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FALL TRIPLE header!
3 Big Annual Events for GRYC.

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH AT THE
CLUBHOUSE — 6 P.M. HAPPY HOUR — 7:30 DINNER

FALL CLEAN-UP

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8TH AT 10:00
BRING YOUR CAN(S) OF SOUP, MAKE LIGHT WORK
OF THE CHORES, ENJOY THE LUNCH PARTY.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST AT 7:30 P.M.
CHELSEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE COMMODORE's HOIST

Suddenly the summer is over but that should not discourage the sailors at GRYC because September and October bring excellent winds for good racing. In recent weeks the start line has become a little short - so come on out and get a few more opportunities to compete for that Club Champion trophy.

Which brings me to the subject of our Annual Awards Dinner. You will see on the front page of this "Masthead" the announcement of three important dates for the remainder of the Club's season. MARK THE DATES IN YOUR DIARY -- NOW !!

This year we will be having the Awards Dinner at the Clubhouse, as in recent years and by popular demand. Pat Black in her inimitable style is catering the Dinner of Roast Beef and other exciting foods, gorgeous deserts, and more. We need your commitment to come NEXT SATURDAY, the 29th of September. Please respond positively when our Rear Commodore, Audrey Strutt, or a member of her telephone committee, contacts you. Tickets are \$13.00 each, bring your own wine, or wine is available at \$5.00 per bottle. HAPPY HOUR commences at 6:00 p.m. and DINNER at 7:30 p.m. Come out for the event and let the Social Committee know that you appreciate their efforts.

The Fall Clean Up at the Club on Thanksgiving Monday, October 8, will also include the final work party to finish Phase I of the deck. So, not only are you asked to bring a can of soup, please bring along a hammer and some muscle power to put the capping around the outside of the deck, finish the last of the benches and, I believe, put the steps up onto the deck from the mainland side. Total work time - approximately four hours for four people. We can shorten this period with a good size work crew.

Finally, the Club's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Chelsea Elementary School. The main purpose of this meeting is to elect a new Board for the coming year and to receive the Treasurer's annual report and financial statements. Here's your best chance to GET INVOLVED in the Club's operations - DON'T MISS THIS MEETING !

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Club Manager, John Pomeroy, who has kept us all happy by running the day-to-day operations efficiently and effectively this year. He and Charles Lorimer, the Assistant Club Manager, undertook many tasks over and above their prescribed duties, willingly and without question. Look at the new Windsurfer/Laser rack, for example. Thank you John, and your staff, you were terrific.

At the risk of leaving someone out it would be unwise to try to mention all those who have turned out and helped us run the Club this year, but nevertheless I thank you all. You have contributed to a good year at GRYC - if only we had control of the wind! Never a good subject.

Although not a dedicated swimmer, I believe this has been a successful activity again this year. A bit cold now, I imagine, although I still see Anneke Schwartz striking out almost every weekend.

An awful lot of members must go home half dressed, or not dressed at all, judging by the number of clothes left at the Club. If you could please collect all of your personal belongings by Clean Up weekend, we would appreciate it very much.

This year the Boom Company is planning to assist us in keeping some life in that boom, by releasing it at both ends and securing the boom in the middle of the bay during the winter. In this way we hope the ice damage to our flotation will be minimal. Don't worry, some much needed repair work will be carried out next Spring. This year the No.1 priority was the deck, now it is the boom. But the winter plan does mean that you must remove your boats, or devise some means other than the boom of getting to the islands after October 13 - there has only been one person I know of who successfully walked across the water!

Finally, partially prompted by our Staff who took the initiative and got me off my butt, we are going ahead with some GRYC shirts for adults, T-shirts for juniors. The staff now have their own GRYC T-shirts, but the Club will have others for sale, at a reasonable price -- open-neck golf shirts with the Club pennant on the front for adults, and a short-sleeved white T-shirt for juniors. In both cases, sizes will be XL, Large and Medium. Orders will be taken at Club events for the remainder of this year. Next year, we will have the shirts available for sale at the Club.

SEE YOU ALL ON THE 29th....

Diana Pethick
Commodore

THE 1984 TRAINING PROGRAMME

The summer training programme ended with a bang on Sunday, September 9th, after a very entertaining SAILORAMA/84. We had a good turnout of parents and friends to see the youth of the Club receive their awards and to say farewell to the training staff for 1984.

A full analysis of the programme is still in preparation for the Annual Report. The enrollment was down from last year, in spite of the lessons being opened to outside non-members. Any ideas or volunteers, or both, for a publicity campaign for 1985?

Although the attendance was rather disappointing, all indications are that the programme and especially the training staff were widely appreciated. I believe that this year we had a staff who were exceptionally diligent and friendly and who, above all, made the classes FUN for the participants. So, a special THANK YOU to all our Instructors:

Duncan Bailey
Virginia Thompson

Steven Schwartz
Cindy Milks

and to our Manager and Assistant Manager, who ably assisted and supported them, the unique John Pomeroy and Charles Lorimer. Not forgetting our "Instructor Extraordinaire" Laird Close, who carried out a revitalised senior training programme.

This is now the time to review all aspects of the programme in an effort to further improve the quality and enrollment. The Board would welcome any criticism or suggestions, either as direct input or as an item at the Annual General Meeting. Here are a few of the proposals under consideration for 1985:

1. Purchase two to four Lasers (secondhand) for the training programme.
2. Thoroughly overhaul the two 420's and Code 40's.
3. Possibly sell the Code 40's and consolidate the advanced training in more 420's (Laser II's, anyone?)
4. Setting and enforcing minimum age limits in all classes. There has been a problem in some of the sailing classes, caused by the physical inability of the younger students to carry out the course requirements.

5. Open participation in lessons to non-members; continue, cease or change the fee surcharge?
6. Sell the smaller crash boat and the Johnson outboard motor and replace them with a more suitable boat and motor.

THE TRAINING PROGRAMME IS VITAL TO THE CLUB'S FUTURE, SO LET US HAVE YOUR INPUT -- COME TO THE AGM AND VOICE YOUR VIEWS.

David Black
Vice Commodore

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Another sailing season is quickly drawing to a close, so come on out for that last chance in the Fall Frostbites. It may have to be shortened this year with all the cold weather.

The race turnouts this year were small but the competition hot and I would like to thank all those who came. Maybe next year, when Kit is older and the deck is complete, I can get out there more often - maybe even try to get my dockmate out a few times!

Finally, I would like to thank Charles/Doug Lorimer and John Pomeroy for organizing this year's race series. Without the two of them I would have been lost - was that one or two horns for General Recall?

SEE YOU ALL AT THE AWARDS DINNER....

Doug Clancey
Fleet Captain