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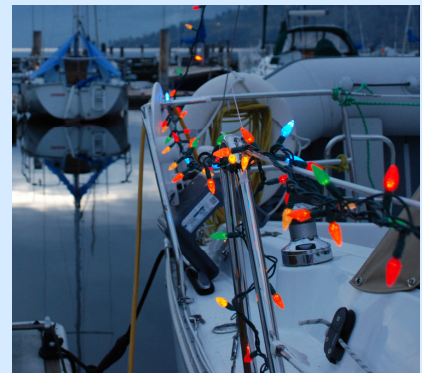
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VYC - 2009—2010 Executive

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Commodore's Report Tim Amy

Your new Executive had a 1st meeting

December 14, 2009 and these will continue to be held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm, Club members are welcome to attend.

A priority of this executive will be to keep you informed as issues, decisions and events unfold. To that end a summary of Executive meeting minutes will be included in each month's newsletter. If you have ideas feel free to write or email to the Executive c/o the office.

Your Executive members are already well into dealing with several issues.

- Long Term Planning will resume early in new year and members will be invited to participate in discussion meetings.
- Ways to improve the atrocious acoustics of the lounge are being professionally investigated as is updating the "ambience" and attractiveness of the big open room.
- If you have any ideas as to how the lounge might be changed to your tastes NOW would be the time to speak up. After its' done wont count.

- A business plan for better use of the lounge is in the works.
- A marketing or publicity plan for the Club is in the making. The intention is to let the good citizens of Vernon know that the Yacht Club is a community of their Neighbours who enjoy messing about on the water, socializing and 'networking' and that we contribute to the community in several ways. Reputation is like birdseed; what you put out determines which birds are attracted. And you don't want to appear dead or dying because you know what that attracts.
- At this 1st meeting the applications of 8 new regular members were approved with a line up forming for next month.

Would you recommend the Club to your family, friends, neighbours?? Have you ??

Now read on for more juicy stuff from Executive members

Tim Amy



Vice Commodore's Report Steve Bertram

**Gooooood Day
Vernon Yacht Club!**

For some of you I haven't had the pleasure of meeting, my name is Steve Bertram and I'm your new Vice Commodore.

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Cont. from page 3 I have to say, I'm really excited to work with everyone including the new Executive and all our Members! One of the things that excites me the most is the positive energy that seems to be flowing among the new Yacht Club Executive. Through all that 'new' energy, I'm really hoping that we can further get the good word out to all our prospective members and the general public that the Yacht Club is a family-friendly club, with an emphasis on affordable boating, friendship, networking and fun (Most of all!)

So far, the response to our new revised initiation fee for 2010 among prospective members (that I've been talking to) has been very positive, and I'm almost certain that our membership will more than exceed our net member quota for this year.

One of the things I'd like to do this year is to meet more fellow boaters and help the club with our goal of bringing on more new members so that we can remain an affordable and prosperous organization. I'm hoping that after some minor 'interior rejuvenation' we can get a few more public events into the clubhouse, adding additional revenues so that we can continue improving the club for our members – present and future- and provide a lifetime of affordable boating for generations to come.

Should you like to talk to me, I'm almost always available through my office at RE/MAX (my 'other' job, when I'm not at the Yacht Club or boating!) if you have any questions, comments, or just want to chat. I always love the opportunity to meet with any of our members and I'm looking forward to working with you all during 2010!

Regards, Steve Bertram



Rear Commodore's Report Lawrence Johnson

I would like to thank all of the members for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Rear Commodore for the 2010 term. I look forward to working with you all to provide the best service possible to the Vernon Yacht Club. The new Executive held it's first monthly meeting at the Yacht Club last Monday and I am excited to be a part of such a qualified group of people.

In my duties over the next while I will be looking at the option of replacing the pump out system for next season. The club has financial contributions available from both the City of Vernon as well as a couple of generous members that may make it possible to upgrade the system. As well I will be working with other members of the executive to enhance and improve the acoustics and overall appearance of the Lounge to make it

more inviting and user friendly for both members and guests. I have acquired the services of a professional, at no charge to the club, to measure the acoustical properties of the lounge. This will allow us to understand what is necessary and practical for improving the acoustical properties of the lounge while improving the ambience and overall appearance. I invite suggestions from anyone in the club who may have experience or background with interior decorating or design to bring forward any ideas that may assist the executive in making the decisions for the lounge improvements. If we all as club members contribute our relevant skills and talent to these tasks I believe we can have one of the best facilities on the lake. I look forward to meeting all the members I have not yet met and getting reacquainted with those of you I have. See you at the club!

Lawrence Johnson



Fleet Captain's Report

Bob Montguire

I am pleased to announce

that Ken Smith and Roger Price have agreed to join the moorage committee for this year. (2010) Both these members have many years of experience. We will not know how many slips will be available for next year until February. Please be patient.

The City of Vernon and the District of Coldstream are putting together a plan for water evacuation. This plan will be for Okanagan and

Kalamalka Lake. The V.Y.C. has been asked to participate for Okanagan Lake. This plan is for evacuating residents from the Lakeview/Adventure Bay area in case a fire cuts off road access. The next meeting is the 11th of January and I will keep you advised as to what is required from the club with regards to the number of boats and/or members.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to you all.

Bob



Staff Captain's Report

Rick Reichelt

We had our first executive meeting on

Monday and we are all excited about the upcoming year. One of my main objectives is to make the clubhouse more profitable this upcoming year. There are a few things we will be trying to do to accomplish this.

- We need to give the clubhouse a bit of a makeover to give it more atmosphere and improve the acoustics,

- We will be trying to rent the Clubhouse out to the public on the nights that members are not using it.

We hope to have some of these accomplished fairly soon.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hopefully we will see you at the New years eve party. (see ad on page 7)

Rick Reichelt



Director of Membership Jerry Spelchan

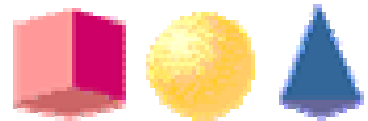
I am glad to report that we have significant interest from potential new members. We have signed up and approved eight new regular members and one associate member at our first executive meeting. I anticipate by the number of positive inquiries I have at this time, that this amount will be repeated at the January 11th, 2010 meeting. With such positive response it looks like 2010 will be a progressive year for membership in our club.

The new members are:
Terry Larsen - Vernon
Ken Larsen - Vernon
Roger & Betty Labelle - Vernon
Brad Perepolkan - Vernon
Robert & Jennifer McDougal - Vernon
Kevin & Paula Marshall - Armstrong
Rod & Colleen Hoople - Lumby
Tamara Dantzer & Mike Reiley - Coldstream

Associate Member:
Margret Muller - Vernon

Regards *Jerry Spelchan*

Vernon Yacht Club Minutes Summary Dec 14, 2009



- Tax exemption application denied.
- Liability insurance is now doubled.
- Creating Advertising/Marketing plan for 2010.
- Long Term Planning Committee created.
- Lounge acoustics to be addressed.
- Street sign to be fixed and/or replaced.
- Moorage Committee members announced.
- Wait/Move lists posted in Conference room.
- New Moorage Contract to go out with renewals and to be signed.
- Water Evacuation Working Group created.
- New metal dock #'s will be installed in Spring.
- Lounge Rental to be increased and a marketing/ business plan being created.
- Lounge "ambience" to be addressed.
- 8 New members voted in! 6-7 more by next meeting.
- AGM bylaws amendments reviewed and sent to Victoria.

Teri

*Member of the Year:
Mary Jean Watson*



At the AGM November 29th Mary Jean Watson was awarded the recognition "Member of the Year". Well deserved! MJ volunteered countless hours helping wherever help was needed.

M J (as she is also known) would like you to know thatthe involvement by members in the events put on by the club help raise money to run VYC.

**Vernon Yacht Club
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Werner Gysi and his wife Brigitte were born in Switzerland, lived for a few years in India where the two oldest children were born and eventually immigrated to Canada in 1981. They reside in the Shuswap.

In March 1997 the Gysi family bought the Kristy Nicole, a 42-foot ferro-cement ketch cutter. (the same material Dan Irvine's boat is made of.) For the next year they would sail up and down the east coast of the United States learning how to sail in preparation for their Atlantic crossing, all the while living on board. "Nobody knew exactly what to expect ... We were preparing for the unknown" said Brigitte.

"It all started out with a dream and an ad in a newspaper that read: "Boat for sale", wrote James Murray in the Salmon Arm Observer. Soon Werner Gysi and his family were preparing to sail across the Atlantic Ocean, with the idea to visit their two oldest children who meanwhile were studying in Europe.

The first chapter of their book "**A Family of Six at Sea**" is available for viewing on the Gysi's website. Interesting detail: As all of the family members kept a diary, except their four year old, one also learns about the impressions this adventure made on the children.

Hanny

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He has extensive experience in sailing and racing, 3 times competing in the Vic-Maui Race, as well as being on 'Braveheart', when it set the Swiftsure record time. Colin has lots to offer on the topics of chartering and sailing courses on the coast.

Werner was born and educated in Switzerland, and emigrated to Canada in 1981. After living 14 years off the land he decided to share his experience by writing the book 'Harmonic Farming' in 1995. He was invited to an hour long interview on CBC National Radio. Werner's second book 'A Family of Six at Sea', relating to Werner and his family who sought to live their dream by buying a sailboat and sailing it across the Atlantic.

Werner will also entertain with a number of sailing songs from his CD.

Weds 10th February 2010 at 7:00PM

A Family of Six at Sea

Author, sailor Werner Gysi will present his latest book.

Weds 10th March 2010 at 7:00 PM

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Messing About in Boats

by
Dave Atkins

Last time we left you sailing close hauled on one tack or the other. You should know which tack you are on. If the wind is coming over the port side (left) of the boat and the sails are on the starboard side, then you are on port tack, if the wind is coming over the starboard (right) side and the sails are out to port then the boat is on starboard tack. It is important to know which tack you are on because it will affect your rights when you meet another sail boat out on the water, more of that later. Most boats will sail about 45° to the real wind, the apparent wind that you feel in the boat will be much closer to the bow. You need to trim the sails carefully to get the maximum effect, and you also may need to change the amount of sail you have up if the



boat is getting over powered and is heeling much beyond 15°. Trim the mainsail first so that it is all pulling and there is not a baggy area near the mast where the wind is blowing on the back of the sail. It is generally not a good idea to trim the boom in beyond the centerline of the boat and not that far in most cases. The jib should then be trimmed in by tightening the sheet until it also has a good curved shape and has no baggy patches at the leading edge. These are general guidelines and experience and skill will allow you to make fine adjustments to get the optimum performance.

As you change direction and bear away from the wind you will have to adjust the sails. As a “rule of thumb” the sails should bisect the angle between the wind and the direction of travel of the boat. That is if the wind is coming at right angles to the boat, over the beam, then the sails should be about 45° to the centerline and this

is called “reaching” Sailing downwind, that is with the wind right behind you is probably the most unstable sailing direction and is often avoided by experienced sailors especially in strong winds, sail off to one side or the other and “tack downwind”

Sooner or later you will have to quit and get the sails down so that you can get back to the marina. Do not try to sail into the marina except as final choice in case of emergency. To get the sails down you will have to turn into the wind. If you have been sailing down wind **DO NOT TURN QUICKLY** you can knock the boat down if there is much wind. Get the motor down and running while the boat is still moving forward so that you keep control, fix the tiller so that the boat motors slowly to windward. Roll up or drop the headsail first and then the main. Put a couple of ties temporarily to stop the sail getting away, you can stow it properly later. Now you can motor into the marina under control and in good shape to get to your slip.

Dave Atkins



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WHAT IS WRONG WITH AQUACULTURE?

A Mariners Perspective

(This letter was sent to us via our website and might be of interest to some of our members.)

Dated November 17, 2009

The Province was given the right to issue land permits in our public navigable waters almost 30 years ago but had no responsibility for the condition of the farms or the resulting hazards to navigation and the dangers that they have created for mariners. It was a Land Ministry, after all. Permits for these farms are often in safe havens and close to watersheds. Occupation of these critical sites has ensured that no one else is able to use that particular sanctuary from the weather or that important water supply for any other purposes. Both the water supply and the protected harbour become private property. In practice, if not in fact. Any and all potential growth in any other direction ends. This factor is not understood unless you have traveled our waterways.

The east coast and the west coast cannot be compared or treated as one. Their differences are greater than their similarities. The annual freeze up and the open ocean nature of the exposed East coast make their waters a much more difficult challenge for even the most experienced mariners and so nature has limited its potential recreational use. Water travel is possible year round in the west due to moderate temperatures and an intricate, extensive web of islands and fiords that offer shelter en-



Closer examination reveals that this mess is a fish farm wrecking yard for the used junk, storm mutilated, broken pens (hazards) that are accumulating everywhere.

route. These waterways, unique in all the world, have made our ocean a paradise for recreational travel.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH AQUACULTURE – .Don't for one moment think that there isn't any commercial value in recreation. This is my key point. Our protected waterways inspire and allow the boat building industries and the eco-tourists and the



-Any other harbours are miles and hours away.

sport-fishermen and the lodges and the community stores and the marine suppliers, the marinas and repair shops, hotels, restaurants and a vast host of related jobs that will completely disappear if the wild salmon are gone and the public waterways needed for safe navigation are owned privately. We are risking all of these related industries, not just the jobs of the commercial fishermen.

Shellfish aquaculture does not have the same multitude of objections as salmon farms from a scientific point of view, but from a marine perspective, shellfish production locations require protected waters with

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depths of less than 10 fathoms. Exactly the same requirement that is needed for a safe anchorage for vessels and a safe settlement location. If we are truly reviewing the wisdom and legality of Aquaculture licenses, Transport Canada now needs to examine its role in supporting Aquaculture versus its responsibility to protect our waterways from

dangerous obstructions and hazards to navigation. There is a conflict of interest. The marine public rights of navigation and access have been compromised. Chart errors are dangerous safety factors. Public money is spent to promote, support and subsidize private aquaculture operations. That money should be used instead to protect our wild salmon and their habitat and to clean up the waterways. These "works" in our waters are clearly Transport Canada's responsibility under the "Navigable Waters Protection Act" They have chosen to support the lease holders and ignore the squalor. They have failed to adequately protect the safety of our vessels and our rights of navigation. There is more than sea lice infecting our magnificent coast. A Judicial Enquiry is needed to investigate the disappearance of our cherished marine environment and the potential economic consequences of blockading our harbours with unwanted, polluting and dangerous hazards to navigation. The northern coast is impossible for land travel; making the waterways and harbours that connect the northern lands of critical importance to the future economic growth of BC. This can be fixed. Cancel the illegal leases. Clean up the mess.

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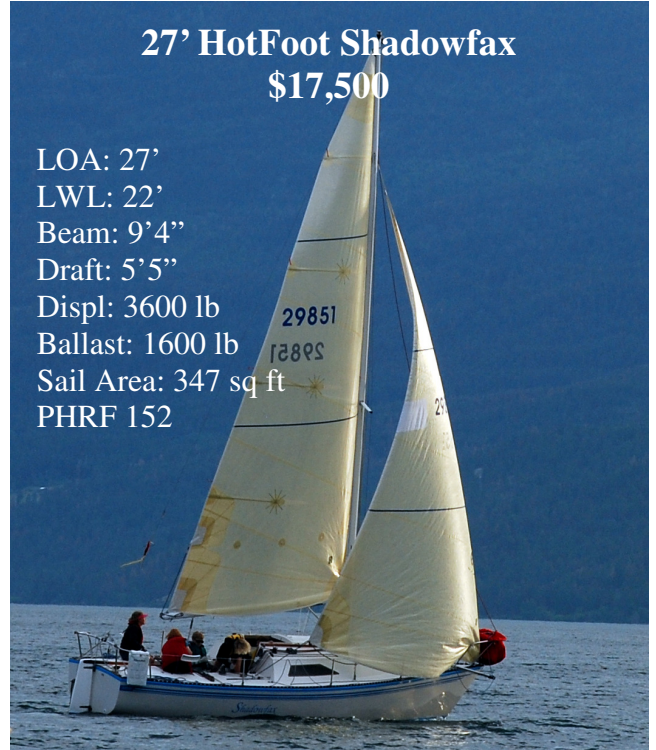
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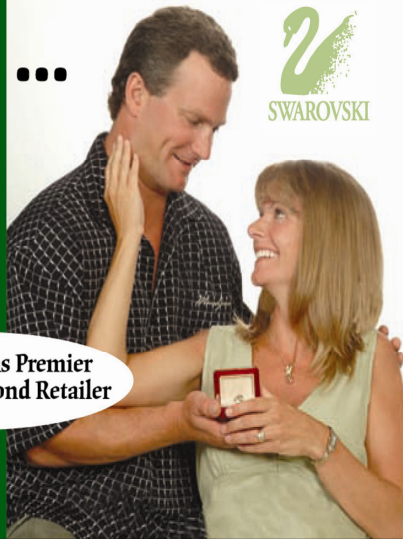


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CPS Courses - What's on the Horizon?



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H.



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Wannetta and I are new to Vernon

having relocated from Fort McMurray in April 2008. I work for the City of Vernon as the Fire Chief and Wannetta for TELUS.

We were delighted when Hanny asked us to write about our experiences, as new members to the Vernon Yacht Club. First of all Wannetta and I will tell you that for us the "face" of the Vernon Yacht club was Sonya and Bill Olsen, Joan and Greg Bird, Rachel, and Bob Montquire. Thank you for your support, encouragement and introducing/welcoming us to the Club. I would be remiss if I did not mention Roy and Janice and the great stories from Medicine Hat. Roy realizes that Firefighters were invented so that Police would have someone to look up to.

Since last June, Wannetta and I have attended a number of the events at the Club. The Friday steak night and the pig roast has provided us the opportunity to meet lots of new folks and enjoy the Yacht Club.

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We are novice boaters and are still learning some of the basic navigational techniques. In other words to not run into other boats, docks, solid objects etc. Our boat is a 20 foot bow rider and because I have been a fire-fighter for 35 years it is red. When I first started out in my new boat I had a neighbor providing some lessons on how to operate it. When I put the boat into forward it went in reverse and the opposite occurred, in reverse it went forward. How could I screw up something so simple? Well good thing my neighbor knows a little about boats and we called the marina where I bought the boat and asked them to bring the correct prop so that the boat would go in the right direction. The reason I relate this story is that as a result of this first experience my boat is named **"Miss Fire"**

And for the sailors (Royal Canadian Navy) in our Yacht Club I would offer the following:

As a Wooden Hooky, I was standing on the foc'cle, out of the rig of the day, swinging the lead, when the Buffer and Jimmy caught me, ran me in the rattle, and COs defaulters gave me birds, fives, and stoppers. I was friggin well seen off!

Wannetta and I look forward to the 2010 season and hope to meet more Club members.

Jeff Carlisle



Light Up Parade



Jay Johnson



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<p>The office will be closed from Thursday Dec 24 – Wednesday January 6th, 2010</p>					1 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-22:00 Friday Night Dinner	2 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 13:00-17:00
3 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 13:00-17:00	4 	5	6 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-20:00	7 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-20:00	8 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-22:00 Friday Night Dinner	9 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 13:00-17:00
10 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 13:00-17:00	11 VYC Executive Meeting 7:00PM	12	13 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-20:00 Evening with Collin Jackson 7:00PM	14 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-20:00	15 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-22:00 Friday Night Special Dinner	16 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 13:00-17:00
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