

Vernon Yacht Club

Tiller Topics

Pub. Mail Agreement No. 40650589

Return Undeliverable

Canadian Mail to:

Vernon Yacht Club

7919 Okanagan Landing Road

Vernon, BC V1H 1H1

Delivery Address:



January 2012 Features

- | | |
|---|----------|
| • Executive Reports | Page 3-6 |
| • Past Com. Tim recovering from heart surgery | Page 7 |
| • Thoughts on Volvo Ocean Race | Page 8 |
| • Minutes Summary | Page 9 |
| • Messing about in Boats | Page 10 |
| • Vernon Power & Sail Squadron | Page 11 |
| • Candid Cabo | Page 12 |
| • Member's Classified | Page 13 |
| • From our Bar Manager | Page 14 |
| • Sailing Fleet Report | Page 15 |
| • Security Team | Page 18 |
| • VYC Store | Page 19 |
| • January 2012 VYC Calendar | Page 20 |



Photos by Dagmar Mrazek

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

VYC - 2011—2012 Executive

7919 Okanagan Landing Road, Vernon, BC V1H 1H1

Name:	Position:	Home:	Work:	Cell:
Mike Thomas	Commodore	545-8501	545-8501	549-0320
Lawrence Johnson	Vice Commodore		260-8003	
Ed Kinnear	Rear Commodore	542-7551		307-7120
Betty Labelle	Staff Captain	542-2228		306-0727
Jerry Spelchan	Fleet Captain	545-4564		549-0051
Patrick Lett	Treasurer	545-9115	545-7117	938-3113
Teri McLennan	Secretary	549-5056	549-2558	307-7140
Tim Amy	Past Commodore	542-6322	833-2444	833-2444
Allen Dubeski (Dir. at large)	Director 1 Year	549-4531	545-9188	558-8478
Marlise Hutter	Director 1 Year	546-0466		309-0899
Craig Williams (Publicity)	Director 1 year	503-8993	558-1111	503-8993
Jaron Chasea	Director 2 Year	542-0800		550-9859
Larry Gilchuk	Director 2 Year	558-9893		558-8526
Barry Stack	Director 2 Year	545-8345		309-7738

Contact Information

phone 545-5518
fax 545-0388

Email Address: office@vernonyachtclub.com

Website: www.vernonyachtclub.com

Office hours: Monday and Thursday from 8:30 am until 2:30 pm.

Office Manager: Marnie Williamson

Bar Manager: Rick Reichelt [phone 558-5598 (home) 309-2311 (cell)]

Important Notice to All Members: If you access the clubhouse with your key card and are confronted with **the alarm going off 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 \$150.00. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

* **Submissions for Tiller Topics** can be sent via e-mail to:
tiller@vernonyachtclub.com

****Deadline for submissions:** the second week of each month.

Tiller Topics' Team to date:

Hanny Kooyman - Layout & Design
Rebecca Phillips - Proof Reading
Frances Warner - Proof Reading
Cees Kooyman - Mailing
Terry Rudersdorfer - Website
Allen Dubeski - Advertisement

Regular Contributors:

Dave Atkins - Messing about in Boats
Carol Craske - Valley Girls; Racing
Lisa Gallie - Fitness/kayak
Ron Heuman - Security Team
Bob McDonell - Sailing Fleet; Sailing Lessons
Rebecca Phillips - VYC Store
Kerry Richardson - Correspondent
Patricia Rudersdorfer - Humorous View
Doug Stewart - CPS News

Executive members and many occasional writers and photographers.



Commodore's Report

Mike Thomas



December
14, 2011 and the Annual General Meeting is behind us and the New Year is just around the corner. Our new executive for the coming year has been appointed

and some interesting tasks have already been assigned to some of these eager souls. However, we won't begin any of the improvements until the first quarter of 2012 which is when the Club traditionally gets quieter. If any of you feel there is something at the Club which needs our attention, please submit

your thoughts to our office and Marnie will see to it that this information goes to the appropriate Executive Member.

This is my final submission to Tiller Topics for this year but it does give me the opportunity to extend my family's wish for a happy and safe Holiday Season to all our members and staff. Soon it will be March and we will be back on the lake enjoying a new boating season. I hope the weather will be fair and the winds favorable for all of you.

Mike

Vice Commodore's Report

Lawrence Johnson



As you all are
aware the past year has been busy with activity. The primary task this year was the dock expansion with the replacement of the wood B dock and the installation of the concrete docks and

fingers. In total we added 395.6 lineal feet of concrete mains with seventeen new 28 foot fingers and

nineteen 24 foot fingers. This gave us an addition of 16 slips on C dock. During construction we also added 16 new slips to C dock using the old wood B docks, replaced 3 piles and rebuilt and repaired several of the old wood fingers on C dock. In addition we extended A dock with the remaining wood docks that were removed from B dock which added an additional six temporary slips to A dock.

All of the work was completed on time thanks to the help received from the members who contributed their time to install the water lines and concrete

Cont. page 4

Cont. from page 3

blocks on the trenches of the concrete mains. We were also able to complete the whole expansion within the budget set including the added work to A and C docks.

In addition to the expansion we also completed extensive repairs and upgrades to the concrete breakwater which included new anchor chains to replace the existing nylon rope that was originally installed as well as repairs to the post anchor hoops, 4x4 timber, steel I beams, pile guards and fasteners. A complete assessment of the required work to the breakwater was completed to determine the repairs needed which included an under water inspection and photos completed by our club diver **Greg Pederson**. These photos are available for viewing at the front counter for anyone interested, but please do not remove the photo album from the club. The cost of the breakwater repairs were slightly over our annual budget for the year but were necessary and have made a substantial improvement to the performance of the breakwater and should reduce the repair costs required for the concrete breakwater over the next couple of years.

Additional unforeseen expenses to the clubhouse and yard maintenance were the substantial upgrading to the electrical wiring in the club that were required to bring the electrical up to code. As well the roofing on the club house was replaced and upgraded. Another substantial cost incurred this year was the repair of the pumps to our sewage lift station which services the pump-out. These repairs were

unexpected but the work completed has improved our pump-out system and should allow for uninterrupted service for several years. We also arranged for a free trial service which was offered by Bio-Max Systems for the eco-treatment of the sewage tanks which has helped to eliminate the unpleasant odor generated from the sewer tanks when the system is pumping. We will receive a printed report from Bio-Max on the results of the treatment early next year.

We have also completed several projects to improvements to the club house and yard including upgrades to the fire suppression, internet wiring, security wiring systems, and plumbing systems as well as grounds areas.

As most of you are aware I am moving into the position as Vice Commodore and will be leaving my position as Rear Commodore. My time as Rear Commodore has been eventful and exciting and I sincerely thank all of you who have volunteered your time over the past couple of years. The position of Rear Commodore shall be filled this year by Ed Kinnear, we are very fortunate to have him available for this position. He is a very knowledgeable and capable replacement and I thank him for stepping up for the position of Rear Commodore.

Enjoy the holidays and wishing you a Happy New Year,

Lawrence Johnson

Oprah's boat.
Photo by
Richard Rotteveel



Rear Commodore's Report



Best of the season

to everyone.

By now Christmas and 2011 has come and gone and we can look forward to whatever 2012 will provide.

The Executive has had its final meeting of the year

which was also the first meeting with us newly elected members, and the returning Executive. Directors' responsibilities were agreed upon and I believe that the executive is a diverse group that will work well together and is interested in the betterment of your boating experience.

At the next few meetings we expect to be familiarizing ourselves with our responsibilities and the projects that are planned or underway. More to come on these initiatives in future reports.

Some of you will know who I am but for those that don't please make sure you introduce yourselves to me, as well as the other Executive members. Take the time to make your concerns known and find a way to get involved. The work parties and the boat show are great ways to spend a couple of hours, learn a new skill, make a difference for the club and meet fellow members.

I look forward to meeting and working with you. All the best in 2012!

Ed Kinnear

Fleet Captain's Report

Jerry Spelchan



No report.



Thank you!

I like to graciously thank the Executive of 2010-2011 for giving me the honor, as editor of Tiller Topics, to be chosen as Member of the Year.

Are there other members interested in helping and getting involved in 'the art of communication' between members, executive and various groups? Then please contact me via tiller@vernonyachtclub.com

Hanny

Staff Captain's Report

Betty Labelle



Happy New Year

to all of our membership.

As we look forward to 2012 our plan is to continue with the food service we started last year and possibly add to it.

Friday night buffets will also continue starting January 6th

As soon as the weather warms up we will start our 'Steak and Salmon' barbeque.

There will be **no regular Saturday night buffet** in January but we will be planning some special Saturday night events and we will let you know as they happen. The bar will continue to be open Tuesday-Wednesday and Thursday from 4pm-8pm.

Betty

Sunday Brunch has been a hit and we will continue serving brunch every Sunday starting January 8th.

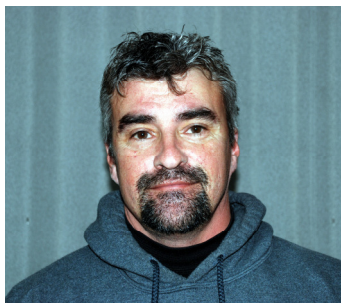
Introducing VYC's new Directors for 2011-2012



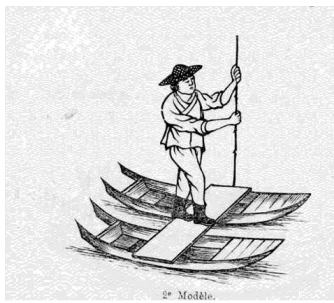
Barry Stack



Jaron Chasca



Larry Gilchuk



Marlese Hutter

For information on how to contact these people see page 2 of this publication.

Past Commodore Tim Amy recovering from heart surgery.



Father and son 'just cruisin'

On Friday December 10, 2011 Tim was sent by ambulance from Saanich Peninsula Hospital to Royal Jubilee for an angiogram that led to open heart surgery today (Wednesday December 14) ~ 4 bypasses. He is recovering now. It is quite a traumatic experience for the body but wouldn't you know, he had a few jokes to say EVEN tonight when he woke up for a few minutes from all of the tubes. It will take at least 6 weeks to recover on average and then some for more strenuous activities (like winning!!!)

Kerry

Gifts of Christmas In Sidney

While such a title to this writing might conjure up visions of hot summertime in "down under" (Sydney), I must throw

you a sprig of holly to wake you up to the fact that, even in Sidney, British Columbia, that lovely seaside retreat by the Salish Sea, the climate defines that, yes, we STILL are in Canada,

land of winter ice and snow. Indeed, it is wintertime here and the range of climate has brought to Sunday long distance sailboat racing a number of 18 knot breezes, when reefing the main twice, was NOT enough. Still, the exuberance of spray reminds you of the "gift of doing what you love" throughout the year, EVEN during plus 1 C temperatures, in yellow suits of moon walk comfort at Christmas!

Then there is the 'gift of sharing' when the annual Sidney Christmas Parade commands attention to



Christmas all year long, cruising and racing in the Salish Sea!

sidewalks and curbs packed with children bundled in scarf wrapped snowsuits along Saturday night Beacon Street, all lit up with candy cane stripes wrapped around light posts topped with white stars, and wreaths centered with candles to decorate the way. As if that isn't enough to spread 'good cheer', there is the reflection of multi-colored lights with white-light reindeers in the water off the

Beacon Pier as fishing boats, sailboats, powered Campions, and yachts drift by in illuminated fashion. The 'ooooooooos' and 'ahhhhhhhhs' echo the links among us, that Christmas is the season for connecting with all.

Still, perhaps the greatest gift of Christmas is 'the moment', mindfulness of the 'miracle of living'. For it is when people come together, whether through families or friends,

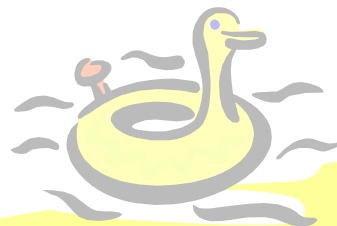
through couples or individuals, through professionals or strangers from all walks of life to ensure that another human being will survive to thrive, that must be the spirit of Christmas.

Said the son to his father, who was half propped up in his medicated body with tubes traveling to transparent bags and heart-wired readings whizzing onto a screen, "Now don't razz the nurses!"

The white bearded gent with a pillow placed lightly on his newly wired sternum whispered through the oxygen flanges, "Oh no. Not gonna do that cause I need them on my side."

The miracle of living, with humour in duress, gratitude for caring, and passion to thrive, must be the 'gift of Christmas', even in Sidney!

Kerry



Thoughts on the Volvo Ocean Race - Leg 2 December 14th, 2011

On a regular basis I receive updates about big races like the Volvo Ocean Race. This time the text read: **"Leg 2 of the Volvo Ocean race is underway – but to where?"**

Ostensibly the fleet is heading to Abu Dhabi, however due to the potential action of pirates operating out of Somalia, the six entries will sail to an unannounced destination, where they will be loaded onto a transporter and will cover the rest of the leg on a ship, before being dropped just short of Abu Dhabi, for a final sprint to the finish.

While the solution is not ideal, it is the only practical one as the boats represent an excellent target for pirates who have taken over 1,000 sailors in the past year. Taking people hostage and holding them for ransom is a lucrative business in Somalia and their pirates operate in international waters halfway across to India.

It is perhaps within the atmosphere of the Holidays that one ponders why people who are "Messing about in Boats" are exposed to such extreme risky waters that a secret "lift" is necessary.

Obviously the word "Pirate" isn't a new one in our vocabulary. History will tell us that ships have been pirated before. It is just that the sheer numbers draw my attention; such a high number of innocent people who love to sail the far away waters and have fallen victim to the practices of the pirates from Somalia for reason of financial gain.

What circumstances cause that one becomes a pirate? The answers people may have will vary wildly and depend on the angle from which one views the world.

*Enjoy the Holidays,
Hanny*



Team Telefonica, skippered by Iker Martinez from Spain during the V&A Waterfront In-Port Race in Cape Town, South Africa. Marc Bow/Volvo Ocean Race



Groupama Sailing Team, skippered by Franck Cammas from France during the V&A Waterfront In-Port Race in Cape Town - Volvo Ocean Race 2011-12 Ian Roman/Volvo Ocean Race



Jay Johnson



Bruce Barnard
Cell: 938-0583

**Advertising
Works! Inc.**
unlimited promotional products & custom logoed clothing

3106-32nd St. Vernon, BC

www.advertisingworks.ca

558-1434

(800)454-5510

WE CAN
PUT YOUR
LOGO ON:
MUGS
PENS
WATCHES
KEY TAGS
HATS
BAGS
JACKETS
FLEECE
T-SHIRTS
GOLF BALLS
& MORE...



Vernon Yacht Club Minutes Summary

By Teri McLennan

December 12, 2011

- New Executive in place and ready to go!
- Will be looking at upgrading our Wireless connection in the club.
- Two new gas stoves on order!
- Will be forming committees in the New Year to start renovations etc.
- New members waiting to join in January!
- Will be putting an information board by the office as well as adding to the website when there are events, so members are better informed.
- Will be adding HST to food prices as this was not included before.
- Brunches are still a success, please come out and enjoy.

Hope all members have a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

Teri

Full executive meeting minutes are available in the office.



DREAMWATER, VULCAN & REDOX FROM FRITZ LEUTGEB

WATER SHORTAGES - POLLUTION - HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE - CANCER

IS YOUR WATER TREATMENT PART OF THE PROBLEM???

**ASK FOR SALT & CHEMICAL FREE SOLUTIONS,
LIKE DREAMWATER, VULCAN AND REDOX
MINERAL RICH DRINKING WATER
AT YOUR OWN**

ALTERNATIVE WATER SOLUTIONS STORE

250-260-4499

FOR MORE INFO SEE - WWW.ALLABOUTWATER.COM OR WWW.DREAMWATERPRODUCT.COM

Messing About in Boats

by
Dave Atkins

The New Year is upon us and by now you have likely recovered from the rigors of the Christmas Season. With any luck you may have some new boating goodies to deal with. If there are items that have to be permanently installed, you may have to wait for the winter to pass before you solve the problems of where exactly you are going to mount that new nav-instrument or radio. If it is more portable stuff like life jackets or sweaters then the only problem may be in which locker is it going to be stored when not in use. These are all interesting but non-urgent problems and one can have the luxury of several winter months to ponder the solutions. You may be lucky or fortunate to have your boat tucked away in a covered and heated storage where you can work on it all winter if you like, but that is a luxury that few of us can afford, or even find if we could afford it.

You may be the type of boater that only thinks about boating in the warmer months, and when your boat is tucked away for the winter it is virtually forgotten till next year. Which ever classification you fall under there is still that feeling that being out on the water is an enjoyable place to be.

Our aquatic horizons vary greatly, you may be quite happy with just the north end of the Lake, and that gives you enough room to enjoy your own type of water sport, be it sailing or fishing or water skiing or just quiet relaxation in the open air, largely undisturbed by other people. There are those who venture further afield and take their boats with them to explore new lakes and coastlines. I find myself wanting to spend more time in the Gulf Islands and elsewhere along the Coast, but these days it is not practical. I have spent many summers in the Gulf Islands over the years but more recently they seem to be changing in ways that I don't find very attractive. Maybe it is just a factor of getting older!

In past columns I have given some thought to defining what makes a person a boater but the definition is not simple. Just because you have a boat and use it doesn't seem to me to be the same as someone who spends a great deal of time and effort boating in a safe and legitimate manner, studying the characteristics and behavior of his (or her) boat trying to operate it in a safe and responsible manner and knowing the area of operation both above and below the surface.

Winter is a time when the days are shorter and outside activities are more limited than in the summer. You have time to think about next summer's boating and maybe take some steps to make yourself a better, more knowledgeable and safer boater.

Dave



Century 21
EXECUTIVES REALTY LTD.
REALTOR®

Rachael (C)250 550-5064 (W)250 549-2103 email: rachael.gaylard@century21.ca

CPS News

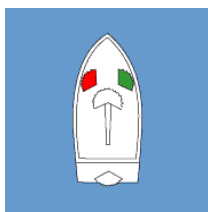
Vernon Power & Sail Squadron



January, 2012

Didja' know ...

Use only the proper navigation lights when underway at night. Those 'headlights' are ONLY used for finding your mooring and for an emergency.



Coming Events:

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

Your Lifejacket ...

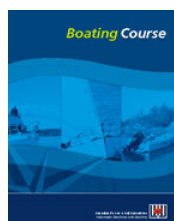


**It only works if
you wear it !**

Saving Boaters' Lives Begins in the Classroom !

Take a Safe Boating Course From CPS

CPS Course Lineup



The Boating Course This is consistently our most popular course. The Boating Course will be offered in late February, 2012. Course duration is 13 weeks. Covers all major aspects of boat handling, and introductory navigation. For more information or to pre-register, go on-line or phone Simo at 250-542-5525.



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

See Us on the Web!

Want to find out more about the Power Squadron and its courses?
Vernon Power & Sail Squadron www.cpsvernon.ca

Saving Boaters' Lives Since 1938

Candid Cabo

When you look at any marketing material involving Cabo San Lucas, you are immediately prepared for sticker shock. Pricey yachts, luxury real estate, fancy restaurants and a Malecon that actually has an address called Luxury Avenue. For those with budgets that are a bit limited, it can be quite a scary thought, but you need to remember that Mexico is a country that has developed their business base with a bit of confusion on what they really represent. An example of this is the tour guide that offers fishing tours then switches to a time share presentation pitch all in a matter of a few seconds and sentences. Then there is the street jewelry vendor who places a bracelet on your wrist for you to admire while whispering in your ear that he has access to weed, blow, girls, boys or anything in between because he is your amigo.

The thing that you need to keep in mind is that there tends to be layers of the Mexican experience in all areas that you visit and one should never lose sight of this fact. Once you expose some of the layers, you will find that even Cabo San Lucas has wonderful people and normal activities that don't involve a rapid evacuation of pesos from your wallet. In fact, once you get used to the vendors in the marina area, they tend to blend in with the scenery and are just a part of the mosaic that makes all of Mexico so wonderful. The stepping out of the 'zona de luxury' is subtle but noticeable. Our venture to find some shorts and shirts for me is one example of finding some real bargains in the area. The first search found T-shirts and shorts "almost free for you senior... 2 for \$25.00 USD" with a selection that boasts that you have been Cabo Waboed or some similar reference to



fast-dry shorts for a grand total of \$30.00.

The restaurant selection within the marina zone boosts gourmet meals or reasonable facsimiles of such for an average of \$55.00 USD either per person or for 2 depending on the night and the mood of the waiter or hostess. We enjoyed Bahai Cantina due to its life-saving internet when ours on the dock was sketchy. We had many breakfasts there. Once again a few blocks away from the "zone", we found huge portioned sandwiches or "torta's" combined with fresh fruit smoothies for less than a drive-thru meal. Full service restaurants with crisply dressed waiters and amazing authentic decor would serve meals that are more than substantial, well-presented and very inexpensive. Our dining experience has been a great adventure and will continue. In Venezuela, we had found Pollo Rey (translated "King of Chicken") and after that experience we search these types of places out as if we were treasure hunters. Just two blocks up from our dock, we found such a place aptly named El Pollo de Oro or "Golden Chicken" where you get a full half of a chicken with all the fixings and beer for less than \$7 with a tip. This is the point where you regret the decision to buy the medium shorts, as opposed to the large, but thanking the wisdom of elastic waist bands. These hidden treasures in themselves would be enough to make you want to call an area home when you get exposed to the everyday down-to-earth Mexican families and the addiction of Mexico has begun. Our snorkeling adventures have lead to opportunities to have

excess of either booze, drugs or any other adult pleasures. Just a block past, we were able to buy 3 plain T's and 4 funky,

lively conversations with the locals and vendors on the beach who have come to realize that we are not just passing through, but are here for a while.



On Sunday the country celebrated "Revolution Day" with parades and rodeos throughout Mexico and Cabo San Lucas was no exception. The people from the surrounding area and rural communities came out in droves to support their schools and businesses in the parade. It started at 7:30 am and lasted until around 3:00pm so that people would have time to get to the rodeo grounds for more festivities. This layer of Mexican culture is one that Barb and I have loved from our very first visit and it swept us up with the ease of a following sea. All of the people seemed to be "local" and even those that I recognized as 'high-pressure pitch man' were in attendance with their families leaving their sales pitches and "Luxury Row" personas locked away for another day. The smiles and laughter throughout this event was genuine and the friendliness of everyone was overwhelming. What a day in Cabo!!! We feel so lucky to have our trip interrupted here as our intent was to get in and get out ASAP. Embracing the Mexican culture as nomads will continue to be a wonderful adventure. It is funny that through events that we could not control we are actually going to be sad to leave when the time comes.

Richard and Barb.

Members Classified Ads - Free Classified Ads.

Drop your ad off at the club or e-mail to tiller@vernonyachtclub.com

Ads will be posted for the duration of four months. (Inform the editor if you would like to renew.)

Please notify editor when renewal is desired.

For Rent at Silver Star Mountain

Furnished cozy studio condo at Creekside.
Ski in and ski out to downhill and cross country runs.
Sleeps 2-4, hot tub, laundry, gas fireplace and well equipped kitchen. Minimum 2 night stay, weekly or monthly. N/S,N/P.

Phone Jan at 250 542-7084 or email jan.s@shaw.ca



DIDN'T WIN THE LOTTERY...

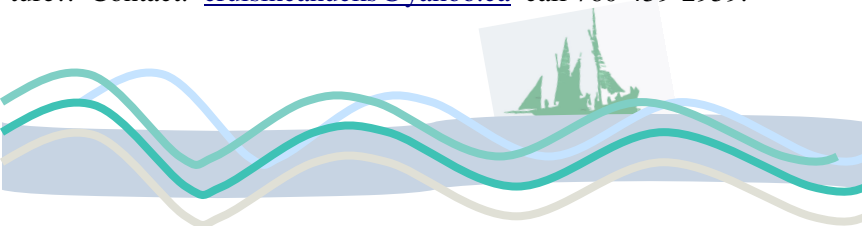
CHECK THIS OUT

Cruisin Sailing Club
Adventures In Sailing

We are going to be doing some research and development of a new business model for boat share in various locations. We are looking for yacht club members that would be willing to participate in this ex-

perimental program and give good honest comments on the experience.

We are offering a unique alternative to chartering a sailboat in some of the best sailing areas in the world. Our club will be sailing in the waters of Mexico for the next few seasons with opportunities for sailing in other popular cruising locations. These cruising adventures will give anyone who is dreaming of setting sail for the cruising lifestyle a good first hand look at the experience for a fraction of the cost. We offer cruising tips as well as hands on experience to whatever level you would like. The cost will be less than renting a small 1-2 star hotel room. The club is ideally suited for couples, but can accommodate same sex friends as well. Please contact us for the full details and itinerary. Join the cruisincanucks on our Mexican adventure!! Contact: cruisincanucks@yahoo.ca call 760-459-2959.



Save \$1000!

Buy my (almost) new Nissan 9.9hp out-board.

I paid \$3300 in 2010; you can have it for \$2300.

Long leg, electric start, 4stroke, less than 15 hours.

Too heavy for my boat (and me). No other problems.

Will consider lighter motor in trade.

(Also looking for transom mounting bracket).

Please call
David Jones 250-309-3017

BOAT TRAILER FOR SALE

2001 EZ Loader Tri-Axle / Galvanized- never rusts / Electric Brakes / Hauls 27 to 32 foot Cruiser.

\$7,500.00 OBO.

Call Terry 250 308 4431.

FOR SALE

10 X 50 Cedar Float
\$ 2,500

Contact Brent at Valley Pile Driving
250-558-9495

From our Bar Manager



Rick Reichelt



Happy New Year

to all of our membership.

As we look forward to 2012 our plan is to continue with the food service we started last year and possibly add to it.

Sunday Brunch has been a hit and we will continue serving brunch every Sunday starting January 8th.

Friday night buffets will also continue starting January 6th.

As soon as the weather warms up we start our Steak and Salmon barbeque.

There will be **no regular Saturday night buffet** in January but we will be planning some special Saturday night events and we will let you know as they happen.

The bar will continue to be open Tuesday-Wednesday and Thursday from 4pm-8pm.

See you at The Gang Plank.

Rick

For all interested businesses

Paid Advertisement in Tiller Topics

Price per month:
\$60 for a full page ad
\$20 for 1/3 of a page

\$50 for a special web link

Send your info to

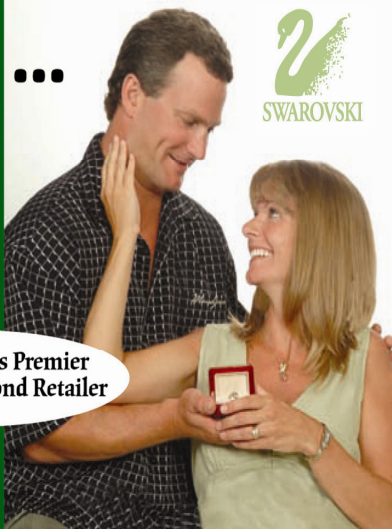
tiller@vernonyachtclub.com

Note: Though we trust our advertisers' integrity - VYC does not take any responsibility for services delivered or goods sold by our advertisers.

With This Ring ...

- Award Winning Jewellery Store
- Complete Selection of Fine Jewellery
- In Store Goldsmith & Gemmologist
- Exquisite Custom Made Jewellery
- Re-Styling of Old Jewellery
- Appraisals
- Quality Repairs
- Insurance Claims
- Watches - Bulova, Wittnauer (Swiss)
- Harley Davidson, Cardinal.

The Okanagan's Premier
Canadian Diamond Retailer



Gregory's
est. 1992
FINE JEWELLERY
www.gregorysfinejewellery.com

3107 - 30th Ave.

(Besides Nolan's Pharmasave)

250.545.7570





Sailing Fleet Report

wish to understand the subtle differences between the rules of sailing and the other rules that regulate boating on the water:

Our first meeting will be Wednesday January 11th at 7 PM to have our annual discussion about who is in charge of which tasks, and where we need to change or improve our sailing events. At that time we will set a schedule for coming sessions. Current suggestions for the next meeting on January 25, is a very basic evening on the comparison of everyday cruising rules with the racing rules. This is a good intro for current sailors interested in looking into the racing events, and a good refresher for the rest of us who often forget that there are differences!

Beyond that we will be discussing the VYC Learn to Sail Program, setting up your standing rigging, sail trim, how to get the best boat speed, more compelling rules issues, race management, and hopefully some great video evenings of cruising and racing.

Mark your calendars for every second Wednesday at 7 PM, pass on your suggestions for topics, and we will do a bit of dry-land sailing in the comfort of our club lounge!

Bob McDonell
Sailing Fleet Chair

What happened

to all of our diehard winter sailors? Seems the 4 to 6 boats that used to brave the chill winds have grown soft! I always was. C'est la vie...there are other activities to keep us moving through the darker months!

The Sailing Fleet had a great year of sailing with stronger more consistent winds than anyone seems to remember. Alas, it seems everyone is busier than ever and no one dominated the racing or managed to show up on a consistent basis. There is always next year!

For those who sail but are not into racing, it is still a good reason to hit the water once a week - even if you only follow the Fleet around the lake and do your best to stand clear. If you do wish to learn more of what is behind it all, come out to our winter on-shore meets. Come January, we plan to get together every second week to learn more about our boats - how they sail best, how to watch the weather. And for those who



Cell-250-306-0505

off-250-545-5371

fax-250-542-3381

1-800-434-9122

hollycolovos@royallepage.ca
<<http://www.hollycolovos.com/>>



DOCKSIDE

MARINE CENTRE



SeaRyder BAYLINER *TROPHY* EDITOR WHALER *Sanger* BOAT



Setting Your
Dreams Afloat

www.DocksideMarine.com

BC's Trusted Source for Boat, Motor & Trailer Parts/Service

770 Finns Road, Kelowna, BC V1X5B5 • 250.765.3995 • info@DocksideMarine.com



50TH
ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating **50 years** as **Western Canada's premiere boat show**, the **Vancouver International Boat Show** is BC's largest showcase for the recreational boating industry. Taking place **February 8-12, 2012** at two all-new locations, including an in-water venue at the **Granville Island Maritime Market and Marina** and an indoor venue at the newly renovated **BC Place**, the 2012 Boat Show features the season's hottest new boats and boating products at the best deals of the year.

From fishing boats to sporting yachts, family-friendly entertainment and celebrity speakers, there's something for everyone—no matter your age, lifestyle or budget. The five-day show happens just once a year, so don't miss your chance to compare makes and models, secure insurance and financing and gear up with the latest accessories – all at one time.

Visit www.vancouverboatshow.ca for

24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE 1.888.665.6775

**OKANAGAN RESTORATION
SERVICES LTD.**

VERNON 250.542.3470

Other Locations in Kelowna & Penticton

www.okrestore.com



FIRE



WATER



WIND



SMOKE



MOLD



B&E

- Fire & Smoke Damage
- Water Removal & Drying
- Sewer Backup
- Content Cleaning
- Wind Damage
- Mold & Asbestos Removal
- Break & Enter / Vandalism
- Odour Removal
- Vehicle Impacts
- Crime Scene

FULL RESTORATION SERVICE • INSURANCE APPROVED • ALL TRADES CERTIFIED



**DOMINION LENDING
CENTRES**

Do what you want to do



We'll take care of the rest!

Mortgage Solutions

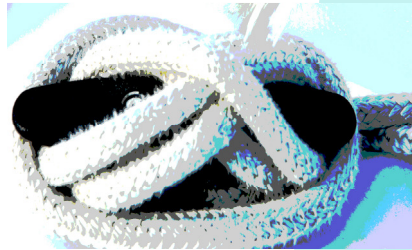
- Equity Loans
- Self-Employed Program
- Best Rates
- Home Reno's
- Debt Consultation

Craig Williams

250-558-1111

www.dominionsolutions.ca
Dominion Lending Centres
Solutions





**January: new resolutions;
winter recreation; Super Bowl**

PREDATOR RIDGE

**\$99* SAYS THEY'D
RATHER STAY HERE**

From \$99 a night*, your guests can be our guests. With the Okanagan's most scenic golf and an Aveda™-concept salon and spa, Predator Ridge will pamper your out-of-town family and friends. It is, after all, considered one of the finest resorts in Western Canada.

With unrivalled fine dining and spectacular views at the Clubhouse, the resort is the perfect venue for those very special events like weddings and family reunions.

Call 1.888.578.6688 to book.

*Subject to availability.

PREDATORRIDGE.COM

How we look

to a new year to rejuvenate our resolve to do things differently and better. Yet, most of us fall back to our familiar routines before the first month is over. However, the good thing is that we have done a self analysis and are the better for it.

January gets us into our winter recreation activities. Mostly, for the exercise minded, that means heading up to our famous mountain for downhill and/or X-Country skiing. Snowshoeing has become an enjoyable activity to get into some remote areas to feel the quiet peace associated with back-country solitude. For others, their recreation is indoors where it is warm and cozy, catching up on some reading, perhaps planning some summer water activities with a new boat.

Speaking of boats, the VYC Security team is still actively keeping up their vigilance of the dry land boat moorage.

Activity as you may well be aware is minute on the marina, however we are also keeping an eye out for some fool intruder. Notably, the team has observed members leaving the boarding ladders down on their boats. An open invitation to skulking intruders. Have you checked your boat lately? Do you have a lock on your hitch? Is the kicker motor locked and secure? Have you noticed any loose cover ties? Just a few things you should be thinking of as you wile away our coldest months. And also, for those so inclined, a Super bowl game to enjoy, will Green Bay join the Dolphins as a team of perfection?

We on the Security Team wish you all happy days in 2012, and look forward to your vigilance at the Club! And, by the way... Go Vipers Go!!



Ron

Winter is here! Stay warm AND support your Yacht Club



Ladies Stormtech Fleece
\$93.60



Mens Stormtech Fleece
\$94.90



Mens Wind breaker
\$32.25





Mens Whiteridge Terrain
Jacket
\$89.99

Enquire at the Gangplank Bar or ask Marnie
All taxes included in noted prices!



January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	2 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	3 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	4 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	5 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	6 Lounge Hrs 16:00—23:00 Friday Night Buffet	7 Lounge Hrs 12:00—17:00 No buffet
8 Lounge Hrs 10:00—18:00 Sunday Brunch 10AM- 13:00	9  VYC Executive Meeting 7PM	10 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	11 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00 Sailing Fleet meeting 7PM	12 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	13 Lounge Hrs 16:00—23:00 Friday Night Buffet	14 Lounge Hrs 12:00—17:00 No buffet
15 Lounge Hrs 10:00—18:00 Sunday Brunch 10AM- 13:00	16 	17 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	18 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	19 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	20 Lounge Hrs 16:00—23:00 Friday Night Buffet	21 Lounge Hrs 12:00—17:00 No buffet
22 Lounge Hrs 10:00—18:00 Sunday Brunch 10AM- 13:00	23 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	24 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	25 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00 Sailing Fleet meets	26 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	27 Lounge Hrs 16:00—23:00 Friday Night Buffet	28 Lounge Hrs 12:00—17:00 No buffet
29 Lounge Hrs 10:00—18:00 Sunday Brunch 10AM- 13:00	30 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	31 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	