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Le Bulletin du Club Nautique Ile Perrot

The newsletter of the Ile Perrot Yacht Club

Message from your Executive Committee

They say that in spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love. That may be true but a sailor's love is his boat so his fancy turns to sanding, polishing and that most dreaded of all jobs, undercoating. By the time you read this, we hope that the water in the lake will have turned liquid, and that the before-mentioned tasks are well on their way to completion.

Last year at this time, we promised that we would focus on improving communication and hoped that this, together with better organization, would lead to improved participation in the activities at our club. Looking back we can conclude that our plan worked. The participation in the work parties as well as in our sailing and social events was much improved over the previous years...

Our plan for the coming season is to continue the focus on communication; organization and participation with an emphasis on helping members develop their sailing skill, and raising the standards of cleanliness of the clubhouse and the grounds. To improve the appearance and maintenance of the club house



IPYC, view from the lake. photo M.B.

and grounds, we plan to increase the amount of staff hours, the number of staff - or both - as well as insist on better performance from our personnel. However we are concerned that by doing so some members may well reduce their level of tidiness with the wrong-minded reasoning of: "It's now paid for so I don't need to clean up after myself!" The opposite is true.

We estimate that the value of the work done by our members is equal to all the dues and fees presently paid. In other words, if we hired people to do our work for us, each member would have to pay, at a minimum, twice as much to belong to the Ile Perrot Yacht Club. If we added the time spent by the executive members, all fees would nearly triple to maintain today's standards. It is due to the work of all of us that we are in such a solid financial position and are rapidly becoming the envy of all other yacht clubs in the area. We have an excellent club, and we can be proud of what has been accomplished. Let's keep it clean and tidy so we can stay proud of it. It is understandable that from time-to-time members may be too busy to help out. However, we ask that they do their utmost to not create additional work for those who make the time to get things done.

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2007 Season

Message from your harbour master

Important dates to remember:

- April 21:** Saturday Work parties: sign up for harbour, grounds and house.
- April 28:** Saturday Harbour work party
- May 6:** Sunday Launch 1- small boats (crane)
- May 12:** Saturday Work party
- May 18:** Friday Launch 2 - large boats (crane)
- May 19:** Saturday Launch 3 - smaller boats (crane)
- May 20:** Sunday Launch 4 - smaller boats (crane)
- May 26:** Saturday Cradle day. Work party

Note: Any special request or changes must be submitted to the harbour master in advance for approval and arrangements at :

rcullen@sympatico.ca or 514-425-5872.

A member unable to attend to his or her boat launch must elect another person to take all responsibility for said launch.

See notice board for your launch day and approximate timing.

All members are expected to be available to assist with the launch activities.

Members' responsibilities to the club rules:

- Each boat's ground tackle (bow chain and float buoy) is the responsibility of the owner.
- Normally, this is taken care of at the beginning of the year as part of harbour day. Nevertheless, each member is responsible for the condition of the bow chain and buoy for security reasons.
- The size of mooring lines must conform to club regulations. The bow and stern lines minimum size for a boat 27 to 30 ft is one half inch.
- These lines must be non-floating.

Each boat must have six appropriate size fenders, large boats at least 12 inches in diameter.

Ross Cullen, Harbour



NOISES FROM THE REAR

When Henry Hofmann and I took on the positions of Rear Commodore just over ten years ago, we did so with the intention of trying to revive the racing tradition at the Ile Perrot Yacht Club.



IPYC-Ross, photo M.B.

Well, to some extent we've been successful. Many more members now race than did ten years ago. As far as club-racing is concerned, the Ile Perrot Yacht Club is the most active club on Lake St Louis. Between the Baie d'Urfé Yacht Club and our club, a member can take part in over one hundred club races per season.

We have learned, however, that the racing results are secondary to a more important benefit you get when people sail together. That benefit is friendship.

We have made as many friends in the past ten years as in the previous thirty and we have changed our opinion about a few things. For instance I, for one, now believe that you can make a boat with roller-furling go pretty fast. I even believe that, when sailing alone, it actually comes in handy sometimes. I have also learned that hav-

ing a fridge on board is quite useful, particularly when the race is over and the Race Committee would appreciate a cold beer! My opinion on barbeques and biminis has not changed-----yet, but give it time, who knows.

Because of our firm belief in the old adage: "If it ain't broke don't fix it!" the plan for the coming season is to go with what worked last year.

First: Our Around the Island pursuit race is the most highly participated event we have, so we plan to hold one or two more.

Second: We intend to combine a sailing event with every social function, with the thought that since folks are at the club anyway they might as well sail and/or party.

Third: We have quite a few new members who are not only new to the club but also new to sailing. To increase their confidence and resulting enjoyment they get out of their boat, we plan to conduct one or two sailing workshops early in the year. These sessions will be well advertised, and will be held on a Saturday or Sunday morning with videos and chalkboard instructions. We may follow these workshops up with on-the-water demonstrations, should anyone want them. **Look for these events on the notice boards! (To do so, you have to go into the clubhouse!)**

Of course those of you, who know all there is to know about sailing are welcome to sit in, give your advice and share your wisdom (or maybe even learn something).

In closing, I invite you all to come out to our Tuesday and Thursday evening races in which we sail together with our "friends" from the Baie d'Urfé Yacht Club. IPYC members are also invited to participate in the Saturday morning dinghy races run by BDYC.

For those of you, who enjoy a more relaxed and friendlier atmosphere; join in our Sunday afternoon "fun" races. I guarantee you a good time. Like all races, but more so the Sunday ones, they are not about winning or losing but about improving our sailing skills; about having fun doing it, making new friendships and solidifying the old ones.

Art de Vries, Rear Commodore

Committee... from p.1

Naturally we are hoping that the above does not scare off volunteers for the position of Membership Chairperson. This position on the Executive Committee is still vacant, and its duties are presently being performed by three individuals on the committee who already have their plate full. Due to the increased complexity of several positions on the board, we are considering making the search for the replacement of executive members or executive assistants a year-round effort.

In closing, we wish all our fellow members fair winds, deep water, good sailing and safe harbours. We look forward to seeing you at the April work parties.

On behalf of the Executive Committee
Bob Dods, Commodore

40th Anniversary Pays Tribute

Almost 100 members came out on Saturday, November 18, 2006 to attend the Annual Dinner and to pay tribute to the founders of the Ile Perrot Yacht Club over 40 years ago.

The new clubhouse was packed with revelers,



and stories abounded about the beginnings of the club. Following a five-course dinner, awards were handed out, and five original members of the Club were honoured with a cake-cutting ceremony and speeches from members of the Executive Committee.

Members honoured included:

Brian Parrack; Pamela Jefferies; Keith Robinson; John Chillcott and Cloudagh Bassermann.

The evening was rounded off with dessert, dancing and disco music. Everyone had a good time, and members of the Executive hope to see all members thirty-nine years from now, as we proudly enter our 41st year.

