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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Mike Thomas



Well, Fall is actually with us, however we still have plenty of time to enjoy the lake because the weather report is for a great September. The usual indicators are in place to remind us that summer is behind us and our staff and your Executive are discreetly winding down our Club in preparation for the winter months.

For instance:

--- our popular Pig Roast is now behind us. The Executive would like to extend its full appreciation and thanks to our volunteers and staff for making this event another resounding success. We even had twenty boats come up the lake from our friends at Kelowna Yacht Club. Jerry, our Fleet Captain, found slips for all of them and that was no easy task. By the way, our Kelowna visitors sent us an email expressing their thanks for the way they were looked after by our Club as well as the great time they all had. *(see insert)*
 ---our sailors will be announcing their

End To End Race, and the Pumpkin Race which usually takes place at the end of October.

---Val, our Staff Captain is finalizing the plans for our September 22nd. combination End of Summer and Commodore's Party and Sunday Sail-Past. She is also planning the Halloween Party on October 27th. She also has some surprise events planned which you can read about in her submission.

---the date for Boat Lift Day has been decided and Ed, our Rear Commodore, will also advise you of the date when he will shut down the Pump Out facility, turn off the water, and

prepare the docks for winter's freezing temperatures. He is also finalizing the plans for the upstairs washroom renovations.

---our Annual General Meeting is only two months away.

My point is, that we should enjoy every day while we can, before Mother Nature changes our plans.

Best regards to all and we hope to see many of you at the Commodore's Party.

Mike.

TO: VERNON YACHT CLUB -

On behalf of our group from the Kelowna Yacht Club we would like to thank all the staff, countless volunteers, chefs, bartenders and members for your gracious hospitality this last weekend. Overall I believe there were over 20 boats from Kelowna of which you found slips for us all, feed us, watered us, offered your assistance with a smile on your face and . . . let us win the Duck Wackoff!

Thank you for making us feel welcome and hope to see you all next year for the 2013 Vernon Pig Roast!

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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT



Lawrence Johnson

A thank-you to everyone who helped out with the pig-roast. It was another smashing success. Volunteers are what makes our Club work. If you have any time during the season contact our Staff Captain or Rear Commodore and they will likely have

something they can get you to help with.

Also we are having a meeting at 7pm on **October 2 / 2012** to review and discuss **the Long Term Plan** for our Club. This is open to anyone who wants to attend. We would invite

ideas from anyone who has a suggestion on any improvement or addition to the Club. Please mark it in your calendars, look forward to seeing you there.

*Cheers,
Lawrence Johnson*

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT



Ed Kinnear

The Executive held its September meeting and it shouldn't be a surprise to hear that talk has turned to the end of the boating season.

Look for an announcement regarding a date for a fall clean up. Although it is generally agreed that the overall maintenance of the club building and grounds are in good shape it is thanks to a core group of volunteers

who seem to take care of the little things as they arise and also Ken Smith and his work.

Hopefully you have made plans to attend the Commodore's Dinner and Dance on September 22 and the Sail Past on the 23rd.

We have received 3 bids for the washroom renovations on the lounge level of the Club and hope to have a contractor start after the beginning of October in order to be complete prior to the Christmas party season.

We want to get the word out early regarding the date for the water supply and **sanitary pump out shutdown**. You should plan to have your holding tanks emptied by the end of the day Sunday, **October 21st**. this will allow us to bring in the compressor to blow the water lines out and shut down the sanitary pump out the following week.

In the meantime get out and enjoy the nice weather while you can.

*Take care,
Ed Kinnear*

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Jerry Spelchan



A hoy from your Fleet Captain,

We've had a great year so far. Our slips were full this spring and we were still able to accommodate new members with temporary moorage to enable them to enjoy our great lake. For our two major functions, the Invasion and Pig Toast, participation from the other clubs on the lake were both well attended with over 20 boats at each function. This is a challenge to handle and I remind members to use the ink board at the main gate to let us know if their slip is go-

ing to be empty at anytime. I'm glad to say we were able to accommodate everyone including some last minute "popbys".

Extra life jackets donated by members have been hung up in the bottom hallway and are there for members to use if they have extra people on their boat, especially children. Please remember to replace these after use so others can be safe.

I remind members that our boat speed inside the Marina Basin is 5 kms as we have had some complaints this season. Also, please be reminded that no business is allowed to be run out of our Club or docks: eg: Charters or Boat Sales.

Fall is arriving rapidly and people who

plan to winter store on our lot should fill out a Winter Storage form available in our lower level and please contact me for a spot , also tag your trailer with name and slip #.

Crane day is tentatively booked for Nov. 10/12 and will be confirmed shortly.

We will have a traditional sail past after the Commodore's Ball this year on Sunday Sept.23rd at approximately 10:30 a.m. Steve Cranton will be in charge of this and a signup sheet will be on the upstairs bulletin board.

Wishing everyone great fall boating,
your fleet Captain *Jerry Spelchan*



Photo Al Cotton

STAFF CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Val Harvey



Photo Al Cotton

Hello fellow members of the Vernon Yacht Club.

My name is Val Harvey and I have recently taken on the position of Staff Captain. I am excited about the adventures ahead and look forward to meeting all of you. Your feedback is welcome. I would like to thank everyone that has already assisted me with learning the ropes and with fulfilling the roles and duties of the position. I

would like to especially like to thank Annie and Gerald Gustufson whom have truly helped me with the transition into the position. I am very grateful to them and wish them well on the Winter get away. Through all members contributing in any way possible it helps the Club to run smoothly and creates a sense of belonging. Volunteering is a valuable role at the Club and I would appreci-

ate any assistance offered. Please contact me via email at Valeriein-vernontelus.net or by phone at 250-307-7379 to inquire about upcoming 2 hour volunteer spots.

Thank you,
Val Harvey



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Dancing Lessons at VYC

By the time you are reading this edition we will be starting our dance lessons taught by City Dance Dance Studio. Heather Stranks and Ruth McGrath are thrilled to come to our Club to teach us a variety of dance moves. We have the opportunity to learn Cha Cha, Ballroom, Jive, Salsa and much much more in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

The lessons take place on **Thursday nights from 7:30 to 8:15, 45min lesson for \$ 75 per couple.** They have committed to us until December on this night. So....don't worry if the first group books up cause you can get in on the 2nd or 3rd session. Yeahhhhhhhhh.

The first lesson starts on October 4th, 2012.

Corrine, our amazing chef has agreed to put a variety of 'appies' on the menu for the evening and we will surely have a drink special.

Please contact me ASAP to guarantee your spot, this will be lots of fun.

PS remember guys, your ladies will love you even more than ever if you learn some extra special moves like the rhumba.

Email me at Valerieinvernon@telus.net for further info.

Thanks Val Harvey



During the winter months ...

During the winter months and possibly longer we are introducing the idea of open mic jam night on Friday Nights to combine with our Steak and Salmon dinner. This could be a good fit to have dinner and entertainment or...dinner and entertain.

If you love to play an instrument, love live music, love to sing (and I know there is some great talent in our Club, I heard it at karaoke) , or if you're looking to play with other like minded musicians, then come check it out. The logistics will be sorted as we go such as time per set . We will start September and see what happens. Mike Thomas our Commodore has

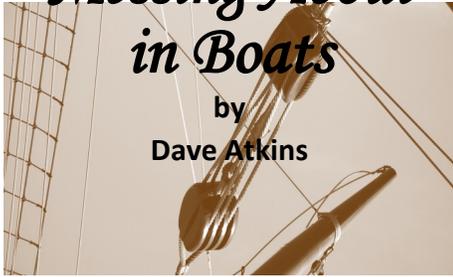
agreed to assist with the equipment logistics,etc.

Please contact Val Harvey for more info. Look forward to hearing you all on Friday Nights. Thank you again.

Cheers,
Val Harvey

Messing About in Boats

by
Dave Atkins



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Making Waves” is an expression we use in normal conversation when we want to refer to generally upsetting or disturbing a stable situation or “Don't make waves” if we want to keep the situation stable and undisturbed. Waves are a part of boating and they depend on the design and displacement of the hull and the speed at which it travels. We cannot go boating without making waves, but because they are such an inevitable by-product of moving the boat through the water, as boaters we have to consider the effect of our waves. I suspect that most boaters don't give their waves much thought unless they are set up to create waves for someone to ride for fun as in wake-boarding.

The waves our boat makes can affect

other people in ways that we don't consider in the normal course of events, but when you take a Safe Boating course there is a section of the course that deals with the effect of your wake and waves. There are speed-restricted areas on some narrow channels to prevent erosion of the banks. Locally the channel between Kalamalka and Woods Lakes, is a good example. People who moor their boats on the docks around the Lake have to make provision for the effect of boats going past the dock. I have heard the occasional curse shouted at a boater who goes zooming past close to the dock where there are boats moored. You wouldn't hear that of course above the sound of the engine, and in any case the havoc is behind you.

Sailboats, because of the shape of the hull and the speed at which they travel, make very little disturbance to the water, but for the same design reasons they are affected by the wakes of passing powerboats. In

light air, which is all too common on Okanagan Lake, sailors find it frustrating to be thrown about by a close passing power boat, when they are trying to nurse the small amount of wind to keep the boat sailing. I suspect that most power boaters give very little thought to the effects of their wakes other than the way it affects the skier, or other object that they are towing. Under the 'Rules of the Road' for boaters i.e. *The Collision Regulations*, as we usually refer to them, powerboats are to give way to sailboats and that includes the effect of the wake on the sailboat.

Next time you go out in your powerboat take the time to study the effect of the wake, not only right behind the boat but as it spreads out in a V astern. Observe how it persists and travels for long distances across the water. You never know but you might hear of an “Ogopogo” sighting as a by-product of your wake!!!

Dave



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by Al Dubeski

The Old Irish Nun....

In a convent in Ireland, the 98-year-old Mother Superior lay dying. The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable. They tried giving her warm milk to drink but she refused it. One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen. Then, remembering a bottle of Irish Whiskey that had been received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk. Back at Mother Superior's bed, they held the glass to her lips. The frail nun drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it, she had finished the whole glass down to the last drop. As her eyes brightened, the nuns thought it would be a good opportunity to have one last talk with their spiritual leader. "Mother," the nuns asked earnestly, "Please give us some of your wisdom before you leave us." She raised herself up in bed on one elbow, looked at them and said:

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October..... Boats Move: Water Moorage to Land Moorage

By Ron Heuman

Hockey at the junior level has begun, maybe by the time the October Tiller Topics is read by VYC members the NHL will be in skating as well... then again, who cares? We have football and baseball to provide sports-minded members with viewing pleasures. And, many members are gearing up for the winter recreational activities of curling, skiing, snowshoeing, etc and/or preparing to leave for warmer climates. However, there are still a few of us members who stay the winter and mind the VYC 'shop'. In the meantime the sailors are still racing for the 'rum series' and enjoying the last month of 2012 boating. Of course,

there are a few hardy souls that boat all winter, good for them.

October will see the parking lot once again become the winter storage area for many member's boats. For the security team the placing of boats on the 'hard' presents a new opportunity for those undesirable characters who would take advantage of easy access. Members are reminded to take extra precautions in storing their boats at the Club by ensuring all entrances to the cabin are secured, trailers are blocked, hitches are locked, and no ladders etc. are left about for intruders to use. Make sure that you register your boat on land moorage with the Fleet Captain so if anything happens you can be noti-

fied. Do not park and forget your boat over the winter months, do make routine visits to ensure all is A-OK, and while you are at the Club take a look at other members' boats for safe land moorage.... Members helping members.

October, is the last month for the summer VYC security program. To date all is well with only a couple of reported incidents with no real loss of members or VYC property noted.... The VYC Security Program is working! Mainly because of the volunteer VYC security team members on patrol and members in general making security an important matter while at the Club. Keep up the good work and keep VIGILANT.....

Ron

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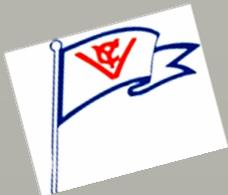
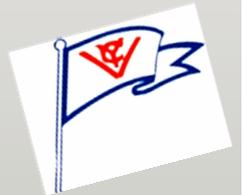
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October, 2012

Vernon Power & Sail Squadron



Marine Boat & Engine Maintenance The enjoyment of the boat includes the satisfaction of properly maintaining it. To many boaters, working on their boat is part of the fun, to say nothing of the savings in costs. All boats require maintenance to correct the gradual wear and tear, and exposure to the elements. A boater should be on the alert for signs of potential problems, and make repairs while the problems are minor. From spark plugs to bottom paint, the Marine Boat & Engine Maintenance Course covers all the basics for the DIY boater.

This course has been completely re-written. The course is divided into two parts, as follows:

Part 1

- Marine engines - gasoline and diesel, inboard and outboard
- Steering systems
- Emergency repairs afloat

Part 2

- The Hull - wood, fiberglass, aluminum and steel
- Painting and repairs to the hull
- Care and feeding of thru-hull fittings
- Marine electrical
- Marine plumbing
- Seasonal maintenance



We will offer the course in the Fall of 2012, commencing Tuesday, September 4 at 7:00 pm.

Course duration - 8 weeks. Course fees - \$125.00. For more information or to pre-register, phone Simo at 250-542-5525. Or register on-line at www.cpsvernon.ca

2012 Calendar of Events

for

Okanagan Lake Yacht Clubs

DATE	YC	EVENT
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OCTOBER

7	SYC	Sail Fleet "Race Night" Ends
13	SYC	Lift Out
27	SYC	Halloween Party
27	VYC	Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

3	SYC	Sail Racing Night Awards
3	KYC	Kelowna Sailor's Pot Luck
11	KYC	Remembrance Day Festivities
13	SYC	AGM
14	WKYC	AGM
25	SYC	Grey Cup Party
25	WKYC	Grey Cup Party
26	VYC	AGM

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Sailing Update

I don't know why it is but every-time I sweep my patio of pine needles we get wind. I swept the patio on the 8th and on Sept 9th, the first Sunday race of the Fall series, we had wind and boy, did we get wind. This was the day of the Peachland and Falkland fires. Thirteen boats started race #1 in 2km winds and as we were finishing, the winds began to build. Then in a matter of minutes the winds went to 30 km and gusting higher. This was probably at the same time of the detection of the Trepanier Bench fire.

Most of the boats quickly down sized their sails although a few hardy ones continued with full sail. No one quit and we all finished the second race without incident. Some boats even ran their spinnaker in that air – we were surfing at 8 kn with just our 110 jib up. The committee boat (Bob McElroy) had a hard time getting loose of the start mark and was unable to pick up the starting buoy due to the winds. Afterwards we all gathered at the Clubhouse to compare stories. Maybe next week we will get to the Forestry Camp.

CORRECTION – our race schedule states that Oct 14th is Thanksgiving but Thanksgiving is on the 7th so there is no racing on the 7th but we will race on the 14th. And don't forget that **the year's windup party is on November 3rd**.

Carol



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Minutes Summary

By Pamela Miller

September 11, 2012

Correspondence

A group of citizens sent an e-mail to VYC in complaint of the birds' nest tower on our property. They said the birds cause a noise disturbance and they would like them removed. A suggestion was made to approach the R.D.N.O. about moving the tower to the Paddle Wheel Park area.

Pump-Out and Water Shut Off

It was decided that the last day to use the Pump-Out will be Sunday, **October 21st**. Details will be available in the Rear Commodore's submission in this issue of Tiller Topics.

Crane Day

It was decided that Saturday, November 10th of the Remembrance Day Long Weekend, would be the best day for Crane Day.

Free Public Pump-Out Station

The RDNO gave the VYC money to make our Pump-Out Station available for free to the public. The agreement was that the VYC would display signage to that effect. Barry suggested including instructions about flushing with water to help maintain our Septic System.

Staff

It was acknowledged that our staff and volunteers are generally doing an excellent job. Both Jay and Corrine both received additional honourable mention for the success of each of their departments.

Breakwater Cost

Mike and Ed will meet with the engineers in regard to a cost estimate to do the breakwater work.

Visitors' Moorage

We accommodated 2 or more boats each week throughout the summer. Our slips are currently at capacity.

Pig Roast

The Pig Roast was a great success. Out Fleet Captain was able to accommodate 20 boats from Kelowna Yacht Club.

Volunteers

A sign-up sheet for volunteers for each event will be posted on the board.

House and Grounds Director

Larry Gilchuck was absent and Mike mentioned he stepped down from his role as House and Grounds Director. Barry Stack was asked if he would like the position and he accepted.

Power Boaters

It was mentioned that we need more activities for Power Boaters

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 9th, 2012

Full executive meeting minutes are available in the office.

Best of Both Worlds, Summer and Winter

Having left my home town of Saint John, NB early in life, retirement to Vernon became an easy adjustment. Not that my wife Cheryl, who hails from Enderby, didn't factor in the decision of where to retire. We were living and working in Calgary when in 2007, we decided to hit the trail and skedaddle from that vibrant, but too busy of a city. Downsizing for the second time we headed to Vernon and settled in to a new strata community called Okanagan Breeze. Arriving in August, we quickly settled in and began to plan our winter. In early November, we hooked up the 5th wheel and headed for points south. Our winter destination was Arizona, Texas, and back to Arizona for a few weeks in the Spring before heading home. As much as we look forward to our trip south in the Fall, our trip home in the Spring is equally anticipated given the usual

warm summers of the Okanagan. But going from a winter of 'on the go' activity to the quiet, sedate life of a retirement strata community left me with a

somewhat empty feeling of "what am I going to do next"!! I needed something to keep me busy. Gardening was out as I never had a green thumb, Fishing was in but that was early morning stuff. I couldn't find a job as no one wanted to hire an 'over the hill' guy, so I filled my days by walking and having an afternoon nap. Now, nothing is wrong with the nap thing but six months of that didn't bode well. Following a visit to the Boat Show in 2009 and 2010 and meeting up with our Vernon winter neighbours, Gerald and Annie, we



began to take an interest in the Vernon Yacht Club. In the spring of 2011, I joined as an Associate Member and in late August I became a Regular Member. This past spring, Cheryl and I found the right boat and we were fortunate enough to get a slip. For various reasons we didn't manage to sail (power) down the lake as often as we would have liked but we did enjoy a glass of wine in the Club and on our boat, while sitting on our swim grid with our feet dangling in the water. What a life!!!

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So now, while Cheryl is puttering around in her garden, I find myself walking to the yacht club, messing around on our boat, and then heading home. I simply enjoy it.

Being a member has given us the opportunity to meet new people and nurture new and old friendships. We enjoy volunteering whether it is the Friday night salmon and steak night, joining Gerald and Annie for Thursday night Karaoke, or Sunday Brunch.

wards immeasurable. The Okanagan Quality of Life Society together with care givers, who accompany us on our hour tour of the lake, are to be congratulated for the fine work they do. They are special people who dedicate themselves to the well-being of those less fortunate and to those who, for one reason or another, have a diminished capacity.

We try to take advantage of what the Vernon Yacht Club has to offer

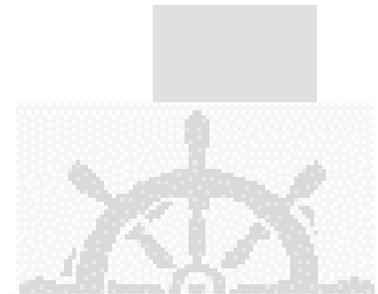


Photo Al Cotton

Okanagan Morning

Being a volunteer allows us to give back to the Club and hopefully helps save some of the operating costs which in turn keeps our annual membership fees at a manageable level. And, what can be better than to be on Security as the sun sets in the evening or rises in the early morning? It surely makes up for the odd late night shift. As a Captain in training on the *Heaven Can Wait* pontoon boat which provides the opportunity for the mentally challenged and seniors with various degrees of illness to enjoy a trip on the lake, I find the re-

and find it is a pleasing experience. Whether it is as a volunteer at a function, involvement in the Yacht Club security or the Okanagan Quality of Life Program it is all worthwhile and comforting. Maybe all you might want to do is have a drink, a bowl of popcorn and sit on the deck and enjoy the lake. That is good too! Either/or it supports our Club. See y'all there, well! At least till the end of October.



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Having the best of worlds, summer and winter.

See y'all next summer.

Jerry & Cheryl Gautreau

The Gang Plank

Gang Plank Hours: (New hours starting September)

4:00 – 8:00 PM Wed, Thurs

4:00 – 11:00 PM Friday

12:00 – 8:00 PM Saturday

10:00 – 6:00 PM Sunday

Gang Plank closed on Mondays & Tuesdays

MENU (all prices include HST)

Wednesday night burgers 5:00-8:00 PM \$ 6.50

Thursday night – wings \$5.00/10 pizza \$2.25/slice for September (October will feature appetizers)

Friday night – steak or salmon 6:00-9:00 \$ 14.50

Saturday—soup & bun 12Noon-3:00 PM \$ 4.50 & \$7.95

Sunday brunch 10:00 AM-1:00 PM \$ 11.25

Cheers Jay Langton – Gang Plank Manager

indicates that the boat met the construction requirements at the time it was built, so changes to the boat over time may mean that the Compliance Notice is no longer valid. Once you own the boat, you must make sure that it meets the construction standards for pleasure crafts (TP 1332E) when you operate it on the water — so get all the facts before you buy.

If you are buying a boat from another country, please remember that:

- Construction requirements for pleasure craft differ from country to country. Make sure that the boat meets the construction requirements of the *Small Vessel Regulations* or that you can modify the boat to meet these requirements before you operate it. An imported boat must meet the construction requirements that are in force on the day it is imported.

- The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) will ask you for specific documents, as well as information on the boat and the seller to confirm the sale and assess the duties and taxes on the boat. Before buying the boat, visit the CBSA online at www.cbsa.gc.ca or contact them to find out what you will need from the seller to bring the boat to Canada.

- If you will be towing the boat on a trailer, you should know that a trailer is considered a motor vehicle, with requirements that are different from those that apply to your boat.

Contact the CBSA to learn more.

From Safe Boating Canada

Buying a Boat

If you are buying a new boat in Canada, make sure it has a Hull Serial Number (HIN). If the boat has a motor or is designed to have one, make sure it also has a Canadian Compliance Notice. Manufacturers and importers must place a HIN and Canadian Compliance Notice on every boat that is or can be fitted with a motor that they sell in Canada after demonstrating that it meets the Canadian construction requirements. If you see a new boat for sale that does not have the required HIN and Canadian Compliance

Notice, ask the seller to get them for you before you buy.

If you are thinking about buying a used boat, the first thing you should do is make sure that it meets the construction requirements that were in force when it was built. A good way to do this is to hire a competent marine surveyor to examine the boat, who will give you a fair opinion on the boat's current condition and will let you know what changes (if any) need to be made to bring the boat up to standard.

Remember:

A Canadian Compliance Notice



October 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 See page 19 for detailed information on The Gang Plank	1	2 Long Term Planning Meeting 7 PM 	3 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	4 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM Dance Les- sons 7:30PM	5 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—11:00PM	6 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—8:00PM
7 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM	8 Thanksgiving Office closed	9 Executive meeting	10 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	11 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM Dance Les- sons 7:30PM	12 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—11:00PM	13 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—5:00PM Private Rental at 5 PM - Gang Plank Closed
14 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM	15	16	17 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	18 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM Dance Les- sons 7:30PM	19 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—11:00PM	20 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—8:00PM
21 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM	22	23	24 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	25 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM Dance Les- sons 7:30PM	26 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—11:00PM	27 Halloween Party 
28 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM	29	30	31 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—8:00PM	November 3rd Sailors' Windup Party. 		