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May 7-8 Boat Show

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Executive members and many occasional writers and photographers.



Commodore's Report

Tim Amy



Some of you
are still skiing ?
Suddenly it's spring.
And boating events
are happening all
over. The VYC
Boat Show was
again brilliantly or-
ganized by Director
Dan Irvine and his

crew of volunteers. This was his 3rd year organizing it with a few more exhibitors every year. MJ Watson with a small team of volunteers worked flat out to supply food to boat show visitors and the VYC promotional volunteers sold in excess of \$1,000 of club T shirts and signed up a few more members. Did you know that the VYC Floating Boat Show was the first on water boat show in BC 1988, organised by the younger Bob Montguire?

The wind gods have been busy on the lake mid May, giving the Wednesday evening sailing races some excitement with wind at 43 knots (50 mph).

Rear Commodore Lawrence Johnson has managed the Phase II dock expansion and renewal with a steady hand with B and C docks open for business on schedule and, dare I say it, on budget. This in spite of broken ribs and collar bone and managing his own business. You might consider standing Lawrence to a libation, but no slap on the shoulder please.

Bar Manager Karen has left that position, effective May 1, 2011, and Rick Reichelt has been appointed Bar and Food Services Manager. To do this he has resigned as VYC Staff Captain. Rick has many years of experience in the food and drink services, most recently at the Blue Heron Pub on Okanagan Landing Rd. Consideration is being given to a small expansion of the Club's food services and Rick will be testing the waters for membership response.

And it is the time for yacht clubs (except those south of the equator) to celebrate the coming summer season of boating. Sail pasts are a traditional spring time event for yacht clubs around the world. Some are spectacular, grand events involving naval personnel and regulation dress, with grand music to match. The intent is to bring together the members and to celebrate the reason for the Club's existence.
BOATING !

This year the
VERNON YACHT CLUB COMMODORE'S SOCIAL
and **SAIL PAST** is scheduled for
SATURDAY JUNE 25
10 am to 2 pm

It will consist of a delicious brunch and opportunity to meet other members, introduction of the Club's executive and representatives of other yacht clubs, followed by members showing off their vessels in a sail past off Paddle Wheel Park. Some members then adjourn to Ellison to raft up and to discuss and consume all manner of things.

In house musical talent will be on hand during brunch and bagpipers are scheduled for outdoors. Dress will be neat and tidy boating attire. All members are encouraged to dress their boats with flags and to participate in the sail past. Some yacht clubs impose penalties for non attendance. VYC believes in positive reinforcement and so having fun and good food with friendly people will be your reward.

So do put this Social and Sail Past on your calendar and consider it an opportunity to meet old friends, make new friends and participate in a fun and relaxed boating event on the water. There will be more detailed information coming to you soon.

Tim

Vice Commodore's Report

Mike Thomas



Moving On

I regret to inform our members that on Friday May 13, we accepted the resignation of our friend and Office Manager, Rachael Moroz

Galyard. Rachael has decided to embark on a new career in the real estate industry and will be leaving us effective June 23, 2011. Rachael was an important asset to our club and I am sure we will all miss her bubbly personality as well as her effectiveness on the job. Please join your Executive as we wish her all the best as she embarks on her new career.

On another note

Our Rear Commodore, Lawrence Johnson, has been injured in a motor vehicle accident and he will be missing from the Club while he recuperates. For those of you who are unaware, Lawrence and some of our other member/volunteers have been extremely instrumental with the concrete up-grade on

B" Dock and he has expended many of his own man-hours with this huge task. We couldn't do it without their help. On behalf of the Club, Lawrence, our sincere thanks and we all hope you have a full and speedy recovery.

Finally

We will be requesting participation from our members in a Long Term Planning session this June. These sessions are an annual event and they are extremely important to the future of our club because all of you will have an opportunity to provide guidance for your executive and help us with our decisions. The date will be announced by a general email and also on our Club bulletin board. We want your input. Please attend.

Mike

B



Rear Commodore's Report

Lawrence Johnson



A big thank-you to all who contributed volunteer time to the work on the expansion especially Ed and his group of plumbers who installed the water lines. Also a big thank-you to all of you who helped at the Spring clean-up, it was the best

turn out to date and shows the commitment of the members and club spirit.

As you all perhaps already know, the dock expansion has been completed for the most part with the exception of a few cleats; if you need more cleats on your slip please contact the office and we will do our best to make some more available.

Also another great turn out at the boat show, thanks to everyone who helped with that as well.

See you all at the Rib-off, have a great summer and good sailing!

Lawrence

Fleet Captain's Report

Bob Montguire



The expansion is now complete and all slips are ready for use.

Some members are not in their assigned slips so we ask that you move to your own moorage as soon as possible.

The assigning of moorage was much more difficult this year. The addition of more docks and a very long wait list proved to be quite a challenge. I did however have some excellent help from the following members: I thank Roger Price for working with me

for many hours assigning moorage, also numbering slips and adding a number of cleats so that the fingers could be used for moorage. Gerald Gustafson for helping install numbers on the dock. Henry Just for donating all the metal for the numbers and Vic Romaszewski for drilling the holes so we could put the numbers in place.

It is so great to belong to a club that, when a job looks overwhelming, so many people volunteer their help. A job can change from being tiring for one member to a fun project, when a group of volunteers get involved. Volunteering is also a great way to meet and get to know your fellow members. Try it, you may like it.

Bob

2011 Calendar of Events

for Okanagan Lake Yacht Clubs

DATE	YC	EVENT
JUNE		
3 – 5	VYC	United Way Regatta
4 & 5	SYC	Commodore's Ball & Sail Past
11 & 12	KYC	Commodore's Ball & Sail Past
17 - 19	PYTC	Grass Roots Regatta
18	KYC	Boat for Hope
24	WKYC	Lobster Fest
25	VYC	Commodore's Social & Sail Past
JULY		
1	WKYC	Westside Daze Open House
2	SYC	Dock Party
8 – 10	SYC	Giants Head Regatta – “Agar Lake Camp Charity”
15 – 17	WKYC	Invasion weekend – Poker Run
22 – 24	VYC	Invasion weekend
30	PYC	Members BBQ (all clubs invited)
AUG		
5 – 7	SYC	Invasion weekend - Ball Tournament
13	WKYC	Rib'n N Blues
13 – 14	KYC	Commodore's Cup Regatta
19 – 21	KYC	Invasion weekend
20	VYC	Women's Regatta
27	PYC	Commodore's Banquet (no sail past)
SEPT		
10	VYC	Pig Roast
10	PYTC	Grand Prix Regatta
16 – 18	SYC	All Club Regatta - End to End - call SYC for more info
17	WKYC	Golf Tournament
24	KYC	CNIB Fishing Derby
OCT		
2	SYC	Sunday – “Steak & Rib Night” ends
15	SYC	Lift out
29	SYC	Halloween Party
29	VYC	Halloween Party
30	SYC	Sail Fleet “Race Night” ends
31	KYC	Halloween Party
NOV		
28	VYC	AGM
DEC		
31	VYC	New Years Eve Party
Year Round	VYC	Friday Night Steak Dinners



Vernon Yacht Club Minutes Summary

May 9th, 2011

By Teri McLennan, secretary

- WIFI will be free to all members within the VYC moorage and clubhouse areas. A pass code will be sent out.
- **Commodore's Social and sail past is set for June 25th.**
- Please don't forget to sign your tab at the bar before you leave if using your Yacht Club bucks.
- More arm chairs ordered and will be here mid June.
- Pre-fab wall panels will be put up to cover the concrete blocks in the clubhouse.
- We have a new Bar Manager- Rick Reichelt!
- Looking at offering full meals in the clubhouse throughout the summer. Stay tuned and watch Tiller Topics for announcement.
- Looking at renovating the bar area.
- (10) new full time members and (5) new Assoc. members(since April and May meeting)!!!
- Check out video on Sunfm's April Lyn's Adventures. She is sailing a 44' ketch at VYC.
- We have Osprey! Will look at getting film from the roof.
- Roof is being done right now.
- We have 15 permanent 20ft slips available.

Teri

Full executive meeting minutes are available in the office.



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June Bugs: Keep away Thugs

Weatherwise,

it has been a slow beginning to the 2011 boating season. Also, slowly the hockey season winds down, only 90 days to training camp.... The Vipers did us proud, and our City Fathers bestowed the highest honour on the owner, Duncan Wray, congratulations.... In that theme, congratulations to the Marina upgrade group spear-headed by the energetic and dedicated Dan Irvine. 'B' Dock looks great, the Fleet Captain is happy, waitlist members are happy, the Club is perculating along, well done to all. The Boat Show went off without a hitch save for some seasonal weather. And, the security shifts read without significant occurrences.

During the month of May we set a record for shift coverage with 42 shifts amounting to 126 hours of vigilance.

In addition to the Security Team, seems as though every VYC member is making a contribution towards ensuring our Clubhouse, Marina, and member's property are kept safe and secure. Now that is a good thing. Only do not become complacent! If we let down our guard we will be brought to a new awakening by the every ready 'thugs' out there ready to do bad things to our Club environment. Stay vigilant! Enjoy the oncoming good weather, summer boating is here!

Ron 



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Messing About in Boats

by
Dave Atkins

Last month I was talking about reading the weather when out on the water, and that is a good skill to develop, but even the experts can get caught out on occasion and then it becomes a case for survival skills. What works for you will depend upon several variables, such as the kind of boat you are in, how far from a sheltered shore or shore of any kind, how many people are in the boat and their temperaments. What kind of weather emergency is it? Is it wind or waves, rain or thunder storm etc?

Some precautions can be taken before leaving the dock. Don't overload the boat!! It sounds obvious, but do you know how many passengers are approved by Canada Coast guard? Have you looked at the approval plate lately, are you prepared to leave one or two of your friends ashore if you are over the approved capacity? All passengers are required to have seats in smaller boats, so no sitting on the foredeck, etc. Larger sailboats with ballast keels and thus more stability,

are not so restricted about the accommodation for passengers, and it is often required to go on deck to manage sails.

On the Lake the most common problem is wind and with few exceptions, such as micro-bursts, which are rare, there are warning signs that the wind will change or increase. Watching the scenery and other boaters is fine but you also need to watch the sky and the shore lines for weather indicators. Wind will bring waves and maybe rain. Waves on Okanagan Lake cannot get very big because of the size of the Lake and the short distances involved, however if you are out in a small boat the waves will look much bigger than they do from shore. Smaller boats such as runabouts should slow down and try to head into the waves. Planing speeds into waves might be a thrill but it can damage the boat and also the wave can push you sideways so that you are traveling parallel to the waves at high speed, a very dangerous and unstable position to be in. It is not safe to run down wind in breaking waves as you run the risk of being "pooped", that is when waves break over the stern and with outboard powered boats particularly, that can result in swamping the vessel. You may think that following this advice will not get you home, but somewhere else along the shore; be

patient, it is better to get ashore somewhere rather than sink heading "home"

Sailing boats have somewhat different problems. The wind is their engine, but too much of it can turn the boat on its side and capsize it. Most sailboats will ride the waves well, their hull shape is built to do that, so wind is the main danger. If you think you are being over powered, shorten sail NOW, don't wait to see if it will get stronger. You don't want to fight the boat when its getting out of control. You should know how to "reef" the sails and have the gear set up ready to go, its no good trying to figure it out in the middle of the storm. If you are going to use only one sail, use the main, the jib alone can more easily get you into trouble in high winds. Wear your PFD on deck.

High winds may well be exciting when out on the water, but they can also be very dangerous as well. Not many boating accidents happen in calm weather. Be prepared, learn how to watch the weather. Learn how to control your boat in bad weather, be prepared and don't just say "Well that would never happen to me." It does happen to some people every year, make sure you're not one of them.

Dave

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Gerald at the concession stand.



Janice and Sonja checking out VYC Apparel



Dan taking Boat Show visitors out for a sail.



Threatening clouds all through the Boat Show weekend.



Lots of interest for the smaller boats—nifty kayaks with sail etc.

VYC Sailing Lessons anyone?
Don, Carol, Dave



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From our Bar Manager Rick Reichelt



Hello to all of the membership and a special hello to all of our new members. I had a chance to meet some of you at the boat show and look forward to meeting you all.

summer hours

(start on Tuesday May 10th.)
Open: Tuesday,
Wednesday and
Thursday from 4 - 10pm
Friday 4 - 11pm,
Saturday 12 - 10pm
Sunday from 12 - 6pm.

We will also be starting to serve food on Saturday and Sunday starting May 21st. (More details on the menu to follow)

It is important that we get the support from our membership for this food service; it will only continue if we get the support.

We are still moving ahead with improvements to the club house. These changes will make the pub a more comfortable place to come to.

The boat show was a great success despite a little rain and I would like to thank MJ and all the volunteers who helped out in the concession.

Rib Off tickets are selling fast so get yours now.

That's all for now, see you in the Gang Plank Pub soon, Rick



Jay Johnson



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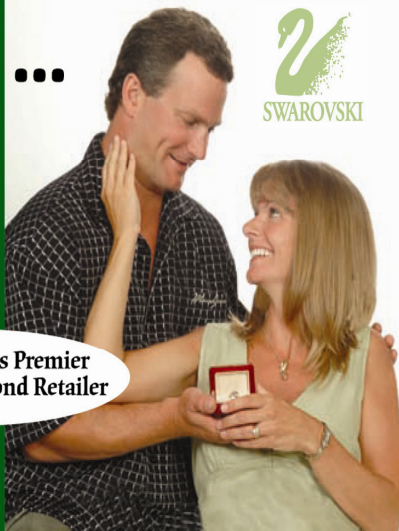
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SAILING IN CUBA

Back in November, VYC received a message from the Hemingway Yacht Club in Cuba, welcoming visits from our members.

While I was in Cuba in December, I visited that Club, on the outskirts of Havana. I met the Commodore (who is also President of the Group that owns most of the marinas in Cuba). With my son Adam interpreting I heard the story of the Club history, dating from 1884, and its current unique status as a private venture. I came away with a Club burgee, and a draft reciprocal membership agreement which our executive has since completed.

Our stay in Cuba was mostly in private homes, and we heard uncensored reports of life in the Island. We travelled by bus and visited the infamous Bay of Pigs, site of Kennedy's disastrous attempt at invasion; it now houses an unimpressive museum.



The only shell fragments we found on the beach were of mollusk origin.

Now that Fidel Castro has stepped down as President, his brother Raoul (a former soldier) is taking the first tentative steps towards a market economy. People are being encouraged to leave the cities and return to farm the abandoned sugar

plantations, to reduce reliance on imported food; we visited one of these, now a tourist destination, and climbed a 120ft. "slave observation tower".

Elsewhere half a million government employees are being laid off, and being allowed to open small businesses. A large Venezuelan oil refinery is under construction.



We found the people very friendly, the streets safe and tourist dollars most welcome (as long as they are not US currency!). I would recommend a visit before McDonald's gets there Perhaps in Obama's second term?

David Jones

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NEWCOMER's
view

Physics 101 for Boaters

by
Patricia Rudersdorfer

Hi all, I hope you have all had a wonderful winter. For me it has been a busy and enjoyable winter. All through it I kept trying to come up with a new Tiller article. Well wouldn't you know it, just the other day an incident presented itself that I just had to write about.

Even though Spring is taking its time to come around the corner, we decided it was time to launch our boat at Paddlewheel Park and proceed over to our new slip. As I had managed quite nicely to get Wind Dancer into slips last year in all kinds of weather both single handed and with crew, I had no worries about doing it again. So what was different, other then six months later, a beautiful sunny day and a nice breeze to help push me in place. Well ... from past experience, my bow (nose) seems to always swing out once I enter a slip. So today, with a new crew member, my daughter Nadiene, I requested her to just keep the nose from pulling

away from the dock and I would do the rest. After all, I've done it all by myself last year with no issues. So off she hopped and proceeded up front to grab the nose, well that was my first mistake not to tell her to stay near the centre of the boat. Now at this point I should say that I have never been very good at science especially physics, so Rule #1 came into play – for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. As my daughter was pulling the nose in, the aft (rear end) started to swing away from the dock. Well, hey! it was only 2 feet away from the finger, so I will just step off and tie up. Yes! Yes! I know every single article I have ever read always says don't jump for the dock!!! Well, I wasn't jumping, at least not at first. It was, at that point, just a slightly over sized step. Warning!!! MORE PHYSICS!!! ... Rule #2 – a body at rest (not in motion) stays at rest especially if the what ever is under it has little to no friction. Attempting to step off the boat just pushes the boat in the opposite direction. So here I was looking at this finger only 2 feet away, then ... 2.1 feet, THEN 2.2 FEET ... HEY!!! ... if I was going to make it at all, my mind said, I had better jump off! AND NOW!!! OFF is Right!!! ... SPLASH!!! ... The lack of friction between the boat and water

especially one that's just been freshly cleaned and painted, means I stayed in one place and boat went out from underneath me. So to put it simply, it isn't a matter of distance, it's a matter that you will push the boat out from under you and inevitably get wet.

My fall was graceful and I wasn't hurt except for my pride which plummeted way down. And with a helping hand from an alert club member (Thank You so very Much) this drowned rat managed to finally get onto the finger intact except for her dignity (sigh). As for feeling secure in things like sailing and docking, well, I guess I still have a lot to learn, especially when it comes to physics. Not to mention the saying "pride comes before a fall".

Terry is jealous that I went swimming before he did, I'll be glad to hand that honour over to him again next year. I have always been a person that needs to know the how and why of things, I learned this one the fun way.

Now, hopefully, everyone else knows why we should never "jump for the dock".

Patricia (dripping) R

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On the Water Front

by Dan Irvin

VYC 2011 Boat and Leisure Show

Well folks,

boat show number 22 at VYC has come and gone and I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make it a pleasure to run. Maybe the various department heads were just sparing me but it seemed that things went like clockwork. So much so in fact that I am going to suggest to VYC executive that they appoint someone to head up a weather committee next year. If that committee can do as good a job as everyone on the team did this year then that part of the puzzle will get solved as well and we'll need a booth selling sunscreen.

So thanks Rob Ladan for keeping those unruly bus drivers in line, thanks MJ and the concession crew for doing such a fine job of what is no doubt the hardest part of the show, thanks Pam St Pierre for running once again a very successful VYC booth with a very well chosen apparel line, thanks to Craig Williams, our newest director, who headed up publicity

and advertising, thanks Ron Hueman for keeping the security staff organized and scheduled. And thanks to everyone else I haven't named here who did everything from flip burgers to take people out for sailboat rides. Much appreciated.

If many of the names in the paragraph above look familiar it is because they are the same people I thanked after last years boat show. While continuity may be important in organizing successful events, injecting fresh ideas and new concepts is vital as well. Boat Show 22 is the last one I will head up, at least for the foreseeable future, and I am sure that some of the department heads who have been involved for multiple years would appreciate some one new taking the helm in their roles as well. Please think about how you can take an active role in planning and implementing VYC Boat and Leisure Show 23.



A wide variety of paddle, sail, or peddle powered kayaks was available at the boat show.



The high tech WETO sail trimaran ghosts back to the show with a happy customer. YES he did try it and buy it.
(photo's by Dan Irvin)

Dan 

New dock extension at the refurbished mast gantry.



Rob Ladan, Dave Horsham and Dave Simpson secure the new dock extension at the refurbished mast gantry.

Photo by Dan Irvin

'Wind and Sail' 2011

Due to a lack of registrants for this course, we have canceled 'Wind and Sail' for 2011.

Dave Simpson



WE'RE BACK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Spring cleaning is done, the garden planted. Now it is time for *fun in the sun*. The *Valley Girls* are back in training for the Okanagan Women's Keelboat Regatta which will be held at Vernon Yacht Club on August 19 - 21. We have a total of seven women skippers and over 30 women participating. Let's keep the trophies in Vernon!!



We started our shakedown series on May 4th and so far, the winds have been light and squirrely. Good practice for the light, finicky winds of an Okanagan summer.

If you are interested in joining us, call Carol at 250 542-5644.

Carol



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Our 10th Annual Charity Regatta for the United Way

"Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together." – Vincent van Gogh

The date for our 10th annual Charity Regatta for the United Way is quickly approaching (**June 3rd, 4th & 5th**) and though I had hoped to be further along with getting exposure for this critical event it just hasn't happened till now. The Charity Regatta is an incredible opportunity for **ALL** members of our Club to demonstrate to the whole of the community that we care deeply about the community in which we live and the well being of those less fortunate, that we are not the private, exclusive Club that some of the public seem to see us as.

For those not familiar with this event, the Regatta was started 10 years ago by Dave Ellis, one of our very avid sailors, where sailboats from all Clubs on the lake are invited to participate in our Charity Regatta. The Skip-

pers pay a minimum cost of \$200 to enter their boat, themselves and up to three crew but, it is also then incumbent for **ALL** crew concerned to raise as many pledges and donations for the local office of the United Way with all proceeds raised from whichever community being distributed back into that community in which it was raised.

One fact I learned recently that blew me away is that the Vernon Yacht Club's annual Charity Regatta has been the largest single fund raiser for the local chapter of the United Way with more than \$275,000 raised over the past 9 years, truly an astonishing accomplishment! Last year almost \$23,000 was raised by the 32 boats that participated in the Regatta, which works out to more than \$700 per boat.

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With the average boat having a total of 4 crew including the skipper; if each crew member from each boat raised an average donation of just \$20 from only 10 people they know, we could raise an easy \$24,000 and even more if **ALL** Club Members become involved and raised an average donation of \$20 from 10 people they each know – think of the possibilities!!! The top three fundraising boats from last year alone raised a total of almost \$12,000: Butler (Dave Ellis) \$5,700; Valuta (Bill Crum) \$4,700; and Airborne II (Rob Laden) \$1,415!

So whether you are a power-boater, a sail-boater, a Skipper or a crew member or a volunteer at the Regatta or a regular or associate Member with no involvement whatsoever in this event, it falls upon each of us to make a concentrated individual effort to have a positive, collective impact and together accomplish a truly notable and Great thing for a very worthwhile cause, raising funds for the United Way of the North Okanagan Columbia/Shuswap and the people they assist in our local communities.

The United Way is celebrating its **50th** year this year and what a tribute it would be to mark this milestone if we would just all pull together and raise \$50,000 – that would only require each of our 330 members to obtain \$20 donations from only 8 people each!!!



So get involved, get excited and sponsor a boat and a Skipper, whether you know a sailor or not (I've attached a summary of the race results from last year's Charity Regatta), then put their name and the name of their boat on the attached pledge form then come down to the Club during the races and cheer your boat and crew on or, just raise money for the Charity Regatta on behalf of the local chapter of the United Way without choosing a boat – either way just do it – it's a win-win for both our community and our Club!!!

Photo's United Way Regatta 2010



If you have any questions or if require more information I encourage you to contact either Dave Simpson, Chair of this year's Charity Regatta (250-542-0053) or me at 250-503-8993 and remember to check out the website at www.okregatta.com where you can refer your potential donors as well.

Sincerely,
Craig Williams
Director, Publicity & Marketing
Vernon Yacht Club
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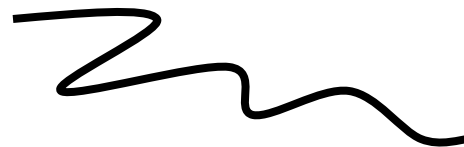
started on April 27 with a total of 21 boats registered. The wind Gods were playing with us and gave us light breezes for April 27th and May 4. Last night, May 11th, it looked like a three-peat with light winds. In fact the winds were so light that the committee boat decided to shorten the second race and hurried down to C mark to greet the fleet. But Mother Nature thought she would have a little fun with us lowly sailors. Luckily most of the boats had finished the race and had already gotten their sails down and were heading to dock when a wind which was clocked at the VYC weather station as gusting to **82 KPH** hit the boats that were trying to make it home. Helter Skelter! Boats not safely moored fought raging waves, reluctant motors and relentless winds. By the end of the evening all boats were safely moored within the marina but not necessarily in the correct slips and the clubhouse was abuzz with adrenaline and skippers comparing their stories:

- One skipper said, "I don't know how many 360's I did inside the marina before I finally docked."
- Another boat glanced off the breakwater trying to avoid a spinning boat.
- Another boat had to remain under sail power while the skipper tried to get his flooded (pun intended) motor going. Luckily no damage done to the sails.

- The last boat in had been racing when caught by the wind and saw water spouts down the lake.
- A new sailor hugged me and declared, "I'm alive!"
- One skipper hurt his hand on a line while docking so was nursing his hand in ice in the clubhouse.
- One skipper forgot to turn off his motor and it was found running two hours later (His name shall remain nameless)
- The race results had to be dried out on the notice board as they were soaked by the spray of the waves while the committee crash boat had to be bailed of at least one foot of water.

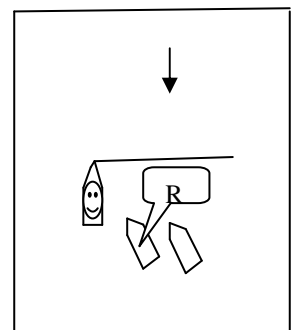
As I was on the third to last boat to dock under these trying circumstances, I have to say a big thank-you to all the sailors who remained on the dock to assist the boats to land safely. It is this camaraderie that makes racing fun! I wonder how our fine feather friends on the pole made out?!

We now officially have a White Sail Fleet. In fact, two new racers in this fleet had joined us last night to join in the fun – it was fun, wasn't it? Want to join us? We race every Wednesday at 6:15 pm. Call Carol at 250 542-5644. Rumors have it that a cruising fleet might be formed for Sunday sailing. I will keep you posted.



Now here is a rules question for the racers:

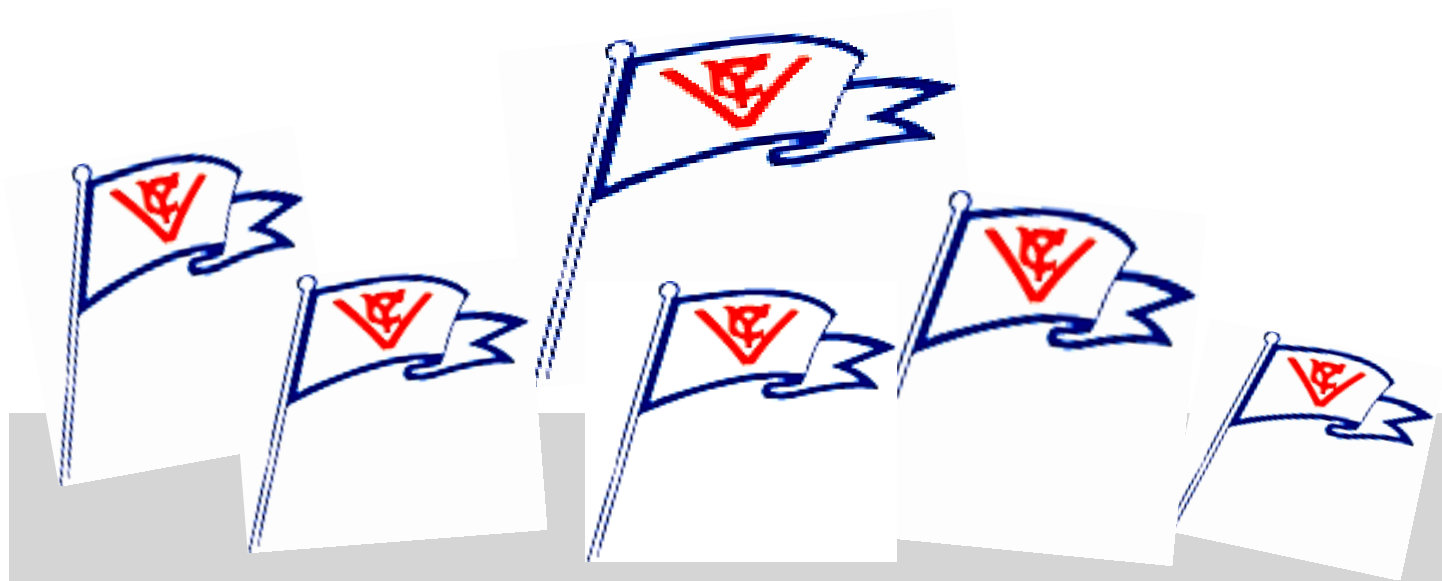
Two boats are approaching the finish line (at the committee boat end) on close hauled starboard tack. The boat closest to the committee boat is calling for room to tack. Does he break a



rule?

Since the anchored race committee boat is a mark that Red is fetching, Green cannot hail for room to tack without breaking Rule 20.3. Rule 20.3 "When Not to Hail" says, "A boat shall not hail unless safety requires her to make a substantial course change to avoid the obstruction. **Also, she shall not hail if the obstruction is a mark that the hailed boat is fetching.**"

Carol



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Vernon Power & Sail Squadron - our 50th Anniversary !

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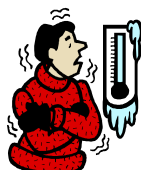
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Coming Events:

- WCID AGM and Conference in Vernon May 27 - 29
- VHF Radio Course - June 14 & 18, 2011. Register on-line now!

Didja' know ?

The water in our lakes is still extremely cold. Be extra careful when getting in or out of your boat, or when walking on the docks.



See Us on the Web!

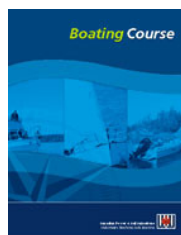
Want to find out more about the Power Squadron and its courses? Check us out on our web-sites: **Vernon Power & Sail Squadron** www.cpsvernon.ca

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CPS Course Lineup



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 offered again commencing the evening of June 14 and continuing all day Saturday, June 18, 2011. Register on-line or phone!



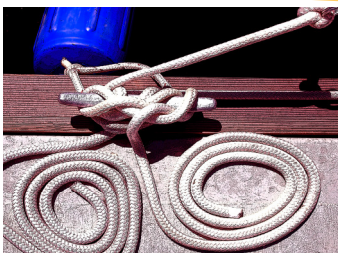
The Boating Course This is consistently our most popular course. The Boating Course will be offered in the Fall of 2011, commencing in approximately mid-September. Course duration is 13 weeks. For more information or to pre-register, go on-line or phone Simo at 250-542-5525.

For more information, and to pre-register for courses, please call Simo Korpisto at 250-542-5525. Register on-line www.cpsboat.ca or www.cpsvernon.ca.




Vernon Squadron's 50th Anniversary !

The Vernon Squadron of CPS is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year! As part of our celebrations, Vernon is hosting the Western Canada Inland District AGM and Conference May 27 through 29, 2011. We have tickets available for the Saturday evening banquet and birthday bash! Please call Joyce at (250) 549-5117 to get yours. Come out and help us celebrate!

Many thanks to long-time CPS Members John Fleming, Dave Atkins and Jane Nielsen for their continuing support. And thanks to our partner, VYC, for your support!



June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Lounge Hrs</i> 16:00—20:00	2 <i>Lounge Hrs</i> 16:00—20:00 Dart Night 6-8 PM	3 <i>Lounge Hrs</i> 16:00—23:00 Friday Night Dinner  United Way Regatta	4 <i>Lounge Hrs</i> 12:00—20:00
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July 22-24 VYC Invasion Weekend				