



Gatineau River Yacht Club

2012 Annual Report

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GRYC Board of Directors – 2012

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Past Commodore – Geoff Erskine
Vice Commodore – Marc Ranger
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Communications Directors – Olivier Niquette & Lorraine McKay
Facilities Director – Duncan Bailey
Youth Program Director – Jim Wright
Youth Commodore – Emilie Macfie

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Commodore's Report

It has been a true honour to serve as the 26th Commodore of the GRYC over this 50th Anniversary year. Over this celebratory year I have become so aware of the unique legacy left by both our Founders and by the successive 25 Commodores who have gone before me together with their Boards of Directors – each building on the successes and achievements of their predecessors.

I took over from Geoff Erskine just one year ago and I must thank him again for leaving me such a tidy ship and such an amazing newly elected Board - with no less than seven new Directors.

Our work started early in the New Year - planning for the season with great gusto and enthusiasm as it has been found that the more detailed planning done over the winter period the more smoothly the season goes.

This was a complex year with a set of many additional activities and events to mark our 50th Anniversary. To lead on these we made an early decision to appoint Sandy Lorimer as an additional Auxiliary Board Member and she really dazzled all of us as she took up and executed this often complex task – ably helped by Laurie McKay, Beth Macfie, Neil Rask and many other volunteers throughout the year. Her report follows and makes a fascinating record as to the extent of these additional activities and events.

Meanwhile the key focus of the year was on executing the Fleet Renewal you all approved at our AGM last year and which proceeded well under the creative leadership of our new Fleet Captain Shona Moss Lovshin, our Chair of the Fleet Renewal Committee Bruce Lorimer, our dynamic Youth Program Director Jim Wright and our anchor man Vice Commodore Marc Ranger.

Together this team procured an excellent new fleet of dinghies and an additional Zodiac coach boat to add to our existing fleet. Our thanks must also go to Duncan Bailey, our facilities Director, and his team of volunteers who so hastily put together the new dinghy docking facilities needed to accommodate the sudden arrival of this new fleet.

With the added stimulus of this new fleet and the dedicated leadership of Shona Moss Lovshin as Fleet Captain, our 2012 sailing season has been an outstanding success – especially following Shona's decision to split the club dinghy racing into two fleets – The Bravo Fleet for the more experienced helms and - the Zulu Fleet for the less experienced helms. The outcome has been much higher participation in club racing by both juniors and those participating in the club's increasingly popular "Learn to Sail" program. Here again I must thank Neil and his volunteer instructors who, throughout the season, have once again carried out this very valuable program available each year free to all our club members.

Our Annual Open Regatta was once again a big success with increasing participation in particular, we were pleased to see, by our Junior Members - and with the greatly appreciated volunteer support once again of Bruce Lorimer, as Regatta Chair, Barb Martin as Regatta OOD and Dan Gray as general Regatta quarterback.

Meanwhile our "Big Boat" racing series under the leadership of our Vice Commodore Marc Ranger has doubled this year both in terms of the number of scheduled Sunday races – from six to twelve – and in terms of increasing participation each Sunday. We now have 18 "Big Boats" lined up on the finger docks off the cat walk – a number that continues to grow but is now limited by our currently available dock space.

Among these privately owned "big boats" there is of course the Club Sandpiper available for any qualified member once tested by our qualified instructors and this has been a record year for its use.

The Junior Program has had another highly successful year under the watchful eye of Jim Wright and with the added stimulus of our new fleet of dinghies. The JP is a great asset for the club not only in terms of our young members but also in terms of our club's financial health as a significant revenue asset. However it is also a huge public asset for our local community. Of the near 100 young people who are introduced each year to the life long skills and joys of sailing - 70% come from families in our community who are not members – making this a remarkable public asset for the local community of Chelsea and surrounds. This has not gone unnoticed by the Chelsea Municipality who in September of this year presented to the GRYC a special recognition trophy for our contribution to the community, a trophy received on our behalf by Allen Richens

Here I should mention that our Fleet Renewal to date has been helped significantly by our 50th Anniversary Voluntary Appeal to Club Members over and above their club membership fees. We are, over the next year, extending this appeal to our local business community with the help of our valiant club member Todd Evans who is the volunteer head of Chelsea Commerce.

And in support of all these sailing and club events we have our our team of key anchor people – Vice Commodore Marc Ranger who not only leads on Big Boats and Safety Boats – but is involved in nearly every aspect of the club and attends nearly every committee and working group. And Duncan Bailey who has not only lead teams of volunteers to enhance and maintain all our club facilities and buildings throughout the past year – but also over this year has closely surveyed and identified all our capital needs and priorities for the next five to ten years.

The social side of our club activities this year has been another huge success both in terms of our regular highly popular club barbecues and other regular club events but also of course this year our many 50th Anniversary events. And here our anchor lady has been Rear Commodore Beth Macfie and all her many teams of volunteers who have done a brilliant job once again.

Our Communications duo Olivier Niquette and Laurie McKay who once again have acted as the main communication conduit to our membership and the general public. Also Olivier has anchored both our dinghy and big boat race scoring and Laurie has this year acted as number two to Sandy in all our 50th Anniversary Events.

Quarter backing all this we have our Treasurer Peter Goodman whose steady hand on our financial helm has navigated us into highly stable better than expected financial waters – A big thank you to Peter who has completed three years as Treasurer and now according to our By Law Board term limits has to move on. Though he will remain as a key member of our ever watchful finance committee.

And last but by no means least, our thanks must go to our ultimate club quarterbacking duo – Angie Lavigne new Club Secretary - and Neil Rask who stepped forward to take a sabbatical from his Government Job to be our excellent Club Manager (yet again) for our 50th Anniversary. A big thank you and “Bravo Zulu”!

And so we look back on a highly successful 50th Anniversary Year and Fleet Renewal – and look forward to another year of success in 2013 where the focus will be to complete our Fleet Renewal and turn our attention very much to Facilities Repair, Renewal and Upgrading.

David Newing
Commodore

50th Anniversary Report

Anniversary Events

The GRYC was founded in 1962, so 2012 marked the 50th year of operation of the Club. Throughout this season, regular and special events provided many opportunities to celebrate the anniversary. Through the efforts of many volunteers, club members learned a great deal about the history of the Club and enjoyed camaraderie and deepening friendships during the many activities related to the anniversary.

For each of the major regular events – the racing season, Sail-past, the Annual Regatta, Moonlight Madness, the annual birthday party and others – special acknowledgement of the significance of the year were made. Two new trophies were introduced as 50th anniversary trophies, one for the dinghy fleet and one for the cabin boat fleet. During the Annual Regatta tee-shirts marking the event were sold to sailors from GRYC and all other participating clubs.

The sole remaining founding member, Allan Richens, was a key figure throughout the summer. He gave several talks about the Club's history to bbq dinners, special guests and others. His stories fascinated everyone.

In June, the first major event to mark the 50th anniversary was the raising of new flags. Chelsea Mayor and fellow Club member Caryl Green, founding member Allan Richen, Youth Commodore and Instructor, Emilie Macfie, and myself took part in raising the flags.

On July 18, there was a special Alumni Club Night to which former members of the Club were invited. It was a special evening with many shared stories. We were delighted to see so many past members including eight former Commodores. Local Member of Parliament, the Honorable Mathieu Ravignat presented the Club with a congratulatory certificate from the House of Commons and unveiled a plaque commemorating the commodores of the past 50 years. Other speakers included Malcolm McHattie (Commodore during GRYC's 25th Anniversary season), Allan Richens (founding member), Mayor Caryl Green and our current Commodore, David Newing.

On August 18, an inaugural art show was opened at the Club with a delightful wine and cheese that was hosted by invaluable social volunteers. Twelve GRYC club members presented works of art in watercolor, oil, acrylic, textile, photography and even a painted kayak and a book. The club-house was transformed for a month into an art gallery and the talents of club members were admired by all. Enthusiasm for this new activity suggests that it will be repeated either annually or biannually in the future.

Labour Day weekend was the highlight of the birthday celebrations. On Friday, August 31, Ian Tambllyn gave a terrific private show at the Club, bracketing a special Moonlight Madness sail. Sailors and paddlers went out in all kinds of boats, with lights gleaming in the rigging or

attached to the bow, to enjoy the beautiful evening with the full moon reflecting off the gentle waves on the river.

September 1st was the day the GRYC marked the coinciding with the 200th anniversary of the war of 1812 with a terrific set of activities organized by Neil Rask. Two teams competed in a friendly battle of sailing to find treasure, a trivia challenge and a fierce game of Capture the Flag. Participants of all ages had a great day. That evening, family night film presentation of *The Muppets' Treasure Island* and *Master and Commander* provided an enjoyable evening for all.

September 2nd was the actual Birthday Party day. One highlight was the Pram race for past and present commodores. With very light winds, the race was a real challenge. While some warm-up races showed how light winds could be overcome with the energetic use of rudders or hands, the signature event was accomplished within the rules of sailing. The Commodores demonstrated their integrity as they endured the light wind conditions with no outside assistance. Bruce Lorimer expertly took advantage of every whisper of wind and won by a long shot. John Pomeroy, surprised sailors and onlookers by adventurously erecting his home crafted spinnaker and flying past David Newing into a second place finish.

The Birthday Party that followed commenced with cake, sparkling wine and special drinks for the children. Stéphanie Vallée our MNA, said a few words of recognition of the Club's contributions to the community followed by an unveiling of a plaque commemorating the founding members of the GRYC. Later we all shared in a fabulous potluck supper, members brought many treats to compliment the meats and fish cooked by Paul Johannsen and his crew of chefs. Live music followed the dinner, providing lots of opportunities to dance and sing along. It was a fitting finale to the birthday weekend.

Laurie and Dan Fuleki solicited images from the membership depicting activities and characters from the 50-year history of the Club. The presentation of this multimedia program was another highlight of the anniversary weekend.

On September 10th, the GRYC and the Gatineau Valley Historical Society held a joint gathering at the Club and shared talks and presentations about the history of the club and its role in the history of the Gatineau River valley. A book produced by the GVHS was a big hit with participants at the event.

The 50th anniversary marked a very special milestone in the history of the Club. New and old Club members enjoyed a great season of sailing and social activities. Volunteers ensured that the activities were successful. It was a very good year!

Sandy Lorimer
Chairman, 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Vice Commodore's Report

The duties of the Vice Commodore are to stand in for and help the Commodore as necessary and also help out wherever able and required. There is no specific portfolio attached to the position and so the Vice Commodore's report should and will be very short. Details of the past year and plans for the next will be provided by the various board members with portfolio.

However, as the de facto safety officer of the Club, I have earmarked some money in the budget to address safety training for staff and any other individuals who may wish to attend. I will be working over the winter, with help from volunteers to put together a safety program for the Club to try and achieve best due diligence in all aspects of Club activities.

Some highlights of the past year included:

- Our 50th anniversary celebrations
- Major fleet renewal
- Expanded weekend race schedule
- New docks, ramps and bunks for the new boats
- A new wet bar
- The GRYC Invitational Regatta
- The Y Flyer National Regatta

These events along with the many other activities could not have happened without the efforts of the board and the many volunteers who show up time and again to help out. It is a pleasure to serve on this board with so many dedicated and energetic individuals. They not only work all year on their portfolios but also serve on various committees, show up for bridge up, bridge down and many other volunteer activities as well as working well above and beyond the minimum required by their board duties.

Our treasurer, Peter Goodman, has done his time and is leaving the board but he leaves the Club financials in good shape for his successor. He has already offered to continue in an advisory role on committee. Many thanks are owed to Peter for a fantastic job.

The reports that follow will show the upcoming season to be another busy and challenging one but the right individuals are still on board to ensure success.

Marc Ranger (Mr Vice)

Vice Commodore

Treasurer's Report

GRYC Operations – 2012 - Summary

GRYC Budget for 2012: -47.7 k

GRYC Year End Actual: -5.4 k

Increased revenue – increased bottom line

- 5.4 k - Fleet renewal contributions
- 21.9 k - Membership fees and staff grant (Deputy Manager)
- 13.8 k - Sailing school grants
- 5.4 k - Sailing school registration fees
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Decreased expense – increased bottom line

- 2.9 k - Facilities
- 8.6 k – Fleet
- 2.1 k – Social
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Increased expense – decreased bottom line

- 8.6 k – Operations
- 4.1 k – Sailing school
- 4.9 k – Staff (Deputy Manager)

GRYC Cash Reserve – as of October 31, 2012 - Summary

Cash, GIC, Receivable Assets

Bank and Petty Cash	57.4 k
GICs	42.8 k
Receivables	<u>12.2 k</u>
Total	112.4 k

Short Term Liabilities	3.2 k
Longer Term Liability	<u>25.5 k</u> (septic reserve from 2010, 2011, 2012 contributions)
Total	28.7 k

Cash Assets Available: **83.6 k**

Restricted Cash Reserve: 40.0 k (2011 AGM motion – permanent emergency reserve)

Unrestricted Cash Reserves: **43.6 k**

GRYC Proposed Budget - 2013 - Highlights

Revenues

- Membership – 2.5% increase (cost of living)
 - Initiation fees to remain the same except adult
- No budgeted Sailing School grants
- No budgeted fleet renewal fundraising
- No late and non-volunteer fees

Expenses

- 4.7 k – continued septic reserve
- 10.2k – continued fleet renewal
- 6 k – new reserves for catwalk and club house roof
- 7.5 k – catwalk repairs
- 5.5 k – club house repairs
- Return to previous staff expense levels with possible funding for additional position.

Projected Club Operations for 2013:	- 26.3 k
Projected Sailing School Operations for 2013:	<u>3.5 k</u>
Total Club:	- 22.8 k

Proposed Fees - 2013

Proposed Membership Fees – 2013

Type	2012 Fee	# Members 2013	2013 Fee	Total
Family	515	122	528	64,416
Single	320	26	328	8,528
Retaining	115	20	118	2,360
Late fees	110	0	115	0
Non Volunteer	165	0	200	0
Initiation Fee - Family	700	5	700	3,500
Initiation Fee - Adult	300	0	350	0
			Total	78,804

Proposed Facilities Fees – 2013

Item	Price 2010	Price 2011	Price 2012	Price 2013	Quantity 2013	Total
Finger Dock	90	90	90	125	18	2,250
Island dock	75	75	80	85	10	850
Laser rack	50	50	55	60	14	840
Canoe rack	40	40	45	50	37	1,850
Wind Surfer	25	25	25	0	3	0
Dolly	50	50	55	60	5	300
Locker	20	20	30	30	30	900

Proposed Sailing School Fees - 2013

Item	Price 2010	Price 2011	Price 2012	Price 2013	Quantity 2013	Total
Members (2 weeks)	350	360	375	390	32	12,480
Non-Members (2 weeks)	460	470	485	505	72	36,360

Detailed information is available in the 2012 GRYC financial statements distributed at the AGM or by contacting secretary@gryc.ca.

Peter Goodman
Treasurer

Secretary's Report

Membership Statistics

The total membership as of the end of the 2012 season is as follows:

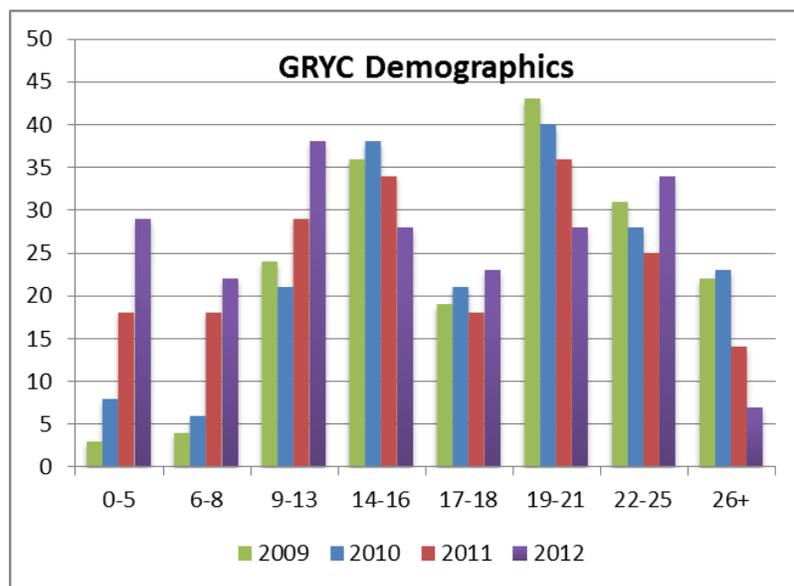
Membership Type	Memberships	Member units
Adult	26	26
Family	125	250
Honourary	16	0
Retaining Adult	6	(6)*
Retaining Family	13	(26)*
Vacancies	1	1
Total		277

PCOC Holder	#
Primary	121
Secondary	82
Children	149
Total	352

* not included in total

Members Locations	
Chelsea	126
Cantley	0
Wakefield	1
Gatineau	9
Ottawa	23
Other	8

Registered Boats	
Big Boat	19
Canoe	16
Dinghy	66
Kayak	31
Other	0
Sailboard	5
GRYC Owned	38



Membership

After reviewing the waiting list and applying our current priority list for new members, we were pleased to welcome twenty one new families and one adult into the membership in 2012. After the 2012 memberships were finalized, 1 membership slot remained. It was decided that this slot would be left vacant until 2013 rather than bringing on additional members who would only have the opportunity to enjoy part of the season and considering that we had already had a comparatively large influx of new members.

While we managed to get through a significant portion of the waiting list yet again this year, news spread around the community that the GRYC was 'letting new members in', so for every membership application accepted as a new member, at least one more application for membership was received. The current waiting list is at 20 families and 5 adults from as recent as October of this year to as far back as 2001.

The membership database and membership management process created in past years has been maintained this season by Neil Rask and continues to be an invaluable tool in providing more accountability by keeping better track of membership and facilities fees. In doing so, fee revenues increased in recent years by collecting fees that used to 'slip through the cracks'. In 2011, it was recommended that a Club Registrar or equivalent volunteer position be created in order to insure that the database be accurately maintained. I'm very pleased to announce that Susan Simms will be taking on this very important role for 2013 and I look forward to working with her.

Volunteering

The Volunteer Log Book continues to be a useful tool for members to report their contributions to the Club. As a volunteer-driven organization, the Volunteer Log Book provides accountability and fairness to members who consistently give much of their time and effort to the Club while also providing incentive to get more involved in the Club. After all, a Club like ours is only as good as what our members make it, and I think you'll agree that it is a very special place indeed!

GRYC Blue Book

The guide to membership at the GRYC which has been referred to as the "Blue Book" in the past has grown out of date and still needs updating. Originally intended as a task for 2010-2011, this project was postponed for 2012 but we hope to roll out an updated version as the 2013 season gets underway. If you are interested in contributing to this task as part of your volunteer contribution for the upcoming season, please contact me at secretary@gryc.ca

Angela Lavigne
Secretary

Fleet Captains' Report

2012 was a big year for GRYC's sailing and racing community because the Club took possession of ten new dinghy sailboats in the spring, a decision was taken to increase the number of sailing events throughout the sailing season, and Learn-to-Sail (LTS) sessions were offered throughout the summer. There was a heightened sense of celebration and activity in 2012 due to it being the Club's fiftieth anniversary year. And, for the second year in a row, a significant number of new members were offered GRYC membership. Combining this all together made for a very successful season at the GRYC. To top it off, 2012 was a good weather year for sailing.

Highlights of 2012

Similar to years in the recent past, a learn-to-sail (LTS) program was headed up by Neil Rask. Numerous members (new and not-so-new) took advantage of this great opportunity deciding that this was the year to learn to sail. Several of these participants also launched into participating in Sunday morning races. In total, there were nine LTS sessions, which included a final family regatta event.

Also offered in the spring time were information sessions on how to operate crash boats and how to run races. Several of each were offered, and as is common, there was more interest in the crash boat clinics as compared to the race management clinics. Finding enough volunteers to run races continues to be an issue. Having said that, several members new to the responsibility of running races, jumped right into this role and were committed to ensuring that races were run. All of those racing were grateful for all of the volunteer hours spent by members ensuring that races were run and run safely.

Again this season, the GRYC Annual regatta was held. It was a huge success this summer as evidenced by high participation rates. A huge thanks goes to the volunteer regatta chairman this year, Dan Gray, to the race management team of Barbara Martin and Bruce Lorimer, to the social and meals coordinator, Beth MacFie, and the Club's manager this year, Neil Rask as well as all the many many volunteers that made this event a resounding success.

Also hosted this summer, on July 14 – 15, was the Y-flyer Quebec provincial championship. As always, the GRYC put on a formidable event for the visiting sailors and crew. However, it has been decided that the GRYC will not host this event in 2013. We will focus our efforts and volunteers on the GRYC Annual Regatta and events.

There is a significant group of youth sailors that represent GRYC at external regattas, and who also spend a lot of time sailing at GRYC. The racing scene at the GRYC has a fun, collegial atmosphere, where sailors across a wide range of ages compete against one another.

Changes in 2012

A number of changes were made to the Sunday morning racing format this year in order to encourage racing by beginners to the sport, and to take advantage of celebrating sailing during the Club's 50th anniversary year. The following are the changes made:

- We chose to go to a format of more races this year which was enabled by combining both dinghy and keelboat races on Sunday mornings. In total, on the calendar were a total of 5 spring series events, 5 summer series events, and 5 fall series events. The season started Sunday, May 27 and ended Sunday, September 23.
- To encourage beginner sailors embarking on racing, for the summer and fall series two starts were held: a Zulu fleet start for people who consider their sailing skill level to be novice, and a Bravo fleet start for those with more sailing experience. This approach proved to be successful as numerous beginner or novice sailors chose to participate in Sunday morning races.
- Newly instituted this year was the presence of a dock crew whose purpose was to assist members in learning to rig boats so that members would have an easier time getting out sailing. Our first dock crew team consisted of Miranda Wright, Tyler Gray, Sam Place, Tom and Jack Davidson, and Alana Hennessey.
- In 2012, the GRYC added ten new dinghy sailboats to its fleet. These were 4 Open Bics, 2 Laser Picos, and 4 Byte C2s. These were additional to last year's purchase of two new 420 dinghies. The total functional club fleet now consists of 6 420s, 9 Lasers (with an additional two 4.7 rigs and three Radial rigs), 8 Prams, 3 Albacores, 4 Byte C2s, 2 Laser Picos, 4 Open Bics, and 1 Sandpiper keelboat.
- Rearrangement of dock configuration and construction of two new large 420 'beaches'. The dock system was rearranged and new beaches built in order to accommodate the new sailboats.

Looking forward to 2013

Of primary importance in 2013 will be to continue to support GRYC members in their pursuits to sail. Specific means to accomplish this are:

- Continued support of the LTS program
- Continued support of the Junior program
- Continue to organize GRYC Sunday morning race events and the GRYC Annual Regatta.
- Continue to work on the upkeep of the sailboats that GRYC owns through the work by volunteers and the employ of a Bosun whose tasks focus on boat repair.
- Continue to recognize the youth involvement in sailboat racing and teaching at the GRYC.
- Continue the fleet renewal program, whose priorities for boat replacement were set out by the GRYC Fleet Renewal committee, but only as funds allow through the fleet renewal appeal and as voted on by the membership at last year's AGM.

To conclude, running all of these sailing races and sailing lessons took a lot of volunteer time, for which all those participating in the sailing events were very grateful. It was a special year due to the presence of numerous new sailboats which facilitated the development of many new skippers and crews. It was very encouraging to witness and I hope that 2013 brings many more similar types of positive sailing experiences.

Shona Moss Lovshin, Fleet Captain

Rear Commodore's Report

GRYC had another successful social season in 2012, thanks to the many cheerful volunteers (especially the crew chiefs for each event and meal), the participants at all these well-attended events, the manager's help, and the 50th Anniversary Chair Sandy Lorimer and her crew.

Many thanks too to Mary and Paul Johannsen for planning and providing the delicious food for all our Wednesday evening Club Night dinners throughout the summer (as they have done for years).

We also appreciate the Chelsea Freshmart for efficiently and pleasantly supplying the food and drink for our events.

Events (note that the surplus revenue goes toward buying propane and replacing BBQ's):

- Annual General Meeting 2011 (Larrimac hall rental and refreshments): cost \$400.
- Bridge Down (May) and Bridge Up (October) (breakfast and lunch): total cost \$600.
- Icebreaker BBQ (June) (new members attend free): broke even.
- Commodore's Sailpast (June) (strawberries and cream; bubbly): cost (approx) \$325.
- Club Night BBQs (throughout the season): surplus \$1990.
- Y-Flyer Provincial Regatta (July) (5 meals): surplus \$191.
- Pink Sail (July) (ladies' boating excursion potluck lunch) (beverages): cost \$221.
- GRYC Invitational Regatta (August) (5 meals): taking into account all regatta expenses, cost \$450.
- 50th Anniversary Weekend events (Labour Day weekend) (Moonlight Madness, Pram-o-Rama, 50th Anniversary Dinner): expenses and revenue in 50th Anniversary accounts.
- GRYC-Gatineau Valley Historical Society Joint 50th Anniversary BBQ (September): broke even.
- Awards Night Dinner (October) (catered fajitas buffet and potluck desserts; popcorn with the films): cost \$286.

Look-Ahead for 2013:

- There will be fewer social events, since the 50th Anniversary will be past, and we won't host the 2013 Y-Flyer Regatta.
- The rest of the social events will continue as usual.
- The Pink Sail will aim to cover its costs.
- I invite you to send me your ideas and comments regarding our social events and volunteer management system.
- If you'd like to serve on the Social Crew, check the online Job Board in the spring to reserve your spots. Consider signing up as a crew chief: you'll receive detailed instructions on what to do, and you'll get 2 volunteer credits.

Thanks for a fun season in 2012 reuniting with old friends and meeting new ones. See you on the island in 2013.

Elizabeth Macfie
Rear Commodore

Facilities Director's Report

Overall

A number of projects were undertaken this year with the help of many dedicated volunteers to improve the condition and usefulness of the Club. Given the age of our facilities, we are facing a challenging list of competing priorities for renewal and upgrade. Accordingly, a longer term capital plan to identify and prioritize facilities related work for the next decade is being prepared. Not surprisingly, projects identified exceed resources available in the short term, so we will need to assess, plan and prioritize projects. To assist in this undertaking, a facilities planning committee is being created, if you are interested, please contact me at facilities@gryc.ca

Completed Projects:

- Deck and railing repairs
- Change room shelves
- External hose bibs and hose reels
- New stairs to the locker shed
- Refurbishing the boardsailing dock and building a platform for the tempo to house equipment during the summer
- Reconfiguring and expanding the Club boat docks
 - A sail box
 - Two new "beach" docks with cribs for 420s
 - Additional dry berth racks on the pram dock
- Tree maintenance and removal
- Rebuilding crash boat dock crib and new shore anchor pin
- Wet bar for upstairs
- Club house front door adjustment and repair
- Improvements and maintenance to Sumerlea Road surface and vegetation

Currently Underway:

- Security Cameras
- Light, electrical and water post for island end of catwalk
- Rebuilding the sliding doors to deck

Future Plans

A list of probable facilities projects has been developed. This will form the basis of a longer term capital plan. For next year a number of priority projects have been identified:

Catwalk

The catwalk is a critical asset for the operation of the Club. It is composed of 340 feet of floating catwalk, two end anchors and ramp structures and several mid-point anchors.

Catwalk Segments

NSC records indicate the main catwalk dock segments were built starting in 1981 and are now about 30 years old. The expected life, if maintained, for incised CCA treated pine is about 40 years in a marine environment. We are starting to notice that portions of the catwalk are showing signs of deterioration. Much like an older car, at some point the repairs to the older segments will become more expensive than replacing them with new segments. Our working assumption is that we will need to replace most of the segments over the next ten years, but with modest maintenance we should be able to buy additional time. The immediate priority is 3 segments that have structural failures or are flexing excessively as well as replacing / repairing 16 of the 84 primary flotation units that are compromised or missing.

The segments of the catwalk are flexing in response to wind and current. On most days you can see a downstream arc or swing. Unfortunately, the connection hardware between the segments is designed for a straight line with no catenary. The flexing has resulted in many of the segments becoming excessively flexible, including associated nail pops. This is contributing to the flex and sag issues and shortening the life of the segments. Additionally, the deck boards are nailed not screwed, increasing the maintenance requirement when the segments flex. Accordingly, we are planning to replace some of the hardware connections between segments to facilitate bending at several mid-points.

Catwalk Ends

Any tension perpendicular to the catwalk is exerting immense pressure on the anchors as there is limited catenary. The shore end caisson has shifted and appears as if it may still be shifting based on the swing of the door. As additional big boats are berthed at the catwalk this will only increase the forces exerted. To address this, the caisson will need to be tied back to the shore to resist the increased forces being exerted.

The island end of the catwalk is anchored to a tree and nothing else. While this has held for years, eventually, all trees fall and the significant pressure exerted by the catwalk may hasten the demise of the tree. It is proposed to move the island end anchor from the tree to bedrock located several feet to the South to ensure we have sufficient end anchor capacity. This will also assist in addressing the problem of the creosoted wood currently immersed in the river at the island end base of the catwalk ramp.

Mid-point Anchors

Mid-point anchors limit lateral movement and reduce tension on the end anchors. Unfortunately, these anchors loose effectiveness when the water level fluctuates as they migrate over time to a position where they are no longer holding the catwalk straight, but allow the catwalk to flex. Currently there is about a 5 foot "swing" at the center of the catwalk. The anchors will need to be repositioned to reduce this swing.

Septic Renewal

The septic system has been assessed and is in need of significant reinvestment. Exactly when it will fail is difficult to determine and is subject to a number of factors. We have been building a reserve to cover this eventuality. We have added an additional \$8500 to the reserve this year to

bring our reserve balance to a level where it should be able to cover the cost of field replacement. Short term measures to extend the life of the existing installation include removing woody vegetation from the field area, including a large cedar tree, and a pump out in spring 2013.

Repair Soil Damage to Clubhouse

Over the years, soil and debris has built up against the walls of the clubhouse behind the change rooms and by the office. During bridge-up the soil and debris was removed, but this exposed rotten sheathing and likely rot in the framing on the underside. It also explains why the S-W column supporting the crow's nest is now distorting the upstairs floor by about a half an inch. The framing supporting the column is directly above the rotten area in the ladies change room.

Deck Support and Ledger

The South-West corner of the deck is starting to drop due to a deteriorating ledger, incorrect hardware and limited pier support. This will need to be repaired before the deck is used for gatherings.

Clubhouse Piers

The wooden piers to the clubhouse are starting to decay where they rest on their concrete bases. This is particularly problematic on the North side by the deck and around the perimeter of the clubhouse where they are more likely to get wet and accumulate leaves and dirt which impede drying. This is part of the reason you may notice slight unevenness in the clubhouse floors. The fix will involve replacing the bottom portions of the wooden columns with adjustable steel brackets.

Capital Plan

To address the above items, plus additional anticipated facilities expenditures, a capital plan is being developed. A number of facilities projects have been identified for additional investigation and planning purposes, with end objective being to have an on-going capital planning process.

Call for participation

There is a significant amount of work involved over the next several years. Some work will clearly be the domain of hired professionals, but there will also be significant opportunity for planners, designers, builders and helpers over the next several years. If you would like to get involved, please let us know and we will do our best to engage you however possible. Opportunities to participate on bigger projects include a facilities planning committee, a catwalk crew, a clubhouse crew, and a dock crew.

Duncan Bailey
Facilities Director

Communications Director's Report

Newsletter

The 2012 year resulted in 23 formal newsletters. Changes made to the newsletter included:

- Information provided directly by each officer of the Board, e.g. Commodore's Corner, Fleet Captain, Rear Commodore, etc.
- Increased reference to the web site for key information.
- Choice of newsletter embedded in the e-mail or as a PDF attachment.

Web site

New features included:

- Twitter accounts held by GRYC Manager, GRYC Communications and GRYC Youth Commodore.
- New format for the race results consistent with current trends in Regatta scoring.
- Registration for dinners.
- An impressive number of club photos (sailing events, social events, anniversary photos) presented through "flicker".
- Updated and improved French content under the Youth Programs section.

Acknowledgements

- Many thanks to Erik Rask for his continued excellence in managing the web site. Very few web sites compare in terms of their depth and breadth. Not only has Erik created a comprehensive and user-friendly information tool, he has captured the history of the Club in rich detail.
- Emily Macfie has demonstrated her leadership in creating and managing the Youth Commodore Twitter account, a tool used to instill enthusiasm in young sailors and connect them to the Club.
- Many thanks to Neil Rask for documenting the season in pictures and making them instantly available to everyone. The time and care involved to include every event in such quality should not go unnoticed.

Responsibilities

- Communications was coordinated by Lorraine McKay and Olivier Niquette.
- The Web Site was managed by Erik Rask.

Lorraine McKay & Olivier Niquette
Co-Communications Directors

Sailing School & Youth Program's Report

Registration

Again this year, the Junior Program (JP) sailing camp was sold out prior to the beginning of the season.

Altogether we had 103 campers this summer, with some campers attending multiple sessions over the season. The number of campers allowed per session was raised this year from 22 per session to 26; however, the GRYC ratio of students /coaches (5.2/1) remains well below the Canadian Yachting Association's recommended maximum of 8 students per coach. Notwithstanding the increase in class size, two of the sessions had waiting lists of students wishing to attend.

2012	member	%	non member	%	
Session 1	8	33%	16	67%	24
Session 2	10	38%	16	62%	26
Session 3	6	22%	21	78%	27
Session 4	5	19%	21	81%	26
Total	29	28%	74	72%	103

2012	WS1	WS2	WS3	BR4	BR5	BR+	
Session 1	13	5	0	5	1	0	24
Session 2	6	8	4	3	1	4	26
Session 3	10	7	7	3	0	0	27
Session 4	11	5	4	3	2	1	26
Total	40	25	15	14	4	5	103

	2011	2012
White Sail I	36	40
White Sail II	18	25
White Sail III	13	15
Bronze IV	10	14
Bronze V	4	4
Bronze +	0	5
Total	81	103

As expected, the trend of an increasing proportion of non-members reversed in 2012, with "non-members" representing 72% of the registrations; down from 75% last year. This is a result of the influx of children belonging to new members.

Financial

For 2011, the Junior Program generated \$51,738 in revenues. This year (2012) the JP generated \$61,910 in revenues, an increase of 20% over 2011. Net revenues rose to \$19,022.30, an increase of 56% over 2011.

A significant contribution to 2012 revenues was again \$13,798 in federal grants to support coaches' salaries.

	2011	2012	Increase
Revenue	\$ 51,738	\$ 61,910	20%
Expenses	\$ 39,582	\$ 42,888	8%
Net revenue	\$ 12,156	\$ 19,022	56%

Program Delivery

Because of rising interest in the Junior Program, it was decided to hire an additional coach for 2012. This brought our total coaching complement to 5; 1 Head Coach (Bronze), 1 Bronze coach and 3 White Sail Coaches. The addition of another coach added flexibility to the program, allowing us to reorient resources as needed, in response to changing requirements. We also purchased one additional zodiac coaching boat.

To maintain program continuity, the Club Manager again conducted a one week orientation program for instructors. This orientation program provides clear direction to instructors regarding Club & Program expectations, and should be continued.

To support continuous improvement within the Youth Program, time is set aside each day for instructor preparation and a daily debrief. The Program Manager was again actively involved in debriefs and this activity should continue next season.

The JP one-week "Intro to Sailing" sessions were not continued during 2012, as demand for the two-week programs was sufficient to fill the sessions. For 2013, one-week sessions will be offered, if there is sufficient room to do so.

This year we introduced a "Bronze +" sailing program for students who had completed their Bronze V but still wanted to improve their sailing skills. The focus of the 2 week session was on racing tactics, including practice with spinnaker and trapeze. Five students attended the Bronze + sessions. In our continuing goal to support youth sailing, the Bronze + program will be offered again for 2013.

This season there were four LIT (Leaders in Training) positions. For the 2013 season, LIT positions will again be advertised within the Club. A structured LIT program should be better documented.

Private lessons, offered by our instructors, continued to be an option for both campers who missed their sailing level, and members looking for one-on-one instruction. This should be continued for the 2013 season.

In 2011 we identified a need for greater weekend and evening support for members learning to sail, particularly to help with rigging the boats and to ensure that proper boat rigging and de-rigging takes place. This we believed would help ensure proper care for Club boats, would encourage and support members learning to sail, and would help to foster the Club's overall sailing program.

For 2012 we hired 6 "Dock Crew" helpers. Dock Crew were all graduates of the Bronze Sail program and were all children of GRYC members. By all accounts, from members and from the Dock Crew themselves, the program was a huge success and should be continued in 2013. An additional benefit of the program is that we were able to offer summer employment to members' children.

Given the number of new members with younger children, consideration is being given to resurrecting the Junior Skipper's Program for children ages 6-8 for next season.

Program Manager and Bosun Position

Once again, the support of the Club Manager and Bosun (responsible for keeping the hulls, rigging and sails in good repair) contributed enormously to the success of the Junior Program. We received very positive parental and camper feedback about the 2012 camps.

The Sailing School Fleet

At the 2011 Annual General Meeting a "Fleet Renewal" plan was presented and approved. The process for generating the Fleet Renewal plan consisted of;

- Identifying the requirements of members and dinghy sailing programs;
- Identifying / evaluating the current fleet;
- Linking current fleet to members' and program requirements;
- Identifying gaps and set priorities for renewal;
- Identifying and evaluating alternative fleet configurations; and,
- Recommending short term (immediate) and long term (2-10 yrs) plans for renewing the fleet

The membership approved the expenditure of \$33,700 to purchase boats to replace the retiring Squadrons and Prams.

We purchased 4 Byte CII performance boats, two Pico multi-purpose JP and Learn to Sail (LTS) boats, and 3 O'Pen Bic's for the junior White Sail sailors.

Each of these designs was a huge success with campers and members alike, in particular the O'Pen Bics which are a huge improvement over the 50 yr old Prams.

For 2013 it is anticipated that we will continue the fleet renewal program with the intended purchase of two additional O'Pen Bics and one additional Pico.

Jim Wright
Youth Program & Sailing School Director

Youth Commodore Report

I enjoyed being an ambassador for the GRYC youth and the Club in general. I believe this is a valuable position for the Club to have. Working up-close with the campers (one aspect of the Club's youth) this summer, I saw first-hand the success of the new boats, especially the Bics. I cannot underline enough how much each sailor loved those boats. In addition, being plastic, with a kind of bumper strip at the bow, they are much more durable and can withstand much more than other types of boats - ideal for beginners.

The extra youth involvement we had in the invitational regatta this year was awesome! I know all of the Bic sailors had a good time. To me, it is important to keep kids interested so that the sport stays alive. I appreciate everyone who put in the effort to make that happen and it would be fantastic to see continued youth involvement in this event.

All the progress made with the new boats and the success of the regatta was fantastic! I know everyone has heard this a lot, but if the Club can get more Bics, even between 1 and 3 more, that would be very beneficial.

I also represented GRYC youth at the Britannia Yacht Club Commodore's Sailpast in June accompanied by the GRYC Rear Commodore. Along with other guests, we saluted the BYC Commodore as we sailed past his yacht on board the tall ship *Blackjack*. We then presented a GRYC burgee to the Commodore, which the assembled members much appreciated.

I operated the @GRYCyouth Twitter account ("Everything the young folk want to know about happenings at Gatineau River Yacht Club and around the sailing world, that the old folks don't care to tweet"), posting 111 tweets (some including pictures) to 49 followers. I recommend that Youth Commodores continue to tweet at @GRYCyouth.

Thanks to everyone on the board!

Emilie Macfie
Youth Commodore