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Dec 2012—Jan 2013

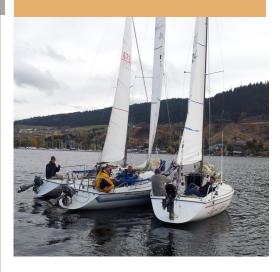
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Pumpkin race (photo by Fisher)



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December 2012

COMMODORE'S REPORT

Mike Thomas





This is my final Tiller Topics submission for the current fiscal year and it gives me great pleasure to thank you all for the opportunity to serve in the position of Commodore for the year 2012. I can look back on the year and know that our volunteers and staff have all played valuable roles in the successful operation and improvement of our Club. I recog-



nize and thank my Executive team for their talent, diligence and loyalty and I finish the year with a full appreciation for the Commodores and Executive members who served the Club in previous years.



my wife for her assistance and support over the past years on the Executive. She has been a very great comfort when there was the occasional problem and was a great help with many of my solutions.

Well folks, December is just around the corner and Jay, Corinne and Val have some enjoyable events planned for you. Please be sure to join us at the Club. You will not be disappointed.

> Best regards, Mike Thomas, Commodore.



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT



need to thank the members for taking the time to attend this year's AGM and showing your interest in the business of running your yacht club.

This was my first term on the Executive and it has been a learning year. Mike and Lawrence and the rest of the Directors have been patient and generous with their wisdom and their time.

Kitchen renovations were underway as I joined the Executive and I believe that the improvements have made the facilities more functional as well as allowed us to comply with requests from the inspecting authorities.

Early on I was asked to focus on upgrades to the washrooms. We put some ideas together, got 3 bids and chose a contractor and we hope you approve of the finished product.

There have been concerns expressed about the absence of ladders and life rings on our docks to assist someone after they have fallen into the water. We have placed an order and you will begin to see this safety equipment installed this winter. I know that we all share the same concerns regarding the ongoing maintenance costs of the breakwater. Some of my efforts have been to become familiar with our breakwater installation as well as installations in other marinas that have similar chal-

lenges.

same time reduce the ongoing maintenance costs.

Major changes to the breakwater could be planned and completed prior to or combined with future upgrades to 'C dock' and the addition to 'A dock', as per Phase 4 of the marina proposal.



In the mean time we continue to work with Valley Pile Driving to monitor the integrity of the existing breakwater and make repairs as needed.

Over the past year I have come to understand, more than ever, what a huge commitment all our volunteers make. Again, thanks everyone for

Next year's budget approved at the of this AGM contains a reference to a professional inspection of the breakwater as well an increase of \$20,000.00 in the breakwater maintenance budget. I requested that this amount be available should we need to en-

My hope is that we have enough local experience and expertise available which would allow us to extend the life of our breakwater and at the

gage the services of an engineer.

attending and caring about the future of this Club.

Ed



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Lawrence Johnson



quick thank you to you all for your support and continued involvement with the Club this past year. I have enjoyed serving as your Vice Commodore this past season and look forward to another great year in 2013. Happy Holidays to you all.

Lawrence Johnson



STAFF CAPTAIN'S REPORT



eport from Staff Captain regarding December and January are: December 21st Christmas Carols and Sing along, Dinner by Corrine

Val Harvey

December 31st 2012 New Years Eve Party entertainment by Boogie Nights, \$35 each or \$50 per couple, dinner, champagne at Midnight January 1 Happy New Year Dance lessons will resume dates and times to be announced.

Open mic nite will be on Friday nights, dates to be posted

Make your New Years Resolutions January 1st using SMART goals. Sensible, measurable, attainable, realistic and time based. It takes 30 days to make or break a habit.....so keep going.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year Look forward to an exciting 2013

ear members:

Just to advise that there will be **an extraordinary meeting at 7:00 PM** in the Vernon Yacht Club lounge on **January 14, 2013**.

The business of this meeting is to elect your new Executive for our 2013 operating year and there will also be the opportunity to discuss and vote on any motions which have been submitted to me or my Executive on a date at least three weeks prior to the meeting date of January 14, 2013. Please submit any motions which you want discussed as soon as possible so that we can advise our membership at least 3 weeks before the meeting takes place.

Important Note:

It is extremely important to attend this meeting because we need you there to provide enough members to give us a quorum which is at least 20% of our regular membership of 319. Otherwise we will not be able elect your new executive or consider the resolutions and we will have to reschedule the meeting.

Best regards, Mike Thomas, Commodore.



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Hanny Kooyman



am writing this before the AGM, but no doubt by the time you read it will be after the meeting. I see on the agenda that there are some topics that could change the nature of the Club as we know it. A few years ago we spent a considerable effort to revise the by-laws and bring them up-to-date for the Club. The process took a committee most of a year to go through the existing rules and bring the language up to date to comply with the BC legislation that governs Societies in BC. Some changes were made to reflect the changing times and size of the Club, but in general the nature of the Club was not changed in any drastic way.

I joined the Club in the late sixties when I was sailing dinghies. At that time, the Club was fairly small and most members had powerboats. It



was also the only launching ramp at this end of the lake. The members objected to having to wait while I rigged my dinghy and I was not very welcome, so I left the Club. It was a little disappointing as I used to go to other Clubs to race, and was always made very welcome. In the early eighties I moved up to a keel boat and rejoined the Club. I was on the waiting list for a couple of years before I got a berth, and became the third sailboat in the marina. Since that time the Club has continued to grow, but it has always retained its local feel and has been a welcoming friendly place. There are several yacht clubs on the Lake and each one has developed its own character and atmosphere. Over the years they have had their own problems, but for the most part have found solutions and continued to offer service to their members.

We need to be cautious about making drastic

changes to our Club to satisfy short term problems, perceived or real. Changing the rules has long term effects, many of which we do not even imagine at the time. The community has changed in the last several years, the population has grown and there are many people 'from away' who are now Vernonites. They all bring their own ideas and biases and will in the end affect the nature of the society in which we live. Change is inevitable, but it should come with some perspective of the past and a vision for the future.

Merry Christmas !!!

Dave





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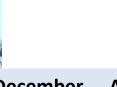
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December.... A joyous Month, and... VYC Vigilance

By Ron Heuman

ecember is the month when everyone rejoices in living in Vernon, the Okanagan winter wonderland, sharing kindness, love and goodwill to fellow VYC Members. The Christmas lights will shine bright bringing happiness and

joy to all. The Grey Cup will have been decided (hope it is the Stamps). We will know if the Billionaires can satisfy the Millionaires and Stanley Cup will be played for in 2013. We will experience the winter solstice, the shortest day, and only two more months of Okanagan winter.



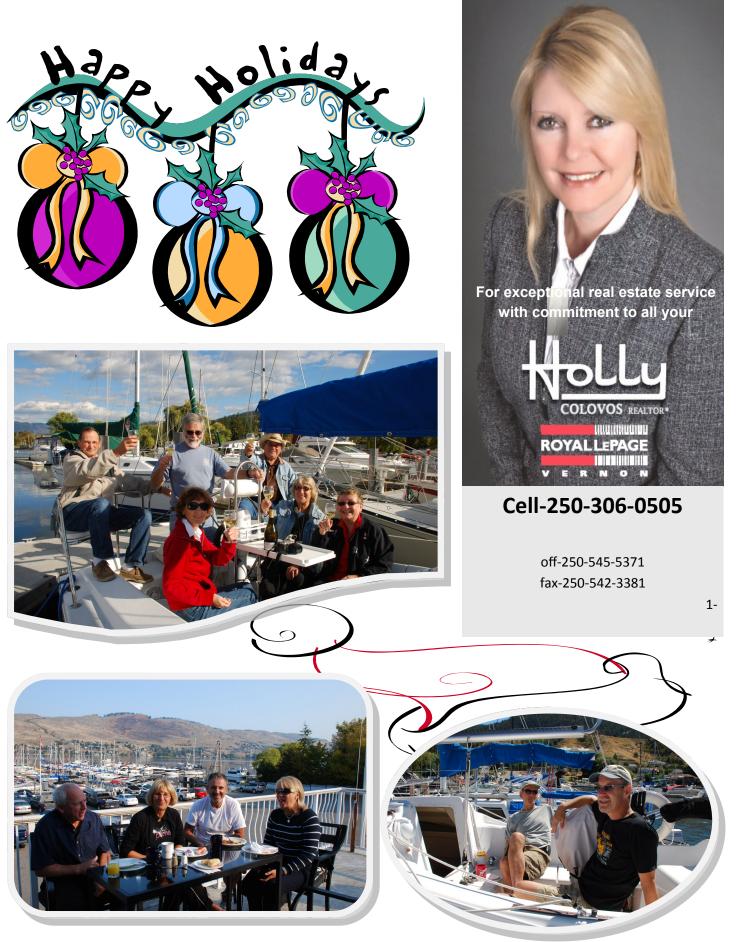
Your VYC Security Team will remain vigilant throughout the holiday season, not wanting any harm to come to the millions of dollars of fibreglass packed so tightly on 'the hard'. Fleet Captain, Jerry, did a masterful job getting so many boats in the parking lot this year. Really, a thief would have a tough time squeezing between the boats, I know we, on the VYC Member Security Team do! All is good though, they fit! It is a good idea, however, to visit your boat frequently at various times of the day and night, not only are

you checking your boat, but you are a visible presence to those who may be skulking around.

Stay Vigilant, happy winter activities, have warm nights..... Cheers to all!!

Ron







Just kidding:)...but now that I have your attention...



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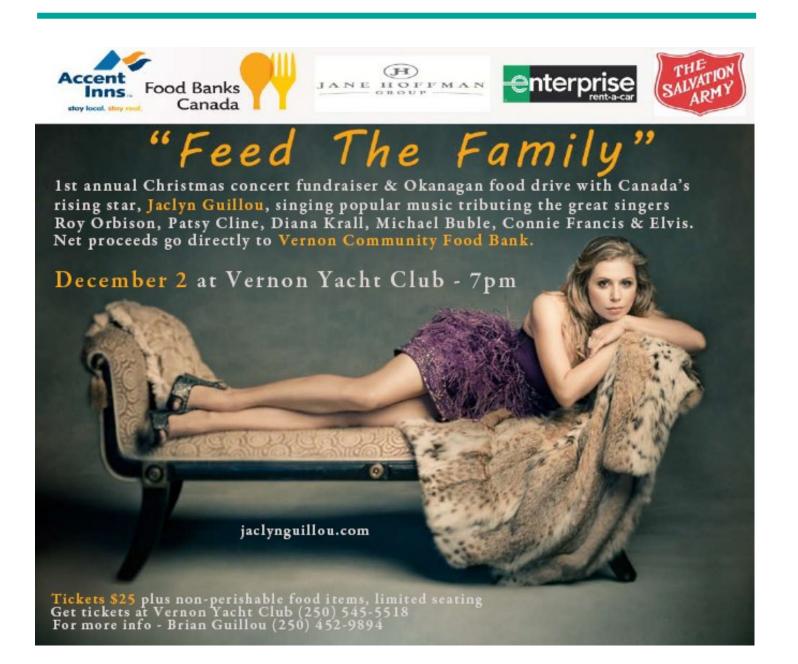
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\$25.00/tickets with \$5.00 going to the Vernon Salvation Army Food Bank. Call the office to get your ticket soon. They won't last long. Tickets are also available to the public so let your friends and neighbours know.

The bar will be opened at 6pm, so all patrons must be of age. Also, please bring a non-perishable food item.

If you are unable to make this concert, note that she is also playing on November 30 at the West Kelowna Yacht Club, December 1 at the Summerland Yacht Club and December 6 at the Kelowna Yacht Club.

Thanks *Marnie*

ATTENTION Winter Vacationers/Snow birds

he invoices for 2013 membership dues are mailed out in mid-December and payable by Jan 15.

If you will be away this winter from December to Spring, please make sure you make arrangements for payment of your 2013 membership and/or moorage so you will avoid any late penalty.

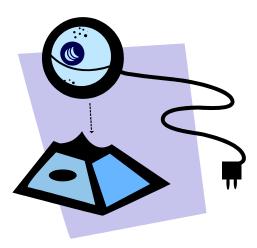
There are several ways you can do this: (Cheques & credit slips are keptin our safe).

- 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 mc/visa number to cover the actual 2013 invoices, and post-date this.

- 3. Provide a mc/visa slip filled out to last year's amount and post-date, then settle up the account when you return or 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, I will only provide this service to those who are away for the winter and their mail does not get forwarded.

> Thanks Marnie



VYC Web CAM

Note: The connection address to the VYC WEB CAM has changed as a result of SHAW changing the club's Internet Address ... for those of you that made a shortcut to the camera, you will need to change the old IP address: 96.50.224.207 which is no longer valid to the new address ... if you go to the Club's web site and

select WEB CAM it should automatically take you to the new address: 184.70.244.246

This new address appears to have solved the connection issues between SHAW and Telus.

Terry



Minutes Summary

By Pamela Miller

November 20, 2012

Minutes Summary November 20, VYC Executive 2012 meeting.

Nominations for 2013 Executive Positions. So far we have one nomination for the position of Fleet Captain. Jerry Spelchan is not stepping down for 2013. If his position or any executive's position is challenged at the AGM the membership will vote to determine who will take the position. The bylaw on this procedure was read to the executive by Mike.

Itemized Budget for AGM. Lawrence reviewed the budget and suggested the categories be more itemized to help the membership better understand exactly where the money is going. Each Executive Member has to be prepared to explain each expenditure and if it were on paper for them to go over it would ward off unnecessary questions. The executive agreed that this should be adjusted for the AGM.

New Roof on our Shed. A VYC member offered to do the work of putting a metal roof on our shed. The work is complete and we now have a new roof.

Upstairs Washroom Renovations. The renovation for new washrooms is proceeding on schedule. We were promised the work will be completed before the AGM on Tuesday, November 27th.

Update on Ladders and Life Rings. The ladders and life ring have been ordered under the 2012 budget and will be installed before 2013.

Bubble in Gangplank Bar Floor. The bubble in the floor behind the bar was fixed by Ken Smith. Another bubble has surfaced since the repair. It was suggested that a leak from the cooler or steam from the glasses washer could be the cause.

Treasurers Report at AGM. Graham Doyle will be giving the Treasurers Report on behalf of Pat at the November 27th, 2012 AGM.

Slips. The final assignments have been done for 2012. To date we have 12 on the "move" list and 10 on the

waitlist. Jerry said he had a great year and that some people moved to a new slip 3 times during the year but all are happy now.

Grey Cup Day November 25th. Mike said there were many booked for Sunday to watch the game.

Charity Jazz Night with Jacklyn Guillou. There will be a Salvation Army "Feed The Family" fundraising concert on December 2nd at 7pm.

Christmas Carol Evening. Mike confirmed Molly Boyd for the Christmas Carolling Evening on Friday, December 21st. The carolling will take place from 9:00pm – 9:30pm.

New Year's Eve. There will be a New Year's Eve Event at VYC on Monday, December 31st. Details to follow.

New Members: Allan and Evelyn Armstrong of Vernon are new members as of October 22nd, 2012. They are on the waitlist for moorage for a 17.5' Campion powerboat.

Executives to Announce their Roles. Mike asked each Executive member to prepare a brief speech about who we are, what we do and what we have done over the past year for the AGM November 27th.

Gas Bar. Mike will address the possibility of a Gas Bar for VYC. This will be an exercise in fact finding. Pat asked if this could be added to the agenda.

Dock Power Meters. Allan advised that the VYC should be charging each boat owner for their individual winter power usage and that we require 5 more meters for this purpose. He said he sourced the meters we are currently using online for \$200, about \$133 less than the conventional price. D and E docks will be the only docks providing metered power during the winter. The purchase of 5 more meters was approved.

Next meeting: November 27th, immediately after AGM. Full executive meeting minutes are available in the office.

SAILORS' YEAR END

n the evening of Nov 3, 2012 the sailing fleet had their windup

party to celebrate their successes and laugh at their blunders.

We would like to thank the faithful crew on the Committee Boat - Bob McElroy,

Ken Smith and Cheryl. During the summer, skippers from the various participating boats take turns on the Committee Boat to help run the races but at the end of the fall series and during the Hot Rum Series, Bob, Ken and Cheryl run the races alone. These three never missed a race night over the seven months. They were the Committee Boat during the Charity Regatta which ran another 36 races



over two days. And they also manned the finish line for the End to End Regatta. This was a huge commitment by Bob, Ken and Cheryl and we appreciate all of their time and help. The Committee Boat crew also judges the snacks brought on board by the different boats on their committee boat night and this year presented Ayesha and Fyfe II with the trophy for the best munchies provided. Thank you, Bob, Ken and Chery!!



Another person I would like to thank on behalf of the sailing fleet is Ken Smith who is chairman of the Captain Care account. This year the sailing fleet received two new marks courtesy of the Captain Care account. Without this generosity we may not have had a windup party. Thank you, Ken.

Thank you to Marnie for all her help, to Jay and the rest of the bar staff for keeping our thirst quenched, to Terry for keeping the results updated on the webpage and a special thank you to **Advertising Works** and **Okanagan Aggregate** for providing door prizes.

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Top three overall finishes for each fleet during the 2012 racing season:

A Fleet

B Fleet

C Fleet

1st Overall

Righteous Indignation

Tsonqua

Cimarron

2nd Overall

Mystique

Stormy

Together 3rd Overall Ayesha Eagle Moon FanaSea Full results are on the Club's webpage.



his year we had great winds, nothing overpowering and only once did we have so little wind that no one in B Fleet completed the race. The Jack and Jill race was a success and attended by 13 boats. The final race of the season - aka the Great Pumpkin Race - had 12 boats enjoying a wonderful sail while trying to pick up a bobbing pumpkin. A fleet had a particularly challenging year with the top two boats (Righteous Indignation and Mystique) finishing less than a point apart. Great Sailing Bob and Lyle!! But the series that everyone wants to win is the Hot Rum Series. Only first place in each fleet wins and the lucky winners are.....

A Fleet – Phoenix; B Fleet – Stormy; C Fleet – Fyfe II

Planning of next year's race season is already underway with a meeting called for November 7th at 7:30 pm. If you would like to join us on the race course, contact Carol at 250 542-5644 for more information.

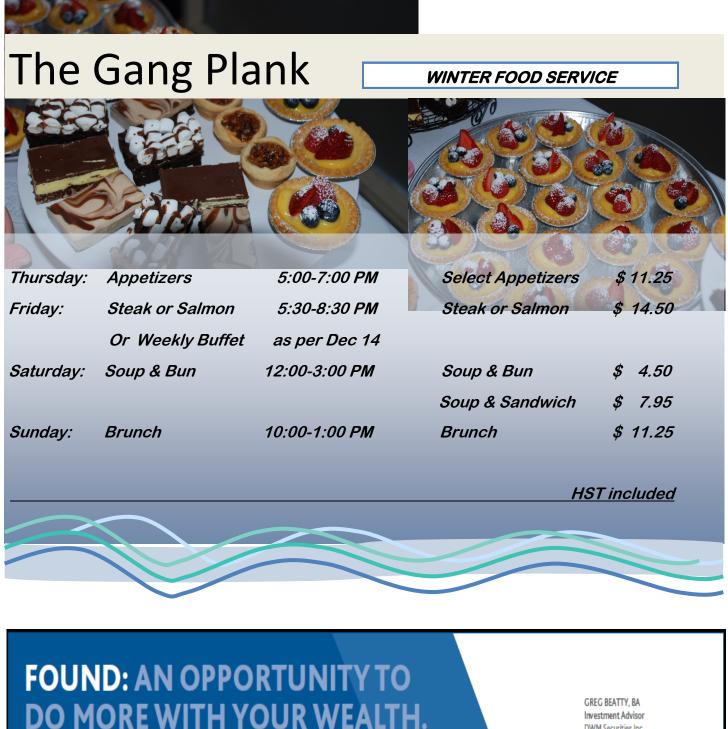
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2 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00Pl Jaclyn Guillo Jazz Concert Food Bank 7:00 PM	M	4	5 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	6 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	7 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—11:00PM Last Steak and Salmon night	8 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—8:00PM
9 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—5:00 Private renta after 5:00PM	al	11 / Executive meeting	12 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	13 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—5:00PM Private rental after 5:00PM	14 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—11:00PM Weekly Buffet	15 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—5:00PM Private rental after 5:00PM
16 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00 Sunday brur 10:00-1:00 P	nch	18	19 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	20 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	21 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—11:00PM 8-9PM Family Sing Along with Molly Boyd	22 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—8:00PM
23 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00 Sunday brur		25 Closed	26 Closed	27 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	28 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—11:00PM	29 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—8:00PM

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Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM Sunday brunch 10:00-1:00 PM

10:00-1:00 PM

