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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Spring is a busy time of year at the Vernon Yacht Club, especially this year.

Crane Day is scheduled for April 16, 2016.

Spring Clean Up Day is scheduled for April 23, 2016.

The Vernon Yacht Club's Annual Boat Show is scheduled for April 30-May 1, 2016.

Eighty volunteers are needed just for the Boat Show. Please check your

busy schedules and plan to donate a few hours to ensure another

successful Boat Show.

See you at the Club!

Contact Gerald Gustafson at ger anny@hotmail.com to volunteer.

#### **VERNON YACHT CLUB 2016 EXECUTIVE**

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### **COMMODORE'S REPORT**



**Lawrence Johnson** 

Hello Members,

The Club has seen some changes again in the past couple of months. The kitchen renovation was completed with new flooring, a new prep table and a new stand up cooler among various other items. A big thank you to all of the volunteers who contributed their time and expertise to get this important renovation completed.

The design, planning and costing for the new breakwater has been ongoing with scheduling for the start of construction this spring. We also have some up coming renovations planned for the upper deck that are in the works that we hope to see completed this year.

Also please be advised that Crane Day has been scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>, all members with boats on the hard will need to be available. Spring Clean Up is April 23rd.

On another note, we have some upcoming events in March and April. We hope to see you Ladies Night March 24th and April 21st. The popular Friday night dinner-dances will be March 18th and April 15th.

See you at the Club.

Lawrence Johnson

Commodore

Vernon Yacht Club

#### NOTES FROM THE REAR COMMODORE CRAIG WILLIAMS

- On the evening of January 20<sup>th</sup> it was discovered that the most northerly two sections of the concrete breakwater that are bolted together had parted and the inside section of the two was turned 90 degrees leaving two large gaps. A two man crew from Burton Marine attended the site at first light the next morning and determined one of the four corner anchor lines holding the inside section had let loose from where it attaches to the breakwater. Using a come-along, Burton Marine was able to pull the two sections back together and reattach them with two of the four bolts meant to hold the sections together. The following Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup> Ken Smith, our maintenance man, put together a team of volunteers who retrieved the chain to the anchor line from the lake bed and, with the help of a rented engine hoist, reconnected the anchor line to the section and tensioning it. Many thanks to the following members who donated their time that Sunday: John Halper; Fred Haight; Chris Grotterod; Richard Pelletier; and Dwayne Blaeser (diver). A special mention to social member Brent Joliffe of Valley Pile Driving for the use of his boat.
- Progress on the new breakwater is moving quickly with the design finalized and the Section 9 application for Phase 1 expected to be submitted by our environmental consultant no later than the 19<sup>th</sup> of February. If goes well we hope to commence construction this summer.
- Re-flooring of the kitchen and bar was completed on-time and the new gas range and refrigerated food prep table installed, hopefully making life for our kitchen staff a little easier and more efficient. Many thanks to our Staff Captain Gerald Gustafson and his crew of volunteers (Annie Gustafson; Marie-Jean Watson; John Halper; Richard Pelletier; and Bruce Tonner)
- Spring Clean Up will be on Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 8:30, one week before the Boat Show, please plan on attending and helping out. Lunch will be provided as usual.



#### STAFF CAPTAIN'S REPORT

#### **Gerald Gustafson**

Oh my its February already! I'm looking forward to putting the boat in next month, weather permitting.

The kitchen renos came together quite nicely thanks to Bruce Toner, Richard Pelletier, John Halper, and myself moving out all the equipment, removing the sub floor. MJ Watson and my wife Annie, for painting the kitchen, then moving everthing back in and setting up the kitchen and bar with the Guidance of Corrine, Jay, and Lou. Thanks everyone for your efforts to get everything up and operating in a timely fashion.

Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> we had a dinner and dance that was very well attended with "Sax Appeal" entertaining us and keeping everyone on the dance floor till 11 pm.

We entered the "Heaven Can Wait" boat in the Winter Carnival Parade to promote our upcoming Boat Show and to also fill the boat with food donations for the local food bank. Mike was kind enough to support us by bringing up his Formula1 race boat and join us in the parade. Thank you to all the volunteers, too many to mention, you all know who you are who came out and made this event successful. Thank You! A special thank you to Al Cuttriss and Vernon Hyundai for the use of their shop to decorate the boat.

If you have not been out to any of our functions, you should come on out as we have so much fun!

We still need more volunteers for the Boat Show. If you are interested or can help us out ,please email me at ger anny@hotmail.com,or phone me at 250-351-9887,or get in touch with Rob Mathews ,our Boat Show Chairman.



We are organizing a team of volunteers to help in the kitchen to work with Corrine as needed, we will have a system in place similar to the security team whereas you would be credited towards next year's membership and/or moorage. When we get about 12 people, we will host a training session. Anyone interested can contact myself at <a href="mailto:ger\_anny@hotmail.com">ger\_anny@hotmail.com</a> or phone me at 250-351-9887. Thank you,

**Gerald Gustafson** 

Parade photos courtesy of Keith Danielson

Staff Captain, VYC

















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#### **BOAT SHOW**



### Rob Mathews CHAIR REPORT

Wanting to Sell Your Boat at the Boat Show?

We have been asked by several members if they could have the same opportunity to feature boats at the VYC 2016 Boat Show as last year. I have set up an area against the fence for boats on trailers. I ask that the boats, or items for sale, be in place late Friday afternoon. Please make sure that a detailed sign, with a contact number is attached to the boat.

For boats on the water, we will ask that the boat be moved into a designated slip Friday night.

These slips will be allocated once we have the exhibitors organized to prevent conflict. I will try to make sure the slips are as close to exhibitor's product as possible to maximize exposure for you.

Please contact me prior to the Boat Show so that I can allow enough room for everyone!

Rob Mathews, VYC Boat Show Chair 2016.



# Sandman Vernon would like to show off our newly renovated rooms!

We are pleased to offer the Vernon Yacht Club a preferred rate of \$85.00 (Standard Room) for the Annual 2016 Boat Show.

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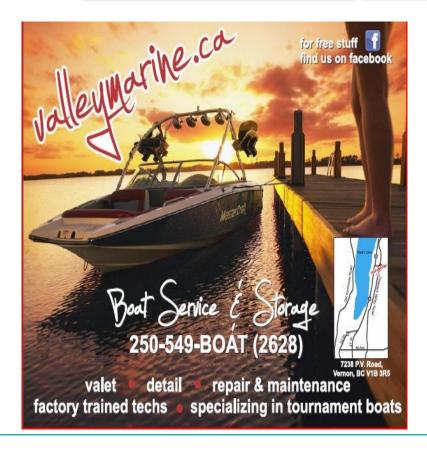


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## Young Inventors Coming to the 2016 Boat Show

The Nakusp Secondary School students and inventors of the Rollyblades fishing lures (www.rollyblades.com) are very excited about attending the VYC 2016 Boat Show April 30-May 1!

The students are preparing a booth and some presentations. They will work the booth with help from the JR Outdoor Education Class. Some members of this group will be presenting and defending their business plan to Jr. Dragon's Den.

Let's all make them feel welcome!













## **ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTOR**

Ken Hodgson

January 29, 2016 was the first event of the New Year and we decided to try something a little different. We have Friday night barbeques throughout the year-which are very well received-however, the members and guests usually leave by 9 pm. We thought that if we provided music for a dance following the meal, it may make for a more enjoyable evening.

We hired 'Sax Appeal' a three piece dance band to provide music from 8pm until 11 pm as a trial to see how well it would be received. If the idea proved popular we would have a dance once a month.

We were so very pleased at the response of the members and guests! It was so well received that we had another successful dance following the Friday night meal on February 12 for St. Valentine's with music provided by 'Boogie Nights'. We feel that it is the best value on the lake, a dinner and dance for \$16.50.

We intend to provide a variety of music entertainers. On March 18, the music will be provided by 'Stepping Out' and ,on April 15, music will be performed by 'Rocking Randy'.

We hope that the membership will come out and support us and have a good barbeque of beef, salmon, chicken or ribs. Stay and enjoy the music, dance and socialize with fellow boaters and friends.

See you at the Club!

Ken Hodgson

**Entertainment Director** 



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#### What Okanagan Boaters Need to Know About Invasive Mussels

#### By Lisa Scott

## **Coordinator, Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society** 19 February 2016

They are microscopic at birth and the size of your thumbnail at maturity, but despite their small size, invasive mussels are not wanted in the Okanagan. In fact, its downright scary to think about how many things would change if zebra or quagga mussels moved into the Okanagan Valley.

- \*Unprotected docks, breakwalls, boat bottoms and engine outdrives would be rapidly colonized. Boat engines would overheat due to colonies of mussels clogging cooling water inlets. Much effort would be required to scrape mussels off boat hulls.
- \*Walking barefoot along Okanagan beaches could also become a thing of the past if invasive mussels arrive. The sharp-edged shells of dead mussels wash ashore, creating a hazard for unprotected feet. Since mussels accumulate on the submerged portions of nearly any substrate, ladders on docks and rafts also present a risk.
- \*As they feed, mussels deposit feces and regurgitated food on the bottom of a lake. These substances become food for bottom-dwelling worms, scuds, insect nymphs and larvae, making those invertebrate forms more abundant. Some fish may respond to this change by increasing their benthic feeding or orienting to other prey that forages on the bottom. Also, as mussels feed, they filter plant plankton from the water. This in turn makes the water clearer. Fish that are light-sensitive may seek deeper waters to find shelter from the penetrating rays of the sun.
- \*As significant filter feeders, invasive mussels may increase human and wildlife exposure to organic pollutants. Research indicates that mussels can rapidly accumulate organic pollutants within their tissues to levels more than 300,000 times greater than concentrations in the environment. These contaminants can be passed up the food chain so that any fish or waterfowl consuming the mussels will also accumulate these organic pollutants. Likewise, human consumption of these same fish and waterfowl could result in further risk of exposure.

These are just some examples of how life would change in the Okanagan if invasive mussels were to arrive.

History tells us that these aquatic organisms can move with extreme ease and at an incredibly rapid pace. It's believed that zebra and quagga mussels were introduced into the Great Lakes in the late 1980s when European ships released ballast water containing the species. These mollusks were then discovered attached to the underwater surfaces of rocks, piers, and other structures in the Great Lakes region. During the next three decades, they steadily moved into Quebec, several U.S. states and now Manitoba, altogether infesting close to 700 North American lakes. Species Society (OASISS) has partnered with the Okanagan Basin Water Board to encourage boaters and other water recreation users to "Clean, Drain, Dry" boats and other equipment before moving between lakes. These proactive steps can prevent the spread of invasive mussels and halt the spread of other invasive animals and plants that may be lurking in our lakes.

At this time there are no known methods for eliminating invasive mussels without severely damaging the ecosystem of the water body in which they have been found. The public's help in preventing the spread of these highly invasive species is essential. Report mussel-affected boats or equipment to the B.C. Conservation Officer's "Report All Poachers and Polluters" (RAPP) hotline: 1-877-952-7277 (toll-free) for more information on invasive mussels, the risks to the Okanagan and prevention tips, visit www.DontMoveAMussel.ca .

Be sure to stop by the OASSIS trailer display during the Vernon Yacht Club Boat Show to learn more about how you can help to protect our waters.















## YC Mission Statement

"The purposes of the Society are to promote the enhancement of boating as a recreational and pleasurable pastime, to encourage inter-club and intercommunity nautical activities and to provide facilities for any of the foregoing."

Taken from the current Bylaws

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## **Gangplank Gossip**

Welcome to the start of another fantastic boating season. The Gangplank wintered well and is looking forward to the return of the tanned Snowbirds. I'm sure that bunch of slackers will appreciate the volunteer work done to renovate the original kitchen and bar flooring.

There were many hands but a few notables that went above and beyond (I'm sure between the other columns we mention all involved); John Halper, Bruce Toner, Gerald Gustafson and Richard Pelltier. Richard, a new member, liked helping so much he continued on with passing out steaks on a Friday SoS (Steak or Salmon) BBQ. Turns out all this volunteering as a newbie is a great way to meet fellow members!

VYC has been attracting a significant number of new members these last few years. Word must be out on how much fun our Club and its casual atmosphere is! In order to prep newer members, the Gangplank originated as a full volunteer effort but is gradually morphing to more employees.

The old guard still want to contribute and clean up after themselves with dirty glasses back to the bar and dishes into the bins. That ethic is very much appreciated on busy nights when the hired help are on another task. The self-serve "saunter" for refreshments is still the model for now. Reservations are held only until 6 P.M. on Friday for larger groups. Groups of 4 and under usually have no problem squeezing in anytime and expanding social circles.

As a monthly bonus to Friday SoS BBQ, Ken Hodgson and Gerald added some entertainment to break up the winter blues and have been well attended. The next one coincides on the day after St. Paddy's on March 18 with "Stepping Out" belting out tunes. No tickets required, just come pay your normal \$16.50 for dinner. Best value in town as membership has its privileges.

Speaking of Snowbirds, this slacker is writing on the eve of my own vacay to the desert for a little R+R in Palm Springs and Phoenix. With any luck I'll visit with several southerners reading Tiller Topics on the internet. I'm pretty sure there will be a tidbit or two to pass on about certain members who shall remain nameless. Oh and Murray, I want 3 shots a side.

In conclusion, we would like to welcome Betty Day and her crew for taking the Tiller Topic baton from a past Member of the Year, Rebecca Phillips. We all appreciate the dedication of Rebecca's contribution to keeping the membership informed and entertained. Word has it she is partial to Chardonnays....

Cheers, see you all in the Spring at the Gangplank, where everyone knows your name. Well, all these new members are challenging that motto but that is a good thing.

Corinne and Jay



The deadline for the next edition of the Tiller Topics is April 15, 2016.

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#### 2016 Calendar of Events for Lake Okanagan Yacht Clubs

### Welcome New Members

New members added to the roster

in February 2016 are:

**Regular Members:** 

Todd and Lisa Darbyson

Kevin and Priscilla Ford

Jeff Griffin

Joseph and Mary Anderson

**Social Members:** 

Diane and Robert Weber

Daryl and Tilly Riva

Should you have any questions please contact us and we will be most willing to answer your questions. Welcome to the Club and enjoy!

Ron McLean

VYC Membership Director



#### **MARCH**

March 17 KYC Racing starts

March 18 VYC St. Patrick's Day Party

March 19 WKYC St. Patrick's Day Party

March 24 VYC Ladies Night

March 27 KYC Tune-up Race

#### **APRIL**

April 3 KYC Sunday Races 10 am

April 4 KYC Meet and Greet for Women's Sailing

April 7 KYC Ladies Night

April 13 VYC Racing starts

April 15 VYC Dinner-Dance

April 16 VYC Crane Day 8 am

April 16 SYC Boat Lift and Spring Fling

April 16 KYC James Bond Casino Night

April 21 VYC Ladies Night

April 23 VYC Spring Clean Up

April 23-24 KYC Boat Show

April 25 KYC Ladies racing

April 27 KYC Racing starts, thru to August 31

April 30 VYC Boat and Sportsman Show

April 30 SYC All Members Wine and Cheese

April 30 WKYC Spring Clean Up

## **VERNON YACHT CLUB**

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(OCTOBER TO APRIL)

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 Tuesday
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 Thursday
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 Friday
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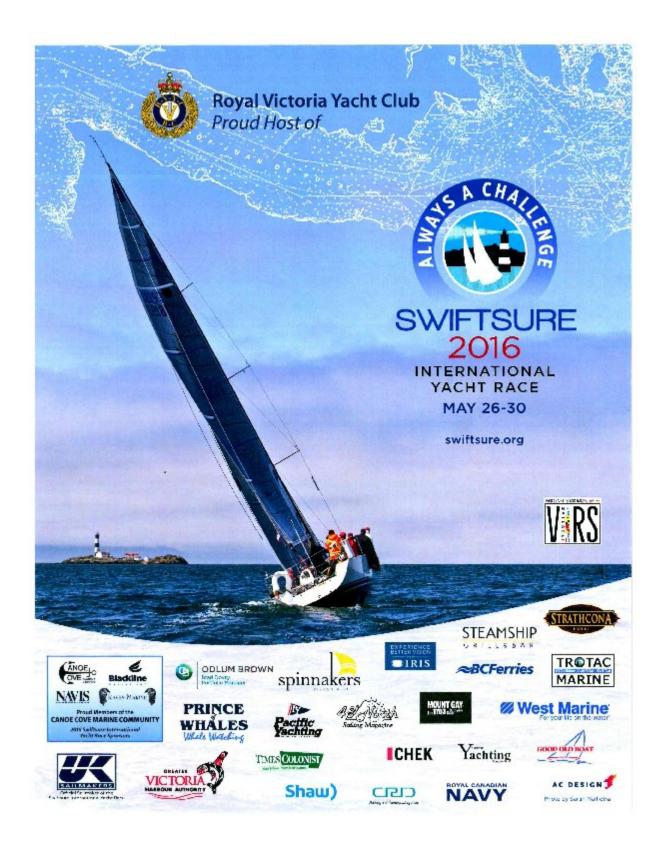
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Thursday; Taco Night 5:00-7:00
Friday: Steak, Salmon, or stuffed Chicken 5:30-8:30
Saturday: Soup & Bun 12:00-3:00
Sunday: Brunch 10:00-1:00

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## March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 Open 10-6	7	8	9 Open 4-8	10 Open 4-8	11 Open 4-10	12 Open 12-8
13 Open 10-6	14	15	16 Open 4-8	17 Open 4-8	18 Open 4-10  'Stepping Out'	19 Open 12-8
20 Open 10-6	21	22	23 Open 4-8	24 Open 4-8 <u>Ladies Night</u>	25 Open 4-10	26 Open 12-8
27 Open 10-6 <u>Easter</u>	28	29	30 Open 4-8	31 Open 4-8		

## April 2016

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Open 4-10	2 Open 12-8
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17 Open 10-6	18	19	20 Open 4-8	21 Open 4-8  Ladies Night	22 Open 4-10	23 Open 12-8 Spring Clean Up
24 Open 10-6	25	26	27 Open 4-8	28 Open 4-8	29 Open 4-10	30 <u>BOAT</u> <u>SHOW</u>