

THE MASTHEAD

Gatineau River
Yacht Club

Club de voile de
la Riviere Gatineau

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The Editor's Note

Well, this is the last Masthead of the season. It's been rather fun doing this, particularly the last couple of issues where I actually had some familiarity with the computer and the types of articles that are included. In fact, I've enjoyed it enough that I've offered to do it for another year! However, I will be looking for a helper who might be interested in taking over in 1994. If anyone has an interest, please let me know! You can reach me at 827-0580. If no one volunteers, I'll be out recruiting in the spring!!

This issue is shorter than any of the previous issues this year - none of our usual columns are included and the Calendar of Events is finished! The main purpose of this issue is to remind people of the Fall Clean Up and to let people know the latest about the Annual General Meeting.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank anyone who submitted an article or information for the Masthead. The Board of Directors have all been very supportive and usually have their articles in close to the right date! They are also well written and require minimal editing which is very good since I am certainly not trained in journalism and I am just learning as I go along! I'd also like to give a huge thanks to Robert Willson for all of his wonderful contributions! He has been an editor's delight with his regular canoeing column as well as his many other articles. The August Masthead would not have been the same without his many contributions. Thanks also to Warren Major for his sailboard column - I'll be asking again next year Warren!

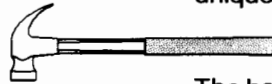
So, that ends this years adventure - you should get your first Masthead for 1993 in the first week of May - have a great winter - see you in the spring!

Fall Clean Up



Fall Clean Up is Sunday October 18th. Let's see a good turn out - it might be the last time you see some Yacht Club friends until next summer!!

Remember to bring a can of soup for the unique, but always wonderfully tasty soup concoction!



The bar will be closed by Clean Up Day so if you think you might like a beer or other drink, please bring your own. The bar is closing early because our Manager - Jeremy - will be on his way to Sout-East Asia!

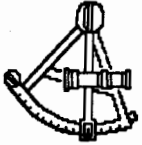
So while we are just trying to cope with the onset of cold weather, we can think of Jeremy, off to warm and exotic climes! Also it makes it easier for Georgina to close out the books for the year end if all the bits and pieces are tied up before Fall Clean Up - so remember - BYOB!

Also, another new initiative this year is the sign in sheet for Worker's Compensation (see August Masthead for details). The sheets will be available for Fall Clean Up so be sure to sign in. That way, you'll know how to do it for next year and it will just become a quick routine before getting to work.

Another reminder is to please look in the Member's Mailbox for any messages there may be for you. Many people have receipts in the mailbox so you'll want to get anything picked up before the bridge is put up and you'll have to swim to get it!

So, I hope to see alot of you out on the islands for one last time this year. There is alot of work to do at Fall Clean Up and "many hands make light work" so lets see many hands on deck!

See you on the 18th
Evelyn Ironside



Commodore's Hoist (Newly Returned !!)

Well, I'm Back!!! And I would like to again thank Malcolm McHattie for letting me know how things were going at the club exactly ten seconds (I'm not kidding) after I walked in the door!

Kiwiland was amazing! I highly recommend a visit to New Zealand for anyone looking for a travel destination. The people are wonderful and the scenery will literally take your breath away. I've got some great photos of my trip for anyone who needs convincing. I would like to thank the Board of Director's for "forcing" me to go to New Zealand. I was extremely hesitant at first, but, in retrospect, I think I would have been kicking myself about this time if I had not gone. As I sit here, my back is giving me a bit of a problem, hopefully it will settle down long enough for me to get out on the water one last time to beat Hamish in at least a final fun race for the season. HA!

Anyway, enough about me. Judging by the way the islands look, it seems that a lot of work got done over the course of the summer up here. I guess saving a lot of work for a rainy season was a good thing. I would also like to thank the board and everyone else who pitched in throughout the season.

One 'not so nice' thing has come to my attention since my return. It seems that there are several club members who have still not paid their fees for the season. Rather than calling a collection agency, the Club By-laws state that the parties in question will simply be struck off the membership list (by decision of the Board). I think the Board has been most understanding and patient. Since the Club has such a sizable waiting list, it is not all that tough a call to start putting lines through names. I am asking everyone who has the slightest question as to whether they may be in arrears (for membership, mooring fees, beer book, whatever) to check your accounts with either Georgina or Sandy as soon as you read this. Georgina will be happy to take your cheques at Fall Clean-Up.

Both Sandy and Georgina have been doing an incredible job keeping up with the monumental task of tracking all of the various money and people things. They do this as volunteers - please don't make their jobs harder for them.

Thanks for your attention to this and see you at Fall Clean-Up!

John Pomeroy
Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report

As we wind the '92 season to a close, it's time to note or voice changes you would like to see made for next year.. I am particularly interested in your suggestions for improvements to the 1993 Junior Program. We have already surveyed the '92 participants and have received input from the Junior Program staff. With this information, and further input from you, we can formulate recommendations to be made on behalf of the Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting. Things you might want to consider in regards to the Junior Program are: eligibility - members only? core program elements - sailing, swimming, canoeing??? fleet repair and replacement, etc.

So, please call me (827-0379) or Paul Harvey (827-2032) with your thoughts and suggestions as soon as possible. Thanks!!

Lee Anne Johnston
Vice-commodore

YEAR-END ACCOUNTING

Well, it's that season of year again, time to pull-up the catwalk and batten down the hatches. On the financial side, it's time for the Treasurer to close the books for another year, prepare the financial statements and submit the whole works to the auditor.

You'll soon be receiving a year-end invoice, with an accounting for bar bills, annual dinner tickets, outstanding fees and any other monies owing the Club. It would be much appreciated if you would settle your bill as soon as possible. Outstanding bills make the job that much more complicated and time-consuming, and delay processing of the Club accounts.

Of course the flip side of this is that if the Club owes you any money, please submit your invoices as soon as you can.

If you bring your cheque book to Fall Clean-Up (October 18), I'll be glad to settle up with you there.

Georgina Pickett
Treasurer

PLEET CAPTAINS REPORT

The Captain's Log

Well here we are in the fall of 92. A cool summer but lots of activity on the water. I want to thank all those who supported me by running activities or just coming out to take part in activities. I haven't seen the Fleet Captains Choice (Pram Race) pictures yet, but I can hardly wait!

At the time of writing I am trying to sort through the pile of trophies with various strange and warped histories. I hope that I have figured it all out by the big night.

Adam has gone over the fleet with a fine toothed comb. He has repaired boats and given me a report on the state of each boat and recommendations for their future.

Well I think I survived the summer. I know alot more about the club for having taken on this position. See everyone at clean - up.

Hamish McIntosh
Fleet Captain

Awards and Trophies

The following Awards and Trophies were given out at the Annual Banquet. Congratulations to the well deserving winners!

Edelweiss Cup (Overall Series)
Guillame Godbout
Wakefield Inn Trophy** (Overall Runner-Up)
Bruce Lorimer
Voyageur Cup** (In and Out of Club Racer)
Bruce Lorimer
Wood Trophy** (Laser - Overall)
Guillame Godbout
Rear Commodore's Opener** (Race Winner)
Bruce Lorimer
MacIntyre Shield** (July Series)
Guillame Godbout
Morisset Cup (Single handed in normally crewed boat)
Bill Stranks

Laser Trophy (Regatta)
Bruce Lorimer
McHattie Cup (Sailboarding)
Malcolm Mchattie
Young Tray (Y Flyer)
Jack Des Brisay
Carling Trophy (Fleet Captain's Choice Winner)
Bruce Lorimer
Evans Shield** (Woman'S Race Winner)
Muriel How
Medland Shield** (Novice)
Winston Weber
Erskine Trophy (Moonlight Madness Winner)
Malcolm McHattie
Coupe Des Vice-Commodore (Jr. best results - Regatta)
Josh Cohen
Hansum Transum (Great Feat Undertaken)
Abdication of Commodoreship for Down Under
Most worthy and well carried out replacement!
Lee Anne Johnston due to *John Pomeroy's* abdication.
Manager's Cup (Manager's choice of member most willing and available to provide help and assistance)
Bob Willson

Spring Series

Harley Trophy** (Single handed)
Bruce Lorimer

July Series

Olympic Ski Trophy** (Crewed)
Jack Des Brisay
Parkinson Trophy (Single handed)
Guillame Godbout
Diana Pethick's Roziepantz Cup** (best results-woman)
Muriel How

August Series

Olympic Ski Shop Trophy** (Crewed)
Jack Des Brisay
Strutt Trophy (Single handed)
Guillame Godbout
Seally Trophy** (best results-woman)
Muriel How

Fall Series

O'Keefe Trophy** (Crewed)
Jack Des Brisay
Wilde Trophy** (Single handed)
Daniel Major

** The double starred trophies are "missing" - Please let Hamish know if you have knowledge of their whereabouts!

Annual Banquet

What a Great night! Many thanks to *Nini Cohen* and *Catherine Morrison*, as well as all their helpers, for organizing such a fabulous event!

The food was delicious and more exotic fare than what we have previously had. The dessert didn't quite make it around to everyone but the Margueritas given out to replace dessert were excellent. The appetizers served before dinner were absolutely marvelous - I'd love to get the recipe for that artichoke dip! I think I ate a good portion of it all by myself!! Anyone who missed either appetizer really missed a treat!

The awards ceremony and slide show were also wonderful. It was fun to see who got the MANY trophies and hopefully all the missing ones will be found! The slide show was also great, it was fun to review the summer and to see some of the sights of New Zealand! Thanks very much to *Lee Anne Johnston* and *Paul Fydenchuk* for organizing the slide show!

The Marguerita/T-shirt/Hat sale had limited success with only two or three t-shirts and hats being sold. It was really too bad, I bought a t-shirt and the two Margueritas I had were tasty and POWERFUL!! Really a big bang for the buck! Too bad more people didn't go for the deal.

The band was terrific! What talented members we have! Two couples were involved - *Richard Garlick* and *Catherine Morrison* - *Michael* and *Catherine Joyce* - as well as - *Ian Hammond* - *Bill Johnston* - and - *Greg Tomlinson* who isn't even a club member yet!! Talk about dedication - his wife Margo was also helping out behind the bar. I hope their names are near the top of the waiting list!! The music was great and really got us all up and dancing - we certainly are a lively group.

If we had trophies for dancing, I know my choices. *Anne Brand* would have to get the prize for the most graceful and innovative dancing and, at the opposite end of the scale was the sight of *Jack Des Brisay* and *Bob Willson* trying to jive with each other!! They were quite a sight - though calling it dancing is really being kind!! However, they do get high marks for entertainment value!

The other entertainment event of the evening was *Josh Dolgin* on keyboard and vocals with *John Pomeroy* on drums - no one that young should have so much talent! Maybe we should all get Josh's autograph now before he's rich and famous! John was excellent on drums as well. More talented members - what a Club!!

Evelyn Ironside

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is being held later in the year this time. In fact, it's actually being held next year - in January. The date has tentatively been set for Tuesday, January 12th, 1993 - providing a room can be booked in Chelsea.

This year, we will be sending out an agenda for the meeting. You should receive this sometime in December and it will confirm the exact date and location.

This will be an important meeting, the Club has really expanded, we even have a waiting list now, so there are many new issues to discuss. In past years, the biggest issue was often whose responsibility it was to take the garbage off the island! We now have more encompassing issues so be sure to attend the meeting to keep up to date and informed on Club decisions.

If you have any agenda items, be sure to let Sandy Lorimer know so she can reflect them on the agenda.

The Annual General Meeting is also where the elections happen for next year's Board of Directors. Sitting on the board is an excellent way of becoming more familiar with the Club and getting to know more members as well. Think about it, and if you're interested, see the information below.

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 January.

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!

26 Ladies of the Galley The Pink Ladies

26 Ladies of the Galley - The Pink Sailors went on their 2nd Annual Up-River Cruise on September 12th.

In a word, all was perfect but..... the usual wind situation was with us again.

We had received permission to land on the property of Shirley and Jim Brown - the five canoes arrived there much earlier than the five sailboats!

At this idyllic setting (freshly cut green grass, flowers and the sun shining through the weeping willows) we enjoyed a pot-luck picnic luncheon which was a gastronomic delight.

Johannes Godbout-Martin, as our honorary captain, treated us to pink ribbons and champagne!

I wetted my inside with a few glasses of the bubbly drink of the Gods and it caused me to tip my boat and got my partner and I wet on the outside too!

Thank You Johannes for this real treat!

If you weren't there you missed some real togetherness!

Yvonne Jurgens and
Annette Brand

Editor's Note: I'm sorry I missed this one, it really sounds like a great time was had by all. Sounds like next year we may need to have designated sailors! I'll have to take lessons and learn to sail before next year's event!

Halloween

The Club will be closed before Halloween but I have this script called Frankenstein that I've always wanted to use - so- here's a little post script (postcrypt) on Halloween!

Halloween is an old,old festival. The name comes from the old English word halwe, or, as we say now, holy. The festival was originally a feast to honour the sun-god and to give thanks for the harvest. When Christianity arrived the festival was changed to be a celebration to commemorate all saints. The feast of All Saints occurs on November 1st; the eve therefore is October 31st which was called All Hallow e'en. Eventually this was shortened to Halloween.

Many beliefs grew up about this day, such as the belief that on this one night the spirits of the departed are allowed to visit their old homes! People dressed as goblins and ghouls to frighten any evil spirits away. Have a great Halloween and may only good spirits visit your home!

Fall Colours Canoe Trip

The Fall Colours Canoe Trip did not exactly turn out as originally planned, but, it was still a good day for those that did show up.

Lots of improvisation had to occur! John was not able to get the trailer which is a necessity for getting the canoes up to Wakefield. And, the turnout of people was smaller than expected. This might have been due to the questionable weather - though Saturday ended up having perfect weather - a beautiful day sandwiched between two horrible ones.

Anyway, whatever the cause, only five families ended up coming out. Hats off to the Majors, the Willsons, the Smiths, the MacKenzies and the Godbouts!!

Rather than trying to get up to Wakefield, the group decided to just explore closer to the islands and out to Blackburn Creek.

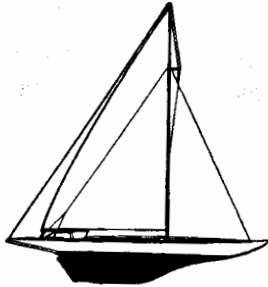
Johannes had a wonderful lunch of homemade soup with cheese and baguettes waiting for the chilled canoeists. All appreciated the warmth and good food and a good day was salvaged from what could have been a much less successful outing.

Evelyn Ironside with input from
Warren Major



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