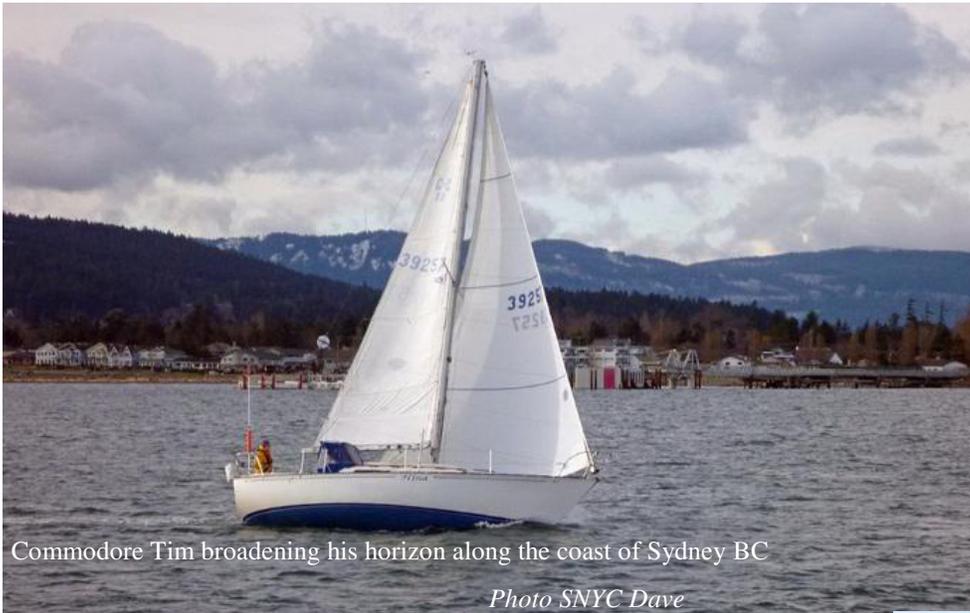


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Commodore Tim broadening his horizon along the coast of Sydney BC

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Do you have ideas for Tiller Topics, do you have an opinion you would like published? Tiller Topics gratefully accepts your submissions. Please drop them off at the club or e-mail them to tiller@vernonyachtclub.com

VYC - 2010—2011 Executive

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Commodore's Report

Tim Amy



After a relatively mild

winter, perhaps Spring will be early this year. Membership renewals are nearly completed for 2011 and Membership Director Jerry

Spelchan has been busy as usual. Take a look at the Clubs schedule for 2011, there will be additions but the main event dates are now decided. Your participation in Club events and volunteering your time and talents in whatever way you can all contribute to keeping our costs down and enthusiasm up.

The VYC has a long history of membership participation and you need not fear that pitching in in a small way will necessarily lead to larger time commitments. The extent and duration of involvement is your decision entirely. There are a few short term assignments needing attention; contact any member of the Executive for details or inspiration.

And for your consideration; VYC is a Society, how would you compare/distinguish between a Society and a corporation? Perhaps the VYC is best described as being a 'Cooperative'. For some the term 'Cooperative' conjures images of a dreary state run socialism. VYC members come together to pool resources and talents to make recreational boating more affordable and possible for more people.

Reading the February edition of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club newsletter some familiar themes are on their Executive's minds; how to make the building and grounds more attractive and useful to the

interests of members; how to attract new members especially those aged 30-40 years and how to engage new members in Club events and activities; how to best obtain members guidance in long term planning for the Club; planning a complete rebuild of the RVYC moorage facility and how to pay for this.

As many large long established yacht clubs are discovering, times and attitudes are changing and joining a yacht club for prestige/ego purposes no longer attracts members. The image of wealthy tycoons dressed as Wannabe admirals while floating about on expensive gin palaces has lost its cache with the general public. For the past ten years long established prestigious yacht clubs have found membership dwindling. Entry fees have been reduced and sliding scales established to attract younger members.

What is your interest in 'boating' in Vernon? Is it an adventure, new skills needed to enjoy and meet the challenges of the natural world, a competitive activity, a social activity, a change of pace, sense of freedom, a step towards realizing a larger dream of world cruising, you love tinkering on boats, a family activity, a way to make business connections, an ego booster?

Whatever it is, remember, you have only 280 days till Christmas, so get out there and use your chosen boat.

Your sailing addicted Commodore, *Tim Amy*



Rear Commodore's Report

Lawrence Johnson



Spring is nearly here ...

and a new season is upon us. The expansion of the new docks is starting and will be underway through March and most of April. The club house Reno's will continue through his time period as well and we will be looking for volunteers for painting etc. over the next month. Please watch for notices on the white board at the club.

Crane day has been booked for **April 16th** for those of you that need a lift back in the water.

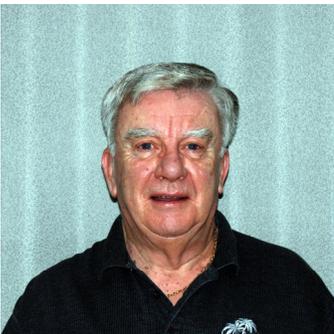
We have set **April 30th** as the date for **Spring clean-up**, everyone available who can spend a few hours is asked to be at the club that morning to pitch in.

Thanks again,

Lawrence Johnson

Fleet Captain's Report

Bob Montguire



I had hoped...

by the time I wrote this report (Feb 25) that we would have more of the moorage set for this year. We have two reasons for the delay. The first being that we still have mooring members who have not paid their dues for this year. The second reason is we must know exactly how the expansion will be built. The smallest change in slip numbers could end up causing a problem. On a positive note, I assure you we will have the moorage assignments in place by boating season. We had approximately twelve mooring members leave the club this year. With these vacancies and the expansion we should be able to get a good number of new members in the water for this year.

Bob Montguire

Staff Captain's Report

Rick Reichelt



Greetings to everyone

It has been a little quite these days around the club but things will start to heat up hopefully both weather wise and with more activity. We will be putting some more finishing touches on the club house, mainly final painting of walls. We will also be looking at giving the back bar area a better look. You will find the Calendar of Events in this months Tiller Topics. (see page 6 and 7) Should be a great year.

See you all soon.

Rick



Vernon Yacht Club Minutes Summary

Feb. 21st, 2011

By Teri McLennan, secretary

- Dock expansion expected to start in early March.
- Painting of clubhouse to resume soon.
- Will have calendar of VYC events for 2011 soon.
- (3) New full time members have joined!
- **Crane Day is April 16th.**
- **Spring Clean Up Day is April 30th.**



2011 Calendar of Events

for Okanagan Lake Yacht Clubs

DATE	YC	EVENT
MARCH	KYC	Starting Mar 6 th through end of Apr every Sunday @ Noon – Sail Boat Racing. Please register ahead – KYC will supply moorage.
APRIL		
9	WKYC	Name Changing Ceremony Open House
16	SYC	Lift in - Spring Fling
16	WKYC	New Comer's event
30	WKYC	Spring work party
30	YVC	Spring work party
30	SYC	Members wine & cheese party
Apr 30 – May 1	KYC	Boat show
May – Oct	WKYC	Thurs night Anchor Club dinners start May 5 th & end Oct 13 th
MAY		
5	SYC	Sail Fleet "Race Night" starts (every Thurs)
7 & 8	VYC	Boat show
14 & 15	WKYC	Commodore's Ball & Sail Past
21 – 23	KYC	Canaccord Cup
28	VYC	Rib Off
May-Sept	SYC	Every Sunday starting May 8 th "Steak & Rib" night (call ahead)
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
25-26	VYC	Commodore's Ball & 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
27	PYC	Commodore's Banquet (no sail past)
TBA	VYC	Women's Regatta

DATE	YC	EVENT
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

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MARCH WINDS BLOW IN

Any thought of wind and the VYC sailors are a' smilin' ready to once again brave the wild Okanagan Lake waters. Dreams of shouts of "Starboard" and "Up Up" abound as they consider entering in the many Sailing Regattas planned for this sail racing season. In the meantime they prepare by doing early season work-ups.

For our powerboat members, good times on the Okanagan Lake are still a couple of months away. Better to socialize and plan out the season in the comforts of the Clubhouse, especially during the always enjoyable Friday Night dinners.

For the VYC Security Team it is full steam ahead as we enter into our summer posture with a complement of **40 team members** eager to keep protective vigilance over Club and member's property. This Spring we will be extra vigilant as the Marina upgrade program gets underway. A potential added attraction to would-be intruders. And, as the days grow longer and warmer, boats in the marina and on land also become attractive to the dark side of our society. March break seems to bring an added sense for the need to enhance our security awareness.

The Security Team is prepared to carry out its mandate of VYC vigilance. In addition, it is the general membership who must also take on a security responsibility while at the Club. Take an extra look around, notice anything untoward? If so, take note and let a member of the Executive or the Office know of your observation. Remember only members in good standing are authorized to utilize our facilities. Be Vigilant!

Let's have another year of VYC Security Excellence!

Ron



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Messing About in Boats

by
Dave Atkins

When March comes around we start thinking that winter is over and its time to start making plans for summer boating. It may be a couple of months yet before the boat is actually in the water but that doesn't stop the imagination working on the upcoming summer. Maybe you want to travel to the Coast and take the boat with you, or charter a boat there for the cruise you are going to take, either way plans must be made in advance. You may just plan to have weekend trips to anchorages on the Lake, but even that requires some preparation for both you and the boat.

If you are planning to go to a new area it is really helpful if you can learn the area before you go, this means studying the charts of the area and if it is Coastal and Tidal then the tide tables are part of the planning as

well. Do you have up-to-date charts? Tide tables change each year, so the ones you had last year are no good at all. By-the-way mark on the front page "Summer time + 1 hour". Tide tables are in standard time and it is easy to forget to adjust for Summer Time when you are planning to get to a tidal passage at slack water. In many places on the Coast if you are not on time for slack water you can't get through a passage, even if you have enough power to overcome the tidal current the turbulence is quite dangerous and will throw the boat around.

Do you know what the symbols on the charts mean, and if not do you know where to find the answers? There is a book of symbols put out along with the charts, it is "Chart No 1" and it contains all the signs and symbols that are used on naval charts and is an essential source of information if you are going to read nautical charts. This applies to the Okanagan Lake chart the same as the Coastal charts. If you are just boating around your own familiar area then you may not need a chart, other than for the interest of finding what is in the local area. You need to know where the hazards are.

You cannot see the shallow or rocky areas from the deck of the boat, and even if you have a depth sounder it only tells you what is under the boat and not what is several meters ahead or to the side of the boat. You may have a sophisticated side scanning sounder but it doesn't have that great a range if you are traveling fast. Do you understand the markers that are used to show hazards, and do you know which side to pass a particular buoy?

It may sound as if I am "Preaching to the Choir" and you already know all this stuff, but every year people have accidents in boats. They run aground, they collide with each other, they have other sorts of accidents. Just about all the mishaps that occur could have been prevented by proper preparation and knowledge of the rules and the topography of the area in which they are operating. Are you familiar with the "Rules for the prevention of collisions at Sea" known colloquially as the "Collision regs". They govern the conduct of all vessels on Navigable Waterways, Okanagan Lake is a "navigable waterway"

Dave

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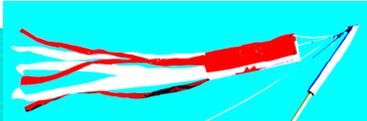
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TELL TALES



Member(s) Respond

I would like to say

that the New Years Eve party was the best that I have seen at the club in a few years. The food was delicious, the band excellent, so nice to have that break once in awhile versus a DJ that plays non stop all night. The decorating of

the room was absolutely gorgeous and I believe it made the New Years atmosphere very special. Furthermore, I believe that people feel more elegant when they are all dressed up and have an elegant place to attend. The last few special occasions at the club have

all been enjoyed so much more with the beautiful decorating. Our club has needed this for a long time and it is so nice to see all the upgrades done in our clubhouse. Long overdue. Lets keep up the great work.

Margaret Muller



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Tim

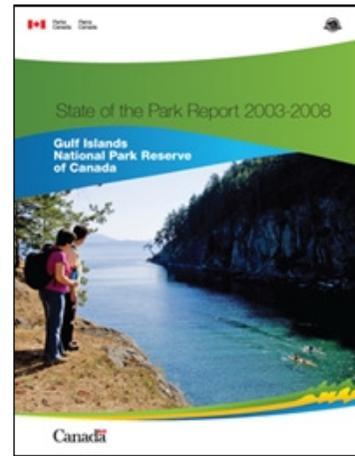
Hello to all of you:

In case you have not visited the park website recently (www.parkscanada.gc.ca/gulf), this is to let you know that the first State of the Park Report (SOPR) is now available.

The 70-page report outlines the state of ecological integrity, cultural heritage, and visitor experience in GINPR, based on a review of data collected between 2003-2008. It summarizes Parks Canada's efforts in public outreach education and stakeholder engagement, provides insights into Coast Salish First Nations' perspectives about the park, highlights results of management actions taken between 2003-2008 and identifies key issues to be considered in the upcoming management planning process.

If you would like a printed SOPR (English or French) or CD version (with both English and French) mailed to you, please request through the park website or the park's general email address (gulf.islands@pc.gc.ca). In the future, a version will be available for downloading directly from the website.

At present, we anticipate beginning the process to develop the park's first management plan sometime this summer. As we used for the development of the Interim Management Guidelines, a phased approach,



over the next couple of years, is being proposed. I will send an

email newsletter to everyone on the Management Plan E-list (or you can check the park website) in March or April with information about the process and how you can become involved.

Regards,
Carolyn Stewart
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Agenda

Tuesday June 7, 2011	6:30 pm	Classroom Lesson #1
Thursday June 9, 2011	6:30 pm	On-the-water Lesson #1
Saturday June 11, 2011	10 am	Classroom Lesson #2
Saturday June 11, 2011	1 pm	On-the-water Lesson #2
Tuesday June 14, 2011	6:30 pm	Classroom Lesson #3
Thursday June 16, 2011	6:30 pm	On-the-water Lesson #3
Saturday June 18, 2011	10 am	Classroom Lesson #4
Saturday June 18, 2011	1 pm	On-the-water Lesson #4

*Classroom lessons are at VYC club-house lower-level and each are 2-hr
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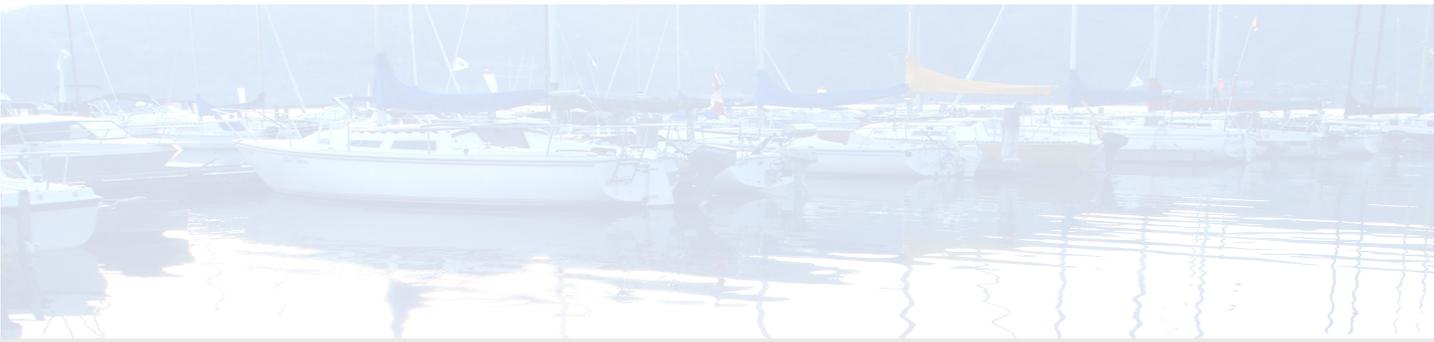


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On the Water Front

by Dan Irvin

BYE BYE B Dock.. or Giving B Dock The Finger

Well it's time to say good bye folks to an aging piece of VYC infrastructure. No I'm not abandoning my post as director, I'm talking about B Dock. Now I know there are many who are saddened by the imminent removal of the second to last wooden dock. B Dock has been home to some of you I am sure for many years and you will all have fond memories of the treated wood splinters in your dock lines, the rusted ring bolts, the loose cleats (if you were lucky enough to have one on your finger), the beady eyed stare of the resident tarantulas, and of course the Cirque du Soleil balancing act it took to hoist that refreshment laden cooler into your yacht.

But don't despair, there is still time to say good bye, and for those of you who just can't let go there will be a section of B Dock attached to the end of D Dock where it will be available during regular visiting hours. Yes folks all good things must come to an end and the first week of March will be the beginning of that end. Burton Marine will be arriving on site in early March to begin the next phase of our yacht basin revitalization and one of their first tasks will be to re-

section of B Dock that will be attached to the end of C Dock providing several more slips there. Almost all of the work being done here, and all the heavy lifting, will be performed by Burton Marine but certain tasks will be undertaken by VYC member volunteers. Watch for the email regarding the "Call For Volunteers" on this but here is a heads up. If you have ever had a burning desire to be the Plumber Guy, or gal for that matter, then we are going to give you that opportunity. Consider this your invitation to embrace your inner pipe fitter, explore your latent desire to discover the ancient mystery of PVC, PEX, crimpers, hose bibs, elbows, T's and couplers. If you have experience in this field, or just want to help out, VYC will be responsible for the plumbing portion of the dock project and the piping in of all the individual water services to the new fingers. This is a great opportunity for new members to meet some of the regular volunteers, for parents to pry the game console from teenage fingers and teach them some trade skills, and for all members to do their part in keeping the B Dock project on time and within budget. Interested? Let me know. dan@danirvine.ca

OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY

Starting in the second week of March VYC will be selling off or outright disposing of the sections of B Dock that are not transferred to C Dock or saved for other uses. Sections of old dock, fingers and some of the light/water service pillars will be available first to VYC members then others who may have a use for them. These fingers etc would be good for the dock at the cabin or may be useful to those of you with waterfront property close by. Decisions will be made early in the removal process and if you want to receive a list of available items you know what to do. Let me know. dan@danirvine.ca

BRRRRRRRR....

Well if I was looking for a co-author for this segment. Old Man Winter seems to be knocking at the door ready to contribute. Of course it's not really as cold as CBC Radio would have us believe. According to them it's about minus a billion out there and every puff of wind (chill) drops that to minus a trillion. You have to wonder what tropical planet these morning show weather wimps are broadcasting from. Listening to them would make you think that a stroll downtown is the risk equivalent of walking buck nude to the north pole

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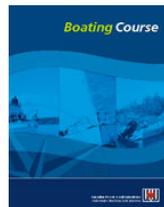
- 13-week Boating Course - commences March 17, 2011
- Seamanship Course commencing on Jan. 18, 2011
- VHF Radio Course commencing March 28, and all day April 2, 2011

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](http://www.cpsvernon.ca) www.cpsvernon.ca

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Winter & Spring, CPS Course Lineup



The Boating Course This is consistently our most popular course. The Boating Course is being offered on Thursday evenings for 12 weeks, commencing March 17, 2011.



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 Monday evening, March 28 from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Also Saturday, April 2, 2011 from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm.



Pleasure Craft Operator Seminar Full day course leading to PCOC exam. Course runs 9:00 am until about 4:30 pm on a Saturday. Dates to be announced for Spring courses

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.



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with wet hair in hurricane force winds. WOOOOooooohhhh.... frostbite in seconds I'm warned as out my window I see a kid skateboarding down the sidewalk. "Feels like" minus 27 with the "wind chill" the trembling voice of frozen doom announces, as the neighbourhood kids head off to Bearisto Elementary to play on the ice until the bell rings. Oh no, it's frozen legged zombie people on the street, no wait it's that couple that walks to work every morning. Give me a break, who wants some ice cream... But I digress, what I wanted to mention here is winter power. Last years monitoring program made members who used winter dock power aware of individual power consumption. The big drop in consumption and cost this year is due in part to a few less boats but obviously members have taken conservation, both financial and electrical, to heart. This years program is a hybrid and the first bill for winter power will be a combination of periodic amperage readings and a direct measurement of the kilowatt hour consumption. A final statement at the end of the winter power season, and all future will statements, will be based on the exact kilowatt hours used by individual members.

VYC BOAT AND LEISURE SHOW 2011

Two inches of ice in the yacht basin might not have people thinking of boat shows right now but work is going on behind the scenes already. Confirmed exhibitors are calling and we are re-booking business who displayed their marine products for the first time at our show last year. One interesting exhibit will be Hilmark Boats from Campbell River. Wooden boat enthusiasts will remember Hilford from Campbell River with his hand riveted cedar daysailer. Hilmark Boats will be back this year with a larger display of daysailers and rowboats.

VYC's boat show is a booster for club revenues but more importantly it is the biggest showcase for our public profile. The large contingent of not for profit societies, safety and enforcement entities and various other boating related organizations that we invite to participate each year both raise the clubs profile and engender much goodwill from these organizations and the public at large. This good will translates into increased awareness and cooperation when VYC needs services like support from the city or fire

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department for the boat show, the use of shuttle vans from local businesses or when VYC wants to be involved in local planning processes like Paddlewheel Park and the boat ramp. One of the best things about the boat show is the interaction between new members and long time members. There are many ways to get involved but the big areas are: traffic and shuttle driving; food and concession; VYC tent staff and everybody's favourite, site clean up. The ever so hardworking MJ is looking for concession help and in particular for an enthusiastic member

to assist with some of the more physical aspects of the VYC food service area. MJ can be reached via email mary_wat@telus.net (that's an underscore there) or text her at 250-309-2212. Past Commodore Rob Ladan will once again steer the good ship shuttlebus so email Rob at robladan@shaw.ca or call 250-306-3349 to volunteer for this department.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions arising from this article. dan@danirvine.ca



Your 2011 Member's Accounts

are now available for use. Each membership account has \$125.00 at the club for purchase of dinners, drinks, clothing, etc.

Please remember that they expire at the end of the year !

Enjoy, Rachael



Director of Membership Jerry Spelchan

I am pleased to report

that inquires regarding membership in our club have started out strong this year. All indications show that 2011 will be another growth year for membership in our club.

The following is a list of new members approved at the January 10th executive meeting:

Barry and Myrna Lea Stack - Vernon

Allan and Michele Short - Coldstream

One associate member:

Rick Adams - Vernon

The following is a list of members approved at the February 21st executive meeting:

Peter Hirschmiller - Vernon
Cameron and Marie Jansen - Kelowna

Glenn and Lisa Gallie - Vernon

Please welcome these new members aboard our club!

Please take the time to introduce yourself to members that you have not met yet.

I would also encourage all members to bring guests to our club as well as encourage friends and associates to look at joining the club as growth from within is healthy.

Yours truly,
Jerry Spelchan



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Dock expansion expected to start in early March.						
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