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"All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them."

~Walt Disney, 1901—1966, Businessman, Filmmaker~

3 reasons to believe 2015 is going to be a great year:

1. Life is what YOU make it;

 What doesn't kill you makes you stronger; and

 What goes around comes around. Start this year by doing something unexpected for someone else. You'll see, it works!

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 email them to tiller@vernonyachtclub.com

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Important Notice to All Members:

If you access the clubhouse with your key card and are confronted with **the alarm going off while you are inside**, please follow this procedure: Re-swipe your card at either entrance. Then call the security company and identify yourself and have them cancel the alarm. The phone number is posted at both entrances. If you fail to do this, the Club can be billed up to \$150. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

COMMODORE'S REPORT

Mike Thomas



Hello Fellow Members.

Just a short submission this month for the final issue of Tiller Topics for the year 2014. As we look back, I feel comfortable in saying that our Club had an excellent year and as a result of new initiatives which our members approved at our recent A.G.M, we can look forward to another productive year in 2015. Craig Williams, our Rear Commodore, will begin our sixty second year of operation, by launching our long awaited kitchen expansion.

The months of January and February are relatively slow months for our Club, but they present an ideal opportunity for us to begin this much needed project. The many positive comments from our members and guests, have indicated to our board, that any money we spend to improve our kitchen and bar services is justified and this project will likely pay for itself in a short time with the increased business we generate.

<u>Dickens Village.</u>

We hope everyone had a wonderful December and Christmas and had an opportunity to enjoy some of the events which were hosted by our Club. There were also many positive comments about the Christmas decorating which contributed to the Club's festive atmosphere and I take great pleasure in thanking my wife, Jill, and our friend, Susan Mathews, for their imagination and hours of work. Thanks also to member Bill Kennedy and his family for creating the Dickens Village Christmas scene in our board room: also, former Commodore Carol Craske for once again hosting our popular Santa Brunch-a wonderful annual tradition for our Club which was enjoyed by members, their children and guests.

<u>Finally:</u>

On behalf of our staff members, Executive and Tiller Topics team, I sincerely wish everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous **New Year**.





REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Craig Williams

Now that the holidays are behind us and there is still far too much winter ahead of us before the 2015 boating season the winter will nonetheless, upon reflection, pass quickly and then we'll realize just how little time we really had to accomplish all that

we hope too this year. So press on we shall!

Installation of the 8 new concrete fingers planned for C dock has been delayed once again by the Contractor due to the heavy volume of work they presently have before them. The last time I spoke with the Contractor he advised he was hoping to be installing them by the middle of the week of December 15th, which is the very time I prepared this report but yet no sign of the new fingers arrival.

The fingers are poured and ready to be delivered from the Contractors yard in Kelowna and though we really don't need to have them actually in-place before the end of March, it would sure be nice to see them go in sooner rather than later.

Speaking of progress I am pleased to report some headway has been made on planning of the addition to the Clubhouse to allow us to increase the size of our kitchen. Through discussions with Jay Langton and Corrine Kirton Associate Member Cathryn Anderson prepared a layout of the proposed space, which now allows us to move onto having construction drawings prepared.

Concurrent with that step we will be finalizing the minimum code upgrades to the building that must be done before the addition can proceed, cost out those upgrades and then, with any luck, we will be applying for our building permit before the end of January.

If you haven't already seen it, Member John Halper completed construction and installation of the new wheelchair ramp in the lower level and has done an incredibly professional job, many thanks to John and his talents. This new ramp is longer than what we had previously, which lowers the incline that our Members and guests with mobility challenges must negotiate when they access the lower level washrooms from the parking lot.

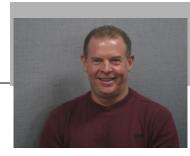
While still moving forward on plans for the replacement of the breakwater system things are not moving forward as quickly as I would prefer. I expect the month of January to allow me more time to spend on this project and will continue to report to you the progress as it is made.

Be sure to renew and pay your membership before the end of January to avoid any penalties and then make an effort to come out and spend your Yacht Bucks to enjoy the amenities our Clubhouse has to offer and the warm, welcoming and friendly experience our incredible staff provide while you are there. Friday night steak or salmon dinners and Sunday brunch continue right through the winter and make sure to constantly check the calendar you'll find elsewhere in the Tiller for upcoming special events such as Ladies Night.

On behalf of Rebecca and myself I would like to finish this report wishing all of you health, happiness and success in the New Year!

Craig Williams

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Al Cuttriss

2014 proved to be a learning experience as my first term as Fleet Captain. I am happy to report that the "two-foot-itis" affliction is alive and well, and spreading throughout our yacht club which always provides "challenges" to the position. We did our best to ensure new mooring members were able to get on the water with little

or no delay which in turn filled our moorage to it's capacity.

Current member move requests are also a big part of the position and many moves were accommodated with some still on a short wait list.

We hosted numerous open invitation events at our Club which were well attended by members from our sister yacht clubs on the lake and I would like to thank our members for their cooperation providing needed guest slips for the boats that traveled to our events.

Our crane day this year was November 8th with a good number of boats taking advantage of this valuable service. Winter moorage in our parking lot has gone smoothly and I would like to remind members to please identify your boats with the provided tagging system that is available in the recreation room downstairs.

I would ask that any members that had moorage in 2014, but will not require moorage in 2015, please email me at fleetcaptain@vernonyachtclub.com so we can start amending our database to accommodate any new moorage requests that come in.

Al Cuttriss Fleet Captain



For real? HAHA!



"The greatest weapon against stress is our ability to choose one thought over another."

~William James—1842—1910, Author and Psychologist~



"Don't be pushed by your problems. Be led by your dreams." ~Ralph Waldo Emerson—1803—1882, Essayist, Lecturer, and Poet~

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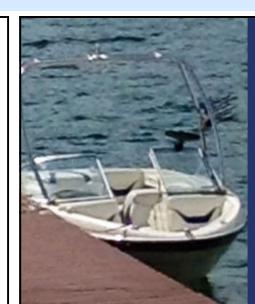
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This boat located in Vancouver has been meticulously updated. With all new Halyards, all new lines, new mast head with new pulleys. The new Yamaha diesel has less than 300 hours on it and runs fantastic. The galley has a brand new low pressure alcohol stove and new pressure water system. There is a large ice box and plenty of storage for all your needs. There is a holding tank with a macerator pump with a hand pump head.

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 fowling paint 2013, new hull paint 2013, new deck paint 2013. **Contact: Doug Flemming - 250-308-9016**

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Well Equipped for easy sailing and overnights. 8HP-High Thrust 4 cyc. Yamaha/ Electric Motor + 20 Amp	displacement 4350 lbs, ballast 1950 lbs.			
Alternator-remote control Electric start and Tilt	Sails main ,self furling head sail, new spinniker [never used]			
2 Mains 3 Jibs	10 hp yamaha outboard, tandem trailer.			
1 Spinnaker	\$16000.00			
One Main sail cover and one Furled jib cover Dodger	Contacts Glenn Hermanson at			
Dodger Side Panels with zippers Cockpit Sun cover that zips onto dodger Large Boom Cover 9x15	ph 250-558-2991, Email ggherm@shaw.ca			
Many many extras- 40watt Sound System.Outdoor/				
Indoor Speakers	For Sale: 2004 Four Winns Freedom 180			
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department located at corner of Quityerwhining Street and Crammit Avenue.

Thank you.

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A Message from Your Office Manager Marnie...



- ⇒ Snowbirds—Reminder to prepay your 2015 dues before you fly South. Call Marnie to discuss.
- ⇒ Office is open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
 8:30 2:30.
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Gangplank Fall hours start October 1, 2014. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

Thanks, Marnie



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A big VYC thank you to Bill Kennedy and family for donating the spectacular Christmas village display for all our members and visitors to enjoy! It was a delight!



Tuscan Timeshare

Available May 30 - June 6th/2015

It's a little stone studio unit in a restored 14th century hamlet, 15 miles out of Cortona, nestled in the Tuscan hillside. King bed, full kitchen, bathroom, outdoor pool, and wonderful trattoria. Sadly, we can't go next year, so if you're planning a trip to Italy & want a relaxing week in Tuscany - we're happy to rent our unit if you cover our maintenance fees (650 euros). Check out:<u>www.clubborgodivagli.com</u>. (Note: the resort's photos show mostly the larger units.) We can send photos and make touring suggestions. (Cortona is 45 min. south of Florence & 1 hr 20 min. north of Rome.) For info: call Frances at 778-475-2255 or email <u>franceswarner@shaw.ca</u>.



WELCOME TO THE

GANG PLANK PUB

FOOD SERVICE Available:

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

MENU Prices:

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

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

GST included

Sometimes bad jokes are ok...as long as everyone knows they mean no offence....

A Newfie is visiting Texas and starts a conversation with a Texan at a local bar. The Texan asks the Newfie where he's from and the Newfie says, "You know where New York is? The Texan says, "Yeh, yeh, I know where New York is.

The Newfie says, "Well bye, you just drive north of dere about 6 hours, turn right for 3 hours and catch a 6 hour ferry and you're there in Newfoundland.

The Texan says "That's got to be close to China!

The Newfie thinks about this and then says, "Lard tunderin Jaysus bye, I tink you might be right...... I work with a Chinese guy and he goes home for lunch every day!"







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ALERT - FIRST AID INFORMATION

Look for these new signs in the Clubhouse, there is now one on each floor to signify the location of the two Automated External Defibrillators the VYC now owns...



...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 <u>only unless</u> 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



Minutes Summary

Quorum at the AGM ~ In 2014 we voted, applied for and moved the date for the AGM back one month to October from November. The purpose for this change was to hold the meeting at a time better suited for members who go south for the winter so they could attend too. With more members in attendance we hoped to get quorum so members could vote on the VYC business that needs to be completed in the following year. It turned out we did not attain quorum at the beginning of the meeting and had to get on the phones and work hard to get people to the Club to proceed with the meeting. Thank you very much to all of you who did attend and those who rushed in as a result of our calls. If you did not make this year's meeting please keep October in mind for next year and we hope to see you all here!

A Change in VYC Directors ~ A Big Welcome to our 3 new Executive Board Members for 2015: John Heard – Dock Director, Dan Leboe – Sailing Fleet Liaison and Ron Mclean – Membership Director Interim. Outgoing directors who will be missed next year are: Ron Heuman, Larry Gilchuk and Gerald Gustafson.

December 8th Meeting:

Lower Level Flooring \sim The 2nd stage for the flooring replacement on the lower level to include the office and board room area will be replaced in early February. The flooring is already purchased and being stored at the club.

Events in 2015 ~ We will continue with the monthly Ladies Night Events and Karol is working hard developing some new food ideas using what she learned from her trip to Kelowna Yacht Club's Ladies night last month. Our 3 Christmas Events – Christmas Caroling on Dec 19th, Small Business Luncheon December 20th and Breakfast with Santa on the 21st will be completed by the time this Tiller is published and the New Year's Bash with a delicious Prime Rib and Lobster Dinner and Music by the Creeks will be ringing in the New Year for VYC members.

House Credit for VYC Members ~ The House credits have increased to \$250 as part of VYC members' dues. The credit can be used for meals, beverages and events and we are looking forward to seeing members more often at all the great events our Club has to offer!

Boats coming loose ~ Several boats came loose during a major wind storm recently. Staff and volunteers spent a good part of the day tying them up again. Please check you lines to make sure they are the right weight for your boat and that they are not damaged. Securing your boat can prevent your boat from getting damaged and potentially damaging other boats. The VYC website's mooring page has a diagram for how to tie your boat plus there are many friendly members happy to help.

Happy New Year Everyone! Pamela

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door"

~Milton Berle, 1908—2002, Comedian and Actor~



GangPlank Gossip

Jay and Corrine



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. It was a fun filled 2014 and looking forward to an even better 2015, starting with kitchen renovations.

Craig Williams has dropped off the concept drawings that Cat Anderson drew up to MQN architects so permitting should be on track early in January. If all goes well, a fully functioning enlarged kitchen by the boat show will enable us to expand our meal options and make the Gangplank more efficient. Goodbye to the stairmaster everytime something needs to be pulled from the freezers or ice runs out. As of writing, the only Christmas party left is the small business shindig. The Santa brunch was a well organized family event that Carol Craske, Alan Arndt and Elves are to be commended for. Bill Kennedy's "Dickens" village was a big hit with kids of all ages. Many thanks to our usual kitchen volunteers Jill Thomas, Millie Intewerp, Janet MacKenzie and everyone else that lends a hand, even for a few minutes over our busy Christmas party bookings.

Cudos to Susan Mathews as well for helping Mike and Jill with the festive decorating. Many positive comments on what a

As of writing, the only Christmas great venue VYC is. It will be a party left is the small business shame to take it all down after shindig. The Santa brunch was a well organized family event that should have lots of tidbits from Carol Craske, Alan Arndt and Elves are to be commended for. Bill Kennedy's "Dickens" village rounded by family and friends.

> Until then, Good Tidings and Cheer in the New Year!

Corinne and Jay







January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	I'm opening a gym called "RESOLUTIONS." It will have exercise equipment for the first month of the year and then it will turn into a bar for the remaining eleven months.			1 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	2 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM SoS BBQ!	3 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—8:00PM Lunch 12—3:00PM
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