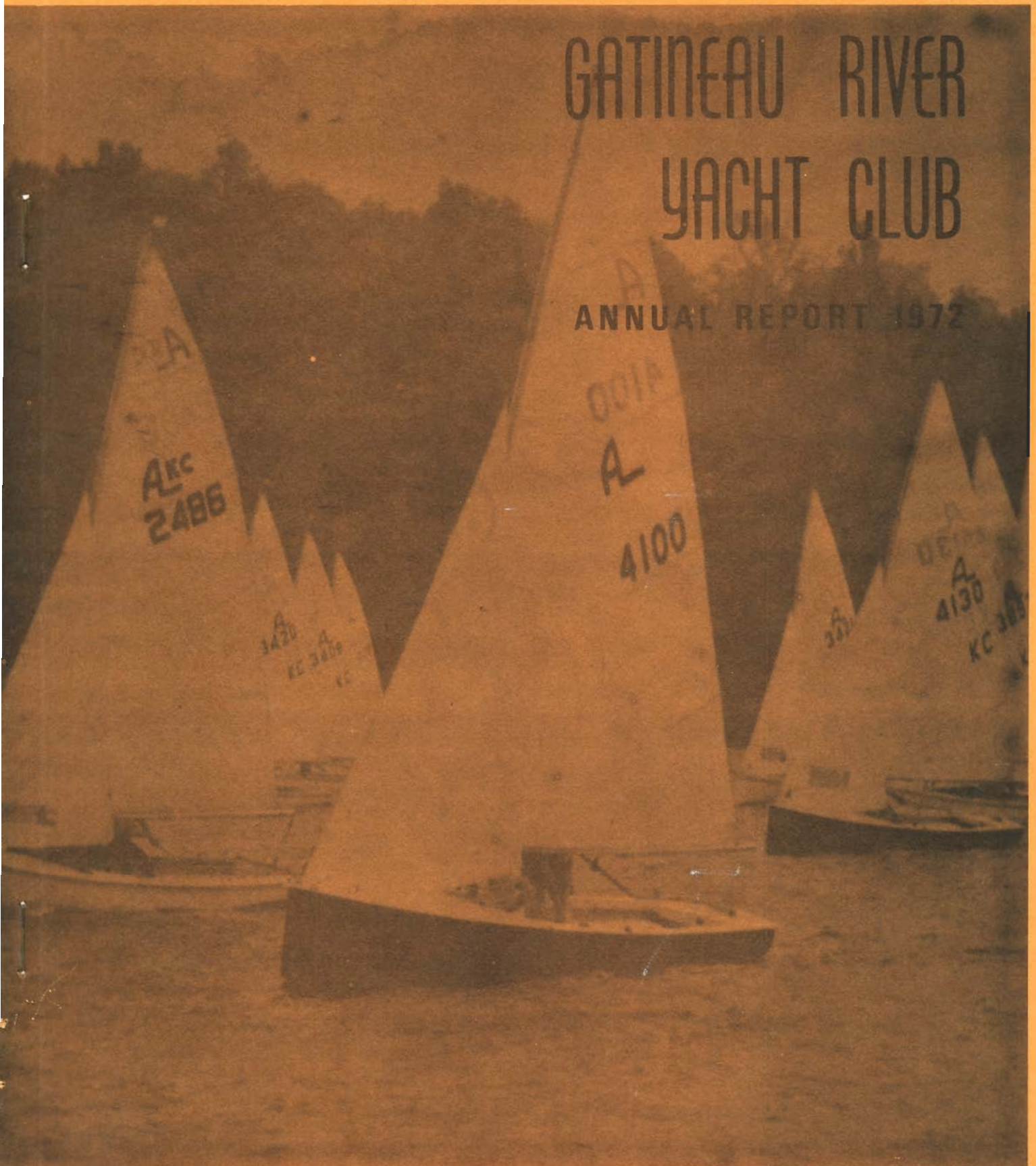


GATINEAU RIVER YACHT CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT 1972



BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 1972

Commodore	-	George N. Beers
Vice-Commodore	-	J. Blair Erskine
Rear Commodore	-	C. Barrie Jeffery
Fleet Captain	-	James W. Strutt
Treasurer	-	Al E. Wilson
Secretary	-	(Mrs.) Joan C. Tutton

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN - 1972

Property and Harbour	-	Bert W. Dollin
Editor of MASTHEAD	-	(Mrs.) Marion Rowbotham
Social	-	(Mrs.) Roberta Butler
Membership Review	-	John Seally
Junior Boat Fund	-	P. M. O. Evans

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Staff Officer	-	Graeme Parkinson
Swimming Instructor	-	(Miss) Nicole Turpin

TROPHY WINNERS - 1972

<u>Cup</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Edelweiss	Club Champion (Reg. Series)	Pat Evans
Wakefield Inn	Runner Up	Dean Smith
MacIntyre Shield	Weekend Sailing	Andy Harley
C.J.O.H.		Don Wilson
Commodore's Opener		Conla Wood
Commodore's Cup		William Andrews
Medlands Shield	Crewmans	Chris Place
Molson	Spring Frostbite	John Tutton
O'Keefe	Fall Frostbite	Conla Wood
Carling	Fleet Captain's Choice	Conla Wood
Young Tray		No Contest
Morisset	Single Handed	Pat Evans
Evans Shield	Ladies	Doreen Ramplee-Smith
Handsome Transom		Chris Place
Snave	All Round Junior	Andrew Beers
420 Trophy	Junior Competition	David Strutt
Directors	Evening Series	Pat Evans
Jackson Trophy	Age 12 & under	Graham Bailey
Evans & Kert		No Contest
Junior Sailing Shield		David Strutt
Senior A Pram		Grahame Parkinson
Thompson Trophy	Albacore Invitational	Ian Mellor BYC

This annual report marks the end of the first decade for the G.R.Y.C. and reports on another very active year in the life of our Club. Like most 10-year olds, one wonders how it survived the traumatic experience of these beginning years but is delighted by the existence of such a creation.

I am happy to have had the opportunity of serving as Commodore for this year. It has again been my good fortune to have had a great Board of Directors supported ably by Committees representing a good cross-section of our membership, including many young people. It is with sincere gratitude that I express my thanks for their personal support and many efforts on behalf of our Club. Similarly I would like to thank our two employees, Graeme Parkinson and Nicole Turpin for their leadership of our effective Junior Sailing and Water Safety and Swimming programs.

Brief but complete reports of our year in office are contained in this report to the membership of the G.R.Y.C. Traditionally, it seems, your officers have underestimated their many contributions which, in my estimation, far outshone any shortcomings they have mentioned.

History is the essence of all disciplines and can be the greatest teacher in all human organizations. Even in one decade, we can learn a great deal from past experiences and we have much to reflect upon. As I leave office as your elected officer I would like to offer the following thoughts for possible consideration by the Board and the general membership.

*** We are a sailing fraternity and have formed a Club to promote the sport of sailing. This is a real challenge to a Sailing Committee.

*** I strongly recommend the establishment of a planning council with terms of reference giving it the strength to assist and guide Boards of Directors in accomplishing long range development of the Club.

*** Junior squadron activities need competent and positive leadership. This segment of membership should be the lifeblood of sailing clubs. These young people want an opportunity to learn to express themselves within the framework of leadership that recognizes that they are people not, "just kids".

Finally, may I say that our family joined the G.R.Y.C. just to have fun sailing a small boat in pleasant surroundings. For the most part, that's what we've done and hope that others will continue to join the Club with this thought in mind.

It has also been fun to act on your behalf and I hope you will all give the new Commodore and his Board the same or greater support and cooperation that you have given to me!

Thank you.

George N. Beers,
Commodore.

Vice Commodore's Report

As you know the primary function of the Vice Commodore is the responsibility for the Junior program. I believe that the strength of the club depends to a large degree on the strength and acceptance of the Junior program. We, therefore, welcome any suggestions for improving the program.

This year we were fortunate in again having Graeme Parkinson and Nickie Turpin to supervise the Junior activities and I would like to extend my thanks to them for operating an interesting and successful program.

The organization and fee structure of the program was changed this year and both were well accepted by the membership. I would like to thank the members for the support given.

This year we established a Boat Fund Committee to examine the possibility of providing alternative boats to the Club's Prams for Junior squadron training. Under the Chairmanship of Pat Evans, this committee assisted the Board in obtaining two albacore's on a loan basis for the summer from Tom Ryan and Barrie Jeffrey. Formal agreements were entered into with these two members and the use of the boats proved to be highly successful.

We are extremely grateful to Tom Ryan and Barrie Jeffrey for this great help with the Junior Program this year.

A Boat Fund has been established, as you will see in the Financial Statements, and following further discussion of the entire plan at the Annual Meeting, I hope we will have resolutions enabling us to move forward on this idea of providing more adequate boats for junior training. We are grateful to Conla Wood and Roberta Butler for their great help in contributing materially to the launching of this Fund.

Finally, I would like to thank George Beers for his assistance in handling my responsibility during my several trips out of the country during the year. It added an extra load he had not bargained for.

J. Blair Erskine
Vice Commodore

Junior Sailing Awards

Standard I

1. S. Watson
2. I. Ruddell
3. A. Reford
4. J. Landon
5. C. Rowbotham
6. M. Rowbotham
7. P. Studnicki-Gizbert
8. J. Strutt
9. R. Andrews
10. L. Reford

Standard II

1. S. Erskine
2. S. Rample-Smith
3. S. Reford
4. G. Bailey
5. N. Andrews
6. W. Andrews
7. R. Waring
8. F. Rootes
9. S. Waring

Standard III

1. M. Tutton
2. E. Beers
3. K. Strutt
4. W. Place
5. S. Bailey
6. P. Stranks
7. F. Rootes

Standard IV

1. G. Erskine
2. C. Place
3. J. Erskine
4. A. Beers
5. J. Waring
6. A. Studnicki-Gizbert
7. J. Tutton
8. D. Strutt
9. D. Smith

Junior Program Report

Once again I feel that the Junior Program was very successful. There were 43 enrolled in the first session. This is broken into 14 in Standard 1, 12 in Standard 2, 8 in Standard 3 and 9 in Standard 4A. Most of the training was done in Albacores and up to 7 at a time were in use in the advanced standards.

The second session was very quiet. A total of 16 enrolled with 6 in Standard 1-2, and 10 in Standard 2-3. This was somewhat surprising in that the fee structure included both swimming and sailing for both sessions.

The fees brought in approximately \$1100 and was used to defray the expense of our swimming Instructors and the sailing program.

Our Juniors were sailing very well and represented themselves and the club admirably in many Albacore Area 10 regattas and at the Nationals. Unfortunately we did not fare so well against Kingston in the team races but I'm sure the experience was well worth it.

As far as our own Junior trophies went they were hotly contested with David Strutt winning both the 920 and the Junior Sailing, Graeme Bailey winning the Jackson and Andrew Beers being awarded the Snave.

This program could not have been run without the willing help of many people. David Strutt, Dean Smith and Chris Place who helped in the instructing. Tom Ryan and Barry Jeffry who so kindly lent their boats, Connla Wood, Doreen and Colin Ramplee-Smith, Francis Leeney, Pat Evans and Jim Kentell of the Ottawa New Edinburgh Club who donated their time and experience to examine the students. Thank you all.

Graeme Parkinson.

Rear Commodore's Report

These notes report briefly on activities on the social and public relations committees.

Since the undersigned maintained what the politicians call a very low profile during this year it was fortunate that we had an active social committee chairman in Roberta Butler.

A notable event was the always popular Invitational Regatta and Roberta has dedicated the revenue from the catering of this event to the Junior Boat Fund.

Other traditional events held at the appointed times were the Thompson Trophy Regatta and the Birthday Party - 10 years old this year!

Experimentally the Theme Party was moved from the normal August position to September. Although all present had a good report on the party the attendance was little different from that held in early August last year. The change of date was dictated by the large number of expected absences during August. The event was ably convened by Sylvia Andrews on a shipwreck theme.

Public relations generally include internal and external communications. George Beers and Marion Rowbotham handled the production of the Masthead while C.B. Jeffery and Joan Tutton did some advertising and submission of regatta results to the Newspapers.

The advertising had the happy results of bringing one new family to the club but the board of directors had hoped it would be somewhat more successful.

On behalf of the club and executive thanks to all who contributed to social and P.R. activities.

C.B. Jeffery,
Rear Commodore.

Fleet Captain's Report

The 1972 Sailing Season suffered from a number of things such as the weather, a rather weak sailing schedule and an inexperienced Fleet Captain. However, in spite of these major difficulties, the members did enjoy themselves.

The enjoyment rose out of a number of events and conditions:

- through the Boat Committee several member's boats were made available for Club use which enabled a number of Juniors to sail competitively for the first time
- the Junior Sailing Programme was advanced considerably by the availability of these Albacores
- Two successful invitational regattas were held, the Gatineau River Open and the Thompson Trophy; over 25 boats competed in each event.
- the Club was well represented at all away-from-the-Club events listed in the schedule and the GRYC members gave a very good account of themselves
- the Junior Sailors in particular began to discover their capabilities and develop their sailing skills in open competition
- in spite of a thin in-house racing schedule competition was fun and all trophies were well earned

For the coming season look forward to a much tighter ship being run which will include:

- a completely new racing schedule and approach to in-club sailing activities

- a full duty roster for the whole season to make the programme effective

- a Fleet Captain with some experience

- Good Sailing Weather - Hopefully

Jim Strutt

Treasurer's Report

The purchase of shoreline properties, for which negotiations were begun in 1969, was finally completed this year. We have now a clear title to those parts of the islands between the elevation contours 319.62 feet and 325.00 feet, representing about 35% of the island surfaces normally above water level, and to a small parcel of land up to the edge of the road allowance at the south end of the boom, The total area is approximately 0.8 acres, and the cost to the Club was \$860.00, including the legal fees.

In an appendix to the financial statement which I am preparing for distribution at the annual meeting, I have prepared a separate account entitled Boat Fund. This account shows the fees from the senior sailing courses held by Mr. Wood in the past two years, a contribution from sale of refreshments by Mrs. Roberta Butler, reduced by an expenditure made in 1972 for sails for the Junior Program Albacores. It will be the duty of the new Board to handle and increase this balance, which exists as part of the cash on deposit, as the membership wishes and in accordance with any pertinent resolutions passed at the annual meeting, and, of course, to its own best judgement.

I am pleased to report that the Club's liability in regard of the entrance loans made by charter members before 1968 has been clarified and very substantially reduced in the 1972 fiscal year, primarily by the power of declaration of forfeiture which was carried in the resolution passed at the 1971 annual meeting. The reduction will be indicated on the balance sheet of the financial statement. In the fiscal years 1971 and 1972, the Club's entrance loans liability has therefore been reduced from \$5000.00 to \$2200.00, by voluntary conversions of loans by the charter members, by refunds in cash, and by forfeitures declared.

On the whole, and speaking in terms of finances, of course, I feel that the fiscal year in 1972 of the Club was satisfactory. Cash revenues were approximately equal to the expenditures necessary to meet current operating costs and capital commitments, with constant budget control. The reaction of those members who participated in the Junior Program to the large increase in the Junior Program fees, that was required to meet swimming instruction costs, was particularly encouraging.

However, I must point out that the present membership level and fees schedule do not provide a budget which permits the establishment of a sinking fund or similar device adequate to deal with the major capital works, such as the restoration or reconstruction of the club house, which will certainly become necessary at some point in the future. Apart from the incipient boat fund, the Club has made no long term - or even short term - provision for capital works financing. I recommend that both the new Board of Directors and the membership give this matter some attention in the ensuing year.

A. E. Wilson

Harbour & Property Committee Report

During the 1972 season Harbour & Property maintenance continued as a responsibility of Club Manager, Graeme Parkinson. Numerous jobs of a minor nature and the usual repairing and painting chores were carried out.

With the expert assistance of the Gatineau Boom Company crew and their tugs we were able to install additional floatation under the boom, thus assuring once again a dry passage to the islands.

No major reconstruction was planned for this year, although work continued on improving the junior dock. A great amount of forestry activity went on; the disappearance of many dead trees and a growing log pile adding equally to a tidy island and a warm club house.

Many thanks to our members and especially to the always willing intermediates who lent a hand during the season.

Bert Dollin,
Chairman.

Comparative Membership Statement

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
Family memberships	41	44
Senior memberships	12	9
Intermediate memberships	12	11
Retaining memberships	14	9
Honorary memberships	3	3
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Total	82	76