

THE MASTHEAD

Gatineau River
Yacht Club

Club de voile de
la Riviere Gatineau

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The Editor's Note

This issue should be dedicated to **Bob Willson!** He has written several wonderful articles about some of last month's club events, as well as another great Canoeing column. Also, he is once again the only contributor to the Members Speak Out column!! Doesn't anyone else out there have any questions or comments?

September is still a very busy month at the club, as you will see from the calendar on page 8. Also, please note that the tentative date set for the *Annual Banquet and Awards Night* has indeed been changed. The tentative date was Saturday Sept. 19, 1992 the actual date has now been set and it is *Saturday Oct. 3, 1992*. The back page of this Masthead issue has all the banquet details. I purposely put it on the back page so you can just pull it off and put it up on your fridge or bulletin board or wherever so you will be sure to remember to buy your tickets!!

New members may not have heard our entertainers before so let me assure you that they are great!! We had a fabulous time last year dancing to their music - and the food was **Delicious!** Be sure to come!

Staff Hours

Now that "summer" is over, the hours that the club is open have also changed.

Jeremy will only be available on weekends - Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

If you need special arrangements to access the club house during weekdays, you can contact any of the members of the board of directors.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION (CSST)

In the last Masthead, we mentioned that the Board was looking into getting Workers' Compensation coverage for volunteer workers on the island (paid staff are already covered). Our application for coverage has now been accepted, and we have some general information about compensation rates.

The insurance premium for volunteer workers is based on the Quebec minimum wage (presently \$5.50 per hour). If anyone should be injured (cross your fingers) while working on the islands, and be unable to work at their normal job, they would receive compensation calculated on the minimum wage rate. If a salaried employee is still unable to work after 14 days, the compensation rate changes, and is based on one's actual salary (roughly 90% of the net). However, for self-employed persons, the calculation is always based on the minimum wage. In every case, there will be variations depending on marital status, children, etc. so this is just a rough guide.

In order to be eligible for coverage, the Club has to keep track of who is working, their SIN number, and the number of hours they worked. The Board decided that the easiest way to do that is to leave it up to each member, to sign in or not when you work. If you choose to sign in, there's a clip-board in the Canteen, and one outside the office near the Members' Mailbox. We've also asked Crew Chiefs who are leading work parties to remind participants to sign in.

CSST notices are posted on the Bulletin Board, near the office.

We really hope that no one will ever need this coverage. Be Careful. Work Smart. However, if something does happen, the bottom line is that any compensation is better than none.

Georgina Pickett - Treasurer



Commodore's Hoist (Temporarily Indisposed)

On behalf of the Commodore. . . .

It's hard to believe, but what we thought was summer is almost over!!! However, true to our spirit, it didn't deter us from having lots of events and lots of fun. You can read all about these in the various other reports.

I would like to thank all of you who take initiative in organizing the activities in which we participate, and for helping out whenever an extra hand is needed. This is indeed, the essence of a cooperative club such as ours. Check the calendar for the upcoming Fall events, especially the fall racing series, and fall colour tour. I do hope you will join in.

By the time you read this, our Commodore, John Pomeroy, should be on his way back to Canada. I know he will be anxious to see everyone, so please set October 3 aside on your calendar for our annual dinner

From all reports, (and please see the ones included in this issue), the Club had a great summer. With membership at capacity, our facilities were well used and the events well attended. We did have a very busy summer - the new members' BBQ, the invitational regatta, the sailing series, moonlight madness, the triathlon, the upriver cruise, the junior regatta, sailorama - and all were very successful.

The Junior Program was very, very active enrolling a capacity group of juniors every session. All juniors received sailing and swimming awards for their efforts and accomplishments.

If you look around the club, you will notice many improvements. A brand new board sailing dock and area, a new roof atop the notice board, a fresh look to the clubhouse trim/steps, a new laser dock and a new crashboat dock. Bruce Lorimer and his crew are to be congratulated and thanked for persisting and completing the laser dock, and Warren Major for the boardsailing dock. Both are great!

I would like to make special mention of our manager, Jeremy Dolgin, whose responsibility it is to ensure the club functions smoothly on a daily basis, to assist the various work crew projects (e.g., both new docks) and to complete tasks given by the Board of Directors. As members, the club is a place where we leave our problems at home and come to play or to simply 'get away from it all'. Without a manager, we, as members would have to spend our play time at the club working. Thanks Jeremy!

On a more sober note, it has become quite obvious over the summer that some members have chosen to ignore our cooperative and trusting environment. Some members have been abusing our honour system of

signing for beer and soft drinks. To give you an idea of the severity of the problem, our records show that on one particular weekend, less than 1/4 of the consumed soft drinks were signed for. We are also losing \$\$ on beer. Is this situation acceptable to you? The membership might want to discuss this issue at the next Annual General Meeting.

Given that our real Commodore is on his way back to Canada, this will be my last article on his behalf. I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their support and the members who helped me and offered advice with the various problems that arose. I quickly learned to appreciate and respect the efforts of all past Commodores as well as the club members who have cared for and preserved the club. Maintaining a successful club is not an easy job and it takes effort from all of us to make it work.

I hope that you had a good summer and are rested, refreshed and revitalized for the year.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Annual Banquet and at the Annual General Meeting!

Lee Anne Johnston (Acting Commodore) '92

The Childless Mother of all Summers

John Pomeroy, our vocal Commodore, proclaimed the Summer of '91 to be the "Mother of all Summers". Well, if the Summer of '91 was the Mother, where is her offspring?!

If you are an avid sunbather, picnicker or camper, this was not the best of years. But, if you are a cyclist, canoeist or, even a sailor - including a sailboarder - the weather was pretty good. Sure, there were the occasional showers, even rain, but there was plenty of wind through the usually windless months of July and August. And, the temperature was comfortably warm for the more strenuous exercises of jogging, canoeing and cycling.

Wasn't the wind great for the Invitational Regatta and hardly any rain? We didn't have to postpone the Regatta and the sailors didn't complain about "no wind at that GRYC." What about the Midnight Madness, the Triathlon, the Long Up-River Cruise? The weather was beautiful and warm for all these club events.

Of course, John went to New Zealand for their winter, which has been fabulous for skiing. Does John have some special "in" with Mother Nature?

Bob Willson

The Third Annual TRIATHALON

August came in like a lion with rain and forceful winds, but, by 3 p.m. on August 1st, the winds had settled down to promise an exciting Third Annual Triathlon.

The Swim

Christopher Weber got an assertive start in the swim leg of the Triathlon by coming in a full minute before the others. Close behind came Alex McHattie and Sarah McHattie, only two seconds apart. Errol Thompson arrived propitiously to tap David Thomson who then sailed off on his sailboard - once he unhooked the rudder from the catwalk.

The Sail

Andrew Hanff passed Christoph and Fiona Weber to place well ahead of the others in the sail section of the Triathlon. He had to dash off quickly in his kayak because Christoph and Fiona were close behind as well as Alex McHattie and his partner in hot pursuit. Meanwhile, David Thomson was wrestling with a dying wind.

The Canoe/Kayak

Andrew Hanff held his lead, coming in first. He was fiercely dogged by the other teams who all finished within four minutes of each other! It was an exciting end. Meanwhile, the MacKenzie/Thompson crew were making progress. But, most importantly they were having fun like everyone who participated this year.

Bob Willson

Midnight Madness

A romantic, mysterious, warm, lightly breezy night was enjoyed by all who participated in the Midnight Madness Race and Corn Roast this year. Unfortunately, not all members were reached by telephone so some missed the corn roast picnic which preceded the race.

Nine boats lined up at the starting line. At the sound of the horn, Malcolm McHattie, who was determined to relinquish his corn crown this year, flew forward under a light wind. Judy White and Michael Long followed closely behind while the others packed around the starting buoy admiring the moon peeking out from behind the drifting clouds.

By the time they decided it was time to race, Malcolm and the boat of Judy White and Michael Long were half-way to the first mark.

In response to the race officials request, the finishers called their names as they crossed the finish line. Muriel's name had the honour of being the first called out. Alas, the moon broke free from the clouds to reveal Malcolm in drag! Nice try at abdication, Malcolm!

Bob Willson

Members Speak Out

The club has been trying to improve its communication with members this year while also cutting down on the expense of mailing. To accomplish this, message boxes have sprung up in front of the manager's office. These boxes have helped members pass notes to the Executive and committee heads.. However, many members are not checking their names - many people have receipts waiting to be picked up - so - check the boxes and use them to leave messages of your own!

Keeping members informed of events and changes to events remains a problem. The telephone chain is a good start but with so many people leading such active lives it is very difficult to reach everyone - too bad not all people have answering machines. For example, the telephone chain did not contact or call everyone about the plans for the Midnight Madness Corn Roast, and that the day of the Sailboard race changed from Sunday to Saturday.

As a partial solution to this problem, it would be useful if detailed descriptions and instructions for upcoming events were made available through a recorded message on the telephone answering machine. By this means members could keep abreast of events, schedules, postponements and weather conditions.

Bob Willson

Editor's Note: Great Idea Bob - the answering machine message could be updated easily and often and member's could call for the updates any time day or night!

FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT - AUGUST

There have been a number of problems down on the sailing docks. These are not new problems but I will offer solutions that may or may not have been tried before.

The areas of concern are:

1) The organization of the pram shack:

I have heard regular complaints from both club members and the Junior Program about the state of the pram shack. Each group tends to blame the other.

SOLUTION: The club manager will check over the pram shack every Friday to see that the Junior program left things in order. The club manager will keep it locked and you must check in and out with him in order to borrow equipment. He will demand that the equipment is returned exactly as he handed it out and it is his responsibility to return it to its proper place.

2) Missing equipment on club & private boats:

This is an ongoing mystery that many club members in a hurry have contributed to. One only has to stand on the docks before a race to hear the dire accusations fly.

SOLUTION: a) I will organize multicoloured tape and an etcher for fall clean-up

b) The club manager will sell those minor bits, like plugs. You will sign for them like the bar book.

c) For more major loss, get personal insurance, the club does not presently have boat insurance.

3) The condition of the club fleet:

(or do you want boats for the Junior program and casual use by club members)

The state of repair of the club fleet is an ongoing problem. The Junior Program staff up to this point have had the skills to do minimal repairs on boats. There is a great deal of wear and tear over a sailing season. I want to avoid the last minute spring chewing gum and string solutions. I have asked that Adam be hired on for several days at the end of lessons to go over the boats, do what he can do and offer recommendations on larger repairs that must be done.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS: a) adopt a boat for the year, you get first dibbs on race day but the price is to keep ahead of the Junior Program's wear & tear. This would mean taking a boat this fall. The club springs for materials.

b) be altruistic and adopt a club boat for the winter even if you do not want to sail it. See that all the necessary work is done. The club springs for materials.

c) the club moves away from racing boats towards much more bomb proof boats.

I need a committee of knowledgeable individuals and volunteers interested in adopting boats. Something must be done, our fleet needs repair or replacement. Contact me at the club or phone 827-4607.

4) The Trophy situation:

Many past winning club members still have the trophies at their homes - this solution is very easy - could anyone with a GRYC trophy please return it to the club. The other trophy situation is a bit more complicated. Some trophies are not being awarded anymore - possibly due to changes at the club or just because of the passage of time. Also, new events have been started such as the Triathlon and the Sailboard Race. Its time that all the trophies be assessed and evaluated!

SOLUTION: Someone with a long history at the club who is knowledgeable about the trophy system could spend some time organizing all the trophies and ensuring that they are being awarded appropriately. Any volunteers? Maybe we can ensure that whoever undertakes this task can be awarded one of the trophies!! Anyone interested could let a member of the board of directors know.

The Long Up-River Cruise

What a beautiful, almost hot, sunny summer day did the sailors have Sunday, August 23.

While the competitive sailors were off at the Don Rantz, those who enjoy "real" sailing, pleasure sailing, with an appropriate supply of luncheon goodies, wine, suntan lotion and friendly company headed up-river for a relaxing day of sailing and chatting.

The "real" boats belonging to Paul and Beth, Winston, Johannes and Alain and Bob were joined by Muriel, John Seally and Peter, Suzanne and friends in their dinghies.

A run was made up past Burnett where we anchored in a quiet cove. After a hearty lunch, a glass of wine and a cool refreshing dip, we made our way home leisurely while enjoying the beautiful summer Sunday.

Bob Willson

*Enjoy a good Marguerita ?
Keep your eyes open for a chance at a free one!*

*Some purchase may be involved
but it will be worthwhile!*



The Wishbone

Number of Sailboards this year at GRYC - 24
Number of Sailboards in the water this year at GRYC -
5 - tops

Fact: The sailboard "Fleet" is now the largest single class of boat at GRYC - and still get no respect!!

But now, we're also proud proprietors of:

- an equipment shack
- a 12x12 rigging platform/simulator
- a board rack (total capacity now 24 boards)
- a Junior and a Full Size GRYC Sailboard
- a sail rack and
- a spanking new (recycled) dock.

Thanks to Michel Gravel for volunteering to reroof the shack. Let us know if you need a hand!

And Remember - Windsurfers do it standing up!!

Warren Major

News Flash!

The Great GRYC Invitational Sailboard happening on August 29th was a success! The weather threatened rain - but only came up with a short lived drizzle.

The participants were small in number but giant in determination. Seven people participated - Warren Major, Malcolm McHattie, Adam Welsh, and David Thompson who have all sailed a bit this year and three other brave souls who hadn't sailed at all this year - Hamish McIntosh, Paul Harvey and Jeremy Dolgin.

The winds were rather light and somewhat fickle but all of the races were quite close. Warren was the winner, coming in first in two races with Malcolm the winner of the other.

Warren was leading even in the race he lost until he went off course and headed across the river - but - he couldn't fault any officials, he was the one who set the course! He also had the honor of the best fall - says that he got caught in his harness but who knows what he was doing?

Since there were no female representatives this year, I'll have to do my best to be out there next year - hopefully with some compatriates!!

Evelyn Ironside

Board Elections

Elections are held for all board positions at every Annual General Meeting. This year the meeting is scheduled for sometime in November. The October MastHead will have all the pertinent information.

If you would like to know more about the process - and - more particularly in doing one of the jobs - please call the chairman of the Nominating Committee -

Marc Dolgin at 827-2171

No obligation and a salesman will not call!

Noticeboard

Many thanks to *Jeff Erskine* for the kind donation of two sun umbrellas for the picnic tables on the deck! They're Great!

To: Parents with children in the Junior Programme
From: Janet Millen
Re: Canteen

If your child did not use all the money given to the canteen during Sessions 2 or 4, the amount will be credited to your account and reflected in your next invoice from the treasurer.

First Annual Slide Show

We are hoping to have a *slide show* at the Annual Banquet to look at some of the fun and frolic we have had at the club this summer.

If anyone has slides or even pictures that we could make into slides, PLEASE contact:

Lee Anne Johnston at 827-2154.

Paul Fydenchuk has kindly agreed to turn the pictures into slides and Lee Anne will coordinate the whole process!

Please contribute any pictures you might have so we can have a successful show and let our absentee Commodore know what he missed!



Selecting a Canoe

Now, as autumn approaches, is a good time to buy a canoe. Outfitters, such as Trailhead, as well as individuals, have canoes for sale. The outfitters have canoes that were rented for the season that are still in excellent condition.

The question might be what to buy from the range of possibilities available in material, length and volume.

Your choice depends more on what you want to use the canoe for than its price. Do you want it for camping trips, picnics or paddling around the GRYC islands? Will you be gliding over flat water or rushing down rapids with shallow rocky bottoms? Are you going to be lugging the canoe off and on your vehicle and over various portages? Furthermore, will you be paddling solo, with a friend or with a family? So, ruggedness, length, weight, material and appearance, in addition to price, should figure into your calculations when shopping.

Length

The longer the canoe, the greater the ability the canoe has to hold a straight line. A longer canoe would be appropriate for a couple or a family and for flat water paddling. A shorter canoe will turn more easily and would be better for solo or a couple descending white water where rapid turning ability might be crucial. But, other factors of shape and design also affect the turning ability of the canoe.

Weight

Weight depends on the size of the canoe and the materials with which it was constructed. Kevlar makes for the lightest canoes. Wood and cedar canoes can range from light to heavy. A canvas covering increases the weight, especially when wet. Aluminum and fibreglass are heavier and ABS (plastic) are the heaviest but the most durable.

Material

Kevlar canoes are light, strong and scratch resistant, but, expensive and sensitive to the sun.

Fibreglass is applied in two ways, matted pieces or strips. You get what you pay for. They require little maintenance but can deform with time.

Cedar and canvas - a classical beauty - it is durable and handles well, but, it is a costly canoe that requires maintenance. Cedarstrip and other woods - I own a cedarstrip canoe covered in a thin layer of fibreglass with layers of varnish. It's gorgeous! but, scratches easily on the rocky shores and bottoms that characterize our lakes and rivers. On the other hand, a little bit of sanding and varnish is all that is needed to restore it to its original condition or better. It's splendid for flat water canoeing, but I would hesitate to risk travelling in shallow waters.

Whatever you buy, you can find repair kits or craftspeople in the region who can repair your boat. First ask other members of the club for recommendations. If you know of craftspeople in the region able to do a fine job repairing fibreglass, plastic or wooden boats, please let me know!

Bob Willson - 246-2819

Fleet Captain's Choice

This year, the Fleet Captain let us know he has a sense of humour and had the race series be sailed in Prams! Muriel How, Bob Willson, Hamish McIntosh (the chooser!), Bruce Lorimer, Daniel Major and his Grandpa Charlie all participated and it sounds like they all had a good time.

Bruce was the winner, finishing first in two races but Daniel pulled a real coup in winning one race - choosing a better line to sail than any of the other MUCH OLDER participants!

Congratulations Daniel! Congratulations Bruce!!

BAR BILLS

I recently compiled the bar bills for the first half of the season. In doing so, I learned a great deal about some of the personalities in our GRYC family.

First, there are the 'closet' authors. These people happily put pen to paper, but prefer to remain anonymous. Their bar bill looks like this:

July 2/92 ⓂYCCⓂ 1 beer

Then there are the famous personalities traveling incognito. Their bar bill looks like this:

July 13/92 kkytygghh 6 beer

Then there are the shy types. They don't want anyone to know how much (or what) they're drinking:

July 7/92 Rudolph Red-Nose ???

Kidding aside, there have been plenty of illegible or absent names, and illegible or absent drink quantities in the beer book so far this season. What I can't read, I can't charge for, and the Club as a whole loses. Please, PRINT your names in the beer book, and don't forget to indicate what drinks you had.

Georgina Pickett
Treasurer

MID-SEASON INVOICES

Some of you may wonder why you did not get a mid-season invoice, while other members did. In order to save money on postage and stationary, invoices were only sent out to members whose bar bills (or other accounts owing) were greater than \$5.00. If you had a bar bill less than \$5.00, it has been held over, and will be added on to your final bill in September.

Georgina Pickett - Treasurer

This space could be yours!

Any sailboats, canoes, kayaks, sailboards for sale?

Advertise them in the Masthead - it's Free - it's Easy
Drop off your ad in the Masthead box!

I'M in the market for a canoe - anyone selling one - cheap?

JUNIOR PROGRAM - SUMMER 1992

The junior program for the summer of 1992 has recently come to a close. This summer was the first year (in recent history) that a parent crew was involved in helping to organize and manage the program. It was a true learning experience for the parents and it became crystal clear just how much effort has been put into the program in recent years by the Vice Commodore - Lee Anne Johnston.

Lee Anne continued to help keep the program on course again this past summer in addition to her assumed duties as acting commodore.

In the interest of charting our course for future summers the participants of the program have been asked to respond to an evaluation questionnaire concerning this summer's program.

To supplement this information I would like to ask any member of the Yacht Club who has any comments about the junior program, supportive, critical or otherwise, to contact me. You may do so by writing to me - Paul Harvey in care of the club at Box 3, Chelsea, Quebec, J0X 1N0, or by contacting me at 827-2032.

There has been some discussion about restricting the program to members, and I would be interested in hearing members' opinions on this.

Finally, I would like to ask all members to support the parent crew and the junior program by buying and wearing this year's GRYC T-shirts and hats. You can go traditional white or rad tie-died, but please go!! Watch for a sales booth at upcoming club events and watch for our MARGARITA TIE-DIE OPEN EVENT.

Thank you,
Paul Harvey - Junior Program Crew

Ladies of the Galley Up-River Cruise and Picnic

Saturday Sept 12, 1992
Meeting at GRYC at 10:30 A.M.
Returning by 3:00 P.M.

Bring a lunch item to share!

The 1992 Season Calendar

Saturday Sept. 12	Ladies of the Galley Up-River Cruise and Picnic
Sunday Sept. 13	Frostbite I - All boats accepted - no icebreakers
Sunday Sept. 20	Frostbite II - any adult to sail a pram will be praised
Sunday Sept. 27	Frostbite III - This race will normally decide the club championship. TSN and BBC will be there - you should be too! Winner Supplies the Scotch???
Saturday Oct. 3	<i>Annual Banquet and Awards Dinner</i> -
Sunday Oct. 04	Commodore's Cup - an Official end to the racing season.
Sunday Oct. 10	Fall Colours Canoe Trip down the Gatineau Start from Wakefield and canoe to GRYC
Sunday Oct. 18	Fall Clean-Up - Lend a hand it may be next summer before you see some of these friends again!!!
Sunday Oct .25	Bridge Up - If you don't have what you need off the island by this date be prepared to go without - or learn to walk on water!

Sailorama and Junior Awards

Laura and Graeme Parkinson planned a fun day for Sailorama. Everyone enjoyed trying to sail with a full glass of Coke and some even went out twice to try to better their "return". Malcolm just put his down on his sailboard and "steady as she goes" made it in without spilling more than a drop or two. Some participants complained that their glasses seemed to have a whole (or two) in the bottom but Graeme did not put up with any whining!!

Junior Awards were given out before the DELICIOUS Chocolate Birthday Cake was served.
The trophies were presented as follows:

- Bell Shield** - to reward excellence in swimming to a male participant - MC Tamblyn
- Beers Trophy** - awarded to the most improved Junior in sailing - Zoe Garlick
- Brass One** - to reward excellence in sailing, non-competitive - Chris Millen
- CHOT Shield** - to reward excellence in swimming to a female participant - Sacha Gravel
- Le Stick** - to reward excellence in sailing, competitive - Daniel Major
- 420 Shield** - to reward consistent and motivated participation in racing competition - Matthew and Jamie Smith
- Snave Trophy** - awarded to the Junior who shows the greatest all-round improvement coupled with a sense of sportsmanship, good behaviour and esprit-de-corps - Alison Hanvey
- Ping-Pong Award** - to the Junior who is always on hand (Ping Ponging around?) - Jesse Cohen

The above trophies are all awarded by the Junior Program instructors to acknowledge the most suitable participants. The following trophy is won by the Junior who wins a series of races - usually two or three races. This year, the winner of the:

Jackson Trophy was Daniel Major

Annual Banquet 1992

When: Saturday Oct. 3, 1992
6:00 P.M. for 7:00 dinner

Where: GRYC - Upper Deck and Environs

What: The usual FEAST including wine

Entertainment by:

The GRYC Musicians

Richard Garlick

Ian Hammond

Catherine Morrison

Cost: \$15 per Person

Tickets available from Jeremy

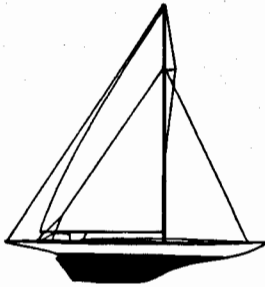
Before Sept. 31, 1992

Note: Absolutely NO tickets will be sold
after Sept. 31st or
At The Door

Tickets can also be reserved before Sept 31st by phoning Jeremy at the club or Nini Cohen at 827-1613. Any reserved tickets will be added to your bar bill whether you attended the Banquet or not - the dinner is catered so we must pay for what we order.

The Gatineau River Yacht Club

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