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End to End Race 2011

4 boats from Vernon participated including the McGregor Brioso as well as Fife II and Destiny. The highest turnout for our club in the 3 year history of this endurance race.

Rob Ladan

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



As mentioned

last month, the Vernon Yacht Club's immediate neighbour to the west at 7941 Okanagan Landing Rd. has expressed interest in selling his lot and house to VYC. Your Executive members have considered this possibility and following is a summary of the findings:

The lot is 50' wide, fronting on Okanagan Landing Rd. and extending 150' to water front on Okanagan Lake. There is a house on the lot. Access to the lot and house is by elevated wood walkway with no vehicle access directly onto the lot, vehicle parking is limited to street side. Tax assessed value for 2011 was \$694,000. There is a small dock on the beach and the property has no water lease assigned.

The Club's financial institution estimates that VYC has sufficient cash flow to obtain financing for this purchase. It would increase VYC total debt to approximately \$1,800,000, close to maximum.

Potential of this property for VYC purposes: The lot on land would extend VYC property 50' to the west, placing VYC west property line very close to the home on the next lot west. The home could be rented for income to assist with repayment. The lot could be cleared for additional VYC parking or to enable a new clubhouse to be built further west. The residential neighbours west of 7941 would be impacted by a club house built closer to their residence. Public response would be likely. A new building on the lot would be subject to 100' set back from high water mark.

Purchase of the lot at 7941 MIGHT facilitate application for a water lease to extend VYC moorage to the west. There is no guarantee a water lease would be granted. If granted the water lease would extend VYC approximately 50' west of the existing concrete breakwater. The breakwater can be moved and

re-anchored. The breakwater is 12' wide and is currently anchored 15' from A Dock. Moving the breakwater 50' west would increase the space from A Dock to $50' + 15' - 12' = 53'$. Fingers could be added to west side of A Dock. The west side of A Dock is subject to greater wind and wave action not suited to smaller vessels. Boats moored west of A Dock would need to be 25'-30' to withstand considerable wave action which passes under the breakwater and is currently dampened by A Dock. 25'-30' fingers west of A Dock would leave 28-23' turning room for vessels backing out between A Dock and the breakwater. At least 30' turning room is needed for vessels that size.

Conclusions;

VYC could obtain the financing and meet cash flow requirements, but close to maximum debt load. This would have implications for next phase of renewing the docks (\$300,000). The 50'x150' land lot would be of limited use in short term. Obtaining extended water lease to the west is not guaranteed, and subject to public input. Moving the breakwater 50' would not provide adequate room to expand moorage to west.

The Executive is unanimous in recommending that VYC not pursue purchase of the lot. Members wishing to pursue this may gather information and call a Special General meeting to consider the matter.

And on other matters, remember, the Club's dining lounge will continue to provide food services in addition to the long standing Friday evenings.

Rear Commodore Lawrence Johnson has his hands full. The pumpout, recently damaged by a large vessel impacting it, is under repair and will be operational next season. The north end of the west break water recently broke some anchor lines and damaged its dolphins, putting it over budget for the year. Its annual maintenance has averaged \$30,000 for several years. In my opinion the north sections are too buoyant, underweight for the wave action and will continue to incur high maintenance costs.

The Annual General meeting is set for Monday November 28 at 7pm.

COME, VYC NEEDS YOU.

Tim

Vice Commodore's Report

Mike Thomas



Well, like the song says, "there'll be a change in the weather". Just one look at the parking lot as it starts to fill with our boats on trailers and we know that our boating season is winding down

for this year. For those of you who are new to the Club, please be sure to speak to our Fleet Captain, Bob Montguire, **before** you park your boat on the lot so that we can utilize the space as efficiently as possible. As I submit this article, we have done our best to make everyone aware that the dock water is being shut down and blown out and our pump-out is also being prepared for freezing temperatures.

Speaking of the pump-out: you probably noticed that we had to shut it down temporarily because it had been hit by a boat and the impact was such that the pump out became inoperable. In short order, some of our valuable volunteers and executive members patched it up and got it working again. We are now in the process of replacing the damaged parts so that it will be working as well as it was before the accident. The boat which actually caused the damage was unknown to us until recently. However, as a result of the diligent detective work of members Ron Heuman, Dave Pollock and Roger Price, we now know who was involved in the accident. Our Commodore, Tim Amy, very recently had a meeting with the boat operator and an amicable settlement was reached which should satisfy our members.



In the last issue, I mentioned that our **Annual General Meeting will be held beginning at 7pm on Monday, November 28.** This event is very important to all of us because it gives our members the chance to participate in reviewing the past year, discuss the direction for next year and to elect members to your 2012 executive. Note that nomination forms for those interested in becoming a member of our executive team are available from either The Gangplank Bar or our office. There will also be a draw to win a free membership for 2012 but you must be in attendance at the meeting to win this valuable prize.

Finally, we are looking for some ideas from our members which would help us with such tasks as renovating our washroom facilities [*that's obvious*], painting the exterior of the building, improving the dry land work area for boats on the hard, or anything else which you feel would contribute to improving the facilities at our club. You can submit your ideas to me at mike.thomas@shaw.ca or our office.

We hope to see you at our amazing Halloween party.

Cheers to all,

Mike Thomas



Rear Commodore's Report

Lawrence Johnson



Another boating season has come to an end, where did the summer go? For those of you that didn't know: We will be canceling the fall clean-up this year and doing a full spring clean up instead, with all of the

on going maintenance the grounds are in good shape this fall and the usual fall clean up will not be necessary.

Please keep in mind that **Crane Day is on the 12th of November**. Thanks again for all of your help and support this year.

Have a great time at the Halloween party!

Lawrence

Fleet Captain's Report

Bob Montguire



“Nothing to report, “says Bob.



Hopefully you have had a chance to enjoy Betty Labelle's Halloween decoration. Such enormous effort she puts in to create the best atmosphere.

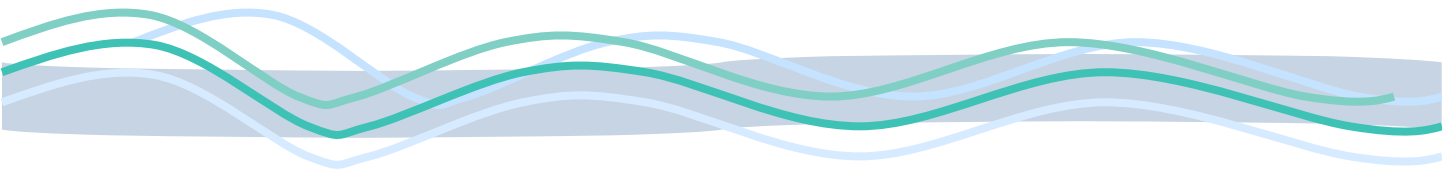
Thanks Betty.



2011 Calendar of Events

for
Okanagan Lake Yacht Clubs

DATE	YC	EVENT
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5	VYC	Sailing Wind Up Party
28	VYC	AGM
DEC		
31	VYC	New Years Eve Party
Year Round	VYC	Friday Night Dinners



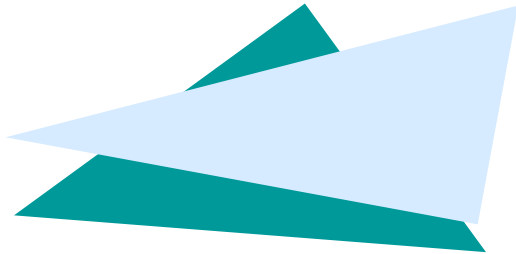
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Vernon Yacht Club Minutes Summary

By Teri McLennan, Secretary **October 17, 2011**

- Nominations for a position on the executive should be sent to Rob Ladan.
- **AGM this year is set for Nov 28th at 7pm.**
- Crane day date is Nov 12th, 2011.
- All electrical meters have been installed for boats staying in the water this winter.
- As a reminder to all members, you must fill out a winter storage form for dry land moorage.
- Food services are still pulling in good numbers. Thanks for supporting your club!
- Rick is looking into bringing in a “Yacht Club” signature wine.
- We are looking at updating our kitchen appliances.



Full executive meeting minutes are available in the office.

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Messing About in Boats

by
Dave Atkins

Last month I was trying to make sense of the “Collision Regulations” that govern our conduct on the water. Since then there have been two serious boat collisions on our local lakes, and I start to wonder about the relevance of rules, designed for International commercial shipping, to our conduct on the local lakes in recreation vessels. Boating has changed as a recreational pastime over the years, it used to be more of a lifetime hobby for people who had a genuine interest in water born activity and they tended to make a commitment to doing it properly. Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons grew up as a result of these boaters. They developed education programs and organized boating activities. However, “The times they are a-changing” and as new technology has developed, newer lighter stronger

materials and lightweight high output engines, boating has changed. The Government, in an attempt to control the situation introduced the PCOC (Pleasure Craft Operators Card) in an attempt to control the situation, and it has largely failed after 10 years of application.

The PCOC is largely irrelevant to recreational boaters, they see little relevance in applying commercial shipping rules to their type of boating. I have taught PCOC classes for the Power Squadron to groups of fishermen who take small boats up to mountain lakes and with low powered motors they travel around slowly. Their main concern is not to foul the fishing gear, but as they are law abiding citizens they learned the shipping rules and got the card, mainly in case they got stopped in a road check by the Conservation Officer.

People who buy high speed boats for recreational purposes are generally not “boaters” in the old fashioned sense of the word. They buy a high speed craft and head for the wide open spaces of the lakes for either the thrill of speed or to tow someone around either on skis or inflatable

tubes, etc. The “Collision Regulations” are not very relevant to their activity. Maybe they should be taught only two rules. “WATCH OUT! and DON'T RUN INTO OTHER BOATS!

This may sound like a cynical approach to the current situation, but the PCOC program is not having the desired effect. It will take more time and effort on the part of government if they really want to make boating safer on the non-tidal waterways of the country. I have spoken to some people from other countries who have told me that boat ownership and operation is much more rigorous where they came from. The waterways of Europe are much more crowded and much more regulated. I don't know if they are any safer.

In order to drive on the highways we require that people take training, both theoretical and practical, and pass a driving test. Maybe in order to operate a boat on our lakes and rivers a similar program should be instituted. It will not stop stupidity but it may give people a better insight into the proper and safe way to go boating.

Dave



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We will feel very honoured if a representation of **Vernon Yacht Club** join us as a token of friendship, support and recognition of this Cuban nautical institution.

We look forward to welcoming you and your members to our Yacht Club and best wishes for a safe and enjoyable sailing season in the Caribbean.

Yours sincerely,

José Miguel Díaz Escribá
Commodore



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Recycling at VYC

Just a bit of information to let the members know what is done about recycling at VYC.

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We are committed to a three day a week pick up for cardboard and plastic material. This is a City of Vernon program and we try to return all the cardboard that our groceries arrive in and any other accepted recyclables. All glass jars are returned for recycle and Styrofoam is saved up and returned along with a small processing fee.

The recycle bins at the entrance to the docks are a whole new experience. Yes you may find a bag of water bottles or a few beer cans, some empty pop cans or an empty wine bottle but they are often in the same bag with a diaper or Subway lunch leftovers. It can be quite interesting and no two bins are alike.

We really had an issue with wasps this year and may hang false nests for a deterrent in the spring. If you have a question about the recycle program at VYC, contact me, Mary Jean, through the club. I can certainly recommend Interior Freight and Bottle Depot. They are clean, fast and efficient. If you see Sheryl and myself (MJ) sorting through the bins say hi.

MJ



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From our Bar Manager



Rick Reichelt



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of our dinners or Sunday brunch; it really helps us to know ahead of time how many people we can expect. If there are any changes in our food service we will send out an e-mail to let all of you know.

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Cheers
Rick.



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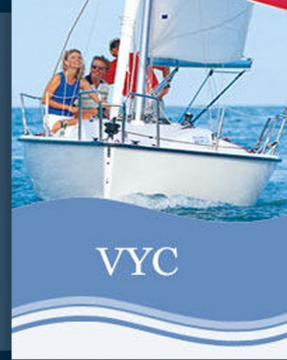
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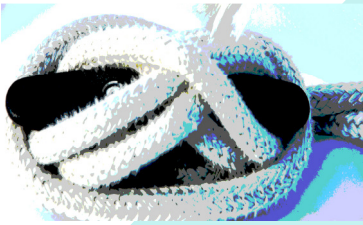


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Winter Security, Remembrance and the Grey Cup



One would think that with the coming of November, VYC members are thinking more of 'Crane Day', final preparation of their boat for the short Okanagan winter, and, will the Lions host the Grey Cup in the newly renovated BC Place?

There is, of course, one other important event in early November, the wearing of a poppy in remembrance of Canadians who lived and died in the great wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping missions so that we today can do the things we do in our free and wonderful country- Canada. Hopefully we will have a great VYC member presence at the Wesbild Centre on November 11th.

November also sees the end of another fiscal year of VYC security.... Yup! Our security cycle follows the VYC FY budget and we now move into winter security posture.... Our nights are longer, and darker, and colder and there are fewer members about the Club. So, we have fewer pairs of eyes looking for the unwanted visitor. Added, to our security awareness are the boats "moored" on land. Millions of fiberglass dollars parked on the asphalt, without the

benefit of a gated fence. So, our member security vigilance needs to be ever so much more attentive. If you are near the VYC, why not take a drive through just to give a presence... it is only a moment in time... however, every little bit helps in providing a deterrence to would-be intruders. We on the Security Team will do our vigilance, will you as a VYC member do yours?

Ron 

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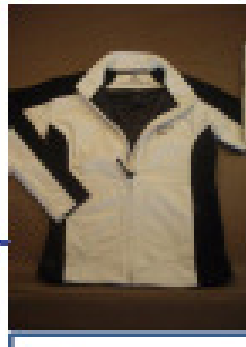
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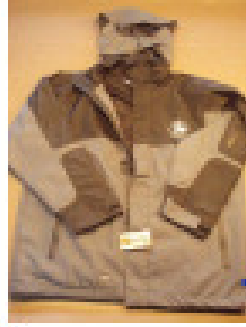
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Where have our Ospreys gone ?

Most likely our Ospreys have headed off on their winter migration down to Mexico or central America. Here is some information published by John Elliot of Environment Canada based on studies of radio tagged Ospreys. As you can see in the following figure and table, British Columbia Ospreys head south in early September to their southern wintering sites. If they survive the journey and winter the birds should return next May just when we have got our boats cleaned up.

Send to us by Dave Simpson.
Thanks Dave.

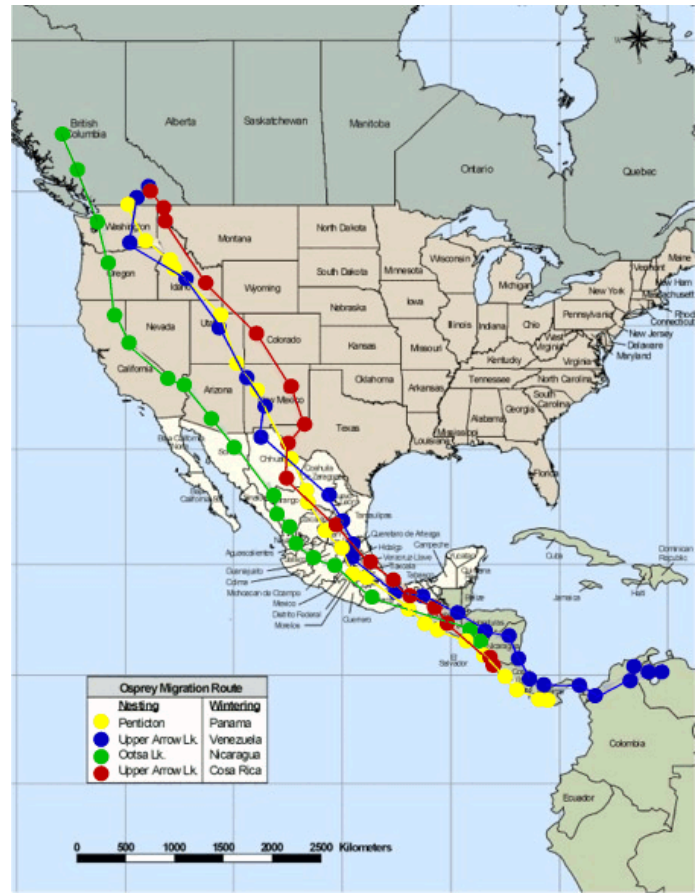


TABLE 1. Summary of satellite-telemetry information for 16 Ospreys tagged in British Columbia, Canada, on their breeding grounds and successfully tracked through the southward migration to their wintering sites.

Satellite ID	Sex	Year	Breeding dates	Breeding location	Migration dates	Migration time (d)	Wintering location	
							Nearest city	State and country
96-22909	F	1996	27 Jun–23 Aug	Creston	23 Aug–8 Sep	17	Tampico	Tamaulipas, Mexico
96-22910	F	1996	27 Jun–10 Sep	Creston	10 Sep–10 Oct	31	Cosammaloapan	Veracruz, Mexico
96-24549	F	1996	27 Jun–21 Aug	Creston	21 Aug–18 Sep	29	Corpus Christi	Texas, USA
97-24549	F	1997	10 Jul–31 Aug	Nelson	31 Aug–11 Sep	12	Alvarado	Veracruz, Mexico
99-22909	F	1999	13 Jul–21 Aug	Penticton	21 Aug–28 Sep	39	David	Chiriqui, Panama
99-22910	F	1999	14 Jul–2 Sep	Oliver	2 Sep–13 Sep	12	Corpus Christi	Texas, USA
00-24486†	F	2000	10 Jul–9 Sep	Golden	9 Sep–20 Sep	12	Culiacan	Sinaloa, Mexico
00-24488†	F	2000	19 Jul–15 Sep	Nakusp	15 Sep–11 Oct	27	Maracaibo	Zulia, Venezuela
00-24549	F	2000	30 Jun–6 Sep	Pitt River	6 Sep–29 Sep	24	Mazatlan	Durango, Mexico
01-04008	F	2001	16 Jul–3 Sep	Atlin Lake	3 Sep–29 Oct‡	57‡	San Andres Tuxtla	Veracruz, Mexico
01-22910	M	2001	15 Jul–26 Sep	Atlin Lake	26 Sep–25 Oct	30	Acapulco	Oaxaca, Mexico
01-24487	F	2001	5 Jul–4 Sep	Upper Arrow Lake	4 Sep–25 Sep	22	Murciélago	Guanacaste, Costa Rica
01-24489	F	2001	21 Jul–12 Sep	Ootsa Lake	12 Sep–6 Oct	25	Chinanadega	Chinanadega, Nicaragua
03-24486†	F	2003	15 Jul–11 Sep	Ashcroft	12 Sep–24 Sep	13	Culiacan	Sinaloa, Mexico
03-06234†	F	2003	24 Jun–31 Aug	Nicola Lake	31 Aug–13 Sep	14	Houston	Texas, USA
03-06235	F	2003	24 Jun–26 Aug	Nicola Lake	28 Aug–15 Sep	19	San Blas	Nayarit, Mexico

† Individual Ospreys tracked for two consecutive years to the same breeding and wintering location.

‡ Poor estimate for arrival date on the winter grounds and migration time. The satellite transmitter did not transmit at regular intervals during fall migration.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



**NOTICE the
VERNON YACHT CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is
MONDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2011**

Your Club NEEDS YOU !!!!!

Interested in serving on the 2011 –2012 Executive ? Please contact the members below...

All Nomination forms must be turned in by

November 6th, 2011

Nomination Forms available at the bar or

Club Office

If you have any questions, please contact

Past Commodore Rob Ladan at 306-3349

Vice Commodore Mike Thomas at 545-8501

Membership Director Jerry Spelchan 545-4564

**Job descriptions and nomination rules
can be found in Section 14 of the VYC
Constitution.**

Cruisin' Canucks



Under the Golden Gate bridge, San Francisco

Richard and Barb sent us the following link to their website, so you will be able to follow them on their trips:

http://www.spotadventures.com/trip/view/?trip_id=280925

Richard wrote: "People can also just go to www.spotadventures.com and search [cruisincanucks](#) for the updates."

Also in the same message: "We are looking for sailing crew to join us on the Baha Haha rally starting on October 23 out of San Diego; if anyone in the club is interested in joining us for a few weeks of good sailing."

Hopefully the above request reached people in other ways than via our newsletter. October 23rd has already passed. But nevertheless, for future endeavors, find below their contact numbers:

Cruisin Canucks,
Richard and Barb Rotteveel

Toll Free 1-855-545-8859

USA 760-459-2959
Vancouver Cell: 604-230-6334
Home: 250-545-8859
Skype: [cruisincanucks](#)







Note that VYC burgee going underneath the Golden Gate bridge.



Richard and Barb commented that they thought the San Francisco Yacht Club to be the best they've seen this far. Perhaps we should ask them how VYC compares.



November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	2 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	3 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	4 Lounge Hrs 16:00—23:00 Friday Night Dinner	5 Lounge Hrs 12:00—22:00 Set Dinner  Sailing Wind-Up Party
6 Lounge Hrs 10:00—18:00 Sunday Brunch 10AM- 13:00 PM	7	8 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	9 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	10 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	11 Lounge Hrs 16:00—23:00 Friday Night Dinner	12 Lounge Hrs 12:00—22:00 Crane Day Starting 8AM 
13 Lounge Hrs 10:00—18:00 Sunday Brunch 10AM- 13:00 PM	14  VYC Execu- tive Meeting 7PM	15 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	16 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	17 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	18 Lounge Hrs 16:00—23:00 Friday Night Dinner	19 Lounge Hrs 12:00—22:00 Set Dinner
20 Lounge Hrs 10:00—18:00 Sunday Brunch 10AM- 13:00 PM	21	22 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	23 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	24 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	25 Lounge Hrs 16:00—23:00 Friday Night Dinner	26 Lounge Hrs 12:00—22:00 Set Dinner
27 Lounge Hrs 10:00—18:00 Sunday Brunch 10AM- 13:00 PM	28 AGM 7:00PM 	29 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	30 Lounge Hrs 16:00—20:00	December 31st New Years Eve Party		