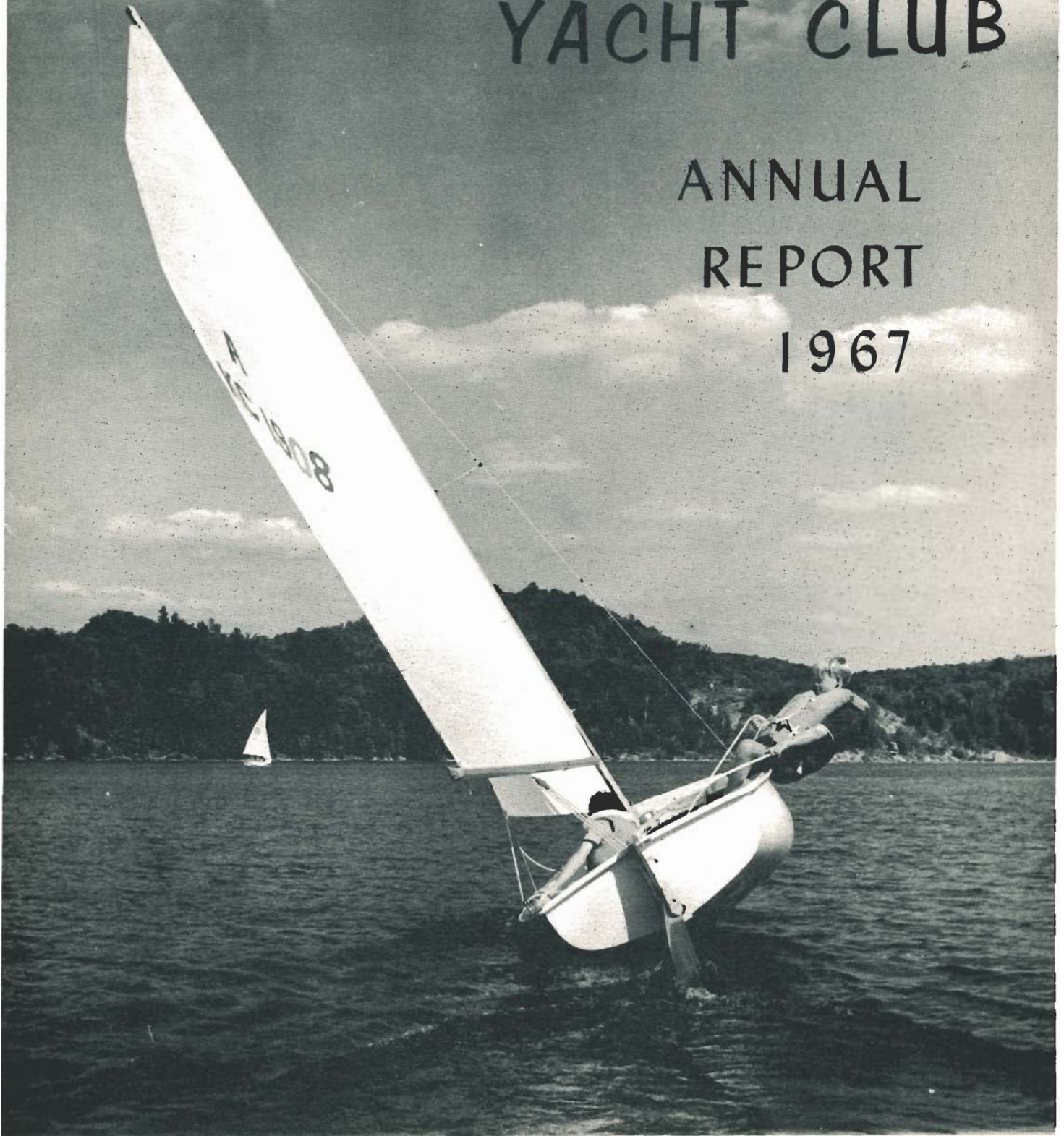




GATINEAU RIVER YACHT CLUB

ANNUAL
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Annual Presentation of Awards,

Wakefield Inn, Wakefield, Quebec,

8:00 p.m., October 20, 1967.

MOLSON TROPHY

A spring series of races, known as Spring Frostbite -
to Jim Brown, Kirk's Ferry, Quebec.

C.J.O.H. TROPHY

A weekend series of races -
to Jim Brown.

EVANS SHIELD

A series of races for lady members -
to Miss Heather Quipp, Kingsmere, Quebec.

MACINTYRE SHIELD

A series of races conducted over a weekend -
to Marg and Gord Grant, 2050 Balharrie Ave., Ottawa.

420 CHAMPIONSHIP SHIELD

Awarded to the Skipper of a 420 Class Boat who has
led his class throughout the season -
to Arn Wilson, 1122 Cameo Drive, Ottawa.

RUNNER-UP SERIES #1

to Arn Wilson.

YOUNG TROPHY

A match race between Y-Flyers in the Club -
to Bruce Macdonald, 1216 Parkway Dr., Ottawa.

MORISSET CUP

A single-handed race -
to Bruce Macdonald.

O'KEEFE TROPHY

A fall series of races known as Fall Frostbite -
to Mike Wilson, 1122 Cameo Drive, Ottawa.

COMMODORE'S CUP

The last race of the summer series -
to Phil Thompson, 58 Pentland Crescent, Kanata.

THOMPSON TROPHY

A weekend regatta for Albacore Class boats -
to Barrie Jeffery, 2201 Fox Crescent, Ottawa.

RUNNER-UP SERIES #2

to Pat Evans, Kirk's Ferry, Quebec.

RUNNER-UP SERIES #3

to Pat Evans.

CARLING TROPHY

Fleet Captain's Choice. In 1967 the choice was for a
weekend series of races -
to Connla Wood, 116 Dufferin Road, Ottawa.

WAKEFIELD INN TROPHY

Awarded to the Skipper with the most number of "firsts"
during the regular summer series -
to Connla Wood.

EDELWEISS TROPHY

Awarded to the Club Champion -
to Connla Wood.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commodore:	Richard D. Medland
Vice-Commodore:	Connla T. Wood
Rear-Commodore:	J. Allan Richens
Secretary:	Patrick M.O. Evans
Treasurer:	Gordon A. Grant
Fleet Captain:	James Brown (resigned) Philip M. Thompson (appointed by Board of Directors)

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Property:	Richard D. Medland
Harbour:	Rodney Daugherty
Social:	John Davies
P.R. & Publicity:	David L. McQueen
Jr. Activities:	Connla T. Wood
Sailing:	Jim Brown, and later, Phil Thompson
Finance:	Gordon A. Grant

THE COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Another year has come to an end. It has been an eventful year; in many ways perhaps the most eventful in our short history. This Annual Report reflects the activities of the Club and the progress we have made since the last meeting.

In a report of this nature only the facts and figures can be recorded. The spirit of the organization cannot adequately be expressed in words, nor in the figures of a balance sheet. If you read between the lines however, there is a clear and unmistakable message of confidence which makes the future look bright. Some of the challenges are still there, but we are now more capable of meeting them.

It has been particularly gratifying to record the success of the Junior Centennial Regatta. Also, the re-institution of the duty officer system, and the way almost all members gladly participated, indicate the interest and enthusiasm with which we are blessed. Whatever achievements are recorded in this report are, in great measure, the results of many of you having devoted time and energy to the tasks at hand. For this I would like to thank each one of you, and to express the hope that your co-operation will be constant in the coming years.

I am confident that the future of the Club is assured and that our objectives will continue to be achieved.

From time to time, various members of your Board are faced with complaints. We have done our best to correct the faults or to explain the reasons. If there are matters to be discussed which in the opinion of some, are important to the well-being and the management of the Club, the Annual Meeting is the time for debate. I hope all of you will take the opportunity to raise any question that requires airing, with the assurance that your Board will abide by your decisions.

Richard D. Medland
Commodore

Nineteen Sixty Seven, the year known to Canadians, indeed to millions around the world, as Canada's CENTENNIAL YEAR, was a year of achievement for the Gatineau Yacht Club, its fifth since that September 2nd evening in 1962, in Ivan Herbert's living room when Ivan, Pat Evans, Al Richens, John Winfield and Gerry Byers got together to talk about mooring arrangements for the following summer and ended up with a Yacht Club.

You'll be interested in a recap of the achievements, changes and improvements during the 1967 season:

CLUBHOUSE - Exterior of the clubhouse painted... clubhouse floor painted... verandahs painted...
removed bath and installed two toilets, moved washbasins, painted washroom...
purchased new curtains... purchased new table cloths...
revitalized old trophy showcase... installed new kitchen fan...
purchased new chairs...
planted flowers in flower boxes outside clubhouse... purchased new garbage containers...
constructed broom and mop cupboard (door yet to be installed)...
deck constructed to north of clubhouse...

HARBOUR - New decking installed on half of the walking boom... floor of crib straightened... new bridge at mid-boom constructed...
new gangway to crib installed... flotation at mid-boom inserted...
old raft cut in two and refashioned into smaller raft...
floating dock for prams installed...

CHANGING ROOM - Men's Changing Room reconstructed from old storage shed - (dividing walk taken out, floor installed, window installed, inside walls refinished, ceiling half finished, toilet and washbasin installed)...

PUMPHOUSE - Cleaned up... floor repaired... new water pump installed... new water lines laid to clubhouse...

GENERAL - Eight prams revitalized, with new gunwales, and mast steps fibreglassed... new garbage cans put into use... all ten picnic tables revarnished twice... new flagpole halliards installed... outside chairs painted... two new start line marks constructed... new railings installed on barge... leaks in barge pontoons welded... new sign painted for island...

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MANAGEMENT AND OTHER COMMITTEES - The Board of Directors and the Management Committee met a total of twelve times... The Sailing Committee met several times prior to the Sailing Season... Harbourmaster Vic Bromley resigned - Rod Daugherty was appointed to replace him... Property Committee Chairman resigned - Commodore Dick Medland assumed the post because nobody else could be found to take it on... No member would volunteer to take on as Junior Activities Committee Chairman so Vice-Commodore Connla Wood filled the post... Fleet Captain Jim Brown resigned - Phil Thompson appointed by Board of Directors to carry on for balance of season... These are some of the problems which faced your Board of Directors - in spite of these difficulties the following was also achieved:

CHARTER - By-laws and Constitution of old organization amended and amalgamated... new By-laws accepted and Charter of Incorporation received at a General Meeting...

SAILING COURSE - During late winter and early spring Fleet Captain Jim Brown arranged a sailing course, a three-nightly series, which was well attended (fully half by non-GRYC members)...

WINTER SOCIALS - The Albacore sailors conducted a social evening in the Ward Room of HMCS Carleton, for owners and prospective owners of Albacores... GRYC ran another social for Club members at the same place later in the winter...

SUMMER SOCIALS - Two summer socials took the form of buffet suppers, the first in connection with the Centennial Invitational Regatta on Saturday, July 8, and the second at the time of the National Centennial Junior Regatta on Thursday, August 25. Both socials had over 200 participants...

THE JUNIORS - Bruce Laycraft attended the Sailing Instructors' Seminar at Dorval early in the season to fit him as GRYC Junior Sailing Instructor... Our Junior sailors received regular instructions from Bruce throughout the season... many Juniors received CYA progress awards...

The Junior Squadron elected Jacques Rossignol as Junior Commodore... The Junior Squadron was unfortunately nosed out by the RCNSA Juniors in a three-way inter-club competition for the Evans and Kert Trophy, between GRYC, RCNSA and Britannia... The smaller Juniors received swimming instruction in a crash programme, headed by Mrs. O'Hara and Mrs. Colin Ramplee-Smith. This course met with a great deal of success, each child making progress...

Jacques Rossignol won the Junior Sailing Shield (13 to 18 years)...

Roy Jeffery won the Jackson Trophy (up to 13 years)...

Ross Laycraft won the Medland Shield for Crewmen (open to all crewmen of whatever age)...

Jacques Rossignol deservedly won the Snave Trophy (best all-round Junior)...

THE SAILING SEASON - This season the sailing programme was divided into Regular Series 1, 2 and 3 (No. 3 being a Wednesday evening series). Because of Centennial Year a sailor was required to sail only in any two of the three series to qualify...

As usual prior to and following the three Regular Series were the Spring and Fall Frostbite Series...

Interspersed between the series a number of special events were conducted...

Winners were as follows:

Heather Quipp won the Ladies' Race (Evans Shield)...

Bruce Macdonald gained the new trophy for single-handed sailing
(so kindly presented by Dave Morisset)...

Bruce Macdonald and crew won the Y-Flyer Championship (Young Trophy)...

Marg and Gord Grant won the Macintyre Shield in a series of races
(for the third year in a row)...

Jim Brown won the CJOH Trophy in a series of races...

Anne and Connla Wood won the Carling Trophy for a series of races...

Phil Thompson won the Commodore's Cup - last race of series...

Jim Brown came first in the Spring Frostbite (Molson Trophy)...

Mike Wilson won the Fall Frostbite (O'Keefe Trophy)...

The Thompson Trophy for the Albacore Championship in the Ottawa
area was won by Barrie Jeffery, with crew of Ralph Johnston...

Anne and Connla Wood won both the Edelweiss Trophy (Club Champion)
and the Wakefield Inn Trophy (most firsts across finish line)...

Arn Wilson gained the 420 Championship Shield (Fraser-Harris)...

Mention should be made of Pat Evans who managed a second place
standing in four of the series (including the Frostbites) and
a 5th in the other...

Our sailors competed in a number of events away from GRYC waters, with varied degrees of success, in 420 National and International Championships. The Nationals at Whitefish Lake saw Bruce Laycraft come in a creditable twelfth in a field of forty. Jim Brown, Shirley Brown and Kent Omholt-Jensen fared less well... The 420 sailors competed also at the World 420 Regatta, at Kingston, but met with very stiff opposition...

At Britannia, for the National Capital Regatta our Albacore sailors managed, in their class, a First (Connla Wood), a Third (Barrie Jeffery), a Fourth (Bob Lewis), a Fifth (Pat Evans) and a Seventh (Phil Thompson)...

Again three of our Albacore sailors participated in a regatta sponsored by the New Edinburg Canoe Club. Phil Thompson placed First, Connla Wood came second, and Pat Evans gained a Fourth place...

Phil Thompson and Connla Wood, representing GRYC, participated in the North American Albacore Championships, but like our 420 skippers, met stiff opposition...

Our open regatta, known as the CENTENNIAL INVITATIONAL REGATTA took place on Saturday and Sunday, July 8 and 9, with 36 boats participating. The R.A. placed First, Britannia-Second, RCNSA-Third, GRYC (Bill Fell)-Fourth...

The really big "SHOW" was of course the NATIONAL CENTENNIAL JUNIOR REGATTA, one of eleven such events across Canada, which saw 20 young sailors, literally from Halifax to Vancouver, compete in GRYC waters for Gold, Silver and Bronze Centennial Medals. Alan Drinkwater and Patrick Finnegan of the Royal Vancouver Y.C. won. The two Douglasses, Peckover and Dawson of the Senneville Y.C. (Montreal) came second. In third place came Madeleine McLaughlin and Peter Adams of the Royal Canadian Y.C. (Toronto)... Our sincerest thanks to all who in any way made this event the outstanding success it undoubtedly was...

This brief summary of the sailing season would not be complete without mention of the Wednesday evenings series which seemed to increase in popularity as the summer progressed. In spite of often "drifting" conditions the number of boats gradually increased from 5 to 11...

Two events missed this year were the Moonlight Race and the Sailpast, the latter being postponed at least three times before being abandoned -- next year, perhaps...

A few words about those that make the racing possible. It is dangerous to mention names as often some get left out. But risking this we would like to say a big "thank you" to:

The two Fleet Captains -- Jim Brown and Phil Thompson...

The starters and timekeepers, notably Shirley Grant, Dorcas de Villiers, Marg Medland...

Marg Grant, Frances Leeney and Genevieve Quipp and those others who have served in one capacity or other from time to time...

Those who have put out and taken in the Starting Mark (No.5) so patiently, Gord Grant, Bruce Macdonald, Bruce Laycraft, Connla Wood and others, -- and Pat Evans and Ed Quipp for constructing new No.5 marks...

Those who've gone for gas for the barge -- Bruce Macdonald and Phil Thompson and others...

Jim Brown for procuring the new motor for the barge...

and finally to the members of the Sailing Committee and those who prepared the programme and saw that the events went off without a hitch...

MASTHEAD - Club's periodical, the "Masthead" came out regularly and on time. It was a mine of information and was widely read and just as widely quoted. The editor, David McQueen, is to be highly congratulated on his effort. Al Richens, as the Board Director in charge of P.R. and Publicity shares with David in these congratulations...

DUTY OFFICER SCHEME - The return, during the 1967 season, to the Duty Officer Scheme proved a useful exercise. It was as successful as the number of persons who faithfully carried out their responsibilities. It was noted however that several of the men listed did not show and made no effort to obtain replacements. Connla Wood as Board Director was in charge of the scheme. Many thanks to those who responded to the call -- and to those who made entries in the Duty Officers' Record Book...

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE - A party of students from International House visited GRYC on Sunday, July 30. They enjoyed a swim and several were taken out for a sail, which ended in a downpour -- no matter all enjoyed themselves, and after drying out, partook of tea and cake...

WORLD FEDERALISTS from the Ottawa area met at the Clubhouse one evening for a talk and discussion period. Several of the members joined in the discussions. Refreshments brought the evening to a close...

OLD FRIENDS - It's always nice to see old friends turn up at the Club. We were happy to welcome the Fell family, the Lewis family, George Cochrane, Irene and Cathy Lester, Betty Fraser-Harris and Bill, Jennifer McQueen. We were glad to have back in the fold the Alex Wylie family and John Young...

NEW MEMBERS - Seventeen new memberships were taken out by families and individuals. All were made welcome and seemed to enjoy the various activities offered...

RESIGNATIONS - There were seven resignations which were regretfully accepted... A further six families surrendered their memberships by virtue of their not paying the annual membership fees...

STATISTICS ON MEMBERSHIPS - 100 memberships composed of:

71 Families
17 Seniors
7 Seniors (former family members)
5 Intermediates

BOATS - The greatest increase in the number of boats of course occurred in the Albacore class. Seven new Albacores joined the fleet, bringing the total to 13 Albacores... A new Flying Junior was put in the waters by the Erskine family... The Reuben Guiles put in their Enterprise... The Don MacLeods added a 420... John Young and Hans Rainer floated two Flying Dutchmen... Bill Pawley added a Snipe... George Brown launched a Curlew... The GRYC fleet now numbers 38...

THE CANTEEN - For the second consecutive season the canteen has been most successfully run by Esther Gachnang. All members who partook of Esther's goodies will no doubt vouch for their wholesomeness and the genial and excellent service provided by Esther and her family. All will join in thanking her for her efforts on behalf of the Club...

THE STAFF OFFICER - Introduced this season was a representative of a new type of personnel, the Staff Officer. Of course, we mean Bruce Laycraft, who doubled as a factotum and sailing instructor. Bruce was just the man we'd been looking for. Before the sailing season really got under way Bruce performed a great number of useful and general housekeeping tasks. Later, he undertook a daily programme of sailing instruction for our Juniors. Bruce's cheerfulness along with his happy smile (except towards the end of the season and as a result of a slight accident) enamoured him to all. Many many thanks, Bruce, for a job well executed...

QUESTIONNAIRE - Most members will recall the Questionnaire put out last winter as an outcome of the Planning Commission's report to the 1966 Annual Meeting. Members may themselves judge what progress has been made during 1967.