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Tiller Topics

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Annie McDonald wrapping up after a sail.

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

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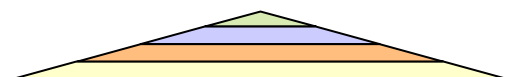
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Deadline for submissions: the second week of each month.

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Mike Thomas



Jake and his mom fishing. (Yes, he caught a BIG fish.)

H ello Fellow Members

First, it is my pleasure to announce that Ms. Valerie Harvey has joined our team and has taken the position of Staff Captain. Valerie has already come up with some exciting ideas of her own and is also preparing for the Annual Pig Roast on September 8th as well as the Commodore's Dinner and Dance which will take place on September 22nd. The Pig Roast information is readily available at the Club or on our web site. Marnie and Valerie are working on the invitations so we will have full details of the Commodore's Dinner and Dance very shortly. (see page 6-7) I can tell you that we have been listening to many of our members suggestions and arrangements are being made accordingly so I'm sure you will enjoy this event.

This weekend, Jill and I are sailing down to the Kelowna Yacht Club Invasion. This would be our first time to attend this function but knowing Kelowna yacht Club as we do, I am sure we will have lots of fun and much to report in the next issue of Tiller Topics.

I have a request to make on behalf of our bar and kitchen staff. If you find yourself and your friends coming up to the lounge later than normal dinner hours, please call Jay and tell him how many are in your party so they can prepare. I have also been advised that some of our glassware has been taken from the Club. I understand how this can happen but we would appreciate it if the missing glassware and plates could be returned. Sure, we can just purchase some more but

this is a needless expense. [beer mugs are \$5.00 each]

In closing, we look forward to seeing many of you at the Pig Roast and the Commodore's Dinner and Dance. Sadly, both events happen in September and this timing signals the fact that we are approaching the official end of Summer. By the way, my favourite season is fall and if we are lucky, the weather will continue to be as nice as it has been recently and we will have many great sailing days ahead.

See you at the Club.
Cheers, Mike.

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT



Lawrence Johnson



The summer has gone by quickly and I hope you have all had a chance to enjoy the lake and the Club. We have the 'Rib Off' coming up soon as well

as the Commodore's social. Please do your best to attend if possible, we look forward to meeting all of the new members and renewing acquaintances with the old.

See you at the Club.
Lawrence Johnson

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT



Ed Kinnear

Anyone wishing for this heat to be over? I'm not, this is summer in the Okanagan and soon enough we will be looking forward to Spring so I hope you got out there and enjoyed the sun while you were able.

The Executive is getting set to do some much needed renovations to the lounge level washrooms but we will wait at least until after the Commodore's Party and Sail.

The Commodores Party is on September 22 and the Sail past will be the next day so put the dates aside to come out and help honor our com-

modore and show your appreciation for the tireless commitment made to the Club by Mike Thomas.

We are fortunate to have Val Harvey join the executive as Staff Captain. I met Val this past executive meeting and she is already showing her enthusiasm and organizational skills. Thanks Val!

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The occasional storm continues to have an impact on the docks and breakwater. Repairs are in progress to the damaged temporary extension and fingers which were added to "A" dock. The winds ripped off the fabric cover on the deck beside the gate and a temporary cover has been put in its place until the New Year, when we will likely replace the structure with a new one. The breakwater also sustained damage in the recent winds but our contractor, Valley Pile Driving, has been out there and made

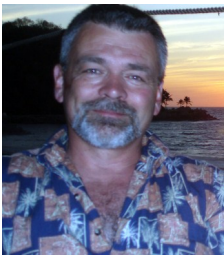
some of the necessary repairs to this vital structure. No doubt we will need to review the breakwater structure to attempt to determine if it has reached the end of its service life.

We will be looking for a new contractor for snow removal this winter. This is one of those jobs that we sometimes take for granted and just seems to happen in the background. If any of our members have the necessary skills and equipment you can drop off your contact info at the office along

with some details as to your ability to enter into a contract with the Club.

Ok I couldn't avoid it, I just talked about winter but it will be here soon enough so get out and enjoy boating in the Okanagan and hopefully we can have a September like we did last year.

Take care,
Ed Kinnear



WANTED (needed)

a few (well okay maybe more than a few) good women and men!

Over the past 23 years dedicated Member volunteers from our Vernon Yacht Club have, among many other things too great in number to list here, organized and produced the annual Boat Show and, for the past 11 years, other Member volunteers from within our Club (often times many being the same individuals) have planned the Annual Okanagan Charity Sailing Regatta.

Both of these high profile annual events are incredibly important to the longevity of our Club as they bring a knowledge and awareness about what and who we are to the

public at large, which in-turn piques the interest of some of those who share a similar passion for boating as do all of us, from which a few decide to join and become new Members, both Full and Associate.

New Members are the lifeblood of any club or organization. Without new members we would not be able to enjoy the facilities we have for very long before our costs would increase over a shrinking membership, eventually stretching beyond the reach of the vast majority of us.

It is therefore the active participation of our existing Membership at any given time that is so crucial to keep our Club alive for all of us to enjoy

now and for those who follow us in the future.

So, as a start, needed are the following volunteer Members:

- An individual to Chair our 24th Annual Boat Show, to be held in the spring of 2013 and lead a team of volunteers (to be called upon in due course) after Tom McKenzie led the charge in May 2012.

- An individual to Chair the 12th Annual Okanagan Sailing Charity Regatta, to be held the 1st weekend in June 2013 and lead yet another team of volunteers (also to be called upon in due course).

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Commodore's Dinner and Dance

September 22nd, 2012

MENU

Crisp Garden Salad

with a Pear, Guava, Tangerine Vinaigrette

ENTRÉE

Your choice of Baked Salmon or Carved
Roast Beef

ACCOMPANIED BY

Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Oven Roasted
Vegetables

DESSERT

Assorted Cheese Cakes

COCKTAILS at 5:00 PM

DINNER at 6:00 PM

DANCE TO FOLLOW at 8:00 PM

LIMITED TICKETS

\$35.00 PER PERSON

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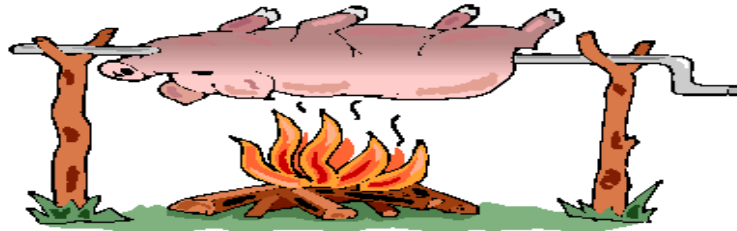
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■ Individuals to assist the Director of Publicity and Marketing in finding and implementing innovative and creative ways to raise the profile of our Club in the eyes of the public, as an example; sourcing new topics and editing existing archived articles on boating related issues for a monthly contribution from our Club to be published in the local newspaper.

It goes without saying that we all lead busy lives, some busier than oth-

ers and all with different pre-existing commitments that occupy most of the time we have available to us, making it difficult to enjoy the very reason we joined the Vernon Yacht Club, to go boating. If we all share a bit of the load then we all benefit by maintaining what we already share, a facility and an environment that is second to none.

Though May and June 2013 may seem like a long way off, now is the time to start planning for these partic-

ularly important Club events, so I look forward to hearing from as many of you as possible and just as soon as possible.

Craig Williams _/)

Director of Publicity and Marketing

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August 21, 2012

Messing About in Boats

by
Dave Atkins

About a month ago I was down on the beach at Qualicum, on Vancouver Island and enjoying the sunshine and scenery. I could not help but notice four very attractive young ladies each carrying a stand-up paddle board, they carried their boards out to the water and then proceeded to paddle along the shore line. It looked like a scene from a boating ad in a magazine. So what you say, just some old sailor admiring the scenery! It brought to mind the fact that paddle boards are considered to be boats and the operators should have been wearing floatation devices, but of course they weren't. Next time you look at a boating ad. in a glossy magazine just check to see if the models are wearing floatation devices! I very much doubt it. I haven't seen an ad like that. How are we

supposed to get boaters to follow safe practices and obey the law if the images they see in magazines and advertising are not complying with the law? Our society is very much influenced by TV and magazines and yet these media are not trying to help us convey the correct 'safety' image because they think it might discourage sales of their product. Our children, in particular, are brought up in front of the television, so it is no surprise that they do not associate the glamour of speeding around in a boat or paddling one of the many types of floatation devices that are so prevalent in today's market, with wearing floatation devices.

Today there is a large choice of personal floatation devices available. Some of them are inflatable so they can be deployed when needed and are not cumbersome to wear. Some

will auto inflate if submerged in water. I realize that young people are invincible and believe that it will "never happen to them" however the rules are there for a good reason. It can happen to them and to older folks, if they end up in the water and there is no one right there to help them out.

We are fortunate to have the lakes and rivers around this area and they offer many opportunities for fun and recreation, just make it your personal pledge to be safe. Wear floatation when there is any possibility of ending up in the water accidentally, and encourage your friends and family to do the same. It is not just to avoid being ticketed by the police, but it may save your life one day.

Dave



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are "missing". We don't know if they were taken or blown off the docks during a storm.

Thanks, Mike



MISSING

A number of our mugs have run off with the beer glasses. If anyone has seen them, or if they are hiding out in your boat, would you please lasso them and herd them back to the Gang Plank. Greatly appreciate locating our wayward containers!

Jay.



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September.... Cool mornings, warm afternoons, fall solstice

By Ron Heuman



Since Canada Day we have enjoyed a dry, hot summer, beautiful blue skies, temperatures in the 30's, and great boating. We look forward to the Fall for many reasons: the traffic abates after the long Labour Day weekend; children return to school; cooler evenings for better sleeps; turning of nature's colours; local activities gear up with their fall/winter programs and registrations; fishing gets better; for the sports-minded we have football, baseball, and hockey (maybe NHL, Vipers for sure) excitement; members thinking of going South for the winter; members thinking of winter storage or buying a new boat;

members thinking of a different moorage slip; sailors switching to Sunday racing; the annual VYC Pig Roast; the Fall Solstice; and maybe best all some super warm afternoons of boating on placid Okanagan Lake waters. Yessiree, September offers us a wonderful month of switching 'gears' as we head into Q4 of the year 2012. Almost sounds sad, eh?

With regards to VYC Security, our program continues on. We have a great team of VYC members putting in shifts and making a 'boots on the ground' presence. Without a doubt our concept of member involvement in patrolling the Club property and

marina is a huge deterrent to would be intruders. Add the VYC members' vigilance and our Club is notably safer and more secure. Please keep vigilant while at the Club.

So, enjoy the changing season and get on the water for the remarkable fall vistas which our North Okanagan Valley paradise offers us. Stay vigilant!



Ron

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CPS News

September, 2012

Vernon Power & Sail Squadron



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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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SEPTEMBER

8	WKYC	Golf Tournament
8	VYC	Pig Roast
22-23	SYC	All Club End to End Regatta
22	VYC	Commodore's Party
22	KYC	Kelowna Blind Fishing Derby
29	SYC	Sunday – "Steak & Rib Night" Ends

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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Minutes Summary

By Pamela Miller

August 14, 2012

The 2013 Boat Show:

The 2012 Boat Show Director, Tom McKenzie, will not be able to run the Boat Show in 2013. The Executive was asked to help find a new director and asked if anyone was interested.

The Breakwater:

The breakwater has reached the end of its service life. An engineer will be brought in to get numbers to replace the breakwater for next year's budget.

Finances:

The \$33,000 water rights lease has been paid. This has been a break-even month for the VYC; sales are still steady but may slow for next month leading into the slower seasons. Bar revenue is down and kitchen revenue is \$1,500 lower than the previous month. The kitchen netted \$800 from total sales of \$12,000.

Gas Bar:

Pat spoke with Natural Resources representatives, has contacted the local MLA and Federal departments regarding a Gas Bar.

New members:

New members continue to arrive and are given temporary slips until they move up on the wait list. With no fur-

ther slips being built and membership increasing Jerry estimates wait times for slips will increase to 3 years as was the case before the last slips were built.

VYC Lifejackets:

The labelled VYC lifejackets were retrieved from the storage locker and are now hanging in the games room for guests to use.

Pig Roast:

Invitations have been sent for the Pig Roast September 8th. Brad is preparing the pig and Val has arranged volunteers for 2 hour intervals for watch times. There will be games in the pm including Wack Ducks, live entertainment by 'Boogie Nights' and it all begins at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$25.

Commodore's Ball:

A semi-formal evening has been planned for our September 22nd Commodore's Ball. There will be a buffet, black table cloths and orchids as centre pieces to be auctioned off at the end of the event. Val is confirming 'Boogie Nights' as the entertainment for the event.

Full executive meeting minutes are available in the office.

Request from Penticton

Greetings
This is Wayne from the Penticton Racing Canoe Club. Last year you were able to help me find an escort boat for our Length of the Lake outrigger canoe race. One of our escorts died over the winter and I am again looking for a boat willing to escort the race from Vernon to Penticton on September 15th. Would you please send a notice out to your members again?

Penticton Racing Canoe Club is looking for an escort boat to help with their annual Length of the Lake out-

rigger canoe race from Vernon to Penticton on September 15th. We pay \$500.00 to the boat operator and arrange for a berth in the Penticton marina. Dinner and race swag are also provided. For more details or to

express interest please contact Wayne Still, email: siguy@telus.net, cell phone: 250-488-0019.

Thanks so much.

Wayne



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Giant's Head Regatta, Summerland

July 13-15 "Agar Lake Camp Charity"



Photos by
Keith
Daniels



Sailing News

Spring and Summer series are now over and we are into our Fall Series. The summer series was a nail biter until the end with Mystique and Captivator fighting for top spot in A fleet. Not to be outdone, Stormy and Tsonqua were tied for first in B Fleet. Stormy eventually took the honors by beating Tsonqua in the last race of the series. The top three finishes in each fleet are as follows:

	A Fleet	B Fleet	C Fleet
1st	Mystique	Stormy	Cimarron
2nd	Captivator	Tsonqua	Together
3rd	Ayesha	Eagle Moon	Fyfe II

Full results can be found on the Club's website.

We saw a mixture of winds during the series. It seemed to alternate from light winds one week to heavy winds the next. On July 4th, we recorded our highest boat speeds in the summer series with Righteous Indignation (A fleet) at 5.312 KN, Tsonqua (B Fleet) at 5.111 KN and Cimarron (C Fleet) at 4.923 KN. Considering the average hull speed is around 6 KN that is an impressive showing. The fall series started on Aug 1st and already we have broken these records with Split Decision in A fleet recorded at 5.337 KN, and Fana Sea in C fleet at 4.997. For some reason B fleet only recorded a high speed of 4.456 Kn that night – could it be because they didn't fly the spinnaker? Did Ayesha scare you off after she lost

hers and gave it a washing in the lake.

On the following Wednesday Captivator decided that washing her spinnaker was a good idea but went a little further and drove over it. It took a little manoeuvring to unravel the spinnaker sheet from around the keel but eventually they got the sail safely on board. Unfortunately Eclipse was not so fortunate and blew her spinnaker (so I have been told) that night. Meanwhile Liquid Assets had traveller troubles. Want to join in the fun? We are always happy to welcome new racers.

Aug 5th was the annual Jack and Jill Social. Thirteen boats took part in a fun race around the buoys followed by burgers on the deck. The wind was a lovely steady breeze and we managed to go around all four marks within 90 minutes. Phoenix won the race around the buoys but the big winner of the day was Harmony who won the honor to host next year's Jack and Jill Social. Hope to see you there.

Parts of a wind vane were lost on Monday August 6th during the big wind storm that took down trees in Vernon. If found, please return to the deck of Ayesha.

Carol



Annie and Bob taking care of halyards.



Empty slips—out on the lake. Summer's good!





September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Sept 23 - End to End Race with Dinner at 6:00 PM
Registration required contact
 Dave Horsham 250-542-5632

1 Lounge Hrs
 12:00—22:00
Soup and Bun
 12-3pm
Private function
 at 5:00pm

2
 Lounge Hrs
 10:00—18:00
Sunday Brunch
 10AM- 13:00

3
 VYC Executive
Meeting
 7PM

4
 Lounge Hrs
 16:00—22:00

5
 Lounge Hrs
 17:00—22:00
Burger Night 5PM
Sail Races
5:30PM

6
 Lounge Hrs
 16:00—22:00
Karaoke Night
 Wings and pizza

7
 Lounge Hrs
 18:00—23:00
Friday Night
Salmon &
Steak Dinner

8 Lounge Hrs
 12:00—22:00
Pig Roast


9
 Lounge Hrs
 10:00—18:00
Sunday Brunch
 10AM- 13:00

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Sail Races
5:30PM

13
 Lounge Hrs
 16:00—22:00
Karaoke Night
 Wings and pizza

14
 Lounge Hrs
 18:00—23:00
Friday Night
Salmon &
Steak Dinner

15
 Lounge Hrs
 12:00—22:00
Soup and Bun
 12-3pm

16
 Lounge Hrs
 10:00—18:00
Sunday Brunch
 10AM- 13:00

17
 VYC Executive
Meeting
 7PM

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 Lounge Hrs
 16:00—22:00

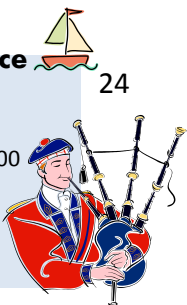
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 Lounge Hrs
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Burger Night 5PM
Sail Races
5:30PM

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Karaoke Night
 Wings and pizza

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 Lounge Hrs
 12:00—22:00
Commodore's
Party


-End Race
 23
 Lounge Hrs
 10:00—18:00
Sail Past
11:00AM



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