Vernon Yacht Club Tiller Topics

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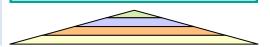
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Executive members and many occasional writers and photographers.



COMMODORE'S REPORT

Mike Thomas



Hello Fellow Members:

ome of you have told us that you were disappointed when we decided to postpone the Commodore's event. As I mentioned in the last issue, tickets sales did not justify holding the event on the original date of June 23 rd. When our office announced the change of plan, it was erroneously reported that the Commodore's Ball had been cancelled, when, in fact it is being postponed.

You will be pleased to know that we have now set the new date for the Commodore's Party and it will be held on September 22nd. which also happens to be the first day of Fall. By then, I hope we will have a reason to celebrate the end of a great summer and also look forward to some fine fall weather. We have also been listening to your suggestions and have decided to offer a sit down dinner [instead of appetizers] followed by an



evening of dancing. The dress code will be formal and on Sunday there will be a Flag Raising Ceremony after which our skippers and crews will follow a Piper down to the docks and board their boats for the Sail-Past. Please help us out by advising our office manager if you plan to attend so that we can more properly prepare.

Our first ever karaoke party was held on July 12th. and I have been advised that it was a lot of fun for members and guests alike. So much so, that we will be having more Karaoke evenings in future. Our thanks to Gerald Gustafson for being the driving force behind this event.

As you read this report, we will have held our annual **Invasion Weekend**. I am confident that we will look back on this event as being another great success and I know that our Fleet Captain, Jerry is really scrambling to find slips for all the boats arriving with our friends from the Clubs in the

South Okanagan. We will let you know how it turns out in the next issue.

I should mention that Ms. Annie Gustafson is our new Volunteer Coordinator and you may get a call from Annie requesting your help at some of our future events. In most cases, you will be assisting other volunteers and will only be asked to contribute a couple of hours of your time so please be nice to Annie if she calls you.

Finally, I am pleased to report that Ms. Pamela Miller has joined our Executive team as our new Secretary and replaces Ms. Marlese Hutter who has moved to Osoyoos. Our sincere thanks for coming aboard Pamela.

Cheers and watch out for driftwood.

Mike

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT



Lawrence Johnson





nother busy month at the Club. I was at the first Karaoke night and was pleased to see the response. The wings and pizza were great and the talent was surprising! A great time was had by all. I invite all of you to come down and check it out.

The usual work has been going on with the repair and maintenance of the docks and breakwater and we hope to have a solution to the fingers on A dock very soon. Thanks for your patience and have another great month of sailing.



JACK AND JILL GOT A THRILL

SAILING ON THE WATER.

JACK FELL IN TO JILL'S CHAGRIN,



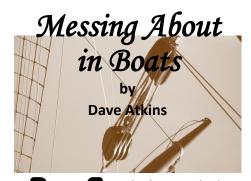
DON'T MISS OUR ANNUAL JACK 'N JILL EVENT ON SUNDAY AUGUST 5, 2012

SKIPPER'S MEETING AT 10:45 AM AT THE GATE TO BE FOLLOWED BY A FEW HOURS OF FUN SAILING AND THEN REFRESHMENTS AT THE CLUB HOUSE.

All sailboats welcomed.

You can have as many Jacks and as many Jills on the boat as you wish BUT you must have at least one Jack and one Jill.

Must be prepared to have FUN!!!!!



ayday! Mayday! Do you know how to deal with this either when you hear it on the radio, or when you need to make the call? This thought occurred to me when I was out sailing recently. All boaters out there should have an operator's card and if they have a VHF radio then they should also have taken an operators course and know how to make calls for help. In the real world I wonder if that is the case. When I am on the Lake my VHF radio is always on, but I have never yet heard a "Mayday" call. I suspect that most of the boaters out there don't know the procedure even if they did have an emergency. I suspect that in this day and age if there was a problem most would reach for their cell phone and call 911, which may be more realistic to reach police or ambulance, but the advantage of a Mayday call is that other boaters in the vicinity will hear it and be able to reach the caller with assistance a lot quicker than the shore bound agencies.

As we all know the world of communication is changing very rapidly. Mayday, which is a corruption of the French term for "Help me" was developed by mariners many years ago. Even before radio it was sent by light or flag signals to any ship within sight. The VHF radio procedure was a natural progression, but now with universal wireless communication in everyone's possession the procedure seems to have broken down, especially for recreational use in coastal or lake waters.

Due to the popularity of boating and the availability of boats within everyone's price range, or credit range, boating has become so universal that it is no longer an activity to which one dedicates a life interest or thinks of as a dedicated pastime, to be studied and developed over a period of years. As a consequence, procedures that were so important to the dedicated boaters of years ago have

largely been ignored or forgotten. The rules that governed boating in general are largely ignored or forgotten by the casual recreation boater, as there is little or no enforcement of the regulations. The resources dedicated to patrolling the Okanagan Lake, or any other lake, are minimal at best and this probably reflects the importance that our society places upon boating safety in general.

The radio and television have been giving almost daily accounts of drownings usually caused by carelessness or lack of knowledge of the hazards of enjoying the cooling, refreshing, qualities so desirable on a hot summer day. Boating is generally considered a "fun" activity, but playing in or on the water also requires knowledge and responsibility.

Dave







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By Ron Heuman

alm waters and predictable weather is what we expect in the month of August. While we lament the oncoming shorter days and the waning summer we do rejoice that the next three months offer stable and comfortable air to enjoy our boating pleasures. Our marina is full, and frequently we get to know our fellow yacht boaters visiting from the South. Notably, our parking lot is full of vehicles which means that members and their families are making use of our excellent Club facilities and of course their boats.

Also we see increased visitor activity as the Okanagan summer is a time when friends and family come to enjoy all our amenities. Predictably the increased activity results in a higher volume of vehicle traffic and persons looking to have an adventure at our expense. For this reason it is important that all members while at the Club remain on the alert for unfamiliar persons lurking about. If someone looks suspicious or is moving about without a purpose it is likely that they are scoping out our Club facilities and members' boats. Remember, it is your Club, and you expect to have safe and secure moorage. For this to happen all members must be vigilant. Our Security Team is on high alert and doing a great job during quiet hours. To date we have only a couple of incidents reported so it appears the Team and members are

being security conscious. Good show and keep up your vigilance!

On another note, the Heaven Can Wait boat is once again taking residents in long term care facilities out on the water for therapeutic on the water recreational boat rides. All VYC members can be proud of the support the Club gives to this program. The joy these folks experience for a few minutes on the water is truly heartwarming. Significantly, many of our members are volunteer Captains who operate the boat, further sharing their enjoyment of boating with others less fortunate. Many thanks to everyone.

Have a safe and secure boating month of August. Ron



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I WAS EAVESDROPPING ONE DAY AND OVERHEARD JACK AND JILL'S CONVERSATION...IT WENT KINDA LIKE THIS....

Jill: "I want to go shopping, we both need a new tank top, hat and sunglasses for boating this summer ..."



Jack: "You're always
thinking about
clothes, what
about the fenders
and spring lines
we've been needing
for the boat since last summer...."



Jill: "Well I'm not spending our Saturday

driving all over town looking for odds and ends!! Wait a minute, there is

a store at VYC that has every thing we need!

Jack: "You're right, I did see that display waaaay off in the corner of the ground floor, full of things like...









If only the lady that took the pictures to display in the Tiller Topics knew how to $\,$ use a camera... $\,^{\prime\prime}$



Jill: "Lets go to the club and check it out, we can use up our Yacht Bucks too!



Moral of the story: VYC has awesome attire and boat accessories at great prices! :)

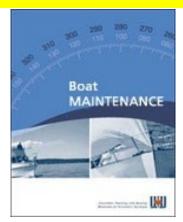
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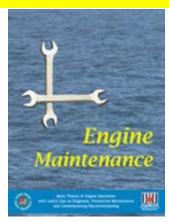
CPS News

Vernon Power & Sail Squadron



August, 2012





Marine Boat & Engine Maintenance The enjoyment of the boat includes the satisfaction of properly maintaining it. To many boaters, working on their boat is part of the fun, to say nothing of the savings in costs. All boats require maintenance to correct the gradual wear and tear, and exposure to the elements. A boater should be on the alert for signs of potential problems, and make repairs while the problems are minor. From spark plugs to bottom paint, the Marine Boat & Engine Maintenance Course covers all the basics for the DIY boater.

This course has been completely re-written. The course is divided into two parts, as follows:

Part 1

- Marine engines gasoline and diesel, inboard and outboard
- Steering systems
- Emergency repairs afloat

Part 2

- The Hull wood, fiberglass, aluminum and steel
- Painting and repairs to the hull
- Care and feeding of thru-hull fittings
- Marine electrical
- Marine plumbing
- Seasonal maintenance





We will offer the course in the Fall of 2012, commencing Tuesday, September 4 at 7:00 pm.

Course duration - 8 weeks. Course fees - \$125.00. For more information or to pre-register, phone Simo at 250-542-5525. Or register on-line at www.cpsvernon.ca

2012 Calendar of Events Okanagan Lake Yacht Clubs DATE YC **EVENT AUGUST** 3-5 **SYC** Invasion Weekend - Ball Tournament 11 WKYC Ribn'n Blues 11-12 **KYC** Commodore's Cup Regatta 17-19 **KYC Invasion Weekend SEPTEMBER** 8 Golf Tournament WKYC 8 **VYC** Pig Roast 22-23 SYC All Club End to End Regatta VYC Commodore's Party 22 22 KYC Kelowna Blind Fishing Derby 29 SYC Sunday – "Steak & Rib Night" Ends **OCTOBER** 7 SYC Sail Fleet "Race Night" Ends 13 SYC Lift Out 27 SYC Halloween Party 27 **VYC** Halloween Party **NOVEMBER** 3 **SYC** Sail Racing Night Awards 3 KYC Kelowna Sailor's Pot Luck 11 **KYC** Remembrance Day Festivities 13 SYC **AGM** 14 WKYC **AGM** 25 Grey Cup Party SYC 25 WKYC Grey Cup Party Cont. page 18 26

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Minutes Summary

By Pamela Miller

July 16, 2012

Commodore's Ball and Sail Past:

Members mentioned they would like the Commodore's Ball and Sail Past on September 22 to be formal wear and a seated dinner

- The Executive agreed to a buffet dinner and a more formal format.
- Steve Cranton will organize the Sail Past next to the Breakwater
- Mike Thomas will be on Steve's boat for the Sail Past
- Allen's son and the Sea Cadets will conduct a flag raising ceremony preceding the Sail Past
- Penny the Piper" will lead the skippers and crew to the docks for the Sail Past. "

<u>Vernon Yacht Club vehicle ID stickers or rear view mirror tags for members:</u>

Mike inquired if the executive thought vehicle i.d. stickers with the year printed on them could help identify members and non-members vehicles. The Executive gave input for and against voicing that it is predominantly an issue during events at Paddle Wheel Park and otherwise not. The idea was tabled for now.

Breakwater:

Maintenance of the breakwater structure is incurring ongoing expenses for the VYC.

Snow Plow Contract:

Ed mentioned we lost our snow plowing contract for the upcoming season. A notice for replacement will be posted in the Tiller Topics to give members the first opportunity to fill this job and then it will go out to the public.

Financials:

The Club has been paying down its long term debt and is in a strong financial position. The outstanding \$100,000 is being paid down steadily and the club has a positive cash flow.

Moorage:

The VYC Slips are full. Moorage for Commodore's Ball:

15 couples from Penticton, Kelowna and Peachland will need moorage during the event. Jerry asked the Executive and will send an e-blast to members inquiring if they will be away for the weekend and can let guests use their slips.

<u>Visitors:</u> Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald of the Trident Yacht Club in Kingston visited our Club and gave us their burgee. A member from the Oahu Club in Waikiki Hawaii also stopped by for a visit and was pondering relocating to the Okanagan part-time.

Thursday's experimental Karaoke night:

The VYC's first Karaoke night was a great success. Forty members were in attendance.

Dress Code:

Pat mentioned a dress code for the dining room staff. A navy VYC logoed golf shirt with kakis was suggested as an option. The Executive's response to a dress code and name tags was positive.

Annual Golf Tournament:

Larry suggested an annual golf tournament in September at the Mable Lake Golf Course. The executive were receptive to this event.

Annual Jack and Jill Event:

Sunday August 5th! Skippers' meeting is at 10:45 at the Gate to be followed by several hours of fun sailing and refreshments at the Clubhouse.

Membership:

Approval of three new Full Members and two Associate Members.

Alarm:

Jaron is on the list of who to call in case the VYC alarm is activated. He did not know how to proceed in the event of an alarm. The procedure is to swipe your key card at either entrance and phone the alarm company from your cell phone (or Club phone) to give them the ok. (see also bottom of page 2 of the newsletter)

Next meeting: Monday, August 13th, 2012

Full executive meeting minutes are available in the office.

An Introduction

would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome and comfortable. I have been working in the kitchen now for two years, and as of June 01, I have taken over as kitchen manager.

I would also like to welcome Tracy Edwards to our kitchen staff. Members, come in anytime, introduce yourself, and help Tracy feel comfortable also.

Jay, our new manager, myself, along with our bar and kitchen staff, will all be working together to try and make the Yacht Club a welcome place to come in, relax, enjoy a few drinks and our food service.

It is so wonderful to have so much

who participate every week in making our jobs a lot easier. Thank-you so much each and every one of you! I truly believe all of us together make a great team and are doing our best to make the Yacht Club a successful and welcome place to attend.

Cheers to a great summer!

Corinne Kirton

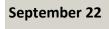
I would like to thank Cory Taylor for her contribution in supplying us regularly with her special sauce, 'Mum's Hot Sauce'. Anyone purchasing interested in some for themselves can call Cory @ 250-545-9329.

Also, thank-you to Ron Heuman for supplying us with fresh cherries.





August 2012



Commodore's Party



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Septem Pig I	ber 8 Roast	1 Lounge Hrs 17:00—22:00 Burger Night 5PM Sail Races 5:30PM	2 Lounge Hrs 16:00—22:00 Karaoki Night Wings and pizza	3 Lounge Hrs 18:00—23:00 Friday Night Salmon & Steak Dinner	4 Lounge Hrs 12:00—22:00 Soup and Bun 12-3pm
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