

**Gatineau River Yacht Club**

**Annual Report**

**1992**

## Board of Directors

Commodore	John Pomeroy
Vice-Commodore	Lee Anne Johnston
Fleet Captain	Hamish McIntosh
Rear Commodore	Nini Cohen
Treasurer	Georgina Pickett
Secretary	Sandy Lorimer
Club Manager	Jeremy Dolgin

## Crews

MastHead Editor	Evelyn Ironside
Junior Programme Crew Chief	Paul Harvey
Island Crew Chief	Malcolm McHattie
Clubhouse Crew Chief	Gerry van Grevenhof
Harbour Crew Chief	Bill Johnston

## **Commodore's Report**

from John Pomeroy

It feels kind of funny trying to write a report on a summer that I didn't really see because I was shivering in the snow on the other side of the world! As I had mentioned in a Masthead this year, I would again like to thank everyone for "persuading" me to go. One of the big things that happened this summer, while I was away, was the growing number of people waiting (bribing?) to get into the club. I do hope that one of the reasons for this boom was because the prospective members knew I was away.....Hmmm?

All in all, from the many reports I received from my faithful Vice-Commodore it seems that summer at the club was great, despite the rather atrocious weather. The Board of Directors (as would be expected) directed the business of the Club consistent with the Strategic Plan accepted by the membership at the 1991 Annual General Meeting. It proved a most useful tool because our objectives and goals had already been planned out for us. I would like to thank the standing committees (crews) for their part in bringing the Plan's ideas to fruition. One of the most obvious examples being the great new Laser/Crash Boat dock, the construction of which was supervised by Bruce Lorimer with the major labour done by Jeremy Dolgin. In some cases, the work involved brain power rather than brawn, but I don't think any cerebral muscles were pulled!

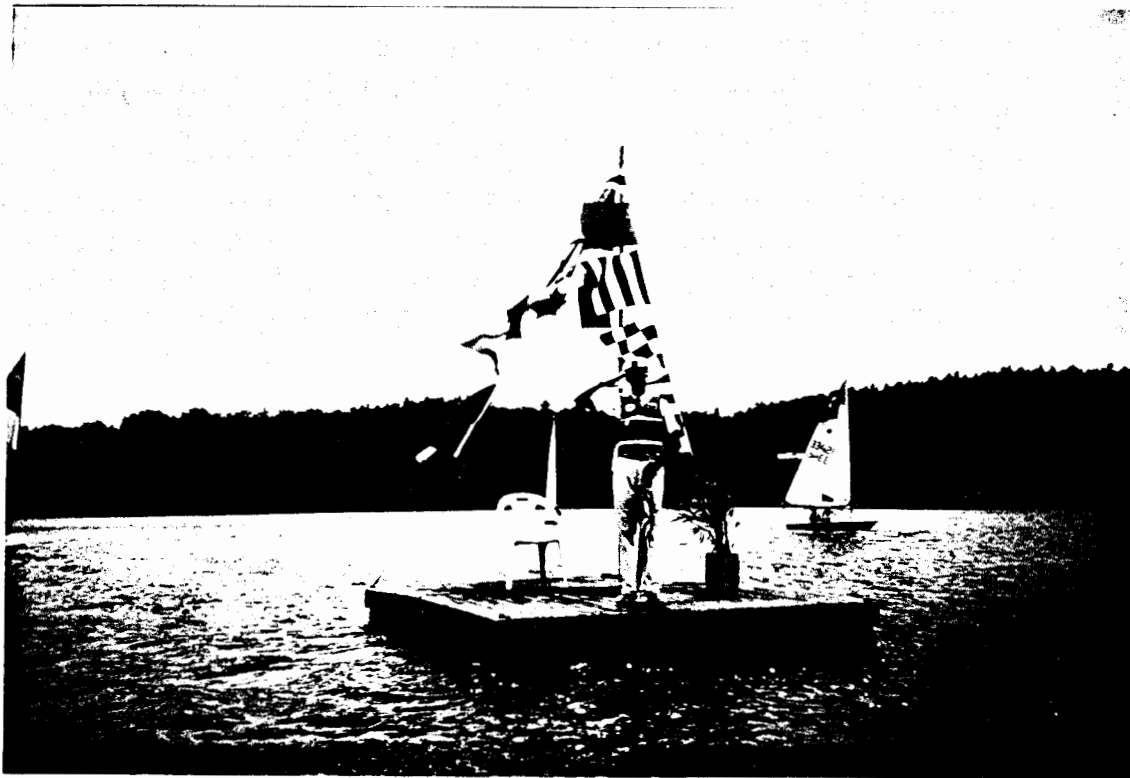
One thing that came to the attention of the Board towards the end of the summer was that we (the Club) may be being perceived by the municipality as snobbish and not wishing to have anything to do with the community. The Board certainly feels that this should not be so and will, over the course of the winter months, task itself with improving the Club's image within the community.

I would like to thank the staff for their work during the summer. Lee Anne will be thanking the Junior Program staff who did a great job, as always, with the little creatures who invade paradise for eight weeks each summer. I would like to thank Jeremy for his hair, for his unique sense of humour, for replacing the King's chair in the Manager's Office (NOT), and for allowing me to feel like I actually used to leave the Tool Shed in good shape when I was Manager (HA!). But seriously, Jeremy, you did a great job, thank you.

The Board of Directors made my first year as Commodore a pleasure. The Board's dedication to duty allowed me to leave without really having to worry about anything. Thanks to Hamish for the Sailing; Sandy for endless hours on the membership; Georgina for nights and days on the phone, the calculator and the books; Nini for the "social work"; Evelyn for keeping track and noting it all; and Lee Anne, for everything. All of them did so much work that, if I was to describe all of their accomplishments, it would take me at least two pages each. It was indeed an honour to work with a group who seem to love the club as much as I!

Several of the 1992 Board members will be stepping down at this year's A.G.M. and I would like to encourage the rest of the membership to consider taking a Board of Directors' position for the next season or any season. It is indeed rewarding work which, thanks to the efforts in planning and record keeping of those who have volunteered in the past, gets easier to do all

One last, but certainly not least, note: on behalf of the members of the Club I would like to congratulate Mr. Pat Evans on being recognized by the people of Chelsea as a "Builder of the Municipality". His tremendous work with the Gatineau Historical Society and his vision as one of the founding members of our great Club are an inspiration to us all.



**The Commodore Salutes Us!!!**

## **Vice-Commodore's Report**

from Lee Anne Johnston

In putting this report together, I would like to acknowledge the work of the Junior Program Crew(JPC). They have been actively involved in the program since the crew's formation in September 1991, working on the design, interviewing prospective staff, analyzing evaluations from participants and parents, being "on call" during the day-to-day activities, supervising the canteen, and making themselves available to talk with and assist the Junior Program staff. Specifically, I would like to thank Paul Harvey who, as Chairperson, assumed the responsibility and leadership for the activities of the Crew, provided support to the staff, attended Board of Directors' meetings on behalf of the Junior Program, etc. As a result of increased Crew and parental involvement, Paul's leadership and hard work, a very competent staff, and lots of children, the Junior Program was very successful, despite the poor and unpredictable weather.

### **Program Changes**

As in recent years, four two-week sessions were held. This year approximately thirty (30) children, ranging in age from 5 to 14, attended per session. The younger children (5-8) formed the Rascals group, and could attend one week sessions at a time. The older children, many of them returns from last year, comprised the majority of the group. In comparison to last year, the membership comprised approximately 42% of the registrations, up by about 2%.

The greatest change from last year's program was the integration of the Rascals with the older children. As reported by the JPC, this was seen as a positive move by the parents of the younger children and not by the parents of the older children. While the younger kids enjoyed associating with the older campers, the older children did not enjoy the "babysitting" atmosphere. Other minor changes were: (1) the number of participants was increased from 20 to 30; (2) we did not participate in any inter-club regattas and (3) arts & crafts activities became an acceptable part of the program, especially with the Rascals.

### **Junior Program Staff**

There were five staff members. Kristin Drysdale and Adam Welsh, both returned as sailing/swimming instructors. Ellen Lauder joined us this year, her prime responsibility being the Rascals. Josh Cohen graduated from participant to assistant instructor. Karin Levia was hired as program manager. The majority of the staff were bilingual, offering instruction in both languages. As usual, they did a fantastic job and, again despite the weather, they offered a fun and challenging program to all children. Well done!

## **Recommendations**

I would like to offer the following recommendations:

1. That the full-day program schedule be retained
2. That sailing remain the core activity: swimming be taught to ensure safety in the water, other activities be used for variety
3. That the JPC and the Island Crew agree as to the maximum number of registrants per session, in view of the stress put on the island by the Junior Program participants
4. That the program remain open to non-members, with members having every opportunity to enroll their children first and at a much lower fee
5. That the program remain financially self-sustaining.

As with most types of volunteer educational programs, success is measured by the low attrition rates and the general tone of the learning environment. Very, very few children chose not to return, and most times when I visited the program I was met by smiling faces. The Junior Program Staff, their ability to work together and respect each other are critical ingredients to the "mix" which makes a program a healthy place for children to be.

The success of the Junior Program over the recent years has benefitted the Club by helping us build a firm membership basis. I am stepping down as Vice-Commodore this year and would hope those assuming the responsibility of the Junior Program find it as challenging and enjoyable as I did. Many, many thanks to all those who helped out.

## Rear Commodore's Report

by Nini Cohen

This has been another good year at the Gatineau River Yacht Club. The social committee and you - the members - responded positively to compensate for an almost SUN-LESS summer. Most of the 'RAYS' we did get were man and woman-made and we should all get proper participatory credit for that.

The season started off with a clean island and clubhouse after the May 17th Spring Clean Up. This was not only the first event of the season but also my first as rear commodore. I hadn't gotten around to calling a meeting of my crew and assigning events so I had the pleasure of convening this one myself. The hard clean up and re-installation tasks were pleasantly interrupted by a traditional GRYC snack of pot-luck soup, crackers, cheese and apples.

The new-members-old members Bar-B-Q was held on June 20 and performed its usual ice-breaking, name-remembering, re-connecting function. In a serious break with Club tradition, the potatoes served were boiled instead of baked. Despite the warm reception accorded these PEI spuds, members pleaded, the executive directed and your convenor has made a mental note for next year's event - BACK TO TRADITION - to hell with the cost of aluminum foil.

My thanks to AC Dolgin and the Dolgin clan for looking after the Sailpast of June 28. AC's organizing talents on behalf of the GRYC have been honed at various club events over the years and served us well again. Commodore Pomeroy's accoutrement for the event [it was great] guaranteed not only that he would be remembered but that he would be much-talked about as the need to make a living took him away from us for July and August.

A closer  
look at  
those  
"accoutrements"



The Club's annual Regatta is proving to be a well-attended serious sailing event. The competitive spirit was suspended briefly Saturday night to enable Club members, sailors and non-sailors alike, to drink, dine and dance with sailing ambassadors from Britannia, Nepean and the RA. I leave the report of the winners and losers to our Fleet Captain Hamish McIntosh. There were just enough beef steaks, salmon steaks and hamburgers as well as delicious green and pasta salads for the over 65 people who attended. Four or five more people and the Club, but especially me, would have been embarrassed at running out of food. Right then I began to think of the benefits of an arrangement with Ticketmaster for advance sales. Special thanks here to Club manager Jeremy Dolgin for more of that on-going super-effort and helpful attitude. Jeremy was a welcome regular visitor to our cottage and a favourite of the Cohen clan. He was a big help during this demanding weekend.



**The winners of the Albacore Class at the Annual Regatta:  
Malcolm McHattie and Kotik Wachmann**

As is her want, Lee Anne Johnston, elected vice-commodore, acting-commodore by circumstance, perennial organizer of the Triathlon did it again this year on August 1st - and did it well. In addition to baking the awards [rice-krispie squares], organizing registration, drumming up support, participating, Lee Anne looked after the food and drink part of the Triathlon. It was a big success and would have been a huge success but for the subzero weather that froze the river and prevented swimmers from swimming and canoeists from canoeing. Eh bien, à l'année prochaine.

## **Fleet Captain's Report**

from Hamish McIntosh

Well here is my first annual report ever. This particular one is the 1992 Fleet Captains Annual Report. What I have to say falls into two categories, the first being FUN and the second HEADACHES.

### **FUN**

Though the weather was against us this summer many events were successfully carried off by an energetic Fleet Captain's crew. Thanks to you all.

The scheduled races were not as well attended as last year. The weather was a big factor but I would like to work on increased participation next year. A big thank-you goes out to all those who acted as duty officers, a special thanks going to Sandy Lorimer and Jeremy who often stood in when assigned officers were sailing or missing.

As well as the traditional events a new effort to get members out sailing was tried this summer. This was the lessons for adults run by volunteers from the club. I believe this should become an institution as well.

Warren Major was active again at the windsurfing site, seeing that a dock was built to ease launching there. Speaking of docks Bruce Lorimer, Jeremy Dolgin and several helpers built us a fantastic new dock in front of the tool shed. This should give much needed space on race days. These guys might argue that this section should be included in the following section. On the other hand the projects were completed totally on their initiative and did not take any of the energies of the author of this report. That is why I placed them where I did. I would like to commend them for their initiative, membership participation on this level is to be encouraged.



**Yesssss!!! We have a NEW DOCK!!!!**

Malcolm McHattie, repeat winner of Moonlight Madness, convened this delightful event again on August 15th and will reprise this role next year by dint of squeaking through as winner again. Congrats Malcolm! That must be a motorized sailboat you sail.

Sailorama, the Club's birthday. On the plus side - a strong turnout by Club sailors, a good time by all [thanks to the Parkinson's for organizing a fun event], good sailing, tall tales in the buccaneer tradition, two of my children won prizes - what more could one ask for! Okay, okay, the sun, the sun. As Jewish people say, "next year in Jerusalem" and as we say, "next year on the Gatineau"!

The premiere event of the social calendar, the GRYC Annual Dinner, ably convened by Catherine Morrison, took place at the Clubhouse on the Islands of the Gatineau River Yacht Club on Saturday evening October 3rd. Club members wildly acclaimed the return of their leader, the Hon. John Pomeroy, on his return from an extended visit to New Zealand, Hawaii and other sailing venues. During the course of the formal dinner, succulently prepared and served by MNM caterers, the Club's lovely vice-commodore Lee Anne Johnston presented a slide show combining pleasant scenes of both Kiwi and Gatineau country. Dinner guests were thrilled by the scenery, the attention to photographic detail and the active, good looking living creatures [both sheep and GRYC members]. Dinner was followed by dancing, thanks to our talented members, Ian Hammond, Richard Garlick, Bill Johnston and their friend, Greg Tomlinson. The above were joined, much to the pleasure of the dancing crowd, by the Dale Evans Trio - Catherine and Michael Joyce and the multi-talented Catherine Morrison. Other highlights included an impromptu dance performance by Annette Brand and a jazz gig by Josh Dolgin and John Pomeroy.

What a perfect evening amongst old and new friends. As for the next morning, oh well that is another pair of sleeves!

Thank goodness for Connie De Witte and that ever present sisterhood, mostly drawn from the Dutch community, who organized Fall Cleanup on Sunday October 18th. The boats, canoes and equipment were put away. The kitchen was emptied and the clubhouse left spotless. And in the course of which, another serving of miracle soup, cheese, buns, crackers and that wonderful hot cider.

Thanks folks, see you next summer. It can't come too soon.

## Trophy winners were :

Laser Trophy (Regatta)

*Bruce Lorimer*

McHattie Cup (Sailboarding)

*Malcolm Mchattie*

Young Tray (Y Flyer)

*Jack Des Brisay*

Carlting Trophy (Fleet Captain's Choice Winner)

*Bruce Lorimer*

Evans Shield\*\* (Woman'S Race Winner)

*Muriel How*

Medland Shield\*\* (Novice)

*Winston Weber*

Erskine Trophy (Moonlight Madness Winner)

*Malcolm McHattie*

Coupe Des Vice-Commodore

(Jr. best results -Regatta)

*Josh Cohen*

Hansum Transum (Great Feat Undertaken)

*John Pomeroy - abdication of Commodoreship.*

Manager's Cup

( Manager's choice of member most willing and available to provide help and assistance)

*Bob Willson*

Edelweiss Cup (Overall Series)

*Guillame Godbout*

Wakefield Inn Trophy\*\* (Overall Runner-Up)

*Bruce Lorimer*

Voyageur Cup\*\* (In and Out of Club Racer)

*Bruce Lorimer*

Wood Trophy\*\* (Laser - Overall)

*Guillame Godbout*

Rear Commodore's Opener\*\* (Race Winner)

*Bruce Lorimer*

MacIntyre Shield\*\* (July Series)

*Guillame Godbout*

Morisset Cup (Single handed in normally crewed boat)

*Bill Stranks*

### Spring Series

Harley Trophy\*\* (Single handed)

*Bruce Lorimer*

### July Series

Olympic Ski Trophy\*\* (Crewed)

*Jack Des Brisay*

Parkinson Trophy (Single handed)

*Guillame Godbout*

Diana Pethick's Roziepantz Cup\*\* (best results-woman)

*Muriel How*

### August Series

Olympic Ski Shop Trophy\*\* (Crewed)

*Jack Des Brisay*

Strutt Trophy (Single handed)

*Guillame Godbout*

Seally Trophy\*\* (best results-woman)

*Muriel How*

### Fall Series

O'Keefe Trophy\*\* (Crewed)

*Jack Des Brisay*

Wilde Trophy\*\* (Single handed)

*Daniel Major*

## Junior Awards

**Bell Shield** - to reward excellence in swimming to a male participant - MC Tamblyn

**Beers Trophy** - awarded to the most improved Junior in sailing - Zoe Garlick

**Brass One** - to reward excellence in sailing, non-competitive - Chris Millen

**CHOT Shield** - to reward excellence in swimming to a female participant - Sacha Gravel

**Le Stick** - to reward excellence in sailing, competitive - Daniel Major

**420 Shield** - to reward consistent and motivated participation in racing competition - Matthew and Jamie Smith

**Snave Trophy** - awarded to the Junior who shows the greatest all-round improvement coupled with a sense of sportsmanship, good behaviour and esprit-de-corps - Alison Harvey

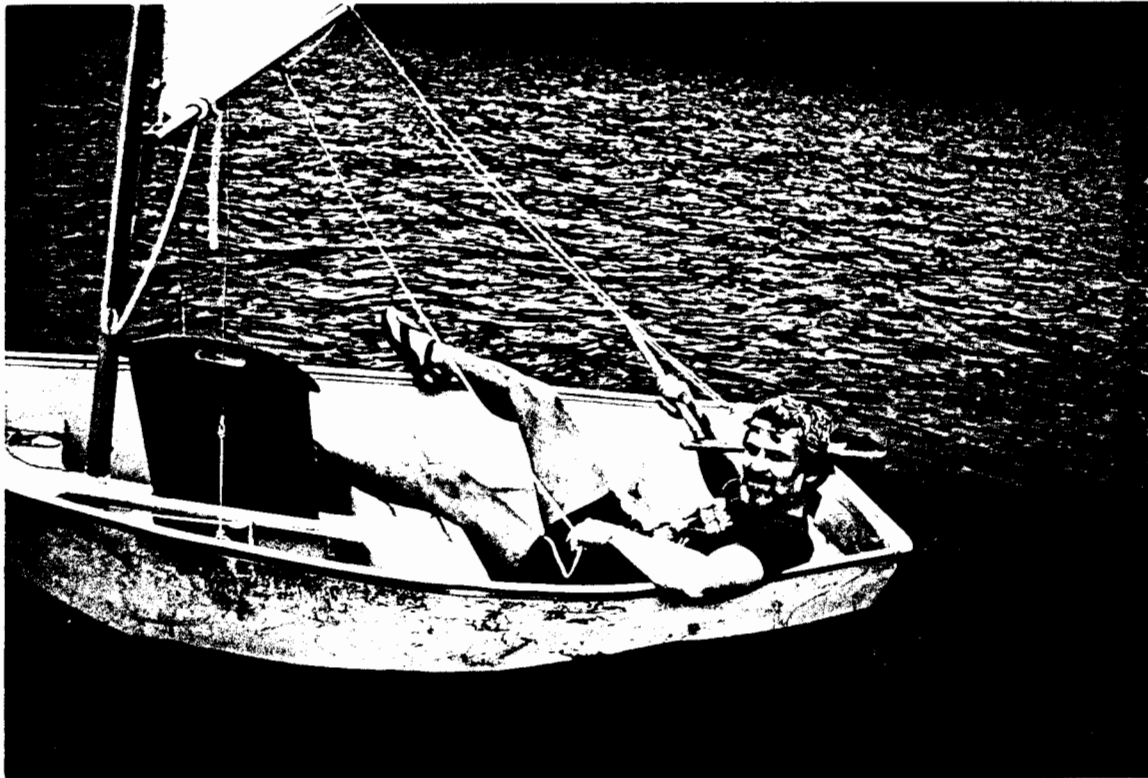
**Ping-Pong Award** - to the Junior who is always on hand (Ping Ponging around?) - Jesse Cohen

**Jackson Trophy** - won by the Junior who wins a series of races - Daniel Major

\*\* The double starred trophies are "missing" - Please let Hamish know if you have knowledge of their whereabouts!



Hamish McIntosh leading the Fleet Captain's Choice.



Bruce Lorimer demonstrating his winning form...in a pram?

## **HEADACHES**

### **1. FLEET MAINTENANCE**

I am beginning to understand why all previous Fleet Captains constantly complained of nagging headaches. The fleet was never in tip top shape this summer (my inexperience and lack of willingness to dedicate my summer to repairing). Adam did what he could do but he is very busy during the summer. In order to get the jump on next year he was hired for five days at the end of the season to go over all the boats make repairs and submit a report on their condition. Further work on the boat hulls is being done by Fibron Boat Clinic. I now realize that fall is the time for fleet maintenance!

Adam reported a significant increase in boat damage due to use by inexperienced members. He recommended that a certain level of sailing skill and rigging knowledge be demonstrated before members are allowed to use club boats.

### **2. THE PRAM SHACK**

This was the site of much finger-pointing this summer. Neither club members or the sailing school could find the boat equipment when they needed it. A system to keep order was devised but never consistently implemented. This will be in place next year!

The solution was to keep the shack locked and have the manager distribute equipment.

### **3. MISSING PARTS**

Members and Sailing School complained of minor boat stripping. It sounds like there was an ebb and flow of hardware between boats.

- 1- A supply of small parts will be on sale for members who have misplaced bits and pieces.
- 2- Club boat parts will be clearly marked.
- 3- Members are encouraged to mark their own boat parts.

### **4. TROPHIES**

Many trophies are missing as can be seen from the above list. If you know where any of these missing trophies reside please contact the fleet captain.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

from Georgina Pickett

(N.B. Financial Statements to be issued separately.)

1991-92 was a year of consolidation. Alain Godbout made great strides last year in organizing and up-dating the Club's financial records, and further progress was made this year.

### **Finance Crew**

Membership in the Finance Crew grew this year to include Larry Bissonnette, Roger Leclair, David Millen, and Anne Wilson. The Crew now has accounting, management and legal expertise available in its members, all of which will be extremely important when the Crew looks at major issues such as proposals for restructuring ownership of the Club (see notes on the Strategic Plan). My thanks to all of you for your support.

### **Staff**

The first project of the year was to ensure that Club staff were being paid in accordance with the labour laws of the Province of Quebec. The rules relating to holidays, holiday pay, minimum wages, Quebec Pension Plan, Unemployment Insurance, Quebec Medicare, and Workers' Compensation were reviewed, and the Board is satisfied that the terms and conditions for Club staff meet at least the minimum required by the provincial law. This review, and increased employers' rates for benefits such as UI and QPP, resulted in proportionately higher total salary and benefit costs for staff than in 1991.

### **Members' Loans to the Club**

In 1979, an appeal was made to members to loan money to the Club, so as to avoid the high bank interest rates that then prevailed. Another call was made in 1986. Unfortunately, in the years since, the basic documentation relating to these loans has disappeared, and the Club had only sketchy records concerning the existence and the status of the loans.

This fall, a letter was sent to each person identified as having loaned money to the Club, to verify the amount of the loan, the sum outstanding, and the terms of the loan. Based on the information received to date, the loan account has been adjusted. As more information is received, further amendments may be necessary.

### **Goods and Services Tax/Quebec Provincial Sales Tax**

Some members had expressed concern that the Club might soon have to both pay and charge GST, and the new 'harmonized' QST.

The Finance Crew met and reviewed the tax law. Any organization generating revenues of more than \$30,000 annually must register and collect GST. Luckily, certain types of revenues are excluded from the calculation [e.g. revenues from the Junior Programme (a school), and revenues generated from anything which the Club purchases and passes along to members at cost]. The accounts of the Club were examined, and for this year, unexcluded revenues are just under the \$30,000 mark. Obviously the 'threat' of GST will have a bearing on future decisions concerning the size of the membership, amount of annual fees, and any non-excluded revenue generating activities.

### **Safety Deposit Box**

As requested at last year's AGM, a safety deposit box has been rented. Stored there are important documents of the Club such as deeds of sale and documents of incorporation.

### **Charge in Lieu of Two Half-day's Work**

As discussed and agreed at last year's AGM, members who did not donate 2 half-day's work to the Club (in addition to clean-up and shut-down) were charged \$25.00. A total of 19 members were charged. As with any new system, there were some teething pains. This year's experience also highlighted the importance of the Crew Chiefs, in initiating and organizing the work of their crews.

### **By-Law Revision**

The By-Laws as they relate to the finance and accounting side of the Club were reviewed, and several changes proposed, in order to bring the By-Laws into line with actual practice. These proposals will be placed before the AGM in January.

### **Strategic Plan**

The Treasurer and the Finance Committee were charged with reviewing the Strategic Plan recommendation to "Convert by 1996 ownership in the Club by replacing the current initiation fee with a transferable ownership right...".

The Crew members set out to research the legal and financial ramifications of such a change, and determine what would be necessary to bring the Club under the proposed share structure. Much of this material has been gathered. We also decided to try to obtain examples of the constitutions of other Clubs which operate under structures similar to that proposed. There is a large amount of work involved and much of it is of a highly technical nature. The Finance Crew will have this as an on-going priority over the next several years, in order to be able to introduce the proposals to the membership and implement the decision by 1996 as called for in the Plan.

## Treasurer's Position

Although I have only occupied the Treasurer's position for one year, I too will be stepping down at the AGM in January. The reason behind my departure is purely and simply time. I found the treasurer's job too large for one person to do well in her "spare time". The membership will be asked to discuss this issue at the AGM, and I encourage everyone to think creatively of possible ways around this problem.



Just a typical day at the Point....

## Secretary's Report

by Sandy Lorimer

1992 created a new situation for GRYC. We had a waiting list for membership! According to the Strategic Plan adopted at the last AGM, the Club would not accept more than 250 members. Concerns about the sewage system encouraged the Board of Directors to be quite strict about the counting of the members so that anyone over the age of five was counted as a member. A total of 25 new members were added to the club this year. Recommendations for modification to the policy will be presented at the next Annual General Meeting in order to meet the need for an active and committed membership while retaining the essential nature of the club.

### Membership Statistics

Family Memberships	64 (6 new)
Senior Memberships	20 (2 new)
Intermediate Memberships	1
Honorary Memberships	9 (1 new)
Retaining Memberships	9

### Demographic Statistics

Age Group	Number
Adults	149
Adults	143
Family Members over 21	6
Children	84
Children 14-21	35
Children 5-14	41
Children under 5	8
Total Members	233

As I finish my two years as Secretary, I wish to express my appreciation of the work of Johanne Godbout and Evelyn Ironside on the MastHead. This vital communications tool served the Club very well again, due to the dedication of these two fine editors. I am glad that the Club will continue to have Evelyn working on this important part of the club.

I also want to thank all the members of the Board for their contributions to this year's Annual Report and to Evelyn for the work she has done in pulling everything together for this report that you are now holding. Thanks to all!



We thought Jeremy handled a big job as manager at GRYC, but we were wrong. NOW he is handling the BIG one!