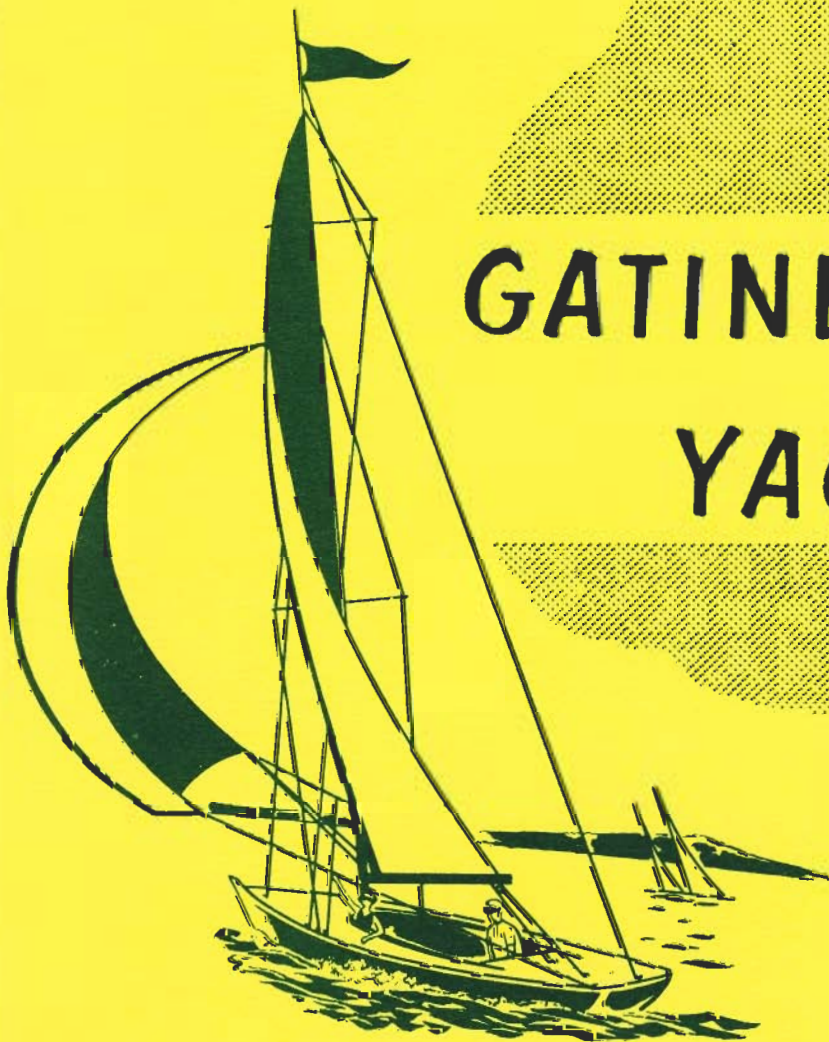


ANNUAL
REPORT
1966



GATINEAU RIVER
YACHT CLUB



Any Annual Report is basically a statement of activity over the past year by the Executive to the members, and this one is no exception. A Report which shows continuing forward progress invariably provides satisfaction to the members and to the Executive. I hope Club members will agree with me that again this one is no exception.

Our Club is growing up. An increasing number of our distinguished juniors this year joined the senior ranks. This year some of our most junior juniors, whose birthdays do not exceed those of the Club in number, have begun participating in Club activities.

As an organization, the stature of the Club has increased as well, both in numbers of members and extent of activities. We have at the same time maintained a strong financial position and made good progress toward long-term future planning.

The success of the past year however, if it has been achieved, will be reflected in the hearts of the members rather than in the pages of an Annual Report. It is here too that future prospects count most. The satisfaction of this year's progress will, I hope, amongst us all be exceeded by the expectations for next year.

A. D. WILSON

COMMODORE

SECRETARIAL NOTES

This season began unofficially last March when warm sunshine and the boom in place tempted a surprising number of our members to visit our island during break-up.

The summer was a particularly good one weatherwise, and the advantages taken of it are well documented in the reports of the several committees.

Now that our islands are severed from the already snow-covered shore, (the boom has been moved) it remains only for me to enter a few footnotes before closing my book.

EXECUTIVE AFFAIRS:

Parking Lot: The Club now owns the parking lot.

Property Association: The Club is now a member of the Gleneagle Property Association, with our \$3.00 annual fee paid. This Association cares for Community roads, including a portion of the one leading past our parking lot down to the boom. Responsibility for the section including the rough hill is being reviewed.

Incorporation: A petition for incorporation under the provisions of the Quebec Companies Act was signed some time ago. When the Charter is issued, as it likely will shortly be, the islands and the parking lot will be transferred to the corporate body, as will all future acquisition.

Prams: Arrangements have been completed to have these repaired this Winter.

Planning Commission: The report of this body to the Annual Meeting is available to the members under separate cover. Chaired by Dick Medland this group has spent many hours compiling its report.

Concession: The Club has been fortunate in having one of its members, Esther Gachnang, operating the Canteen this season.

Fleet Captain: Frances Leeney was appointed Fleet Captain to complete the year in this office which became vacant.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The new swimming raft is a worthwhile addition to our waterfront. Special mention is due David Ellerton, Junior Sailing Instructor for a job well done. Sailors awash can feel safer following Mrs. O-J's Life Saving Programme. Roman Emperors would have raised their eyebrows at the garb of Club Gladiators this August. Frances Leeney was seen running a Night Race by candlelight from a pramanchored in the middle of the river. It is rumoured Connla Wood is installing radar in his Albacore...! The quality of the Turkey Feast on Clean-up Day was a great incentive to the many workers. The quality of the Masthead under Al Richens has continued to keep us in the picture with Club news.

T. E. Jackson,
Secretary.

F L E E T C A P T A I N ' S R E P O R T

Seventy regularly scheduled racing events took place in 1966 with twenty-two yachts participating. There were thirty-two active Skippers, some families having two or three racing members or adopted racers.

The season commenced on May 15th with the Spring Frost Bite Series. Eight races were run with ten entries. The Regular Series for the Club Championship commenced on June 11th and ran to September 10th with a total of seventeen races. This series was interrupted for a number of special events and two races were cancelled for lack of wind. The CJOH Regatta, a series of five races, was run on June 18th and 19th.

The G.R.Y.C. Invitation Regatta, held over the July 9th-10th weekend, has grown in popularity and this year drew forty-five entries from R.C.N.S.A., R.A.Y.C. and the home Club as well as a number of non-affiliates. Saturday provided moderate winds which increased

in velocity on Sunday to almost gale proportions. Capsizes were numerous, mainly among the visitors, as a storm broke in the second last event. The final race of the series was cancelled. A G.R.Y.C. member brought the trophy back to the Club.

The week of July 16th-18th, the island was virtually deserted as the National Capital Regatta at B.Y.C., Britannia drew several club entries and supporters. The MacIntyre Shield was run on July 23rd. Patience and delicate handling of the craft paid dividends in the light airs and lengthy course - a repeat by last year's winners. Five lady Skippers competed in prams on August 6th for the Evans Shield. The ladies arrived in special costumes for this event and family interest ran high. On August 7th, Skippers turned crew and handed over the tiller to their regular crew.

Light breezes and clear skies combined to make the moonlight race on August 31st an enjoyable event. Flares marked the buoys and lights from the lighthouse illuminated the finish line. There were a number of drop-outs, but their chilled spirits were soon revived by hot buttered corn around the camp fire. A maze, designed by the Vice-Commodore, was set out as the course for Labour Day. A sudden summer storm eliminated all but three entrants with the Catamaran racing to the finish line before the wind. The Fall Frost Bite was run from September 11th-25th with a total of five races. One or more pennant races, depending on wind conditions, were run on Sundays and Saturdays following the Series' races. In all, twenty-eight pennant races took place. Following the completion of the regular schedule, Phil Thompson donated a trophy and organized an invitation Albacore race for this fast growing class. It drew a number of outside club entries.

The team of Jim Brown and Bruce MacDonald missed some Club events while competing farther afield. They won first place in the National "420" Championship, hosted by R.C.N.S.A, Montreal Squadron, on Lake St-Louis, at Dorval. In the "420" International Championship, held on the Hudson River, at Ossining, they placed second.

The elected Fleet Captain, Les McWilliams, found it necessary to resign before the sailing season commenced. R. J. Lewis took over the duties until his RCAF posting to Trenton in August. Frances Leeney completed the season as Fleet Captain.

As in past years, invaluable assistance as starters and timers was given by Jane Lewis, Jen Quipp, Danny Fell, Marg Medland, Marg Grant, and Michael Medland. A low point scoring system was adopted this season. The system eliminated much of the disadvantage of a fluctuating number of starters, inevitable in lengthy series. Although the number of participating yachts was virtually the same as in 1965, there were changes in the composition of the fleet. One "420" returned to the fleet, one Albacore was lost to the Club, but two new ones were added with a third at the close of the season. Two Enterprises made their appearance early in the season. The International "14" was sold but continued to sail in the area. One Yachting World Catamaran left the Club but a new one was added replacing the West Wind which remained in Club ownership.

Winners in Club events are as follows:

Molson Trophy - Spring Frost Bite
Jim Brown and crew Bruce MacDonald

CJOH Regatta
Dick Medland and crew Jan Boucek

G. R. Y.C. Invitation
Jim Brown and crew Bruce MacDonald

MacIntyre Shield
Gordon and Mary Grant

Evans Shield
Mrs. Judy Dodunsky

Labour Day Race
Bob Dodunsky

Wakefield Inn Trophy - Elapsed time in Regular Series
Dick Medland and crew Jan Boucek

Edelweiss Trophy - Corrected time. Best 2/3 of Regular Series
Dick Medland and crew Jan Boucek

O'Keefe Trophy - Fall Frost Bite
Dick Medland

"420" Class Championship
Jim Brown and crew Bruce MacDonald

Medland Shield - Crew turned skipper
Lynn Omholt - Jensen

Carling Trophy - Maximum participation all events
Pat Evans

Young Trophy - Open to Y Flyers - highest number of wins in
Regular Series
Bill Fell

Pennant Series
John Davies

Commodore's Cup - Best score of last race in Regular Series open to
skippers not qualifying for other Series Trophies
Gerry Quipp

Thompson Trophy - Invitation Albacore Regatta
Connla and Ann Wood

Frances Leeney

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

We made an ambitious start in June by getting some material consisting of lumber and plywood and with the help of a few members succeeded in enlarging the kitchen area so that we were able to place the freezer inside and provide a storage area for drinks and other supplies. At the same time, we planned to complete the interior of one shed designated as the men's change house. Having procured the necessary plywood, etcetera, the kitchen remodelling was completed, however, the shed has not been finished and the necessary material is presently being stored.

Pat Evans offered \$10.00 towards a barbecue pit and supplied a number of pieces of pipe for the same. No-one got this barbecue built. Thanks to some of the members they did make an outdoor "rotissiere" so that they could heat meat etcetera for our first party and this was used during the summer at different times.

On Thanksgiving we had our annual Monday clean-up and dinner. It rained very hard early in the day but cleared around noon and different little jobs were done such as flower boxes emptied, leaves raked, the roof repaired on the men's change house, the raft stored and many other necessities done thanks to the help of the many members who turned out.

I could and would like to name a few of these, but realize some would be missed so on behalf of the committee I thank each and every one for being so helpful.

A special thanks to Rene Gachnang for doing such a fine job with our water system. We couldn't get along without you Rene.

Respectfully submitted.

Arthur Brown.

Harbour Master's Report

Other than the activites required for the usual after-winter repairs to the boom and catwalk, the only project undertaken was the building of a float for the swimmers.

I would like to say thank you, to the co-operative group, who worked so hard, one hot night to build the float and help launch it. I also wish to extend thanks on behalf of the Club for the donations of material by Ed Quipp and Art Brown, and to Jim Brown with his truck, for transportation of lumber, drums, etc.

Finally, to commend those whom, with a thought to the safety of our members, took time, on occasion, to nail down a loose board, or cover a hazardous spot along the catwalk.

Harvey Ditchfield

Junior Program

(Intermediates)

1. The annual junior squadron interclub races were again held this year between the Britannia, Navy and the Gatineau River Yacht clubs. Trials were held on July 11 to determine who would represent the club and the following were successful:

1st - Kent Omholt-Jensen (with Becky Fell as crew)
2nd - Lynne Omholt-Jensen (with Danny Fell as crew)

The results of the three inter-club races were as follows:

July 12 at G.R.Y.C.

1st - B.Y.C.
2nd - G.R.Y.C.
3rd - R.C.N.S.A.

July 18 at B.Y.C.

Rough weather allowed only one race. Kent O.J. 2nd. Racing postponed one day. July 19, rough weather again and only one race run. Balance of races held at Dow's Lake.

August 22 at R.C.N.S.A.

Seven races in rain. Kent O.J. sailed very well with two 2nd's and five 1st's.

Overall standing: 1st - R.C.N.S.A.
2nd - G.R.Y.C.
3rd - B.Y.C.

2. The club's Junior Championship (for the Fraser-Harris Shield) races were held on August 23 using "420" boats. Three races were run with the following as final standing:

1st - Kent O.J.
2nd - Larry Fell
3rd - Lynne O.J.
Retired - Shirley Brown

3. The Canadian "420" Class Championship races were held August 14, 15 and 16 on Lac St. Louis. The regatta was sponsored by the Montreal Squadron of the Royal Canadian Navy Sailing Association. We were represented by Jim Brown and Bruce MacDonald, both intermediates last year, who brought credit to themselves and to the club by winning the regatta. Also representing the club for the first time were Kent O.J. with Dave Morissette as crew, and Shirley Brown with Betty Grant as crew. Kent did exceedingly well by placing 4th. It seems that with such an auspicious start in 1966 Kent may well become a national or international champion in years to come.

R. A. Dodunski

Junior Program

The Junior program started July 5th, with the following people on the Junior Committee:

Mrs. E. Gachnang,
Mrs. A. Jackson,
Mrs. S. Landon,
Mrs. M. Medland,
Mrs. P. Paterson,
Mrs. C. Smith,
Mrs. S. Omholt-Jensen, (Chairman)

Sailing Instructor: Mr. David Ellerton

Swimming & Life Saving: Mrs. Omholt-Jensen & Mrs. C. Smith

Crafts: Mrs. A. Jackson & Mrs. P. Paterson

Social: Mrs. M. Medland & Mrs. S. Landon

There were 5 Sailing periods arranged for each group during the week. (Beginners, Intermediates & Advanced.) Our Jr's competed at Britannia, Dow's Lake, Montreal and at home. We have a number of keen and able Jr's coming up, and it is our hope, that a paid Sailing Instructor will be hired every year. Judging from the Jr's progress this year, it proved very successful.

Problems still facing us: Keeping the Prams in working condition throughout the summer and the "holidaying membership". Both cause some problems in the continuity of the program.

There were 3 organized swimming periods for each group during the week. Royal Life Saving lessons took up a large part of July and August. This part of the program proved very successful. It was demanding but rewarding for both participants and the Instructor. The results were excellent.

Our chief problem was teaching the little ones. This might be over-come by paid instructor, so volunteers, if any, could carry out the specialized activities, Life Saving etc.

Fees:

There was a fee of \$5.00 maximum per family per month for 2 or more children taking sailing instruction, \$3.00 a month per single child. Swimming fee was .50¢ per month per child or \$1.00 per month for two or more children.

The Craft periods, 2 a week, were well attended. A display of work was held at the beginning of August. It is amazing what ordinary rocks, dabs of paint and a great deal of imagination can produce.

Every Friday, at noon, the Jrs. had a Wiener roast at the Light House Point. The idea was to bring-your-own, but often every one ended pooling the goodies. This was rather fun and

the Island got a wee bit tidier in the process. On the windy days, the swimmers also had a chance to warm up by the fire.

The Club's birthday party was organized by the Jr. Committee. Margaret Medland's and Sally Landon's well organized Treasure Hunt and Games kept everyone from 2-20 and some parents hopping all over and around the Island for some hours. Prizes were won and the wieners cooked by the Connla Woods were consumed by the "yard". It was a pleasure to see our older Jr's taking such a keen interest in the games, looking like they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Our sincere thanks to all who provided the extra goodies, and to all who helped to make this one of our very Happy Birthdays.

The Junior committee feels however, that there are many members in our club, who are still "hiding their light under a bushel". More people participating with fresh, new ideas, make for much better programs. Let us make "All for One" our motto for the Centennial Year.

Respectfully submitted,

Sirkka Omholt-Jensen,
Jr. Com. Ch.

The Jackson Trophy for sailors under 13 was won this year by Mark Medland, with Danny Fell, 2nd. Danny received a club pennant.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 1966
by Patrick M.O. Evans

PREFACE:

In the absence of the Commodore early in the new year, as Vice-Commodore one of my responsibilities was to locate amongst the membership a lady or gentleman who would head the Social Committee as its Chairman. My efforts along this line were to no avail and in order that the Club would not be let down I undertook to fill the post myself.

My approach to the task was to ask a number of ladies to convene in turn the various social events of the season. Each of the ladies was asked to select a companion with whom she could work and this pair assumed the job of conducting the particular event. Once having completed the chore neither lady was asked again to perform a similar function - they were free.

This appears to have been a most happy arrangement and each of the ladies who undertook to convene an event, along with her assistant and those whom they persuaded to help are to be congratulated most highly on their efforts.

C.J.O.H. REGATTA Evening Meal Convened by Norma Reid and Gen Quipp

The evening meal following the first day of the C.J.O.H. Regatta was served on Saturday, June 18th. The day had been ideally sunshiny and warm and the evening was to maintain the

expectation thus held out and remained fine and warm.

The sailors were joined by many of the non-sailing members, together numbering over ninety. An excellent buffet-styled meal was served in the Clubhouse, with the diners scattering around the extensive grounds of G.R.Y.C. to partake of the tasty repast.

Quality Caterers of Hull were brought in to supply the food and the service.

INVITATIONAL REGATTA Evening Meal Convened by Norma Beers and Ursula Jarrett

Once again Quality Caterers served a smorgasbord supper in the Clubhouse, and once again the evening was fine and warm.

Some 138 members and guest sailors, along for the regatta, enjoyed the picnic style of their evening meal. After supper many stayed for a sing-song whilst other gathered in small groups for a gabfest. By eleven o'clock the island was deserted as tired sailors and spectators "sought their sacks".

ROMAN PARTY

Covened by Pat Bromley, Jane Macintyre et al

This undertaking was perhaps the most ambitious of the season's events. Not only did the convenors arrange for the eats but set the stage and provided the atmosphere for the theme of the party, an adult one.

Close to ninety members appeared on the island, each in his or her conception of Roman dress (except for a few "interloping" Druids and Britons) and the half dozen or so whose imagination and dress-making abilities could not perhaps meet the challenge.

An evening of convivial companionship, plus a few well chosen contests, brought forth appetites suited to the fare, once more supplied by Quality Caterers, around 10:30 in the evening.

The Juniors under the expert instruction of Ainley Jackson and Phyllis Patterson provided (at a small cost) Roman Medallions, which were snapped up by the roamin' Romans.

A G T W H B A

4TH BIRTHDAY PARTY Covened by Sirkka Omholt-Jensen and gang

The Club's fourth birthday was marked by a hugh party, attended on and off by over 200, all ages and all sizes, and of both sexes. The affair got off to a good start, late in the afternoon, with prize-giving and presentations for the Juniors.

Lynn Omhold-Jensen was awarded the Snave Trophy for an all-round performance. Mark Medland won the Jackson Trophy awarded to the best sailor under 13. A number of life-saving medallions and certificates were awarded to those who qualified

after much effort and a set of stiff tests. A Jack-knife was presented to Larry Fell for Crafts.

Two huge birthday cakes were cut and served, after which games for the wee ones were the order of the day.

Con and Anne Wood served hot dogs and cake to the hungry mob, which apparently satisfied the supper needs of many.

Once darkness had settled upon surroundings the huge audience feared for its collective scalps as "Indians", out on the warpath, invaded the island in their canoes. But, not to worry, the redskins proved friendly after all and treated the assembled crowd to manoeuvres on the water whilst lifting their voices in song, with Jennifer McQueen, soloist, and Dave Ellerton as Indian Chief.

PRESENTATION DINNER

Convened by Marg Medland and Ainley Jackson

The Sampan was the scene and Friday, October 21st was the date of the annual Presentation Dinner for 1966. Close to 70 members enjoyed the Chinese food, which was followed by the presentation of the Club's 17 trophies and other gifts, so well M.C.'d by Ed Quipp. Movies and slides were shown by Phil Thompson, with commentaries by the persons responsible for taking the slides. Dance music for the enjoyment of the guests topped off the evening.

The Commodores of Britannia Yacht Club (Tom Appleton) and R.C.N.S.A. (Bill Manfield) and the President of the Larrimac Golf Club (Leslie Stevenson) were special guests of Commodore Arn Wilson.

In conclusion may I take this opportunity of saying a sincere "thank you" to the various convenors, their assistants and all those others who in any way helped to make the various social events the success they undoubtedly were.

Patrick M.O. Evans,
Social Committee Chairman.

GATINEAU RIVER YACHT CLUB
Kirks Ferry, que.

BALANCE SHEET 31 Oct. 1966

<u>ASSETS</u>		1965	1964
Current: Cash in Bank	5038.17	3010.95	1204.16
Prepaid Expense	42.60	115.80	176.80
Fixed: at cost:			
Buildings and land	16892.65	15300.00	15000.00
Equipment	435.13	455.71	207.66
Boats	2895.00	2895.00	2680.00
Organization Exp.	25.00		
	25328.60		
Less: Depreciation	660.00	200.00	
	24668.60	21567.46	19268.62
 <u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>			
Mortgage 1	9000.00	9000.00	9000.00
Mortgage 2	1000.00		
Members Loans	9809.94	8320.62	6680.73
Members Equity 31 Oct 65	4256.84	4256.84	3587.89
Surplus for period	601.82		
	24668.60	21567.46	19268.62

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE 31 Oct. 1965 to 31 Oct 1966.

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Fees as billed	3100.00	Taxes	89.69
Uncollectable	150.00	Mortgage Int.	683.94
	2950.00	Rent, shoreline	40.00
Jr Swimming	415 46.15	Insurance	73.20
Moorings	85.00	Sailing	85.57
Misc.	27.60	Property	241.42
	3108.75	Harbour	93.74
Total Expenditure	2506.93	Social	114.67
Surplus	601.82	Intermediate	11.80
-entered in Balance		Hydro	37.29
sheet above.		Telephone	17.73
		Salaries	320.00
		Admin.	26.77
		P.R.	71.90
		Depreciation	460.00
		Misc.	139.21
			2506.93

G.A. Grant
31 Oct. 1966