

T H E M A S T H E A D

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Yacht Club

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THE EDITOR'S NOTES

I know. It took longer for the 1992 first issue of the MASTHEAD to get to you than for the Winter to finally abdicate. Sometimes, one needs to really feel the wind and hear it singing, "What are you doing there, working, while you could be sailing?" before awakening from such a white season as we have had!

But here it is, at last, with something old, something new, something borrowed and ... a bit of "blues".

Echos from the 1991 General Assembly, memories, news from the Crews, dreams and plans for the upcoming season, the 1992 agenda and Junior Program is what you will find in this issue. Also, a paper, signed by John Seally, on the role and functions of the committees.

As for the MASTHEAD Crew, Bob Willson is back as Doctor Greenpen, at the proof reading desk. He might also take over the "Jay Stroke" column. Next time, you will enjoy the "Wishbone" again.

Aside from the usual, the 1992 edition of the MASTHEAD has reserved some changes, as it has to keep to the beat, and some surprises as Evelyne Ironside, co-editor, is taking over as editor. Trained in the "back room", she is well prepared for the "job", and so we will leave her the pleasure of announcing the new rules of the game and the members of her crew, in June, with all our best wishes.

As for the past-editor, this issue marks the far end of an era and some kind of a last commitment, a "swan song", as time goes by and as the next generation knocks on at the door. While the ten past summers melt in joys and tears, hopes and disappointments, I have to go on, elsewhere or otherwise, but never will I forget the GRYC Islands, their sunny summers and stormy races, joyful gatherings and flat parties, their juniors' and staff's flip-flop, their pink sails, ... their inhabitants and all that they meant to me.

Best of winds and future to you all...

Johannes Martin Godbout

The 1991 AGM

(JMG) It was an easy going, kind of casual, annual meeting. After a good summer, sprinkled with some hard work, none of the 55 attendants or so was in for a fight. To the contrary, the 1991 AGM mirrored the last season.

By the end, as usual, a new Board of Directors was elected. So!...

John Pomeroy is now Commodore. He grew up on the Island, became a member of the staff at 14, may be 15, and was "the" manager for some 8 years. After assuming the responsibilities of Fleet Captain for a year, he is now Number One! *Lee Anne Johnson* is again Vice-Commodore, in charge of the Junior Program, for the fourth season in a row. Well known among members, she is also a specialist in coaching. *Nini Cohen* is Rear-Commodore. Nini has been a GRYC member for many years, a reliable social event convener for as long and is now watching her 3 children growing up ashore, just in front of the GRYC, as she did herself. *Sandy Lorimer* is back as Secretary even if the workload is heavier than anyone might think. Any of you ever evaluated the amount of paperwork involved in this job? *Georgina Pickett* is Treasurer. A former specialist in Human Resources Management, she is now a flying star since she obtained her diploma in Law School. A member of the GRYC for some years she is also one of our ex-Fleet Captains. Under some torture, as the word on the street goes, although not that much, *Hamish McIntosh* has become our 1992 Fleet Captain. He joined the Club two years ago, took part in many sailing activities and has a side knack for kayaking.

All statutory annual reports were duly approved although there was some discussion about the age at which juniors should be admitted on the Island without supervision. It was asked that the upcoming Sailorama be a traditional one and that any "big bang" events be scheduled, from now on, on days other than family reunion times. Concerns were also expressed about the Club insurances and how to preserve our privacy.

The Strategic Planning Committee report has also been approved but with some minor qualifications. Therefore, the 1992 Board of Directors, bound by the plan, still has to maintain the membership at least at the present level. It has to take over the review of the membership structure, try to settle, once and for all, the famous dock issue, reevaluate the Boatswain functions, and make sure not to initiate any new capital investments. Indeed, the 1991 AGM confirmed the mandate outlined by the Special General Assembly: "Finish up whatever is already started ...first".

The Editorial Page

Beauty starts at thirty, before that you're cute!

A view from the steering house:

Welcome back to...

Finally summer is nearly here and the Commodore, still having a little trouble with the title, can say "Welcome back to fun in the sun".

Welcome, also, to Hamish McIntosh who has been coerced, taunted, threatened and blackmailed into taking on the position of Fleet Captain on the Board of Directors. Actually, it did not take a lot of persuading but, Hamish, I guess I'd better tell you now, I could not get that car I promised you ... sorry!

In this issue, you will find Hamish's first report which includes the Duty Officer Roster, the Race Schedule, and the (undoubtedly) various insults towards the Commodore.

Bill Johnson has agreed to take on the role of Harbour Master. He mumbled something about the easiest way of dealing with this appointment, something to do with a surplus supply of World War II mines he has stored in his basement. No boats = no need for moorings = no hassle. I like the ingenuity.

The mandate of the Board of Directors this year is to get the various standing committees running at full steam. There has been a tremendous amount of in-between season activity on the part of several of these committees and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that toiled in their efforts. If anyone is either feeling guilty for not participating, or left out because they were not contacted, please get in touch with your respective crew chief. Just a reminder that everyone is expected to contribute a day's work to the Club, excluding Spring and Fall Clean Up and Duty Officer Roster.

Until next time,

John Pomeroy

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Editorial:

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What should we say? Never trust anybody over 30? Or, "à trente ans les femmes sont belles. Après, ça dépend d'elles"?

The question seems weird. But the fact is that "...it all began in the evening of September 2, 1962, in a living room, at Gleneagle..." and, therefore, we will be 30 this very Summer.

Thirty, about the age where one reorganizes his or her dream of a lifetime, adjusts it to new limits and realities and begins to migggle a bit of old, a bit of new, a bit of youth and a bit of wisdom, while wondering where all of this will lead to.

It is also about where the GRYC stands right now, somewhere between the past and the future, trying to link both together and determined, above all, to see its dear Islands "rester belles, after 30"!

Well, I guess, we can say that providing we do not forget where we come from and how we got where we are, the future is bright and our Islands will for ever remain as beautiful and attractive as they are now.

A Strategic Plan, binding our Board of Directors for the upcoming years, was approved at the 1991 A.G.M. As the Commodore writes, the crews, well some of it, worked hard, well and better than ever in the in-between season. A new generation of new and nearly new members, full of new ideas and new energy, is already taking the lead and seeding new hopes and expectations. Old timers came back on the rank last year and, to all we know, are with us this summer. Who could ask for anything more?

Lets not forget where we come from, be thankful to all of those who built our Summer paradise and celebrate.

Happy 30th to all of you, our dear Island and the GRYC!

Johannes Martin Godbout

Tell tales and Island winds

The Rear- Commodore's Note

(Nini Cohen)

As winter has finally given up, allowing the Bridge-Down and the Spring-Clean-Up, we look forward to another wonderful summer at the Club.

A number of new members joined us last year and greatly contributed to the spirit and enthusiasm that made the social events such a success.

With the tone set up, we are confident that this summer will also bring lots of good times. We plan to continue with our traditional events, but, as Mr. Evans pointed out, in the Log-book (MASTHEAD, August 1991), perhaps it is time to try our hand at another "theme party".

Also we will be celebrating the 125th anniversary of Canada's nationhood. We are certainly excited about the prospect of organizing a special event to help us celebrate this moment in our nation's history. We hope that everyone will be keen and enthusiastic. We certainly welcome your suggestion.

A calendar of upcoming events is included in this issue. Please note the dates as we look forward to seeing you and picking up where we left off last fall.

THE FLEET CAPTAIN'S DUTY OFFICER ROSTER

May 24 - Parkinson, G.
 May 31 - Long, M.
 June 07 - Hanff E.
 June 14 - Webber, W.
 June 21 - Pomeroy, J.
 July 05 - How, M.
 July 12 - Godbout, A.
 July 19 - Jurgens, Y.
 July 25- McIntosh H.
 July 26 - Glorieux, P.
 August 02 - Johnson, L.A.
 August 09 - Dolgin, M.
 August 15 - Willson, R.
 August 16 - Young, R.
 August 23 - McHattie, M.
 August 30 -
 Sept 06 - Major, W.
 Sept 13 - Seally, J.
 Sept 20 - Lorimer, S.
 Sept 27 - Stranks, B.
 Oct 04 - Wachman, K.

If you are unable to meet this commitment, please ensure that you can find a replacement. The job is easily explained. The instructions are in the Sailing Committee kit. Train someone if you cannot make it or want to race yourself.

NB: The Sailing Crew insisted on offering their congratulations to Hamish. To what we could understand, it has chosen him either because he has raced before or the crew members just liked his smile. Those members are Jack DeBrisay, Bruce Lorimer, Pat Laverne, Henry Sano, Annette Brandt, and Gerry Van Grevenhof. None of them was reached to know which was which!

The Fleet Captain's Log

(Hamish McIntosh)

Well, here comes another summer!

The first race of the season is Sunday, May 24. I hope to see last year's keen sailors and new members as well. It would be great to see a larger fleet out this summer so "come on down".

Every Sunday, at 11:00 am sharp, races will be starting. If you do not own a boat, you can reserve a club boat through the boatswain, Jeremy Dolgin. Just give him a call on Saturday or Sunday, before the races. If you have not raced before, don't be shy. We all were rookies once. Organize to partner up with another member in a crewed boat if you don't feel comfortable on your own.

Racing aside, we would also like to see more members out in club boats. I hope to organize some informal lessons in sailing lasers, crewed boats and windsurfers. Such lessons in canoeing and kayaking would be great as well.

We just need volunteers to teach one or two sessions. I will personally volunteer to teach kayak. Times and dates will be announced.

It is going to be a great summer. See you on the Island!

JUNIOR PROGRAM NEWS

(Lee Anne Johnson)

The Junior Program Crew has been busy and is to be commended for its hard work under the chairmanship of Paul Hanvey (819, 827-2023). As a result, assessing all relevant issues, from safety and security to hiring policies and from juniors needs to parents requirements, it has planned the summer program well in advance and this program promises to be better than ever.

Further to last summer experience, the Giggling Rascals will be back and integrated within the regular program. While canoeing is again part of the package, there are some possibilities, according to the demand, for synchronized swimming and survival training - with camping - for older children.

Here are other highlights:

- It is open to ages 6 to 16
- There will be 4 two-weeks sessions, starting June 29.
- It was open only to Club members until May 1st and is now open to the public.
- The fees are the same as in 1991 (\$175 for a two-week session) providing you registered prior to May 1st 1992. Then the non-member fee applied to all registrations.

- **Giggling Rascals** (6-8 year olds) may register for one week at a time. The fee is \$87.50/week. After May 1st the a \$20. sur-charge applies to all registrations.

- The canteen will be open at lunch time and after classes for

snacks and drinks. Once a week, hot dogs or pizza will be organized for lunch.

- More information will be provided concerning the staff in the next issue.

Gatineau River Yacht Club Junior Programme

The Programme:

Classes in sailing, swimming, canoeing and outdoor skills. Programs leading to certifications by the Canadian Red Cross and Canadian Yachting Association-Fédération de Voile du Québec.

Hours:

Daily from 9h00 to 16h00

The sessions:

Session I: June 29 to July 10

Session II: July 13 to July 24

Session III: July 27 to August 7

Session IV: July 10 to July 21

Cost:

\$215.00 per participant for members

\$215.00 for non-members - subject to availability of space

(5 percent discount for second child and 10 percent for third child)

Age requirements: 9 to 16

Giggling Rascals program

Program for children 6 to 8 (members only)

\$107.50 per week. Registration is on a week basis.

Information: Lee Anne Johnston 827-0379

Echoes from beyond the winter.

Internal Affairs: the canteen caper

(JMG) May we suggest that anyone in charge this year avoid a revolution by ensuring members have as much free and wide access to all Club facilities as possible?

It used to be, indeed, that the Clubhouse and other facilities were accessible only from 9 to 5 (like in the song) on week days except, perhaps, once in a while in the evening. Then, first the Clubhouse, then the canteen and, eventually, the pram shack became open for business at any time when an "empowered" member was there to look after the close-up.

The rationale was simple: the Club belongs to the members and so they should be able to enjoy it, in a responsible manner, whenever they want to. It worked well too, very well in fact, up until ... as a matter of precaution and security ... the canteen and its fridge were ... locked up again!

That is when the MASTHEAD headquarters of the time got caught in a flood of protests! As the phone rang non-stop for a day or two, the message came through as clear as crystal water!

First, aside the rational, Club members are as accountable as any staff members, they know the "routine" as they go through it whenever they leave their own house and they should be given credit for this.

Second, there is no best way to protect the Island assets than to have members on the spot all around the clock, as experience has proved.

Third, the canteen is an essential facility within a Club where the premises are just like a summer cottage for most and where one has to cross the catwalk with all her or his stock on shoulders, for a casual picnic and, on top of it, cannot afford to forget anything if the canteen is closed and locked (beside are not the fridge, micro-wave, hot tap, boiler and other kitchen miscellaneous affairs there to be used also by those who paid for it?)

Fourth, ice (in the fridge by the way) and a proper and complete first aid kit, along with instructions, should be easily accessible at all time should an incident occur (read safety and security bylaws regarding public premises).

As the MASTHEAD gathered this message nearly a year ago, there is no use to list all of those who, at the time, called in to register it. But, in order to avoid any further revolution, lets hope that anyone in charge this year will catch the message as clearly as the MASTHEAD received it!

By the way, has any mother or chief-cook-in-the-family among you has ever been caught, on the Islands, short of a fork, a knife, some hot water or some ice? Try it! ... Wow! What an experience to go through!

The Fall Colours Canoe Trip

(Robert Willson)

A Trivia Question?

What was the last completed on-water activity at the GRYC in 1991? The Commodore's Cup? No, it was the Fall Colours Canoe Trip from Wakefield to the GRYC Islands, and it was a success due to the efforts of Club members and Mother Nature.

The day began - early - with promising sunshine, a light breeze and a comfortable fall temperature. By 10 o'clock, 5 crews of Venturers set out with *John Pomeroy* providing transportation for the company and the canoes, thanks to the Ottawa Outing Club. The "Venturers" were *Jane, Michel, Nicolas and Sacha Gravel, Warren, Daniel and Emelie Major, Annette Brandt, Muriel How, Isabelle Roberge, Bob Willson, Richard Garlick, Paul and Katie Hanvey.*

Shortly after setting out from Wakefield, the group formed and paraded, reformed and paraded, and reformed and paraded as *Malek Karsh* photographed this historical first descent of the Gatineau by valiant "Venturers" of the GRYC.

The sun revealed the robes of autumn of the Gatineau Hills while the group progressed through the wind, waves, wandering logs, and Nessie was lurked under the rippling water.

By 1 p.m. we had reached Rocky Island for a rest break and a bite to eat. Mother Nature supplied some re"fraiche"ment.

We then set off again under the careful watch of John and Lee Anne, with Warren and family under tow, to arrive back at the GRYC ready for some hot, yes, deliciously hot, warming soup served by the gracious duo of Alain and Johannes.

The Power Structure at the GRYC

by John Seally

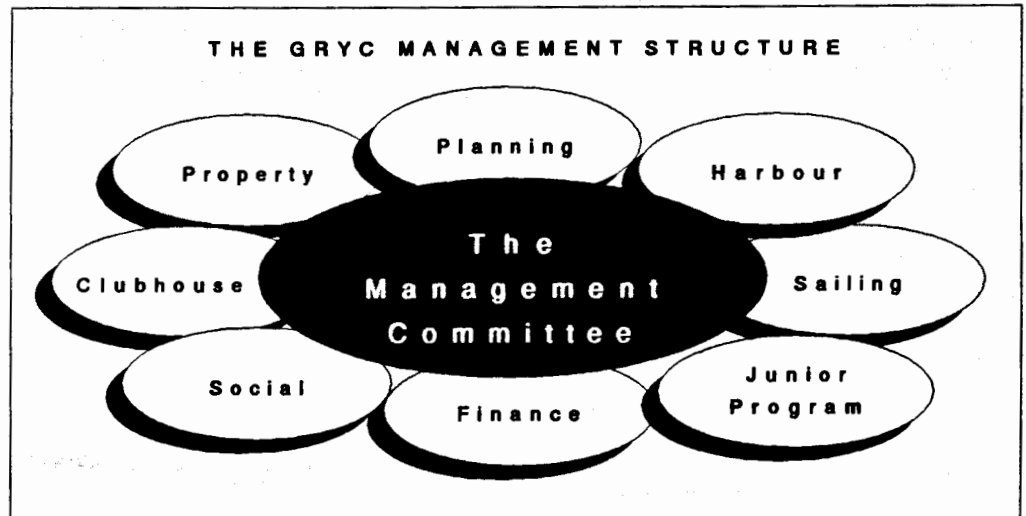
We now have an updated "Guide to GRYC", containing the consolidation of the ByLaws as at the beginning of this year. One purpose of the ByLaws is to prescribe how we, the membership, agree to govern ourselves. It is quite a tribute to the framers of our "constitution" that the original structure of authority has needed very little change over the years. So how does it work? Article 7 of the ByLaws sets out the role of the various committees. Nine committees are identified, i.e., the **Management Committee** and eight functional Standing Committees. The Management Committee includes all the **Directors** of the Club (the Board) and is the focus of authority and decision making. Rightly so, because the directors are our elected representatives: they hold office because the membership at large has expressed confidence in them and given them, through the ByLaws, the authority to act on our behalf.

As the senior committee, and chaired by the Commodore, the Management Committee determines the policy and gives

direction to other committees, and controls Club funds, all within the ByLaws. The various committees can identify what needs to be done, and they may be able to organize the necessary work, but often they need funds to buy materials or new assets. Subordinate committees must have the approval of the Management Committee before spending Club monies, except for small petty cash items. At the beginning of each year the committee chairpersons may be asked to prepare a budget. The

don't mean too much when it comes to getting work done by volunteers. This is where the committees come into their own. They can accomplish many things by organizing groups of members and pursuing particular functional goals in limited areas -- as reflected in their various mandates defined in the ByLaws, such as the care and maintenance of the Clubhouse and Property, or Junior and Social activities.

When everyone works in cooperation, with the committee chairpersons and the Directors responding to the leadership of the Commodore, the Club hums along smoothly and the "power structure" remains



Management Committee then has the often difficult task of deciding priorities.

It is, however, unreasonable in any organization of volunteers to expect one small group, namely the Board of directors, to carry the entire burden of managing everything. In other words, authority and power

unobtrusive, as it should be. The best way to ensure that this continues to happen is for everyone to be prepared to participate. So, why not enjoy a couple of years as an elected Director? At the very least, attend the annual meeting and work with one of the committees to keep our Club thriving.

Learning the Ropes

The funniest thing about yacht clubs, is that most members do not sail. People who join a curling club, will at least buy themselves a broom! In a sailing club, people are more comfortable away from the water than in a boat. Don't you feel it's about time you get to learn how to use a sailboat?

The best way to learn how to sail is to get into one of these crafts. There are three things you should know about them...they do not tip easily, they do not sink easily and....they go ahead easily! It's just a matter of giving it a couple of hours.

Most people you see around the islands (not those on the Islands) have all learned to sail at some point in time. The vast majority just purchased a used boat and tried to make it go in a certain direction. I will not make any effort at quoting the conversation they may have had with the canvas and the ropes...it may reduce the morality standards of this publication. But, since all of them eventually came back to the dock, one can safely assume that they finally succeeded.

To those who are asking how do you learn to sail? there are two answers: get lessons or get yourself a boat. Personally I prefer the

second option. I will let Guillaume argue for the first one (by the way, I will further argue that Guillaume learned more out of having his own boat than by taking lessons!).

Now that you are convinced that you should get a boat...here is what you should do: get a used one. Why should you pay \$4000.00 for a new boat, when all you need is something that will cost you one third of the price and provide you with all the enjoyment of repairing every little piece of it? You will figure its purpose, you will understand how it works, and you will not cry if you make a small scratch to the hull. Just look for a boat that is complete, still in operational condition and within your budget. Once you have learned to sail with it, you can decide to get a new one! Boats are not like computers, they are never obsolete...they never really die, they just lose their

wind! Any boat in operating condition still has a market value.

In the Ottawa area, there are hundreds of small sailboats which are not in use and in good condition. Just say you are looking for a small sailboat...and there will be offers coming at you. It's a buyer's market...at least for a couple of years. Before you make up your mind, look at the boats around the club, look for some which are similar, they have proven to be the best ones for these waters. Talk to their owners...go out for a sail with them. You will easily make you mid about which one suits you best. Most of them will volunteer to go and look at the potential buy and give you an opinion on the condition of the boat, the hardware and the sails.

Don't stay ashore, you're missing on the best of this Club!

Alain Godbout

If you are interested in sailing in a crewed boat but do not have a partner. Or if you are inexperienced and want to start as crew with a more experienced skipper...

Well, you know the phone number. But, please do not call all at the same time or within the same day. The receptionist does not work overtime!

**Hamish McIntosh
827-4807**

The Shoreline and above!

(Malcolm McHattie)

Looking forward to the new season, two small groups from the Island Crew met during the Winter to prepare a **General Long Term Plan** and a **1992 Plan and Budget**. The resulting documents will be posted in the Clubhouse. Copies are available for Island Crew members and other interested Club Members.

The **General Long Term Plan** is a "land use plan". It

includes a map of the islands, identifies areas and considers them under the headings "use and development", "conservation" and "safety and security". Comments are welcome between now and in tabling of the Plan at the 1992 Annual General Meeting in November.

The **1992 Plan and Budget** list activities under "Maintenance", "Development" and

"Planning and Administration". There are activities of various kinds from cutting down raspberry canes on the septic field to planning, designing and rebuilding the bridge between the two islands.

We hope to accomplish essential work in a way that is fun for all. For any information, call me at: (819) 827-2935 or (613) 998-1981 at work.

For sale

International 5-0-5, KC 4649, 1973 Parker ready to race, \$2500; one owner; raced locally almost every season and in World (1990) and North American (1989) championships. Malcolm McHattie, (819) 827-2935 or (613) 998-1981, at work.

Wayfarer KC 7346 1981 Abbott, \$3,900. One owner, little used, comes with Storer sails, trailer, launching dolly, mainsail reefing, additional storm jib and boat cover. Excellent boat for GRYC. Fred Grodde 774-1841.

Laser II KC1116 1981, (Sun, Sweat and Tears) the fastest sailing machine at the GRYC. Fully equipped for regatta with spinnaker, trapeze and colour sails. Metal dolly available. Maintained for optimal racing condition and suitable for light adults. Alain Godbout 561-4535

Albacore KC6060, Light blue hull in very good condition. Complete with sails and trailer. Hull has been refinished in 1991. Lovable boat capable of performance sailing. Must sell for health reasons. Stu Scullion 827-1164

Wanted:

Laser in good condition. Must be complete and ready to sail. To be used for lake/cottage sailing. Call Peter Guy: 827-2093

Crew wanted

5-0-5 crew wanted, Britannia; evenings, week-ends and regattas. New boat (KC 8417), experienced owner. Will be pleased to help person with aptitude gain racing experience. Malcolm MacHattie, (819) 287-2935 or (613) 998-1981 at work.

The 1992 Season Calendar

- Sunday, May 24 **Commodore's Opener**, the very first race of the season. Do not miss it!
Sunday, May 31 **Rear Commodore's Opener**, keen junior racers most welcome in their wetsuit
Sunday June 7 **Spring Warm-Up series 1-3**
Sunday June 14 **Spring Warm-Up series 4-6**

Saturday June 20 **New Members B-B-Q** for your and to share,
do not forget to bring something for the grill.

Sunday June 21 Racing clinic and fun races, the best opportunity you will have to tell our Fleet Captain you got his message.

Sunday June 28 **Sailpast and Open House,**
join the crowd ... if you are not taking part in the
Lake Deschesnes Open, June 27 & 28

Sunday July 05 **July Series 1-3**

Sunday July 12 **July Series 4-6** (Also Nepean S.C. Laser Junior Open Regatta,
16 and under, and ... The National Capital at Britannia Y.C.)

Sunday July 19 **July Series 7-9**

Saturday and Sunday, July 25-26

The great GRYC Regatta,

tell your friends, register a keen sailor you know and do not forget to join in

Saturday Aug 01 Third edition of the famous **GRYC Triathlon** - complete perhaps competel

Sunday Aug 02

Morisset Cup (single handed crewed boat) combined with the
Evans Shield (for women only)

Sunday Aug 09 **August Series 1-3**

Saturday Aug 15

Moonlight Madness and Corn Roast

by Malcolm McHattie who would love

to win this race again so he could be in charge of the corn again next year

Sunday Aug 16 **August Series 4-6**

Sunday Aug 23 **August Series 7-9** if you are not taking part in the Don Rantz at the R.A. that is
(August 22 / 23)

Sunday Aug 30 **CJOH Sailboard Regatta.**

Arrangements have been made and tentative agreement reached with Mr. Weatherman.
So bring a friend telling him he "probably" will not freeze and that the winds are awesome!

Saturday Sep 05 **Jackson Trophy (prams)** one of the first step to glory for our junior skippers,
an occasion of hope for our Fleet Captain and a day of pride for a Vice Commodore
and Junior Crew. Support the 2012 Canadian contender to the America Cup. Cheerleaders of
all kinds welcome.

THE 1992 Season Calendar

- Sunday Sept 06 Fleet Captain's Choice.** (Similarity to a race is accidental)
Sail into the most unusual sailing event of the season. This is the occasion where the Fleet Captain can rewrite the IYRU rule book and get away with it!
- Monday Sept. 07 SAILORAMA and Birthday Party**
Discover what the kids have been up to. It's their Awards day and join in the most un-musical rendering of Happy Birthday...for the 30th time! You can have the cake and eat it!
- Sunday Sept 13 Frostbite I.** All boats can enter, Ice-breakers excepted.
Same week-end: Nepean Dinghy Open Regatta 12 and 13.
- Sunday Sept 20 Frostbite II.** Any adult wishing to sail a pram around the course will be praised.
- Sunday Sept 27 Frostbite III.** This race will normally decide the Club championship.
TSN will be invited along with the BBC crew covering the America Cup.
Let's hope they won't show up, we may be out of Scotch by that date.
- Sunday Oct. 04 Commodore's Cup.** An official end of the racing season.
If you have not raced this season, it's time you got around to do it!
- Saturday Oct. 10 Fall Colours canoe trip down the Gatineau River.**
Early start from Wakefield and early arrival at the GRYC.
- Sunday Oct. 18 Fall CLEAN-UP**
The final event before turning over the clubhouse to the squirrels for the winter.
- Sunday Oct. 25 The Bridge-up.**
If you have not picked up your sailboard before this date, be prepared to learn to walk on water to reach it.

Are you interested in racing? We will train you!!!

Please call the Fleet Captain, Hamish McIntosh, at 827- 4607.

Midnight calls will not be answered.

Do you only use your boat occasionally? Would you lend it to keen responsible trained racers who would offer to repair any damages? Please forward your name to ... the Fleet Captain, of course! Same phone number same time!

Please phone "asap" if you are ready to volunteer as sailing / canoeing / kayaking instructor for casual lessons some time this summer

The ... Fleet Captain! Again.

The Log Book:

Looking back at 1991

(JMG)

By all standards, Summer 1991 will be remembered as a great one for the GRYC. From Bridge-Down to Bridge-Up, everything seemed to bloom all over the landscape!

For the first time in many years, new members kept registering all summer long so, by the end of the season, the membership had increased by 40%.

The crews got a good kick off and, after several years of hesitation, finally found their way through demonstrating they were among the keys to a more dynamic Club.

By the end of a long hot Summer, the Strategic Planning Committee was able to table a report well fitted to the issues facing the GRYC at the footstep of its thirties and of the next century.

From all that we heard, reshaping the MASTHEAD and keeping the members busy reading it contributed to keeping everyone up to date and stimulated a larger commitment.

Even at the tip of our fingers, the Giggling Rascals program was launched for the 8 and under, while the Junior

Program was so popular the staff barely had enough with their 8 hands to handle it without burning out.

All of the social and nautical events were a great success. Among them the 2nd Annual GRYC Triathlon attracted a whole crowd of juniors and young at heart who obviously enjoyed it as seriously as possible. Made by the Rascals for the occasion, a *piñata* brought a final touch to the event as our past-Commodore, Marc Dolgin, did everything he could to bravely break it but never really succeeded, to his greatest despair. May be next time Marc!

Combined with Moonlight Madness, the Invitational ran smoothly as Nini Cohen and Roger Leclair even achieved a "première". Would you believe it? On this occasion we did not run out of food but there was nothing left afterward either!

The Pink Sails Up the River Cruise also gain in popularity. On that occasion, the Sorority of the Galleys initiated many new comers to its secret ritual as Yvonne Jurgens took the leadership of the clan. Two of the initial members of the Sorority

added some colour to the event by wearing some costume fashion-designed for the cruise. A double-agent (the mole!) of the MASTHEAD even reported that new comers decided they would learn to sail this summer (wanted a clue Ham-ish?)!

Of course, everyone will remember the very special Sailorama we had ... along with its unexpected success! There was fun for everyone. Those who were lucky enough to sail enjoyed tacking to the sound of music. And, above all, realizing the huge turn out, some 45 members, along with their children, spontaneously pitched in to give a help where ever it was needed. In fact, looking back at it, maybe that kind of reaction has been the real big thing about this event: how we could all pull together in the same direction!

Finally, to crown such a season properly, the Annual Dinner was well attended and all of those who had worked hard in the galleys during the summer or had prepared such a dinner before, were glad to enjoy it while being served by the personnel of the catering service which prepared it this time! Music was local, vocal and got some old rockers going! Nice memories? Wait to see what is ahead of us!

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