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COME ONE !! COME ALL !!!

To the biggest and best CLEAN-UP ever !
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8 -- from 9:00 a.m. to as long as
you can stay. We need EVERYONE ! There's a big
surprise in store -- wear your old clothes and don't
forget your can(s) of soup -- I'm saving some wine
for the pot !

Don't forget also to circle OCTOBER 27 on your calendars.
We're planning our big ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT DINNER-DANCE
to be held this year at JIMMY'S TAVERN RESTAURANT
at 390 BANK STREET (downstairs) at 7:00 p.m. -- \$10.00
per person. Tickets will be available on Clean Up Day, or phone
me for reservations (at least one week ahead -- we must guarantee the
numbers expected to the restaurant at that time). COME SEE WHAT
WHAT WE LOOK LIKE WITHOUT JEANS ON !!

THE COMMODORE'S HOIST

This will be the final "Masthead" for 1979. There will, of course, be the Annual Report to give a full summing up of the year. It has been a good year -- but not a great year -- and much good work has been put in to the Club's regular activities as well as the major work of Clubhouse construction.

Our very sincere thanks to all our staff and instructors for their efforts -- not always under the most desirable circumstances. There will probably be some new faces next year as people seek full-time jobs on completion of university studies. If any of our Junior Squadron members have aspirations for jobs as instructors next year, NOW is the time to be checking what the pre-requisite qualifications are and making a start to getting such things as First Aid badges during the winter.

Geoff Erskine, our Club Manager, is back at Queen's and most of our other staff have also gone back to their studies at various universities. We wish them all kinds of success in their academic year. Geoff's final reports are included below.

The Season now winds down -- the final Frosbites have been sailed and the work of cleaning up and putting boats away after another year of activity gets under way. Our new Clubhouse should be glassed in for the winter, and the old Clubhouse which has served members so well ever since the Club acquired the property, will have been carefully dismantled under Blair Erskine's direction.

See you all -- EVERYONE -- at our end-of-season functions.

JUNIOR SAILING

I would like to congratulate all of the Juniors who were successful in attaining one or more of their CYA standards. Special mention should go to all four of the Juniors who tried and passed their CYA Silver Sail standard. They were: Eric Wachmann, Hugh Pomeroy, Jeff Clarkin and Craig Hutton.

A Junior inter-club regatta was held at GRYC in August. Although the winds were light and only three races were held, consistency paid off as GRYC sailors edged out both Aylmer Club and ONEC. The members of GRYC's team were Hugh Pomeroy, Gerry Smith, Jeff Clarkin and Alan Marsden. Alan was the overall low-point individual. These four Juniors will share the Evans and Kert Interclub Trophy.

I have been to a lot of different clubs and I can honestly say that the enthusiasm and calibre of our Junior sailors is unmatched.

Special thanks to Graeme Bailey and Eric Wachmann who did a fine job and helped to keep things running while working under occasionally difficult conditions.

Geoff Erskine

MANAGER'S REPORT

Another season is just about over and I would like to thank Graeme, Eric, Karen, Morag and Warren for their help in running the Junior sailing and swimming classes. The programs must have run fairly smoothly this summer because we only lost eight shackles, three battens and one flutter board !

Canoeing enthusiasts will be happy to notice that the present canoe rack has been doubled in capacity and will now hold up to twenty canoes.

For all of those members who currently have a locker in one of the Changing Rooms -- please remove the contents AND the locks before the Clean Up weekend is over.

I am particularly happy to report that the problem of people "borrowing" equipment from others boats seems to be much reduced this year. Hopefully this very positive trend for the better will continue.

Finally, I would like to thank the members who offered suggestions or valid criticisms over the summer, and the Board of Directors who gave me their continued support in what is likely my last year working at the Club.

Geoff Erskine

"CONSERVATION GATINEAU"

Back in August a group of people concerned about unconfirmed reports of substantial development being planned at Mont Cascades, met to express their wish to ensure that such development would not detract from the existing beauty of the lower Gatineau River area. As Commodore, I attended that inaugural meeting so that GRYC members could be kept informed of the purposes of the group, and to express our viewpoint if and when it became appropriate.

At the group's second meeting on September 27 I was joined as interested individuals by Patrick Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Pomeroy (GRYC as an organization is not a member of Conservation Gatineau, as the group is now called).

At the recent meeting we were told by Bill Brown that there are firm plans to construct a resort-type hotel of approximately 200 rooms, subject to approval of the local and provincial authorities. Construction might be anticipated within the next two years. The two or three acre site for the hotel would be to the right of the existing Cascades chairlift, with access to the hotel by funicular railway.

Other speakers at the meeting discussed the river pollution and noise from powerboats and floatplanes, but the main concerns were expressed about "visual pollution" of the skyline contour of the hills, and a possible increase in the strong lighting on the hillside that already stands out at night from across the river. Individual GRYC members might be interested in participating in the activity of the "Conservation Gatineau" group, whose purported purpose includes :

- acting as a focus for those concerned about the future of the Gatineau
- ensuring that recreational or commercial use of the river is not at the expense of others' enjoyment of the river or the environment
- ensuring that any development along the river takes place in harmony with the natural environment.

It is not intended that "The Masthead" should provide a forum for the group's viewpoint. However, an effort will be made to keep Club members informed of developments at Mont Cascades, or elsewhere along the river, that might affect our enjoyment of the Gatineau's unique attractions to all GRYC sailors and swimmers and our guests. If you are interested, call or write to Anne Geggie (Anne Chudleigh) who is the group's secretary, at Box 118, Wakefield, Québec J0X 3G0. Or you can phone me for more details.

John Seally

ANNUAL MEETING

The venue for the Club's A.G.M. has not yet been finalized. It seems that this year it is more difficult to get the old Aylmer Town Hall. The date we are aiming for is early in November and the notice of meeting will be mailed to members as soon as the time, place and date have been fixed. Plan to attend -- it's YOUR CLUB ! If you would like to see things done differently, or have suggestions to improve our programs next year, come out and voice your opinions at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. SEE YOU THERE !!