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2000 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2001 CHELSEA COMMUNITY CENTRE

PROPOSED AGENDA:

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Minutes of the 1999 Annual General Meeting held February 15, 2000.
3. Reports:
 - 3.1 Treasurer
 - 3.2 Vice-Commodore/Youth
 - 3.3 Rear Commodore
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 - 3.5 Secretary
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Roberta Walker (Director Communications)	Bryan Drummond (Secretary)

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Paul Hanvey	Ingrid Wellmeir	Beth McFie
Malcolm McHattie	Sandy Foote	Muriel How
Cathy Drummond	Jane Walford-Gravel	Michael Tobalt
Allan Richens	John Pomeroy	Alison Woodley
Michel Gravel	Andrew Hicks	Neil Berman

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3 Reports

Treasurer

Bill Burr tabled the attached report.

Vice-Commodore/Youth

Yvonne Weber tabled the attached report.

Rear Commodore

Dave Maitland tabled the attached report on behalf of Catherine Morrison, who was ill.

Fleet Captain

Geof Burbidge tabled the attached report.

Secretary

Bryan Drummond tabled the attached report.

Public Relations Director

Roberta Walker tabled the attached report. As a straw poll, she asked for a show of hands of those who were informed of the AGM by e-mail. Most were.

Commodore

Dave Maitland tabled the attached report.

Paul Hanvey moved and John Pomeroy seconded the adoption of all the above reports.
Carried.

4 2000 Budget Approval

Bill Burr tabled the proposed 2000 budget in conjunction with his report. Michael Tobalt queried the increased insurance costs. Bill responded that the Lasers were once again being insured, as were a number of other assets such as the new safety boat and motor.

John Pomeroy moved and Michael Tobalt seconded the approval of the 2000 budget.
Carried.

5 Consolidated By-laws and By-law Revisions

Bryan Drummond proposed the following revisions to the By-laws.

Proposed Revision

Amend Article 1, paragraph 2 from:

2. The Club's premises are situated in Gleneagle in the district of Hull, County of Gatineau, Province of Quebec. The postal address is Box 293, Chelsea, Quebec, JOX 1N0.

to:

2. The Club's premises are situated in Gleneagle in the district of Hull, County of Gatineau, Province of Quebec. The postal address is **Box 1766, Chelsea, Quebec, J9B 1A1.**

Reason

Canada Post has changed the Club's address.

Discussion

Beth McFie moved and John Pomeroy seconded approval of the revision. *Carried.*

Proposed Revision

Amend Article 3 by adding a new paragraph

In the case of a family break-up, none of the members who were part of the family membership will be required to pay an initiation fee following the break-up.

Reason

This seems to be the fairest way of dealing with such matters.

Discussion

Cathy Drummond moved and Sandy Foote seconded approval of the revision. *Carried.*

Proposed Revision

Amend Article 3 by adding a new paragraph

On reaching the age of 19 or after ceasing full-time attendance in an educational institution, the adult child of a member may apply for Adult membership without paying an initiation fee.

Reason

This seems to be the fairest way of dealing with such matters.

Discussion

Alison Woodley suggested the amendment should read “age of 19 **and** ...”. Others suggested that there should be a grace period after losing child status, as this is a time in young peoples’ lives when cash flow is a problem and they may need to wait to be able to afford membership dues.

John Pomeroy moved and Ingrid Wellmeier seconded a motion approving the by-law subject to the change proposed by Alison Woodley and a grace period being inserted, with the grace period being the same as the grace period for missing members. *Carried.*

Proposed Revision

Amend Article 5 Paragraph 1 by adding the following sub-paragraph:

- (h) A Volunteer Co-ordinator who shall co-ordinate the assignment of volunteers to Crews and tasks within the Club.

Reason

The management of volunteers and the demise of the Crew system in the past few years has been a source of some concern to the Club. The Board believes that a single individual charged with volunteer co-ordination will help resolve the situation.

Discussion

Cathy Drummond moved and Paul Hanvey seconded a motion to approve the revision. *Carried.*

Proposed Revisions

(The following two revisions were proposed together.)

Amend Article 5 Paragraph 1 by adding the following sub-paragraph:

- (j) A Youth Commodore, who shall:
 - (i) be younger than 19 years of age;
 - (ii) advise the Board on matters affecting or concerning those younger than 19;
 - (iii) sit as a member of the Youth Committee.

Reason

There has always been provision for a Youth Commodore under the Articles governing the Youth Committee. With the growing population of young people within the Club, it seems both fair to the young people and in the best interests of the Club if the younger members had a voice on the Board.

Amend Article 7 Paragraph 2 (d) by deleting the last sentence:
This committee may include a Youth Commodore elected by his peers.

Reason

To avoid conflict with the amendment adding the Youth Commodore to the Board of Directors.

Discussion

John Pomeroy moved and Michael Vasseur seconded approval of the revision. *Carried.*

6 Elections and Appointments

The Commodore invited Past Commodore Paul Hanvey to place in nomination the slate of officers for 2000. Paul moved each nominee himself. Seconds are indicated below. There were no nominations from the floor.

Position	Nominee	Seconded
Commodore	David Maitland	Beth McFie
Vice-Commodore	Andrew Hicks	Ingrid Wellmeir
Rear Commodore	Catherine Morrison	Michel Gravel
Fleet Captain	Neil Berman	Michael Vasseur
Secretary	Cathy Drummond	John Pomeroy
Treasurer	Alison Woodley	Bill Burr
Communications Director	Roberta Walker	Michael Tobalt
Youth Commodore	Matthew Tamblyn	Muriel How

7 Other Business

P.M.O. Evans

Dave Maitland reminded the meeting of the recent loss to the Club and the community of Pat Evans. Dave said we were all gratified that Pat had been able to make one last visit to the Club last year to donate a painting of the Club as it appeared in its early days and that we had been able to reciprocate by using one of the safety boats to provide him with his last trip on the river as he was taken back to Wakefield.

The Club has made a donation of \$500 to the Gatineau Memorial Hospital in memory of Pat. Paul Hanvey added that he has volunteered to have the painting that Pat donated re-framed and to have a suitable plaque added.

Beth McFie said she has several photos of Pat's last visit to the Club which she will provide to the Club for display.

It was also suggested that the Sail-o-Rama be re-named the Evans Sail-o-Rama. Sail-o-

Rama was originally suggested and managed by Pat. Michael Vasseur moved and Paul Hanvey seconded a motion to that effect. *Carried.*

Guests

Dave Maitland introduced this topic. The general rule in the Club now is that guests shouldn't be hosted at the Club more than three times in a season. The aim of this rule is to avoid a situation where a non-member enjoys all the benefits of the Club by becoming a perennial guest without incurring the obligations of membership. The rule doesn't deal with the situation where a member has a summer guest from out of town for an extended period of time and would like to regularly invite the guest to the Club. After considerable discussion, it was decided that we should not try to codify the status of an "extended stay" guest. Members who find themselves in this situation should contact the Commodore, who will exercise his own discretion. An article to this effect will be published in the next Masthead.

Power Lines

Muriel How raised this item. Her concern is that we don't know how high the power lines near the Chelsea dam and at Farm Point are, so sailboats can't safely sail under them. It was agreed that the Board would send a letter to Hydro Quebec asking for more information.

Special awards

Dave Maitland presented a gift to the departing members of the Board (Bill Burr, Geof Burbidge and Bryan Drummond) recognising and thanking them for their contribution to the Club.

Dave Maitland also announced the following special awards for 1999:

Virgin Sturgeon Award

Muriel How, for trying to modify the Gatineau River shoreline near Cantley armed only with a sailboat.

Hansum Transum Award

Scott Gibson for his work on the new catwalk entrance and gateway.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 21:30. Following the meeting, Alan Richens provided a slide show the early days of the Club that was well-received by the group.

Bryan Drummond
Secretary

Treasurer's Report for 1999-2000

The Club started and ended the year in a healthy financial position.

Again the club operated with a budget that had been approved at an Annual General Meeting. A bookkeeper (Pat Doyle) was retained to assist the Treasurer in the day-to-day financial running of the Club.

Financial Comments About the 1999-2000 Year

The Club retained the services of Guindon Charron, Chartered Accountants to conduct a financial review for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2000. The results of this review were favourable and are available along with the financial statements to interested members.

The club's cash balance at year-end was approximately \$50,135, of which \$21,016 is cash in the bank and \$28,919 is invested in short-term Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GIC). This compares to last year's year-end cash balance of \$39,079 and a balance two years ago of \$40,790 at year-end. The GIC represents the capital reserve fund that was set-up in 1997 to be used for capital projects, fleet improvements, and major, unexpected expenditures. It was not necessary to tap into this fund during the year 1999-2000.

Highlights of the 1999-2000 financial statements are:

- ◆ The club had a net income of \$3596 for the year. Although this was less than the \$8995 surplus forecast in the budget, it is an adequate surplus to carry forward, particularly given that the Reserve Fund was not used during the year;
- ◆ Expenses for the year were \$2141 higher than budgeted. This was partly due to a budget shortfall for the Junior Program salaries. A slight fee increase is being recommended for next year's Junior Program to cover this shortfall (details in the Junior Program report). In addition, the budget has been re-structured for next year to allocate less of the club manager's salary to the Junior Program. This will better reflect the reality of the Club Manager's work distribution between the Club and the Junior Program.
- ◆ Revenues were \$3258 lower than budgeted targets. This was due to revenue shortfalls in three areas:
 - 1) Junior Program revenues were approximately \$1175 lower than forecast.
 - 2) Cancellation of a job development grant program by HRDC that the Junior Program had previously received (budgeted at approximately \$1600).
 - 3) Reduced use of facilities by members for which fees are charged (approx. \$800).
- ◆ Major new purchases for the year included a new four-stroke Honda motor for the crash boat (\$2675); a new finger dock and upgraded catwalk (approx \$4500 due to the hard work of Eric Rask and crew); and a new-to-us refrigerator for the kitchen (\$522).

The financial health of the GRYC remains excellent. Cash reserves existing at the beginning of the year are adequate to ensure smooth operation of the club, adequate cash flow balances, and sufficient reserves for ongoing capital improvements.

2000-2001 Budget

A budget for fiscal year 2000-2001 is being tabled at the AGM. Once approved it will be the Board's responsibility to manage it accordingly. Any significant discrepancies will be brought to the attention of the membership at a special General Meeting.

The 2000-2001 budget is targeting a net income of approximately \$6347.

The Club has been honoured with a bequest of approximately \$28,000 from the estate of Mr. Pat Evans, a founding member of the GRYC. We are suggesting that this bequest be managed as part of our reserve fund for capital expenditures, but that the bequest be used specifically for fleet and clubhouse improvements, as we felt that this would be most compatible with Pat's vision for the Club. The purchase of three sailboats is being recommended for this year, at an approximate cost of \$15,000. Also, an extension to the deck is being proposed at a maximum cost of \$5000.

With the stable club membership experienced in the past few years, income from initiation fees has dropped. The proposed budget for 2000-2001 reflects the proposed bylaw revision, increasing the age of an "adult" member to 16. This change will allow for approximately 10 new families to join the club this year, increasing the revenues from initiation fees and membership fees accordingly.

Club fees and dues for 2000-2001 are proposed to remain unchanged, however, Junior Program fees are proposed to increase by an average of 4%.

The 2000-2001 budget sets aside \$4000 from the Reserve Fund to improve the safety of the Club pending the recommendations of the safety sub-committee.

Other highlights of the proposed budget include the following:

- ◆ Purchase of a radial sail and mast for the laser fleet (\$1600 cost to be shared between the club (2/7) and the junior program (5/7));
- ◆ Funds for repairs and maintenance to the fleet (\$1600 cost to be shared between the club (2/7) and the junior program (5/7)).
- ◆ Provision of \$2000 of repair work for the road to the club.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Woodley
Treasurer

Lifeguard

<u>Position</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Years at GRYC</u>	<u>Qualifications</u>
Swimming/Sailing Instructors	Neil Rask	4 th	Green Sailing Instructor Swimming Instructor Lifeguard
	Alison Hanvey	2 nd	Green Sailing Instructor Swimming Instructor Lifeguard
Swimming Instructor	Sasha Gravel	1 st	Swimming Instructor Lifeguard

Registration Policy

Members who register prior to **May 15, 2001** have priority for spaces in each of the sessions. Non-member applications are assessed on a first come first served basis.

A four week bronze sailing program was introduced in 1999 to allow sailors to successfully pursue the bronze 4 and bronze 5 programs. This program was offered in 2000 and will be offered again in 2001. Two four week bronze sessions will be offered: sessions 1 and 2; and sessions 3 and 4.

At least five junior skippers are required to run the program in each session. Junior skippers are 6 – 8 year olds (before September 30 in any given year) and are generally members or applicant members.

Youth Committee

2000 Youth Committee members were Andrew Hicks (Vice-Commodore), Anne Wilson, Susan Brown, Liz Stewart, Mike LeMay, Sylvie Delisle and Elizabeth Roscoe.

2001 Youth Committee members are Susan Brown (Vice-Commodore), Anne Wilson (finances), Liz Stewart (co-registrar), Mike LeMay (staffing), Sylvie Delisle (co-registrar), Elizabeth Roscoe (forms update), Leanne Johnston (grants) and Susie

Saunderson (Safety Sub-committee). Other members of the Safety Sub-committee are Jill Kearney, Victoria Rowbotham, Neil Berman and John Pomeroy.

2001 Sessions/Fees

The 2001 sessions will be as follows

Session 1	July 3	-	July 13
Session 2	July 16	-	July 27
Session 3	July 30	-	August 10
Session 4	August 13	-	August 24

The 2001 fees per session are currently set at \$250.00 for members \$300.00 for non-members and \$50.00 per session for after program supervision from 4:15 pm to 5:30 pm.

Issues

- Safety - the Safety Subcommittee is preparing a Safety Plan for review by the Youth Committee and the Board.
- Instructors - Ali Hanvey has agreed to return as a sailing/swimming instructor;
- Sasha Gravel has agreed to return as a swimming instructor and she will also run the Junior Skipper program;
- we are looking to fill three more instructor positions with qualified sailing/swimming instructors one of whom should be a Blue sailing instructor in order to be able to certify the Bronzes and one who will also take on the responsibilities of program manager.
- Post Program The 4:15 - 5:30 program will be revised in 2001 to ensure that proper supervision by the instructors continues until all the children are picked up and the fees have been increased from \$20.00 to \$50.00.

Non-Swimmers the Youth Committee will be preparing a specific policy regarding non-swimmers in the summer program for review by the Board.

Insurance the Youth Committee has reviewed the GRYC liability insurance and made recommendations to the Board.

Programming the Youth Committee will attempt to enhance the summer program by inviting talented Chelsea residents to provide workshops to the camp participants.

Fleet the summer program will greatly benefit from the recommendation by the Board to direct the Pat Evans legacy to creating a fleet of 420s and the Youth Committee is very appreciative on behalf of the junior sailors.

Endnotes from the Rear

This summer's social season was marked not only by the giddy fun had by all, but also by a gratifying degree of organizational participation by individual club members.

Thanks go out to the following for their capable command of individual events:

Sarah Hurman for the Icebreaker BBQ
Diane Bissonnette for the Commodore's Sail Past
Pat Black for the Pink Sail
Ingrid Wellmeier for the Ian Tamblyn Concert
Pat Curry for the Season Wind-up and Awards Dinner

Many volunteers contributed to the successful execution of these events. You know who you are: your efforts are recognized as vital.

Special thanks to Paul and Mary Johannsen for their ongoing organization, done with grace and unflagging good cheer, of the increasingly popular club nights. Thanks as well to their deputies who took over while the Johannsens took holidays.

Finally, I want to recognize the club's resident troubadour, Ian Tamblyn, for his contribution to the club's exclusive enjoyment over the past number of years at the summer concert he presents for us. It has become one of the special benefits of membership in the GRYC.

This has been my last year as Rear Commodore. I am very grateful for all the help that I got from those named above and all others who helped out over the two years I had the Rear portfolio.

Judging by the difficulty the outgoing Commodore has had in finding someone to do the job next, it would seem there may be the impression out there that there is a lot of work involved in organizing the social side of things. Well there is. The trick, though, is for a cadre of people to contribute by each working on one event. This makes the Rear's job manageable.

We all have very complex lives and many responsibilities. It's hard to take on one more task, especially in relation to a place that is supposed to be a respite from complexity and responsibility. However, if the Club is to have an organized social side, somebody's got to do it. And it's not such a dirty job, at least for a couple of years. Especially if you delegate!

Volunteer Coordinator

Thanks to the many volunteers...

Many thanks to all who gave so generously of their time and energy. Your contribution to the Club's ongoing maintenance and special events certainly made for an enjoyable season for all! Thanks.

Looking forward to next year...

In order to better match the Club's needs with your interests/skills, may I ask that you contact me at 827-4502 or green-russell@sympatico.ca. Areas of involvement include maintenance and repairs (boats, clubhouse, docks etc.), social events, special events (regattas, opening and closing BBQs), publicity....

Many thanks,
Caryl Green
Coordinator of Volunteers

Fleet Captain's 2000 Report

It is with some reluctance that I hand over the reins to the incoming FC, who I am certain will perform a wonderful job. I derived much satisfaction from seeing newish sailors take to the waters and be tempted to get out and race. Also the first year is spent getting to know how to do (and not do) things, getting to know the volunteers etc., so will miss the easier 2nd year! This coming year will likely see some changes.

- *Reduce and concentrate:* I will suggest to the incoming FC that for 2001, fewer official race days be scheduled – the unproven theory being that this will concentrate the number of sailors onto fewer race days, hence increasing the number of competitors per race. It all works well when simulated on computer, even accounting for Muriel's tennis dates.
- *More boats.* If the board's advice is taken by the club, then we should be in a position to field a fleet of double-handed 420's. We have one such craft and it is fun to sail, particularly for those itching to get out in something a lot less sluggish than the squadrons. Sailing with a friend is lots of fun (but don't try this with a spouse). These craft will also suit the needs of the more advanced levels of the junior sailing program.
- *Smoother trophy logistics:* Kevin Jones managed to find and wrestle away from the hoarders almost all the known trophies and shields. These are now housed in and around the trophy case in the clubhouse. As per last awards-night, trophy winners will now receive an engraved plaque listing their awards for the year, with the trophy remaining safe and sound on view at the clubhouse.
- *Order out of chaos:* The work put in by Neil Rask establishing order in the pram shack, with sign out books for boats, repair notes, rigging instructions, will be maintained. While entropy is still a force in our universe, the infrastructure is now in place to help keep it at bay.
- *2 strokes and you're out:* We can now proudly point to a posse of less-polluting 4 stroke engines on our rescue boats.
- *Sun Days:* Thank you to the volunteers who signed up diligently for point and rescue boat duty - the most pleasant volunteer task on the Island! I will recommend that the self-sign up protocol be followed again. This is a volunteer club and the Fleet Captain should not have to beat the bushes to fill volunteer.

Looking forward to another year of sailing for fun and the serious pleasure of seeing Jack's face when you starboard-cross him at the finish line.

Neil Berman

2000 SECRETARY'S REPORT

1.0 Current membership

Current membership of the GRYC stands at 269 Adult and Family members over 13 years old, an increase of 12 over last year and 19 more than the Club's by-laws allow. We are surpassing the Club limit of 250 adult members because of the number of children who have turned 14 this year; however, the calculation does not allow for children who have passed, or will pass, age 19 this year, and who may not be returning to the Club.

The Club has 12 Retaining Members (including children), which is a decrease of 17 over last year, and 23 Charter/Honorary Members, which has not changed from last year.

We also have a waiting list for membership of 23 families totalling 45 potential members over the age of 13. As we are over our limit of 250 Adult and Family Members over 13 years old, we will not be offering memberships to any of these applicants prior to the spring membership mailing.

2.0 Membership List

A membership summary is attached.

3.0 Consolidated By-laws

The revised By-laws of the GRYC are provided in the attached document titled "Consolidated By-laws (February 2000)". This document incorporates the changes approved at last year's AGM but not the revisions proposed at this meeting.

4.0 The Blue Book

The Blue Book had only slight revisions last year, and will continue to be mailed to new members with their acceptance letter. It is now available on the Club website and will be revised as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Drummond

Membership List - Adult and Family Members Over 13 (Summary)

04-Feb-01

Membership Category	Member/Partner/Child	Count
Adult		
	Member	27
	Partner	1
	Adult	28
Family		
	Child	71
	Member	89
	Partner	81
	Family	241
	Grand Total	269

Category vs. Member Type

04-Feb-01

Category	Member	Partner	Child	Total
Adult	27	1		28
Charter/Hon	14	9		23
Family	89	81	146	316
Missing	14	10	21	45
Retaining	3	3	6	12
	147	104	173	424

Public Relations Director's 2000 Annual Report

The power of e-mail has certainly improved the ease and efficiency of communications at the GRYC. After two years of steady pressure for e-mail conversion and the diligence of Jane Foyle, our list keeper, we now reach more than 75% of our members electronically. This has lightened the load for the faithful phone tree team.

Many thanks to LeeAnne Johnston, Lynne Erskine, Joe Dion, Diedre Rask and Beth Macfie who spent precious summer hours phoning our non-email members to keep them informed of club events. We are also saving the printing and postage costs associated with the Masthead by using e-mail.

With that deed done, I will pass the job of Masthead editor and communications director over to a new soul. I have truly enjoyed working with each and every board member and serving the club.

Roberta Walker

Commodore's 2000 Annual Report

1999 – The Year the Rains Came!!

In spite of what was widely said to be the wettest and coolest summer in years (where's the global warming ???), the club had another great season marked by many memorable events (sailing and otherwise!), some significant contributions by members and some important improvements to the club's facilities.

Four new board members were 'conned' onto the Board this past year. Neil Berman took the Fleet Captain's job, Susan Brown replaced Andrew Hicks as Vice Commodore part way through the season (Andrew was transferred to Calgary), Cathy Drummond became our secretary and Alison Woodley kept our Treasury. They all did a fine job and I thank them for both their selfless contribution to the club and the pleasure of their company.

I will start at the road and work my way onto the Islands:

- Gary Abar, our Club Manager, finished off the Club's entrance with railings. Special thanks to Seymour for the lines and knots. Speaking of knots, Gary will not be with us this coming year, so, thank you Gary for a job well done!
- The "I Got a Task" Eric Rask, our take-no-prisoners Harbour Master, got the hammerheads together to build a new finger dock for the swimming and sun bathing programs, organized the flotation and steadying of the cat walk and also corrected the ramps. He probably did a bunch of other stuff I don't know about as well, so a banner year for the club's docks, Thanks to Eric!
- Our small crash boat was outfitted with a new 4 stroke motor, so now all our strokes are four strokes.
- As usual, the club's social calendar was up to snuff, in spite of ominous weather and slightly diminished participation. Alas, no 'straw' boaters this year!! Catherine Morrison, our Rear, will also take her leave after this year, thank you, Catherine for all your effort!
- The summer program was 'full tight' again this year and was celebrated in the usual fashion at the Awards BBQ. Thanks to all the staff and the tireless committee.
- The Awards Banquet. Ho Hum. The usual results. Nice Power Point by the Fleet Captain and Reigning Master of the Gatineau. Thanks to Pat Currie for a great evening....Ummm, also thanks to our musical Chips and Gravy!
- Check the new Trophy Case! We finally have gathered all the silverware and don't have enough space to show it off....another little job for someone!
- An incredible thing happened after the passing of P.M.O. Evans, a founding member of the club. As you recall, last year Pat attended the Sail-O-Rama birthday party and donated an oil painting of the Club in its early days. We had it framed and it will hang at the top of the stairs. We also named the event the "Pat Evans Sail-O-Rama" in his honour. This past year we were contacted by Bill Pawley, Pat's executor, and he informed us that in his will, Pat had left a substantial sum of money to the club. It goes without saying that the club was dear to Pat's heart. The Board has deliberated on the use of these funds and will present a proposal to the A.G.M. Wherever you are Pat, sail on!

The Board will undergo another metamorphosis this winter. Thanks to all out going members: Catherine, our Rear; Roberta, our Communications 'thingie', Cathy Drummond, our Secretary and Paul Hanvey our steadfast Past Commodore. You will all be missed.

Finally, to all those other people who volunteered their time, energy and good humour to make things happen on the Islands, a sincere thank you. Please keep up the good work, the club needs you!

Respectfully submitted,

David Maitland
Commodore

PROPOSED BYLAW REVISIONS

FEBRUARY 13, 2001

Proposed Revisions

A. Amend Article 3, paragraph 1 from:

1. Any person over the age of 14 may apply for membership in the Club.

to:

1. Any person over the age of 16 may apply for membership in the Club.

Reason

Definition of “adult member” proposed to change as per 3. below.

B. Amend Article 3 paragraph 3 from:

3. Membership shall be limited to two hundred and fifty (250) persons aged 14 years or over.

to:

3. Membership shall be limited to two hundred and fifty (250) persons aged 16 years or over.

Reason

Young people between the ages of 14 and 16 use the Club rarely. By moving the definition of adult to age 16, we create room to accommodate more of our community into the Club.

C. Amend Article 3, paragraph 4 (d) from:

4. (d) Intermediate, one person aged 14 to 18 inclusive, not part of a Family Membership.

to:

4. (d) Intermediate, one person aged 16 to 18 inclusive, not part of Family Membership.

Reason

This is consistent with the change in the definition of adult member.

Membership List - Adult and Family Members Over 15 (Summary)

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	Member	89
	Partner	81
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	Family	222
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	Grand Total	250

GATINEAU RIVER YACHT CLUB, INCORPORATED

CONSOLIDATED BY-LAWS

(February 2000)

ARTICLE 1 - NAME, LOCATION, OBJECTIVES (2000/02/15)

1. The name of this organization shall be "The Gatineau River Yacht Club, Incorporated" (the "Club").
2. The Club's premises are situated in Gleneagle in the district of Hull, County of Gatineau, Province of Quebec. The postal address is Box 1766, Chelsea, Quebec, J9B 1A1.
3. The objectives of the Club are to assist and promote yachting, boating and other aquatic activities amongst its members and to develop and foster friendly recreational and social relationships amongst its members.

ARTICLE 2 - CLUB COLOURS, INSIGNIA, PENNANT (1995/01/25)

1. The colours of the Club shall be white and navy blue.
2. The insignia of the Club shall be a fouled anchor design encircled by a ring executed in rope, knotted at the bottom and surrounded on the sides and top by the initials G.R.Y.C. and/or C.V.R.G.
3. The pennant of the Club shall be a white triangular flag with a navy blue border upon which is superimposed the Club insignia.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP (2000/02/15)

1. Any person over the age of 14 may apply for membership in the Club.
2. In all matters relating to age and eligibility (e.g., Articles 3, 9, 11, 12), the effective date shall be 1 January of the current season.
3. Membership shall be limited to two hundred and fifty (250) persons aged 14 years or over.
4. The categories of Membership shall be:
 - (a) Charter and Honorary, to whom the privileges of membership are extended without obligation. (Charter and Honorary members, and spouse, are exempt from annual dues but do pay mooring fees etc.)
 - (b) Adult, one person, 19 or over.
 - (c) Family, may include one Adult Member, and
 - (i) one spouse or partner in the household;
 - (ii) children of one of the above, aged 18 and under; and

- (iii) their children 19 or over (provided the parent signs a declaration that they are enrolled full-time in an educational institution).
 - (d) Intermediate, one person aged 14 to 18 inclusive, not part of a Family Membership.
 - (e) Retaining. An existing member, who for personal, economic or logistical reasons will not be using the Club facilities for a season or more; may pay a reduced fee to prevent his membership from lapsing; and may resume active membership in a future season, space permitting, without being subject to repayment of initiation fees. (See below).
5. Candidates for membership must:
- (a) submit a written application, seconded by two voting members, not of the same membership unit,
 - (b) undertake to contribute volunteer time to the functioning of the Club,
 - (c) pay an Initiation Fee and annual dues.
6. A member shall not be subject to further initiation fees provided he continuously maintains his membership, year after year.
7. Members whose membership has been allowed to lapse may re-apply as new members, subject to initiation fees. Such re-admission of recently-lapsed members (two seasons or less) shall have priority over other new applicants but not over retaining members resuming active membership.
8. Other applications will be prioritized in the following order:
- (i) Adult children of family memberships
 - (ii) Local residents with boats
 - (iii) Others with boats
 - (iv) Local residents without boats
 - (v) Others
- Within these categories, date of receipt will affect their ranking by the Board of Directors.
9. Membership shall expire:
- (a) on written resignation filed with the Secretary;
 - (b) on failure to pay dues pursuant to the By-laws; or
 - (c) on expulsion, passed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors, for misconduct or refusal to comply with the By-laws or Regulations of the Club. Re-instatement shall result from a two-thirds majority vote in the appellant's favour upon appeal to a General Meeting.
10. In the case of a family break-up, none of the members who were part of the family membership will be required to pay an initiation fee following the break-up.
11. On reaching the age of 19 and after ceasing full-time attendance in an educational institution, the adult child of a member may apply for Adult membership without paying

an initiation fee, as long as the application is made within two seasons of the child's change in status.

ARTICLE 4 - MEMBERSHIP DUES (1995/01/25)

1. Each year the Board of Directors shall establish a schedule of fees and due dates for payment, normally 1 May. The Board of Directors will notify in writing any member whose dues are unpaid by the final warning date (normally 15 May). Ten days after mailing such final notice, the Board may deem unpaid memberships to have lapsed.
2. The Board of Directors may reduce the annual fees for a new member admitted after 1 August.

5 - OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION (2000/02/15)

1. The officers of the Club, who shall be the Board of Directors, are:
 - (a) A Commodore who shall be the Chief Officer of the Club, preside at all General, Directors' and Management Committee meetings and have a casting ballot in the case of a tie vote at any such meeting. The Commodore shall ensure that the responsibilities of the offices of Secretary, Treasurer and Fleet Captain are carried on until any vacancies are filled.
 - (b) A Vice-Commodore who shall assist the Commodore and perform the duties of the Commodore in the absence of or at the request of the Commodore.
 - (c) A Rear-Commodore who shall assist the Commodore and Vice-Commodore and in their absence perform the duties of the Commodore.
 - (d) A Secretary who shall be responsible for:
 - (i) serving such notices as required for General and Director's meetings;
 - (ii) recording the proceedings of all such meetings;
 - (iii) maintaining a written roll of Club membership; and
 - (iv) custody of all Club reports, communications and documents except financial records.
 - (e) A Treasurer who shall be responsible for:
 - (i) receipt of all dues, fees or payments to the Club; disbursement of all payments made by the Club and custody of all Club assets;
 - (ii) certification prior to any commitment on behalf of the Club that the Club has the financial ability to meet such commitment when due;
 - (iii) maintenance of written accounts of all Club receipts, disbursements, assets and liabilities; and
 - (iv) presentation at each General Meeting of a report reflecting all Club financial transactions since the previous report and its assets and liabilities.
 - (f) A Fleet Captain who shall be responsible for:

- (i) enforcement of these By-laws as they relate to the management, operation and performance of the Club's and members' boats; and
 - (ii) all aquatic or yachting competitions sponsored by the Club.
 - (g) A Public Relations and Publicity Director who shall be responsible for the:
 - (i) editing and distributing of the Masthead and other Club publications;
 - (ii) organizing of phone committees to update membership on Club business;
 - (iii) various aspects of communications with members and the public at large.
 - (h) A Volunteer Co-ordinator, who shall co-ordinate the assignment of volunteers to Crews and tasks within the Club.
 - (j) A Youth Commodore, who shall:
 - (i) be younger than 19 years of age;
 - (ii) advise the Board on matters affecting or concerning those younger than 19;
 - (iii) sit as a member of the Youth Committee.
2. Candidates for office shall be voting members nominated and seconded by other voting members.
 3. Officers shall be elected by majority vote at a General Meeting and shall hold office for a term of one year.
 4. No officer may serve more than 3 consecutive terms in the same position on the Board.
 5. No officer may serve more than 6 consecutive terms on the Board.
 6. Should any office become vacant, the Board may appoint a replacement to serve until the next General Meeting.

ARTICLE 6 - FISCAL YEAR AND FINANCIAL MATTERS (1998/02/11)

1. The fiscal year of the Club shall be from 1 November to the next 31 October.
2. The Treasurer shall ensure that all receipts from any source are promptly deposited in the Club's bank account.
3. Disbursements over \$100 shall be paid by cheque. Disbursements under \$100 may be in cash. All disbursements shall be supported by receipts and/or duly-completed expense forms.
4. All cheques, acceptances, drafts, orders and other obligations and securities for the payment of money out of the Club's bank account shall be signed by any two of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Secretary or Treasurer.
5. The Treasurer shall maintain a cash fund not exceeding \$200, to pay any budgeted expense which is properly receipted.
6. No commitment exceeding \$100 shall be made on behalf of the Club without approval of the Treasurer and no commitment shall be considered for approval save one arising

from an activity duly authorized by the Board of Directors. No commitment exceeding \$2,000 shall be made on behalf of the Club unless such an expenditure has been budgeted for and approved at a General Meeting. An unforeseen commitment exceeding \$2,000, not included in the budget requires General Meeting approval prior to expenditure.

7. The Treasurer may open one or more accounts in the name of the Club in any chartered bank approved by the Board of Directors and deposit in the account cheques, bills of exchange, orders for the payment of money and other negotiable paper payable to the Club. Endorsement of the Club may be by rubber stamp or otherwise.
8. All deeds, contracts, releases, directions or documents other than those referred to in section 4 shall be signed on behalf of the Club by the Commodore and the Secretary.
9. All real or personal property of the Club and all such property acquired out of Club funds shall be placed in the custody of the Treasurer. The Treasurer may entrust any such property to the chairperson of the appropriate committee, who shall then be responsible for the care and return of such property or to account to the Treasurer for its use and disposition.
10. Sale, gift or other disposition of real or personal property of the Club other than the payment of money shall be done by the Treasurer as authorized by the Directors.
11. The Treasurer shall report to the Board of Directors, not less frequently than quarterly, all transactions involving the receipt or disbursement of Club money and the acquisition or disposition of Club assets occurring since the previous similar report.

ARTICLE 7 - THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEES (2000/02/15)

1. The Management Committee shall include the chairpersons of all Standing Committees.
2. The Standing Committees shall be the following:
 - (a) The Finance Committee shall assist the Treasurer in the development of financial policies and guidelines.
 - (b) The Sailing Committee shall supervise the conduct of any boating or yachting carried out by the Club.
 - (c) The Harbour Committee shall supervise the provision and use of Club wharfage and harbour facilities. The chairperson shall be known as Harbourmaster.
 - (d) The Youth Activities Committee shall organize and supervise programs of instruction and participation for ages 18 and under.
 - (e) The Social Committee shall supervise Club social activities other than ones reserved specifically to other standing committees.
 - (f) The Islands Committee shall supervise Club activities respecting the care, maintenance, improvement, or preservation of all property held by the Club except the Clubhouse and its services.
 - (g) The Clubhouse Committee shall supervise Club activities respecting the care, maintenance, improvement and use of the Clubhouse and its services.

- (h) The Public Relations and Publicity Committee shall supervise all Club publications, provide direct relations with the press and other media, and be concerned with all aspects of relations with the public at large.
- 3. Each Standing Committee shall consist of a chairperson and a minimum of two adult members, all appointed by the Board of Directors.
- 4. Subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors, each Standing Committee shall manage the stated Club activities, and:
 - (a) prior to 1 March in each year, consider and recommend to the Board of Directors a program of activities for the following season together with its estimate of the cost; and
 - (b) may appoint sub-committees from adult members.
- 5. The Board of Directors may from time to time appoint such committees, commissions or sub-committees from members and delegate to them such powers as may be deemed advisable.

ARTICLE 8 - MEETINGS, NOTICE OF MEETINGS AND QUORUMS (1996/01/24)

- 1. General Meetings of the Club shall be held in the Province of Quebec. At least one General Meeting shall be held annually, at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors for the purpose of:
 - (a) receiving the Annual Report, Balance Sheet, General Statement of Income and Expenditures and the Auditor's Report;
 - (b) electing Officers, appointing an auditor for the ensuing year and transacting the general business of the Club.
- 2. Additional General Meetings may be called:
 - (a) on passage of a resolution by the Board of Directors;
 - (b) on written request by five voting members.
- 3. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be at the call of the Commodore not less frequently than quarterly. Each meeting shall deal with all business before the Board at the time of the meeting and notice of the business to be dealt with shall not be required. A majority vote shall govern on all motions, the chairperson having a casting vote in the case of a tie.
- 4. Notice of a meeting shall be given:
 - (a) in writing mailed fourteen days prior to any General Meeting to each member's last known address;
 - (b) at least three days prior to a Board of Directors Meeting unless all members of the Board are present or have, in writing, waived the requirement of such notice.
- 5. If less than a quorum be in attendance at or fifteen minutes after the time for which a General, Management Committee or Directors meeting has been called, the meeting may be adjourned by the members present for a period not exceeding one month at any

one time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall attend. A meeting at which a quorum is present may be adjourned in like manner for such time as may be determined by vote. A quorum shall be:

- (a) for a General Meeting (15) voting members;
- (b) for a Management Committee meeting four (4) Committee members;
- (c) for a Board of Directors Meeting four (4) Directors.

ARTICLE 9 - VOTING (1996/01/24)

1. At any General Meeting each voting member shall be entitled to one vote on each motion, and a motion shall carry if supported by a majority of those voting, the Chairperson having a casting vote in the event of a tie.
2. Voting members are Charter, Honorary, Adult, and Family members 18 years and over.
3. There shall be no provision for voting by proxy.

ARTICLE 10 - CHARGES AND AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES (1999/01/13)

1. The charges for services provided by the Club to its members shall be those established from time to time by the Board of Directors.
2. Use of the Club and its facilities by members and guests shall be subject to such regulations as may be determined by the Board of Directors.
3. The Commodore may extend use of the facilities to a person whose nomination and application for membership is pending consideration by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 11 - RACING RULES (1996/01/24)

1. The Racing Rules shall be those of the International Yacht Racing Union, as defined by the Canadian Yachting Association and as amended from time to time, plus such local rules consistent with the foregoing as shall be passed by the Sailing Committee.

ARTICLE 12 - LIABILITY (1996/01/24)

1. The Club shall not be liable to any member or to any invitee for any loss or injury sustained while on Club premises or while participating in any Club function or activity.
2. Children under the age of 14, while not involved in sanctioned activities of the Club, must be accompanied on Club property by a member 14 years of age or older who is responsible for that child.
3. The Board of Directors shall not be held personally responsible or liable for acts of God, accidents, or vandalism. In cases of negligence by the Board, its liability shall be limited to that of its insurance coverage. Members of the Club shall be responsible for insuring their personal property left at the Club.

ARTICLE 13 - DISSOLUTION (1997/01/22)

1. The Club cannot be dissolved or its real property disposed of without the consent of two-thirds of all of the voting members at a General Meeting.
2. While the Corporation is active, it is to carry on its operations without pecuniary gain to its members and any profits or other accretions to the Corporation are to be used in promoting its objects. In the event of dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, all its remaining assets after payment of its liabilities shall be distributed to one or more Canadian corporations that will endeavour to continue to use these assets to support community based, recreational use of the Gatineau River on a non commercial, not for profit basis.

ARTICLE 14 - MAKING, REPEALING OR AMENDING BY-LAWS (1996/01/24)

1. Only a General Meeting may pass, repeal or amend By-laws. The Board of Directors may suspend a By-law until the next General Meeting.
2. By-laws consistent with the Letters Patent and the stated objectives of the Club may be passed at any General Meeting of the Club.

Pat Evans Bequest

Patrick M. O. Evans, a founding member of the Club, passed away last year. This winter, the Board of Directors was informed by his Executor that Pat kindly left a portion of his estate to the Club, which will amount to approximately \$28,000.

After considering the suggestions of the Executor based on his knowledge of Pat's wishes, as well as Pat's long history with the Club and keen interest in sailing, the Board has concluded that the best legacy possible from Pat would be to augment the Club's fleet as well as to upgrade the Clubhouse in his memory.

Motion:

Whereas P.M.O. Evans has bequeathed the Gatineau River Yacht Club a sum of \$28,000 and whereas the Board of Directors proposes to establish a Patrick Evans Memorial LegacyFund, to be used solely for the improvement of the club's fleet and club house, it is proposed that the club:

- purchase three 420's (to an upset limit of \$15,000), so that the fleet of four of these boats becomes a central, competitive, training and recreational feature of the club, and name the three boats to recognize the memory of Pat Evans;*
- design and build a forward extension to the deck (to an upset limit \$5,000) and recognize the deck extension with an appropriate plaque; and,
- retain the remainder of the bequest in the Pat Evans Memorial Legacy Fund to assist future additions and/or improvements to the aforementioned assets of the club, the undertaking of which will be subject to approval of the membership at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting.

***NOTE:** Pat Evans owned three boats over his years at the Club: "The Spray", "Spindrift", and "Dolphin"