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Commodore's Report

Tim Amy



All good things

come to an end, or change. Rachael Moroz-Gaylard our Office Manager of several years has decided upon a new career in real estate, leaving VYC in late June 2011. Rachael has made a major

contribution to the running of VYC, multi tasking wherever needed. Over the years she has completed bar inventory, kept track of everyone's accounts, printed tickets for club events, dealt with members, faxes and phone calls simultaneously, adjusted to the different expectations of an ever changing Executive, and in recent years became involved in the mysteries of moorage assignment. Rachael has been the 'face' of the Club for many new members, cheerful and knowledgeable, calm in the eye of the storm as tempests in tea cups raged around her. We will miss her. She will miss us, okay, maybe not right away, but eventually she will.

I speak on behalf of the members and the Executive of VYC in thanking Rachael for her many contributions to running the Club and in wishing her well in her new career.

In early June the VYC Charity Regatta, chaired by the redoubtable Dave Simpson, attracted many sailors from the Okanagan and was blessed by the wind gods. I see the Kelowna Yacht Club news letter pronounces their sailing fleet as big time winners. Clearly the Vernon sailors were being hospitable and

allowed the Kelowna visitors to win a few. Perhaps there will be other comment elsewhere in these pages.

With summer boating under way perhaps you are considering over-nighting down the lake on one of the strategically placed red mooring buoys. These have been recently refurbished by Ron Paziuk and other VYC members and are open to use by the public as well as VYC members. The 'rules of engagement' are printed on them; they are for active use only, no reserving them by attaching water toys. They are not for permanent moorage. Buoys south of Grant/Whiskey Island are maintained by Kelowna Yacht Club. South of Kelowna the condition of the buoys and their chains is uncertain. The VYC buoys at the north end of the lake are built to Transport Canada standards and registered with Transport Canada, they may not be moved or tampered with. Do use them and report any troubles to VYC office.

Summer this far north is short; what happened to global warming? Put away the mower, golf clubs and tidily winks and go explore your end of the lake. How far can you travel up the north arm? What lurks between Grant Island and the shore? Have you hiked to the falls at Fintry or visited the restored farm and historic house at Fintry? Go on a quiet day and it's a glimpse of life 100 years ago when the world was bigger, more elegant and more free. Listen and you will hear it.

Gone sailing
Tim



United Way Regatta 2011

Mystique
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Vice Commodore's Report

Mike Thomas



Gone Sailing!

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The Rib—Off

The Rib off was once again a huge success. We served over 80 meals on that Saturday night. The weather held out for us and the only lightening were the chefs. They had the Ribs rolling out at a blistering pace, I think everyone was served within 45 min.

All the profits from this night are going back to you the member through the Captains Care Club, so when you see the volunteers for this dinner- give them a thank you, or a smile.

Cooks: Drunkin Pork Ribs: Herb Reynolds, and Vic Romaszkeski; Smokin Beef Ribs: Chuck O'grady, Harry Adams and Jim Wilkins; Bake Beans: Katie Montguire.

Kitchen and clean-up: Mary Jean Watson, Gerald and Annie Gustafson, Sheryl Fisher, and Vivian Smith.

Silent auction: Judy Reynolds and Annette Romaszkeski.

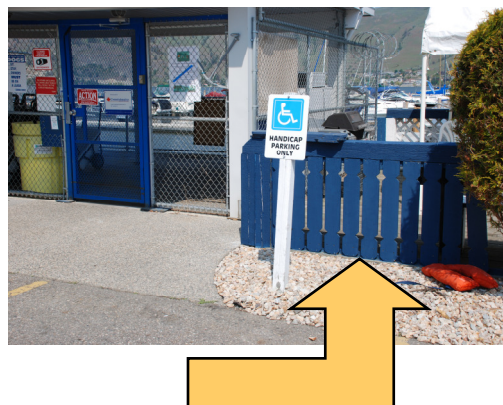
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Thanks again for your support.
Ken Smith



Ken—working on the new fencing around the deck next to the entrance of the harbor. Small detail, lots of work and looking so much better.



Rear Commodore's Report

Lawrence Johnson



A very successful month at the club with the Regatta and the introduction of the Sunday brunch, it has been great to see that these events are so well attended.

We have the Commodores Social coming up on the 25th of June and I would like to remind anyone who may be interested in performing a song at the brunch that you are invited to contact me and sign up for the open stage portion of the entertainment. It should be a good time, looking forward to hearing from you.

Canceled!

See you at the club.

Lawrence

Fleet Captain's Report

Bob Montguire



I do not enjoy writing about problems, however when I receive complaints from members I feel I must respond.

- I received an e-mail from a member complaining about halyards banging loudly against masts. This member is a sailor and always makes sure his halyards are tied down to minimize noise and would appreciate his fellow sailors doing the same. As the weather gets warmer members like to sleep on their boats and clanging halyards are extremely annoying.

Section 7.3 in the moorage regulations clearly state the following:

We still have moorage available for this year. We have 2 - 32' sublets, 2 -24' permanent, 1 - 28' sublet, 2 - 20' sublets and 15 - 20' permanent slips. If you know of anyone looking for moorage and might want to join the club tell them what we have available.

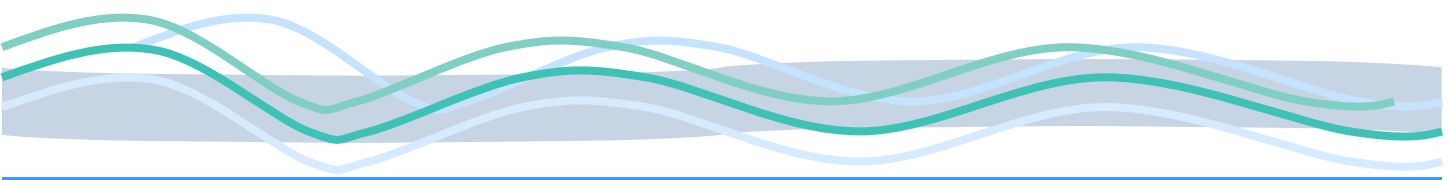
- Dogs must be kept on a leash in the hands of a competent person at all times and the dogs handler must clean up excrement and remove it from club property.
- I have had complaints of dogs running loose on the docks. All dogs must be on a leash regardless of their size.

Bob Montguire

2011 Calendar of Events

for
Okanagan Lake Yacht Clubs

DATE	YC	EVENT
JULY		
1	WKYC	Westside Daze Open House
2	SYC	Dock Party
8 – 10	SYC	Giants Head Regatta – “Agar Lake Camp Charity”
5 – 17	WKYC	Invasion weekend – Poker Run
22 – 24	VYC	Invasion weekend
30	PYC	Members BBQ (all clubs invited)
AUG		
5 – 7	SYC	Invasion weekend - Ball Tournament
13	WKYC	Rib'n N Blues
13 – 14	KYC	Commodore's Cup Regatta
19 – 21	KYC	Invasion weekend
20	VYC	Okanagan Women's Keelboat Regatta
27	PYC	Commodore's Banquet (no sail past)
SEPT		
3, 4, 5	PYC	Okanagan Grand Prix Regatta
10	VYC	Pig Roast
10	PYTC	Grand Prix Regatta
16 – 18	SYC	All Club Regatta - End to End - call SYC for more info
17	WKYC	Golf Tournament
24	KYC	CNIB Fishing Derby
OCT		
2	SYC	Sunday – “Steak & Rib Night” ends
15	SYC	Lift out
29	SYC	Halloween Party
29	VYC	Halloween Party
30	SYC	Sail Fleet “Race Night” ends
31	KYC	Halloween Party
NOV		
5	VYC	Sailing Wind Up Party
28	VYC	AGM
DEC		
31	VYC	New Years Eve Party
Year Round	VYC	Friday Night Steak Dinners

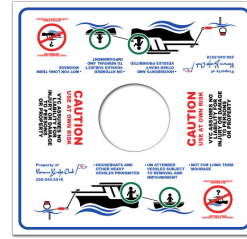




Lost and Found

I lost a pair of sunglasses at the yacht club on Saturday, June 4th. They are black with rhinestones on the arms and are in a black case. I believe the name on the case is Geoffry Beane. These are prescription sunglasses so I would really like to get them back. Please contact Lynn at 250-766-4857 or email lblewis@telus.net.

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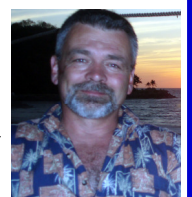
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This is not to say that visitors are bad, it just means that with more folks about looking for summer-time adventure, we must realize the potential increased risk to our Club and member's property.

The Security Team is taking on shifts during hours when members may not be at the Club. We rely on all members to be vigilant while at the Club to be on the lookout for any untoward activity. Hopefully this does not sound redundant, however we need only one intrusion to shake us out of any security complacency that may have set in.

Our vigilance to date has been great, let's keep up our vigilance intensity and have a safe, secure summer!

Ron 

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Messing About in Boats

by
Dave Atkins

Why does mankind have such a fascination with water? We seem drawn to the lakes and sea. Living on the shore line seems to be a major attraction and boats of all kinds from kayaks to ocean racers are popular possessions. Literature has memorable quotes such as the line from Wind in the Willows: "There is nothing, absolutely nothing, half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats" and John Masefield's "I must go down to the sea again, to the lonely sea and the sky---" which seem to indicate a lasting relationship and longing for contact with the water that covers large areas of our planet. Could it be some primal longing to return to the place of our origin or is it a much simpler urge to have a bit of fun and adventure? We do seem to be drawn to the water for many reasons, but we also fear the water and

with good cause, as it can kill us, as it proves every year by taking a number of victims in various ways.

Many years ago, when we were planning the first expansion of the marina, we did a random survey of the local population and found that about 1/3 of Vernon households had a boat of some kind, it is likely that that proportion has grown over the years. That is a lot of boats,. No wonder we have a boat launch problem, because only a small proportion of the boats are moored in the water for the summer season.

Most of the boating in the local area can be defined as recreational, be it fishing, water skiing, sailing or paddling. There are work boats on the lake but not many. The Coast has a much higher proportion of boats that are used to make a living, and in many places on the Coast it is the preferred means of transportation. It is easy to understand why some people use the water because they have to to make a living or to get around, but why do so many of us use the water

for recreation? I don't have any easy answers, and I am sure we all have our own reasons or justifications. If you want to go fishing the options are very limited in this part of the world if you don't have a boat, but those boats are very different to the ones that do high speed in one way or another. The step from motorcycles to PWCs was a brilliant idea on someones part and the thrill of speed on the water may be comparable with the thrill of speed on the road. I am not sure that is a good analogy, I ride motorcycles but my choice of boats is sail, very different.

I am not sure if there is a single answer for our fascination with the water, you will have your own reason. I started sailing well over 50 years ago and I still find that it is a challenge every time I cast off. The wind and the water have their own fascinations for me and it doesn't seem to have gone away. Maybe you don't even think about it, you just go because you enjoy being on the water and that is reason enough.

Dave

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Again "VYC's restaurant" is testing newer waters. Together with Rick, also a recent new staff member, we can look forward not only to the Friday Night Dinners, but also to Saturday's soup and sandwich lunches and special weekends' Sunday brunch. Just keep watching these special e-mails they're sending around, telling you what's for lunch or dinner.

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Hanny



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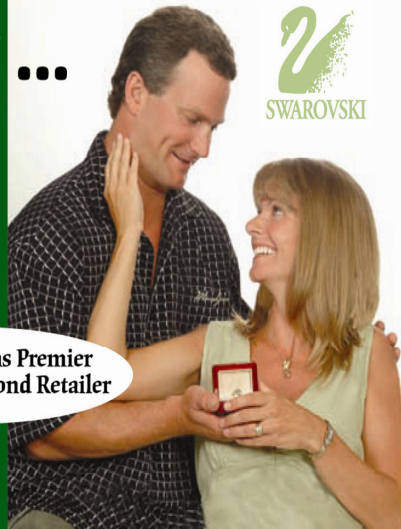
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Hope to see you all soon. *Rick.*

Hello to all of our membership.

It seems like each of my last few reports start out talking about the weather or lack there of. When will summer get here? Though it has not been a great start to the summer, traffic at the clubhouse has been great. We had a busy couple of weeks with the Rib Off and then the Regatta. The Canucks Stanley Cup run has brought in some great crowds for the game. When you read this hopefully the cup is in Vancouver.

Our food specials on the weekends are going very well, thanks to all of you who have been supporting us. If you haven't had a chance to come down and visit us yet, we hope to see you soon.



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VYC CHARITY REGATTA

P E R F E C T !

That is the only word to describe the 10th annual VYC Charity Regatta.

Twenty-one boats from Penticton, Kelowna, Vernon and Nelson participated in three days of sun, fun and sail on June 3, 4 and 5. The fun all began on Friday with a race from Whiskey Island to Cameron Point and although the wind was perfect on Saturday and Sunday there was little wind that day so, alas, there was no official winner but special awards were presented to:

Brian Dillabough on Woo Hoo for getting closest to VYC before the race was called;

Craig Berg for travelling the furthest in order to participate (he came from Nelson),

Craig Williams for the most perseverance – he travelled back and forth for an hour without making headway before finally declaring defeat.

Over the next two days we had beautiful, perfect wind and the race committee which was headed by **Dave Simpson** and ably assisted by **Bob McElroy**, **Ken Smith**, **John Holmwood** and **Greg Saunders** were able to run a total 44 races in a professional

manner. At the end of the two days of intense racing the top three boats for each of the five fleets were as follows:

A Fleet

1. Ghost Rider (Kent Hardisty)
2. Wicked (Craig Berg)
3. Woo Hoo (Brian Dillabough)

B Fleet

1. Hopscotch (Russel Bertra)
2. Ayesha (Don Craske)
3. Stormy (Dave Pollock)

C Fleet

1. Le Papillon (Tom Naylor)
2. Wildfire (Harvey Ryll)
3. Tsonqua (Napier/O'fallon)

White Sails

1. Shadowfax (Sandi Simpson)
2. Fyfe II (Craig Williams)
3. ----

Santana 525

1. Wy-Wurrie (Geoff Caban)
2. Split Decision (Bill Checkley)
3. Righteous Indignation (Bob McDonell)

Congratulations Russel and crew on Hopscotch for winning the Overall award!

While waiting for the final results to be tallied, Linda Yule of United Way announced which three boats raised the most funds:



1. **Dave Ellis** (an astounding \$11000+)
2. **Craig Williams**
3. **Rob Ladan**

Although racing is the main purpose of a regatta, a lot of work goes on behind the scene to keep the party going. Over 90 hungry sailors were fed breakfast by **Dale Bracken** (& crew) of **Cooperators**. **Pam Miller** arranged a generous donation from **Subway** for the lunch on Saturday. While we were busy racing Ina and crew were making delicious lasagna – choice of beef or chicken or vegetarian – for our Saturday dinner. Meanwhile **Rick** and staff at the bar kept the fluids coming to quench the sailors' thirst after a hot day on the water. In addition to **Dave Simpson** who chaired the regatta we would like to thank **Pam Miller** and **Craig Williams** for all their help in making this regatta successful. We would also like to thank the following businesses for their support of our regatta:



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Cooperators Subway

Okanagan Springs

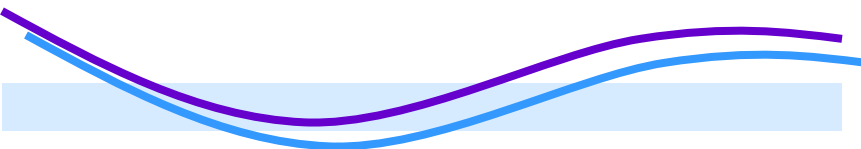


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Thanks to all and we will see you next year! "The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails."- William A. Ward



Carol Craske



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With the photos

The start of the 'Whisky Island' race on **the Friday**, as you can see, the wind was very light and eventually died out completely so that none of the 16 boats that started were able to finish the race.

Prizes donated by Okanagan Spirits, a local Vernon distiller, were awarded to the crews of WooHoo, Wicked, Airborne-2 and Stormy. These boats were still trying to coax their boats towards the finish-line when Bob McElroy and Ken Smith, our race committee, pulled up anchor and headed home to free beer from Okanagan Springs.

David Simpson



Hi Dave

Congratulations on a great regatta for sailors and the United Way this weekend.

I appreciate the time and effort you must have put into organizing this event.

You must also have good connections with the man upstairs because I cannot recall a past Vernon regatta with such good winds.

Good sailing, good food and good times made for a great weekend, **thank you!**

PS Skippers

A good regatta needs participation. Let's reward those who made their way up the lake to support the Okanagan Charity Regatta by making our way down to their clubs and supporting theirs.

Rob

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CPS News



July, 2011

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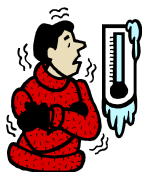
It only works if you wear it!

Coming Events:

- VHF Radio Course - July 12 & 16 2011. Register on-line now!
- The Boating Course - Register on-line for our Fall, 2011 session

Didja' know ?

The water in our lakes is still extremely cold. Be extra careful when getting in or out of your boat, or when walking on the docks.



See Us on the Web!

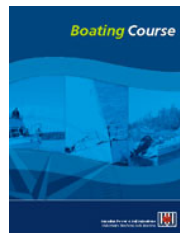
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CPS Course Lineup



The Maritime Radio Course The course leads to the VHF Marine Radio Operators certification, the ROC(M), which is legally required to operate a VHF Radio on the water. The course will be offered again commencing the evening of July 12 and continuing all day Saturday, July 16, 2011. Register on-line or by phone!



The Boating Course This is consistently our most popular course. The Boating Course will be offered in the Fall of 2011, commencing in approximately mid-September. Course duration is 13 weeks. For more information or to pre-register, go on-line or phone Simo at 250-542-5525.





For more information, and to pre-register for courses, please call Simo Korpisto at 250-542-5525. Register on-line www.cpsboat.ca or www.cpsvernon.ca.

Who said, "I have not yet begun to fight!"

Captain John Paul Jones said these words during the famous battle between *Bonhomme Richard* and *Serapis* on September 23, 1779. It seems that some of Jones' men cried for surrender, but not John Paul Jones! Captain Richard Pearson of the *Serapis* asked Jones if he had surrendered. Jones uttered the immortal words, "I have not yet begun to fight!" So, at least, Lt. Richard Dale later recalled.



July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Lounge Hrs</i> 16:00—23:00 Friday Night Dinner	2 <i>Lounge Hrs</i> 12:00—20:00
			 Cook your own burgers for only \$4.95 on Wednesday nights starting at 6 PM. Come down for a beer and burger and watch the sailors in action. <i>Rick</i>			
3 <i>Lounge Hrs</i> 12:00—18:00	4	5 <i>Lounge Hrs</i> 16:00—20:00 Valley Girls 6:30 PM	6 <i>Lounge Hrs</i> 16:00—20:00 Hamburger night	7 <i>Lounge Hrs</i> 16:00—20:00 Dart Night 6-8 PM	8 <i>Lounge Hrs</i> 16:00—23:00 Friday Night Dinner	9 <i>Lounge Hrs</i> 12:00—20:00
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August 20 VYC Women's Regatta

