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***Come down to the  
VYC Boat Show!!***



***May 3 & 4, 2014***

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# COMMODORE'S REPORT

Mike Thomas



I will begin my submission by extending our thanks to: Rear Commodore Craig Williams for his leadership with the excellent improvements to the entrance area of our club house lounge, Executive Secretary Pamela Miller and Webmaster Terry Rudersdorfer for their efforts to improve our website [now working perfectly], member Vick Romaszewski for his donation of the web cam which enables us to check lake condi-

tions by simply going on our website, Maintenance Supervisor Ken Smith assisted by member Connor Thomas for their efforts to harvest the Eurasian Mill-foil proliferating in our marina, past Rear Commodore Ed Kinnear for recently turning on the water to the docks and servicing the pump-out, member Keith Sangster for his efforts with forming the Financial Advisory Committee, Staff Captain Karol King and Publicity Director Debra Butler for their creative efforts with our recently introduced and resoundingly successful "Ladies Nights", Vice Commodore Ron Heuman and the Long Term Planning Committee members for their forward thinking for the benefit of our Club, Boat Show Chairman Rob Mathews and wife Susan,

member Chris Grotterod for assisting with Boat Show publicity, Racing Fleet Chairman Roger Price for taking charge of Boat Lift Day, Tiller Topics Editor Rebecca Phillips and her team, Staff Members Corinne Kirton, Carol Martel, Jay Langton, Marnie Williamson, M.J. Watson, my wife Jill for her continuous support and finally, the many volunteers [too numerous to mention] who are always ready to assist our Club in so many ways. If I have overlooked anyone, my sincere apologies.

Hoping to see you at the Club,

*Best regards,  
Mike Thomas, Commodore.*

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## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT



Ron Heuman

**Evolution:** has many dictionary meanings, the one I like is “development from earlier forms, not from special creation”.

Since joining the VYC in 1996 I have observed and been part of many evolutionary developments in our Club, including, the development of our Clubhouse and social activities.

When I first arrived the Gangplank Lounge had just been renovated, including the kitchen facility. Basically, the configuration is the same today. Sam and Rose Ivanitz were prominent members who initiated and constructed many of the upgrades.

The concept of Friday night dinners was an idea by Rose and her team of “First Mates”. All work was done by active members (volunteers) who worked long hours on behalf of the membership. Subsequently, active members continued to dedicate themselves working tirelessly towards making Friday night dinners a success, such as: Ken Smith, Bob McElroy, MJ Watson and many others. Notably Rose, Ken and MJ are multiple recipients of the prestigious VYC Member’s of the Year Recognition Award.

Further Clubhouse renovations also were the work of the Ivanitz’s: kitchen upgrades, bar cooler, office, storage room and Rose’s work party of painting the whole interior. A wrap around deck was constructed by member labour headed up by Dale Brooker.

Associate and later Affiliate Membership categories were added to help the social environment stay active and enjoyable.

These developments all set the foundation of our Club environment today. We have evolved to excellent and well-attended Friday Night dinners and social events. These activities are now catered to the membership. Similarly, our maintenance and renovations are completed by employed staff and contractors. Direct membership activity has been significantly reduced to primarily clean-up days. This is all good for the development of our Club as members are able to devote more of their leisure time enjoying the benefits and privileges of VYC membership.

The latest evolutionary event has been our entry into the electronic age of website technology and social media. Club information is at fingertip keyboarding. Members no longer have a reason not to be informed! Significantly, the VYC By-Laws and Moorage regulations are readily available for members to read and be informed. Perhaps the Executive meeting minutes should also be available to members electronically as well.

Personally, I welcome these developments to ensure we are in the mainstream of the information age. How this plays out in future development and member involvement is the domain of ‘fortune tellers’. In the meantime, as VYC members, please enjoy today’s Club environment, and seek to be an evolutionary part of the future.

I would like to thank all, past and present members for these wonderful evolutionary developments!

## FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Al Cuttriss

I am happy to report that we have accommodated approximately 97% of current member moorage move requests, and we are also at the same figure for our moorage capacity (whew).

With the Boat Show almost upon us, I would ask that any members who wish to put their boats in the water before the boat show and have slips that are close to or on the

main gangways, please check with me to see if we can temporarily put you in a different slip until after the show to accommodate our exhibitors :-)

My email is [fleet-captain@vernonyachtclub.com](mailto:fleet-captain@vernonyachtclub.com)

Thank you for your co-operation.

Al Cuttriss

Good day everyone and welcome to the 2014 boating season! It seems like such a long time ago that we were enjoying our 30 degree days on the lake, and at the Yacht Club. Speaking of the Club,

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3-4th	VYC	<b>Boat Show!</b>
11th	KYC	Mother's Day Brunch
18th	KYC	Blossom Time Regatta
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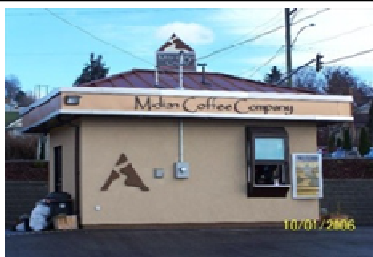


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## BOAT SHOW CHAIR REPORT

**Rob Mathews**



Good day to all and welcome to Spring.

We are racing to the finish line for the 2014 VYC Boat Show May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>! Everything is falling into place nicely, and this year looks to be ever bigger in size than last year! The parking lot will be full, and I expect that we will have even more boats on the water, and a bigger variety than last year as well.

A good number of people have come together to make this happen in a timely and smooth manor, and I thank you. We still need some help on both days, so please step forward if you can spare some time either day, we can use you in any number of ways. (Please contact Karol King, your Staff Captain). Please come out and view the show, let us know what you think, and offer up any Ideas you have for next year....we can always improve!

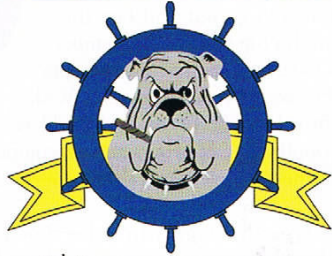
See you in the sunshine on the May 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend.

Rob Mathews, 2014 VYC Boat Show Chair.



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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.

**"GOOD AND PLENTY" By Ron Halverson — Edited By Timothy E. Parker**

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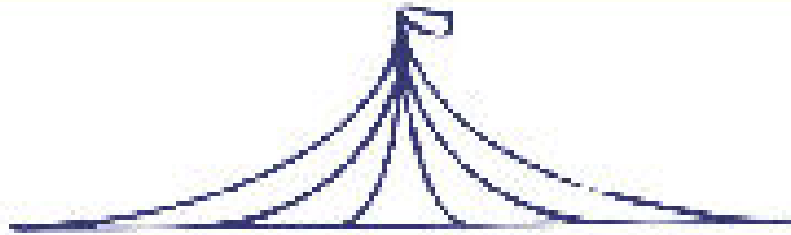
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- 56 Ruinous
- 57 Carry out Old Testament justice
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Thanks, Marnie

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<b><i>Friday</i></b>	<b><i>4:00 pm—11:00 pm</i></b>
<b><i>Saturday</i></b>	<b><i>12:00 pm—10:00 pm</i></b>
<b><i>Sunday</i></b>	<b><i>10:00 am—6:00 pm</i></b>

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<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>

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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



By the time you read this Spring Clean-up will have already happened and I'll apologize now for Rebecca and me not having been there as we travelled to Vancouver to spend Easter with my daughters and their families. As far as who the idiot was who chose the Easter long weekend to have Spring Clean-up that would be me. There really was no other choice; the Saturday prior was Crane Day; the Saturday following there is a private function at the Clubhouse; and the Saturday after that is the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Boat Show at the Vernon Yacht Club.

If you were able to help out with Spring Clean-up then hopefully you were also able to also take in the introductory meeting on the Long Term Planning Committee's

progress to give you some time for thought to the proposals being worked on by the various sub-committees. This of course is in preparation for a more in-depth discussion at the open house to be held by the Long Term Planning Committee the evening of Monday April 28<sup>th</sup>. Your input into the future of the Vernon Yacht Club is important so please do your best to attend.

If you haven't already heard or, have already made use of it on our new website, a new public webcam, donated by Vic and Annette Romaszewski and installed by Vic and Terry Rudersdorfer, provides an image of the lake looking toward the west from "A" Dock that is updated every 5 minutes. This is extremely helpful if you are sitting at your desk wondering if the wind conditions are conducive to sneaking away for a day of sailing or, if you are a power boater,

whether or not if the lake is calm and enticing for some water skiing or wakeboarding or just plain cruising for either. Check it out and be sure to let everyone you can know about it.

Thanks to the efforts of Ed Kinnear, the water on the docks has been turned on and the pump out will be activated at the Spring Clean-up as well and ready for use thereafter.

At 6:00 pm on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month the Volunteer Firefighters of the Vernon Fire and Rescue Services will be at the Club to hose down the parking lot ahead of the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Vernon Yacht Club Boat Show, so please do not park in the lot that evening to ensure the entire lot can be washed down.

Craig.

A handwritten flourish or signature mark consisting of a single, elegant, sweeping stroke.

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# STAFF CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Karol King

VYC held our second successful Ladies Night on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We had 55+ ladies in attendance plus 6 local vendors and a group of people from Okanagan Symphony Orchestra selling raffle tickets to win a gold brick and support the music scene in the Okanagan. The six vendors we featured this time around were:

Okanagan Spirits - Website: <http://www.okanaganspirits.com/>

-Correales' Wine Cellar - Google page: <http://bit.ly/1irWrso>

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-Sims Jewelry Co. - Website: <http://simsjewelry.ca/>

-Room Collection Home Decor - Website: <http://www.theroomcollection.ca/>

If you haven't attended one of these yet, please come to our next one on May 15.

Ladies night is a wonderful night out, it combines women, music, food and wine and shopping...can it get any better?

If you have any local businesses that would like to be featured at an upcoming

Ladies Night, please have them reach out to Karol King ([staff-](mailto:staff-captain@vernonyachtclub.com)

[captain@vernonyachtclub.com](mailto:captain@vernonyachtclub.com)) or Deb-

[publicity@vernonyachtclub.com](mailto:publicity@vernonyachtclub.com)). **Boat Show is coming:**

Keep May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> open both to come in as a Volunteer and to bring family and

friends to and promote life at the Club and on the water. VYC will need 60+ vol-

unteers to make this event happen, please consider being one of them. Our

2014 Boat Show Chairperson, Rob Mat-

thews has been hard at work and currently has 30+ vendors signed up. It will be a real family event with things for kids of all ages. As well as the standard exhibitors we are featuring the Disabled Sailing Association, and admission will be by donation of food or cash to the Salvation Army Food Bank.

### Other Upcoming events:

April 19 – Club and grounds cleanup

May 11 - Mothers Day brunch – 3 seating's again this year, Each seating will be

for an hour and a half, be sure to leave enough time for the Volunteers to clean

your table for the next set of members and their families.

May 15 – Ladies night 6pm – 9pm

June 21 – Commodores Ball

June 22 – Sail past

## Word Search Puzzle!

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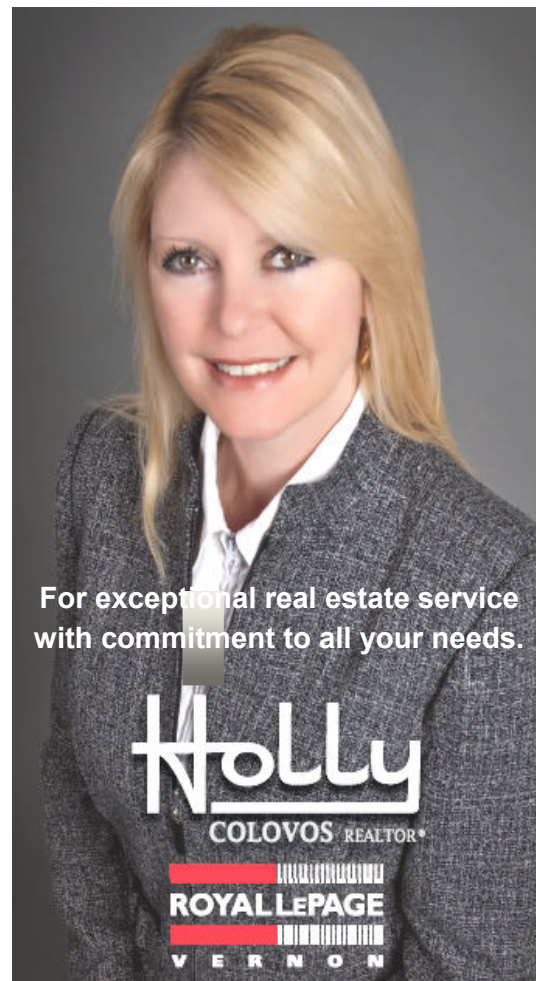
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# Sailing News

By Chris Grotterod

Once again crane day brought in the start of the sailing season. This year we were blessed with sunshine and a light breeze which made for an enjoyable day where many boaters continued to work on their boats to ready them for the first fun race of the season.

Sunday saw 9 hardy sailing crews challenge each other to the mark at Forestry. Racing got under way around 1pm under clear skies and a nice steady breeze. Eight boats made it around the mark, on the way back the wind went light and most ran out of wind. Two boats in A fleet finished with Mystique finishing first. With the light wind B fleet did not finish, Stormy was first around the mark at Forestry but with the wind fading away many were thankful the race didn't count for points....just bragging rights...everyone was back in their slips around 5:30pm after a very enjoyable first sail of the season.

The full race schedule starts Sunday April 27th with a 1pm start we then move to our Wednesday night 6:15pm start.

## Volunteers and self-sufficiency makes VYC unique

Here at VYC we have a strong history in self-sufficiency. We own our land and will therefore never be in the position that the Penticton Yacht Club found themselves in when the city decided to do other things with the land and now there is no more club there. We also do things ourselves, we do our own security, and while we do have staff, we also have an amazing volunteer team.

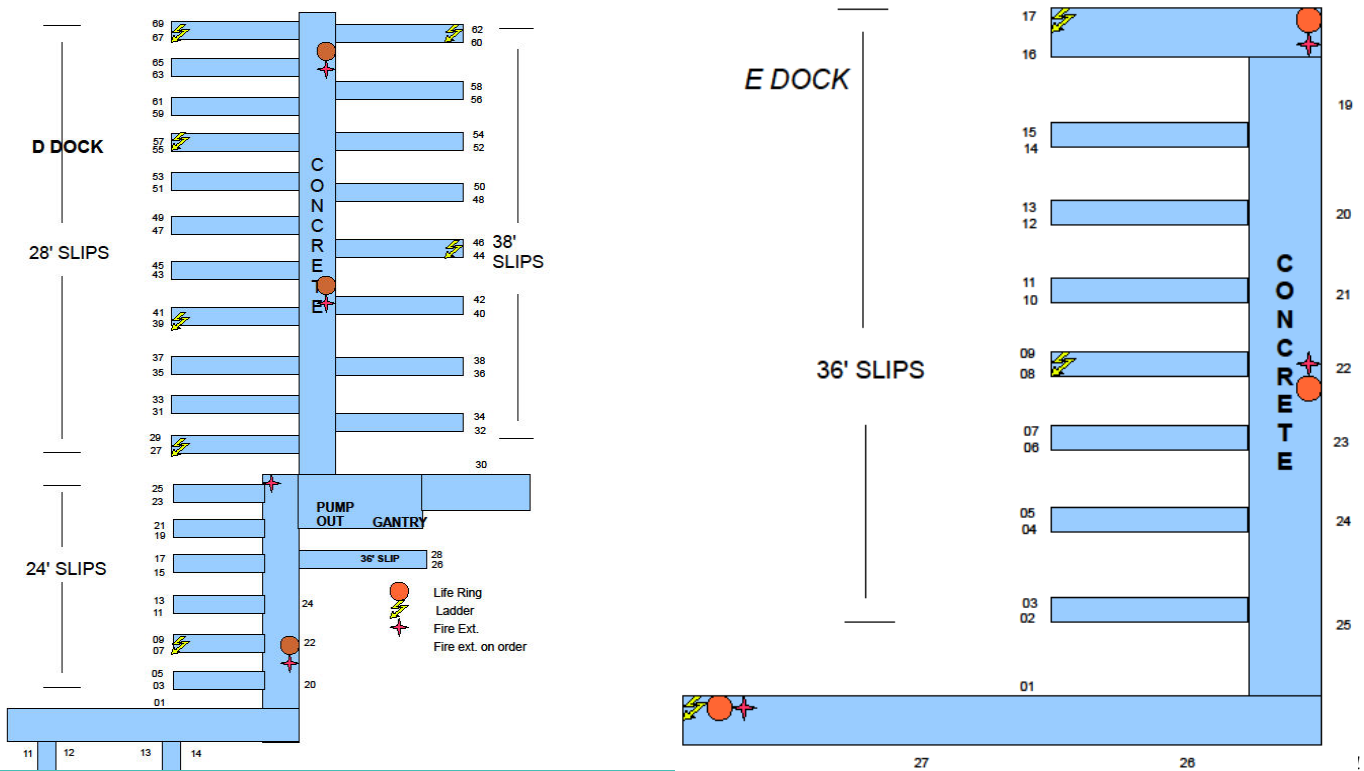
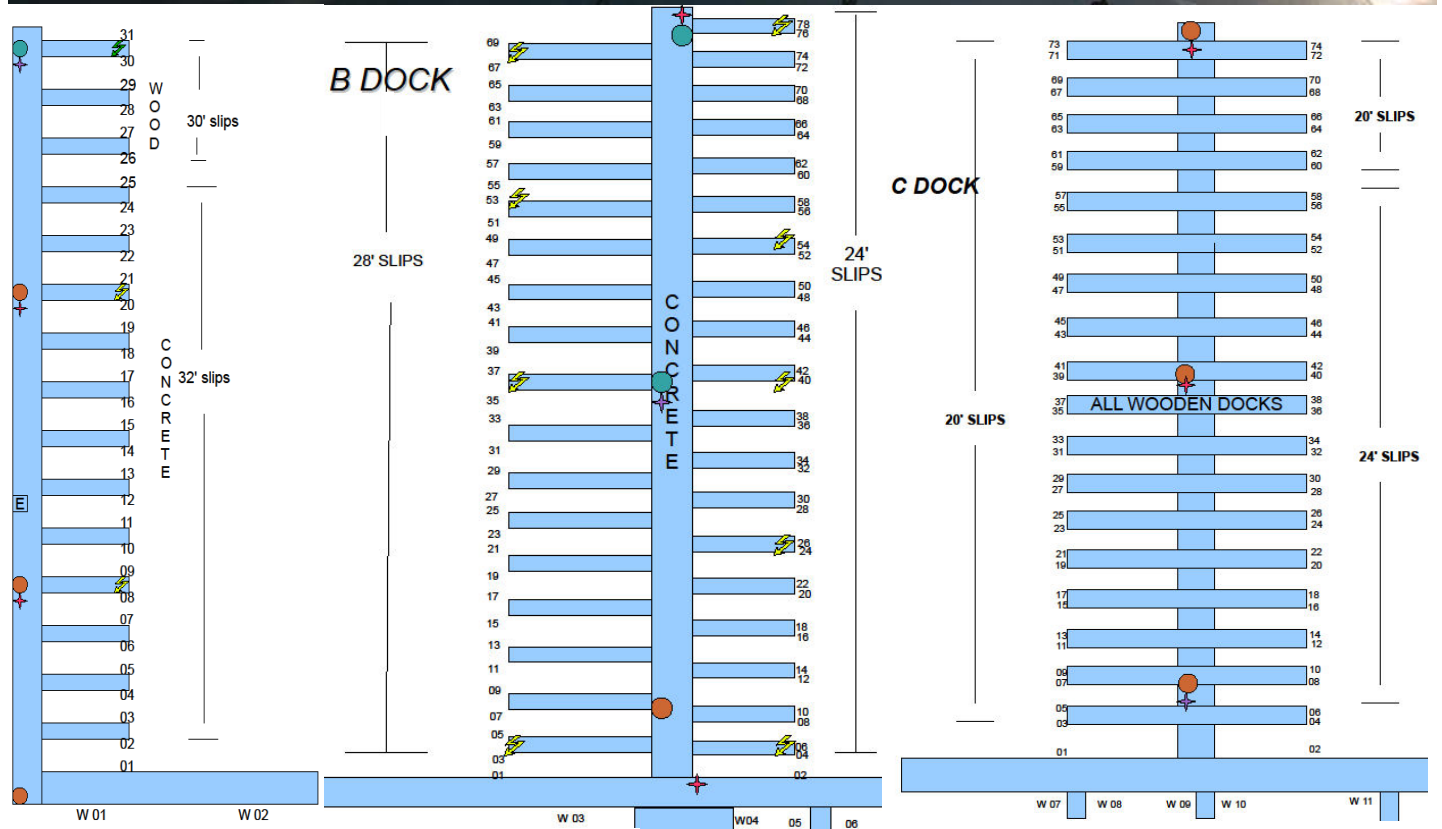
Last time you ate at the Club, either on a Friday night steak night, or a Sunday brunch or the New Year's Eve party, the Pig Roast or the Commodores Ball, the person who picked up your dirty plate, or brought the food to the buffet table was likely another club member. I ask that you do consider keeping that tradition alive and volunteer yourself. There are lots of opportunities.

We have a Cleanup day coming up on April 19 – if you have anytime at all come on down and lend a hand; we need people for both big and small tasks from cleaning the dock to cleaning the brass in the club.

- ⇒ Boat Show May 3 and 4
- ⇒ Mother's Day Brunch – May 11 – 3 seating's means 3 times the work
- ⇒ Every Friday night and every Sunday brunch all year long – add your name on the signup board

Submission by: Karol King

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# Minutes Summary

*Fiscal Year End is Official* ~ To accommodate more members to attend the Vernon Yacht Club's AGM, membership voted in favor of changing the Club's fiscal year end to September 30<sup>th</sup>. The official approval process is now complete.

*Boat Show* ~ The May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> VYC Boat and Leisure Show is approaching fast and Rob Mathews with the help of Chris Grotterod are doing an incredible job organizing the event! There are many more exhibitors than last year at close to 35 and the show is attracting much attention! There is fun planned for all ages from a balloon wrangling pirate to boat rides and kayak tryouts. 107.5 KissFM will be broadcasting updates and you can meet their infa-

mous Frank Martina on site on the Sunday! The exhibitors are all listed on our website and updates on the VYC social media sites. The one thing that would make the process and event even better is a few more volunteers. Please contact our Staff Captain Karol King: [staff-captain@vernonyachtclub.com](mailto:staff-captain@vernonyachtclub.com) if you have a few hours to spare.

*Gang Plank Bar Renovations* ~ The bar renovations are planned and will begin soon. Norm Enns and Fred Haight will be doing the work.

*Moorage* ~ 95% of move request by members with existing moorage have been filled. New member requests are going to be addressed next and moorage is expected to be at capacity quickly.

*Dry Storage on VYC Property* ~ There is a tagging process in place to identify boat owners overwintering their boats in the VYC Parking Lot. Every boat owner needs to properly tag their boats for easy identification the following spring.

*Ladies Night #2* ~ There was another very successful Ladies Night April 8<sup>th</sup> with 6 vendors showing their wares and over 55 ladies in attendance! The incredibly talented Jazz and Blues artist, Brandon Schmor, entertained us non-stop and Karol King and Debra Butler ran the show. The next one is booked for Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

*Be a Lamp or a Lifeboat or a Ladder.* Minutes by Pamela Miller



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# Gangplank Gossip



Jay and Corrine

As of today, April 12, Crane Day is complete, signifying the start of a busy boating season. Most of the Snowbirds have returned and we have kept Carol Martel hopping in the kitchen, I think she is wanting for more AZ already. It is showing up in our numbers as Friday SoS BBQ is approaching 100 meals.

Renovations are continuing to the bar and entry with Sam Ivanitz installing cabinets. Norm Enns, Fred Haight and Rob Pfeiffer are organizing a refurbishment to the back bar coolers that hopefully can be shown off for the Boat Show (no pressure men).

Boat Show volunteer lists are posted on our weekly voly board at the front entry. Thanks to our weekly warriors who signed up and some who pitched in on a moments notice, especially Roy and Jo-Ann Rasmussen, Pamela Miller, Rebecca Phillips and Larry Gilchuk. Cudos also to Nicole Burden, Mary Evans, Louise Claesson, Rob and Susan Mathews, Bob and Jeanette Newman, Jeff and Wannetta Carlisle, Lawrence Johnson and the perennial Mike and Jill Thomas. Your efforts are appreciated and help keep everyone's costs down. Heck, even with the hard work we still have fun.

Ladies Night was another success due to Debbra Butler and Karol King's diligence. The next one is tentatively scheduled for Thursday May 15. Friday Night Jam returns on April 25. Thanks to Pat and Jerry for their golden oldies on St Paddy jig, er jig. Private functions follow on Sat/Sun Apr 26/27 and the Gangplank will be closed from 4 pm on.

Cheers, Corinne and Jay

Picture submission by Ken Smith





# May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM	2 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—11:00PM	3  Lounge Hrs. 12:00—10:00PM <b>Boat Show!</b>
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