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The grand pumpkin judging!

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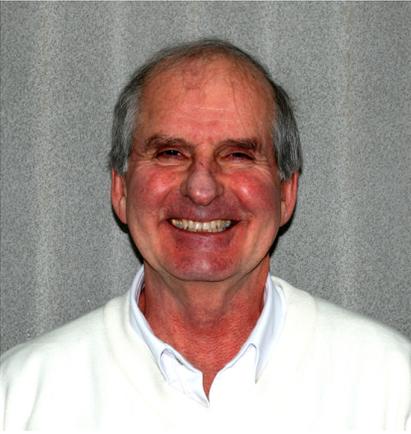
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## COMMODORE'S REPORT JIM CALDWELL



### This

is my final Tiller Topic newsletter before the AGM November 30. As the cabin door closes on this part of my involvement with the Vernon Yacht Club, I would like to take a few lines to say thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and talents to make our club the finest in the valley.

To the 2009 Executive and Directors, I salute you. Our monthly meetings were always well attended with lively discussions

surrounding the topic up for discussion. It has been a pleasure to work with you and learn from you.

To all of our members I wish you the very best in 2010 and hope you will give your support to the new Executive and Directors.

Sincerely,

*Jim Caldwell*

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT TIM AMY



### Only

28 shopping days till Xmas, excluding week-

ends. By the time you have this newsletter in your hands there will be a new Executive at the VYC. A few old hands will provide continuity while several newer members will no doubt help move the Club along. I prefer gradual incremental change to wholesale revolution and view life as riding a bike; you have to keep moving to retain balance, unless you are a trick rider.

In the coming year the Club priorities may include:

- A range of 'marketing' initiatives intended to attract Regular and Associate members of all ages who live in the Vernon area and are interested in boating and socializing with others afflicted with the same condition.
- Improving the atrocious acoustics of the Club lounge area.
- Creating alternative seating areas and ambience in the lounge.
- Increasing usage of the Club house for both Club events and rented for private functions.

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- Security of assets will continue to be addressed; the members of the Security Team will be encouraged to continue. They are a great example of community spirit.
- The west breakwater continues to be an item of 'interest' and a large annual expense with plans being considered to separate and realign the sections to reduce breakage and deflect wave action.
- Early in the new year members may wish to resume collegial discussion of the Club's Long Range Objectives.
- In keeping with the times, fiscal prudence will be a priority as well as finding 'creative' ways to improve Club income independent of the members pocket books.
- Members of the Executive will be encouraged to establish working committees, to involve members in various aspects of Club operations, to delegate and prepare members for their turn as Club Directors next year.



Between December 12 and 31, the Club will organize the annual Christmas and New Year Parade of Lights; members dressing their boats with Xmas lights and motoring around the bay on several evenings to be announced. Hopefully this year we won't require services of an ice breaker. Even if you don't intend to join the on water parade, please consider lighting up your boat at the docks to add to the season festivities.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year  
*Tim Amy*



## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT STEWART BYE

### Thank-you

to everyone that came out for the fall cleanup. In spite of the steady rain we managed to

make quick work of winterizing the docks, and also the cleaning up the facilities. Everything has been put away for winter.

As this is the end of my term on the executive I would like to thank all of the executive and members for their support. They have made the last year both productive and enjoyable. It takes many people and countless hours to keep our club operating so that we can enjoy boating.

Thank-you  
*Stewart Bye*

## FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT BOB MONTGUIRE



**With**

your moorage intent form you will also receive a copy of

our moorage regulations. Attached to the regulations is a contract which must be signed before you will be granted moorage for 2010. This change from a policy to a contract will give us the legal power to enforce the moorage regulations. Since only about 5% of members refuse to follow the rules, it will have no effect on the majority of the membership. All members wishing moorage must also have on file at the office a current copy of their boat insurance.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank first Rachael for all her hard work and for putting up

with myself and the rest of my committee. Secondly my thanks to Ken Smith and Gerald Gustafson for their support and many hours of assistance.



Looking at the executive for next year I know we will have a good 2010 and I am looking forward

to working with them to ensure the continued success of the club.

*Bob Montguire*

## STAFF CAPTAIN'S REPORT NICOLA WINDSOR



**Well**

this is my final report as Staff Captain. The last 3 years have been very enjoyable, and I have met

many people up and down the lake. Many thanks to Mary Jean Watson, Gail Short, Judy Hoy, Bob McElroy and Rachael (sorry if I missed anyone) for all their help and insight with all the events that we have put on over the last 3 years. Rick, I hope you have as much fun.



*Sincerely  
Nicola Windsor*

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# Bill Lewis

On November 11, 2009, Bill Lewis passed away after a long battle with cancer. Bill was a long time member of the Vernon Yacht Club until 2002 when he sold his sailboat to remain ashore. He held many different positions on the executive and was a very active member in our Yacht Club. Bill and his wife Shirley were the very epitome of a Vernon Yacht Club member - they would greet everyone as if they were entering their home. They never liked to see anyone sit alone and would invite everyone to sit at their table. Bill raced with us for many years in his various sailboats - Olson 30, Catalina 27 and CS 27. He will be missed. Our condolences go out to Shirley and family.

"I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength, and I stand and watch until at last she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the

sea and sky come down to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says, 'There she goes!'

Gone where? Gone from my sight ... that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of destination. Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at the moment when someone at my side says, 'There she goes!' there are other eyes watching her coming and their voices ready to take up the glad shouts 'Here she comes!' - Henry Van Dyke

Carol



## Bouquet of Roses

In recognition for dedication of time, effort, and initiative to inspire members of our club to contribute to Tiller Topics, Hanny Kooyman, editor, is applauded and presented with "les belles fleurs" !

Of special note for this month...

*Carol Craske, Sailing Race Recorder, for her ongoing dedication to sailing and its promotion, for her effort and time in organizing sail events, and her leadership in the development of our women's fleet;*

*Don Craske, A Fleet Skipper, for his ongoing support to all sailing events, assisting where needed with a smile and sense of humor;*

*Dave Horsham and Carol Craske, for their planning and organization of the Great Pumpkin Carving Event, on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>: What a fun sail to pluck pumpkins floating in the lake!*

*Rachel Moroz-Gaylard,, VYC Office Manager, for her skill in keeping the VY club's business running smoothly through her ability to juggle so many tasks at once;*

*Dave Horsham, Sail Racing Chairman, for his "steadfast Yeoman's service": A job well done!*

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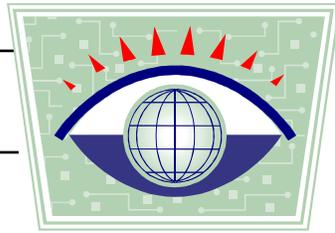
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By Kerry Richardson



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Publisher: Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment

Review:

For those who enjoy sailboat racing at its finest, this is the film to see! Movie critics report: "Sheer excitement!" The story is sure to grab the attention of anyone stirred by "yacht racing", for it centers around "America's Cup", and the ongoing rivalry between Australia and the United States in winning the coveted "prize". Interject scenes of day sail race hiking, digital images of yacht tacking, and the excruciating "ring around the rosy" after grazing a mark! Add themes of "Physics" design, personal ambition, teamwork, and "sharing a dream", highlighted in ocean shots of photographic drama! You have a film that some claim to be "...a 'Rocky' of yacht racing"! This is a favorite to see over and over again...

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There's always a way to fill one's sails! Balderdash in fine form!

*Thank you to all who have participated in the putting together of our Tiller Topics Newsletter of this year! Not only did members become informed about various aspects of our club, all these individual writings and other contributions, as several members have expressed, "have made the newsletter an interesting read."*

*Enjoy the Holiday Season,  
Hanny Kooyman, editor.*

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- The Boating Course will commence in March, 2010
- GPS Navigation - Spring
- VHF Radio - Spring

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Want to find out more about the Power Squadron and its courses? Check us out on our web-sites: [Vernon Power & Sail Squadron www.cpsvernon.ca](http://www.cpsvernon.ca)

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CPS Courses - What's on the Horizon?



Our Seamanship Course (formerly Piloting) is the second course in our series of Navigation Courses. It will run for approximately 12 weeks (Tuesday evenings), commencing in late January. This course continues from where our Boating Course finished, and covers all aspects of boating and seamanship, as well as extends the concepts of marine navigation and chart plotting. All manuals, instruction and exams are included in this great value. Prerequisite: Boating Course or equivalent knowledge.



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# Messing About in Boats

by  
Dave Atkins

**Now** that you have spent all that time and money getting ready to sail by yourself, it is time to develop some good procedures. However this may have to wait till the weather warms up next year so file this away for the spring, or you can do dry land simulations just to keep in touch! Firstly you need to have some basic sailing experience, I don't recommend single handed as a way to learn how to sail, only for the desperate and very brave or foolish. You need a knowledge of how the boat works and behaves out on the water.

To start with you have to get the sails hoisted starting with the Main sail. You motored out of the marina so now turn the boat into the wind, making sure that you have good clearance around you. Throttle back so that the boat is moving

slowly into the wind and then use your tiller tamer to secure the tiller. While you reach for the main halyard and start hoisting the sail you may need to correct the steering a little, and this can often be done with your legs against the tiller, because your hands are busy with the main halyard. If the boat drifts off course very much you may not be able to get the main fully hoisted. Don't force it, get the boat pointing back into the wind. Once the main is up you can bear

away a little and start sailing close hauled. At this point I usually turn off the engine and tilt it up, the boat is moving slowly and is not heeled very much so it is easier to deal with the motor then rather than later when you have two sails up and are travelling faster. Now the boat is moving under control it is time to raise the Jib or head sail. If you are close hauled,

i.e. pointing about 45 degrees to the real wind it is easier to raise the jib than if you are stalled head to wind. The sail will clear out to the lee side of the boat and is less likely to foul, and by hauling in the jib sheet you can have it trimmed and pulling quickly. Back off the tension on the tiller tamer and start steering by hand. Now you are sailing under control and you have time to look around and decide which way you are going to proceed. Tidy up the cockpit and coil as many of the lines as you can otherwise you will have a mess on the cockpit sole and you may not be able to grab the right sheet when you



come-about. Tacking the boat single handed can be classed as multi-tasking and you need a procedure unless you are sailing a cat boat (just a main sail). Someone described a Non-such as a gentleman's sail boat as you could tack without having to put your drink down.

Next month multi-tasking.  
*Dave*



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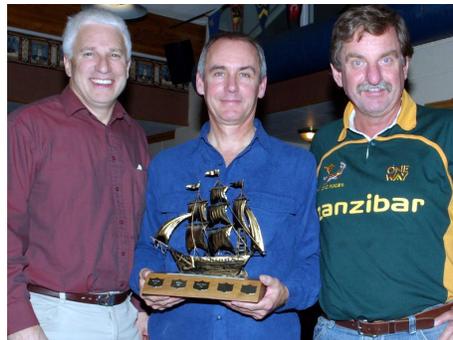




# 2009 Sailing Windup

**The** racing season is officially over for 2009 and on the evening of November 7<sup>th</sup>, the awards were handed out. The evening began with a delicious potluck dinner – why does everyone else’s food tastes better than yours!- followed by the presenting of the awards. Besides the usual awards, there were some special awards and the Valley Girls also participated in the fun. There was no shortage of events to choose from when it came to deciding who to honour. We had torn sails, broken tillers, broken masts, collisions, men overboard, and so on. **Bob McElroy** won the coveted Captain Crunch award since his boat was involved in three collisions during one regatta. The strange thing was his boat was moored to the starting buoy and he isn’t a sailboat! **Jay Johnson** won the Get Knotted Award for having to retrieve a man who fell overboard during one of our races. Unfortunately Jay also

lost his spinnaker sheet and his spinnaker halyard which was pulled right through the mast. **Bob McDonell** won the David Award for taking on Goliath (Balderdash) and coming out ahead. Bob suffered a torn head sail and snapped forestay. Goliath or **Baldercrash** (as he is now known) won the Goliath Award for his broken mast suffered in the same altercation. **Steve Cranton** of Balderdash fame was also crowned the Pumpkin King for winning the Pumpkin race – the first race entered after getting his mast fixed. **Hina** was



second and **Phoenix** was third in the Pumpkin race.

**The Valley Girls** also presented awards. **Jen Martz** won for her acrobatic skill in breaking into her vehicle to retrieve her spare keys. Jen had to climb over the hood and pry open the moon roof. **Jane Nielsen** won for the “shortest swim ever” during the Okanagan Women’s Keelboat Regatta. **Monica Braddick** won for “Best Vocal Skills” for her use of the word “Starboard” on the race course. **Jenny McDonell** won for “Best Retort” when requested to move her boat at the Westbank Yacht Club. **Debbie Gittins** won for “Best Recovery” during the regatta when her spinnaker pole broke and she had to make up for lost time on the second day of the regatta. She did- and managed to pull off a third. The top award went to the Crew of Shadowfax led by **Sandi Simpson** for the “Most Improved Team” during 2009. Now here are the official finishes:

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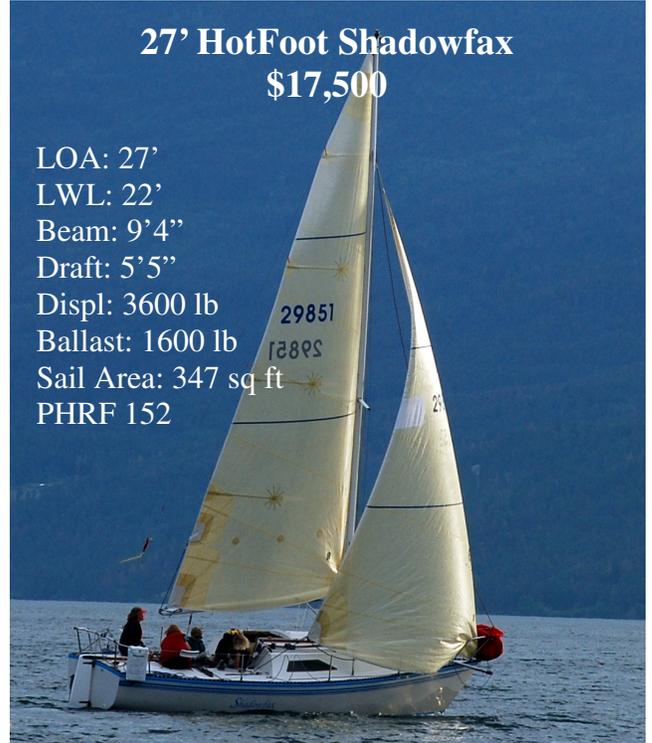
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Second	Split Decision	Ayasha	Ayasha	Captivator	Ayasha
Third	Balderdash	Righteous Indignation	Shadow Fax	Shadow Fax	Mystique

B Fleet	Spring Series	Summer Series	Fall Series	Hot Rum Series	Overall
First	Stormy	Tsjonqa	Stormy	Little Miss Magic	Stormy
Second	Little Miss Magic	Stormy	Hina	Hina	Little Miss Magic
Third	Hina	Butler	Butler	Stormy, Butler & Tsjonqa	Butler

Once again I would like to thank the skippers, friends and colleagues who assisted the Valley Girls during the 2009 Season - Randy Mihalcheon, Peter Barnes, Don Craske, Dan Cook, Dave Pollock, Dave Simpson, Wally Herrmann, Lyle Enns, Phil Nielsen, Keith Sangster, John Ravensbergen and Jim Dillabough . Thank you to Graham Doyle, Tim Amy and Phil Sabatini for the excellent door prizes at the windup party. And a special thank you to Bob McElroy and Ken Smith for running our committee boat every week.

See you next year.  
*Carol Craske*



# Tis' The Season To Keep On Sailing



Photo's by Kerry Richardson

**Racing in the late fall season ...  
Like fine wine, savor the moment!**

**Although** it might seem that the season for boating is over, don't you believe it. Why on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, there were at least four sailboats enjoying the gentle fall breeze: Jesse, Little Miss Magic, Velocity, and Balderdash. Go back to October, and those sailing "yachts" were serious contenders for the Sunday "Hot Rum" Races.



Carol and Don Craske livening up the evening with humor and charm!

Remember all of the Halloween hype? There was the "Pumpkin Carving" event held on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, to which nine plump pumpkins stood carved from the flick of knives and scooping hands of ship crews. Yes,

Don Craske and Dave Horsham had stealthily carried the plump pumpkins to "A" Mark in the Boston Whaler, while skip-



pers and crew chose their strategy to pluck those pumpkins from the frigid lake water. Brrrr...you say? Nothing could be farther from the truth for later in the afternoon, there was gaiety and froth from club tables as transformed pumpkins revealed that creativity does abound among sailors. From the "um...and....ah" from both judges, Bob McElroy and Ken Smith, it was evident that from Carol Craske's

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Dave Horsham, Don Craske, and Carol Craske tucking in the pumpkins

enthusiasm for fun, evolved an afternoon of camaraderie.

Where doth the wind blow? ” ask you. Does it really matter ? Steve Cranton has his own way to fill his spinnaker. If the wind does not come to you, then put your engine in reverse and “fill those sails”! On November 1<sup>st</sup>, as predicted, there was the one o’clock breeze to shimmer

across the water just in time for the race start. But she goes by the name, “Fickle”, for as soon as the spinnakers take form, she dances away to other reaches and the sailors who smile, know its time to bring out their brew and enjoy the cloud-cooled drift with friends.

It is true that the blast of the horn from Ballena Allegra is not to be heard at this time of year; but still, the lure of a breeze or a wind from the south, rouses the urge to sail amongst even the “fair weather” breed, those “snowbirds”,



"Gotcha!"

who take to the waters on the coast among the San Juan Islands, or further south to the land of mariachi bands. Whatever the destination, sailors know that “sailing is an all season lust” for finding that wind which exhilarates the soul...believing that you can be, and do, anything you choose!

Kerry

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		1	2 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-20:00	3 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-20:00	4 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-22:00 Friday Night Dinner	5 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 13:00-17:00 <u>Private</u> <u>Christmas</u> <u>Party</u>
6 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 13:00-17:00	7	8	9 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-20:00	10 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-20:00	11 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 16:00-22:00 Friday Night Dinner	12 <i>Lounge Hours</i> 13:00-17:00 <u>Private</u> <u>Christmas</u> <u>Party</u>
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