

*Vernon Yacht Club*

# ***Tiller Topics***



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## **VYC Commodore's Ball**



**August 9 Dinner**

**August 10 Sail Past**

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](mailto:tiller@vernonyachtclub.com)

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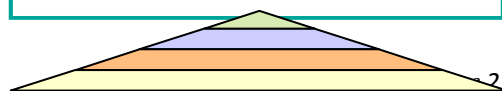
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**Deadline for submissions:** The first Sunday after each executive meeting

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**Executive members** and many occasional writers and photographers.



## COMMODORE'S REPORT

Mike Thomas



Hello everyone. How many of you read the article by Roger Knox which was on Page A5 of the June 12 Morning Star? The heading of the article was "Boating safety a concern on valley lakes" and since this is a subject which matters immensely to your Executive and of course, our members, I read the article. He mentioned boat checks by the R.C.M.P. and Conservation Officers who were making sure that boaters had appropriate safety equipment aboard their boats, boat registration numbers, and proper licensing such as the now mandatory Power Craft Operators License. Anyway, I liked the article because our Club has been active with some safety initiatives of our own. That is, I liked the article until I read the final paragraph from Josh Lockwood where he was quoted as saying "These people who boat and consume alcohol eventually ei-

ther park their boat at the yacht club and drive home, or go to the boat launches and drive home". Naturally I believe that Mr. Lockwood was wrong to single out our Yacht Club and that our club is not the only marina on the lake and that some residents even have their own mooring facilities on the lake, so all those who consume alcohol on their boats do not end up at our yacht club. For one thing, I know that we wouldn't have enough moorage for all of them. Anyway, I am addressing this with the Morning Star and will let you know the outcome.

This Friday your Club is hosting a fundraiser to "kick-off" raising funds for the replacement for the Heaven Can Wait boat many of you have likely seen at the Club. In 1992, the original Heaven Can Wait pontoon boat was purchased by the non profit Okanagan Quality of Life Society and their mandate is to provide therapeutic outings on Okanagan Lake for those with disabilities as well as senior citizens in long term care facilities. So, these nice people need a new pontoon boat and the only way they can get the funds necessary to purchase it, is to ask for contributions from members of our community [folks like you]. If you

can't make it to the fundraiser this Friday, you can still help out by sending your contribution to: Okanagan Quality of Life Society, 3000 Gateby Place, Vernon, V1T8V8. Since there is a tax benefit, a receipt will be mailed to you. Those of you who would like to get involved with this great group of people can contact Society President. Ron Heuman at 250-558-1063.

Fathers' Day : Belated Happy Fathers' Day to all you Dads, Grand Dads, Great, and Great Great Grand Dads.

Finally : Do you have any plans for the summer? Well the good news is that N.A.S.A. knows the exact location of 95% of all the asteroids which have the capability of ending life on our planet in a nano second. Oh, and the bad news is that N.A.S.A. does not know where the other 5% are. So in the words of the character played by Robin Williams in the movie The Dead Poets Society, CARPE DIEM which is Latin and loosely translates to mean Seize The Day. Have fun and take care. Mike.

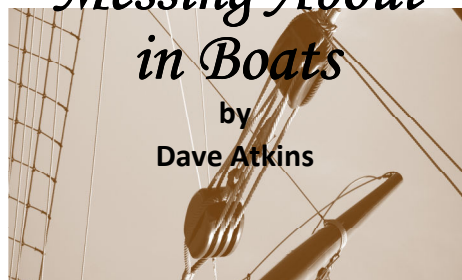
"Facebook is like having your own talk show except you don't get paid and your studio is the bathroom"





# Messing About in Boats

by  
Dave Atkins



I am sorry that I missed last month, that is if you noticed, but life sort of caught up with me. We were away from Vernon for two of the weeks, and the other two weeks were taken up with one crisis after another. Needless-to-say the boat didn't move from the dock either. It sounds as if the Boat Show and the Regatta went off despite the fact that I didn't take part in either, but then there are many very capable members of the Club who do a great job each year for the benefit of all the boating fraternity.

Like most of the economy the boat market is proving to be

SLOW. I notice that there are an increasing number of sail boats for sale and I wonder if tastes are changing. When I look at the magazines with ads. For the new boats, I see that they are mostly 35 ft. and up and luxuriously outfitted. Maybe a young family can start out with a larger boat and not enjoy the confined "camping" space that we used to accept as normal cruising. I know of families that have cruised with two adults and two kids in a 25ft. boat like mine and had a great time. I suspect that today's young families have higher expectations. After-all they have been brought up watching TV with all the glossy ads. For the luxuries that we are all supposed to be enjoying, and if you haven't managed to save up for your toys the friendly bank will be only too happy to lend you the money.

It is inevitable that as time passes people's tastes and expectations change and now, as never before we are subjected constantly to propagator on the TV and other media. We don't have to put up with second best if we can get what we want by just borrowing a bit more money. Maybe this is why we are being warned of the possibility of a financial collapse.

I think I got "off topic" a little this time, but I have had several keel boats over the years and kept them for an average of 6 years each. I have been trying to sell the Tanzer now for 3 years and there seems to be very little interest. Maybe I should just keep on enjoying sailing the boat I have!!

Dave

## 2013 VYC BOAT SHOW







# Safety on our docks



**W**e are in the process of adding to the safety on our docks by installing rescue ladders, heaving lines, life preservers and fire extinguishers.

Ken Smith has installed these in Dock D and E and will be installing the rest over the next few months.

The above shows the locations on D & E Dock. These graphs are also posted in the clubhouse.

*Marnie*

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

### "Stolen Time" is for sale.

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Make me an offer.



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**Features:** 4 sails, VHF radio, depth and fish finder, autopilot  
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Recent survey 2011

**Upgrades 2012:** Cabin lights replaced with LED's, masthead  
and steamer lights installed, new windex, water pump added  
and sink taps replaced, new starter battery and battery  
charger installed, Sirius satellite installed with cockpit speak-  
ers, new Anderson winches, new Jabsco head with holding  
tank and diverter valve installed (never used), new fire extin-  
guishers, new opening port hatches, deck-wood and tiller  
refinished. New paint and bootstripe.

**Contact:** Brent 250-307-1042 for inquiries





## July... Summer is here... members are 'Vigilant'

By Ron Heuman

Whew! Hockey playoffs are over... surprisingly an original six team won Lord Stanley's Cup.... Less than two months to training camp... Canadian Football League has started... this has to be the year of the 'Green and Gold'. Blue Jays are making a small run... maybe even at .500 today?... so much cash with so little result, yet the 'Dog Days' of baseball may lead to a dramatic run in September, we can only hope!

So fellow members... if you read this Tiller Topics input, can you say that you have been "Vigilant" while at the Club and on the docks?? If not, remember that it is every member's responsibility to "mind the house". Intruders do not care who they target, so a reminder that it is your personal property or your

Club's property they will invade... the VYC Security Team is doing their job, are you?

Well, six months on the VYC Executive,



and I must say it is a real learning experience. Each meeting brings new insight into how our Club does business. As the

Director at Large my primary function is to learn the "ropes". Last meeting it took three and a half hours to sort through delicate matters. Significantly, many important discussions and viewpoints were spoken. Notably, no firm decisions were made as we seek more clarifications. Probably a good thing as they say "Rome was not built in a day" and our Club Executive will seek the most effective method for the way ahead....

We have passed the Summer Solstice... days move shorter by the minute... so enjoy the summer boating days ahead! 'Vigilance aye Vigilance'

Ron Heuman



## FOR SAIL...oops, I mean Sale :)

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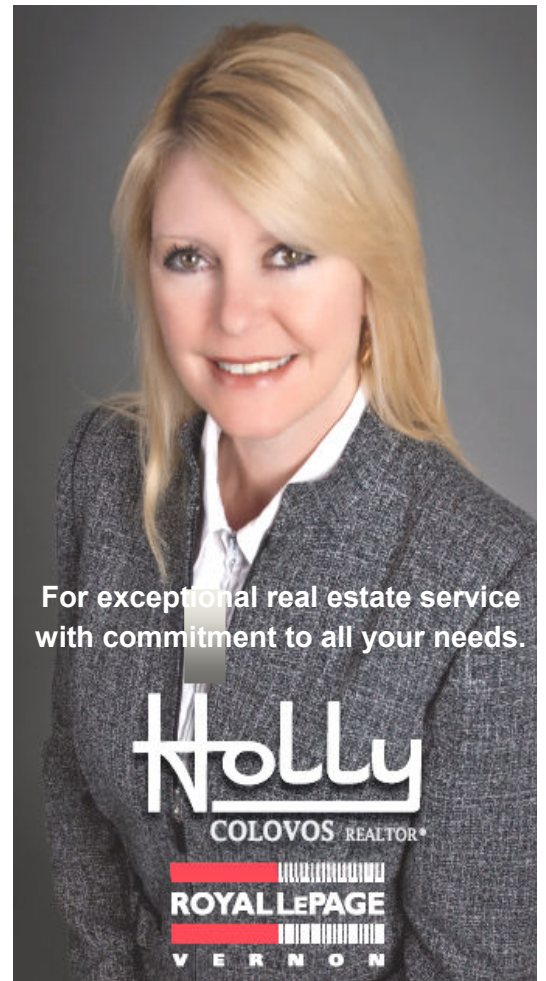


***A Message from  
your Manager  
Marnie...***



- ⇒ **Please remember to forward a copy of your boat insurance renewal to the VYC office.**
- ⇒ Have you been receiving the weekly email notices of Gang Plank news? If not, it could mean I have an incorrect address, so please email the office and ask for it to be updated.
- ⇒ Office is open Monday & Thursday 8:30 – 2:30.
- ⇒ **Membership cards** are now available. You will be able to pick them up at the office or Gang Plank.

Thanks, Marnie



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**FACT:**

Some male spiders pluck their cobwebs like a guitar, to attract female spiders.

(How do I know this is fact ....cause I read it on the internet!)

**Do you have a super spectacular recipe you would like to share with your fellow members...Send your recipe to [tiller@vernonyachtclub.com](mailto:tiller@vernonyachtclub.com) and we will start a `home cookin` page!**





*It doesn't matter if you are a fair-weather boater....*



*Or an all-weather boater...*



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## CPS News

### Vernon Power & Sail Squad-

June, 2013



**Didja' Know?** CPS-ECP had its start in 1938, when three members of the Windsor Yacht Club crossed the Ambassador Bridge into Detroit, Michigan. Under the direction of the Detroit Power Squadron, the three passed the USPS Junior Piloting Course. They soon formed the first Squadron in Canada, Windsor Power Squadron, with G. William Bowman as its first Commander. Bowman later became the first Chief Commander of Canadian Power Squadrons, the organization that, later, became known as Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons. By 1950, the membership had doubled. In 2013, as we begin our anniversary year, CPS-ECP has 26,000 members in 155 squadrons across Canada. Over the organization's 75 years, over 850,000 boaters have taken a 'Power Squadron' course.

During 2013, CPS-ECP will celebrate the 75th anniversary. But CPS-ECP is more than just an iconic organization, and our history is woven from the stories of each individual who is or was a member.

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The CPS-ECP **Boating Basics Course** is one of the very last PCOC courses to be provided in a classroom setting.



This Transport Canada approved course provides you with the knowledge required to successfully complete your Pleasure Craft Operator Card exam. One evening session plus one full Saturday of instruction, followed by the PCOC exam. The \$65.00 fee includes the Handbook, exam fee and registration with Transport Canada.

Friday, June 21, 7:00 - 9:00 pm and Saturday, June 22, 09:00 am - 4:00 pm. Please register on-line at [www.cpsboat.ca](http://www.cpsboat.ca) or call Simo Korpisto at (250) 542-5525

This is a recommended companion course for Boating Essentials, which introduces navigation techniques.



### 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 during the summer if enough people are interested. Please call Doug at 250-549-5117.

**Saving Boaters' Lives Begins in the Classroom !**



# *WELCOME TO THE GANG PLANK PUB*

*SPRING 2013*

*All Gang Plank prices include the appropriate tax*

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**Draft Beer \$ 4.75/pint \$2.75/glass**

**Bottled Beer Domestic \$4.75 Import \$5.25**

**Highballs \$ 4.75**

**Wine \$ 4.75**

**Cocktails \$ 5.25**

## *MENU Prices*

**Burger \$6.50**

**Pizza per slice \$2.00**

**Chicken wings-for 10 \$5.00**

**Soup & Bun \$4.50**

**Sandwich \$5.50**

**Soup & Sandwich \$7.95**

**Steak or Salmon \$14.50**

**Brunch \$11.25**

***GST included***

***Gang Plank Food Service Available:***

***Wednesday: Burger Night 5:00-9:00***

***Thursday : Appie Night 5:00-9:00***

***Friday: Steak or Salmon Night 6:00-9:00***

***Saturday: Soup & Bun/Sandwich 12:00-3:00***

***Sunday: Brunch 10:00-1:00***

# 2013 Calendar of Events

for

## Okanagan Yacht Clubs

DATE	YC	EVENT
<b>June</b>		
29	WKYC	Open House—BBQ, Cardboard Race—Westside Daze Kickoff
29	SYC	Dock Party
<b>JULY</b>		
1	KYC	Canada Day Celebrations
6	SYC	Commodore's Ball
7	SYC	Sail Past
13-14	WKYC	Invasion Weekend
14	KYC	Jr. Sailing Family Day Open House
<b>20-21</b>	<b>VYC</b>	<b>Invasion Weekend</b>
26-28	SYC	Giant's Head Regatta
<b>AUGUST</b>		
2-4	SYC	Invasion Weekend—Ball Tournament
9-11	WKYC	Okanagan Women's Sailing Regatta
<b>10</b>	<b>VYC</b>	<b>Commodore's Ball</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>VYC</b>	<b>Sail Past</b>
10-11	KYC	Invasion Weekend
17-18	KYC	Commodore's Cup Regatta
17-25	PYC	Okanagan Race Week ending in Penticton
24	WKYC	Rib'n Blues
24-25	PYC	Grand Prix Regatta
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
7	WKYC	Gold Tournament
<b>7</b>	<b>VYC</b>	<b>Pig Roast</b>
13-15	SYC	All Clubs End to End Regatta
21	KYC	Kelowna Blind Fishing Derby
29	SYC	Sunday—"Steak & Rib Night" Ends

``Whenever a bird poops on my car I stand on my porch and eat a plate of scrambled eggs just to let them know what I am capable of!``



DATE	YC	EVENT
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#### OCTOBER

5	WKYC	Fall Clean up
6	SYC	Sailing Ends
12	SYC	Lift Out
26	VYC	<b>Halloween Party</b>
26	KYC	Halloween Party
26	SYC	Halloween Party

#### NOVEMBER

2	KYC	Sailing Banquet
11	KYC	Remembrance Day Festivities—Water Event
19	SYC	TBA-AGM
20	WKYC	AGM
24	WKYC	Grey Cup Party
24	VYC	<b>Grey Cup Party</b>
24	KYC	Grey Cup Party
26	VYC	<b>AGM</b>

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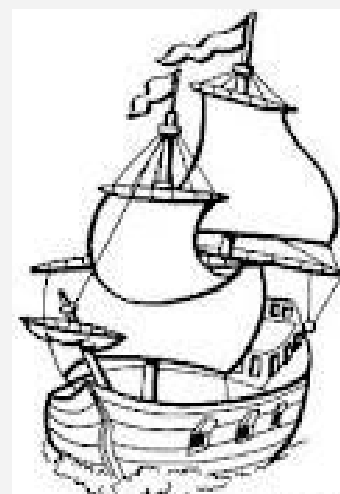
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#### 2013 VYC REGATTA AWARDS





## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Ed Kinnear



While at the regular monthly meeting of the executive last week I was again reminded of the commitment that a large number of yacht club members put in to make the Vernon Yacht Club what it is; and it is not just the flag officers and directors that invest their time and expertise... Other members are also stepping up to make sure that our membership is kept informed about upcoming events, boating safety and training and social activities at the club.

Whether the communication is via email,

our website, or publishing the Tiller Topics that you are now enjoying, these volunteers understand that a well run, informed club is a group effort. No single individual can do it all.

Many members understand the importance of, and assist with the social aspects of our club whether it is volunteering for a dinner, all clubs invasion, the annual boat show or a friendly sailing race. These are not year round commitments and often last just a couple of hours. We see other members answer the call when we need a seasonal clean up, new flags on the docks or a new roof on a shed. Again this need not be a big obligation just an hour or two of your time.

So... next time you are thinking about it,

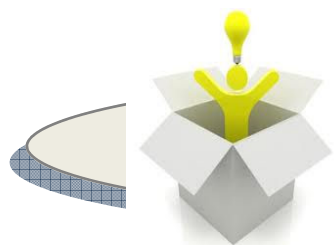
you hear the call or maybe you know that you have a skill to offer, please get involved! Not only will it help you to get more enjoyment out of your club it also greatly reduces our bottom line and keeps your membership costs down!

Be sure to check out the great article, "A Sense of Adventure" in this year's Okanagan SunCruiser Magazine as one example of the how well you are represented by volunteers.

Thanks for hearing me out and get out there and enjoy the summer, your boat and your yacht club.

Take care,

Ed Kinnear



### The Idea Box

By Ron Heuman

Our Club continues on with all member's seemingly very happy with what is happening, a euphemism for no ideas deposited in the "Idea Box" located at the model sailing boat above the fire place.

Hold on, one late entry submitted:

It has been observed that some members are unaware of the March 01<sup>st</sup> annual renewal of membership deadline. Our by-laws are quite explicit (see paras 5-6 on page 5). In particular, this deadline could affect members who 'Snowbird' away from Vernon and return after March 01<sup>st</sup>.

Therefore, in an effort to help members remember and get them to add "renew VYC membership" to their going away checklist it is proposed to create a "Snowbird List" group email to remind members who travel away for the winter to make some payment on their next year membership dues so as not to jeopardize their membership by missing the March 01<sup>st</sup> deadline.

If you are going away this fall please give this idea some thought and let Ron Heuman (558 1063) or Marnie in the office know, yes or no... we can make it happen.... members helping members is a good thing!

Ron,

The Idea Coordinating Director

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# History Page

Compiled by Hanny Kooyman

Ken Peters has given us a folder full of material he gleaned from the archives of the Vernon Museum; it's all about the Vernon Yacht Club. We are allowed to use it with permission from the museum.

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Vernon News August 25, 1958

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## May Approve Breakwater at Landing

August 25, 1958

### May Approve Breakwater At Landing

Residents of Okanagan Landing – and visiting boat owners – may have a new \$35,000 breakwater next year, if present plans of the department of public works materialize.

Commodore Blair Jackson of the Vernon Yacht Club, has been advised in a letter from Hon. Howard C. Green, Federal

Minister of public works, that plans for the breakwater at the Landing have been listed for consideration in the supplementary estimates now being prepared, which will be placed before Parliament shortly.

If approved, the project may be started this winter or early next spring, when lower lake levels will facilitate breakwater construction.

Mr. Green said in his letter, received in Vernon last week, that the work cannot be proceeded with until it has been included in estimates and approved in the House. "We were unable to reach a decision following the investigation in time to have the Okanagan Landing item included in the main estimates for this year", he explained.

The proposed breakwater would provide

shelter for an estimated 100 boats, and would be a boon to boat owners visiting the North Okanagan as well as members of the local yacht club, Mr. Jackson said.

### NO ANCHORAGE NOW

At present there is no protected anchorage in the area.

Both Penticton and Kelowna have breakwaters built by the department.

It is expected the T-shaped breakwater will extend from the road allowance next to the Yacht Club building and would provide ample mooring space outside the Club's present wharf and launching ramp.

The Yacht Club has been asking for breakwater facilities over the past seven years.



A note from Hanny....

"The picture is from the early 1960's. The circles show where pilings were still visible at that point in time."

Picture Courtesy of Hanny Kooyman

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## SAILING NEWS

### ***KELOWNA SWEEPS THE VYC REGATTA!!***

THEY CAME! THEY SAILED! THEY WON! Twenty two boats sailed on the weekend of May 31, June 1 and 2 which was the Annual VYC Regatta. And of these 22 boats, 12 boats were from out of town clubs – they came from Kelowna, Penticton, Summerland and Nelson – to sail on the tranquil waters of Okanagan Lake.

The Regatta began with the traditional race from Whisky Island to Vernon Yacht Club. The winds were good out in the main lake with several boats sustaining light damage to their mast or sails but as they entered the Vernon arm of Okanagan Lake, the wind died down to a mere whisper. Dave Russelle and crew on a J29 persevered and after 2 ½ hours and many refreshments later inched over the finish line to claim the first place honors. Followed by Danny Foster on Shadowfax and Grant Hardisty (the youngest skipper) on Ghost rider in third place. Thank you to Ken Smith and Bob McElroy for manning the committee boat all afternoon. And a special thanks to Mr. Ladan who provided the boat for the race committee to use.

Day 2 of the Regatta started with extremely light winds but the race committee (Bill Crum, Dan Viskosky, Darrin and Chris on Elixir) managed to get in two races before the wind freshened. The last three races of the day were in a light breeze. After a delicious dinner prepared by Corinne at VYC, the sailors danced the night away to the fabulous sounds of the McKinleys. It should be noted that three out of four band members are sailors and had spent the day on the lake racing before entertaining us all night long. Thank you Kent Hardisty, Tom Guenther, Michelle De Sousa and Tony Heppner!

Sunday started with a little breeze and the race committee was able to get in two races before lunch. The only sad note was that Animal Manor skippered by John Preston blew his transmission when a spinnaker sheet got wound around the prop. John set off sailing for Kelowna in light winds hoping that one of the other boats would catch up and tow him the rest of the way home. Racing concluded at 12:30 pm and after a quick lunch, the awards were presented by Don and Carol Craske. KYC sailors cleanup in the first place finishes although, technically, Aaron is from Summerland but the boat came from KYC:

Tom Naylor of KYC on La Papillon won the Overall Trophy

Grant Hardisty of KYC on Ghost rider took 1<sup>st</sup> place in A fleet

Aaron Leskosek of KYC on Thunderstruck took 1<sup>st</sup> place in B fleet

Tom Naylor of KYC on La Papillon took 1<sup>st</sup> place in C fleet

Our local sailors, Rob Ladan on Airborne II placed second in B fleet followed by Mystique skippered by Lyle Enns. Full results are posted on the club's website.

As with any event hosted at VYC we count on volunteers so we would also like to acknowledge the following who helped make this Regatta a success:

Jay Langston and Chanel who kept us watered; Peter Barnes & Edie Doerkson who manned the registration desk so we could attend our grandson's grad; Penny Bayne who handled the T-shirt table, Jay Johnson for arranging the T-shirts and moorage; Doris Hodgson who assisted me in the kitchen to get breakfast on the table, Bill Crum, Dan, Darrin and Chris who did committee boat duty; Ken Smith and Bob McElroy who manned the Whisky Island Committee Boat, Ron Heuman who helped clean up; Corinne, Carol and MJ Watson who manned the kitchen and prepared meals; Special thanks to MJ who cleaned up after I spilt ½ milk carton on the floor and kept the bathrooms sparkling; and to Marnie who helped with the accounting afterwards. Thank you Rob Ladan who arranged the Friday committee boat and some of the door prizes. My apologies if I have missed anyone – but Muchas gracias to the Vernon sailors who gave up their dinner tickets so that our guests could eat.

A big THANK YOU to all of the participants – both local and distant and especially Kelowna who brought not only boats but the band and dancers! Thank you to our sponsors – Vernon Yacht Club, Okanagan Springs, Scotiabank, Advertising Works and North Sails. We could not have done it without all of your support!!

“Be patient with your boaters and let them rant. Most of them will get over it come December.”

— [Matthew Goldman](#)

Carol Craske



# Notes from the Webmaster...

Greetings Fellow Boaters,

Another boating season is well underway ... just a few reminders:

The website is there to provide members information both past, present and future ... this is only as good as the information given to me ... if you either see an error, omission and or need something updated on the website please don't hesitate to let Marnie, the Club Executive or myself know about it. <http://vernonyachtclub.com>

One of our Members, Vic Romaszewski (THANK YOU Vic!) discovered that our WebCam Vendor is now providing FREE APPs for Smart Phones which allow us to view the WebCam from our smart phones ... Both Android and iPhone can now view the Main WebCam using **NetVu Free ... Address 184.70.244.246, Port 80, User members PW password ...** Digging further I also discovered they now also have a MAC solution for those of you that are MAC users. The link for the MAC software is: [http://www.downloadcollection.com/dm\\_netvu\\_observer.htm](http://www.downloadcollection.com/dm_netvu_observer.htm)

For all members, just a reminder that VYC has a local weather station ... this can be viewed locally on the screen upstairs between the washrooms or online via our website or on your smart phone via the following link: <http://vernonyachtclub.com/UserFiles/File/2010%20MSC/vycwx.html>

Finally there appears to be some confusion about the Internet links available at the Club ... we have 2 Wifi links; one is intended only for indoor use: **TR6Rt2** and the other is intended for dockside and outdoor deck use: **TR6Rt** ... both require a password: **8922482582** ... some members say they can connect to the indoor Wifi on the docks ... while this may work in areas closer in to the building it is not recommended or supported ... connecting to the outdoor Wifi may also be an issue depending on the device you are using and how far out on the docks you are located ... if your connection is not stable please try turning off AUTO Power mode on your Wifi Device and manually set it to MAX power.

Should you have any questions regarding any information I have provided here, please feel free to email me at [webmaster@vernonyachtclub.com](mailto:webmaster@vernonyachtclub.com)

Happy Boating

Terry



## 2013 VYC Boat Show Report...

I have been seeking out feed back from our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Boat Show, and the word from the exhibitors, attendees and members who attended has been very positive.

The numbers look good! We had 26 boats on the water, 24 static land displays, and four alternative, food and drink vendors. I am told seven boats were sold, plus a private members boat to boot. Every vendor or exhibitor I have followed up with has had a positive view of this years show. Excellent contact was made with the crowd of 2500 visitors.

(1821 by direct count, and an estimated 700 leaking in around the side entrances.)

In addition the delightful "50's Pin Up Girls" who helped create a little excitement, we had "free" children's face painting and balloons along with the "Surplus Herby's" sponsored fishing derby. (Yes, it was catch and release...)

One of the highlights for me was the success of giving back to the community with the support of Malibu Marine of Kelowna, and our "Fill the Boat" campaign. We raised over 323 LBS of food and \$1300.00 dollars cash for the Salvation Army Food Bank...well done!

Door prizes were over flowing, with SECA marine and Gregory's Fine Jewelers leading the way with some very generous support. Thank you to our contributors, they helped make a lot of people very

happy.

Of course none of this would have been possible without a terrific effort from our kitchen and beverage staff. (the food was terrific..) The real effort came from countless volunteers that gave it their best. THANK YOU TO ALL! THANK YOU!

Behind the scene work was supportive and generous, to those of you giving of yourselves to support me, I can't say enough.

Rob Mathews,

2013 Vernon Boat Show



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### ***On another note...the recycle bin***

Conveniently, as you leave the Club after a long day on the water there are recycle bins inside the gatehouse for your returnable drink containers and a garbage bin for all else. The recycle bins are intended for your returnable drink containers only. So the cardboard box your 12 bud cans came in or remnants from your lunch (ie: pizza boxes) or your little ones bum wrappers do not go in this bin. This garbage goes in the big blue garbage container just a few short steps past the gate in the parking lot. During the boating season with all the activity at the Club and on the water these bins fill quickly so please use them as they are intended.

**In consideration to others please be sure you put only recyclable drink containers in the recycle bins and your garbage in the garbage bin.**

Thank you for your cooperation:-)



Commodore Brian Wilkey  
and the Directors invite you to celebrate with them  
Saturday July 6th

## 2013 Commodore's Event

### **"A Day with Jimmy Buffett"**



Complimentary Breakfast at 8:30  
Ceremonies & Presentations at 10:00  
Sail Past at 11:00



Enjoy your afternoon  
on the lake.....  
SYC Bar open all day!



Cocktails & Appies at 6:00  
BBQ Chicken & Ribs Dinner at 7:00  
Dancing to follow

Tickets \$25 each - includes Complimentary Breakfast & Dinner  
Call or visit the SYC office 250 - 494 - 8312  
Please RSVP by June 26



# ***VERNON YACHT CLUB***

## ***HOURS EFFECTIVE***

**APRIL 2013**

### ***GANGPLANK BAR OPEN:***

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4:00 pm — 10:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4:00 pm — 10:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4:00 pm — 10:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4:00 pm — 11:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12:00 pm— 10:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am — 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Closed</b>

### ***FOOD SERVICE:***

<b>Wednesday: Burger Night</b>	<b>5:00-9:00</b>
<b>Friday: Steak or Salmon Night</b>	<b>6:00-9:00</b>
<b>Saturday: Soup &amp; Bun</b>	<b>12:00-3:00</b>
<b>Sunday: Brunch</b>	<b>10:00-1:00</b>

### ***OFFICE OPEN***

<b>Monday</b>	<b>08:30 am—2:30 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>08:30 am—2:30 pm</b>

## VYC/OQLS Heaven Can Wait II Fundraiser Huge Success

It was a gala party to start the summer season as the Vernon Yacht Club and the Okanagan Quality Life Society joined up to kickoff the Heaven Can Wait II replacement pontoon boat fundraising initiative. Over one hundred VYC and OQLS members and friends came out to generously support the program to purchase a new pontoon boat to replace the aging Heaven Can Wait which has served so faithfully since 1992. An absolutely outstanding success, the event raised close to \$8,000.

Notably, the idea to have a fundraiser was spawned during the VYC Boat Show. Denise Dobie, who had purchased the local band "The Goods" at the Kalamalka Rotary Dream Auction, heard of the OQLS initiative to purchase a new pontoon boat, so she spoke with OQLS Vice President Gerald Gustafson and Commodore Mike Thomas and suggested a June 21<sup>st</sup> Summer Solstice fundraising dinner/dance and she would donate the band. A committee chaired by Gerald was quickly assembled and the rest, as they say, is history. Tickets were quickly sold out, and the Vernon and area community responded in fine fashion to requests by donating 85+ Silent Auction items. An excellent dinner was catered by Corrine and Carol in the VYC kitchen with Jay and Chanel keeping everyone happy at the bar. Bob and Ken carved up and served the roast beef. Many thanks, everyone was thoroughly satisfied.

Generously, the attendees responded to MC Mike Thomas' prompting to visit the 'Silent Auction' tables, and/or give a direct donation. The auction items fetched 75% of their value (60% is considered a success) and over \$3,000 was donated directly. Add in a 'share the funds' draw of \$456.00 and the Summer Solstice fundraiser was a huge success.

Significantly, the Vernon Yacht Club members have supported the OQLS Heaven Can Wait program by providing moorage and use of facilities since 1994. The OQLS was formed in 1992 to purchase a 24' pontoon boat to take seniors confined to long term residences (such as: Noric House, Gateby, and Polson Extendedicare) and disabled members of the Vernon and area community on therapeutic boat rides on Okanagan Lake. The program has proved to be a wonderful success providing so much on water joy to the residents.

The VYC and OQLS would like to thank all the generous support received during this fundraiser event. Our goal of raising \$40,000 dollars to have Heaven Can Wait II in the water ready for the 2014 season has been given a tremendous send off. Loads of thanks to Gerald and his committee for making this a "fun" event. If anyone is interested in knowing more about the OQLS program or have an interest in donating (charitable receipts provided), please contact Ron Heuman, OQLS President, 558-1063 or the VYC Office.

Ron Heuman

### ***RIDDLES AND SUCH.....***

- 1: What two words contain the most letters?
- 2: What has 4 eyes but can't see?
- 3: A man rides in on Friday, stays two nights three days and then leaves on Friday. How is that possible?
- 4: I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?
- 5: What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment and never in a thousand years?

Q: Who says sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me?

A: A guy who has never been hit with a dictionary!



- 1.: The Post Office
- 2: Mississippi
- 3: His horse was named Friday
- 4: A candle
- 5: The letter M



# **Vernon Yacht Club INVASION**

## **YAHOO IT'S WESTERN NIGHT**

**SATURDAY JULY 20, 2013**

**WESTERN PRIME RIB BUFFET**

**COCKTAILS at 5:30**

**DINNER at 6:30**

***STOMP'N GOOD TIME TO  
"Boogie Nights"***

**8:00 pm to Midnight**

**Dinner and Dance**

**TICKETS \$30.00 (Includes GST)**

**Western Attire Encouraged**

**Also Available during the weekend:**

**Friday –Steak or Salmon dinner \$14.50 6–9 PM**

**Saturday lunch—Soup & sandwich \$7.95 12–3 PM**

**Sunday morning– free coffee, juice at your boat**

**– brunch \$ 11.25 10–1 PM**







## Minutes Summary

*New Advertising Manager-* Jaron Chasca, the current VYC Membership Director will be assuming an additional role as a Volunteer Advertising Agent to arrange, organize and follow up with clients putting ads in VYC's monthly Tiller Topics publication. This position does not fall under the Executive Board.

*Tickets to "The Goods" Solstice Party Fundraiser Dinner, **June 21<sup>st</sup>**, Sold Out!* Although the tickets to the Solstice Party Fundraiser have sold out members can still attend after the dinner, from 8pm onwards. Entry is by donation to The Okanagan Quality Life Society (Heaven-Can-Wait Boat).

*New Signage regarding Security Surveillance-* The Security Camera is operating and new signage is in the works to notify the public that the Vernon Yacht Club and grounds are under surveillance.

*Reciprocal Moorage Needed! Notify us if you are leaving by boat for the weekend!* There are continuous short term reciprocal moorage requests and we need more slips! The season is in full swing and our visitors from down the lake are looking for moorage when they come for a visit. If you are leaving for the weekend or otherwise please notify VYC Fleet Captain, Jerry Spelchan.

*Composting Food Waste at the Vernon Yacht Club-* The VYC has a composter and I have volunteered to provide some guidelines on keeping the composter active and how to compost the kitchen's food waste. The time and date for this is to be determined.

*A Huge Thank You Carol and Don Craske for the marathon effort in arranging the 2013 Vernon Yacht Club Regatta!* With only 6 weeks to plan, Carol and Don saved the event by organizing all the details required to plan a sailing regatta. Twenty-two boats attended the regatta including 12 boats from other clubs. Since the 90's the regatta has run as a Charity Regatta requiring arrangement of sponsors and donors many months in advance. The 2013 remained a successful sailing event due to the efforts of Carol and Don in addition to all the volunteers who generously donated their time and the VYC staff: Corinne Kirton, Marie Jean Watson (MJ), Chanel and Jay Langton in food service; Ken Smith and Bob McElroy on the committee boat; Peter Barnes and Edie Doerksen on Registration; Penny Barnes on t-Shirt sales; Jay Johnson t-Shirt manufacturing and moorage; In various essential roles – Chuck, Ron Hueman, Rob Laden, Doris Hodgson, Jerry Spelchan, Del Welsh, Marnie Williamson, Bill Crum, Dan Visosky, Darrin, Chris and Kent Hardisty!

*Summer has finally arrived, have an amazing July!*

### ***Racing by day....***



### ***Relaxing by night....***





# July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM	3 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM	4 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM Family Dinner Night	5 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—11:00PM	6 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—10:00PM Family Dinner Night
7 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM	8	9 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM	10 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM	11 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM Family Dinner Night	12 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—11:00PM <b>Entertainment!</b>	13 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—10:00PM Family Dinner Night
14 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM	15	16 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM	17 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM	18 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM Family Dinner Night	19 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—11:00PM	20 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—10:00PM Family Dinner Night
21 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM	22	23 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM	24 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM	25 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM Family Dinner Night	26 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—11:00PM	27 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—10:00PM Family Dinner Night
28 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM	29	30 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM	31 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM			