

*Vernon Yacht Club*

# ***Tiller Topics***



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## **Coming Events**



**Annual General Meeting  
November 26, 2013**

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)

## VYC 2012 — 2013 Executive

7919 Okanagan Landing Road, Vernon, BC V1H 1H1

Name:	Position:	Home:	Work:	Cell:
Mike Thomas	Commodore	545-8501	545-8501	549-0320
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Patrick Lett	Treasurer	545-9115	545-7117	938-3113
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Tim Amy	Past Commodore	542-6322	833-2444	833-2444
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Jaron Chasea (Membership)	Director 1 Year	542-0800		550-9859
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**Submissions for Tiller Topics :** tiller@vernonyachtclub.com

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

**Important Notice to All Members:** If you access the clubhouse with your key card and are confronted with **the alarm going off while you are inside**, please follow this procedure: Re-swipe your card at either entrance. Then call the security company and identify yourself and have them cancel the alarm. The phone number is posted at both entrances. If you fail to do this, the Club can be billed up to \$150. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

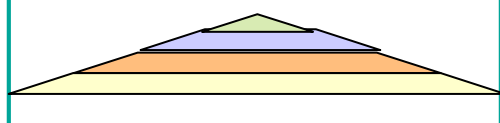
### Tiller Topics' Team to date:

Rebecca Phillips	-Layout & Design
Frances Warner	-Proof Reading
Rebecca Phillips	-Mailing
Terry Rudersdorfer	-Website

### Regular Contributors:

Dave Atkins	-Messing about in Boats
Carol Craske	-Valley Girls
	-Racing
Ron Heuman	-Security Team
Rebecca Phillips	-VYC Store
Doug Stewart	-CPS News
Hanny Kooyman	-History Page

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



## COMMODORE'S REPORT

Mike Thomas



Greetings all.

Many of you have noticed that we are winding up our boating year with various housekeeping chores at the Club. For instance, I note that many of you have already winterised and "cocooned" your boats and parked them on their trailers on the east side of the paved parking lot. My thanks to those of you who checked with Fleet Captain, Jerry Spelchan or Maintenance Supervisor, Ken Smith **before** you parked your trailer so that your trailer would be parked correctly and we can get the maximum number of units on the hard for the winter.

**Boat Lift Day or Sling Day:** is scheduled for November 2nd. Corinne and Jay will have a food and drink offering available for you when you have finished what could prove to

be a cold task. However, before this event takes place, we have contracted an arborist to come and fall the American Elm trees which border the private property and our south lot. For those of you with wood burning fireplaces, there will be a substantial amount of fire wood available which will be free for the taking---although it will need to be dried for a season or so before you can burn it. I understand that our neighbour has also agreed to reduce the height of his Willow trees on his foreshore so we need to keep this area of the hard clear to enable the arborist's crew to clear away the debris. After the work is completed, I'm sure our members will enjoy seeing more of our lake when they look to the south off our sun deck.

**Dock lines:** When you take out your boats for the winter, please remember to take your mooring lines as well. We may have to use the snow thrower during the winter and we do not want to get the mooring lines tangled up in the machine. We also do not want any of our members tripping on the lines hidden under the snow and possibly falling into

the lake.

**And finally:** our nominating committee has been busy gathering names to fill the positions for our Executive next year. If you want to be a part of the management and development of our Club, please contact Jerry Spelchan [250-549-0051], Ron Heuman [250-351-9887] or David Atkins [250-550-0186]. Any of these gentlemen will provide you with a nomination form and answer any questions you may have or tell you which positions need to be filled. Please bear in mind that our nominating committee will not accept any nominations after the closing date of November 4th. The names of the various candidates will be posted in the clubhouse lounge on November 5th.

Best regards,  
Mike.

**PS.** We hope to see many of you at our Halloween Party on Saturday, October 26th. We have a great live band hired for this event and we should all have a lot of fun!

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Lawrence Johnson



Hello again to you all. I would like to thank you all again for your support during my term as Vice Commodore. It has been my privilege to serve the Club on the Executive over the past four years.

I would like to invite you all to attend the Long Term Planning meeting which will take place at the Club on October 30th at 7pm. We will be reviewing the changes and additions to the Club that have taken place over the past four years and have a discussion on what changes the membership may want to make over the next few years.

Anyone interested in attending is welcome, I look forward to seeing you.

Best regards,  
Lawrence Johnson

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**Features:** 4 sails, VHF radio, depth and fish finder, autopilot tiller, 9.9hp Yamaha outboard, roller furling, trailer included. 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 speakers, new Anderson winches, new Jabsco head with holding tank and diverter valve installed (never used), new fire extinguishers, new opening port hatches, deck-wood and tiller refinished. New paint and bootstripe.

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





## Messing About in Boats

by  
Dave Atkins

At this time of year we are watching the weather and the thermometer and wondering how much more boating we will actually do and what are we going to do with the boat over the winter.

Some of you have already made these decisions and I see plenty of boats gathering under their tarps on the yacht club parking lot. With my sailboat I usually have taken it out at Paddlewheel park, lowered the mast and taken it home to store under a cover in the back yard. It has worked well for me until this year when circumstances dictated that the back

yard storage area is to be used for other purposes. Suddenly I am faced with choices. Shall I leave it in the boat in the back yard, as I could plug water, that means that the bottom gets rather grungy and the boat is slower sailing next year. Should I try to put it on the trailer at the Club and just pull it up onto the lot, sounds easy enough till I look at the layout and wonder how we will be able to control the boat and line it up with the trailer when there is no handy wharf alongside. I need 4 feet of water at least to get it on the trailer. I could wait for crane day and have it lifted out onto the trailer, but then I would have to pay the tariff, and I usually pull it out for free!! I have to take the mast down sometime to clear up some rigging problems, so another possibility arises. I could put it on the trailer at Paddlewheel Park as usual, lower the mast and drive round to the yacht club and sort the

rigging before I put the mast back up. It was really convenient to have the boat in the back yard, as I could plug in the battery charger once in a while to keep the battery up without re-moving it, it is HEAVY. Also the fuel tank could be stored under cover and the fuel easily replaced before re-launching in the spring. The spring cleaning and polishing was so much easier at home than it will be at the Club.

You may wonder why I am rambling on like this but in fact it is a change from the normal routine and so much thought must go into working out all the problems and procedures before hand to avoid later confusion. Maybe you just pull the boat out when you think of it ,park it and don't spend a lot of time trying to figure it all out beforehand!!

Dave Atkins

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

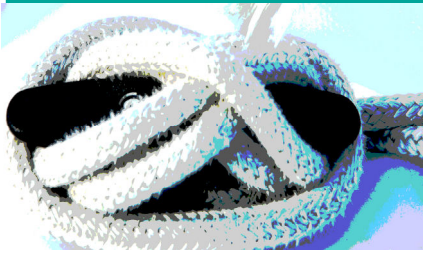
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## November...Winter Security begins.... Security Team Report Card

By Ron Heuman

Time flies when you are enjoying life! And, no doubt time has erased the 2013 summer boating season, the marina is emptying of boats and the hard is once again members choice of winter moorage. As well the VYC Security Team bids adieu to Team members wintering down South and reforms as the Winter Security Team... Have a safe journey, we all look forward to your return.

Many club members are still unaware of the impact the Team has on the security presence at the Club put in by fellow VYC members. Notably, the Club expended \$23,346 in 2008. With the Executive approval the VYC Security Team was formed in 2009 with a budget of \$14,000. A whopping 40% reduction! Over the five year period that the Security Team has been in force, with a annual budget of \$10,000 (which has never been exceeded) it can be safely calculated that the Team has saved the VYC over \$65,000. The amount is likely more as team members have either for-

feited their credits or donated them to the Captain's Care Club. Not only has the Team saved the Club dollars, the security is better scheduled to meet silent hours at the Club, and dedicated attention to details, such as: fixing moorage lines and marking blown dock



lights.... The Team members should be congratulated for their vigilance and dedication to keeping our marina and Clubhouse secure.

Who are these members?? Here is a list of this year's participants: MJ Watson, Ken Smith, Bob McElroy, Don Craske, Ron Paziuk, John Halper, Jay Johnson, Roger Price, Richard McCarvill, Bob Newman, Tom McKenzie, Gerald Gustafson, Steve Cranton,

Jim Caldwell, Dale Haneman, Dave Pollock, Cam Hough, Tom MacKay, Rob Ladan, Steve Plecas, Rod & Coleen Hoople, Doug Stewart, Greg Bevandick, David Jamieson, Gary Hack, Jerry Gautreau, Claire Kooistra, Davis Anderson, Ed Kinnear. We also welcome Greg Larsen who will be coming on the Winter Team

Many thanks to all, you deserve a huge applause for keeping this program alive and on line.....

Good news! The VYC Executive has approved the update and re-write of the **VYC MOORAGE REGULATIONS**. You will find them easier to read (font is bigger) and more organized. Copies will be available soon in the office and the website. Thank you to the ad hoc review committee: Gerald Gustafson, Jerry Gautreau and Gary Hack. Also with the coming AGM hopefully the Nominations Committee will have a full slate of nominees for the 2013-2014 VYC Executive Committee, November 05 is the cut-off date for Nominations!



Vigilance aye Vigilance

### Winter Power

Initial winter power meter readings begin Nov.3. Hopefully everyone will have established their winter moorage by Nov.17. Winter power will only be available on Docks D and E as usual. Power will be off on Docks A, B and C until the end of March. If you have signed up for winter power and have to relocate from Docks A, B or C, **PLEASE** choose a slip with a metered outlet.

I hope to have all metered outlets clearly relabeled by early October. For our few Yacht Club members winterizing their boats who need power for their battery charger and will not use any kind of heater please contact me at [adubeski@shaw.ca](mailto:adubeski@shaw.ca).

I have ordered 5 more meters to cover more slips on D and E for our members' regular moorage, but most of the electrical panels are near capacity.

Allen Dubeski

***A Message from  
Your Office Manager  
Marnie...***



- ⇒ SNOWBIRDS: Remember you can pay for 2014 membership and moorage with a postdated cheque, visa or mc which Marnie keeps in the office safe until January. Don't forget!!
- ⇒ Have you moved or changed your email in the past 6 months? Make sure the office has your new information.  
Email [office@vernonyachtclub.com](mailto:office@vernonyachtclub.com)
- ⇒ **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.

Thanks, Marnie

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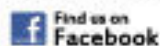
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**VERNON YACHT CLUB**

October 09, 2013

**NOMINATIONS FOR 2014 VYC EXECUTIVE**

The Nominating Committee of the Vernon Yacht Club is now accepting nominations for the 2014 Vernon Yacht Club Executive.

Nominations will be accepted up until Tuesday November 05, 2013. All nominations that have been received by November 05, 2013 will be posted at the Club from November 06 until the election date, at the VYC Annual General Meeting on Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup> 2013.

The positions that are up for election include:

Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Staff Captain, Treasurer, Fleet Captain, Secretary, and three director positions.

Please note that in accordance with VYC By-law Part 4

30(f) Nominees for the office of Commodore must have served as a Flag Officer, as defined in clause 46, for at least one year in the three years prior to nomination.

30(g) Nominees for the position of Flag Officers on the Vernon Yacht Club Executive shall be members in good standing for the previous one (1) year.

Nomination forms are available at the VYC office and in the Club. Please note the form must be fully completed to be valid. Only Regular Members (or Life Members) in good standing may nominate a candidate. Completed forms may be left in the VYC Office or be given to a Nominating Committee Member.

**VYC 2014 Nominating Committee:**

Chair: Dave Atkins

Members: Ron Heuman, Jerry Spelchan

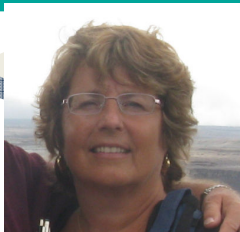
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David Atkins, Chair 2014 nominating Committee

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Dated





# Sailing News

On Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, seventeen boats started the annual End-to-End Race at the Summerland Yacht Club. But at 4 pm Sept 15<sup>th</sup> not one boat had completed the race at Cameron Point. In fact twelve boats turned around and returned to Kelowna due to the extremely light winds that have plagued the Okanagan this year. After intricate calculations by the race committee, the winner was announced, - CRAIG BERG on Wicked of the Nelson Yacht Club.

Now VYC is going to take a little poetic license here and claim a partial victory for our Yacht Club as Craig was our Treasurer in the early 90's. Well done, Craig and crew! We like to think we helped to contribute to your win!!

Funny enough, that same weekend, the Vernon group raced out to Cameron point to meet up with the boats racing towards Vernon and we had a wonderful sail to Cameron Point – making it in one and a half hours. You never can tell on this lake. But the best sail of the season was on Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, we had our first race (and maybe our last) to the Forestry Camp with the first boat completing the round trip in under 2 hours.

The Fall series is now over and the results are posted on the Club's website. It was a close race in A Fleet, with one A fleet boat dropping three positions in the last two races of the series (from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> L).

	<u>A Fleet</u>	<u>B Fleet</u>
First	Phoenix	Tsonqua
Second	Captivator	Jesse
Third	Liquid Asset	Cimarron

Upcoming Events: **Pumpkin Race on Oct 27<sup>th</sup>** – this is my favourite race of the year. The boats race around the marks, picking up a pumpkin in the process and then carving it so it can be judged after the race. My grandchildren love this race – bring yours along to enjoy the day!

**Windup Party on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>** which is also **Crane Day** – this is when we celebrate our successes and laugh at our blunders. It is a pot-luck dinner so bring your favourite dish. Festivities begin at 6 pm with dinner at 7 pm and awards at 8 pm. Skippers don't forget to invite your crew!

**Annual meeting** for the racing group will be called in early November. It will be announced at the Windup Party. Please plan on attending.

## DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL

### WINDUP PARTY

ON NOV 2, 2013.

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AWARDS AT 8 PM

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## CPS News

### Vernon Power & Sail Squadron



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#### The Maritime Radio Course



This course leads to the VHF Marine Radio operators certification, the ROC(M), which is required to legally operate a VHF Radio on the water. Also recommended for those who need to upgrade their ROC(M) to obtain the DSC endorsement.

The course will be presented in Monday, September 30, from 7—9 pm, and all day Saturday, October 5. Cost is \$100.

If you are interested, please call Doug at 250-549-5117, or register online at [www.cpsboat.ca](http://www.cpsboat.ca).

#### Boating Essentials



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Course to be offered in January, 2014. If interested, please call Simo at 250-542-5525, or register online at [www.cpsboat.ca](http://www.cpsboat.ca).

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# ***VERNON YACHT CLUB***

## ***2013 WINTER HOURS***

***(OCTOBER TO APRIL)***

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

<b><i>Monday</i></b>	<b><i>CLOSED</i></b>
<b><i>Tuesday</i></b>	<b><i>CLOSED</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<b><i>4:00 pm—8:00 pm</i></b>
<b><i>Thursday</i></b>	<b><i>4:00 pm—8:00 pm</i></b>
<b><i>Friday</i></b>	<b><i>4:00 pm—10:00 pm</i></b>
<b><i>Saturday</i></b>	<b><i>12:00 pm—8:00 pm</i></b>
<b><i>Sunday</i></b>	<b><i>10:00 am—6:00 pm</i></b>

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

<b><i>Friday: Steak, Salmon or stuffed chicken</i></b>	<b><i>5:30—8:30</i></b>
<b><i>Saturday: Soup &amp; Bun</i></b>	<b><i>12:00—3:00</i></b>
<b><i>Sunday: Brunch</i></b>	<b><i>10:00—1:00</i></b>

### ***OFFICE IS OPEN:***

<b><i>Monday</i></b>	<b><i>8:30 am—2:30 pm</i></b>
<b><i>Thursday</i></b>	<b><i>8:30 am—2:30 pm</i></b>





I would like to say the pig roast went ing out their guitars to entertain us doing a great job, and Ken Smith for a very well, I had a lot of fun doing it. A around the fire while the pig was turn- wild but fun Wack Duck. big thank you to Jerry, Chuck, Bob, ing on the spit, and also to Fritze, Bob. Without all your help we could not who helped prepare the pig on Fri. Ciy who carved the pig. Thanks Annie have GOT 'ER DONE!!! night, and helped get it started on Sat and Cheryl for doing the greeting & Also keep a close eye on the e-mail morning, and to all the pig watchers the 50/50 you girls are great! Thanks blasts from Marnie for upcoming Jam during the day, that would be M.J to Tom for serving, Jan for doing Sessions, Halloween Party, Grey Cup Watson, Ciy & Sharon Young, Norm & dishes Jill for p/u plates and glasses, Party, New Years Eve party. Sandra Bryon, Evelyn, Greg & Cindy. Mike for m/c. Big thank you to Corine Thank you everyone, A big Thank You To Lawrence Johnson, and Carol our kitchen staff. Dennis Riemer, Ron Spence for bring- To Jay and Chanel our bar staff for Gerald Gustafson

Picture submission from Hanny Kooyman



"The best way to predict the future is to create it."

Peter F. Drucker  
1909-2005, Educator and Author

Greetings from Arizona!





# 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 all about the Vernon Yacht Club. We have the museum's permission to reprint this material.

Vernon News May 19, 1959

## Yacht Club Juniors Operate Canteen At VYC Opening Monday

Members of the Junior Yacht Club took over social activities at the public opening of the Club Monday afternoon.

Despite the rainy day, the canteen of the Juniors did a brisk business. Conveners were Margaret Lewington, Barbara Wolsey, Charlotte Fuhr and Elizabeth Campbell-Brown.

Young Sea Cadets who piped the Club ensign were Dennis Christie and Bill Clendenning, both Vernon boys.

Taking visitors around on the Club tour were Jack Monk, Blair Jackson, Fred August and Mike Parsons, commodore.

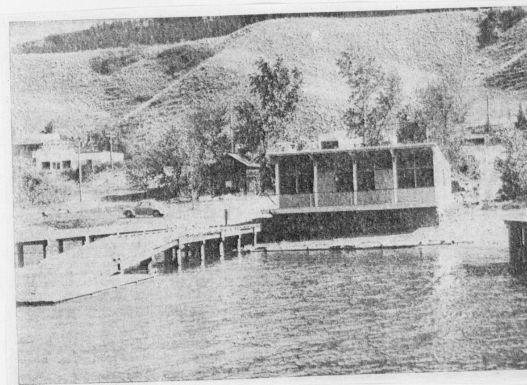
A cocktail party was held later in the afternoon for members and guests at the home of Mrs. Frank Telfer.

A dance in the evening was at-

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## And On The DEDICATION Of The New Federal Breakwater

The Vernon Yacht Club and all its members are to be congratulated for their wonderful efforts in adding this great asset to our community.



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TOUR OF INSPECTION  
Dance at 9:00 p.m. at the Yacht Club

tended by members of yachts clubs from Kelowna, Penticton, Salmon Arm and Vancouver.

# 2013 Calendar of Events

for  
Okanagan Yacht Clubs

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

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Report Date Sep 30, 2013

## Station Activity for 2013

Our season began in April with Station vessel maintenance, on-water crew training followed quickly by preparation for and participation in the 2013 Vernon Boat Show.

For the 2013 boating season our primary focus was conducting, the Department of Transport supported, RCM Vessel Safety Surveys on Okanagan Lake. This program was produced for the express purpose of supporting the "Safe Boating" messaging campaign and encourages safe boating practices.



## Vessel Safety Survey Statistics

Initiated on June 22, "Guardian 101", crewed by 2 Station members, would approach vessels not underway and after identifying themselves, offer an informal vessel safety survey and gave out boating safety supplies all summer thanks in part to a donation from Transport Canada. The reception was incredible with 100% participation of those boaters approached.

The Station **Conducted** a total of **130 surveys**.

"Guardian 101", was on the water **22 days** for a total of **109 volunteer hours**.

Averaged 6 on-water, alongside, VSS per day, we distributed 100 RCM-SAR Fox 40 Safety Kits to VSS participants.

## Breakdown of recorded Vessel Safety Surveys (VSS)

Kayak		1
Paddle (Rec)		1
Power	Boats up to 6M	46
	Boats 6 - 9M	67
	Boats 9-12M	9
PWC		1
Sailboat	Boats up to 6M	1
	Boats 6 - 9M	3
	Boats 9-12M	1
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>130</b>



## PUBLICITY & MARKETING

Craig Williams



### Crane Day

As you are likely already aware Crane Day is scheduled for Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> from roughly 8:00 am to 12:00 noon but you may not be aware that we always invite the public to come down and watch the goings on, it is a little odd to see a sailboat flying through the air rather than sailing through the water.

Every fall a very large Armstrong Crane sets up by the boat launch and reaches out into the fairway between "A" Dock and the west breakwater to lift out sailboats high overhead to set them on a trailer or cradle for winter storage on the hard. Then every spring the Crane returns to the same spot to put all those boats back into the water for the start of the boating season.

If you've never been down to see this spectacle before why not drop down to the Club the morning of November 2<sup>nd</sup> with your family and friends and take in the activities from inside the Clubhouse or from the deck. The kitchen will be open from 9:00 am serving Corrine's delicious breakfast sandwiches and of course there is always hot coffee, tea and hot chocolate ready.

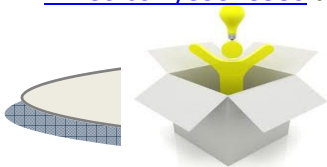
### WiFi

Shaw Communications will be installing a "Go WiFi Hotspot" at the Club sometime over the next month, at no cost to the Club, allowing Shaw customers' complimentary connection to the internet while at the Vernon Yacht Club. This is an extension of a new service from Shaw installing hotspots across Western Canada including the Cities of Vernon and Peachland who recently entered into agreements with Shaw to install WiFi hotspots throughout City owned building, parks, etc.

You may ask why we would bother with this when we already provide free WiFi to our Members while at the Club. The reason, to reduce possible congestion on our existing WiFi networks. If you are an existing Shaw customer you have the option of setting your devices to connect automatically to the Shaw WiFi while at the Club thereby reducing usage on our own network and potentially improving performance.

Shaw has no exclusivity to providing this service should another carrier choose to offer the same and, if their WiFi only seems to interfere with our existing network, which they assure it will not, we can request them to remove it again at no cost to the Club.

If you are a Shaw customer, stay tuned for the announcement when it is up and running and follow this link <https://vimeo.com/59578380> to watch a short video on how easy it is to set up your device to connect.



## The Idea Box

By Ron Heuman

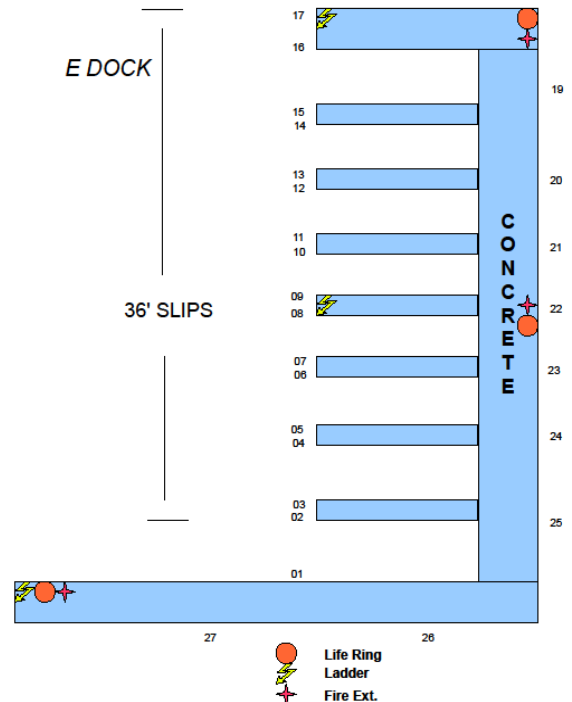
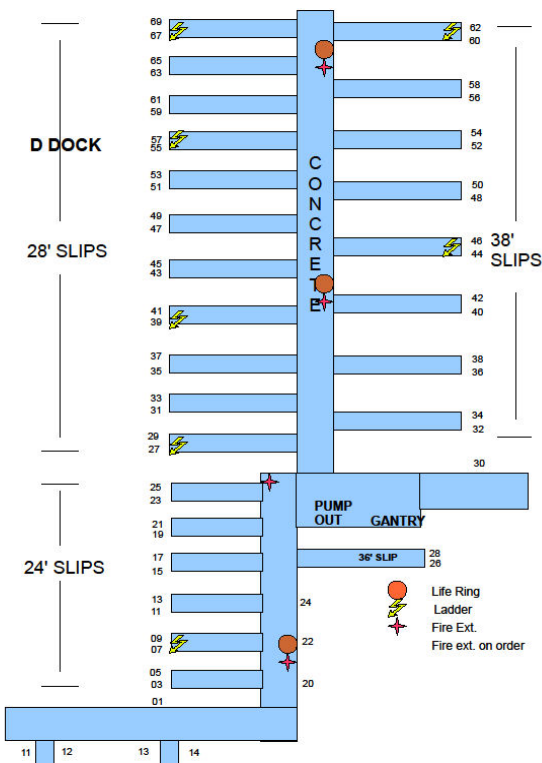
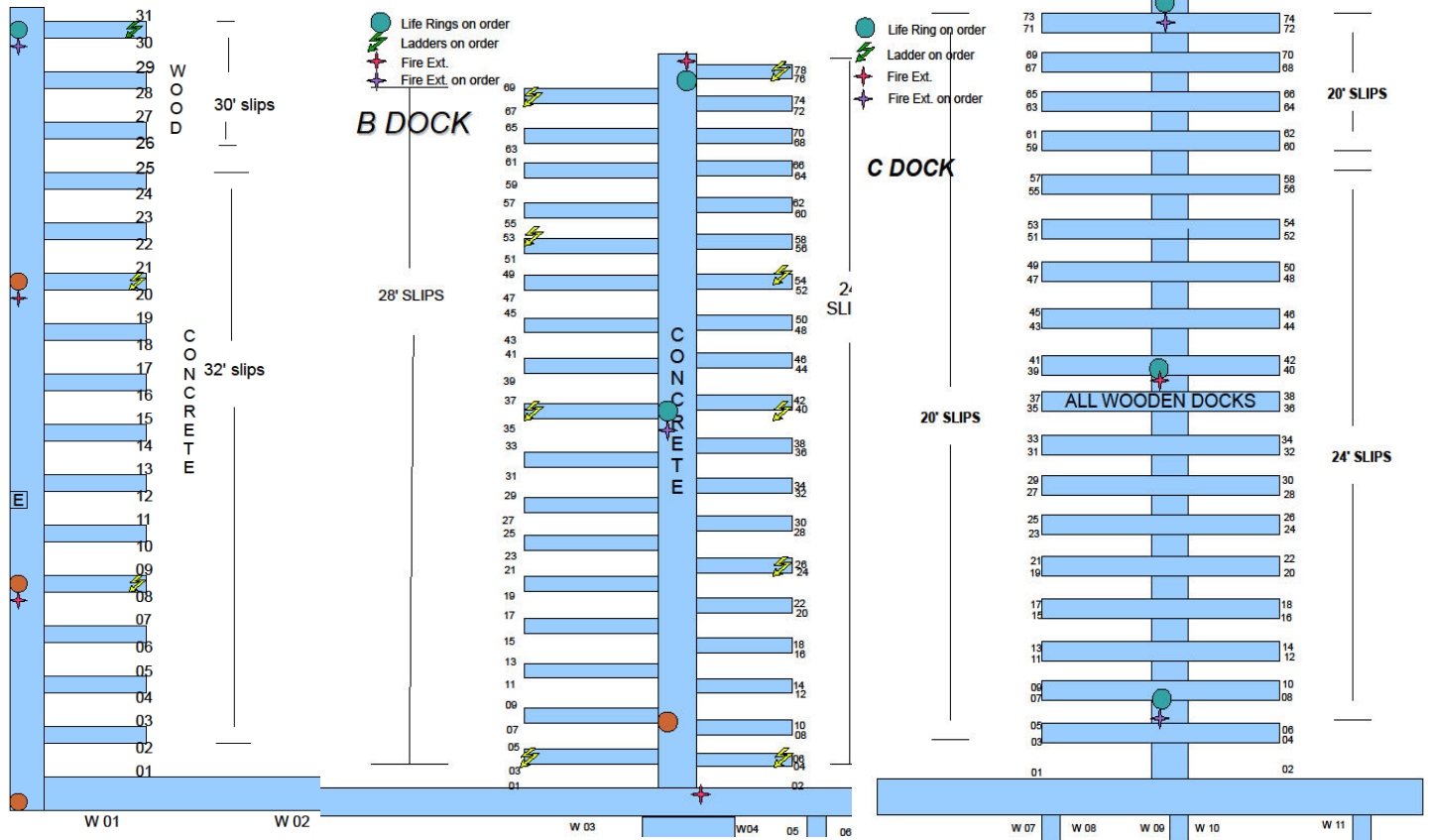
### Two big submissions:

- ⇒ Find a suitable candidate to nominate for the 2013-2014 VYC Executive Committee
- ⇒ Attend the AGM on Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup> @ 1900 hours to ensure your voice is heard and your vote recorded!!

Ron Heuman, Your Idea Box Coordinator



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# Minutes Summary

By Pamela Miller

*Minutes' Summary Submitted October 13th for the November 2013 Tiller Topics by Pamela Miller~*

**Nominations for Board Members:** November 5<sup>th</sup> is the cut off for all nominations for the Vernon Yacht Club Executive Board positions. Posting of all nominations will commence October 8<sup>th</sup> (date of Board meeting) and conclude November 5<sup>th</sup> at 24:00 hours. Candidates for nominations will be posted November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Power and water shut off:** Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> Craig Bevendyck is scheduled to blow out the dock water lines in preparation for shutting off the water for the season. The power to the docks will also be shut off on the same day.

**Entrance Buoys:** The entrance buoys have been purchased and are compliant with today's regulated standard of orange flashing lights instead of the previous standard of red and green lights.

**Electrical Upgrade:** The electrical upgrade for the VYC Sound-system has been approved. The placement of the controls has returned to the main floor and all electrical wires will be housed in a new cabinet behind the Big Screen TV. The quote includes an amp and subwoofer and the work will be done around the end of October.

**Tree Pruning and Removal:** The trees between VYC and the property to our South will be pruned back or removed before Crane Day, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Events and Happenings:** A Volunteer Appreciation dinner is Saturday Oct 19<sup>th</sup>; A Halloween Dance is scheduled for Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>; Crane Day and The Sailor Wind-Up are on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>; The Grey Cup Party is Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> and the Kitchen is serving Beef Dip!

**Aerial Photos:** Aerial photos of VYC and the docks are complete and are being framed at Gail Short's Framing. Director Ron Heuman is very appreciative of Lawrence MacAulay's generosity in taking them up in his plane for the photo shoot!

**Moorage Regulations document complete:** The final revisions have been approved and the New Moorage Regulations document is complete thanks to director Ron Heuman and all his hard work. If you would like to see a copy of the new document, contact Marnie Williamson, our VYC Office Manager.

**VYC Website:** The board has approved a New Vernon Yacht Club website and planning is under way. If you have suggestions on what would make our site great, now is the time to offer your input. Send your ideas to Pamela at: vernon-yachtclubbc@gmail.com.

**Kelowna Boat Show possibly cancelled, what about Vernon?:** There is a possibility that Kelowna Yacht Club may not have a Boat Show in 2014 due to the construction of their new club house. Last year's Boat Show Chair, Rob Mathews, may agree to also chair the next show if the VYC members would still like to do our own show next year. The board acknowledged that we have had many successful Boat Shows and agreed that it would be a good idea to continue with the VYC Boat Show irrespective of what Kelowna decides to do with theirs. Of course this would depend on the number of exhibitors who are willing to participate.

*It's nearly time to switch from boating to mountain snow or the sunny south! Grab the last few days while you can!*

**"Life is too short to waste. Dreams are fulfilled only through action, not through endless planning to take action."**

David J. Schwartz  
Trainer and Author



# November 2013

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

## ***A sneak peak for December....***

⇒ December 7, 2013—Closed from 3:00 for a private function