

TILLER TOPICS



Vernon Yacht Club



Photo by Anne Haight

Special points of interest:

- VYC's 29th Boat Show is May 5&6. See pages 5,14 &16.
- The Valley Wide Yacht Clubs' Calendar of Events is in.
- We're hosting a Greater Vernon Chamber Trade Fair April 17th.
- GangPlank News page 6!

Summer Raft-ups

are just a dream at the moment but being near or on the water is what membership is all about! Meanwhile the club keeps us entertained throughout the cold spells with fun events, delicious dinners and great comradery while we wait for the snow to melt.

The staff, volunteers, and board members are continuously doing what they can to make our Vernon Yacht Club a better place and lots gets done in the cold winter months. Our new board members have taken on their tasks for the season and will be getting busier as the months warm up.

Many events and activities are made great by volunteer members and we have a lot of fun while at it! Volunteering can be a couple of hours to an annual commitment, whatever floats your boat. Our largest event, the annual Boat Show, draws 80 plus volunteers each year... read further for sign up opportunities!

Pamela Miller

Tiller Topics Editor

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Thank you Betty Day!



Betty Day served on the Vernon Yacht Club board as Secretary from the end of 2015 until February 2018. During those years and without any publishing experience, she also took on the large task of editing the Vernon Yacht Club's Tiller Topics newsletter. Betty did a great job in both roles keeping the board informed, on schedule and active in Tiller Topics' news reporting. We are thankful for the many volunteer hours she gave our club and wish her all the best in the future!

Vernon Yacht Club Executive Board

Name	Volunteer position	Email
Gerald Gustafson	Commodore	commodore@vernonyachtclub.com
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Tiller Topics Publication

The Tiller Topics deadline for the May/June edition is **April 15, 2018!**

Send reports, articles, and member classified ads to Pamela Miller at: tiller@vernonyachtclub.com

The Tiller Topics reaches over 450 Vernon Yacht Club members as well as guests to our club. Advertising rates before GST are \$40 for 1/4 page ad, \$60 for 1/3 page ad, and \$80 for a 1/2 page ad. For paid ads in the Tiller Topics please email office@vernonyachtclub.com and request an advertising form or visit the office during office hours Tuesday–Saturday 9am–3pm.

Vernon Yacht Club Managers

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Ken Smith	Maintenance Manager	maintenance@vernonyachtclub.com



Gerald Gustafson
VYC Commodore

News from our Commodore

We are happy to welcome a new member to the Executive. Pat Higgins has agreed to fill a vacant position until the end of the year. Pat will be serving as Executive Secretary.

We would like to give a big Thank You to Susan Mathews & Annie Gustafson for decorating our club for every event. As you know our boat show is coming up May 5 & 6 and some of you volunteer regularly every year.

I urge the new members to our club to volunteer as it is a lot of fun and a good way to get know all the members of our club. You can contact our boat show chairman Fred Haight at boatshow@vernonyachtclub.com or our Staff Captain Pam St Pierre at staff-captain@vernonyachtclub.com.

We have a lift of lumber in the parking lot to replace the rotten rub rails on the docks, we will be needing volunteers to form a work party sometime in March or April depending on the weather. You can contact Ron McLean At rear-commodore@hotmail.com or Doug Fleming at director2@vernonyachtclub.com

Best Regards,

Gerald Gustafson





Pamela St. Pierre
VYC Staff-Captain

Staff-Captain Pam St. Pierre

Hi Everyone,

Spring isn't in the air just yetbut it's time to start thinking of our Annual Boat and Watersports Show when our volunteers come together and support our club and make the Boat Show "HAPPEN". So if any of you would like a particular volunteer position or time slot let me know so as I fill in the schedule. I will try to accommodate you.....a sincere Thank You ! (staff-captain@vernonyachtclub.com)

Thank you Dave Ellis for the generous contribution to the club's lounge a beautiful brass ships clock and barometer a very nice asset to the flavor of the club.

Thank You Ken Hodgson for lining up the music for all of our clubs events and keeping us dancing and entertainedI couldn't do it without you.....March 17th St Patrick's Day Dance come down to the club and have a little fun.

Thank you to our amazing staff for all their hard work - you are a great team!

We are almost complete with the calendar of events for the year so dates are now set for our Commodore's Ball and Sail Past, Rib Off, Pig Roast and so on.....

I was hoping to have the Canada Day Fireworks here on Okanagan Lake again this year as it was so enjoyed by all last year. I have been in contact with the Fireworks Committee and a decision has not been made yet whether they will bring it back to Okanagan Lake this year or they will alternate years with Kal Lake. Will keep you all informed.

Kind Regards,

Pam St.Pierre

This brass ship's clock and barometer were generously donated to the Vernon Yacht Club by Dave Ellis and are now displayed in the upper lounge just past the Gang Plank Bar.





Fred Haight
**VYC Boat Show Chair &
Director at Large**

2018 Boat & Watersports Show Chairman

We are excited to have received early inquiries about the 2018 Vernon Yacht Club Boat Show and we have also received some early registrations!! Currently we have 14 slips booked for the show, the most we have ever had this early.

With the help of 2 additional members on the committee, this year's show promises to be better overall. We are looking to increase displays both on land and on the water.

Stay tuned for updates and information.

Cheers,

Fred Haight
VYC Boat Show Chairman
Cell: 250-819-5120
Email: boatshow@vernonyachtclub.com

Coming Soon - VYC 2018 Boat & Watersports Show May 5&6!



For 2018 Boat & Watersports Show information go to vernonyachtclub.com/boating/vernon-yacht-club-boat-show/



Jay Langton
VYC Bar Manager

Gangplank News by Jay Langton

Action at the Gangplank is starting to pick up, even with another dose of winter impinging on the Saturday Valentine's dance. Hat Trick provided the dance tunes to a small but energetic crowd. The actual Wed 14 Valentine rib dinner was really well attended with 75 members and guests.

Flashbacking to New Year's Eve, that was no small crowd and the dance floor was jammed all night to Feet First. I think VYC has the hottest ticket in town for NYE. I keep asking attendees if they are getting tired of the same menu year after year, all resounding "Hell, no!"

Corinne's delectable prime rib and lobtails, running 5 years straight, was expertly pulled off by Mary, Tyler, MJ Watson and Jill Thomas after poor Corinne had fallen ill with that dreaded flu bug. All hands were on deck with Deb MacPherson, Ken and Vivian Smith also providing banquet serving duty. It was cool to see a minor emergency turn into "water off a duck's back" due to a fantastic staff and voly core that gel. Oh, and a first class membership make our tasks easy.

Superbowl was a heck of a game. Watching the Eagles soar over the marina pre game was a cool metaphor and premonition for Philly. 50 beef dips were served up at half time and a heck of a way to spend a winter Sunday.

Looking forward to a spring thaw by St Paddy's and another Saturday dinner and dance to kick off a better boating season than last year. Easter is early this year with our special Eggs Bunny brunch served 10am-1pm April 1. Hmmm, I hope Corinne doesn't fool us by sleeping in.



Many new members are introducing themselves and making new friends. Those not lucky enough to be lollygagging Snowbirds, come on down to the Gangplank and wile those winter blues away.

Cheers,

from the Gang at the Gangplank

VERNON YACHT CLUB

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Winter Hours

GANGPLANK BAR HOURS



Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	4:00pm—8:00pm
Thursday	4:00pm—8:00pm
Friday	4:00pm—10:00pm
Saturday	12:00pm—8:00pm
Sunday	10:00am—6:00pm

FOOD SERVICE

Wednesday	Family Menu	5:00pm—8:00pm
Thursday	Taco Thursday and Deep Fried Appies	5:00pm—8:00pm
Friday	Steak, Salmon or Stuffed Chicken	6:00pm—8:30pm
Saturday	Soup, Sandwich and Family Menu	12:00pm—8:00pm
Sunday	Sunday Brunch	10:00am—1:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Saturday 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Sunday & Monday Closed

Message from our Sailing Fleet

We currently have 21 boats signed up for racing this year and are looking forward to another fun year of racing. We are always interested in new boats looking to join us during our summer racing program.

If anyone is interested in racing their boat, or crewing on one of the race boats, they can contact me at:
sailingfleet@vernonyachtclub.com

Cheers,
Keith Danielson

VYC's weekly "Race Night" begins right after the April 14th Crane Day, on Wednesday April 18th!



Vernon Yacht Club Sailing

Keith Danielson is the 2018 VYC Sailing Fleet Chair, Chris Grotterod is the Sailing Fleet Secretary and Graham Doyle is this year's Sailing Fleet Treasurer. The Races begin Wednesday April 18th!

The VYC Women's Weekly Race Series has changed to Tuesday nights and will run from April 24th to July 3rd. Women's Weekly Race Series Chair tbd. The Okanagan Women's Regatta is at the Kelowna Yacht Club July 6th–8th.

Staff Captain, Pam St. Pierre is chairing the annual "Vernon Sailing Regatta" July 1st–3rd and the Vernon leg of the "End to End Regatta" September 14th–16th. The "End to End Regatta" begins in Vernon, stops overnight at the Kelowna Yacht Club and ends with dinner and awards at the Summerland Yacht Club.

A "Learn to Sail" program at the Vernon Yacht Club is in progress. Meanwhile, if you are interested in learning, you can ask to join a boat in the VYC Sailing Fleet as a crew member at weekly coed or women's races, take lessons at the [Kelowna Yacht Club](#), learn to sail on dinghies at the [North Okanagan Sailing Association](#) (many of the best sailors started on dinghies) or take [BC Sailing courses](#).



North Sails' North U Clinic

A top level [North Sails](#) clinic is coming to the Okanagan! On May 4-6, Bill Gladstone, founder of the North U series, books and CDs will be teaching this clinic at the Kelowna Yacht Club. You will learn the fundamentals of up-wind performance, plus advanced techniques that balance angle of attack, sail depth and twist in both the main and jib in order to optimize speed and pointing in all conditions. Through animated graphics, photos, and video you will see how the champions do it.



To sign up boats with crew go to this registration page: <https://www.gifttool.com/registrar/ShowEventDetails...>
To sign up as crew looking for a boat go to this registration page: <https://www.gifttool.com/registrar/ShowEventDetails...>

For more information email Susanne Young at: sy.quail@gmail.com

2018 Assistant Race Officer course

This course is designed to give you everything you need to know to volunteer on a Race Committee (Assuming you haven't already volunteered!)

Date : Sunday 18th March
Time : 11.00am to 5.00pm
Location : Kelowna Yacht Club
Cost : \$25.00 – Includes light refreshments, course notes and Sail Canada booklet.

To express an interest, please contact stevebrunsden@live.ca

*“To reach a port we
must set sail –
Sail, not tie at anchor
Sail, not drift.”*

— Franklin D.
Roosevelt

Valley Wide Sailing News

Last year the Vernon Yacht Club hosted the Okanagan Women's Regatta, and for 2018 it will be at the Kelowna Yacht Club, July 6th–8th! Robin Castle and her crew have their new OWR logo and announced the regatta this week! To practice, both KYC and VYC have a 2 month Women's Racing Series before the regatta!

Next month, the [Okanagan Women's Sailing](#), [OK Sailing](#), and [Okanagan Sail Week](#) websites will merge into one site that covers all Okanagan Sailing events. Regattas will be on one calendar, so sailors can spend less time searching online and more time on the water!



Welcome New Members!

Our new Membership Director, Scott Chapman, says the Vernon Yacht Club has:

5 - Life Members
327 - Regular Members
25 - Affiliate Member
103 - Social Members



As of February 7th we welcomed these new members to our club:

Bruce and Colleen MacTavish

Peter and Kim Croot

Jonathan and Alyson Smith

Ian and Rebecca Darroch

Totaling **468** Members! For information on membership you can reach Scott at: membership@vernonyachtclub.com

Thank you Annie Gustafson and Susan Mathews!

*Annie Gustafson and
Susan Mathews
decorate each event for
our club! Their efforts
make our events look
incredible and feel like
celebrations! Great
work!*



Thank you Dorrit LaPlante and Denise Dobie!

Dorrit LaPlante and Denise Dobie have been busy making delicious desserts for several of our Friday night dinners. Last week, February 23rd they both brought desserts and members had a feast! Thank you so much for the treats!

Classified Ads



*VYC Members receive
free classified ads in the
Tiller Topics newsletter.*

*Contact :
tiller@vernonyachtclub.
com to place an ad.*

FOR SALE - 1983 Kirby 25 "Rapid Transit"

Trailer:

- CMF single axle (CW electric brakes & launch pkge.)
- trailer has new tires, lights, wiring & bearings

Motor:

- Nissan 8HP Outboard

Sails:

- New Standard Dacron Mainsail NDG4HA w/1 Reef, Window, Bag & Sailcover
- Good #2 Dacron Genoa
- Good #3 Dacron Jib
- Almost new multi colour 75 oz. Spinnaker w/ Bag

Equipment:

- 4 Bunks w/ Fabric Cushions
- Porta-potty
- Bow Pulpit
- Sternrail
- Swim Ladder on Transom
- Harkin Headfoil II
- Double Lifelines
- Outboard Motor Bracket - Epoxy bottom(2011)
- Reinforced Stanchions - Boom Vang
- Extension Tiller - Interior Liners
- All lines lead aft. - Silva NEXUS Speed Log
- Plastimo (Contest Compass) - Deep cycle RV Battery
- Battery charging solar panel - Stainless steel Rigging
- 4 Fenders - Mooring Lines
- 12S Danforth Anchor + bracket - Teak Toe Rails
- Teak Grated Gas Tank Cover - 3 adjustable Backstays
- Harken Mainsheet Traveller - Jib & Genoa Tracks w/Cars & Blocks
- New Lexan Companion Way - 24" Life Ring W/ braided Line
- 3 Mustang Boating Vests - Stern & Pulpit Mast supports for - Harken Sheet Stoppers winter storage

"Rapid Transit" is docked at the Vernon Yacht Club on Lake Okanagan in lovely B.C. Canada. Contact Harvey at 250 838 0574 for more info.

Asking price \$6,800

Classified Ads

FOR SALE - 27ft US Sloop

27ft US Sloop with 9.9hp outboard. Spacious cabin with galley that can sleep 6. Separate head. Sails include main, furling headsail and cruising spinnaker. Moored at Vernon Yacht Club and berth paid to end of the year. Slip can be made available to a VYC member into 2018.

Asking price is \$6,500

Open to offers.

To view, call Ken Smith at 250-308-9177 or email Dave Anderson at: dlander525@yahoo.com



Important Notice to all Members

If you access the clubhouse with your key card and you are confronted with **the alarm sounding 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.



Crane Day April 14th, 2018



Crane Day is on Saturday April 14th. Members and guests are welcome to come down and watch the crane from the clubhouse balcony. Please stay clear of the crew on the shoreline. The crane starts first thing in the morning and is usually done before 1pm. The Gangplank bar will be open for coffee and a breakfast sandwich.





2018 BOAT & WATERSPORTS SHOW MAY 5&6

*please bring
donations for:*



for information phone 250 545 5518 email office@vernonyachtclub.com - vernonyachtclub.com

Events

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Schedule of Events

- March 15th—Ladies Night VYC
- March 17th—St. Patrick's Day Party KYC, WKYC & VYC
- March 21st—Wine Education KYC



April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Schedule of Events

- April 1st—Easter Brunch VYC
- April 14th—Crane Day VYC
- April 17th—Greater Vernon Chamber Business After 4 Trade Fair 4-7pm VYC
- April 18th—Wednesday Night Sailboat Racing Starts VYC
- April 19th—Ladies Night VYC
- April 24th Women's Racing Series begins at VYC
- April 28th—Carnival WKYC
- April 29th—Spring Cleanup VYC

To book Vernon Yacht Club events phone 250-545-5518 or email office@vernonyachtclub.com



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Founded June 23rd, 1953

*The Vernon Yacht Club is the
Heart*

*of Boating in the
North Okanagan.*



We're on the web!

vernonyachtclub.com

Our Webmaster Terry Rudersdorfer can be reached at:
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We're on social media!



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Final Note



**VYC's
2018 BOAT &
WATERSPORTS SHOW - MAY 5&6
IS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!**



To register call VYC at 250 545 5518 or access registration forms
online at vernonyachtclub.com/boating/vernon-yacht-club-boat-show/

The Vernon Yacht Club's 2018 Boat Show planning committee hit the ground running. Fred Haight is this year's chair, Pam St. Pierre is organizing 80 plus volunteers, Al Cuttriss arranges vendor slips, directors Ken MacLeod, Phil Southward and Pamela Miller make up the 6 person committee and they're all ready to roll! **A BIG Thank You to these sponsors** for coming back this year:

Kal Tire—Shuttle service

Sandman Inn & Suites—Special rates for vendors

Vantage One CU—Tent for all Vernon Yacht Club activities

Okanagan Spring Brewery—Tasty beverage sponsor

KingFisher Boats—Donation Boat

We're partnering with:

UnPlug & Play—Partnership in cross promoting family activities

OASISS—Invasive mussel and water species education

Salvation Army—Receiving donations in support of their organization.