

Vernon Yacht Club

Tiller Topics



September 2013

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September 7, 2013



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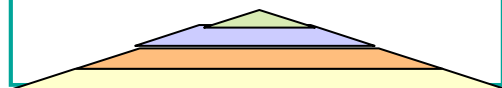
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Executive members and many occasional writers and photographers.



COMMODORE'S REPORT

Mike Thomas



Hello everyone. One of the perks of my Commodore position is that I am expected to attend certain events at the other yacht clubs on our lake, which gives me the opportunity to make new friends and get some ideas on what might benefit our Club. The position also presents the opportunity to be involved in our own Commodore's Ball. I

am pleased to report that our recent event was a resounding success and made me proud to serve as this club's C o m m o d o r e .

As always, our success was due to the involvement of many of our members and staff and I will do my best to acknowledge some of these folks: my friend and Vice Commodore, Lawrence Johnson, who was my master of ceremonies on the evening of the dinner and dance; Captain Steve Cranton for providing his boat, *Soggy Dollar*, for the Sail Past; my Kelowna friends, Rodney and Gloria Lozinski for attending and also taking many digital images of the Sail Past; our decorating committee: my tolerant and supportive wife, Jill Thomas,

Susan Mathews and her friend Beverley and Denise Dobie. Our staff: M.J. Watson, assisted by Chuck O'Grady, Jay Langton, Corinne Kirton assisted by Carol for providing the amazing four choice meal, Ken Smith and Marnie Williamson. If I have over looked anyone, I do apologize. I also extend my thanks to the many members who attended the dinner and dance and also made a great showing for the Sail Past. Finally, my thanks to the folks and friends from the clubs to the south who took the time and burned the fuel to come to our event. See you at the "Pig Roast". Best regards , Mike.



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Lawrence Johnson



We are rapidly approaching the end of another boating season. The year has been full of successful events and I again thank all of those who made the effort to volunteer.

We have made several upgrades and additions to the Club over the past year and will be looking to plan for any changes, upgrades or additions for the next few years. As such I have been working on an agenda and schedule for a Long Term

Planning Meeting to select a committee and review and update the existing Long Term Plan.

My hope is to have this ready for a meeting in late September, I will have the office forward a specific date once I have it firmed up. Looking forward to having as many members participate in the long Term Planning as possible. Again thanks to you all, it has been a pleasure and privilege to serve as your Vice Commodore again this year.

Best Regards,

Lawrence Johnson



Safety on our docks



We are in the process of adding to the safety on our docks by installing rescue ladders, heaving lines, life preservers and fire extinguishers.

Ken Smith has installed these in Dock D and E and will be installing the rest over the next few months.

The above shows the locations on D & E Dock. These graphs are also posted in the clubhouse.

Marnie

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Contact: Brent 250-307-1042 for inquiries



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT



Ed Kinnear

It has been a great summer for Debbie and me. A new grandchild in June and another expected in August. We have had family visiting often and everyone has enjoyed the great Okanagan weather. We hope you have taken advantage of summer as well and put some hours on your boats.

I wanted to talk a bit about the orange buoys that are located up and down the lake. The original buoys were installed some years ago by a Safe Boating Society and then turned over to the yacht clubs when that society dissolved. We, the Vernon Yacht Club maintain the 39 buoys on the North end of the lake beginning at Agate Bay and running up to Ellison Park on the east side of the lake and the forestry campground on the west, opposite side of the lake. The buoys south of Agate Bay are the responsibility of other clubs.

There is more information available about the identification as private, intended usage and labeling of these buoys on the VYC website under the link http://vernonyachtclub.com/trellis/Mooring_Buoys. The link also notes that we require the services of divers from time to time to assist in the maintenance of these buoys. If you are certified to dive and would like to get involved with this program get in touch with one of the executive or the office. The Yacht Club looks after the expenses and provides the boat of course.

I received a distressing phone call from one of our members recently as he had injured himself after deploying and then attempting to climb one of our newly installed emergency ladders. If you haven't yet noticed, the Club has installed emergency ladders throughout the yacht basin. These are placed there should someone fall in the water and did not have any other way to climb back on the dock. The ladders are not intended nor designed for use by swimmers. Believe me, I have tested the ladder from in the water and it is not comfortable on bare feet but in an emergency situation I would be glad to have any ladder available.

The ladders are intended to be stored up and out of the water with 2 spring clips to hold the ladder in a stacked manner. Storing them up and out prevents a coating of slime from building up. In my test regarding the operation of these ladders I found that the ladder could be very easily deployed and retrieved from above using my boat hook. Good to know if it is your 1st Mate that fell in.

We chose this model as we wanted to maintain a minimum profile to reduce impacts from, and damage to boats. The instructions on the plate are necessarily simple (and in only one of our official languages). It reads:

PULL YELLOW LADDER RUNG DOWN—EXTEND LADDER FULLY INTO WATER

There **is a risk of injury** if the ladder rungs are not fully extended by pulling on the bottom yellow rung. But again for those of us who might be on the docks later in the year when there are less boats about and no members around; the ladder could be your only hope. There is an instructional video at <http://www.up-n-out.com/marina-ladders/> if you want to see the ladder in operation. Please take the time to familiarize yourselves with location of these ladders, life rings and fire extinguishers that are near your slip and in the yacht basin. Please report any damage or vandalism to this valuable safety equipment if you see it.

Take care and enjoy the rest of summer,

Ed Kinnear

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Jaron Chasca



Welcome!... To all the new members that have joined this year! We hope you are enjoying the VYC and all it has to offer its membership. It's been another great summer for boating and fingers crossed, we can squeeze another month or so of this beautiful weather. A quick update from the memberships, I'm happy to say we have reach and surpassed our budget for this year's new members. This growth is continually needed for our Club to grow! So I encourage people to go out and continue to seek out new members for our Club. Again welcome to all the new members this year, I hope your enjoying the VYC. Please contact me with any membership inquiries you may come across.

Jaron Chasca



September..... Seasonal residents leave for home...

Many VYC Members become Snowbirds

By Ron Heuman

Oh, how the days fly by, our boating season turns from hot, lazy days on the water to warm afternoons and cool evenings. All is good though, as each season brings Okanagan beauty for us to enjoy. Most of our seasonal residents will head east as jobs and education beckons. Many of our VYC members also find September the month of preparation for their long journey south as they fear Okanagan winters, skiing, curling, hockey and the Vernon Winter Carnival for golf, more golf and walking in the desert. Some things just do not make sense! Anyway good luck on your journeys and come home safely. In the meantime we who stay in Vernon will enjoy having our roadways back to normal traffic.

Speaking of Snow-birding VYC Members, do not forget to make financial arrangements with Marnie in the VYC Office to ensure your 2014 membership dues and moorage fees are looked after.

Gas reported missing on "C" Dock. Members have noticed that they are experiencing more fuel usage than normal. Could be we have a gas thief lurking about. Time for all members to be on the lookout for any suspicious activity. The VYC Security Team is on high



alert and have taken extra measures to foil any suspected activity. Well, 8 months on the Executive Committee. We had an enjoyable meeting in August. I was asked to chair the Nomination Committee however declined in favour of a Past Commodore who should

be doing this job. Retiring members have been asked to look for replacements. Is it your turn to guide the Club? The Commodore must be happy with my work as he gave me two more assignments. First the VYC will take part in the Zebra and Quagga Mussel invasive species, of which much publicity has been seen this summer. I will coordinate with the Society responsible and help place an apparatus in our marina to detect if Okanagan Lake is contaminated. Secondly, I have been assigned the onerous task of reviewing and rewriting the VYC Moorage Regulations. A big job, however I have recruited a committee of competent members and others have offered to provide feedback. So, it is a busy time for me to get this done by the next Executive meeting.

In closing, September looks to be one active month at the VYC. Come out, enjoy your boat, enjoy your clubhouse, and enjoy being a member....

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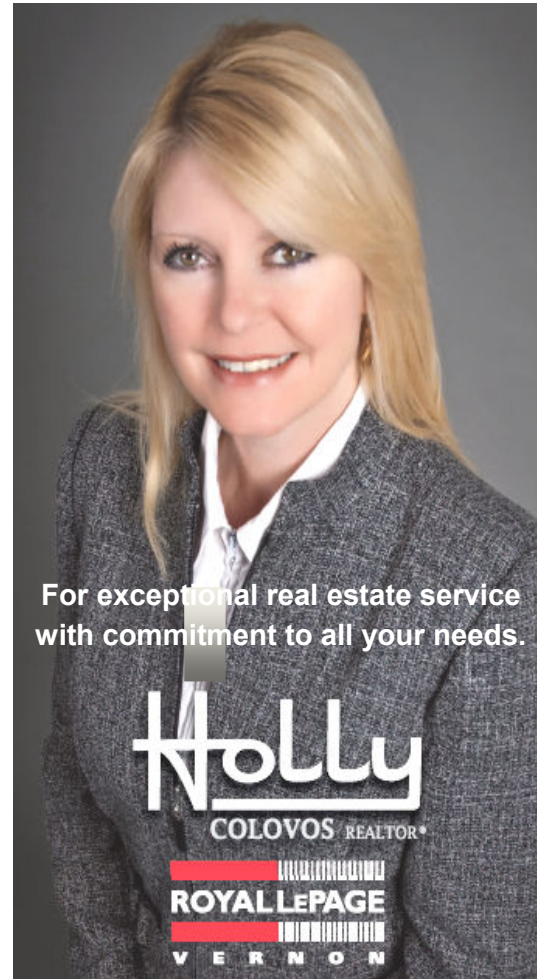
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***A Message from
your Office Manager
Marnie...***



- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ **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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Neale Donald Walsch

Do you have a super spectacular recipe you would like to share with your fellow members...Send your recipe to tiller@vernonyachtclub.com and we will start a `home cookin` page!



Buoy o' Buys

Up and down the shores of Okanagan Lake there are a number of those double tired, pumpkin colored buoys available for our use that are maintained by all the Yacht Clubs on Okanagan Lake. We all know them, we all love them and most of us use them but do we know how it is they continue to exist for our ongoing enjoyment?

From Agate Bay north there are a total of 39 buoys that have been the property of the Vernon Yacht Club since the late 90's when ownership of those buoys and a small amount of cash was transferred over to the VYC from the Okanagan Safe Boating Society. Similarly, ownership of all the other buoys along the Lake owed by the Okanagan Safe Boating Society was also transferred to the other Yacht Clubs.

By 2005 the condition of the mooring chains had deteriorated to a point that a decision had to be made to either decommission the buoys or, incur the costs to overhaul each and every one of them. In 2006 the VYC Membership approved a plan to refurbish the buoys and a committee, directed by Member Ron Paziuk (SV "Doodle"), was formed. In 2007 the project began in earnest with Ron and a group of other VYC Member volunteers hauling all 39 buoys ashore for servicing, upgrading their hardware and new markings applied to bring them into full compliance with Transport Canada regulations.

At one point the Kelowna Yacht Club stated on their website they spent \$40,000 over a three year period on the 37 buoys they took ownership of using the services of a contractor, whereas Ron and his group of dedicated Member volunteers managed to keep our costs down to about only \$8,000 by donating their time and with the use of the Marathon Club boat with its unique "landing craft" style drop bow.

Ever since starting the refurbishing project and right up to late last year Ron has continued to oversee and coordinate the servicing and maintenance of our buoys with the diving assistance of former Member volunteers Eric and Bronwyn Young, who moved to Vancouver Island last fall for bluer pastures, and the use of the Marathon Club boat.

After 6 years of tireless dedication, Ron has decided that it's time for him to pass along the torch and now with Eric and Bronwyn also living out of the area new member volunteers are needed to take over these tasks.

The efforts and dedication of these few individuals with the use of the Club boat has allowed us and others to continue to use these buoys for our benefit and enjoyment and at a cost far less than some of the other Clubs on the Lake who chose to use the services of a hired contractor to service and maintain their buoys.

It is also important to remember that although these 39 buoys are the private property of the Vernon Yacht Club their use is not restricted to just our Members and Members of the other Yacht Clubs with whom we share reciprocal privileges but with members of the general boating public.

The stated purposes of the Vernon Yacht Club in our Constitution are; *"...to promote the enhancement of boating as a recreational and pleasurable pastime, to encourage inter-club and inter-community nautical activities and to provide facilities for any of the foregoing"* and our website clearly states that the buoys are available for public use.

However, the use of our buoys by all boaters comes with certain conditions and the general boating public is reminded to respect the rights of ownership of Members of the Vernon and other Yacht Clubs.

Rights of ownership does not mean risking confrontation by asking a non-yacht club member to leave a buoy but rather being community minded and, if wind and lake conditions are favorable, advising you are a VYC Member willing to share your property with them by rafting alongside, should no other buoys be available.

Unattended overnight mooring is prohibited and should you come across such a vessel tie to them at your own discretion then advise the Rear Commodore of the date, time, buoy location and the name or other identifying marks of the offending vessel as soon as possible. Should the owner of the offending vessel return you can advise them they are secured to private property, as clearly marked on the buoy itself, and that unattended overnight mooring is prohibited as a condition of use.

Know your facts, be friendly and help educate the general public as to the proper use of the VYC mooring buoys as outlined on the home page of the VYC website under VYC Mooring Buoy Policy http://vernonyachtclub.com/trellis/Mooring_Buoys and remember, there is one similarly orange colored buoy at the south end of the south bay of Ellison but with no markings that does **NOT** belong to the VYC.

Craig Williams

Director Publicity and Marketing



Sailing News



The summer days are waning, the osprey's young have almost flown the nest. Fall is in the air and the America Cup finals are being held in San Diego in September. Time to plan our winter holidays to somewhere nice and warm.

Meanwhile in Vernon, we still have over two months of racing. We may not be on the par with the America Cup but we also don't have the millions of dollars invested in our boats, sails and crew or the fancy gadgets. Since our last report there have been a few events happening. Our annual Jack and Jill Social was held on July 28th. Ron and Val Heuman hosted the event and did a spectacular job. The day was warm and we had a light breeze. The nine boats were divided into three fleets and given different race courses. Captivator (Edie & Peter) won A fleet, Cygnus (Graham, Jim, Susan & Gail) won B Fleet and Wind Dancer (Terry & Patricia) won C fleet but the overall winner (drum roll please) was Ayesha who won the pleasure of hosting next year's event. I'm thinking something differenthmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm or taking a holiday during the summer months. A special award was given to Davy Jones Rocker (David Jones) for his expertise on the race course.

The Summer series was completed at the end of July and the winners were:

	A Fleet	B Fleet
1 st	Mystique	Stormy
2 nd	Split Decision	Cimarron
3 rd	Liquid Assets	Eagle Moon

Full results on the club's website. The Fall series continues until Sept 22nd and then we switch to the Hot Rum Series. Sunday racing begins Sept 8 at 1 pm.

Congratulations to Phoenix who represented the Vernon Yacht Club at the Commodore Cup held in Kelowna Aug 17/18 and came back with a third place finish in the highly competitive Santana Fleet. Well done, Keith, Debbie, Mo and Peter.

A very belated congratulations to Dave Pollock and Shelley English on their marriage earlier this year. Best wishes and happy sailing! Welcome back to Bob McDonell who has returned to the race course and easily took two firsts on his first night back. Someone slow that boat down!! -

Watch out for some of the upcoming sailing events - End to End Race in mid September and the famous Pumpkin Race at the end of October. Wind up Party is November 2nd so start planning your potluck dish now.

See you on the water,

Carol Craske

CPS News

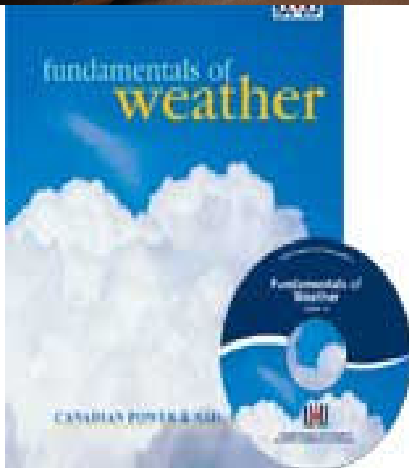


Vernon Power &



HRH Prince Philip

Our patron, HRH Prince Philip, with the CPS 75th Anniversary flag in his library at Buckingham Palace. In early May, HRH received this commemorative flag and was delighted to contribute to our anniversary celebrations.

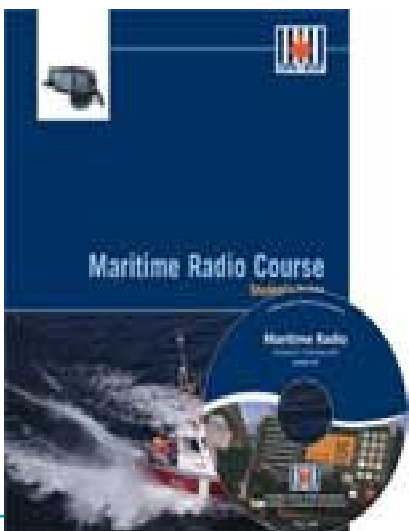


Fundamentals of Weather

This course covers many aspects of the formation and behavior of the weather around us. Meteorology is quite technical in nature, whereas Fundamentals of Weather is presented in a clear, straightforward manner that eliminates much of the jargon.

The study of weather is both fascinating and satisfying. The skills you will develop from this course will serve you for a lifetime. With practice, you will be able to make practical short-term forecasts. You will be able to forecast the weather beyond 'red sky at night'!

The course will commence in September, running for 8 weeks. Please call Simo at 250-542-5525. Or register online at www.cpsboat.ca.



The Maritime Radio Course

The course leads to the VHF Marine Radio Operators Certification, the ROC(M), which is legally required to operate a VHF Radio on the water. The course will be presented during the summer if enough people are interested. Please call Doug at 250-549-5117.

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Sunday: Brunch 10:00-1:00

2013 Calendar of Events

for

Okanagan Yacht Clubs

DATE	YC	EVENT
SEPTEMBER		
7	WKYC	Gold Tournament
7	VYC	Pig Roast
13-15	SYC	All Clubs End to End Regatta
21	KYC	Kelowna Blind Fishing Derby
29	SYC	Sunday—"Steak & Rib Night" Ends
OCTOBER		
5	WKYC	Fall Clean up
6	SYC	Sailing Ends
12	SYC	Lift Out
26	VYC	Halloween Party
26	KYC	Halloween Party
26	SYC	Halloween Party
NOVEMBER		
2	KYC	Sailing Banquet
11	KYC	Remembrance Day Festivities—Water Event
19	SYC	TBA-AGM
20	WKYC	AGM
24	WKYC	Grey Cup Party
24	VYC	Grey Cup Party
24	KYC	Grey Cup Party
26	VYC	AGM

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Shannon Gall—KYC—shannongall16@gmail.com

"I don't approve of political jokes... I've seen too many of them get elected."





**COMMODORE'S BALL AND
SAILPAST!**



FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Jerry Spelchan

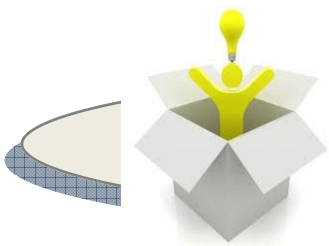


For the club Invasion this year we had 12 visiting boats up from other clubs and for the Rib Off in August we had 7, the other clubs really enjoy our Club and I thank all members for making them feel welcome. We now have the Pig Roast coming up Sept. 6@7th weekend and have a lot of bigger boats coming up so if you plan to be gone that weekend please notify the office or mark on the board please. Fall is on our doorstep and winter storage is just around the corner so remember to fill out a winter storage request and tag your boat when you leave it in the lot. Also, please keep parking as tight as

possible as space is going to be maxed out. Winter storage forms are available in the bottom of the Club House and tags will be made available in October. Hoping everyone has had a great boating season so far and that we have a great fall.

Jerry Spelchan

We can feel fall in the air already, seems so soon??? Our moorage has been run to capacity this year and there will definitely be a wait list next year which I will have out in the next few weeks. On that note any members not planning to use their slips in 2014 please email our office or drop off a note as this saves Marnie a lot of paper work and makes the Fleet Captains job much easier.



The Idea Box

By Ron Heuman

The Idea Box located above the lounge fireplace remains happy, that is, all members like what is happening at our Club.... Hooray!!

Just a reminder to those members who go away from our beautiful North Okanagan city to continue to work on their tans, please make arrangements with Marnie in the VYC Office regarding 2014 membership dues and moorage fees. If you are not paid up by February 01st there is a 15% penalty..... If you have not renewed your membership and paid all dues and fees by March 01, 2014 your membership at the VYC is forfeited and you will have to re-apply again. Don't get caught, put membership renewal on your going away TO-DO list and get it done by the end of September!

Ron Heuman

Your Idea Box Coordinator

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; it's all about the Vernon Yacht Club. We are allowed to use it with permission from the museum.

Vernon News March 1959

Parson New Commodore

Yacht Club Achievements Marked at Annual Ball

Mike Parson recently elected head of the Vernon Yacht Club for 1959 was formally installed as the Club's ninth commodore at the annual Commodore's Ball and installation banquet held for the first time in the Club's new home, on Thursday.

Sworn in with him, as this year's executive were Amos Baker, Vice Commodore; Blair Jackson, Secretary; Bob Neil, Treasurer; and Directors Cec Hemming, Frank Telfer, Jack Fuhr, Bert Hanna and Alan Park. Retiring Commodore Fred August carries on as immediate Past Commodore, and director Everard Clarke was out of town.

The new Yacht Club House at Okanagan Landing, not quite completed and still to be officially opened, had been tastefully decorated by the Ladies' Auxiliary in a marine motif which further contributed to the atmosphere as over a hundred members, wives and guests sat down to dinner served from their own kitchen.

Retiring Commodore Fred August, acting in his last official capacity as chairman of the banquet, reviewed the activities and accomplishments of the Club over the past year.

He pointed out that just last January the

Club, through volunteer labor was in the process of placing the floor joists for the building.

2722 MAN HOURS

Since that date a total of 2722 volunteer man hours had been put into the project through 132 work parties by 67 different people. The building was now virtually complete with but a small amount of finishing and painting and the grounds to be landscaped.

He advised that over the past year, and most likely due to the increased facilities, the membership had increased from 39 members in 1957 to 152 by the end of 1958. He suggested that the membership would most likely increase to over 200 before this year was out.

Mr. August also pointed out that after many years of negotiating a federal government breakwater was under construction adjacent to the Yacht Club and that would be of tremendous value to local residents and visitors alike. During the past year a women's auxiliary had been formed under their first president, Mrs. Frank Telfer, and had contributed considerably towards furnishing and equipping the Club's new home.

A junior Yacht Club had also been sponsored and had gained wide acceptance by the teenagers during the summer months.

Mr. August then introduced the head table guests which included representatives of the Salmon Arm Boat Club and the Kelowna Yacht Club.

PRESENTS STEIN

Commodore-elect Mike Parsons told the banquet that back in 1951 a group of men met to form a Yacht Club and drew up a list of three objectives. These were a proper launching ramp for boats, a breakwater to provide mooring and shelter, and a club house.

He said it must be of great satisfaction to these men, some of whom have been on the executive since the Club's inception, to see these three objectives achieved.

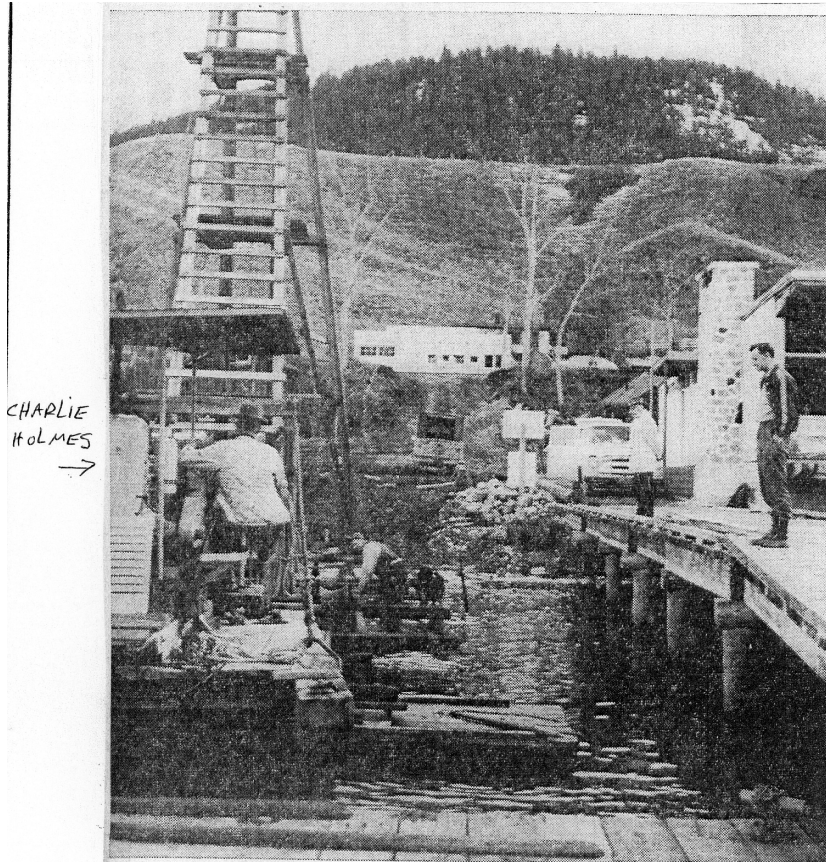
He paid tribute to Fred August, who as chairman of the building committee as well as last year's commodore, had been instrumental in the Club realizing its club house goal, and to Blair Jackson, who as chairman of the breakwater committee had been singularly responsible for the Federal Government's decision to erect a breakwater at Okanagan Landing. He pointed out, that at one point, Ottawa to confer with the authorities regarding this structure.

Mr. Parsons told the banquet that a joint official opening of the breakwater and club house had been planned for May 18, a holiday.

The new chief forecast that this year would see the completion of improved facilities for mooring and a continuation of the rapid rise of boat owners and enthusiasts.

Don Warner's Orchestra provided music for the dance that followed the banquet.

\$17,921 Breakwater Construction Starts



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“Work is progressing on the construction of a \$17,921 federal breakwater at Okanagan Landing after operations were halted recently due to a cold snap which froze the lake edge. Contractor C.E. Holmes expects the 320 foot project to be completed around April 1. The work also involves the construction of a pile and timber approach. So far old pilings have been removed and the area cleaned up in preparation for actual construction.”

Vernon News Photo

Messing About in Boats

by
Dave Atkins

As our boating season draws to a close, maybe it is time to sit and reflect on how successful it was. My sailing season was rather quiet, I didn't do very much sailing at all. What is it that keeps us coming back year after year to do the same activity over and over again? I started sailing over 60 years ago and I can remember the excitement of each opportunity to get into a sailboat and have the thrill that went with controlling the boat and

getting the best performance possible out of it. I started sailing dinghies on the rivers in England, and graduated to cruising on the Norfolk Broads. I even found a way to go sailing at an Army Sailing Club in Germany, until they discovered that my friend and I were not Officers, we were given directions to the “Pig Club” which was the sailing club for “other ranks.” We did get to go sailing and if I remember correctly, the tiller broke off the rudder when we were on the other side of the lake and we had a lesson in “ingenuity” to get back to the club.

Sailing can be a varied activity and covers many different aspects depending on the size of the boat and the purpose of the crew. Dinghy racing was popular in the Okanagan/Shuswap several years ago, but it seems to have declined. I used to

travel up and down the valley and up to Blind Bay for several years racing an Enterprise dinghy in a very competitive fleet, but it gradually faded away, and the sailors either moved up to bigger boats or just quit racing. Cruising is the other popular sailing activity and once one has been up and down the lake a couple of times, it seems that the next move is to the Gulf Islands which is an incredible area in which to sail and visit the interesting places in the islands. For the ultimate sailing adventure, head offshore across the Pacific, but that one is beyond my courage!!! Maybe when we get older and less adventurous we buy a trawler and cruise in comfort!!

Dave Atkins

Notes from the Webmaster...

Greetings Fellow Boaters,

Another boating season is well underway ... just a few reminders:

The website is there to provide members information both past, present and future ... this is only as good as the information given to me ... if you either see an error, omission and or need something updated on the website please don't hesitate to let Marnie, the Club Executive or myself know about it. <http://vernonyachtclub.com>

One of our Members, Vic Romaszewski (THANK YOU Vic!) discovered that our WebCam Vendor is now providing FREE APPs for Smart Phones which allow us to view the WebCam from our smart phones ... Both Android and iPhone can now view the Main WebCam using **NetVu Free ... Address 184.70.244.246, Port 80, User members PW password ...** Digging further I also discovered they now also have a MAC solution for those of you that are MAC users. The link for the MAC software is: http://www.downloadcollection.com/dm_netvu_observer.htm

For all members, just a reminder that VYC has a local weather station ... this can be viewed locally on the screen upstairs between the washrooms or online via our website or on your smart phone via the following link: <http://vernonyachtclub.com/UserFiles/File/2010%20MSC/vycwx.html>

Finally there appears to be some confusion about the Internet links available at the Club ... we have 2 Wifi links; one is intended only for indoor use: **TR6Rt2** and the other is intended for dockside and outdoor deck use: **TR6Rt** ... both require a password: **8922482582** ... some members say they can connect to the indoor Wifi on the docks ... while this may work in areas closer in to the building it is not recommended or supported ... connecting to the outdoor Wifi may also be an issue depending on the device you are using and how far out on the docks you are located ... if your connection is not stable please try turning off AUTO Power mode on your Wifi Device and manually set it to MAX power.

Should you have any questions regarding any information I have provided here, please feel free to email me at webmaster@vernonyachtclub.com

Happy Boating

Terry



Captains Care Club

Just a reminder to all members, the Captain Care Club is a club within a club. All members are in the C.C.C., we raise money that is controlled by you, the member. We have our own account within the Clubs account. So far the C.C.C has purchased one of the four TV's in the Club, all the patio tables, and two racing marks for the sailors. In the past there was a similar club called First Mates, they purchased a pool table, shuffle board table, BBQ and built the BBQ pit.

The money that is raised can only be spent by the C.C.C., the Executive has no control over the account, but all ideas must be passed by the Executive.

The biggest fundraiser that we put on is the Rib-Off, and is all volunteers doing the cooking and cleaning, along with a silent auction from donations from our members.

Any ideas or suggestions for fundraising goals, can be forwarded to myself at vy-cmaint@shaw.ca or office@vernonyachtclub.com


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On another note...the recycle bin

Conveniently, as you leave the Club after a long day on the water there are recycle bins inside the gatehouse for your returnable drink containers and a garbage bin for all else. The recycle bins are intended for your returnable drink containers only. So the cardboard box your 12 bud cans came in or remnants from your lunch (ie: pizza boxes) or your little ones bum wrappers do not go in this bin. This garbage goes in the big blue garbage container just a few short steps past the gate in the parking lot. During the boating season with all the activity at the Club and on the water these bins fill quickly so please use them as they are intended.

In consideration to others please be sure you put only recyclable drink containers in the recycle bins and your garbage in the garbage bin.

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VERNON YACHT CLUB

HOURS EFFECTIVE

APRIL 2013

GANGPLANK BAR OPEN:

Tuesday	4:00 pm — 10:00 pm
Wednesday	4:00 pm — 10:00 pm
Thursday	4:00 pm — 10:00 pm
Friday	4:00 pm — 11:00 pm
Saturday	12:00 pm— 10:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am — 6:00 pm
Monday	Closed

FOOD SERVICE:

Wednesday: Burger Night	5:00-9:00
Friday: Steak or Salmon Night	6:00-9:00
Saturday: Soup & Bun	12:00-3:00
Sunday: Brunch	10:00-1:00

OFFICE OPEN

Monday	08:30 am—2:30 pm
Thursday	08:30 am—2:30 pm

Do you ever wonder....?

- ⇒ What do gardeners do after they retire?
- ⇒ Why is it that doctors call what they do “practice”?
- ⇒ Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavors and dishwasher detergent made with real lemons?
- ⇒ If the #2 pencil is the most popular why is it still the #2?
- ⇒ Why does your nose runs and your feet smell?
- ⇒ Why do fat chance and slim chance mean the same thing?
- ⇒ If you have to put your two cents in but its only a penny for your thoughts, who gets the extra penny?
- ⇒ If someone tries to fail and succeeds, which have they done?
- ⇒ If your car could travel at the speed of light would your headlights still work?
- ⇒ Why do they call them “free gifts” ...aren’t all gifts free?
- ⇒ Why is it called after dark when its really after light?
- ⇒ What do people in China call their good plates?
- ⇒ Why are they called “apartments” when they are all stuck together?
- ⇒ Why do they call it a TV set when you only get one?
- ⇒ What was the best thing before sliced bread?
- ⇒ Do Tetley employees take coffee breaks?

RIDDLES AND SUCH.....

- 1) What has four wheels and flies?
- 2) What grows down when it grows up?
- 3) What gets wetter the more it dries?
- 4) Which word in the dictionary is spelled incorrectly?
- 5) Take away my first letter and I sound the same.
Take away my last letter and I sound the same.
Even take away my middle letter and I sound the same. I am a 5 letter word, what am I?
- 6) What is so delicate that even saying its name breaks it?
- 7) What kind of Karate does a pig learn?
- 8) Why did the tissue dance?

"We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives teaching them how to walk and talk. Then we spend the next twelve years telling them to sit down and shut up!"

~Anonymous



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| 8) | It had a little boogie in it! |
| 7) | Pork Chop |
| 6) | Silence |
| 5) | Empty |
| 4) | Incorrectly |
| 3) | A towel |
| 2) | A goose |
| 1) | A garbage truck |



Minutes Summary

By Pamela Miller

Guest presentation: Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society (OASIS)~ Lisa Scott and student assistant, Heather Monk presented the VYC Board with an update on the Zebra and Quagga mussel outreach project. They have received a \$30,000 grant through the Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) and are working with the Ministry of Environment to help prevent the introduction of Zebra and Quagga mussels in Okanagan Lake. The mussels can clog water intake pipes, pumps, boat motors and produce toxins that kill fish and birds. Boat launch sites are the most likely place the mussels can be introduced into our waters and this occurs via boats from other areas of Canada/USA. The OASIS project aims to educate boaters on how the mussels spread and on the importance of cleaning, draining and drying equipment coming from contaminated lakes. OASIS was granted permission to install one 8 meter substrate monitoring device within the VYC Marina and for assistance distributing their information.

Seeking New VYC Executive Board members for 2014~ The VYC is looking for interested members to put their name in the hat for next year's Board of Directors. Members should all consider taking a turn on the Executive and contribute their time and expertise to the running of the club. A nomination committee will be formed soon and members will be advised of which positions will be available. For a full list of Executive Roles and their respective responsibilities, please contact the VYC Office.

VYC Buoys and non-member use~ There have been a few incidents where non-members have secured VYC buoys as members were clearly headed towards the buoys but without enough power to reach them first. The VYC Board determined that in these situations VYC members can use their own discretion and either ask to raft up with the non-member boat or if the non-member does not wish to comply, mention that the buoys are the property of the Vernon Yacht Club with priority given to members for use.

Swimming within the VYC Marina is strongly discouraged~ The VYC has installed emergency ladders for when someone accidentally falls in the water and needs to use a ladder to get back on the dock. It may be the hot weather we're having but coincidentally since the ladders' installation, there has been an increase in swimming amongst the boats. The ladders are specifically designed for emergencies and were not installed to encourage people to swim in the marina.

Pig Roast and Les Copeland~ The caption on last year's t-shirt "The Best Darned Pig I Ever Had" describes this annual Roast Pig Feast best. On September 7th members will stand watch all night and day to help roast this year's pig to perfection. If you have a couple of hours to stand watch, please add your name to the calendar on the upstairs bulletin board. In the evening, Les Copeland will be entertaining us with his famous blues tunes.

VYC Moorage at capacity~ Our Fleet Captain, Jerry Spelchan is THE person to speak with about anything and everything to do with moorage. Jerry has done an amazing job accommodating and finding workable solutions to existing and new members. We have had an increase in memberships and our moorage is currently at capacity. For all information, the most complete response and any decisions to do with moorage contact Jerry at 250-545-4564.

The VYC's Captain's Care Club~ Did you know we have a Captain's Care Club actively fundraising for special projects and items? Items such as the flat screen T.V., Patio Furniture and more were all purchased through this club! A BIG thank you to all the members who put in the time and effort to run the Captain's Care Club!

Days are still full-on hot and nights crisp and cool! What a great August!





September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM	4 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM	5 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM Family Dinner Night	6 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—11:00PM	7 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—10:00PM Pig Roast
8 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM	9	10 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM	11 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM	12 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM Family Dinner Night	13 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—11:00PM	14 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—10:00PM
15 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM	16	17 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM	18 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM	19 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM Family Dinner Night	20 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—11:00PM Jam Night!	21 Lounge Hrs. 12:00— 4:00PM Private Function from 4:00 PM
22 Lounge Hrs. 10:00—6:00PM	23	24 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM	25 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM	26 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—10:00PM Family Dinner Night	27 Lounge Hrs. 4:00—11:00PM	28 Lounge Hrs. 12:00—10:00PM Family Dinner Night
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