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Commodore's Report

Tim Amy



In its 58th year, it is my pleasure to report that your club is thriving. Debt is down, income is up, membership and congeniality growing. For the past two years your Executive's priorities have

been to attract new members in greater numbers, ensure the club is inclusive and hospitable, pay down debt, make the lounge more hospitable and food and bar services more attractive to the changing expectations of members, complete Phase II of the dock expansion, and encourage membership participation in all aspects of the Club. 2011 has seen these priorities being realized. Phase II of the dock renewal has been completed just under budget; improvements to the lounge, bar and food services are ongoing; and there is a steady influx of new members of all ages. Sail racing events, the annual boat show and many other club activities are attracting a growing number of people. And this year the Osprey family moved in and raised the first family at VYC.

During 2011 your Commodore has spent much time sailing the BC West Coast, relying on internet and phone to communicate with your very capable Executive members. Vice Commodore Mike Thomas has applied his years of retail/wholesale business experience to managing the Club's business, staffing and members issues. Rear Commodore Lawrence Johnson, with years in building and property development, brought in Phase II of the dock renewal and some last minute additions to the plan, under budget and on time. With the able support of Dan Irvine and Dean Myerfield, Lawrence has managed the Clubs many ongoing maintenance issues, in particular the money eating monster that is the concrete breakwater. Fleet Captain Bob Montguire

kept most members happy in the moorage. Rick Reichelt with many years in hospitality management resigned as Staff Captain to become VYC bar and food manager, quickly building the Clubs food services and attracting a growing number of members to brunches and dinners. Treasurer Gary Pearson brought his many years of professional accounting and entrepreneurial business development and his steady hand to the ongoing task of developing the Clubs financial systems. Secretary Terri McLennan kept us on track with clear concise minutes and reminders of decisions and commitments made but easily forgotten and has provided Club members with a monthly summary of Executive meetings. Director Dave Atkins has served as our advisor on By Laws and procedural issues, bringing the benefit of his years as a Club member, as a past Commodore and his experience on several previous Executives. Allen Dubeski served as Director liaising with the Sailing Fleet. Craig Williams has taken time off from his hectic mortgage business to serve as Publicity Director for VYC. Craig has established ongoing relations with Okanagan news media, raising public awareness of VYC as an inclusive and respected community organization. And last but not least, we all owe a debt to our Membership Director Jerry Spelchan. Jerry has raised the bar for a second year, recruiting a record number of new members. Jerry has been the hospitable and enthusiastic face of VYC, actively canvassing the community, recruiting and meeting all new members.

During my ten years serving in various capacities with your Executive I have always found club members willing to pitch in where needed and I have enjoyed meeting and working with many of you. Please consider putting your name forward for next year's executive. If you can think clearly, see the "big picture", enjoy getting results and are prepared to listen more than talk, your club needs you.

Tim

Vice Commodore's Report

Mike Thomas



Hello fellow members

Well, our boating season for 2011 is pretty much over except for the few "hard-core types" who are still going out to challenge

Mother Nature. We had a shorter boating season than normal this last year so who can blame them for their enthusiasm.

Another indicator that the year is almost over is the arrival of our **Annual General Meeting**. Our new members may not know how important this event is to our club, so I will explain briefly that it is held every year at about this time and it gives our members the opportunity to review the past year, to go over our finances, to share thoughts with one another, to have some idea of what we plan to do next year, and to decide who will serve on our next executive. At the meeting, you will bear witness as some of our current executive members will be moving up the ladder to more demanding positions and we will also introduce some new executive members to our team. Our congratulations to those of you who are being promoted and to our new executive members, a hearty welcome to our team and the sincere hope that the year ahead is as rewarding for you as it was to those of us who served in the past year.

Sadly, we are also saying "good-bye" to some of our valuable executive members because they have each served the Club with their valuable time and effort and decided to move on. Those who are leaving us are: **Tim Amy**, our Commodore who has given our Club over ten years of dedicated service; **Bob Montguire**, our Fleet Captain, another gentleman who has given the Club many valuable years of service; **Gary Pearson**, our treasurer who also had his own demanding business to run; **Terri McLennan**, our Secretary who made keeping the minutes of our meetings look so easy; **David Atkins**, our by-laws officer who we looked to for advice with some of our "thorny" issues; Director **Dan Irvine** who took care of maintaining our docks and was also invaluable as our Boat Show coordinator.

Lady and gentlemen, we bid you all a collective and sincere "thank-you" for your contributions and we wish you the best of good luck in the years ahead.

To our Tiller Topics Team: again, our sincere thanks for continuing to provide us with this informative and interesting publication. The time you invest each month is greatly appreciated.

To our staff and volunteers: thank-you for your invaluable and conscientious help this year.

Finally, to our membership: our sincere thanks for your support and the promise that we will continue to serve with the club's best interests at heart.



All the best to all,
Mike Thomas

Rear Commodore's Report

Lawrence Johnson



Thanks to all the club members, you have made this another great year. The club has come a long way in the past couple of years and has become a great place to enjoy an evening. All of the events held this year from the Friday night suppers to the Regatta's and the Pig Roast were a great time and success. As Vice Commodore for the new year I look forward to seeing you all again at the club throughout the new season ahead of us. Happy holidays and best wishes to you all.

Lawrence Johnson

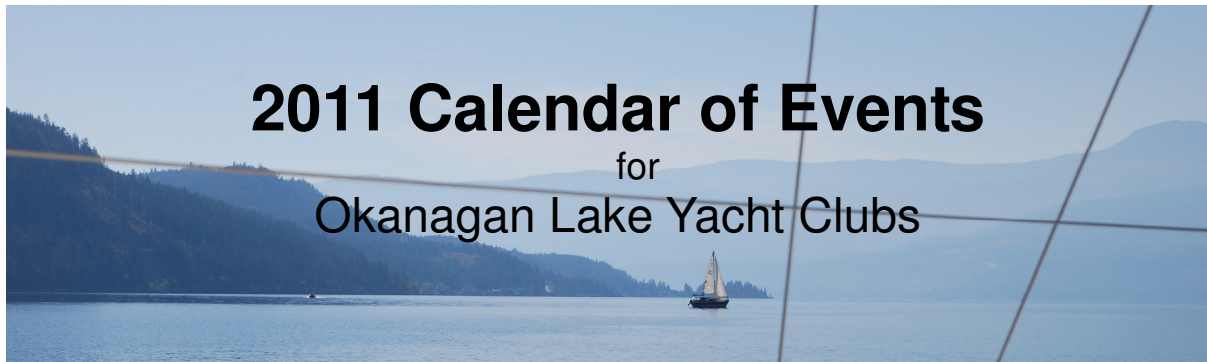
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Bob Montguire

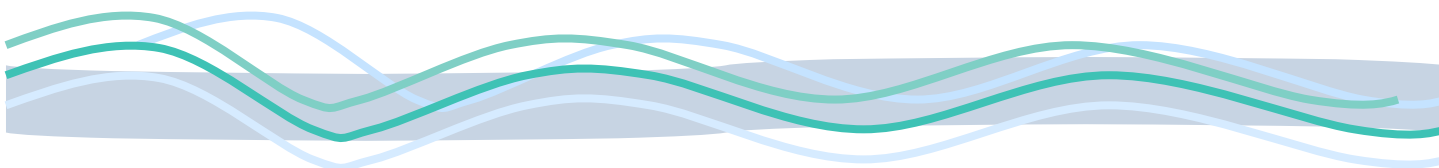


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Year Round	VYC	Friday Night Dinners



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Vernon Yacht Club Minutes Summary

By Dave Atkins

November 14, 2011

- We will run a Christmas Hamper campaign again this year. The executive will promote it.
- The AGM is all set up and ready to go, 67 members will be required to form a quorum. The elections will be by secret ballot.
- Membership cannot be paid in installments, it is due in full by January 15th, each year.
- Copies of boat insurance policy must be on file in the office while boats are in moorage.
- Kitchen improvements are necessary and will be developed, Rick will investigate and report back.
- The total debt has been reduced by about \$200,000 over the year.
- The Boat Show is likely to be May 5th & 6th.
- There are 25 slips with metered electrical supply for use over winter.
- The pump-out has been repaired following a collision by a boat.
- Crane day was completed with 13 boats being lifted out this year.
- Pictures of Club merchandise were placed in the Tiller Topics in an attempt to sell more of our stock.

Dave

Full executive meeting minutes are available in the office.

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Messing About in Boats

by
Dave Atkins

This is the time of year when only the brave or foolish venture out onto the waters in their boats, the rest of us contemplate the things that need to be done for the next season or indulge in fantasies of boating in the tropics or planning that major cruise that we have always wanted to take. Maybe the Vancouver Boat Show is in your plans for February, so that you can go and find that new equipment or even that new boat that you have been planning to get for the last several years. The winter time is when you catch up on reading those boating magazines which show the cruises or races of multimillion dollar yachts that are crewed by professionals and appear at major regattas around the world, or are the stories of the brave souls who race solo non-stop around the world more to your liking. Whatever it is, if

you are really a boater, then you don't turn it off just because the weather is less than ideal.

Many of the members of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons carry their boating interests into the classroom in



the winter months and take the time to learn more about the necessary skills for their pastime. The Canadian Yachting Association and the Red Cross also offer courses that relate to going boating. Maybe it is a sign of the times that these courses are not attracting the numbers that they used to. Maybe reading magazines and day dreaming about summer boating are a more satisfying way to pass away the winter hours. Could it be that driving a power boat around on the Lake looks

to be so easy that we don't think that we need to learn how to do it? Not everyone who goes out in a boat on the lake thinks of themselves as "Boaters" in the traditional sense.

There are the fortunate few who can afford to go cruising in the tropics when temperate climates are less than ideal, but it isn't the sort of thing you can do very often unless you are one of the "1%" we have been hearing about lately. Maybe the solution is to go and buy more Lotto tickets and hope for the best, just don't bother to calculate the odds of winning or plan too much based on all that money. Continue the "day dreams," Spring can't be too far away and doing the mundane chores like cleaning the hull and bilge will help to pass the time. Christmas is almost here and in line with the commercial messages of "Give give give" I am sure you can work in a suggestion for your favorite boat bits.

Forgive my cynicism and have a very enjoyable holiday with friends and family and maybe swap some boating stories to pass the time.

Dave



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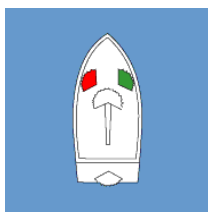
Vernon Power & Sail Squadron



December, 2011

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- VHF Radio Course - April, 2012
- The Boating Course - commences late February, or March, 2012

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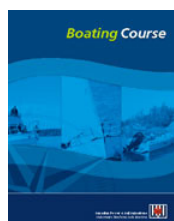


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The Maritime Radio Course

The course leads to the VHF Marine Radio operators certification, the ROC(M), which is legally required to operate a VHF Radio on the water. The course will be presented again during April. 2012. Register on-line, or call Doug at 250-549-5117.

For more information, and to pre-register for courses, please call Simo

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From our Bar Manager



Rick Reichelt



Season's greetings to all of you,

As the year comes to an end I look back on many positive accomplishments. Our additions to the food service at the Yacht Club have proven to be a great success.

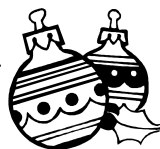
Our mandate was to provide the membership with more food service while keeping the price at a level that would attract our membership to come to the club and support it. We were able to keep our food prices down and still show a slight profit overall on food sales. The big bonus was that we were able to increase bar sales by almost fifty percent.

I would like to thank all of our staff for there efforts over the year. Plans are in the works for a New Years Eve party so check your e-mail for details. All of our events are communicated through e-mail, so please check your in-box. If we do not have your e-mail please send an e-mail to Marnie in the office and she will get you on the list.

I would like to thank all of you that have supported us over the year, your patronage is very much appreciated.

One last thought "If you ring the bell at the Gang Plank, your life, your heart, and your tummy will be filled with joy and happiness."

Merry Christmas and the very best to all of you in the new year.



*Cheers
Rick.*

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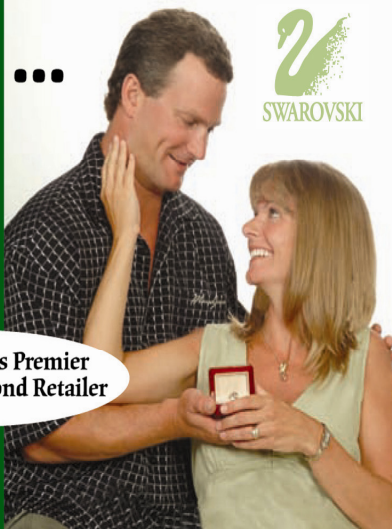
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Every year at this time we honor our fellow sailors and maybe make a little fun at their mistakes. But first, we would like to thank Bob McElroy and Ken Smith for running an excellent committee boat (except for the aforementioned mark incident), Terry Rudersdorfer

who posts our results on the club's webpage, Dave Simpson for both chairing the Okanagan Charity Regatta and running the committee boat for the Women's Regatta and all of the skippers who helped the women by either lending their boats or assisting with the regatta – Dave Ellis, Rob Ladan, Don Craske, Phil Nielsen, Peter Barnes, Keith Sangster, Jim Dillabough, Graham Doyle, Dave Pollock, John Holmwood and Wally Herrmann.

The evening started with Carol Craske awarding the Tuesday night women's awards. Alana was given the "Soft Landing Award" for her unique way of protecting Airborne II while docking – she hung her derriere over the pulpit to cushion impact. Sandi Simpson on Shadowfax won the "T-bone Award" for her close encounter with Ayesha. Monica Braddick on



Photo by Dagmar Mrazek

Airborne II won the "Two close for comfort Award" for another close encounter with Ayesha. Monica was thanked for chairing the 4th Annual Women's Regatta that raised \$500 for Kidsports to be used to promote sailing. Special thanks to Edie Doerksen and Cathy Appleby for all their hard work preparing and planning meals at the Regatta. Patti Holmwood was given a bottle of wine for collecting the most door prizes

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for the Regatta. Debbie Gittins was honored with a bottle of wine for placing second in the very competitive Santana fleet during our Regatta. Last but not least

was chosen as Boat of the Year for placing first in her fleet. Dave Simpson did a fine job as emcee for the rest of the evening. After announcing the Spring,

Summer and Fall series winners (which are posted on the club's website); Dave announced the 2011 Overall Awards:

	A Fleet	B Fleet	C Fleet
First	Righteous Indignation	Tsonqua	Fyfe II
Second	Mystique	Stormy	Together
Third	Ayesha	Butler	

Shadowfax won first place in the Hot Rum Series for A fleet; Stormy was first in B Fleet and Fyfe II won first in White Sail. Congratulations to all!

Lyle Enns was the lucky winner of the spinnaker sheets which were donated as door prizes by Bob McDonell. Too soon the evening was over and a meeting was called for the following

Wednesday to discuss next year's racing. Who will win the coveted Captain Crunch Award next year? Theme of next year's windup party – Cirque du soleil?!

Carol

PS.

At the meeting on Nov 9, 2011 it was decided that there would be winter seminars on Wednesday nights starting possibly in January

2012. Topics may be - Introduction to racing, rules, introduction to sailing, tactics/strategies, etc. Keep a watch on the Tiller Topics and/or webpage for start dates and topics.

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We wish you

Good times on the water.....



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2012

May executive members, directors, regular writers and photographers keep writing and sending in reports and other newsworthy boating information to the Tiller Topics Editor.

May new contributors dare to put their thoughts and ideas in writing to the betterment and greater enrichment of our boating community.

May we continue to enjoy boat and water, encouraged by this special community.

Thank you to all of you who contributed so much to our Tiller Topics over the past year.
Hanny



December:
long dark nights, safe and secure, peace and goodwill

December has arrived with the winter solstice delivering the shortest day (and longest night), announcing the official start of winter. Cold, snowy days and nights keeping our boats and marina a frozen edifice of stillness. VYC members turn to a variety of other activities during winter, happy in the knowledge that their winterized boat left at the Club is safe and secure. And, the 17 volunteer members doing Winter Security quietly continue to do their shifts to make that happen. An ongoing process of vigilance.

December also is a month to celebrate peace and goodwill to all fellow boaters who enjoy our Club. At this time of year we rejoice in the quality of our Club and the joy of fellow members. We need to thank everyone for their contributions (big and small) to enhance the enjoyment we get while at the Club. On behalf of the Security Team, thank you fellow members for your ongoing security vigilance. Your cold winterized boat will appreciate it this winter!

And, a big thank you to our Tiller Topics Editor, Hanny Kooyman. Each month Hanny puts in countless hours publishing our newsletter. She keeps us informed and up-to-date on Club happenings. And furthermore, she is a stalwart supporter of VYC Security. Hanny's leadership in VYC member vigilance while at the Club, is an inspiration to us all.

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Peace and Goodwill.

Ron 

John Helper and helpers preparing "Together" for winter storage.



Photo by Hanny Kooyman



TIMELESS ALLURE OF NOVA SCOTIA SCHOONERS DEPICTED IN NEW TV DOCUMENTARY

Halifax, N.S. – November 15, 2011 - Quick! What's on the back of the Canadian dime? If you have to look and see, we'll save you the trouble. It's the world-famous wooden schooner *Bluenose*, the pride of Nova Scotia, and the fastest of her kind in the 20th century.

But schooners aren't just a relic from a bygone era. In fact, there's a resurgence in wooden schooner building happening in Nova Scotia and the membership in the Nova Scotia Schooner Association has increased steadily during the past decade.

Nova Scotia Schooners takes an in-depth look at these traditional vessels and explores what's involved with owning and maintaining a piece of living history. The documentary was filmed during the summer of 2011 and includes scenes from the Nova Scotia Schooner Association annual race week as well as the reconstruction of *Bluenose II* which is currently underway in Lunenburg. The film features four men from very different backgrounds who

all share a passion for schooners and who are each doing their part to keep these wooden vessels alive.

Nova Scotia Schooners is written and directed by Tom Gallant and produced by Edward Peill from Halifax-based Tell Tale Productions Inc.



"This documentary demonstrates what happens when people come together around something they find both important and beautiful" says director Tom Gallant. "It highlights one of our most significant Canadian cultural icons and underscores why these traditional skills need to be passed onto future generations. The beauty and grace of these schooners is captivating and I'll wager that anyone with even a drop of salt water in their veins will love this film."

Nova Scotia Schooners will be broadcast on CBC Television's Land & Sea on **Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 12 PM** (check local listings). Following the broadcast, the documentary can be watched on the CBC TV website at: www.cbc.ca/landandsea. Land & Sea is one of CBC's longest running TV series and can be followed on Twitter: @cbclandandsea

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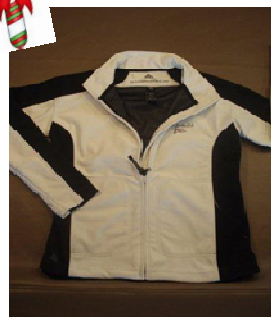
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Clubhouse is booked for private Christmas parties on all Saturdays