

Vernon Yacht Club

Tiller Topics



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Spring Clean April 25th
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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Mike Thomas



Hello Everyone:

We recently held our first Executive meeting for 2015 and I am pleased to say that our Club has a very strong team of eager and intelligent Board Members who I believe will lead us through yet another productive and enjoyable year for our members.

You may recall that we held our **Annual General Meeting** on October 28 last year and the members who were in attendance voted in favour of: expanding the the dimensions of our kitchen and also to provide additional storage on the South-west corner of the Club House; increasing our debt so that we can proceed with the replacement of our concrete break water. I am happy to report that Rear Commodore **Craig Williams** has met with the architect, builder and kitchen designer and the kitchen and storage expansion is actively under-way. We will commence work on the concrete break water project soon and as the weather improves. Also, some of you on "A" Dock will note the arrival and installation of six new fingers.

Staff Captain **Karol King** recently met with the comparably ranking representatives from our friends at the Central and Southern Okanagan Yacht Clubs and they have the All-Club Schedule of Events completed. You will now be able to track these excellent events from our much improved web-site on an on-going basis and this leads me to one of the major events for our Club, and that is the **May Boat Show**. Member **Rob Mathews** has once again agreed to be the Chairman of this important event and has already met with his eager band of volunteers to get things rolling. We are calling it the **Boat and Sportsman Show** this year and it requires many volunteers to assure its success. We are asking those of you who would like to help us, to contact our **Staff Captain** and give her your names. She can be reached by email at: **staff-captain@vernon yacht club.com** and I know that she would love to hear from you.

Finally, we would like to express our thanks to member **Larry Gilchuk** for his excellent installation of the laminated flooring in our Board Room, Games Room and Office and also member **John Halper** for the much improved handicap ramp which leads from the games room to the lower landing. Excellent work gentlemen.

In closing, I notice that most of the snow has melted, the grass is starting to green-up and soon our boats will be back on the lake. On behalf of my family and myself, I wish to express our appreciation for the opportunity to enjoy this wonderful Yacht Club, on beautiful Lake Okanagan and we look forward to sharing another rewarding year with all of you.
Best regards,
Mike Thomas,

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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Craig Williams



The official start to the astronomical spring begins March 20th but looking outside these days it is obvious it is here already, well at least for us out here in the west. With that in mind it seems timely to remind everyone of the following upcoming important dates:

April 11th Crane Day
April 25th Spring Clean-up
May 2nd and 3rd our annual Boat Show

Even if your boat isn't being lifted back into the water by the Armstrong Crane, you really should come down and check out Crane Day if you've never been or, even if you have. Pop down in the morning (it's often over shortly after lunch) and grab one of Corinne's fabulous breakfast sandwiches, they will be available for purchase from 8:30 on and Jay will be serving beverages commencing at 11:00. There's a lot of activity to watch as the 2015 boating season gets its start!

The sanitary pump-out and water service on the docks will be reactivated sometime during the week prior to Crane Day so both will be available for use effective Saturday April 11th onward.

Just like your home there is never a shortage of things to do around the Clubhouse, grounds and docks to get everything ready for the boating season so please do your part and come down early on Saturday April 25th to help out with Spring Clean-up, lunch will be provided to those that come out and volunteer. If you have suggestions for things you feel that need attending to around the facilities please be sure to email our friendly maintenance man Ken Smith at maintenance@vernonyachtclub.com so he can add it to the list.

I know you've heard it before but once again delivery and installation of the 8 new concrete fingers for C dock has been delayed but I have been assured these will be in place before the middle of March, well in advance of the start to the 2015 boating season.

Progress continues to be made on the small addition to the Clubhouse, needed to allow us to improve the efficiency of our kitchen. Pricing of it is getting close to being as finalized and it is expected a building permit will be applied for by the end of the first week of March with construction hopefully completed just in time for the 2015 Boat Show.

For the new breakwater progress is considerably slower but steps continue to be made to move this project along as well. Discussions have been had with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, an environmental engineer and one contractor so far.

The Vernon Yacht Club is just that, a Club it is not a commercial enterprise; we are all co-owners of this incredible facility and as such it should feel like an extension of our home, so make it yours. To paraphrase a line from a theme song for an old sitcom, *it's a place where everybody should know your name* and the way they get to know your name is by pitching in whenever possible, attending events put on at our Club and at other Clubs on the Lake and by just plain hanging around the docks, decks and Clubhouse.

Looking forward to seeing again those of you I already know and to getting to know those of you I have yet to meet.

Craig Williams

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FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Al Cuttriss

As I sit here writing this article the sun is shining, the long range forecast is for reasonably warm days, and the hours of daylight are longer! Bring on spring!

February is generally the busiest month in my position, dealing with new member applications, current member move requests, and fielding many enquiries.

I am confident that based on what I have seen to this point, we will be able to get everyone on the water in short order.

I ask your patience in this regard as the end of February is the final cut-off date for current member slip renewals.

Please remember that any changes in your moorage requirement will require another moorage application form to be filled out, whether it's upgrading to a larger boat, or downsizing to a smaller boat which may save you some cost as well.

Also please inspect your mooring lines to ensure they are in good condition and are of the appropriate diameter for the size of your vessel (we have had some staff members retrieving and re-securing a number of boats during the last storm due to rotted/undersized mooring lines).

See you on the water!

Al Cuttriss

STAFF CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Karol King

Your 'Yacht Bucks' are available at the Gang Plank bar and restaurant now. This is the \$250 House Account fee you paid when you paid your club membership this year. This money comes right back to you in the form of a credit at the Gang

Plank.

So come on in and visit your club house; have dinner, have a drink.

A couple of rules for the handling of the house account:

In order to be able help us account for your money, you will be asked to sign for all charges to your house account.

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If you don't sign for your charges, your account will be debited for the amount owing plus a 10% gratuity for staff – this will be recorded and signed for by the bar manager.

Karol King

Standards for securing boats at the Vernon Yacht Club Moorage Basin

The mooring standards as presented below are designed to prevent damage to your boat, damage to the VYC docks, and other boats.

You are asked to use appropriately sized mooring lines with snubbers of rubber or spring steel on lines of less than 10 feet in length. A properly secured boat will be held by a minimum of four lines. Attach lines correctly to cleats and keep snug so lines do not droop into the water. Use fenders to prevent contact of your boat with the dock or with other boats.

Terminology

Bow - the forward part of a boat.

Bow line - a docking line leading from the bow.

Chafing Gear - Tubing or leather wrapping used to protect a line from chafing on a rough surface.

Cleat - the metal fixture on the dock (or on your boat) used to attach lines to securely moor your boat.

Fender - A cushion, placed between boats, or between a boat and a dock, to prevent damage.

Line - the nautical term for ropes used in sailing and in securing your boat to a dock.

Pile - A wood, metal or concrete pole driven into the ground.

Spring line - A line used in mooring to prevent the boat from moving forward or astern while made fast to a dock.

Snubber (rubber or spring steel) - a device attached to a mooring line to reduce shock to the boat and the dock.

Stern - the after or back part of a boat.

Stern line - a docking line leading from the stern.

Lines - can generally be categorized as follows:

Laid Nylon - a twisted line of nylon fibers may be used as a mooring line.

Single Braided or Double Braided Nylon (a braided core covered with a braided jacket) - are the best lines for moorage as they have good abrasion resistance and resistance to rot.

Polypropylene - (the common yellow rope) must **not** be used as a mooring line.

Size of Line recommended for Size of Boat

Boats to 20 feet	3/8 inch diameter line
Boats 20 to 35 feet	1/2 inch diameter line
Boats 35 to 45 feet	5/8 inch diameter line

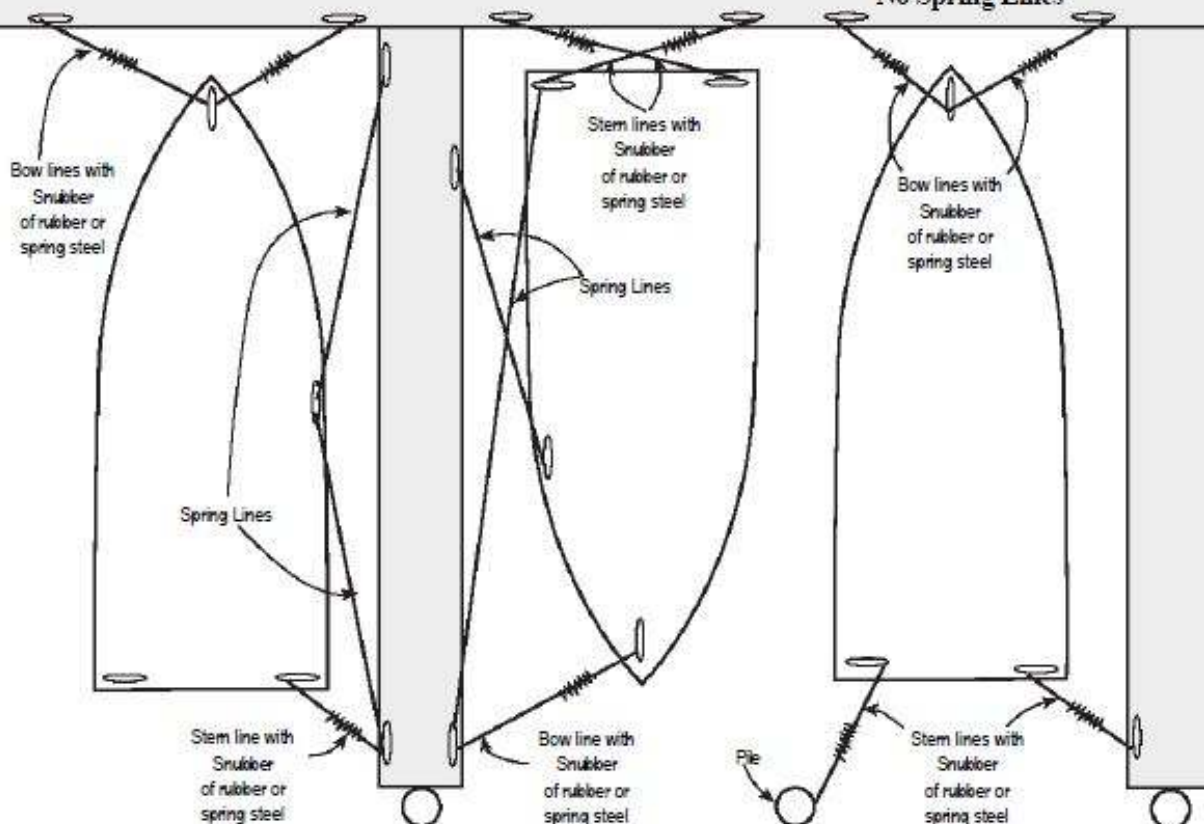
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Most avionics are all new in the 2 last years. VHF radio, Standard Horizon GPS, Wind, depth, and speed. CD player and inverter were also installed in 2010. All lights were replaced with efficient LED ones and most of the boat was rewired also. There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

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Ron McLean



A warm welcome to all our NEW Regular and Associate members:

It's been a busy winter season for new memberships. Since the end of December we have welcomed 7 new regular members and 5 associate members with more applications pending. This brings a total of 12 new members and with more to come in 2015.

**Ron McLean
Director**



A letter of Thanks...

I would like to thank The VYC members and staff for all their support and wonderful donations we have received while we have been going through this emotional time with my grandson, Kaydyn's open heart surgery. It is very overwhelming the kindness that everyone has shown.

I am very thankful and relieved to inform everyone that it was a successful operation and Kaydyn is progressing well. They repaired a hole in his heart and a leaky valve which was enlarging his heart. The leaky valve repair will have to be followed up closely as it couldn't be repaired 100%, but the surgeon was quite hopeful it would be adequate.

I have most definitely seen how wonderful it is to have many friends and family showing their support and caring. I also feel very fortunate to have a job I love, a great staff I work with, and a whole group of friends in the yacht club that I have gained since becoming employed four and a half years ago.

I am also very glad to be back home and back at work in our comfortable home of Vernon. I am for sure not a 'big city' girl. (Yes, Jay), that comes from growing up in the small community of Edgewood in the Kootenays!) Even with a GPS giving us directions, my daughter and I still managed to continuously end up at the wrong destinations. From ending up at Vancouver airport instead of Vancouver Aquarium, to heading back to Richmond from Tsawassen and ending up at the Vancouver landfill. We found this quite amusing. So, I guess as the saying goes, 'You can take the girl out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the girl!'

Thank you everyone for making my workplace warm and welcoming to come home to.

*Corinne Kirton
Kitchen Manager*

Ken's Spring Fling



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A Tale of a Trip



Oak Bay Marina

This story, as so many other stories begin with "we met these great people at the Vernon Yacht Club" a few years back, Brent Loshney and Manya Chernoff. You see, an instant friendship was formed when we came to know them after they bought "Destiny", a 26' O'day sailboat that was moored beside us on C dock. Unfortunately, it wasn't long after meeting our new found friends they sold Destiny and moved to Victoria where they bought a beautiful 32' Beneteau named "Mystere" and learned to sail among the many islands around them.

So many plans were made to travel to Victoria to visit Brent and Manya but were subsequently cancelled for one reason or another. Finally the stars aligned and we were able to take them up on an invitation to a weekend sail with them!

Our mini-holiday started at 5:59 a.m. Saturday morning as we pulled out of our frosty driveway headed to our destination; Latitude - 48.4222° N, Longitude - 123.3657° W.

First stop, Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal to catch the 1:00 sailing. I checked off an item on my bucket list that day that I didn't even know I had. Yup, I drove a Ferry, the Coastal Celebration. Timing is everything they say, whoever "they" are. We were standing in a hallway viewing a map of the ship when the Captain came through a door beside us and asked if we needed any direction. Craig pointed at the door he emerged from and said "well, can we go in there"? To make a long story short, he welcomed us into the Command Bridge where we seen the workings of a Ferry and learnt a bit about how it all operates. Then the navigator, one of the 5 on the bridge showed me how to steer! I would love to tell you I navigated the 160 meter long 10 ton ferry though Active Pass and docked it in Schwartz Bay but that would be a stretch! Reality is I adjusted the course of the Ferry using a joystick no bigger than what is used on a game controller! Super

neat! Anyway, on to the purpose of our trip....

We arrived in Victoria around 4:30 pm and spent the evening visiting, provisioning and planning the route for our trip to begin Sunday Morning. We had a lovely meal at Brent and Manya's new club, the Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

We pulled out of the Oak Bay Marina around 8:30 Sunday morning headed for Poets Cove with the sun gleaming and a nice steady breeze blowing.



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So many things happen on the ocean that one does not see on the lake. The first few miles we motored as we needed to push through the whirly pools that form in narrow passages of tidal waters. The strength of changing tides are simple amazing. We went from motoring 6.5 knots to .06 knots in areas! Once we passed through the whirlpools and Strong Tide Islet we were able to hoist the sails and peacefully cruise in just under 10 knots of wind. There was a seemingly never ending stream of freighters and navy ships that we watched in the not-so-far distance. Luckily we also had the good fortune of a small pod of dolphins that surfaced every now and again.



Around 2:00 that afternoon we decided to change our destination as we were not quite half way to Poets Cove and the wind was dying. One cannot be in a rush on a sailboat!



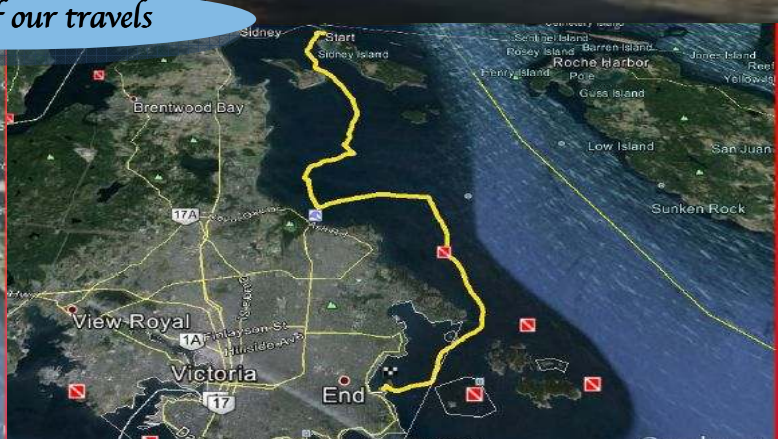
Sidney Spit was our new targeted destination where we arrived at around 5:00. Once tied to a bouy the co-captain Kepler, pictured steering here, was rowed out to the long sandbar for a stroll, the sandbar which later disappeared under the ocean surface when hightide arrived. We camped on the bouy that night and barbequed up some fresh salmon and asparagus. Truth be told, we tried to BBQ some crab cakes... we were not so successful with this experiment. We then visited the rest of the evening away in the warm and cozy cabin.

Monday after a nice breakfast we sailed the rest of the day in even lighter winds, outsmarting the many underwater obstacles that I now wonder how sailors ever avoided before GPS!

The Victoria and Gulf Islands area is such a beautiful place. I'm sure many members of our Club have visited there and have stories to share. I would love to publish your stories, so please email me at tiller@vernonyachtclub.com.



A map of our travels



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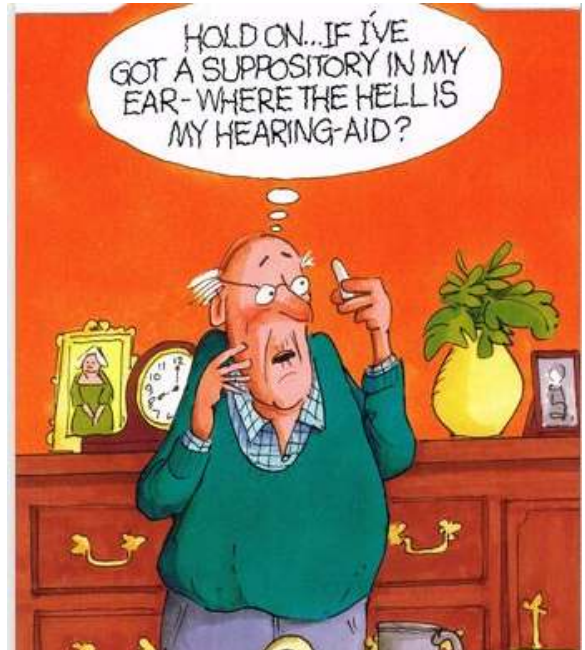
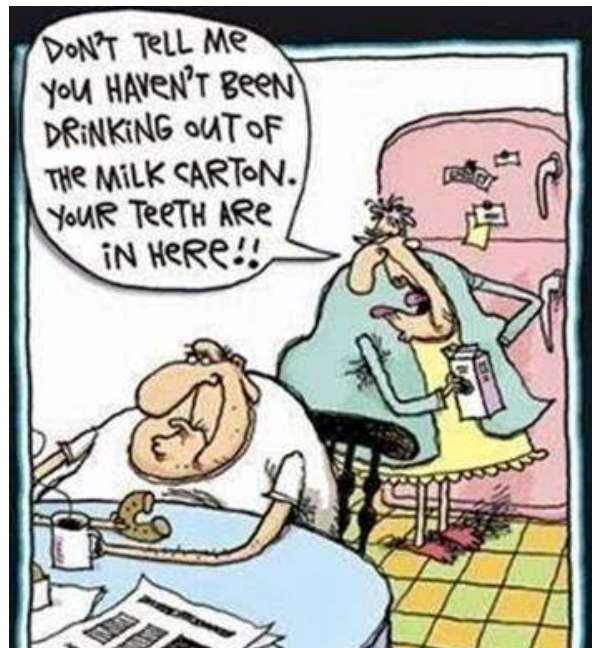
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Minutes Summary

By Pamela Miller

Kitchen renovation update ~ The quotes are in for the kitchen renovation including the 2500sq foot addition. The work is due to be completed before the 2015 Boat and Sportsman's Show (first weekend in May)

Janitorial Position Open ~ There is a vacancy for the janitorial position at VYC. If you know a non-member interested in this position please ask them to contact the VYC office.

Osprey Nest needs a home ~ The Osprey nest, removed from VYC grounds last year, needs to find a new location before nesting season in March. We will be inquiring about several locations between here and Paddlewheel Park.

Valley Wide Event Coordination ~ Our Staff Captain, Karol King, met with other Okanagan Yacht Clubs to firm up dates for our annual events. The priority events such as the Commodore Balls, Invasions, Regattas and Valley Wide Events were each assigned a date with no overlap. Yacht Clubs' local events will at times be scheduled on the same dates. See the VYC website's 'Events Calendar' for updates.

2015 Boat and Sportsman's Show ~ May 2nd & 3rd are the dates for this year's Boat Show. Sponsorship information and the Application for Booths, Slips and Ads can be found online at: vernonyachtclub.com/boating/annual-boat-show This page will be updated with exhibitors' and sponsors' information leading up to the show as well as event updates as they arise. The event is very well organized by Ron Mathews with the help of Karol King, Chris Grotterod and many volunteers who have come forward to make it a success!

One New Event of note ~ Summerland Yacht Club will host the very first Bathtub Race Fundraiser Event August 22nd. Maximum 10HP motors allowed! We're excited and are thinking of what VYC could do. Ideas anyone?

New Barbeque Hood ~ John Halper, who built our wheelchair ramp, will be fabricating a new stainless steel Barbeque Hood for the upcoming season.

Get your Spring Clean on for Crane Day April 11th (tbc)! Pamela



Sailing Chair

By Chris Grotterod

Spring has not sprung and the grass hasn't risen but with the warmer weather there has been some activity around the docks as some captains are getting busy on their boats so everything is ship shape when we get going for the season.

The first item on this springs agenda is crane day which is scheduled for April 11th. This will be followed up on April 18th with a SPRING FLING at the VYC with ticket available for \$20 per person. This will be followed up the next day, Saturday the 19th with our first race of the season. The VYC Sailing Regatta will be held this year from May 29th to then 31st we look forward to seeing all sailors out this year to make it a great success.

Anyone interested in helping out or racing in the Regatta please contact Dave Horsham @ 250-542-5632.



GangPlank Gossip

Jay and Corrine



Spring is here, boating is just around the corner! Here's hoping I'm not jumping the bow line with that weather prediction. Can't be much worse than the weatherman's prognostications.

Lot's of planning and clubhouse details in process now to set up for a fabulous boating season. First the good news, drink prices have remained the same- hooray! Our wine list is changing and expanding, courtesy of some great product support from Trish Dixon and Mission Hill Wines.

Now for some rain, our mainstay buffets (Wed BurgerQ, Fri SoS and Sun brunch) have been priced about a dollar higher. Food prices are still climbing, even though the fuel surcharges are dissipating (for now). The other reason for the increase is to get away from vol-

unteer dependency on Friday and Sunday and employ both a dishwasher and bus person. Ty Thomas has been doing a fantastic job in the dish pit but we will be looking for a capable busser. Our policy prohibits members from being employed but that doesn't preclude a members' relation or friend from applying and getting that valuable first job experience. As for the volunteer camaraderie, there will be plenty of special event chances.

Ladies night (usually third Thursday of month) has an all inclusive price of \$20, dinner, glass of wine, prize draw, taxes and gratuity included.

Good times at past events were had dancing (if one could find a spot on the floor) to The Creeks ringing in 2015, SuperBowl Sad-

ness (rumour has it Rob Pfeiffer's hanky is finally dry) and Valentine's Rib buffet with Rockin Randy romancing couples into the eve.

Congratulations to Chanel Love and Jef Goodrich who are going to be adding another child to their family. Word has it I have to give Chanel the long weekend in August off...oh the demands of staff. Seriously, Chanel has picked up a lot of slack this winter, cleaning, cooking and bartending. She gets this months Tiller Topic Trooper award. Sorry Chanel, no monetary supplement with the award but I will buy you an apple juice.

Come on down with your friends to The Gangplank!

Cheers, Jay and Corinne



Women's tank top: \$12

Mens T-shirt: \$20



Lanyard: \$3

Baseball Cap: \$16





March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM Brunch 10-1:00	2	3	4 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM Wing Wednesday!	5 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	6 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM SoS BBQ!	7 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—8:00PM Lunch 12—3:00PM
8 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM Brunch 10-1:00	9	10	11 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM Wing Wednesday!	12 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	13 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM SoS BBQ!	14 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—8:00PM Lunch 12—3:00PM
15 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM Brunch 10-1:00	16	17	18 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM Wing Wednesday!	19 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	20 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM SoS BBQ!	21 Lounge Hrs. 12:00— 8:00PM Lunch 12—3:00PM
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“Empty pockets never held anyone back. Only empty heads and empty hearts can do that.”

Norman Vincent Peale, 1898-1993 Minister and Author