Sail: Minimum age 11 years or, at the discretion of the Senior Instructor, age 10 years plus completion of the Junior Skippers course and with at least the Beginner's level swimming.

All Sailing Programmes: A Club-approved personal flotation device (lifejacket) must be provided for each person participating in Club sailing classes, and worn at all times when under instruction in any boat.

NOTES ON CLUB PROGRAMMES FOR 1979

1. The JUNIOR SKIPPERS course is designed to introduce sailing to children 7 - 11 years of age. It is essentially a FUN course based on the premise that "children learn by actively participating in new activities", and therefore the majority of skills in this CYA-sponsored programme are movement oriented. The use of a small, single-sail dinghy is recommended because younger children generally prefer helming a small boat single-handed to crewing a heavier two-man sailboat. The entire Junior Skippers programme will be conducted in the Club's own Optimist Prams. The course is simply an INTRODUCTION TO SAILING and there will be no formal testing, so that the failure to meet all the requirements does not mean a "fail" in the Junior Skippers programme.
2. COURSE DURATION varies according to the standard or level being taken. The Junior Skippers courses are each of three (3) weeks duration. The CYA Silver Sail is a six-week course conducted in July plus the first half of the August session. The CYA Gold Sail is a full eight-week course. ALL OTHER COURSES ARE OF FOUR WEEKS DURATION.
3. COURSE SCHEDULES: All Junior Programme courses run Monday to Friday inclusive, Public Holidays excepted. Adult programmes are operated on a two-days-per-week basis -- for details of specific course times please refer to the Programme Schedule (see overleaf).
4. CLASS TIMES are subject to change, dependent upon enrolments and instructor schedules, weather conditions, etc. Adult sailing classes and CYA Silver or Gold level Sailing courses may be cancelled if enrolment is less than four (4) for any Session. Watch the Club notice board and "THE MASTHEAD" for any announcements affecting courses.
5. AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT BY ENROLLING EARLY. All applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The Club reserves the right to limit enrolment in any course, or to cancel a Session if enrolment does not meet minimum requirements. Sailing class sizes may be restricted according to the availability of boats. Persons accepted for the July session may enrol for a second course in August, but only on a "stand by" basis to ensure that all of the "August first-choice" applications may have priority for registration.
6. FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION. If your payment has not been received by the opening day of each course the registration may be cancelled and reassigned to persons on a waiting list or to late registrants. All of the fees for the Junior Swimming courses are INCLUSIVE of the required testing fee for 1979.
7. ALL SWIMMING COURSES are held subject to the satisfactory condition of the Gatineau River. The Club will take water samples to determine coliform counts and pollution-free levels in the main swimming area, but GRYC cannot accept any responsibility for any illness caused or thought to be caused by participation in aquatic activities at the Club. One reason that the Club discourages pets on the Island is to minimize pollution from their droppings.

1979 REGISTRATION FORM - G.R.Y.C. JUNIOR PROGRAMMES

Mailing Address : John Seally (GRYC), 1741 Dunkirk Crescent, Ottawa K1H 5T3

Details of 1979 COURSES & FEES are set out in the Programme Schedule and Notes (please retain for reference). Enter the Name & Age of each child to be enrolled, indicating the Session of your choice and the Class or Level required, and complete the Fee calculations. Please sign the Application form and send it, WITH YOUR CHEQUE for the Total Junior Programme Fees, to the above address.

A. JUNIOR SAILING : Please REGISTER the following child(ren) for the Sessions and Classes indicated below.

FIRST SESSION (July)		SECOND SESSION(August)		SAILING CLASS	ENROLMENT FEES
Name	Age	Name	Age		

Sub-Total (Basic Fees) \$ _____

Less : "Family Group" Discount at _____% (see Note below) \$ _____

TOTAL JUNIOR SAILING FEES 1979 \$ ===== (A)

B. JUNIOR SWIMMING : Please REGISTER the following child(ren) for the Sessions and Classes indicated below.

FIRST SESSION (July)		SECOND SESSION(August)		SWIMMING CLASS	ENROLMENT FEES
Name	Age	Name	Age		

Sub-Total (Basic Fees) \$ _____

Less : "Family Group" Discount at _____% (see Note below) \$ _____

TOTAL JUNIOR SWIMMING FEES 1979 \$ ===== (B)

NOTE : Family Group Discounts - Programme Fees will be reduced when more than one child IN A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP is enrolled in a Junior Programme. A discount of 10% of the Basic Fees is deductible if TWO (2) children are enrolled in a Programme, and 15% if THREE OR MORE are enrolled in a Programme. Discounts for the Sailing and Swimming programmes are SEPARATE. For example, if three (3) children in one family enrol for Sailing, but only one child is enrolled for Swimming, the Discount would be 15% off the Basic Fees for Sailing, but no discount would be deductible from the Swimming Fees.

Member's
Signature _____

TOTAL JUNIOR PROGRAMME FEES
(A) plus (B) = Cheque Enclosed \$ =====