



# LIAISON



Le Bulletin du Club Nautique Ile Perrot

The newsletter of the Ile Perrot Yacht Club

## A word from the Quarter Deck about the Ile Perrot Yacht Club----- our Club

You have to know where you are in order to determine how to get where you want to be.

First, the IPYC is at this moment in an excellent position. Financially we are sound, our harbour is full, and we have attracted 18 new members since this time last year. In addition our activities, both sailing and social, are very well attended.

Secondly, where we want to be is to have a clean, friendly, affordable club where every member participates to the fullest, and where camaraderie and friendship out-weigh boat-size or boat-speed. Obviously, this leaves us some room for improvement.

To get there, we believe we need to re-focus, as agreed to last spring, on communication with special attention to the improvement of sailing skills and club cleanliness. These are ongoing projects which will require everyone's applied effort to succeed.

### Upcoming events

For anyone who missed out on some or all of the activities, you will have plenty of opportunity to catch up during the remainder of the season. For instance, every Sunday at 2 PM we hold a "**friendly**" race. There are about eight more races planned. These races are conducted in such a way that they improve sailing skills rather than create hard-nosed competition. Come sail your own boat or crew for someone else. Either way you'll learn, have fun and make friends. For members who missed our instructional session this summer we are prepared to repeat it if asked to do so.

The **Annual Turkey Shoot** race, which alternates annually between IPYC and BDYC, will be run by the BDYC on October 8, after which all participants are invited to feast on chilli and beer at the BDYC.

Of course, an excellent way to participate is by coming to the **Oktober Fest** to be held on September 22nd. Sauerkraut and Bratwurst are on the menu and will be served with a smile. Limber up your dancing legs, and do a waltz or a polka to the strains of a live Bavarian Band.

Your Executive plans to invite some of our suppliers and nearest neighbours to an **Open House** to let them know what we are like, and what we are all about. This is done with the presumption that to know us is to love us. It's planned for September 29th.

**Please note:** We need volunteers to help with this function. Speak to **Céline** or **Lorraine**.

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## Haulout 2007 2007 Season

Haulout activities will be especially challenging this year given the low water levels, the number of boats to handle and the number of new members joining the club over the last few years. All members are asked to do what they can to help out. At this time of year there is also an increased risk of theft of outboards and other equipment from our property. Take the necessary precautions. The numerical padlock for the main gate will be available shortly. Ask another member for the code if you don't know it and lock the gate if you are the last to leave.

Disposal of oil from your motor, used paint or gas etc. is your responsibility- remove it from the property.

All cradles are required to be labelled with their owner's membership number with bow and stern identified before Cradle Day. Contact the harbour master before Cradle Day if:

- "You are removing your boat from the property.
- "You are not launching in the spring 2008
- "You are selling your boat

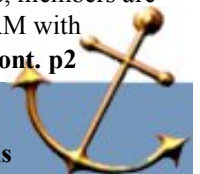
**Cradle Day: Saturday, October 13 9:00 AM. All members are expected to participate.**

All cradles and trailers will be placed in their assigned places on the property. The dinghy park area has to be cleared on or before this date.

### Haulout Dates:

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| Large boats: | Friday   | October 19 | 8:00 AM |
| Small boats: | Saturday | October 20 | 8:00 AM |
| Small boats  | Sunday   | October 21 | 8:00 AM |
| Small boats  | Saturday | October 27 | 8:00 AM |

On their scheduled haulout date, members are required to be present at 8:00 AM with their boat ready for haul out. **cont. p2**



## Reasons why you should attend the A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting will take place at the club on December 5th at 7.30 PM. We urge you all to attend since some very important issues have to be dealt with. Wisdom has it that you plan for the long term when things are going well. With that in mind, we are going to tackle several gritty concerns.

1) First the election of a 2007-2008 executive. All positions may be challenged, however the Vice Commodore's, the Grounds Chairperson's, the Social Chairperson's and Secretary's positions are vacant and need to be filled. A Nominating Committee, with André Chenier as Chairman, has been formed and will be receiving nominations for all positions.

2) The land known as the Sugar Shack, previously owned by Mr. Lalonde our ex-mayor, is now owned by a developer who plans to build a condominium on it. We are researching whether the future owners will inherit the right of way to the water from Mr. Lalonde, and if so how that may impact our club's operation. Contact has been made with the Régie de L'Eau who are as apprehensive about this situation as we are.

3) Although the club has very few delinquent members, the ones we do have seem to be chronic and we are looking at making some changes to the annual renewal forms to combat this problem.

4) During a previous annual meeting, a question was raised asking what would happen if the club were to be dissolved. We are studying this hypothetical question during a time when this concern is as far from realization as possible. An update will be given but more work, thought and legal advice needs to go into this issue.

## News Bites



- For those of you who noticed a rotund gentleman on the new garage roof, fear not, it's not Christmas yet. The gentleman was Louis Gyarmathy, a Hughes 25 sailor and raconteur from "D" dock who, virtually single-handedly, re-shingled said roof. John Chillcott and Bruce Lawson assisted whenever a lack of wind permitted it. Thank you Louis, John and Bruce.

- On August 10th, Gordon Applebee, a singer-guitarist and Challenger 26 sailor from "E" dock, organised a "Jam Session" which lasted almost the entire afternoon and evening. Yves Bastien, who sails an Ericson 30 from "F" dock and plays a mean sax and guitar also participated. Gordon had invited about a half dozen of his artistic friends and the event was a huge success. Gordon set an example of what a little initiative and a little work can do to make this club "rock". Similar endeavours would be welcomed by the executive. Of course in Gordon's case a "little" talent didn't hurt either.

- One of our honorary members and ex-commodore, Fred Renshaw, has donated the funds to purchase a sound system which will be available for all when the bar is closed. Thanks, Fred!

- Two of our members, both named Claude, one Paquette and the other Lafontaine, are presently wending their way to the sunny south. We wish them fair winds and safe harbours and look forward to seeing them return safe and sound.

- In conclusion, a word of thanks to our very capable, personable and energetic bar-person Chloe Stefanik-Langlois. Her cheerful personality and friendly demeanour has made the summer of 2007 very special for those of us who frequent the bar or the clubhouse. Thank you Chloe!

## Haulout... from p.1

Members unable to be present for their scheduled haul out must make arrangements with another member to look after their boat. In such instances, the harbour master should be advised.

Members hauling their own boats are requested not to interfere with haulout activities on the above dates.

A preliminary haulout schedule will be posted in the club house on 22 September 2007. The final schedule will be confirmed on cradle day. Members are responsible for checking the schedule to confirm they are listed and to determine their haulout date. Sign up sheets will be available on the notice board for each haulout date and harbour closing.

## Closing of Harbour Sunday October 28, 9:00 AM

**Several work crews will be required. Sign up.**

## Events... from p.1

Finally, you should not miss the clubs **Annual Dinner** to be held on November 17th. You will hear who won or lost, but most importantly, you'll recognize how much fun we all had.

For those members who suffer from a guilt complex due to not having had the time or inclination to attend work parties, there are several opportunities to alleviate that burden.

- **Cradle day** is always beneficial as a back, leg and shoulder exercise. It's on October 13th.

- There are a number of **haul-out days** (see the Harbour Master's comments) at which weak minds and strong backs are always welcome. Your last chance to do some work, geared more towards the academics among us, will be on October 28 when the **harbour, the club house and the grounds are prepared for winter.**

Here are the names of the new members who joined since this time last year: **Haissam Abdallah, Norm Santamaria, Pierre Louis Brunner, Benoit Bissonnette, Michel Pedneault, Jean Limoges, Stephen Doyle, Robert Ethier, Jean H Trudeau, Lance Rock, Marc Robic, F Guy Doyle, Claude Hamel, Denis Bordeleau, D'Arcy Gray, Sylvain Landry, Jean Sebastien Élie and Denis Tremblay.** Please make them all feel welcome.

You make our club not only the most economical but also the friendliest in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Valley region. Thank you all!

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