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Balder-Dash and Crew

(Photo by Nicola Windsor)

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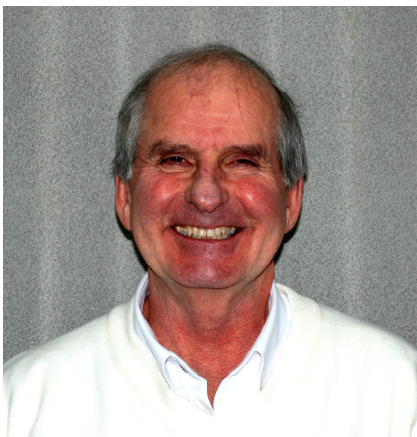
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## COMMODORE'S REPORT JIM CALDWELL

Okay Mates! It's July and it's prime time for boating! Finally, we can sit comfortably out on the clubhouse deck and enjoy a cool beverage, watch the waves and soak in the sun.

Keeping our club running smoothly is no easy task. Fortunately, we have a group of dedicated volunteers that whenever someone says "all hands on deck" come running. I would like to thank our members for volunteering for nightly security, maintaining its grounds and the many endless tasks that just seem to get done. Your dedication is appreciated by all. Volunteers are essential to our club and if you would like to help with keeping our club in smooth waters please contact Joanne Jacubo, Director of Public Relations to volunteer.

We've added 8 new members this year, so if you see some new faces on the docks or around the clubhouse say hello and welcome aboard.

Just a reminder to check our upcoming events on our website [www.vernonyachtclub.com](http://www.vernonyachtclub.com) or on page 16 of the Tiller Topics Newsletter. Friday steak nights as well as Wednesday night hamburgers continue all summer and Carrie our senior bartender cooks up her special menu night every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in the month.

I've had a few members asking for a copy of our Constitution. Anyone wishing a copy can pick one up at the Yacht Club Office.

*Cheers  
Jim*



## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT TIM AMY

**W**ay too hot to be typing, but here are a few notes.

--This summer you will see the Club barman Rick along with long time member Ken Smith running the milfoil cutter in the moorage. The weeds will be dried on the docks then used as mulch to reduce erosion of the hillside behind the clubhouse.

--Members email responses to the Initiation Fee Review question have been pouring in. These will be synthesized by the Review committee,

presented to the Executive for discussion with proposals presented at the AGM for members consideration.

--Interesting questions raised by a member:

"Is the initiation fee intended to be a major source of income for the Club, is it intended to create a sense of commitment in a new member? Is living in the community and the ability to pay the fee the sole criteria for membership? Is the Club a business with cheap moorage or a cooperative, a community of people with shared interest in boating? What should be the test or process to determine admission to the Club?"

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And why did 24 members leave the Club this year? There was no clear trend, members resigned as a result of loss of interest in boating, they moved from Vernon, passed away, experienced health and aging issues and were not prepared to pay the increased moorage for a small boat moved to a large slip.

---For some info on the possible use of Kelowna's old floating bridge pontoons, take a look at Kelowna Yacht Club web site at [www.kelownayachtclub.com](http://www.kelownayachtclub.com)

Now stop reading this rubbish and get outside.

Tim



## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT STEWART BYE

No Report

## STAFF CAPTAIN'S REPORT NICOLA WINDSOR

Preparing for the next event. See page 5



## FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT BOB MONTGUIRE

To bring you up to date on the moorage, the following is where we stand as of June 4th.

Not a bad start for the year as Rachael tells me she has two more people ready to join as full members.

The next project for the moorage committee is to place decals on boats with the proper slip number. We hope to achieve this within the next couple of weeks.

I hope you all have a great year of boating and are enjoying this early summer weather.

Bob



We have 41 members on the wait list, 10 of which are in sublets. We have 18 looking to buy larger boats or not ready to accept moorage this year. Thirteen are wanting moorage as soon as possible. We have had 5 full members join this year as well as 2 associate and one who is a joint boat owner and realized he had to be a full member in order to use the vessel.



**Dock party** in the afternoon, 2PM. Bring Appies!

**Ticket price** for the evening is \$20.00.

**Cocktails** at 6 PM in the lounge

**Dinner buffet** at 7 PM

**Dancing** at 8 PM

Vernon Yacht Club

**Invasion**

**July 25, 2009**



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## Bouquets of Roses

In recognition of the efforts of many who spend countless hours in volunteering their services to the VYC in order to provide "Boating Days" with "moments to remember", our warm thanks of appreciation. Of special note, for this month:

*Rob Ladan, Past Commodore, for being the Master of Ceremonies for the VYC Commodore's Ball and Vernon Regatta.*

*Bob McElroy, for his ongoing service as Committee Boat with Ballena Allegra, assisted by Ken Smith, at all sailboat racing events.*

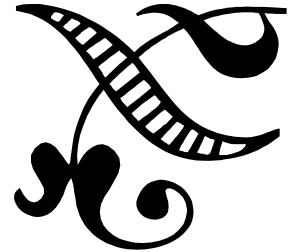


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## Crew

Hi Sailors,  
Just to let you know we have a number of people looking to crew either for racing of the Social Sailing Fleet. You can find the list downstairs at the VYC.

Dave Horsham  
Sailing Fleet



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**Garage Sale**  
**Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>**  
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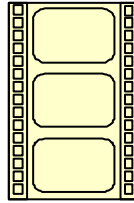




## Amazing duty of a Canadian

In the naturalization process to become a Canadian Citizen one learns that a form of good citizenship is: "Getting along well

with your neighbors". It is considered one of the duties of Canadians.



**Who** could give an answer to Jim Forster's question?

Sheila Hoyt has made a beautiful DVD of race night, and is willing to put it in the on-line Home Page for the club. The problem is the music background, which is copy-written. Any ideas, lawyers around the club?



## Recycling Program

The City of Vernon is implementing a mandatory recycling program effective June 1<sup>st</sup>. It will automatically be invoiced through our utility bills.

If you are wanting to leave your recycling items at the club, please ensure all of your recycling is put into blue bags or your cardboard is bundled and tied in packages.

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By Kerry Richardson



Resources: Sport & Pleasure

Title: **Near Death On The High Seas**  
True Stories Of Disaster And Survival

Author: **Cecil Kuhne**, Editor

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Review:

The editor has created an anthology of twelve stories of the experiences of sailors who have challenged the "awesome, raw power of the sea". The tales of adventure draw a parallel to astronauts, who with the "most fastidious" preparations will be challenged by Science's unpredictability, so it is with the sea, a formidable force, ready to claim another body to its depths over one serious mistake. These excerpts from books are considered the "finest writing" and cover a broad range of ocean travel, from pleasure cruising to round-the-world racing, from simple balsa wood construction to sleek race-cup materials. They represent individuals with character "as talented with pens as they are with mainsails": "Then I set the big 600-foot genoa, instead of the 300-foot jib. Gipsy Moth was doing 9 knots easily at times, but when the wind piped up the steering sail could not control the boat....I had to drop it again. What was so frustrating was that the wind dropped to near-calm almost to the second as I dropped the sail..."

(p.100, *Gipsy Moth Circles The World*)

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*Kalamata Pork Tenderloin with Rosemary, served with pita bread and a tomato-mozzarella salad. Pack some store-bought baklava for dessert.*

**TIPS:**

- 1) Purchase pork tenderloin that comes packaged in a vacuum-sealed pouch--it will keep longer in the cooler
- 2) Store tomatoes at room temperature; hang them in a mesh bag in the galley.

- taken from website: [www.allrecipes.com/HowTo/The-Galley-Kitchen-Boat/Detail.aspx](http://www.allrecipes.com/HowTo/The-Galley-Kitchen-Boat/Detail.aspx)

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Your VYC Security Team continues to provide surveillance during periods of inactivity at our Club. By the end of June we will have put in over 350 hours, completing over 100 shifts. Tour of duty reports very quiet times, just the way we want it. Several observations have been passed over to the Fleet Captain for follow up with members. A good thing!

HOWEVER; just at the time of this writing a report came in about an incident on Tuesday afternoon (June 16) where it was observed that two suspects were rowing a member's dinghy towards Paddle-wheel Park and were interrupted by diligent members on the marina docks. The intruders fled however

were seen returning in a late model white Audi.... The keynote here is the diligence of the members on the docks, who were quick to challenge the would-be suspects. Well-done, keep up the good work in maintaining the security of our marina.

Remember, it behooves all members while enjoying the marina to be vigilant of persons who may have gained entry and look suspicious in their activity. It is better to ask than regret a violation. In particular, check at the gate entrance, if you do not know who is following you, do not let them in. They should have their own gate access card. Signs will be posted by the Executive reminding you to be vigilant.

Our VYC Security Team motto  
"Vigilance aye Vigilance"

*Ron*

## All Okanagan Lake Yacht Club Events 2009

July 4 – SYC Commodore Ball  
July 10, 11 & 12 – WYC Invasion  
July 11 & 12 – SYC Giant Heads Regatta  
**July 25 – VYC Invasion**

August 1 & 2 – SYC Invasion  
August 8 & 9 – SYC Junior Keel Race  
August 15 & 16 – KYC Commodore Cup  
August 15 & 16 – PYC Invasion

August 22 & 23 – KYC Invasion  
**August 21, 22 & 23 – WYC Women's Regatta**

September 5 & 6 – PYC Regatta  
**September 11, 12 & 13 – Lake Long Race – starting in Summerland ending in Vernon**  
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# The Vernon Yacht Club Regatta: The United Way Charity

**The** "kick off" of the annual Vernon United Way Charity Regatta began on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, as sailboats left the marina at approximately 12 noon to reach the race start at Whiskey Island. There, approximately eighteen sailboats readied for the 2:30 pm race to Cameron Point. With a downwind start at 5 knots, spinnakers were soon flying as the wind switched to the north, gusting to 8 knots,



providing, in the words of a well-seasoned sailor, "the usual Russian Roulette". Boats arrived at the Vernon Yacht Club, greeted with a reception of "pizza and beer", and to those in attendance, "free flowing" rum.

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Saturday morning was alive with enthusiasm and determination to “race” hard, and it was evident on the five to six race courses held that day, that competition in the four fleets was friendly, yet fierce, especially with the 10 knot wind. The day was brought to a close with a fine buffet of roast beef and barbecued chicken by “Big Steve”. Scrumptious!



Sunday morning breakfast brought a gradual influx of sailors...but by 9 o'clock all the fleet sailboats were finding their way past the Committee Boat to check the course number and gauge their start. Three great races were run, with winds ranging from 8 to 10 knots.

The highlight of this regatta was during the presentation, by the Master of Ceremonies, Rob Ladan, who announced that the three top fund raisers for this charity were attributed to Dave Ellis, Bill Crum, and Rob Ladan. In all, approximately \$35 000 was raised this year. Perhaps the most impressive honor was to learn that the Vernon Yacht Club had raised, during its UnitedWay Regatta over the years, \$250 000, or one – quarter of a million dollars for this charity.

To all of those who volunteered, organized, and participated in this regatta, “warm appreciation” for your effort in contributing such a worthwhile community event.

Of Special Note:

Bob McElroy’s Classic Boat, Balleena Allegra, provided the perfect



command boat for viewing the race course. Twenty one races were run with seamless continuity, thanks to the timing wizardry of Barb and Richard Rotteveil, and the unflagging support of Bob McElroy and Ken Smith on

Balleena Allegra. Our “Hearty Thanks” to all of you who gave your time to manage this race. KR



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At the end of the race day, time to relax and review (kindly)

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## WESTBANK Commodore's Ball

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tim Amy, Vice Commodore, represented the Vernon Yacht Club by attending the Westbank Commodore's Ball and honored the tradition of the Sailpast with "Hina" in full flag colors on the following Sunday. In fine tradition, Westbank presented attendees with warm reception and an exquisite five course dinner on the M.V. Pendozi, an old ferry refurbished with TLC and providing a spectacular view of Lake Okanagan. Both the Westbank and Vernon Yacht



Clubs have held their "Sailpast" with power boats and sailboats in the "line up", followed by a "raft up" for laughter, barbecuing, story telling, and for those brave souls, a quick lake dunk. KR



Westbank Yacht Club Sailpast with Commodore Yvonne Crawford and escort, in full regalia, "reviewing the fleet" with the tradition of "the Piper"

### The Gangplank Bar

will be open on  
**Sundays**  
from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
beginning Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

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## The Tradition of the "SAILPAST"

With the arrival of Spring has come the season of yacht club "Commodore Balls" held on a Saturday, with fine dining and dancing, followed on Sunday with the boating tradition of the "Sailpast". This event has been long standing with yacht clubs around the world and the



questions that come to mind are: *What is the significance of such an event? From where did it originate?*

Go back in time to the Elizabethan Era and envision the British Navy lined up with clean sparse decks for inspection by the Queen on a cool brisk English day. Known as the "Royal Fleet Review", this occasion reflected a sense of status and importance in "the blessing of the fleet".

*"The Sailpast tradition began at the first Yacht Club which was formed at Cowes in England nearly 200 years ago. The membership at Cowes was primarily aristocratic and many were familiar with naval practice and tradition. Cowes Yacht Club subsequently changed its name to Royal Yacht Squadron...The actual "review of the fleet" was introduced as a continuation of the naval habit of having Admirals (and/or Royalty) review the fleet...Protocol demanded that a flagship be anchored with the Admiral and staff on the*

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quarterdeck to receive and return the salute. Vessels sailed past, dipping their colors in salute, and with their captain, if hat-ted....saluting the ship's company."

(Mimico Cruising Club, 2009)



The Kelowna Yacht Club requests "a letter to the Commodore explaining their absence" (KYC Newsletter, 2009).

The Port Credit Yacht Club requests that "you must buy the Commodore a bottle of his favorite" (PCYC Newsletter, 2009).



Today's "Sailpast" is a re-enactment of this tradition, with all club members sailing by a "flagship" to pay tribute to the "Position of Commodore" and out of sign of respect, lower a flag and/or salute if wearing head dress.

In examining the protocol of various yacht clubs regarding this event it is interesting to note how different clubs take this event seriously, from the wearing of "full regalia", to a dress code for "white clothes". In the region of Toronto, Ontario, this is of particular tradition for the Mimico Cruising Club, which also includes:

"...the Commodore makes an informal tour of our anchorage at which he/she is greeted by horns, sirens, and other nautical noisemakers."

Many yacht clubs have established a protocol of "Good Manners" regarding attendance at this event: If a member is unable to attend the Sailpast then...

I wonder how many members were unable to honor the "VYC Sailpast" tradition held on May 10<sup>th</sup>, and presented our Commodore with a letter or, with more reverence, a bottle of Jim's favorite?

KR

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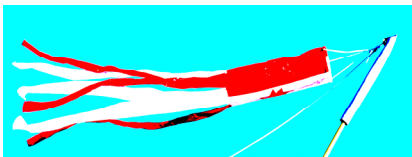
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# July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-21:00 Hamburger Night	2 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-21:00	3 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-23:00 Friday Night Dinner	4 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 14:00-18:00  Summerland Commodore Ball
5 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 14:00-20:00	6	7 Valley Girls 6:15PM	8 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-21:00 Hamburger Night	9 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-21:00	10 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-23:00 Friday Night Dinner	11 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 14:00-18:00 SYC Giant Heads Regatta WYC
12 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 14:00-20:00 SYC Giant Heads Regatta WYC	13 VYC Execu- tive meeting 7:00 PM	14 Valley Girls 6:15PM	13 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-21:00 Hamburger Night	14 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-21:00	17 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-23:00 Friday Night Special Dinner	18 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 14:00-18:00  
19 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 14:00-20:00	20	21 Valley Girls 6:15PM	22 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-21:00 Hamburger Night	23 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-21:00	24 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-23:00 Friday Night Dinner	25 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 14:00-18:00 VYC Invasion
26 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 14:00-20:00	27	28 Valley Girls 6:15PM	29 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-21:00 Hamburger Night	30 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-21:00	31 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-23:00 Friday Night Dinner	