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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

COMMODORE	:	Patrick M.O. Evans
VICE-COMMODORE	:	Connla T. Wood
REAR-COMMODORE	:	Colin Ramplee-Smith
SECRETARY	:	(Miss) Frances Leeney
TREASURER	:	E. C. Pierre Bernier
FLEET CAPTAIN	:	Malcolm (Sandy) Harvey-moved to Scotland John Davies-appointed by Board of Directors

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

PROPERTY	:	Dr. Arnold (Nolly) de Villiers
HARBOUR	:	Don Earl
SAILING	:	Sandy Harvey and later John Davies
FINANCE	:	Pierre Bernier
P.R. AND PUBLICITY:		George N. Beers
JUNIOR ACTIVITIES :		Philip M. Thompson
SOCIAL	:	First: (Miss)Charlotte Kindle, Secondly: Larry Marlatt, Thirdly: (Miss) Ann Chudleigh

This has been a most pleasurable year to me as so many of you have come forward to help me with my office as your Commodore. I would especially like to thank my colleagues on the Board of Directors who have co-operated one hundred per cent. There have, of course, been some differences of opinion, which I take as a healthy sign; at least it has provoked thought and after due consideration there has always been a meeting of minds which has, we hope, resulted in what is best for the Club.

The various committee chairmen and their committee members have put their collective shoulders to the wheel and have kept things rolling, sometimes under difficult circumstances.

Membership fell off somewhat this year. We were sorry to see some of our old shipmates let go their anchors on other shores. However, we were happy to welcome some new faces (and incidentally, some new boats). You will recall at the last Annual Meeting there were a number of suggestions with respect to a possible change in membership classification. Then again, your Board of Directors was faced with some applicants who wished certain "considerations" to be taken into account. With this in mind at midsummer, I appointed a small committee, headed by Barrie Jeffery, to make a study of the question and to be prepared to make recommendations to the Board.

You will no doubt be pleased to learn that the financial picture is fairly good,

thanks in no small part to our treasurer. We renegotiated the mortgage arrangements and have undertaken to reduce the principal. We tidied up the parking lot deal, selling back to Dave Roger a twelve foot right of way. This year we had planned to construct a club office and to re-deck the south end of the boom walkway. We achieved the first but got cold feet on the latter when a first "guesstimate" of \$450. grew to a firm estimate of \$737. An unexpected expense was the offer of the Quebec-Hydro to sell to the Club the contour line around the island (below highwater mark) and at the entrance to the boom from the mainland. We undertook this purchase and, although it increases our holdings, much of it, most of the time, is under water but we do now own the launching ramp at the bottom of the road - and - the Club won't have to pay an annual rental of \$40.00 as heretofore.

Sailing, this season, was participated in by more people than ever before. A full racing programme, which started with the first Spring Frostbite race on May 11 and ended with the last race of the Fall Frostbite on October 15, saw more boats out each weekend - of course, the number of boats in the Club has increased, which no doubt accounts for this higher average.

Those who missed some of the social

events certainly missed some good times. Both Larry Marlatt, at the beginning of the season, and Ann Chudleigh who was at the helm for the balance of the year provided the setting and raison d'être for the social occasions, each of which in turn were great successes.

It was unfortunate, the very year when it had been decided that the Junior Activities Committee would take over from a Junior Instructor (a luxury the Club could not afford in '69), that prior claims were made upon the committee chairman's time. A crash programme of instruction was instituted for a week's duration.

A number of Juniors also qualified in Red Cross swimming tests.

Elsewhere in this report appear the facts and figures as they were in 1969, the last of the 1960's. As we look forward to the 1970's, I would reiterate what my predecessor, Dick Medland, remarked:

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

It rests with you and you and you.

Patrick M.O. Evans,
Commodore.





SEASON 1969 IN CAPSULE

CLUBHOUSE - New office constructed and painted --- fireplace chimney painted --- deck repainted --- dining room chair seats recovered --- chest of drawers and bookcase repainted.

HARBOUR - Flotation placed under whole length of boom walkway --- partial decking installed on south half of boom walkway - courtesy and expense of Barrie Jeffery and Pat Evans.

GROUNDS - Railing constructed and painted, at island entrance --- steps constructed at island entrance --- diseased elm felled.

JOBS TAKEN ON AND COMPLETED BY MEMBERS -
Garbage cans painted by Jenny and Andy Harley -
Repairs to deck chairs by Liv Millar ---
Bridge at centre-boom painted by the Beers boys ---
Ship's railing installed at front door of Clubhouse by Bill Place and sons ---
Shuffleboard court painted on deck by Danny Fell ---
Alex Hope installed See Saw ---

SOCIAL AFFAIRS - Albacore Party at Britannia Yacht Club in the early spring, with about 70 present was a huge success. The Ottawa Area Yachtmen's Dance slated for May 30 cancelled for lack of interest.-- Directors' Reception following CJOH Regatta, on June 21, with over 100 visitors --- Social evening after Invitational Regatta never really got off ground - too many tired sailors we guess.

Marg and Dick Medland hosted a party on Friday, July 11 for the departing Liz and Sandy Harvey, leaving for Scotland --- "Hit and Blow", the combined "do" of the Larrimac Golf Club and G.R.Y.C. saw sailors on the golf course in the morning and the golfers crewing for the sailors in the afternoon - each club acting as host in turn at lunch and supper.

The Annual Theme Party, with this year's emphasis bring "Flower Power". About 80 members, most in costume, turned out for an evening of socializing and dancing.

September 1st, the Club's Seventh Birthday, with prize-giving for the Juniors followed by cake and ice cream, in the afternoon --- An evening party for the adults saw a dozen members turn up - no doubt due to it being Labour Day with its usual preparations for return to the city and to school on the morrow.

The Clean-up Party on Thanksgiving Day saw a turnout of some fifty or so to "put away" for the winter. The hungry workers enjoyed a buffet-type turkey luncheon daintily laid out by Ann Chudleigh and the ladies.

VISITORS - Again this year the Club was visited by those who came from far and near. Place names appearing in the Visitor's Book range through Edinburgh, Scotland; Ottawa; Montreal; Wortburg, Austria; Rossendale, Lancashire, England; Winnipeg; Chelsea; Aylmer; North Carolina; North Brunswick, N.J.

OLD FRIENDS - As always it is always a pleasure to see old friends turn up at the Club. We were happy to welcome Jane and Bob Lewis, the Fell family, Irene Lester and Kathy (a grown-up young lady now). Fraser and Betty Fraser-Harris were up from Grenada in the spring, picking up young Bill from school, who did not visit but who evinced continued interest in the Club's doings. Gilles de Chantal also paid a visit and crewed for the Commodore for one race.

GATINEAU BOOM COMPANY - At the Commodore's request, the Boom Company installed two booms adjacent to the islands which kept the swimming areas free of the usual horde of stray logs. Club members and residents in the area were indeed grateful for this fine gesture.

BROKEN BOOM WALKWAY - Due to a strain on the boom walkway, it parted company during the summer. Bert Dollin and son David, with

Al Wilson and some others effected temporary repairs. Conmla Wood, our Rear-Commodore, finally brought the ends together with block and tackle the next day.

BREAK-INS - The Club suffered a series of four break-ins and petty thefts during the summer. The canteen appeared to be the objective in most cases and whilst the loss could have been greater, it was still very annoying.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Your Directors met twelve times during the year to deal with the affairs of the Club. It was rare indeed that a Director missed a meeting.

OTHER GROUPS AT G.R.Y.C. - A number of other groups and organizations used the Club's facilities from time to time throughout the season. A wedding party in early June -- Thirty Girl Guides, with their Guiders and Muriel Jeffery, on June 3rd -- "Up-With-People" young people's party, with Larry Marlatt on July 26th -- The Electrical Engineer's Party, from Ottawa University, September 25th.

THE JUNIORS

With the services of the Junior Activities Chairman receiving prior claim by Ottawa University, the scope of the Junior Programme had to be curtailed somewhat. The younger ones took part in a series of swimming lessons and were tested later in the summer, with a great deal of success. There was also a week's crash programme of sailing instruction which was conducted by some of the parents aided by two or three Intermediate sailors.

The Junior Squadron, left to its own devices, made a half-hearted attempt at organizing, but things did not quite jell. The contest between G.R.Y.C., Britannia Y.C. and the Canadian Forces Sailing Association unfortunately had to be cancelled this year much to the Intermediates' regret; our Club could not supply a fleet of boats as all boats (except for the prams) are privately owned, and the owners were understandably reluctant to lend them.

The donor of the former 420 Championship Shield, early this spring, re-deeded his trophy for Junior Competition. Although ideas were discussed and generally mulled over, nothing came of it so the trophy lay dormant for the season.

Without a full programme of instruction, no Junior was able to qualify this summer for the Canadian Yachting Association Proficiency insignia.

On the bright side was the splendid racing effort of some of our Intermediates. Two teams of G.R.Y.C. Juniors - Jim Patterson (skipper) with Charlie Gachnang (crew) and Ross Laycraft (skipper) with Robert McQueen (crew) qualified at Britannia to attend the semi-finals of the National Junior Championships. The semi-finals were held at the Royal St. Lawrence Y.C. at Dorval, in "Mount Royals". Ross came a creditable fourth and Jim managed a sixth - Excellent, but not quite good enough to carry them on to the finals at Saint John, N.B.

The Junior Trophies within the Club were well competed for; the results are as follows:

SNAVE TROPHY

The Club's premier trophy. Awarded annually to the Junior who shows the greatest all-round improvement in Junior activities, coupled with a sense of sportsmanship, good behaviour and esprit-de-corps. Won in 1969 by:

DOUG PATTERSON

AINLEY & TED JACKSON TROPHY

Awarded to the Junior, 12 years of age or under, who wins a series of races, in the Club's prams. Won by:

BRIAN JEFFERY

JUNIOR SAILING SHIELD

Awarded to the Junior, 13 years of age or over, who wins a series of races. The Juniors ran this show themselves, conducting a series of three races. Winner:

DON WILSON

Finally, the entry in the log-book for Sunday, August 3rd ends with:

"This afternoon half a dozen juniors accomplished what the seniors had shirked to-date - they launched the diving raft - up the juniors!"

SAILING

G.R.Y.C. Sailors did very well in regattas away from home waters. Phil Thompson placed first and Connla Wood Fifth in the NATIONAL CAPITAL REGATTA, at Britannia (Albacore Class). At the OTTAWA-NEW EDINBURGH CLUB'S REGATTA - the placings were: 1st - The Connla Woods
2nd - The Colin Ramplee-Smiths
4th - Pat Evans

At the STORMONT YACHT CLUB in Cornwall, the Connla Woods won a special prize, generously donated by that Club.

At the S.L.V.Y.R.A. REGATTA at Pointe Claire, the Connla Woods gained first place.

The Woods repeated a "first" in "A" Handicap at the HUDSON Y.C.

Phil Thompson participated in the CANADIAN ALBACORE CHAMPIONSHIPS at Lake Rosseau but only did "fair".

The results of the summer's racing on the Gatineau are as follows:

MOLSON TROPHY

Spring Frostbite - Series of seven races
- BRIAN RUST

COMMODORE'S OPENER

First race of the season - CONNLA WOOD

C.J.O.H. SHIELD

A weekend ragatta in June - CONNLA WOOD

CARLING TROPHY

Fleet Captain's choice - a long up-river race
- JOHN JEFFERY

EVANS SHIELD

Ladies Race - ANNE WOOD

MORISSET CUP

Single-handed - series of three races

DUNN BEST tied CONNLA WOOD

MEDLAND SHIELD

A race for crewmen - those sailors who normally crew

- ANNE WOOD

THOMPSON TROPHY

Albacore Open Ragatta for sailors of Ottawa area

- DON WILSON

YOUNG TRAY

Race open to Flying Dutchmen, Flying Juniors and Y-Flyers

- HANS RAINER

DIRECTORS'TROPHY

Evening Series - Best nine out of 12 races.

- PAT EVANS

MACINTYRE SHIELD

Mid-season regatta - GORDON GRANT

COMMODORE'S CUP

Last race of regular series - to first placing skipper who has qualified for no other award

- NIGEL DENYER

O'KEEFE TROPHY

Fall Frostbite - Series of seven races

- CONNLA WOOD

WAKEFIELD INN TROPHY

Regular series - Runner-up to club champion

- PAT EVANS

EDELWEISS CUP

Regular series - Club Champion -

- FRANCES LEENEY

- series of 21 races, in "A", "B" & "C"
Sections, 15 races to count -

"A" Section winner - FRANCES LEENEY

"B" Section winner - FRANCES LEENEY

"C" Section winner - DON WILSON

SPECIAL - ALBACORE OPEN

A regatta for Albacore Sailors - June 1st

- CONNLA WOOD
with ANNE

BOATS - The number of boats owned by G.R.Y.C. members is 38, of which 21 are Albacores, 4 Flying Juniors, 3 420's, 2 Flying Dutchmen and one Y-Flyer, Hornet, Falcon, Flying Tern, Crescent, Gull, Rhodes Bantam and a home-made job.

NEW MEMBERS - New members joining during the season numbered twenty-six, being 9 Senior and Family memberships, plus four Intermediates.

RESIGNATIONS - Twenty-six memberships were withdrawn.

ROLL-CALL - As the year ended a count of individuals (including everyone) totalled 228.

