

The Masthead

Gatineau River Yacht Club

Club de voile de la Rivière Gatineau

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From the Editor

Sort of

Bryan Drummond

Secretary

You will notice that this edition of The Masthead differs in style, content and layout from previous editions. Roberta Walker, the regular editor of this august publication and the one who actually knows how to do this stuff, is suffering from a good news/bad news dilemma. The good news is that she's really good at her job, which is to write professionally. The bad news is that she's so good that she's swamped with work. To take some of the pressure off her, various members of the Board of Directors have pooled their mediocre talents to produce what you hold in front of you. We ask your indulgence – but you didn't join the Club solely to gain access to a slick newsletter anyway, did you? ■



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Commodore's Hoist

Continuance

Paul Hanvey

Commodore

No, not continence, which some of you may have on your mind, but continuance, as in succession, a subject that all good GRYC members should have on their minds as we near the end of another season. For next season the Club needs some new people to sit on the Board of Directors. Normally, the activity of conscripting "volunteers" is concentrated in the weeks leading up to the annual general meeting held in January each year. This year I would like to start the process a little earlier and perhaps a little more openly, while you are all still thinking of the time you spend on the Islands and, therefore, while I may still have your attention.

There are eight members on the Board of Directors. Three positions will be vacated this year.

Your Board is comprised of eight positions, Commodore, Vice-Commodore (youth), Rear-Commodore (social), Secretary, Treasurer, Fleet Captain, Communications Director and Past-Commodore. As this year ends we will have three vacant positions, Commodore, Treasurer and Fleet Captain. This is not an unusual level of turnover. The composition of the Board has, in fact, been quite dynamic with three new members last year and two the year before that. Club by-laws state that one person can occupy the same position on the Board for no more than three consecutive years, so that turnover is virtually guaranteed. This is, I believe, a healthy circumstance for the Club.

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Membership

We're a Victim of our Own Success

Bryan Drummond
Secretary

At the close of the summer of 1998, the Club had 465 members in total, of whom 353 were active. We were able to welcome eleven new members this year, as well as two retaining members who rejoined.

Throughout the season, I have been receiving calls at the rate of one or two per week asking for information and application forms to join the Club. We already have a waiting list for 1999 membership. The number of new members we can take next year will depend on two factors. The first, of course, is the number of membership renewals we receive in 1999. The second will be the recommendations of the carrying capacity study being conducted by Dave Maitland, which should be completed this fall and presented at the Annual General Meeting. ■



Locker Clean-Out

After an unfortunate incident where a quantity of Laser rigging and sails went missing sometime in the past two years, the Board has decided to institute a year-end inventory and clean-out of all lockers. During the final clean-up, all lockers will be opened, locks being cut off if required. The contents of any locker for which rent has been paid will be recorded and the lock replaced with a new one that will be given to the owner in the spring. The contents of lockers for whom we have no recorded owner will be discarded. We would appreciate your support in clearing the contents of your lockers before the fall clean-up if possible. ■

1998 MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

	Member	Partner	Child	Total
Adult	22			22
Charter/Hon	15	9		24
Family	84	77	146	307
Missing	36	23	32	91
Retaining	8	4	9	21
Total	165	113	187	465

Carrying Capacity

How many members does it take to sink an island?

Dave Maitland
Rear Commodore

As previously reported, your Rear Commodore has undertaken to investigate the island's 'carrying capacity' with a view to developing island management guidelines (if needed) and rationalising membership levels and categories. My stars, we have, hiding in the bushes, a brace of distinguished Parks Canada scientists (Bob Milko and Steven Woodley) who are salivating in anticipation of assisting the Rear in moving this matter forward during the Fall of 98. Frankly, the summer is no time for weighty matters such as these! If there are any others out there with a naturalist 'bent' who would like to contribute, please indicate your interest.

Purely anecdotal evidence would suggest that there have been few times when the islands were congested this summer and there is little apparent evidence of any significant changes in the flora or fauna. The one exception of course would be the poor suffering merganser and her mergansettes that were driven to distraction during the dock building frenzy. The mother and the seven little ones are still in the vicinity and the little ones are finally airborne. ■

1998 Trophy Winners

At the Awards Banquet on September 26th, Michael Vasseur, Jack Des Brisay and Muriel How had to borrow a van to carry home their hardware. Here are the awards for 1998, less the Frostbite Series and the Commodore's Cup which weren't completed until later in the month.

Individual Trophies and Awards

Trophy	Winner
Edelweiss Trophy (best overall)	Michael Vasseur
Wakefield Inn Trophy (runner up)	Jack Des Brisay
Voyager Cup (most success in out of club events)	TBA at Awards Banquet
Wood Trophy (best Laser)	Michael Vasseur
Junior Shield (best in club)	Matthew Woods
Young Tray (Y-flyer class champ)	Peter Guy
Coupe Des Vice-Commodores (best Junior at Invitational)	Matthew Woods
Rear Commodore's Cup	Michael Vasseur
Carling Trophy (Fleet Captain's Choice)	Muriel How
Jackson Trophy	Tim Smith

Series Trophies and Awards

Series	Trophy	Winner
Spring	Harley Trophy (single-handed)	Michael Vasseur
	Molson Trophy (crewed)	No Award
Doldrums	Olympic Ski Shop Trophy (best crewed)	Jack Des Brisay
	Parkinson Trophy (single)	Michael Vasseur
	Roziepantz cup (best woman)	Katie W.
	Henning Trophy (best Junior)	Matthew Woods
Morissett	Morisset Challenge	Peter Guy
	Evan's Shield	Fiona Rask & Muriel How
Summer	Strutt Trophy (single-handed)	Jack Des Brisay
	Olympic Ski Shop Trophy (best crewed)	Jack Des Brisay
	Sealy Trophy (Best woman)	Muriel How
	Y Silver Jubilee Trophy (Best Junior)	Tim Smith
Medland	Medland Shield (Novice)	Galen Wellmeier

Junior Trophies and Awards

Trophy	Winner
Beers Trophy (most improved junior in sailing)	Adrian Jurre-deSt. Jurre
Brass One (excellence and achievement in non-competitive sailing)	Walker Tamblyn
420 Shield (consistent and motivated participation in club's racing competitions)	Fiona Weber and William Russell
Snave Trophy (greatest all around improvement in junior activities, coupled with a sense of sportsmanship, good behaviour and esprit de corps)	Lyssee Max
Evans and Kent Trophy (junior squadron or sailing school based on results of inter-club competitions in the National Capital Region)	Matthew Woods
Le Stick (achievement in competitive sailing based on frequency of participation and effort for improvement)	Matthew Tamblyn
CHOT Shield (to a female for swimming excellence)	Katie Harvey

The Social Rear

David Maitland
Rear Commodore

The Ian Tambllyn concert and dance was great success and the deck was much safer than last year, thanks to the under deck crew (Peter Guy, Geof Burbidge, Steve Woodley, Garry Abar and others) who stiffened the joists so that we could rock the joint! Thanks to Ian, his band, the weather and the parties!

Don't forget the Annual Awards Banquet, coming up on the 26th of September at 7:30 - check that date, the previously published annual calendar says the 19th. of September, I think! We will stick with what works: Great Food, Great Music and Short Speeches! Your palate will be sated by Camp Fortune Catering with appetisers, salad, coq au vin, mixed veggies, desserts and tea and coffee. Your dancing sneakers will be worn out by "The 'B' Sides". All of this and a bottle of hooch per table for \$15.00 per person. Find a better deal anywhere and I'll eat my shorts! A final note. Aside from the hotly sought after sailing hardware that will be distributed that evening (more evenly this year, I hope!), I will personally present the much prized award (the name of which is subject of much rumour and speculation) for the most determined swimmer(s) who have tirelessly churned up the waters around the island for the past few months. Who could it be?

1998 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commodore	Paul Harvey
Vice-Commodore	Yvonne Weber
Rear-Commodore	Dave Maitland
Fleet Captain	Jos Woods
Treasurer	Mike Tobalt
Secretary	Bryan Drummond
Communications	Roberta Walker
Past Commodore	John Pomeroy

To say that there are a lot of perks, benefits, rewards, or appreciation that goes along with sitting on the Board would be a stretch of the truth. But here's the deal. The Club is a special place for all of us, our sanctuary, or our meeting place, or both. For some of us, our children's characters and skills have been nurtured and developed at the Club. In return for all of this, the Club requires some looking after. Nothing heavy handed, no really high maintenance, just some guidance from time to time and significant amounts of tender loving care. If we take turns providing the guidance and TLC we will ensure that the Club remains that same special place for years to come. Its not up to a few of us, its the responsibility of us all.

For me personally, being as involved as I have been at GRYC has overall been a worthwhile and satisfying experience. Over the six years that I have been on the Board (three as Commodore and three as Vice) my sailing skills and length of boat owned as well as my appreciation of fellow Board members and their abilities and dedication to the Club have all grown exponentially. We have always attempted to maintain a proper perspective on Club management. Monthly Board meetings have generally been gratifying experiences with much being accomplished and some good times had.

In my opinion our Club is in good shape. It is healthy financially and from a membership perspective we have more interest than we are able to accommodate. Facilities and fleets (there's always room for improvement) have been maintained and improved. Most importantly, there are people committed to remain on the Board who have the abilities and outlook to successfully mind the Club for the next year and beyond. Now is a good time, therefore, for new people to become involved. Spend a year occupying a position on the Board, getting to know how the Club really operates. Prepare to take your turn at the helm, looking after that wonderful place that is the GRYC.

If you are interested in joining the Board, or if you think you know someone that would be a good asset would you please contact me at 827-2032. ■

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We're Flush!

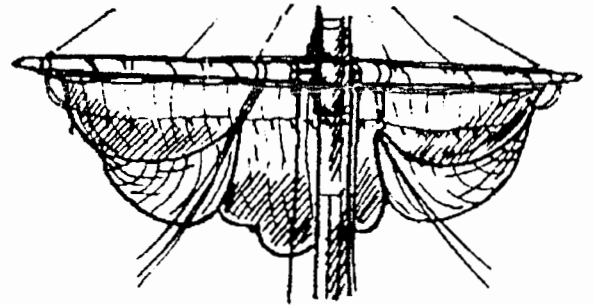
Michael Tobalt

Treasurer

It was a great summer for weather and money. Part of the success is owed to the Junior Programme which had a full registration and made money. We had sufficient capital to make some much-needed investments into our Club including \$5,000 for a new 25 horse-power motor for the crash boat, a used Albacore, a new Laser sail, a couple of new picnic tables and a B.B.Q. for the dining deck. There were also some construction projects like the newly built main dock (\$8,000), repairs to the main deck on the Clubhouse and \$1,000 worth of road resurfacing on the access road. Despite these costs, we ended the summer in a healthy financial situation with sufficient reserves to meet next year's operational and capital needs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4	Sunday – Fall Colours Cruise and Paddle
5	Monday – Board Meeting
17	Saturday – Clean Up
24	Saturday – Bridge Up



Insurance

Just a reminder to club members that the Club does not carry insurance coverage for personal property stored on the islands. The premiums for such coverage are very expensive and would necessitate a substantial increase in membership dues. Members should contact their insurance companies for information on covering boats and other items stored on the islands. Usually this can be arranged as a rider on a home insurance policy for minimal cost.