



*Vernon Yacht Club*

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## News from the Commodore-Lawrence Johnson

### MUST READ

Vernon Yacht Club invoices for 2017 membership dues are mailed out in mid November.

If you will be away this winter from November to spring, please make sure you make arrangements for payment of your 2017 membership and moorage so that you will avoid any late penalty.

Several ways you can pay: (Cheques and credit slips are kept in our safe.)

1. Provide a post –dated cheque for the same amount you paid last year and then settle up the account when you return.
2. Provide a blank cheque, mc/visa number to cover the billing when the invoices are printed, and Post date this.
3. Provide a mc/visa slip filled out to last year's amount and post-date, then settle the account when you return or settle by email.
4. Email the office about mid December and ask for a copy of your invoice, then pay this by phone  
Call or email.

Please note, this service is only provided to those who are away for the winter.

## VYC 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***



## News From the Rear Commodore—Craig Williams

### Rear Commodore's Report, Craig Williams

Thank you for making the effort to come out tonight and participate in the future of our Club. It's been a busy but frustrating year. The things we've accomplished this past year are summarized in the Long Term Plan included your package as are the things we hope to accomplish this coming year.

Replacement of the breakwater is moving forward albeit at a snail's pace. Results from the test piles we had done in July have proven the solid wall concept we had proposed to not be feasible so we are back looking at a floating structure, design and engineering of which is proceeding as we meet tonight.

What is now being proposed is similar to the floating breakwater Burton Marine installed at the new marina at McKinley Beach, two 30 foot wide structures forming a "V" one 315 feet long running southeast to northwest and the other 140 feet long running southwest to northeast. Each of these structures is to comprise 10 x 30 foot sections held together in their length by post tension cables allowing it to have some flex. With the help of John Halper we are also exploring other designs of floating breakwaters.

An initial cost estimate of this new floating breakwater structure comes in roughly \$135,000 higher than that budgeted for the solid wall concept prior to the test results, which should still allow us to complete the replacement within our overall budget of \$2,000,000 approved at the Extraordinary General Meeting held April 25, 2016. This floating structure will likely result in 4 fewer additional slips than originally expected and the new slips added to the west side of A dock and the ones on AA dock to be 2 feet shorter.

A wind and wave analysis is being completed by Waters Edge Marine Engineering as we meet, which is expected to be completed by mid-next month, which will determine the effectiveness of the proposed structure for our application and then allow final costing to be performed if any modifications are required as a result of this analysis.

As far as the approval process is concerned, our proposal was advertised in the local paper twice in early August, one week apart, giving the general public notice of our plans and until September 7<sup>th</sup> to provide their comments. The Ministry also sent out requests for referrals to our neighbours and local governments asking for their comments on our proposal. The City requested an extension in their time to respond and has until mid-next month to do so.

We are aware the Ministry and Transport Canada have received comments from some members of the general public and some of our neighbours but have so far been unsuccessful in obtaining copies of these comments though we have been promised they will be forthcoming for us to counter any negative feedback.

A brief conversation today with the representative of the Ministry responsible for our application revealed it will likely be a couple more months before we have our answer when I asked if we are looking at weeks or months, though he did say they would do all they could to provide it sooner.

Continuing with our efforts to upgrade C dock, this year we are budgeting to replace another 4 of the existing wooden fingers with concrete, bringing the total number of concrete fingers on C dock to 12 (24 slips).

Our kitchen is now about as complete as it can be with the new hood and proper intake and exhaust fans and fire suppression installed; a proper two basket commercial deep fryer; and next we have budgeted to add a 24" charbroiler. With our new menu and the unbelievable reasonably priced food and drinks there is no reason we all shouldn't be making this, our Club, our first choice when going out for a bite to eat. We have an awesome new deck and an incredible stable of energetic, enthusiastic and gregarious staff making the whole experience worth your while so let's support ourselves. Thank you to all of you.





## **News from Roger Price and the Security Team**

### VYC Security Team Report

We have had a very good year with our security team. We have had no major incidents, which is not to say we are not doing good things.

Your VYC Security Team have found doors unlocked, lights left on, boats drifting free, as well as making sure everyone stays safe on the property. Often we will have someone wander in just looking around at the club and boats on land, and usually when questioned will soon leave the property. While this may be very innocent, having a security team on site is a deterrent for anyone who is not there just to enjoy the view but to check out what is an easy target.

When parking your boat for the winter, whether on land or in the water be sure to lock everything securely and that your mooring lines are tied properly and electrical cables are not hanging in the water.

On another topic we have had some team members leave, some for winter and some are becoming too busy to volunteer on the team. If you are able to spend two or three hours per month with the VYC Security Team please contact myself at [security@vernonyachtclub.com](mailto:security@vernonyachtclub.com)

Roger Price  
Team Leader  
VYC Security



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## Ladies Night Hosted by Debbra Butler.

Halloween costumes were the fashion for the October 20th Ladies Night.

The next ladies Night is Thursday November 17th. Invite a friend and enjoy the evening .



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The Annual Pig Roast was well attended and enjoyed by all. Bob Montguire and Gerald Gustafson did a superb job of serving up the pork. Many Thanks!



Annie Gustafson watches while she loses one of the rubber duckies during the “Duck Whack” competition.

## Members Classified Ads - Free to all members

Drop your ad off at the Club or e-mail to [tiller@vernonyachtclub.com](mailto:tiller@vernonyachtclub.com)

Ads will be posted for the duration of four months. (Inform the editor if you would like to renew.)

### Tanzer 26 Sailboat For Sale

Specs Name 'Scotch Mist'

Moored @ VYC in slip D35. loa 26'4", lwl 22'6", beam 8'8"

displacement 4350 lbs, ballast 1950 lbs.

Sails main ,self furling head sail, new spinnaker [never used]

10 hp yamaha outboard, tandem trailer.

\$10,000.00

Glenn Hermanson at

ph 250-558-2991,

Email [ggherm@shaw.ca](mailto:ggherm@shaw.ca)

## Help Wanted !

The Vernon Yacht Club needs your help.

Corinne and Jay would like to have a list of members that will help from 6-9 during the Friday Night Dinners.

No cooking is required, just help with handing out dinnerware, keeping the buffet table filled and cleared as well as busing tables..

Volunteers will be rewarded with 'donations in kind' to be applied to their next years membership fees.

Help with one evening or many, it's up to you.

Please phone Corinne at 250-938-0144 or visit her at the Yacht Club for more information or to sign up.



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**FOR SALE**  
**Catalina 250WB**

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**co-owner (\$6850) or**  
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**Contact Tom Coape-Arnold**  
**[tcoape-arnold@shaw.ca](mailto:tcoape-arnold@shaw.ca)**  
**250 542 8150**

**Co-owner must regular member VYC**

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## Report from Retiring Staff Captain Gerald Gustafson

It's been a pleasure serving as Staff Captain this past year and I enjoyed working with this amazing executive. All of our social events went well thanks to a dedicated staff, volunteers and members who came out and supported all of the events. Without all of the help it would be impossible to make these events happen.

Thanks to Ken Hodgson who arranged all of the bands. A big thank you to Susan Mathews & my wife Annie for doing all the decorating for each event.

The Riboff , silent auction, 50/50 and whack duck a our Pig Roast raised money for the Captains Care Club with the funds going to the expansion of the deck and the tables and chairs you see out there. Thanks to Ken Smith for helping with that.

Up coming events for the rest of the year are: Sunday Nov. 27th Grey Cup Party at 3:00 pm. Corinne will be serving beef dip, fries and chicken wings. A Christmas sing-a-long on Friday Evening Dec 16th. Santa Brunch on Dec. 18th. Our New Years Eve Party on Sat. Dec. 31st will have prime rib and lobster tails at \$55.00 per ticket with a local band called 'Feet First'. Tickets will go on sale Nov. 21st to members.

I am sorry that I won't be able to continue as Staff Captain due to family commitments and we will be travelling in the coming year. If there is anyone of our members that might be interested in being Staff Captain talk to Lawrence, it is a fun and rewarding position and you get to go to all of the parties.

Thank you,  
Gerald Gustafson

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# Welcome New Members

New members added to the roster in September– October 2016 are:

**Regular Members:**

Donald and Margo Hunsberger

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**



**November**

- Nov 5 VYC Crane Day and Sailing Wind-up
- Nov 5 KYC Sailing Banquet
- Nov 11 KYC Remembrance Day Service
- Nov 15 KYC Awards Dinner
- Nov 27 WKYC Grey Cup Party
- Nov 27 VYC Grey Cup Party
- Nov 27 KYC Grey Cup Party

**December**

- Dec 16 VYC Christmas Caroling
- Dec 18 VYC Santa Brunch
- Dec 31 VYC New Year's Eve Party





## **ROYAL CANADIAN MARINE SEARCH & RESCUE**

It's been a busy year for our local heros. You may not even know they are there for you, should trouble arise you will consider them some of your best friends. We are so fortunate to have such a great group of volunteers keeping our end of the Lake safe. Thank you from all of us to all of you!



Reg McClellan, Ciy Young, Bob Montguire, Doug Young, Steve Plecas, Ray Davis, and Grant Holkestad



Sailboat in tow.



Even the City of Vernon needed Station 101's help when an outflow pipe surfaced.



First aid CPR-AED Recertification

Station 101 continues to seek individuals who would be prepared to commit some of their spare time to support the Station and vessel.

If you would like to donate time or money for this voluntary service please contact Bob Montguire at 250-545-8851 or Ciy Young at 778 932 1112.



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## News from the Sailing Fleet. Submitted by Carol Craske

### SAILING NEWS

The racing season is coming to a close on Oct 30th with the annual Pumpkin Race. It has been an unusual year for wind with very few races having to be cancelled because of lack of wind. Thursday nights when the women would race, it was always blowing hard. On November 5<sup>th</sup> the boats are lifted out by crane and at 6 pm we hold our Windup Party. It is a potluck affair and there is a wide variety of delicious foods to taste – it is one of my favourite events. This year we are adding a little entertainment to the evening with a Murder Mystery Scenario.

Currently the finishes are as follows (check out full results on the club's webpage):

	A Fleet	B Fleet
Spring Series	1 <sup>st</sup> - Mystique 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Split Decision 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Ayesha	1 <sup>st</sup> - Stormy 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Tsonqua 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Cimarron
Summer Series	1 <sup>st</sup> - Liquid Assets 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Mystique 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Split Decision	1 <sup>st</sup> - Stormy 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Cimarron 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Little Miss Magic
Fall Series	1 <sup>st</sup> - Mystique 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Phoenix 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Captivator	1 <sup>st</sup> - Tsonqua 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Cimarron 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Stormy

The Hot Rum Series runs during the month of October. This year we also had two social events – the Jack and Jill Race on the August long weekend and we added a new event on the Labour Day weekend – a BBQ at Peter Hirshmillers place ( thank you, Peter). Both events were well attended and we hope they will continue in the future. In both of the social races, Ayesha took the line honors but Cimarron won the privilege to host next year's Jack and Jill race. Congratulations, Roger!

Women racing had a very successful year with six boats racing on Thursday night during the months of May and June. Then in July, four boats travelled to WKYC to attend the annual Okanagan Women Regatta. This is a fun two day event and VYC has the honor to host it in 2017. At the windup of the women's racing season, Chaos was chosen by last year's winner as the boat of the year. This is the honor given to the boat that has demonstrated sportsmanship, exhibited the spirit of women sailing and improvement of sailing skills. Well done, Karen Fleming and crew! Special thanks to Keith Sangster and Lyle Enns for coaching. For more information on women sailing, check out our page on the club's website and/or okanagansailing.ca.

# NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

- ⇒ Do you get the weekly Gang Plank emails? If not, contact the office to update your email address. Email –office@vernonyachtclub.com
  - ⇒ Boat Insurance renewals – It's important to send a copy to the office. It is now \$2 million liability.
  - ⇒ Office Hours Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 – 2:30 Marnie. Closed most Statutory Holidays.
- Thanks, Marnie

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## The Gang Plank Menu

*GST Included*

### Appetizers

<b>Chicken Wings</b>		<b>\$5.25</b>	
Lightly floured, flash fried & served with your choice of dipping sauce: BBQ, Teriyaki, Honey Garlic, Salt & Pepper, Lemon & Herb, Sweet Chilli, Honey Mustard, Hot			
<b>Chicken Tenders</b>		<b>\$5.25</b>	
Lightly breaded chicken breast strips, served with: Honey mustard or sweet chilli sauce for dipping.			
<i>Add caesar or spinach salad, french fries or veggies w/ dip.</i>			
		<b>\$3.25</b>	
<b>Charcuterie Board</b>		<b>\$12.50</b>	
An assortment of smoked dry meats & cheese; with nuts, dried berries, and pickled veggies. Complimented with a French baguette, crackers and hummus.			
<b><u>Salads</u></b>			
<b>Caesar Salad</b>		<b>\$6.25</b>	
Crisp romaine lettuce, croutons, bacon bits, tossed with a traditional creamy Caesar dressing then topped with parmesan cheese.			
<b>Spinach Salad</b>		<b>\$7.25</b>	
Tender spinach leaves tossed with strawberries, red onion, candied cashews, feta cheese and finished with a raspberry vinaigrette			
<i>Add chicken or prawns for:</i>			
		<b>\$3.25</b>	
<b><u>Burgers and Such</u></b>			
<i>Burgers and beef dip are served with your choice of French fries, salad, or veggies &amp; dip</i>			
<b>Yacht Club Burger</b>		<b>\$8.50</b>	
*Choice of Beef, Chicken, or Veggie Grilled to perfection and finished with lettuce, tomato, cheese, and topped with onion straws.			
<b>Beef Dip (Corinne's Specialty)</b>		<b>\$8.50</b>	
Thin slices of roast beef stacked high & served with a grilled bun & creamy horseradish. Complimented with au jus and coleslaw			
<b>Fish Tacos</b>		<b>\$7.25</b>	
Sure to be a favourite. Crisp seasoned cod served on two warm flour tortillas with an avocado-salsa Verde. Then they're topped with shredded cabbage and sweet mango salsa.			
<b>Baby Back Ribs</b>	<b>Half Rack</b>	<b>\$8.50</b>	
Slow roasted, melt in your mouth baby back ribs. Smothered in		<b>Full Rack</b>	<b>\$12.50</b>
sauce & served with coleslaw & rice			
<b>Thai Rice Bowl</b>		<b>\$7.25</b>	
Seasonal sautéed vegetables served over aromatic basmati rice tossed with coconut milk and sweet chilli sauce			
<i>Add chicken or prawns</i>			
		<b>\$3.25</b>	

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## **The Gang Plank Gossip**

Thank you to all members and guests for making this past boating season and related club activities such a success. We are lucky to have a fantastic, hard working team of volunteers, executive and staff made all the easier by a wonderful membership. There sure are a bunch of fun folks at VYC!

The fall shoulder season will be shorter this year as Christmas parties start earlier in November with a full compliment all the way until our last Saturday night party dedicated to small businesses on Dec.17. The Barb Samuel duo will be entertaining.

Don't forget the good times we have lined up for Grey Cup Sunday Nov 27, 3pm. Start. Beef dip served at half time.

The last weekend prior to Christmas holidays has our traditional caroling Friday Steak or Salmon (SoS) BBQ Dec. 16, small biz Sat 17 and the Santa Brunch Sun Dec.18.

Tickets for our marque New Year's Eve Party go on sale Nov. 21. The cost is being held at \$55 each for Prime Rib and Lobster tail dinner, with Feet First entertaining and champagne to ring in 2017. Restrictions for the first 10 days allow only 4 tickets to be purchased per member. Dec. 1 is open season for remaining tickets.

Finally, thanks to Gerald Gufstason and Karol King for their dedication to club events and operations. We would like to extend our best wishes to Millie Intwert, our smiling, quick stepping kitchen staff member who is on extended leave for health issues. Everyone please send positive vibes her way. Also thank you to Carol Martel who gets a Bon Voyage like the rest of our Snowbirds. See you next spring.

Cheers from the Gang at the Gangplank

# November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 open 4-8	3 open 4-8	4 open 4-10	5 open 8-3 Crane Day
6 open 10-6	7	8	9 open 4-8	10 open 4-8	11 open 4-10	12 open 12-3
13 open 10-6	14	15 Executive	16 open 4-8	17 open 4-8 Ladies Night	18 open 4-10	19 open 12-3 Rented
20 open 10-6	21	22	23 open 4-8	24 open 4-8 Bridge Game	25 open 4-10	26 open 12-3
27 open 10-6 Grey Cup	28	29	30 open 4-8			

# December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 open 4-10	2 open 4-10	3 open 12-3 Rented
4 open 10-6	5	6	7 open 4-10	8 open 4-10	9 open 4-10	10 open 10-3 Rentad
11 open 10-6	12	13 Executive	14 open 4-10	15 open 4-10 Ladies Night	16 open 4-10 Christmas	17 open 10-3 Small
18 open 10-6	19	20	21 closed	22 closed	23 closed	24 closed
25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28 closed	29 closed	30 closed	31 New Year's Party "Feet First"