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# Tiller Topics



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*It's that time of  
year again!*



**April 19, 2014**

Do you have ideas for Tiller Topics? Do you have an opinion you would like published? Tiller Topics gratefully accepts your submissions. Please drop them off at the Club or e-mail them to [tiller@vernonyachtclub.com](mailto:tiller@vernonyachtclub.com)

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**Deadline for submissions:** The first Sunday after each executive meeting

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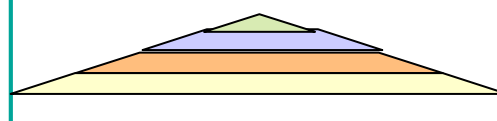
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Doug Stewart	-CPS News

**Executive members** and many occasional writers and photographers.



# COMMODORE'S REPORT

Mike Thomas



Hello everyone.

Finally-- the day and night time temperatures are gently easing away from the freezing mark as Planet Earth's axis gradually increases its tilt toward the sun and brings us the first day of Spring on March 20. *Fleet Captain Al Cuttriss* and *Sailing Fleet Chairman Roger Price* are finalizing plans for Crane day on April 12 and Rear Commodore *Craig Williams* will be clearing the parking lot of the boats on trailers parked there over the winter. Then we have our Spring Clean Day on April 19 followed by our Boat Show on May 3rd. and 4th. In other

words, our club is in full "wake-up" mode and before you know it, we will be back on our boats----FANTASTIC!

Have you checked out our new web-site?? On behalf of our members and the Executive, I extend our sincere thanks to member and volunteer *Web Master, Terry Rudersdorfer* as well as *Executive Secretary/Communications Director, Pamela Miller* for their many hours spent working in conjunction with *Sproing Creative* to bring this much needed project to fruition. I won't steal anyone's thunder and go on about the many improvements because you will all be made aware of these when you check out the web-site and in written submissions from those involved.

I would also like to extend our thanks to Staff Captain *Karol King* and Publicity Director *Debra Butler* for their energy, creativeness and execution of our first ever Ladies Night. I was there for awhile that evening and was impressed by the

apparent enjoyment of all the ladies who attended. If you missed this one, don't worry-- our ladies are planning more such nights for the future and they will listen to any ideas you may wish to contribute.

Finally, on-going thanks to Boat Show Chairman, *Rob Mathews* for all the work he is putting into our Annual Boat Show on May 3rd. and 4th. Rob has been keeping our Executive informed and from all reports we can expect many interesting exhibits this year, both on the hard and on the water. Volunteer participation from all our members is always welcomed in any of our Club events. If you would like to step-up and help us during the Boat Show weekend for a couple of hours or so, please send an email to *Rob Mathews* at [boatshow@vernonyachtclub.com](mailto:boatshow@vernonyachtclub.com) or Staff Captain *Karol King* at [staff-captain@vernonyachtclub.com](mailto:staff-captain@vernonyachtclub.com)

*Best regards,  
Mike Thomas, Commodore.*

## **The Executive Committee is forming the Financial Advisory Committee.**

As outlined in Bylaw 77, duties of the Financial Advisory Committee can be assigned by the Executive Committee including:

- (i) Reviewing the financial statements and other information of the Society periodically;
- (ii) Providing assistance and advice to the Treasurer; and
- (iii) Making recommendations to the Executive Committee relating to financial matters.

If any member is interested in serving on the Financial Advisory Committee please contact the club office or any member of the executive.

Submission by Keith Sangster

**"Plenty of people miss their share of happiness, not because they never found it, but because they didn't stop to enjoy it."**

**William Feather**  
1889-1981, **Publisher and Author**

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT



Ron Heuman

*Well March has passed. One unalterable fact is Spring Solstice has happened. April is always a better month, pruning is done and buds appear, thoughts of gardening and summer fun abound!*

**Enjoyable Dinners:** *With the longer days (not necessarily warmer) many members have been coming out to the Friday night dinners. Personally, I am overwhelmed with the friendly social atmosphere and good food. It is so nice to enjoy the benefits of the VYC Gangplank Lounge with fellow boating members.*

**New Members:** *One of my enjoyable temporary duties has been the processing of new members applications. It is a real pleasure to respond to potential member inquiries and provide them with the guidelines of VYC privileges and responsibilities. The interest and enthusiasm of the inquiries are very rewarding. I am so proud to provide some VYC history and introduction to our superlative facilities. Thank you Norm Bryan, our Director – New Members, for being in Arizona and giving me this opportunity.*

**Long Term Planning Committee:** *The Committee has been meeting and formulating our long term requirements. Now, it is the general membership who must provide insightful ideas for the future development of our Club. Please be prepared to receive information on meeting times/dates in April. Remember this: “if you do not participate, and put forward your ideas, forever hold your after-thoughts”.*

**Last Comments:** *April will be a busy month: crane-lifting boats into the water, clean-up of our Clubhouse and grounds, preparing for the annual Boat Show, and of course our individual preparation of boats for the 2014 boating season. All members are encouraged to help out to get the season underway!*

*Looking forward to seeing you at our Club!*

### Welcome New Members!

It is with great pleasure to announce the following new members to the Vernon Yacht Club. Please enjoy your new Club facilities and social environment.

**Regular Members:**

Wayne and Charmaine Symington  
Cal and Cindy Halsz  
Ron Hunter and Caren Walker  
Tom Jahelka and Kristie Moore  
Matt and Heather Blaeser

**Associate Members:**

Norman and Arlene Armstrong



### Long Term Planning Committee

All VYC members are invited to participate in the future development of the Club. A first general member meeting:

April 19<sup>th</sup> Clean-up Day: short presentation during lunch...

Hope to see you all there!



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used), new fire extinguishers, new opening port hatches, deck-wood  
and tiller refinished. New paint and bootstripe.

**Contact:** Brent 250-307-1042 for inquiries





# Racing Fleet Chair Report

By Roger Price

With the weather warming up and the Snowbirds coming home we are hard at work behind the scenes getting a racing schedule organized. This should be finished in a week or so.

Meanwhile we have Alan Barnes of Nautical Sailing Services coming on March 19 at 7PM to give us news on all things racing; including information on the Okanagan Race Week coming in August, as well as boat maintenance, sailing trim and tactics.

We are looking for interest in a Cruising Fleet which would have one race per evening, starting and finishing at the committee boat after a longer race around the bay. This is open to all sailors and with only one start would not require large crews or spinners. If anyone has any interest or thoughts on this please contact [sailing-fleet@vernonyachtclub.com](mailto:sailing-fleet@vernonyachtclub.com) or phone 250 545-1629.

We have two more buoys this year

which will be in place by the start of racing; also the marks already in place will have to be relocated as they were moved about by the ice floe this winter.

Crane day is April 12, and we will start with a forestry camp race on April 13, wind gods permitting.

Roger Price  
Chair, Racing Fleet

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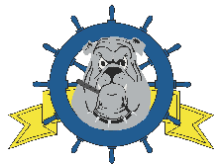
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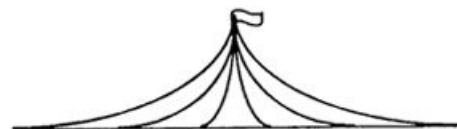
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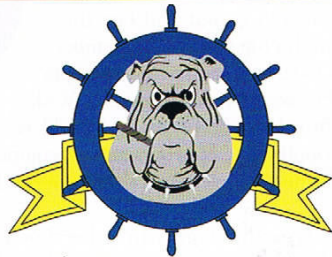


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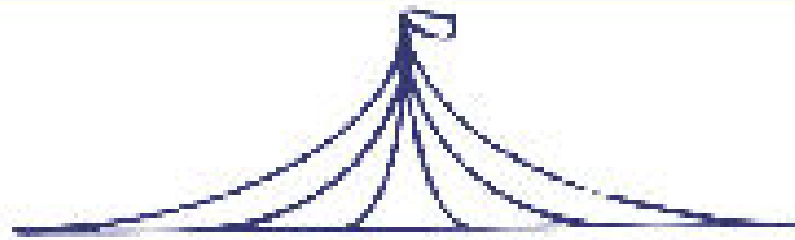
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Sea-Dog Boat Sales has built a relationship with the Vernon Yacht Club over the past years of having boats on display in the boat show. And through the boat shows have had the wonderful opportunity to meet many great people including the folks involved in the Okanagan Quality Life Society.

We have worked closely with the Okanagan Quality Life Society in understanding the needs of the society in the development of Heaven Can Wait II. Such a great cause in helping the community and Okanagan valley residents in improving the quality of life for residents in long term care facilities and disabled community members. We have also called on the expertise of Tween Lakes Upholstery, Fuzion Fabrications and Sea-Dog Boat Sales licensed Mercury technician to customize the boat.

It has been our pleasure to work with the Okanagan Quality Life Society and the Vernon Yacht Club. Boating is a great way of life that every person should be able to enjoy.





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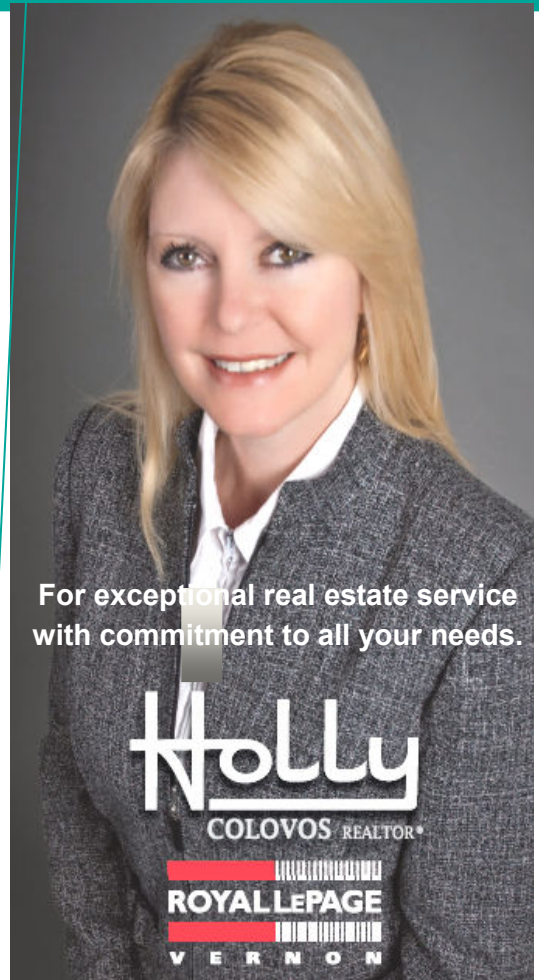
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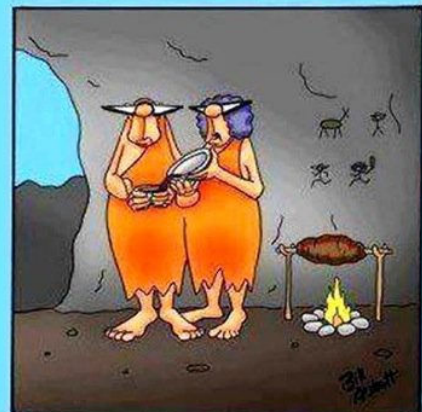
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# ***VERNON YACHT CLUB***

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***(OCTOBER TO APRIL)***

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<b><i>Monday</i></b>	<b><i>CLOSED</i></b>
<b><i>Tuesday</i></b>	<b><i>CLOSED</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<b><i>4:00 pm—8:00 pm</i></b>
<b><i>Thursday</i></b>	<b><i>4:00 pm—8:00 pm</i></b>
<b><i>Friday</i></b>	<b><i>4:00 pm—10:00 pm</i></b>
<b><i>Saturday</i></b>	<b><i>12:00 pm—8:00 pm</i></b>
<b><i>Sunday</i></b>	<b><i>10:00 am—6:00 pm</i></b>

### ***FOOD SERVICE:***

<b><i>Friday: Steak, Salmon or stuffed chicken</i></b>	<b><i>5:30—8:30</i></b>
<b><i>Saturday: Soup &amp; Bun</i></b>	<b><i>12:00—3:00</i></b>
<b><i>Sunday: Brunch</i></b>	<b><i>10:00—1:00</i></b>

### ***OFFICE IS OPEN:***

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<b><i>Thursday</i></b>	<b><i>8:30 am—2:30 pm</i></b>

# REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT



Craig Williams

Shaw has now completed the installation of their equipment for the Go WiFi Hotspot at the Clubhouse so if you are a Shaw internet customer be sure to make this your internet connection while at the Clubhouse or on the docks. This will reduce usage of our own internet systems and alleviate any usage pressures we may experience at peak times especially during the summer months – you need a Shaw account to be able to connect to and use the Shaw internet connection.

An air-compressor, graciously donated to the Club by Member Willem Ladan, has been installed in the electrical shed at the gatehouse along with a hose and reel. The hose can be accessed from the outside of the electrical shed on the wall facing the boat launch. This air-compressor is intended and ideally suited for inflating tires or for use with air-tools but is **NOT** to be used for inflating water toys, din-

ghy's, etc., as these will cause the compressor to run continuously and shorten the life of the motor. If you wish to use the compressor with air-tools please contact Ken Smith in advance to ensure you have the correct fittings.

As part of our on-going maintenance of the docks an annual check of the bolts holding the fingers to the main sections and the bolts holding the main sections together has been implemented. To perform this task we are looking for a few teams of two who can devote some time to take responsibility for a dock and methodically work their way along as time permits ensuring all of these bolts are tight and secure. The work doesn't have to be done all in one day and if need be can be stretched out over a period of a week or even two if need be, just do what you can in a day and pick up where you left off until it's all done. If you are able to commit some time to a team for this purpose please contact Larry Gilchuk, Director of Moorage and Grounds

Maintenance.

Volunteers are still needed to assist with the inspection of the mooring buoys owned by the Vernon Yacht Club to ensure their safety for our continued use and enjoyment. Please contact me if you are able to offer a few hours of your time to assist with looking after these coveted assets of ours.

Look for a few minor renovations coming soon to the Clubhouse; the front entry will see some changes; as will the bar.

Important dates to make sure are marked on your calendar are: April 12<sup>th</sup> Crane Day; April 19<sup>th</sup> Spring Clean-up, after which there'll be a short introductory meeting to the Long-Term Planning Committee's progress; and April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm an open house with the Long-Term Planning Committee looking for your input on the future of our Club.

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### ***SPRING CLEAN-UP***

Once per year all VYC members are asked to chip in to clean up the Clubhouse and grounds. In a few short hours the property is ready for another year of enjoyment.

It's this volunteer group effort that keeps your membership dues affordable and is a vital part of maintaining your investment.

If you have not been a part of this event in the past, please make your best effort to join in this year!

***Mark April 19/14 on your calendars!***

# BOAT SHOW CHAIR REPORT

Rob Mathews



Hi folks, just a quick update on the quickly approaching 2014 boat show. We are moving along very nicely this year, and I have had terrific support from many fronts! I expect that, based on current exhibitor applications and response that we will be if not the same size as 2013, a little larger. We do have a need for a couple of specific volunteers that could be a little fun, and not very difficult so if you want to get involved a little please think about stepping up for the following.

- The fishing derby for the kids: 2 hours each day, just over seeing them and helping to make sure they are safe and having fun. (Bev and Don Whelend did this last year and had a blast with the kids.)

-A wondering VYC advocate on each day: Several people just talking to visitors about the merits of the VYC and being a member. We really want to bring attention to our great club this year, and sell ourselves to our neighbors. If you think this is of interest to you please give me a call.

I know everyone chips in and helps during this event that was proven to me last year over and over. It is appreciated, and proves that the success of the show is in its members. If you can help, we can use you, so please contact Karol King and let her know what you would be willing to do, and when so we can organize ourselves and ready for the day!

Thanks again for stepping up, and we will see you at the boat show.

Rob Mathews, 2014 VYC Boat Show chair.

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for

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# Sailing News

By Chris Grotterod

Well it's that time of year .... The days are getting longer; crane day is approaching (April 12th) so it is time to get those preseason checks and jobs done on our boats. One area that I have overlooked checking prior to putting Rosy Mae in the water the last couple of years is the main power source, the sails.

In doing some research on the web I came up with some good ideas on what to look for while your sail boat is out of the water.

Most of this is common sense but is a good check to make sure nothing is missed.

## **Pre-Season Sail Care and Maintenance - Taken from the Vermont Sailing Partners**

Most folks have a normal boat checklist for the spring; new bottom paint, installing instruments, lubricating furling systems and winches are some of the more obvious pre-launching tasks. Many people neglect to give their sails a quick inspection before installing them on the boat for the season. The following is a quick checklist of some of the more frequent wear points on sails:

**Mainsail** - Check all the luff slides/slugs and attachments. If you have a bolt rope luff, check for excessive wear at the top of the bolt rope and near the reef points. Check all the batten pockets for wear, and for loose stitching near the batten pocket ends. Check all the reef midpoints for wear and missing grommets. Check the stitching on the seams, especially near the leech where the loads are greater.

**Headsails** - Check all the hanks on the luff of the sail. If the pistons are stiff, give them a squirt of McLube Sailkote (This is a preferred lubricant). If you have luff tape for roller furling or grooved headstay systems, check the top of the luff tape. If it is frayed, cut off the frayed end of the rope and melt with a hot knife. If you don't have access to a hot knife you can saturate the top of the luff tape with super glue. If you have a Hood Gemini system super glue is actually the preferred method. Check the stitching carefully, look for wear or chafe where the sail rubs on the stanchions, spreader tips, and mast light when tacking. If you have roller furling, check the stitching on the UV cover. The UV cover will only protect the sail if it covers it. Also check your leech and foot line cleats for slippage.

**Downwind sails** - Spread the sail out and inspect the sail for small tears and loose stitching. A good technique for finding small "pin holes" actually get under the sail and look up through it, holding sections of the sail up over your head. If you can see light, you have a hole or a weakened area.

**"Temporary" repairs** - use "Dacron Insignia" tape or cloth as opposed to "Sail Repair tape". It is stronger, adheres better, and is less UV sensitive. Do not use Duct tape unless you remove it immediately after getting in to the dock, the adhesive makes a mess of the sail. Remember, temporary is the key word here, and taking the time to bring your sail into your sail maker for a more permanent repair will save you time and money in the long run. Small tears are usually very inexpensive to repair, but are guaranteed to get bigger and more expensive if they are not tended to.

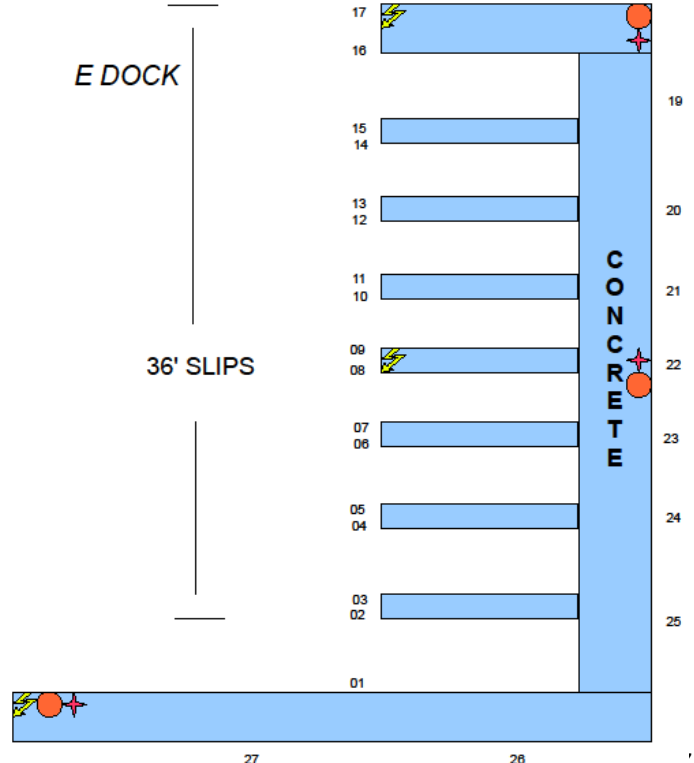
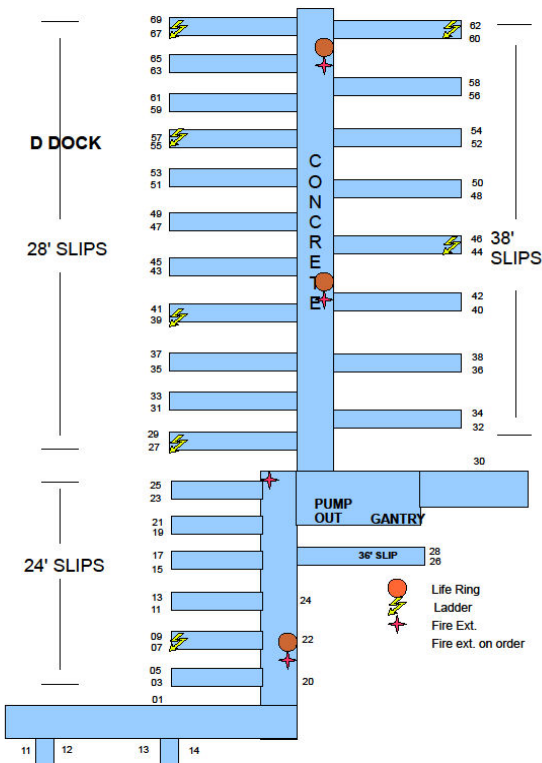
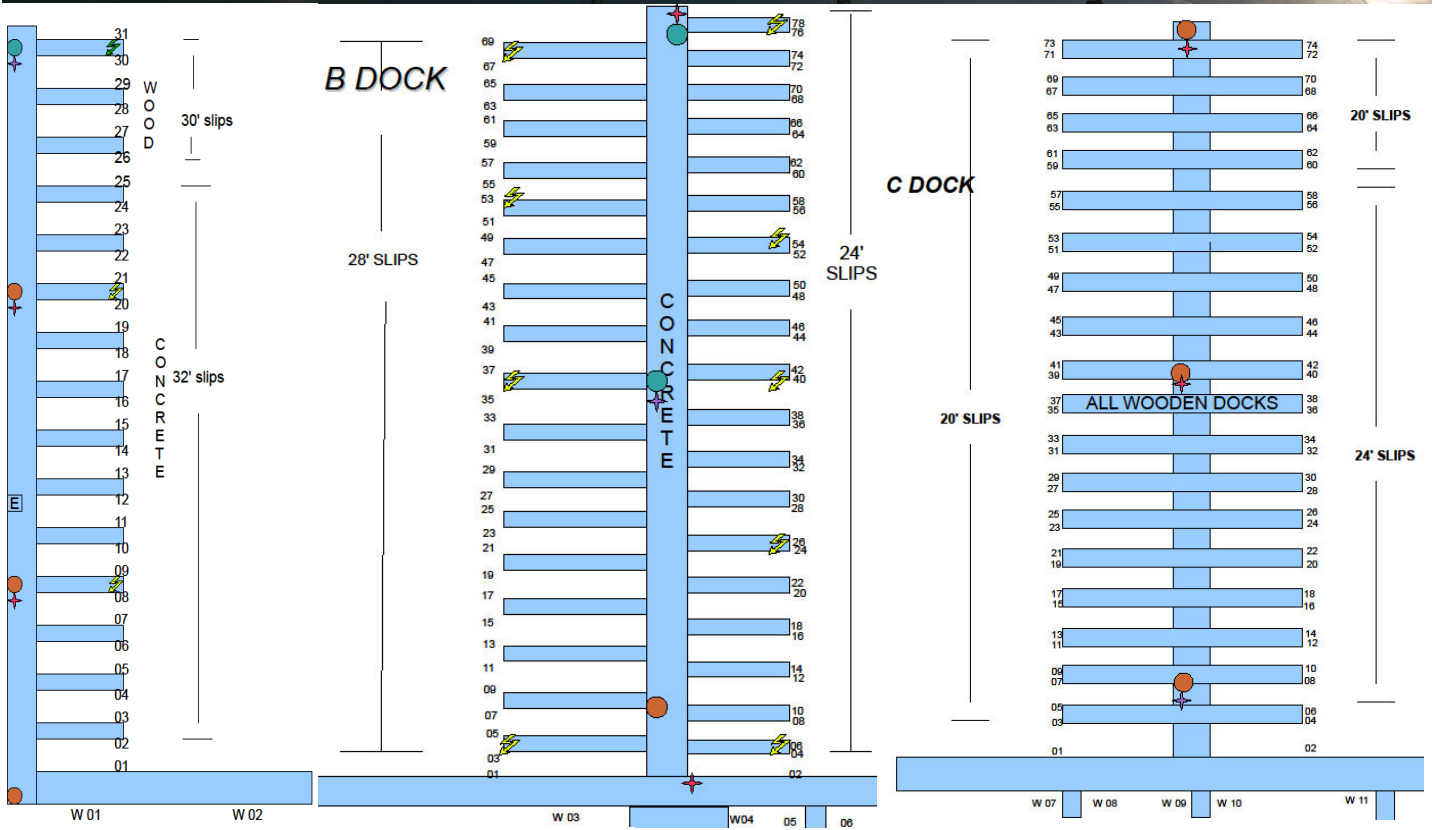
Many small repairs like replacing hanks and broken slugs or cutting new battens are simple and can be done on your own, most sail lofts and marine stores sell sail hardware. A good repair kit to keep on your boat for emergency repairs should include: Two sail needles (if you only have one, it is guaranteed to break), waxed thread (dental floss works well in a pinch), extra luff slides or slugs, Dacron insignia tape or cloth (known as "sticky-back" to sailmakers), and some webbing. If you don't have a hand sewing palm, a pair of pliers will work as a substitute. Your sail ties are probably made of nylon or polypropylene webbing that can be cut up and used as reinforcing straps in an emergency.

Sailing is about having fun, and damage to your sails can result in "down time", so it definitely pays to take a little extra time to check your sails over before the sailing season begins.

Look for our next issue with the 2014 racing schedule.



# DOCK SAFETY





# Minutes Summary

*Security Team Changes* ~ Ron Heuman has done an excellent job as head of the Security Team to date and has now passed the position on to Roger Price. The Executive Board appreciates all the hard work Ron has done to provide our members with peace of mind that the VYC marina, grounds and clubhouse is kept safe for all to enjoy.

*Commodore's Ball* ~ The date for the 2014 Commodore's Ball has been set for Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and the Sail-Past and Flag Raising ceremony will be the following day, Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>!

*Replacement of "C" Dock* ~ "C" Dock and both breakwaters are the next major projects for the Club, recommendations as to the priorities for which will come to this Executive through the Long Term Planning Committee process.

*Divers wanted* ~ We are seeking divers to assist with the mooring buoy inspection and maintenance of 39 mooring buoys belonging to the Vernon Yacht Club.

*Muskrats captured* ~ Pet Wise has helped our Club with a muskrat infestation by capturing 16 of them in February.

*No lack of fun* ~ Our Staff Captain Karol King and our P.R. Director Debbra Buttler are stepping up the activities at the Vernon Yacht Club! Since our last minutes there have been a couple of games nights, a Valentine's dinner and a hugely successful Ladies Night! 8 vendors were arranged within a week and over 50 women came out for a night of fun! The next ladies night is scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup>! We also have St. Paddy's Day dinner and Jam Night this Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> in addition to our regular Barbeque.

*New VYC Website* ~ We have launched the new Vernon Yacht Club website and are still working with the developers to increase the speed and a few other technical requirements. If you are having trouble with any of the pages or have suggestions for content, please call me at 250-260-0253 or send me an email at: vernonyacht-clubbc@gmail.com . A handful of staff, board members and volunteers are going to upkeep the information on the site. A training session begins this week and the list of who will be updating which areas will be published in the April minutes when all the names are in.

*We're out of February's hibernation, the boats are thawing out and we have an extra hour of daylight! Perfect tune-up conditions!*

~ by Pamela Miller

## **FOR SALE Current Design Storm GT Kayak**

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Upgraded SMART TRACK rudder system with foot brace & toe controls. SNAP DRAGON waterproof cockpit cover - black. SNAP DRAGON Gore-Tex spray skirt - yellow. MEC Aegir water proof deck bag – black. GPS mounting bracket. Adjustable length twin blade paddle, carbon shaft with plastic fiberglass blade. All safety equipment, bilge pump, tow rope, paddle float and paddle lanyard. Color – Mango – easily seen on the water. Very low use, in excellent condition. Used only on fresh water. Stored inside. Includes Wheeliez Tuff Tire Cart.

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# Gangplank Gossip



Jay and Corrine



February's highlight was Corinne's sellout Valentine rib dinner and strawberry shortcake desert. Jill Thomas and Susan Mathews did another bang up job of decorating for the week.

A very successful first Ladies Night was hosted by Debra Butler and Karol King on Feb 27. Eight vendors showcased for 50 attendees. The next Ladies Night will be Thurs. April 3 with a meal/wine combo for \$15 and promises to be even busier.

We have had an allstar line up of volunteers with Sherry MacFarlane going above and beyond helping out in 5 recent weeks. Jill Thomas, Carol Brown, Sharon Young, Tom and Janet McKenzie and Craig and Cindy Fleischhacher have all pitched in lately.

Now that our Snowbirds are returning, the volunteer pool is getting deeper so come on out, it is a great bonding experience for all members and staff.

Cheers, Corinne and Jay

Picture submission by Ken Smith





# April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	3 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM <b>LADIES NIGHT</b>	4 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM	5 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—8:00PM
6 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM	7	8	9 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	10 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	11 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM	12 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—8:00PM <b>Crane Day!</b> 
13 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM	14	15	16 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	17 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	18 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM <b>Turkey, Steak or Salmon!</b>	19  Lounge Hrs. 12:00—8:00PM <b>Spring Clean Up</b>
20 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM <b>Easter Sunday Brunch!</b> 	21	22	23 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	24 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	25 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM	26 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—3:00 <b>Closed 3:00 on for private function</b>
27 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM	28	29 <b>Summer Lounge Hrs. begin!</b> 4:00—10:00PM	30 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM <b>Weekly Burger Night Begins!</b>			

House account dollars now available