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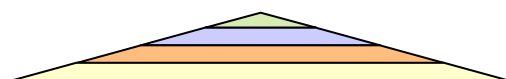
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	-Sailing Lessons
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Executive members and many occasional writers and photographers.



COMMODORE'S REPORT

Mike Thomas



Hello members:

I know we are all anxiously awaiting the arrival of Spring and the warmer temperatures which would normally be expected with this season and soon your Executive will announce the date for **Crane Day** which is a very good sign that another boating season is about to begin.

I will begin my comments with a short up-date on the recovery process of our friend and previous Commodore, Tim Amy. Most of us know that Tim had to undergo serious heart surgery on December 12 of last year. The operation was successful but the recovery process is also an important component of the surgery and can sometimes result in unforeseen complications as was the case for Tim. The details are not appropriate to state in this submission, but suffice to say that Tim is now doing well. His Doctor has even said he is allowed to drive again and Tim expects to be back in Vernon sometime in April. Please join me as I wish Tim a continued successful recovery and we look forward to seeing him in April.

Now to the business of our Club. The past month has been busy for all of us on the Executive as we contemplate the various projects we have decided to attack. At the moment, our kitchen renovation is our primary focus and by the time you receive this edition of Tiller Topics, this important project should be completed. There is no need for me to go into details because these will be covered by other submissions from those in charge of each facet of the job. I feel sure that you will be proud to see the results of our endeavour and will realize that our efforts were worthwhile and will even further the financial success of this important component of the Club. Next, we will turn our attention to our bar facility and our upstairs washrooms. We will try to get these projects completed before the Club gets back to its busy operation period during boating season.

Finally, we hope to see many of you at the **St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance on March 17** where we not only celebrate St. Patrick's Day, but the official arrival of Spring three days later on March 20. Sure you can say that, by definition Spring is also known as the Vernal Equinox and is the time when the axis of the earth increases its tilt toward the sun and so forth. Well, I think what really matters to us boaters is that the outdoor temperatures begin to warm, the days get longer, and soon we will be back out on our lake. Spring can also be seen as a time of growth, renewal and a metaphor for the start of better times and our Yacht Club is a good place to watch this happen.

Best regards to all.

Mike



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Ed Kinnear



The days are getting longer and spring is coming. I think Day Light Savings starts in four more weeks? Yay!

This past month I attended a meeting at the West Kelowna Yacht club to settle the valley wide club events calendar for 2012. (Can you imagine the debates and discussions prior to the name change from the old West Bank Yacht Club to the current West Kelowna Yacht Club?) Look for a link to the club events list for 2012 soon. You can **mark Saturday April 28th on your calendars for a clean up day** at the Vernon Yacht club. (Also that week-

end will be the Kelowna Yacht Club boat show.) The VYC clean up day is an important one as we will be getting ready for our **VYC Boat Show on May 5th and 6th**. Be ready to respond to future requests for volunteers to run this important club fundraiser.

Some of the executive were invited to Kelowna Yacht club last week to review a club Management Software package that KYC is currently moving towards. The meeting was very informational but no commitments from us are anticipated in the near future.

Larry Gilchuk is arranging for the new flooring in the kitchen area of

the club house on February 19th. This will be part of a larger project to facilitate the arrival of 2 new replacement stoves, stainless steel prep table and to generally make the kitchen more functional.

More to come about these and other initiatives in the future.

It is snowing now as I write this so get out there and clean the show off the boat maybe for the last time this year.

Take care,

Ed



STAFF CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Betty Labelle



Happy March everyone.

Yacht Club bucks are now in your account, so come down and enjoy Friday night Steak and Salmon Barbeque or our great Sunday breakfast.

The kitchen renos are coming along wonderfully and should be complete at the end of February.

St. Patrick's Day is on a Saturday this

year. (March 17th) We will be having a dinner and dance. Watch for more info. We are also planning a Spring fling casino night in April. We're looking for anyone who would be interested in putting in a bid for the decorating.

Spring is coming and looking forward to seeing everyone at the Yacht Club.

Cheers,

Betty



Sunday Brunch is on from 10- 1:00

Come down and enjoy the food and the view.

Brunch menu:

- Fresh Croissant's
- Toast
- Fresh Fruit
- Vegetable Tray
- Scrambled Eggs
- Sausage, Bacon and Ham
- Hash Browns
- Waffles
- Assorted dessert squares
- Coffee or Tea, all this for only \$9.95 taxes included.

See you at The Gang Plank,

Betty and Rick.

Minutes Summary

By Marlise Hutter

February 6, 2012

- Your Rear Commodore represented VYC at a meeting at West Kelowna Yacht Club, together with representatives from the other Okanagan Lake Yacht Clubs, to establish an events calendar for this year.
- Kitchen renovations are on its way.
- At this time there are 13 people who have not paid for their moorage fees. They will be charged the 15% late penalty fee.
- Super Bowl Party had 60 people attend and 50 people attended the brunch prior to the Super Bowl Party.
- Steak and Salmon night to start this Friday, Feb. 17.
- Saturday night dinners will start April 28th after the spring clean up.
- **Spring Clean UP will take place the morning of April 28th.** Lunch will be provided for the volunteers helping with the clean-up.
- Jaron is going to have a new member's orientation in March on either a Friday night or during Sunday brunch and Jaron will buy each new member a drink.
- We are in need of someone to take over as chair of the boat show. Dan will not be available on the weekend of the boat show. He is available to help and give guidance prior.
- Confirmed next meeting date on Monday March 12 at 7PM.

Full executive meeting minutes are available in the office.



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We have just added a new WiFi terminal to the clubhouse for WiFi use inside the clubhouse. WiFi usage for deck and the docks has remained unchanged.

Please ensure devices, especially like Apple TV, now use the new WiFi terminal connection. **If an Apple TV device is connected to the outside WiFi terminal no one else is able to connect to that WiFi terminal.**

Members should now see two SSID's available at the club:

SSID: **TR6Rt** for use **outside** the clubhouse (deck and docks)

Uses **WEP 64** security (code remains unchanged)

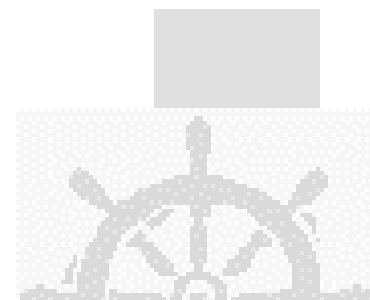
SSID: **TR6Rt2** for use **inside** the clubhouse.

Uses **WPA-PSK TKIP** security (code same as the WEP 64 code)

Security code is the same for both WiFi terminals and is available from the office.



Terry



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Messing About in Boats

by
Dave Atkins

Well, not too many people are out boating at this time of year, but it is the time for Boat Shows.

I used to go to the Vancouver Boat Show on a regular basis; when I was working we would leave on Friday after work and drive down to Vancouver, go to the Show on Saturday and drive home on Sunday, a hectic week-end that I don't think I could do these days. This year we spent a week in Vancouver, we have kids and grand children and other family down that way so it was a good excuse to do some visiting as well as boat looking. We went to the Boat Show on opening day partly to avoid the week-end rush, and went to see the floating show on Granville Island the following day.

"The times they are a'changing". The general impression of the show was that the boats were getting

bigger, there were fewer sail boats and the electronics are all pervasive. In BC Place there were no sails except on a small tender and a Hobby cat, but we did like the look of a series of Trawlers that were there. Talking to the salesman he suggested that we should consider going over to the "Dark Side" as many aging sailors have been doing in the last few years. I sat at the helm of one of the trawlers and instead of the expected array of instruments there was just a big LCD screen with a row of buttons down the side to choose which of the many functions you wanted to check. Somehow it didn't seem like a boat helm, but then I am probably "Old School"

I got talking to a fellow at one of the sailing schools, and finding that the Cruise-and-Learn scene has changed somewhat since I was involved. I was remarking on the increased size of most of the sailboats and the problems of trimming bigger sails, but he said "No problem" they fit electric winches these days and you just press the button to trim and don't even have to move from the helm. He and his wife

(they were not athletic youngsters) had just sailed on a 50 footer in the Caribbean' and had no trouble handling a boat that size.

On the next day we walked down to Yaletown and took the Aquabus across to Granville Island to see "In the water" boat show. It was raining a little but you just had to watch your umbrella when you stepped aboard. The smallest sailboat was 33 ft and they went up from there. Some of the power boats (liners) were BIG with price tags over a million dollars. There were even a couple of 40ft. Catamarans, which are a rare sight on the BC coast and more associated with the warmer climates down south.

I have been involved with boating for about 60 years, mostly as a sailor, but I am still astounded by the rate of change and the new developments that have taken place with materials and electronics. The days of "messing about in boats" as in "Wind in the Willows" seem to be long gone.

Dave



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Marine Flare Recycling and Disposal in BC (Feb. 2012)

All marine flares must be approved by Transport Canada. There are four types of flares:
Type A – Rocket Parachute, Type B – Multi-Star, Type C – Hand-Held, Type D – Smoke Signal

For further information on the different characteristics of each type, and the quantity required for your vessel, please refer to the Safe Boating Guide.

Flares are approved for four years from the date of manufacture, which is marked on each device. Expired flares must be disposed of in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.

Options for disposal of expired flares:

Some retailers may accept expired flares when a new purchase is made. Please check with your local marine flare retailer.

The RCMP Explosives Disposal Unit has trained the staff of Pacific Blasting and Demolition Ltd. in the safe dismantling, recycling, and environmentally appropriate disposal methods for outdated flares. Collection depots have been set up at the following locations:

Pacific Blasting & Demolition Ltd.
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(604) 205-6890 – ask for Mark
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Ellice Recycling
524 David Street
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Parker Marine
1920 Wellington Road
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(250) 741-1618

Parker Marine
1605 Comox Road
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(250) 334-4808 – Scott

There is a charge per flare to cover the costs of the disposal process (dismantling by trained technicians, recycling, transportation, and proper disposal of non-recyclable components).

Current costs are \$2 (Types B&C) or \$6 (Types A&D).

April 7th Pot Luck Dinner
for

MacGregor Owners



A pot luck dinner is planned for owners of MacGregor sailboats on **April 7, 2012**. Let's talk 'MacGregor' and get to know each other better.

Time: 6 pm

Location: 45 Lambert Place, Coldstream.
Call Doug or Frances Warner at **778-475-2255** or email dougbwarner@mac.com

House Account

Just letting you know, that for all the members who are in good standing this year (payments received on your account), I have activated your House Account dollars. (Feb. 9th 2012)

Please remember, when purchase meals, drinks etc on your House Account, to sign your chit/bill.

This is to ensure the correct member's account is charged, so please double check the name on the bill when you sign.

Marnie



Marine Flare Recycling and Disposal in BC

(see page 10)

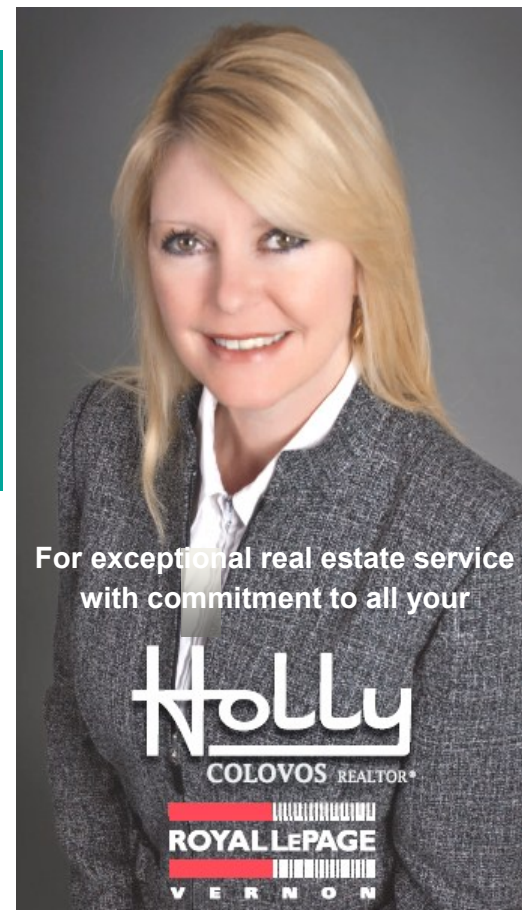
Isn't it absurd that all disposal depots are at the coast or on the island. Transport Canada cannot expect us to drive 500 kilometers to dispose of our expired flares.

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Sailing Fleet News

by Bob McDonell

Winter is beginning to abate, and soon there will be hardy souls venturing onto the waters again. It is snowing as I write this, so perhaps not today!

The sailing fleet **evening seminars** on alternating **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM continue on March 7th and the 21st**. For March 7th, we have Mr. John Beaverpott in to speak on the general topic of marine insurance. His background in the field is extensive and he will cover off not only your coverage of the boat and equipment, but of liability. Hopefully he will also explain the need for regular surveys as well.

On March 21st, we are planning a session on sail shape, sail trim, and sail handling. The presenter is not yet finalized, but the topics will range from achieving maximum efficiency with your sails, to protecting

them from damage, and reacting to changes in the weather.

Discussion may include sail making materials and durability, when to repair or replace, etc.

We may have a final Wednesday night in early April dependant on Crane day, the start of racing nights, and suitable topics. I have spoken to a couple who are in the midst of a staged round the world sailing trip who may come to spark our interest in a long held dream for many sailors. Their boat is currently in Fiji and will move on to Australia this summer, before they return for another season of skiing at Silver Star. Sounds like an ideal way to circle the globe to me, though I prefer to make my hops in an airplane and charter when I get there!



Crane day will soon be upon us as well. It is always difficult to set a date too early as road restrictions can prevent the crane from arriving as planned. Watch the April newsletter for more information. The date is usually the second weekend in April.

Thanks to Doug Fleming for his efforts in getting these sessions underway!

By the way, North Sails is doing their seminars again. The closest is Vancouver, but you can do it on line as well. See Below:

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HOUSE & GROUNDS DIRECTOR

Larry Gilchuck



As you may know by know I am back on the executive as in house and grounds director.

We are in the process of getting two gates installed on both upper deck entrances to insure that people in the club are signed in or members.

I have also taken on the task of removing the existing kitchen island with Ken Smith on the 19th of February. We'll be

working on the kitchen floor the next day. All in preparation of the kitchen renovation.

I am looking forward to another year on the executive and feel we have a great bunch on board.

Larry

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March: School Break.... Pruning.... Spring Solstice.... Moorage assignments....

By Ron Heuman

Long dreary winter days are quickly forgotten as we welcome the month of March. Last days of skiing, schools closed for the Spring break, time to prune the trees and Spring Solstice, hooray! For our Club March 01 is a timely date as members must have decided by this date to renew their membership commitment to the VYC or seek out other endeav-

ors. It is also the key date for the Moorage Committee to review moorage assignments and management of the marina to maximize slip usage and members enjoyment. I am pleased that our new Fleet Captain has invited me to serve on the Moorage Committee. He has given me the task of reviewing current slip assignments and preparing for the upcoming Moorage Assignment

meeting. More volunteer work for the Club! VYC security and moorage is a very good co-existence.

March also leads the VYC Security Team into summer posture. Longer shifts, later hours and earlier mornings. All in the interest of keeping a vigilance of Club and member's property. You may not see us on duty, as we patrol our marina and grounds when most members are comfortably at home. However, we have proven to be a valuable deterrent to would-be intruders over the past four years. Our member security program is the envy of other yacht clubs on Okanagan Lake as they wrestle with vandalism and intrusions resulting in high costs to hire a security company who do not do as good a job as the VYC Security Team.

Did you know that in 1996 it was suggested by the VYC Executive in the wake of a number of break-ins that we set up a members volunteer security team? Well, we now have one that is effective. Want to know more? Considering joining the team as a way of supporting your Club? Let your intentions be known at the office or give Ron Heuman a call. We will be happy to have members join in on the fun of being vigilant.

Ron 

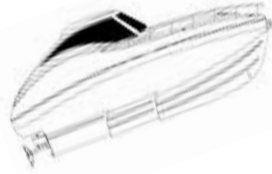


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CPS News

Vernon Power & Sail Squadron



March, 2012

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- The Boating Course - commences late February, or March, 2012

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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 presented again during April, 2012. Register on-line, or call Doug at 250-549-5117.

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

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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Jaron Chasca



On behalf of the Vernon Yacht Club I would like to send out a warm welcome to all our new members for January and February.

We have a total of eight new members; three full members and five associate members.

Our new full members are:

Ron & Lisa Rachine

Craig & Cindy Fleischhacker

Rick & Lois Nash

For our new associate members we have:

Bob Skinner & Lisa Toren

Garth & Maggie Corrigan

Tony & Annette Jackson

Brian & Joan Robison

Gary & Kathy McKay.

Again welcome to all of you. We are sure you are all going to enjoy what the Club has to offer.

For full members looking for moorage this year I would encourage you to put your name on the list and contact Jerry Spelchan our Fleet Captain, for any other questions regarding the Club please feel free to contact me, Jaron Chasca, Membership Director or our Club office during business hours.

Please take full advantage of your Yacht Bucks upstairs in the Gang Plank Lounge and watch the Events calendar online or the Tiller Topics for upcoming events around the Club!

See you at the Club!
Jaron Chasca

Funny page

An Arab Sheik was admitted to St Vincent's Hospital for heart surgery but prior to the surgery the doctors needed to store his blood in case the need arose. As the gentleman had a rare type of blood, it couldn't be found locally so the call went out to all the states.

Finally a Scot was located who had a similar blood type. The Scot willingly donated his blood for the Arab. After the surgery the Arab sent the Scotsman as appreciation for giving his blood, a new BMW, diamonds & a big wad of cash.

A couple of days later, once again the Arab had to go through a corrective surgery. His doctor telephoned the Scotsman who was more than happy to donate his blood again.

After the second surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman a thank-you card & a tin of biscuits. The Scotsman was shocked that the Arab this time did not reciprocate his kind gesture as he had anticipated. He phoned the Arab & asked him: "I thought you would be generous again, that you would give me a BMW, diamonds & money... But you only gave me a thank-you card & a tin of biscuits".

To this the Arab replied: "Aye, but I now have Scottish blood in my veins".

Men always think of their wives

The room was full of pregnant women with their husbands. The instructor said, "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. It strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier.

Just pace yourself, make plenty of stops and try to stay on a soft surface like grass or a path."

"Gentlemen, remember -- you're in this together. It wouldn't hurt you to go walking with her.

In fact, that shared experience would be good for you both."

The room suddenly became very quiet as the men absorbed this information.

After a few moments a man, name unknown, at the back of the room, slowly raised his hand.

"Yes?" said the Instructor.

"I was just wondering if it would be all right if she carries a golf bag while we walk?"

Brings a tear to your eye doesn't it?

This kind of sensitivity just can't be taught.

(I bet fatherhood was a one off for this fellow !

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Thankfully Spring is just around the corner and along with it the boating season we all so anxiously wait for, not to mention the two biggest events that our Club puts on every year; the Vernon Yacht Club Boat and Leisure Show and the annual Okanagan Charity Sailing Regatta!

After 4 consecutive years of selfless dedication volunteering to organize and Chair the Club's Boat and Leisure Show, Dan Irvine is handing the torch to another volunteer member, Tom and Janet McKenzie, who have graciously stepped forward to take over the position of Chairperson from Dan and organize what will be our 23rd annual Boat and Leisure Show to be held May 5th and 6th.

Plans are also already well underway for the 11th annual Okanagan Charity Sailing Regatta, to be held June 1st, 2nd and 3rd, with member Brad Marsh of Re/Max Vernon having accepted the honor of Chairing this year's event with incredible support so far from members Bob McDonell, Chair of our Sailing Fleet, Pamela Miller, in charge of gathering corporate sponsors and a host of past Chairpersons and volunteers to provide assistance and mentoring;



Dave Ellis, Bill Crum, Rob Ladan, Don and Carol Craske; to name but a few.

Both of these events are an integral part to the continuing viability of our Club and contribute to our ability to enjoy the amenities it has to offer at such a low cost, thereby allowing us to enjoy boating on Okanagan Lake with a safe and protective harbor for our investment in a sport we all share a passion for.

These events provide a service to the community at large and serve to increase the exposure of our Club to other boating enthusiasts, who hopefully are encouraged to join as new members, either Full or Associate, which is imperative to the long-term survival of our Club.

You may not be aware but over the past 10 years our Club's Okanagan Charity Sailing Regatta has raised more than \$296,000 for the local Chapter of the United Way, the selected Charity in each of the past 10 years, which has been their largest single fundraiser, a fact that has

largely gone unnoticed in our community yet something we should all be proud of.

These events, nor the day-to-day operations of our Club, do not happen on their own it is through the tireless and selfless efforts of dedicated members within our Club who have and continue to devote their personal time from their own also busy lives that we all benefit from.

I respectfully request that each and every one of you be prepared to make whatever contribution you can to these worthwhile events when the call for volunteer assistance comes out from both Tom and Janet McKenzie and Brad Marsh over the next while to help and share the load.

Craig



March 2012





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Spring Clean UP will take place the morning of April 28th. Lunch will be provided for the volunteers helping with the clean-up.



				1 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	2 Lounge Hrs 16:00—23:00 Friday Night Buffet	3 Lounge Hrs 12:00—17:00
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4 Lounge Hrs 10:00—18:00 Sunday Brunch 10AM- 13:00	5	6 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	7 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00 Sailing Seminar 7:00PM	8 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	9 Lounge Hrs 16:00—23:00 Friday Night Buffet	10 Lounge Hrs 12:00—17:00
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11 Lounge Hrs 10:00—18:00 Sunday Brunch 10AM- 13:00	12 VYC Executive Meeting 7PM 	13 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	14 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	15 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	16 Lounge Hrs 16:00—23:00 Friday Night Buffet	17  St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance
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18 Lounge Hrs 10:00—18:00 Sunday Brunch 10AM- 13:00	19	20 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	21 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00 Sailing Seminar 7:00PM	22 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	23 Lounge Hrs 16:00—23:00 Friday Night Buffet	24 Lounge Hrs 12:00—17:00
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25 Lounge Hrs 10:00—18:00 Sunday Brunch 10AM- 13:00	26	27 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	28 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	29 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	30 Lounge Hrs 16:00—23:00 Friday Night Buffet	31 Lounge Hrs 12:00—17:00
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