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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

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Mike Thomas



Hello everyone:

Annual General Meeting.

First, our sincere thanks to those of you who made the effort to attend our October 28th Annual General Meeting. I am always amazed by the difficulty we have to encourage members to attend this extremely important meeting, especially when you consider some of the important issues which we bring to the table. By definition, the Annual General Meeting, or AGM, is a formal meeting which a Society such as ours is required to take place once each year. The purpose of this meeting is to review the business which took place during the year and gives the attending members the opportunity to discuss and vote on matters which determine the future development and management of your Club. It is also an opportunity for our members to communicate with each other in a live forum environment and also express your views to the Executive on any matters of concern. In other words, it is a **very important event for our Club**. Please be sure to attend the AGM next year.

Welcome

Another purpose of the AGM, is to elect your new Executive for the coming year and this brings me to expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation for the service of the members of our Board who decided it is time to step down. We wish Vice Commodore Ron Heuman and Entertainment Director Gerald Gustafson all the very best. I must also thank the Board Members who are continuing to serve for another year, and also the newly elected members who are willing to give the Club their time, efforts and expertise for the year 2015. Please join us as we welcome **Directors John Heard, Dan Leboe and Ron Mclean** to our Board for 2015.

In closing, my sincere thanks to everyone for expressing their collective confidence in me and giving me the privilege of serving as your Commodore for the upcoming year.

On behalf of your new Executive, Tiller Topics Team and Vernon Yacht Club staff, I sincerely wish each of you a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Craig Williams



A very personal thank you to our retiring Executive Members: Ron Heuman; Larry Gilchuk; and Gerald Gustafson and for all of their hard work and time devoted, for without their efforts and those who have served before we wouldn't have the facilities we enjoy today. And a very warm welcome to our new Executive Members: Dan Leboe; John Heard; and Ron McLean and thanks to them for sacrificing some of their valuable personal time to make a difference. *Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not. ~ Dr. Seuss*

Replacement of the first 8 wooden fingers on either side of C Dock at the deep end with concrete is now scheduled to take place in mid December. It is planned to proceed with this upgrade of C dock by replacing 4 wooden fingers each year with concrete, attaching them to the existing wooden mains until replacement of the mains can be budgeted for down the road.

Plans for replacement of the breakwater system are also underway with a request for engineered proposals being prepared. The design and fixed contract price for the breakwater system are needed ahead of being able to move forward on the regulatory approvals required to proceed and to arrange the necessary financing.

The initial steps to expand the floor area of the kitchen with an addition onto the southwest corner of the building are well underway. The necessary Code Review has been completed by MQN Architects and now negotiations with the City of Vernon begin while the layout of the space and construction drawings are prepared to allow us to obtain competitive fixed price bids.



Removal of the Osprey pole was completed, under permit, with the assistance of the Armstrong Crane on Crane Day November 8th and Member Doug Fleming's lumberjack skills. The decision to proceed with the removal of the pole was driven by the desire to be a good neighbour as our neighbours to the west have been unable to enjoy their backyard as they should due to the bird's nasty behavior of projectile pooping to quite a radius from the nest. If anyone has an idea as to where the pole can be relocated please contact me.

Here's wishing for a short, mild winter and all the best to you and yours over the Christmas holiday season.

Craig Williams

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Christmas Decorating Ideas



Snow Lanterns

- ⇒ Snow
- ⇒ Nonstick or tinned-steel Bundt pans, in various shapes and sizes
- ⇒ Pillar Candles
- ⇒ Spraybottle and water
- ⇒ Long fireplace matches

Pack snow into pans. To release, tap bottom of pan firmly. If the snow doesn't come out in 1 piece, repeat, letting the filled pan sit outside for 30 minutes to harden; then release.

Trim the wick of a candle to 1/4 inch, so the flame stays small. Secure candle on a flat surface, such as a step, by packing snow around it. Stack 3 snow forms over candle. Lightly spritz pillar with water; everything will freeze in place.



Cedar Chandelier



- ⇒ 16 inch diameter cedar wreath
- ⇒ 22 inch diameter cedar wreath
- ⇒ 17 yards of 2 inch wide red satin ribbon
- ⇒ Scissors
- ⇒ Ceiling hook

With the small wreath's wire frame facing up, slip 1 end of a 5 foot ribbon length through frames' rim, and knot firmly. Repeat with 2 additional 5 foot ribbons, knotting at evenly spaced intervals around the wreath.

Gather ribbons together, and knot at a point 15 inches above the center of wreath. Leave these hanger ribbons in center of wreath while working on large wreath. Attach three 4 foot ribbon lengths to large wreath frame. Place large wreath on top of small wreath, aligning hanger ribbons. Gather hanger ribbons of both wreaths together, and knot 20 inches above center of large wreath. Trim ends of hanger ribbons above top knot to create a finished look.

Screw hook into ceiling. Hang wreaths from top hanger-ribbon knot.

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Most avionics are all new in the 2 last years. VHF radio, Standard Horizon GPS, Wind, depth, and speed. CD player and inverter were also installed in 2010. All lights were replaced with efficient LED ones and most of the boat was rewired also. There are 2 new batteries installed in 2010.

Sails, new Main in 2010 and furling genoa May 2012, 1 Spinnakers , 150, 110, and a storm sail.

Rigging, the Mast was removed and refurbished in 2010, new boom 2010, new rodkicker 2010, new Harkin furler 2010.

Brand new epoxy bottom 2013, new Anti fouling paint 2013, new hull paint 2013, new deck paint 2013.

Contact: Doug Flemming - 250-308-9016

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Thank you VYC Members

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Attn: Mike Thomas, Commodore

Dear Sir,

I am writing to thank you and the Vernon Yacht Club for your support for our "Heaven Can Wait" Program.

We have just finished the program for the year – and it has been one of our most successful. We had some issues early in the season with the new boat, but again with the club's support we were able to install the loading ramp which has alleviated loading problems.

Again, thank you for your ongoing support.



Bob Rinaldi,
President, OQLS

cc Dale Dunlop, OQLS Secretary



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Your Office Manager
Marnie...***



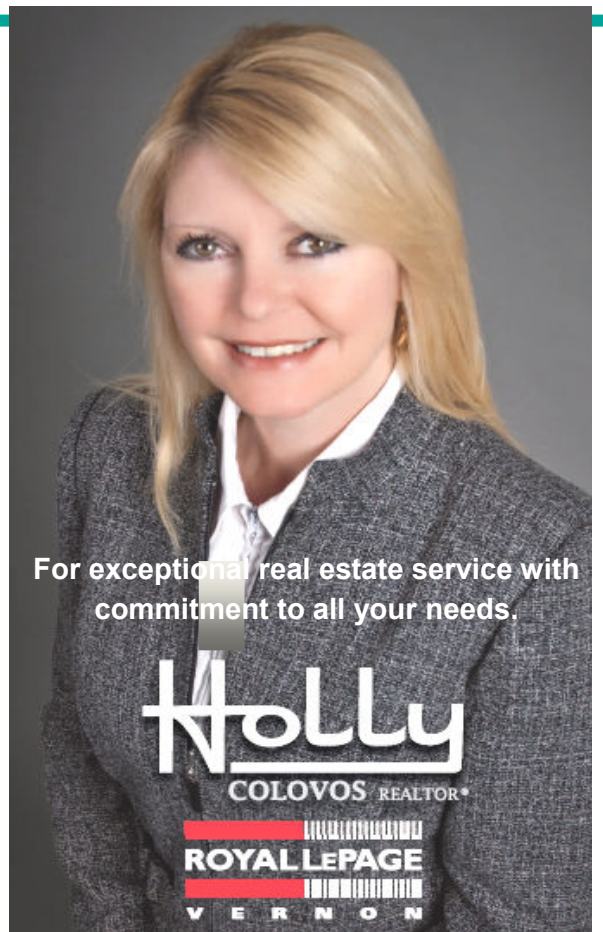
- ⇒ ***Snowbirds—Reminder to prepay your 2015 dues before you fly South. Call Marnie to discuss.***
- ⇒ **Please remember to forward a copy of your boat insurance renewal to the VYC office.**
- ⇒ If you are not receiving the weekly “GangPlank News” I could be I do not have a current email address. Please email office@vernonyachtclub.com to update

NOTE: December Gang Plank and Office Hours:

Gang Plank - Closed for Christmas Break from Monday Dec 22 until Dec 31

Office – Open Mon, Tues & Thursday Regular Hours Dec 22, 29, 30; Reduced hours Dec 23 & closed Dec 25.

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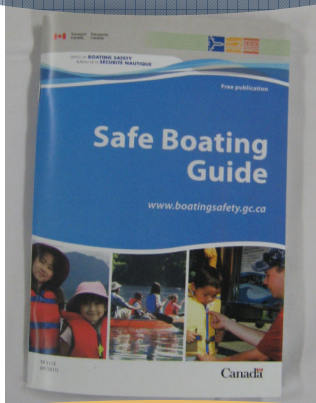
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This year the house account charge is \$250 and you will see that on your 2015 Membership Renewal form. You can use your house account to pay for anything from coffee to beer and from Sunday brunch to Friday steak dinner and for any event from New Years Eve to the Commodores Ball. VYC is your club, your clubhouse – come have fun!

Your house account must be used in the 2015 season. The clubhouse is open all year, check the website for times and events. We encourage you to come to your club and use your account at the restaurant and bar, bring your family, bring your friends. Remember next summer when you come in off your boat, come into the clubhouse and have a beverage or a meal – you have already paid for it.

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Grey Cup - Nov 30
- ⇒ Santa Brunch—Dec. 14
- ⇒ Christmas sing-a-long - Dec 19
- ⇒ Small business dinner - Dec 20
- ⇒ New Years Eve - Dec 31
- ⇒ Ladies Night - Jan 22
- ⇒ Super Bowl - Feb 1
- ⇒ Valentines Dinner/Dance - Feb 14

Submission by Karol King

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Sailing Report

By Chris Grotterod

Boats are out of the water and put away for the long cold winter nights after an awesome year of sailing. The racing fleet held four racing series Spring, Summer, Fall and the Hot Rum series with great participation from both A and B fleets and some of the cruising fleet.

At the Sailing end of season get together awards were handed out to all the winning captains and crews.

A very special annual award was created this year in memory of Rob Ladan. The award is presented to an individual who has had a major contribution to sailing in our region and the Vernon Sailing Club. This year's recipient was Carol Craske for her contribution to woman's sailing and work over the years for the Vernon sailing committee. Congratulation to Carol and thanks for all her hard work over the years.

Over all winners for A and B fleets were

A Fleet overall winners - 1st Mystique, 2nd Captivator and 3rd Ayesha

B Fleet overall winners – 1st Stormy, 2nd Tsonqua and 3rd Eagle Moon

Congratulation to the overall winning captains and crews.

The winners by series are as follows.

A FLEET	1ST	2ND	3RD
SPRING SERIES	Mystique	Captivator	Righteous Indignation
SUMMER SERIES	Captivator	Mystique	Split Decision
FALL SERIES	Mystique	Captivator	Ayesha
HOT RUM SERIES	Liquid Asset	Captivator	Mysique
B FLEET	1ST	2ND	3RD
SPRING SERIES	Stormy	Cimarron	Tsonqua
SUMMER SERIES	Stormy	Tsonqua	Jesse
FALL SERIES	Stormy	Tsonqua	Eagle Moon
HOT RUM SERIES	Stormy	Tsonqua	Eagle Moon

On Nov 13th the sailing club confirmed the 2015 Sailing committee:

Ken Hodgson stepped up for the position of Sailing Committee Chair, Dave Pollock remained as Treasurer, Chris Grotterod remained as Secretary and Dave Horsham offered his services as Regatta Chair.

Thank you to all captains and crews for another great year!

Looking forward to fantastic sailing year in 2015.

Chris Grotterod

WELCOME TO THE GANG PLANK PUB

FOOD SERVICE Available:

<i>Wednesday: Wing Night</i>	<i>5:00 - 9:00</i>
<i>Friday: Steak or Salmon Night</i>	<i>6:00 - 9:00</i>
<i>Saturday: Soup & Bun/Sandwich</i>	<i>12:00 - 3:00</i>
<i>Sunday: Brunch</i>	<i>10:00 - 1:00</i>

MENU Prices:

<i>Chicken wings-for 10 Wednesday:</i>	<i>\$ 5.00</i>
<i>Sandwich Saturday:</i>	<i>\$ 5.50</i>
<i>Soup & Bun Saturday:</i>	<i>\$ 4.50</i>
<i>Soup & Sandwich Saturday:</i>	<i>\$ 7.95</i>
<i>Steak or Salmon Friday:</i>	<i>\$ 15.00</i>
<i>Sunday Brunch</i>	<i>\$ 11.25</i>

(Take out Soup and/or Sandwich available on Saturday)

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Christmas Treat Ideas!



Grinch Punch

- ⇒ 1/3 cup sugar
- ⇒ 6 tablespoons + 1-1/2 teaspoons water
- ⇒ 1/3 cup evaporated milk
- ⇒ 1/2 tsp pure almond extract
- ⇒ 12 drops neon green food coloring
- ⇒ 2 liters lemon-lime soda, chilled
- ⇒ 2 pints vanilla ice cream

Directions:

In a large saucepan, combine sugar and water. Cook and stir over medium heat until sugar is dissolved; remove from heat. Stir in milk and extract. Transfer to a bowl; cool at room temperature. Cover and refrigerate until chilled. Just before servicing, transfer milk mixture to a punch bowl. Stir in the food coloring and soda. Top with scoops of ice cream. Yield: 4 quarts.



Ginger Snaps



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| 1 cup butter or margarine | 2 tsp baking powder |
| 1 1/2 cups white sugar | 1tbsp ground ginger |
| 2 eggs, beaten | 1 1/2 tsp each cinnamon, nutmeg, |
| 1 tbsp baking soda | cloves, Allspice |
| 1 cup molasses | |
| 4 cups whole wheat flour | |
| 1 cup white sugar for decoration | |



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease cookie sheet.

In a large bowl, cream together the butter and 1 1/2 cups of sugar until smooth. Mix in the eggs, and then the molasses. Combine the whole wheat flour, baking soda, baking powder, ginger, nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves, and allspice, heaping the measures if you like a lot of spice. Stir the dry ingredients into the molasses mixture just until blended.

Roll the dough into small balls, and dip the top of each ball into the remaining white sugar. Place the cookies about 2 inches apart on the cookie sheets.

Bake for 10 to 15 minutes in the preheated oven, until the tops are cracked. Bake longer for crispy cookies, less time for chewy cookies. Cool on wire racks.

Ideas courtesy of the internet!

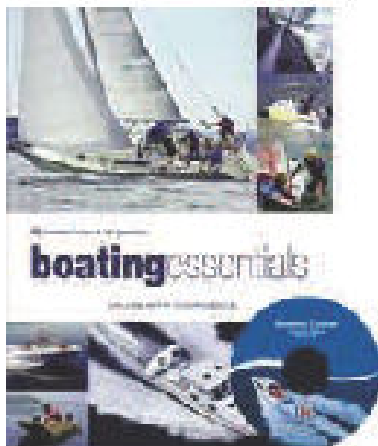
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December, 2014



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...thanks to the incredible generosity of Vic and Annette Romaszewski donating one to the VYC and the other being purchased by the Captain's Care Club from proceeds raised at the 2014 Annual Rib-Off.

Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the locations of these two units but do not attempt to open or tamper with either of the units unless and **only unless** there is an emergency demanding the use of one and you have been trained in its operation or you have been instructed to do so by someone who is so trained.

An initial group of Members have been formally trained in the operation of these units and informal training sessions will be held on a regular basis to ensure the knowledge is as wide spread as possible.

Any questions please contact Ken Smith

STAFF CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Karol King

The Staff Captain's role revolves around the social aspect of the Club. This role also encompasses looking for and looking after the Club volunteers for events. You will see my name attached to many announcements concerning upcoming events as well as in requests for you to volunteer for those events. We do have staff at the club, but not very many, especially when you consider the numbers that would be needed if we were a business with a restaurant and bar of a similar size. We run efficiently and we use club members to enhance our operations.

I am just beginning my second term as your Staff Captain and I plan on doing an even better job this year. As an Executive we are always looking for feedback and suggestions. I would like to encourage you to reach out to me with any suggestions on the club and on our social events. What would you like us to focus on in the 2015 season? Last year we introduced games nights, women's nights, and Taco Tuesdays. What should we do more of? Less of? What new things should we try? What can we do in the club house over the winter months?

You can reach me using Staff-Captain@vernonyachtclub.com

“Success is not final; Failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts”

Winston Churchill 1874—1965

Former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

Women's tank top: \$12

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GangPlank Gossip

Jay and Corrine



Short report this month! left, \$25 each, book your
Firstly, we are pleased the staff party now!
kitchen expansion plans have
passed!

Upcoming events are the \$50 + GST each with a
small business Christmas roast beef and lobster tail
party booked for Saturday dinner and champagne at
December 20th. Enjoy a midnight. Entertainment by
Ham and Turkey buffet dinner and dance the night
away with DJ stylings from Boogie Nights! 50 seats

New Years Eve party tick-
ets are also on sale now,
The Creeks!
Santa Brunch will be held
December 14th, bring the
family!

And last but not least, a
special thanks to Rex and
Sharon Landis for their vol-
unteer efforts in and
around the Clubhouse lately.
We wish them well with
their new jobs on the fro-
zen tundra. Word has it
they are already looking
forward to boating next
summer!

Cheers, Corinne and Jay

EVENTS FROM THIS PAST SUMMER...AHHH...SUMMER!



December 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM Wing Wednesday!	4 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	5 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM SoS BBQ!	6 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—8:00PM Lunch 12—3:00PM
7 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM Brunch 10-1:00	8	9	10 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM Wing Wednesday!	11 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	12 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM SoS BBQ!	13 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—8:00PM Lunch 12—3:00PM
14 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM Santa Brunch 10-1:00	15	16	17 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM Wing Wednesday!	18 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	19 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM SoS BBQ!	20 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—8:00PM Lunch 12—3:00PM Small Biz Xmas Party
21 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM Brunch 10-1:00	22	23	24 GANGPLANK CLOSED <i>Jay and Corrine get a well deserved break!</i>	25 GANGPLANK CLOSED	26 GANGPLANK CLOSED	27 GANGPLANK CLOSED
28 GANGPLANK CLOSED	29	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE PARTAAAY!			

BOOK YOUR NEW YEARS EVE TICKETS!

**\$50 +GST each with a roast beef and lobster tail dinner
Champagne at midnight. Entertainment by The Creeks!!**