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**Sunday Brunch
at VYC**

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**Lawrence, Candice and son Garrett
enjoying VYC's Sunday Brunch**

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 e-mail them to tiller@vernonyachtclub.com

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* **Submissions for Tiller Topics** can be sent via e-mail to:
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Executive members and many occasional writers and photographers.



Commodore's Report

Tim Amy



I would like to welcome Marnie Williamson who joins us as our Office Manager. Marnie brings a wealth of experience to this challenging position and will no doubt create a few changes,

maybe a few 'ripples' to the calm waters of the VYC. Vice Commodore Mike Thomas is responsible for staff matters and will be working with Marnie through a transition period. Please take time to welcome Marnie (not too much time as she will be busy).



Office Manager:
Marnie Williamson

Ron Heuman and the members security team have a few challenges as we seem to have experienced an uptick in boat and building break-ins during July. Since inception 3 years ago, Ron and the security team have greatly reduced theft and vandalism at the VYC. Please remember that security of property is a shared responsibility. VYC supports the members security team in providing 'boots on the ground' security all year. VYC provides video surveillance of the docks, grounds and building and various alarms on the property. Individual members can consider installing intruder alarms on their vessels, removing easily portable items from their vessels and leave no

alcohol on board, it is a prime attractant for thieves and vandals. Get to know your neighbours, notice and report unusual activity to Ron or the office.

The clubs holding tank pump out on D dock is open to use by VYC boaters and to non members at no charge, part of the shared purchase agreement VYC has with North Okanagan Regional District.

Allen and Mary-Ann Dubeski have just taken delivery of their new baby, a Beneteau 40, fresh out of the factory, now out on D dock. Trucked to and launched at Shelter Bay, it was uncertain she would clear the Bennett bridge. Allen filled all tanks to lower the vessel, hauled a brokers agent to the top of the mast to observe clearance close up, and sloooooowly edged



under the centre span with 10 inches to spare.

Check out the new menu at the Club house, now serving on weekends. Talk with Bar and Food Services manager Rick Riechelt and let him know you really like curry.

It is mid summer and you want to be out on the water, not reading about it. So go!

Gone sailing

Tim

Vice Commodore's Report

Mike Thomas



Hello and welcome to all our new members as well as those who have been with us for some time.

Does your boat have a VHF radio? If not, for safety sake, your

Club strongly advises you to get one as soon as possible. Because your own boat may need assistance or you may be able to help another boater in distress. By the way, you are **legally obligated** to help someone who needs help. [You should help only as long as you do not endanger your boat or the distressed boater.]

Choices: You can choose between a portable hand held radio or one which is permanently installed in your dashboard or chart table area. Hand-held radios are satisfactory but have limited range due to lower transmitting power. Once you get your radio, you should attend one of our courses which offer the Restricted Operator's Certificate [Maritime]. This course is important because it will legally enable you to use your radio. Call Doug Stewart at [250] 549 5117 for more information on the course.

Incidentally, our Club Lounge monitors VHF channel 16, so if you are out on the lake and attempting to return to the Club and your slip under higher than normal wind conditions, you would be able to call the Club [Vernon Yacht Club, Vernon Yacht Club, Vernon Yacht Club] and either someone at the Club or someone tied up on their own slip but monitoring channel 16 can respond to your call, go to your slip, and grab your docking lines for you. This is just one of the many circumstances where your radio could help you.

While you are thinking about safety afloat, you should also check the Transport Canada Safe Boating Guide to find out what the minimum safety requirements are for your particular boat. Finally, you must have a Pleasure Craft Operator Card before you can legally operate your boat. If your boat is checked by the authorities and found to be deficient in the recommended safety requirements or your P.C. Operators Card, you will be fined. Please be safe out there.

See you at the Club.

Mike



View from one Beneteau to another. In the foreground Christoffer Dubeski on Iksebud. Mike Jr. and Catherine on Sugar Mountain.

Rear Commodore's Report

Lawrence Johnson



**All members new and old
please remember fueling in
the Marina of the Yacht Club
can result in
loss of moorage!**

Hello to all,

We have been experiencing some fairly severe weather and other than regular maintenance, the docks and break water have been holding up well.

We are planning to do a little maintenance work to C dock yet this year to repair any immediate issues that need taken care of.

We are planning to erect a few more signs noting that re-fueling is not allowed in the yacht club. There is fueling available at the marina in front of the Blue Heron.

Regards,

Lawrence

Fleet Captain's Report

Bob Montguire

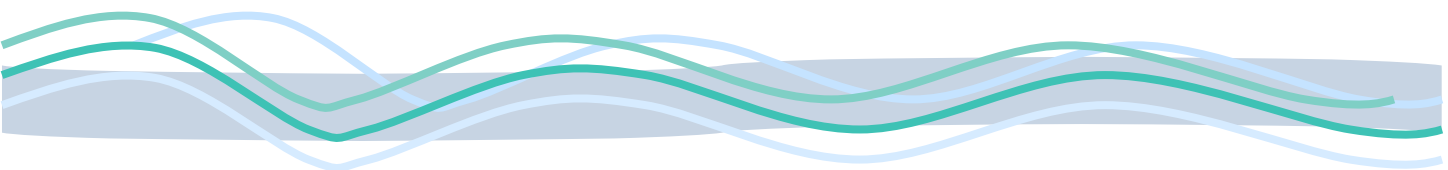


No report this month, says Bob. Just relaxing.

2011 Calendar of Events

for
Okanagan Lake Yacht Clubs

DATE	YC	EVENT
AUG		
5 – 7	SYC	Invasion weekend - Ball Tournament
13	WKYC	Rib'n N Blues
13 – 14	KYC	Commodore's Cup Regatta
19 – 21	KYC	Invasion weekend
20	VYC	Okanagan Women's Keelboat Regatta
27	PYC	Commodore's Banquet (no sail past)
SEPT		
3, 4, 5	PYC	Okanagan Grand Prix Regatta
10	VYC	Pig Roast
10	PYTC	Grand Prix Regatta
16 – 18	SYC	All Club Regatta - End to End - call SYC for more info
17	WKYC	Golf Tournament
24	KYC	CNIB Fishing Derby
OCT		
2	SYC	Sunday – "Steak & Rib Night" ends
15	SYC	Lift out
29	SYC	Halloween Party
29	VYC	Halloween Party
30	SYC	Sail Fleet "Race Night" ends
31	KYC	Halloween Party
NOV		
5	VYC	Sailing Wind Up Party
28	VYC	AGM
DEC		
31	VYC	New Years Eve Party
Year Round	VYC	Friday Night Steak Dinners





Teri and Rod on board
"The Butcher Club"

Vernon Yacht Club Minutes Summary

By Teri McLennan, Secretary **July 2011**

- Want to remind people that no unauthorized vehicles should be parked in the parking lot. Trucks and trailers by members only **MUST** be parked on the gravel area, **NOT** blocking any parking spaces.
- Commodore's Social and sail past is rescheduled for Sept. Date is pending approval from the Commodore.
- Please remember that there is **NO REFUELING** on the docks or membership will be revoked.
- Meals seem to be a success. Keep coming out and supporting your club.
- (3) Full time members in July have joined.
- (10) Full time members and (4) Assoc. members joined in June.
- To date we have (30) new Full time and (10) Assoc. members join.
- Members are welcome to submit articles to Hanny for Tiller Topics.
- Looks like we will make and even exceed our mooring budget for this year!

Teri

Full executive meeting minutes are available in the office.



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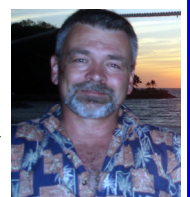
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Is he a hero?



Above a picture of Ron Paziuk, while he's wrapping up after a good day's sail. Ron loves being out on the water. A former coast guard, he now trains people to learn how to drive the club boat. He also, together with Bronwen and Eric Young, looks after the mooring buoys. Replaces chains, then places them back at the various spots along the lake and keeps checking on them regularly. In that way those people who use these private, club owned buoys know that they can safely use them for an overnight stay.

By now, I think that Ron is also a hero, that will say, in the eyes of the family, including a few months old baby, who were in distress at Fintry the other day. Vernon Yacht Club received a distress call and Ron went out with the club boat to tow their boat all the way to Paddle Wheel Park. Thanks Ron for representing VYC in such a positive way.

Hanny

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Messing About in Boats

by
Dave Atkins

“There's none as deaf as them as won't hear”

That is an expression I heard often when growing up in England. That was before the days of TV in every house, (not even in one house,) and personal electronic radios and communicators did not exist, but it came to mind the other day when I was watching the local TV news. On the first long weekend of summer the Police and Coast Guard set up inspections of pleasure boats on Okanagan and Shuswap Lakes. They found that half the people checked did not have the mandatory Pleasure Craft Operators Card. (PCOC).

It has been over ten years since the program was introduced and there has been advertising and courses and “pay if you pass” set ups all over the place but still about half the boating public “don't know we had to have that card!!” One has to conclude that generally people figure that “it doesn't apply to ME.” As a member of Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons and a CYA sailing instructor I have been teaching boating safety for many years and I like to think that it is worthwhile to do so, but how do you get to the people who don't want to know? Even many who have taken the test and got the card didn't learn any boating safety, they just wanted to get the card the easiest way possible.

Every year some people drown or are injured in boating mishaps. I won't call them accidents because that implies that there was no one at fault. I wonder if the ones that drown would still believe that they don't need any boating training?

Water is not our natural environment. We cannot breath in water, most often it is below our body temperature and will cool us down, which might be OK on a hot summer day for a limited time but for extended periods it is harmful. We seem to have a fascination with water and go on holidays to be near it and buy homes that border on the water. We buy boats so that we can use the water for fishing, go sailing or skiing etc. Why are so many people reluctant to educate themselves about safety and or having learned, ignore the lessons. Does having fun somehow counter to personal safety? There are many who are very careful about what they do on the water and their enjoyment is enhanced by the lack of risk, but there are others who think that those “silly regulations” are going to spoil their fun. Which group do you fall into? I hope it is the first one. Happy and safe boating.

Dave

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cure the boom. The men on the catamaran offered to take us aboard as I am sure they could see we were now very cold. We set off back to Kin beach and they returned to the yacht club advising us that they would dispatch some assistance. Just as we got back to the beach a power boat with two would be rescuers arrived to ensure our safe arrival at the beach. We signaled that all was now under control, however in retrospect I realize just how cold we had become as it took us quite a while to get our muscles working to lift our boat on to our car.

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Regards, Roger Bartman and Patrick Bartman



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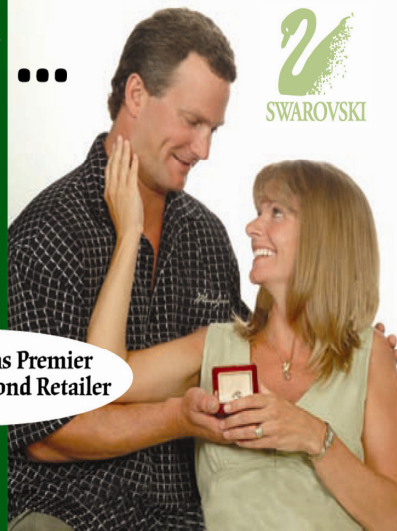
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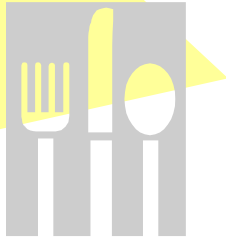
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**From our Bar Manager
Rick Reichelt**



Sunday Brunch has been a great success. We have had some requests to start the brunch earlier. As of Sunday July 24th brunch **will start at 10am**. This will let you all spend more time on the lake. We would like to keep the brunch going through September if the support is there.

**Hello to all of you from
The Gangplank**

I would to thank all of you that have been supporting our food service over the last month.

Friday night Steak and Salmon has been very well attended.

Just to remind all of you: We are offering a **soup and sandwich** special on **Saturdays from noon till 3pm** and we are still doing our **buffet dinners on Saturday night starting at 6pm**.

We have a wedding booked on August 6th so there will be no dinner that night.

Remember that **Wednesday night from 5-9pm** you can come down for a **burger** and salad for only \$4.95. What a deal!

If you have any questions regarding our food service I can be reached at the club Tuesdays and Thursdays after 4pm.

See you at The Gangplank.

Rick.

PS On **August 20th** we have the **Okanagan Women's Keelboat Regatta** - We will try to have lunch and buffet as usual, however would you please check the e-mails or call the club to find out for sure.



Mary Jean (MJ) Watson busy cleaning her boat. MJ loves cleaning, so in addition she also cleans the clubhouse, sometimes assisted by some friends. Much appreciated by many - a clean and tidy clubhouse.



This is John and his party boat. He moved with his wife and seven year old daughter to Vernon from Bermuda and likes to tell you how fortunate all of you are, living in such a nice and friendly world. Sitting on his boat for a few hours only, he realized that in short time some twenty people talked with him. He is new to the club and is loving it.

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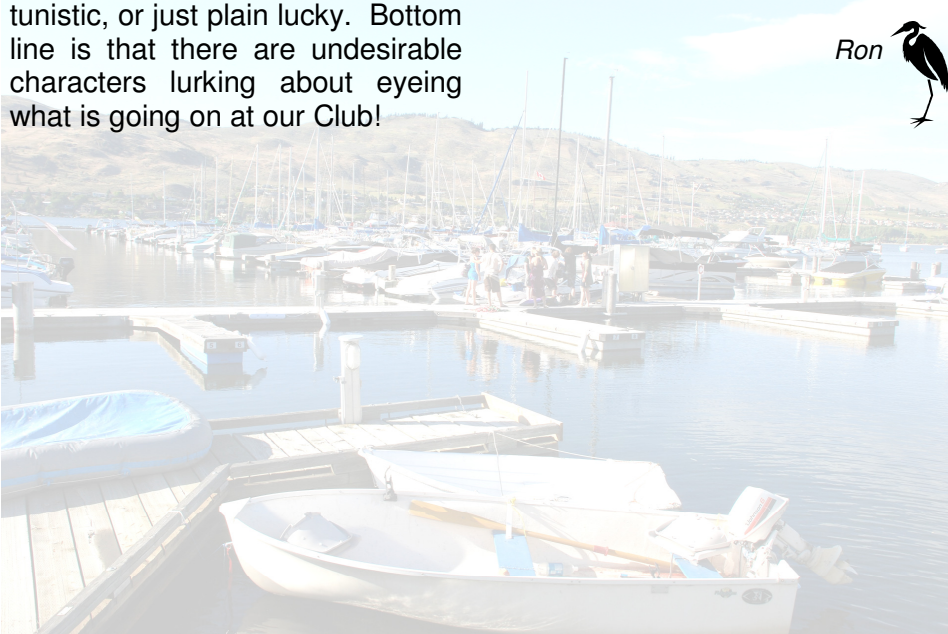
August sun sets earlier: Summer Thugs Appear

As we move into August we begin to notice the sun disappearing earlier behind our valley mountains, earlier to bed on our 'overnighters'. Last month I warned that we must not grow into "security complacency". Well, no sooner said than reports of boat break-ins occurring on A Dock being heard. Go figure. The closest dock to member activity. Then our entrance fencing was cut with cutters. A sizeable hole on the west side.... take a look.... we are vulnerable! This activity occurred when we had excellent security coverage 2330-0230 and 0400-0700... someone knows our shift or is very opportunistic, or just plain lucky. Bottom line is that there are undesirable characters lurking about eyeing what is going on at our Club!

What can you do? Ensure your boat is secure, make sure while on the docks check out any unusual activity, do not lend/give out your access card (guests must be escorted by a member). Just be vigilant!

Your security team is still on patrol during quiet hours. We do not cover 24/7 but we do upwards to 40 three hour shifts per month at various times. However it only starts with the member security team. We need all members to be vigilant and on guard. Let's make August 'intrusion free'. Security vigilance starts with every member doing their part!

Ron 



Keith Danielson trimming our spinnaker in the **Giants Head Regatta**.

As you can see it was a beautiful Okanagan day and we actually had wind!

Rob



Photo's by Rob Ladan

Cleaning the spiders off the mast?



Photo by Marie -Mai

....or a new version of pole dancing? The Valley Girls found one Tuesday evening the need to do a little maintenance to the foresail on Airborne II but they did not have a bosum chair. Did that deter them? Not them and since necessity is the mother of all inventions, the resourceful crew of Airborne II came up with a solution. So if you look carefully, you will see Verena perched on a large bumper as Monica and crew hoisted her aloft in order to release the caught genoa cover. Of course she did a little housekeeping while up there and cleaned off the spider webs. You're welcome, Rob!!

Carol



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- Every person operating a VHF Marine Radio must have a Restricted Operator's Certificate (Maritime), commonly referred to as ROC(M)
- Every boater has a moral and legal obligation to assist another vessel in distress, so long as his own vessel and crew is not endangered
- If you hear a "Mayday" or a "PanPan" call on the radio, stand by and be prepared to assist

Many calls come to the Vernon Yacht Club's radio ... please do what you can to assist your fellow boater!

Get your ROC(M) certification. Take the VHF Radio Course from CPS





August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00 Valley Girls 6:30 PM	3 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00 Hamburger night	4 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00 Dart Night 6-8 PM	5 Lounge Hrs 16:00—23:00 Friday Night Dinner	6 Lounge Hrs 12:00—20:00 Soup and Sand- wich 12noon till 3PM Due to wedding. NO DINNER
	 8 VYC Execu- tive Meeting 18:30	7 Lounge Hrs 12:00—18:00 Sunday Brunch 10 - 2	9 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00 Valley Girls 6:30 PM	10 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00 Hamburger night	11 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00 Dart Night 6-8 PM	12 Lounge Hrs 16:00—23:00 Friday Night Dinner
		13 Lounge Hrs 12:00—20:00 Soup and sand- wich 12 noon till 3PM Buffet at 6PM	14 Lounge Hrs 12:00—18:00 Sunday Brunch 10 - 2	15 VYC Execu- tive Meeting 18:30	16 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00 Valley Girls 6:30 PM	17 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00 Hamburger night
		18 Lounge Hrs 12:00—20:00 Okanagan Women's Keelboat Regatta	19 Lounge Hrs 16:00—23:00 Friday Night Dinner	20 Lounge Hrs 12:00—20:00 Okanagan Women's Keelboat Regatta	21 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00 Dart Night 6-8 PM	22 Lounge Hrs 16:00—23:00 Friday Night Dinner
		23 Lounge Hrs 12:00—18:00 Sunday Brunch 10-2	24 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00 Valley Girls 6:30 PM	25 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00 Dart Night 6-8 PM	26 Lounge Hrs 16:00—23:00 Friday Night Dinner	27 Lounge Hrs 12:00—20:00 Soup and sand- wich 12 noon till 3PM Buffet at 6PM
		28 Lounge Hrs 12:00—18:00 Sunday Brunch 10-2	29 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00 Valley Girls 6:30 PM	30 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00 Hamburger night	31 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00 Hamburger night	Sept 10 VYC Pig Roast 