



*Vernon Yacht Club*

# *Tiller Topics*

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## **2016 Breakwater Replacement Proposal**

### **Preamble:**

Budget pricing for the replacement of the westerly floating concrete breakwater is currently \$1,827,935, without a contingency, up \$577,935 (46%) from the anticipated budget pricing of \$1,250,000 presented at the 2014 AGM and borrowings in the same amount approved by the Membership at the time.

### **Justifications for the change:**

- The 2014 concept plan, copy attached, incorrectly assumed a previous lease line that commenced from a point further west than what exists today, the relocation of which occurred when our lease was renegotiated in 2006. The 2014 concept also did not take into account the required 5 meter set back from the lease line;
- Realigning the solid wall breakwater to the correct lease line bearing and setback allowance created a "pinch point" between the proposed solid wall breakwater and the southwest corner of W dock such as to render our boat launch useless and resulted in the loss of the ability to add the first 5 fingers (10 slips) on the west side of A dock;
- To eliminate the "pinch point" and maintain the viability of our boat launch the recommendation in the 2016 concept plan (copy attached) is to move W dock north by a distance of roughly 30 feet;
- Moving W dock further out however results in the loss of 6 fingers (12 slips), one off each of A and D docks and 2 off each of B and C docks and we still lose the ability to add 5 fingers (10 slips) to the west side of A dock to allow boat launch access ;
- The 2016 concept envisions a considerably longer solid wall breakwater of 467 feet compared to 300 feet in the 2014 concept to provide as much room as possible between the proposed breakwater and the west side of A dock to allow for the addition of as many slips as possible.
- Extending the length of the solid wall breakwater places roughly 167 feet of its length into considerably deeper water, thereby requiring deeper pilings to reach further into the lake bed (60 feet into the lake bed has been budgeted for);
- To provide the maximum number of slips the addition of AA dock (see 2016 concept) is recommended, adding 7 fingers (14 slips) of which 5 are 40 feet in length.
- The cables providing power to A dock need to be upgraded to be able supply power to the additional slips contemplated on the west side of A dock and the new AA dock. The west half of W dock and all of A dock are not trenched and will not accept the larger cables required.
- The 2016 concept includes replacement of the west half of W dock and adding a new 140 foot section A dock with trenched mains to accommodate the larger cables. The existing west half of W dock will be incorporated into AA dock and the whole of the existing A dock will be moved north 140 feet as one unit, which necessitates a northerly adjustment to the log bundle breakwater.
- Scope and budgets for the 2016 concept are based on the assumption the solid wall breakwater pilings will not exceed a depth of 60 feet into the lake bed. Test pilings need to be completed to verify depth required to have marine engineer sign off.
- No contingency has been allocated in the 2016 breakwater replacement budget pricing. It is proposed that a \$100,000 be approved and funded if necessary from the VYC line of credit (limit of \$384,000). If contingency is not required, no funds beyond the \$1,827,935 budget pricing will be spent.

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### **Financial projection:**

After application of the loan installment due May 1, 2016, our present long-term debt will have a balance owing of \$242,739.00. Monthly payments in the amount of \$4,613.00 are presently being made under this loan, of which more than \$3,800.00 is going toward principal. Since the beginning of this fiscal year to-date, a total of \$51,000.00 in initiation fees has been received from 17 new members, which amount will reduce the balance owing under our present long-term debt to just under \$200,000.00.

Notwithstanding our present long term debt will be considerably lower by the end of this calendar year, when the proposed new long term financing of \$1.8M is expected to be fully drawn, we have assumed a total long-term debt facility of \$2.0M to be re-amortized at the 5 year fixed rate of 4.0% available to us today.

The budget presented at the 2015 AGM this past October for the Vernon Yacht Club included a projection of additional income attributable to Membership dues and Moorage as a result of the creation of 32 additional slips, the same amount anticipated in the 2014 concept plan.

For comparative purposes the budget presented at the 2015 AGM is summarized below, restating only to show the impact to net income before depreciation with increase in total debt required for the 2016 concept budget pricing compared to the increase in total debt required for the 2014 concept budget pricing:

	<b><u>2016 Concept</u></b>	<b><u>2014 Concept</u></b>
Total Revenue Projected:	\$977,700.00	\$977,700.00
Less: Total Expenses before Debt & Depreciation:	651,960.00	651,960.00
Less: Total Debt Service Payments:	<u>145,440.00<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>105,444.00<sup>2</sup></u>
<b>Net Income before depreciation:</b>	<b>\$180,300.00</b>	<b>\$220,296.00</b>

Note 1: Total principal and interest payments on \$2.0M (\$200k + \$1.8M)

Note 2: Total principal and interest payments on \$1.45M (\$200k + \$1.25M)

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**Important Notice to All Members:**

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

# COMMODORE'S REPORT

Lawrence Johnson



## MUST READ

**Plan to attend the Extra Ordinary General Meeting on April 25, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Vernon Yacht Club. The notice was sent to all members on March 31, 2016. Please read the proposed motions and come to the meeting .**

## New Policies in Effect:

**Policy:** One Member can sign in no more than 15 guests for regular Club events.

**Policy:** All Initiation fees are to be applied toward paying down any debts of the Club.

Thank you Gerald Gustafson for your many years of service and dedication to the Vernon Yacht Club.

Gerald retired from the Staff Captain's position in March.

He is eager to provide direction to any and all volunteers interested in becoming Staff Captain or in assisting in the duties of Staff Captain.



**Please bring food or a cash donation to the Boat Show for the food bank and help us fill the 'Heaven Can Wait Boat'.**



## **Message from the Vice Commodore Karol King**

Here at Vernon Yacht Club we have a strong history in self sufficiency. We are a small club. We are known up and down the valley for our sense of fun and involvement. We keep costs down by doing things ourselves, while we have a staff, we also have an amazing volunteer team. We want you to be a part of that team.

Last time you ate at the Club, be it Friday night, Sunday Brunch, New Year's Eve, The Pig Roast or The Commodore's Ball the person who picked up your dirty plate or brought food to the buffet was likely another Club member. I ask that you do consider keeping that tradition alive and volunteer yourself. Reach out to Karol , [vice-commodore@vernonyachtclub.com](mailto:vice-commodore@vernonyachtclub.com).

### **THERE ARE LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES**

**We have Cleanup Day** coming up April 23– if you have any time at all , come on down between 8am and 1pm; we need people for both big and small tasks from cleaning the dock to cleaning the brass in the Clubhouse.

**The Boat Show**– April 30th and May 1st

**Mother's Day Brunch**– May 8th– 3 seatings means 3 times the work.

**Every Friday night and every Sunday Brunch** all year long– add your name on the signup board by the front door.

**Ladies Night**– every 3rd Thursday

**Big Annual Events like the Pig Roast, the Rib-off and the Commodore's Ball**

### **HOUSE ACCOUNT EXPLAINED**

Part of your membership dues includes a \$250 prepayment to the Gang Plank or Office Shop. The money goes into a house account in your name and for your use in the form of credit at the Club. Members can use their house account for anything from coffee to beer and from Sunday Brunch to Friday Dinner's and for any event from New Year's Eve to the Commodore's Ball. VYC is your Club and your Clubhouse– come have fun! The Clubhouse is open all year, check the website for times and events. We encourage you to come to your Club and use your account for food or regalia and bring your family and friends..

### **HOUSE ACCOUNT RULES**

Charges to your house account need to be signed for on a house chit. If you leave the Club without paying your tab, the bar manager will ad a 10% gratuity charge.

House account funds can be used for drinks at the bar, dinner at the Club, regalia from the shop in the office (jackets, shirts, hats as well as certain boat related products, event tickets and tips to the staff.

House account funds cannot be used for off sales of wine and beer.



## Craig Williams Rear Commodore

Dear Members --- IMPORTANT DATES and NOTICES:

- **April 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday** is Crane Day;
- **ALL** boats and trailers must be removed from the property **no later** than **Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>**, *no exceptions*;
- **April 20<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** pruning of the trees along the east boundary and the willows on the west will occur, so make sure you boat or trailer is removed from the property by the 17<sup>th</sup> as neither the Club nor the arborist will be responsible for any damage from falling branches, etc.;
- **April 25<sup>th</sup> Monday** is the date for an **Extraordinary General Meeting** to approve an increase in the budget and corresponding borrowings for the breakwater replacement so please plan on attending;
- **April 26 Tuesday** Vernon Fire Rescue Services at 6 PM will commence hosing entire paved parking surfaces in preparation for boat show
- We have an increasingly active Club House with 400+ members; 281 mooring slips; and only 114 parking spaces on-site, please do the math when planning to come for dinner, an event or, an outing on your boat when you will be inviting guests.
- Trailers or RV's of any kind, with or without a boat and whether or not connected to a vehicle, are **NOT** permitted on the paved portion of the parking lot at any time after Spring Crane Day. During the period between Spring Crane Day and Fall Crane Day boat trailers connected to a vehicle and owned by a Member may be parked for day use on the gravel portion of the lot **ONLY** on a first come first serve basis by backing into the designated spaces. If there are no spaces available then your trailer must be removed from the property. To be fair to all, **NO OVERNIGHT PARKING** of trailers or RV's of any kind unless pre-authorized by the Fleet Captain (proof of insurance required).
- Please note; fresh water on the docks and the sanitary pump-out are both now functioning for the season with many thanks to Member Ed Kinnear.

Any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Hope to see you out on the water soon!

Cheers,

*Craig*

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**Ken Hodgson Entertainment Director**

Wow !!!! What a turnout for Friday March 18th's Barbeque and Dance , approximately 95 meals were sold. As usual Corrine and the kitchen crew did their magic in the getting everything ready for the barbeque and making a Shepherd's Pie, Tyler did a great job of bringing the food out and clearing the tables following the meal, then clearing away the food table in readiness for the start of the dance.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for coming out to the dances, it makes all the work involved in hiring the entertainment, and making sure everything runs smoothly very much worthwhile , and the patronage is very much appreciated . The Band for the St Patrick's dance was "Stepping Out" and they did a great job of keeping everyone entertained and the dance floor full.

The dance on April 15<sup>th</sup> , had entertainment provided by "Rockin Randy" a D J who has been entertaining around the Okanagan for many years and always provides a lot of fun and dancing. This was the last of the Friday night dances , usually the Friday Barbeque has a sellout crowd during the summer months, but if I find there is a need for a dance once a month for summer.....well nothing is written in stone!!

Once again thank you to all who have been able to come out to the dances and made them such a success.

With Much Appreciation  
Ken Hodgson  
Entertainment Director  
Vernon Yacht Club



## **Boat Show Chairperson Rob Mathews**

Vernon Yacht Club 2016 Boat Show report: Rob Mathews.

The 2016 Boat show is shaping up to be a great success. We have a wonderful variety of both land and water displays this year, with something for just about everyone

In an effort to turn this into a true community event featuring “Boat and Leisure” we have been able to attract some very interesting and different exhibitors, so I hope you, your family, and friends enjoy the look and feel of this effort.

You will see in this issue of the Tiller all of the attendees and planned functions, it is a full schedule so make plans to see what interests you and plan ahead.

Of special interest will be the F1 boats of Mike McLelland Racing. These will be on the hard both days, but will be launched around noon both days for a planned fifteen lap course race just off our Western break water. It will be great display of speed and power....don't miss it!

The talk on the U.S. Government “Stealth Boat” will be a hit. At 11:00am Saturday, come meet a local NASA design engineer and hear his talk on “Stealth” development for the Navy and what these machines can do.

We all hope you enjoy the show, and please help support the food bank.

A great big thank you to everyone that has help to put this together, without members like you it wouldn't have come into being.

Rob Mathews, 2016 Boat Show Chair.



## Pamela Miller, Publicity and Marketing Director's Report

### **Boat Show Advertising:**

Kiss FM, Sun FM, Morning Star editorials and ads for Crane Day & Boat Show, SunCruiser – annual ad 2 editorials, one on the Vernon Yacht Club and one on sailing, CHBC/ CTV / Shaw / CBC / Global Okanagan and various local community calendars

### **Boat Show Posters:**

Printed 120 posters with 3 image options: Diddit Classic Boat, Boat Show Grounds and Kalavida Paddle Boards. A local poster distributor put up 70 posters in key locations for \$50, Rob Mathews received 45 posters for vendors and I put up the rest.

### **VYC Website:**

*VYC News Page:* Blogpost about Andrew Spelchan's Sailboat with Crane Day and VYC Boat Show mention. I will write another blogpost highlighting Boat Show activities and vendors/sponsors as similar to previous years.

<http://vernonyachtclub.com/news/>

*Annual Boat Show Page:* Boat Show mention. I've updated the VYC 2016 Boat and Leisure Show Page with all documents, information, sponsors/vendor recognition and photos. <http://vernonyachtclub.com/boating/annual-boat-show/>

**Social Media:** Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/VernonYachtClub/> and twitter <https://twitter.com/VernonYachtClub/>

VernonYachtClub posts about some of our vendors and sponsors with links back to their social media pages and websites. More social posts to come, leading up to the event.

### **Tourism Vernon's Info Centre:**

Local attractions rack perfect area for a brochure about our club. The board has approved a tri-fold brochure for Vernon Tourism's Info Centre and other occasions.

### **Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce Membership:**

GVCC has many non-profits as members and offers lots of networking, advocacy and business benefits. Not-for-profit Membership for the GVCC is \$226 per year and would be a great community to connect with our expansion plans in place. We may have a Business After Hours Event (monthly GVCC event). There is an opening early 2017, just in time for our boating season.

### **VYC Regalia:**

The new Regalia has been ordered and sizes of logos chosen. The items should be in within a week and logo samples will be made up for the final logo placement decisions. There is a classic clothing line for VYC stock and some extra t-shirts and hats for the 2016 Boat Show.

### **Boat Show Scheduled events:**

I'm organizing the signage and scheduled for the Boat & Leisure Show. Some activities include NOSA games and Dinghy demonstrations, Sailing Trips, Nakusp Senior Secondary Young Entrepreneurs Fishing Lure and flint demos, Tanya the Pirate face-painter, Jerry Thompson's NASA presentation, McLellan Formula 1 Boat Demos, Vernon Telescope's Drawing Contest & Prize, Terry Rudersdorfer Remote Control Boat Demo etc.

*Tell your friends, bring your family and come down for VYC's biggest event of the year! Pamela*



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March 24, 2016

Dear Boating Members

Re: Liability Insurance required for boat moorage

The executive recently reviewed the insurance requirements for boat moorage and realized an update was needed in order to meet the recommendations from our insurance provider for Vernon Yacht Club.

From this point forward, we require at least 2 million dollars of liability insurance for all boats. As your boat insurance expires this year, please upgrade to the 2 million liability. Don't forget to forward a copy to the office, or ask your insurance provider to do so.

Vernon Yacht Club Moorage Regulations regarding this are as follows:

### Boat Insurance

- Liability insurance of at least two million dollars (\$2 mil), is mandatory for the boat, the designated mooring member, all owners and all partners of any boat in the VYC marina or on VYC property. A copy of the covering page of the policy, or letter from the insurance company confirming this insurance, must be delivered to the VYC office each year by the anniversary date of the policy. Any member not in compliance may have their mooring privileges suspended or terminated and the boat required to leave the marina.

### Winter Storage

- Any boat stored on Club property shall have current liability insurance of at least two million dollars (\$2 mil).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Regards

Lawrence Johnson, Commodore [commodore@vernonyachtclub.com](mailto:commodore@vernonyachtclub.com)

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## NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

- ⇒ Do you get the weekly Gang Plank emails? If not, contact the office to update your email address.  
Email – [office@vernonyachtclub.com](mailto:office@vernonyachtclub.com)
- ⇒ Boat Insurance renewals – It's important to send a copy to the office. It is now \$2 million liability.
- ⇒ Office Hours Monday, Tuesday and Thursday  
8:30 – 2:30 Closed most Statutory Holidays.

Thanks, Marnie



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“The Need for Speed” is proudly on display at the Vernon Yacht Club’s 2016 Boat Show.



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We had a great spot to watch. All my crew guys were there. Somebody was making some high speed passes in a Cougar. What's not to like? Everybody loves an old good looking Cougar – that's fast to boot!

About half way through the first pass I became aware of my guys starting to twitch. At the beginning of the second pass the mumbling started. "That's fast, its just not real fast". By the end of the second pass they were reflective. "Yesterday we got the batteries charged up after the run in Kelowna. Or, "We hooked up the gearcase when we set it up for the display today. My personal fave was "Water looks fast doesn't it Mikey?"

"Oh fine, I said, but we don't have very much fuel so it's only a couple of passes. They were gone like gunshots. 6 minutes later we were pushing off the trailer and I hooked up my air mask.

This year were planning to set the Vernon Yacht Club Boat show on its ear! 140+ mile per hour passes, pulling 6G's in the turns. One of Canada's top outboard racers, Mike McLellan, from Kelowna, is bringing the Autoplace Formula 1 Racing Team back to the Vernon Boat Show for 2016.

For this years show the Autoplace F1 team is bringing plenty of race fuel, and TWO boats! "The second hull is actually a Formula2 set up. This is the hull we took to Seattle last year after I crashed the primary at a demo event last July in Port Alberni. Said Mike McLellan from the Autoplace F1 race shop in Kelowna. " The F2 boat is no slouch though, it still holds two world records!"

The Autoplace team is proud to introduce Rookie Andrew Forbes who also hails from Kelowna. Andrew will be campaigning the F2 boat in region 10 in the A.P.B.A. OPC class. Both drivers will put their race craft through their paces in the water on both days of the show. Fans will be able to get up close to the race boats on shore as he entire Autoplace Race team will be on hand to answer questions, sign autographs for show visitors when the boats aren't on the water.





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## Gangplank Gossip

With Crane Day complete, boating and socializing season is well under way. Welcome to Summer, almost! Many events on tap with the Boat Show first up.

This past Friday was a sold out dinner and dance to 'Rockin Randy'. That was the last freebee DnD, the next event being the Spring Fling Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> with a rib dinner and entertainment for \$25 per ticket.

By about the middle of May, lots of things are being shaken up. The first moment of dread will be the new point of sale system. Patience please as you can all imagine the learning curve on that equivalent to Richard (last name withheld) learning to drive his shiny new boat.

Once the POS is alive, we will be implementing a fresh Family Menu that my Mary and Corinne have been collaborating on. Come and check it out Thursday, Saturday and even Sunday evening until 8pm. Taco Tuesday, BBQ Burger Wednesday and Friday BBQ SoS buffets remain the same.

Another experiment is with Gangplank hours making the Club open on Tuesdays from 2 (retired Gentleman's/Ladies' Club) and Sunday evening open later to allow for the Family menu. Perhaps a nice sunny afternoon on the deck with a Charcuterie platter and a bottle of wine?

Speaking of tweaking, the wine list is expanding with many local selections from the famed Scenic Sip Tour in Lake Country. I am trying to track down three more additions for a full compliment of about 20 selections, up from a paltry 10.

Seeing as Tiller Topics is now Bi-monthly, I would like to acknowledge the volunteers, Betty Day: Editor, Pamela Miller: Publicity/Marketing, Mary Jean Watson: Distribution, and Marnie Williamson: Accounts, thank you for your contributions to the Vernon Yacht Club's newsletter.

Sue Mathews has spent a lot of time decorating these past months for the theme De jour. She also has to put up with husband Rob organizing the Boat Show. Thanks to both of you.

Mary Jean Watson is our go to gal for many things. In addition to painting the kitchen, she covered custodial duties while Tyler was in Hawaii as well as pitching in at the bar during an occasional 'in the weeds' moment. Not to mention the hassle of dealing with empties (seems to be a lot of those). Thank you MJ.

Cheers, See you all at the Gangplank,

Corinne and Jay

# At The 2016 Boat Show

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Our celebrity guest, Jillian Harris, of “Extreme Makeover” will be talking up boat detailing at the Scrub Captain Boat Show Booth again this year! Make sure to stop by their booth and say hello! Scrub Captain website >>> <http://shopscribcaptain.com/>





The Sun Valley Cruisers Car Club has been in Vernon for twenty years. There currently are fifty eight club members with eighty cars and trucks; a number of which will be at the 27th Annual Vernon Yacht Club Boat Show.





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# Young Inventors Coming to the 2016 Boat Show

The Nakusp Secondary School students and inventors of the Rollyblades fishing lures (www.rollyblades.com) are very excited about attending the VYC 2016 Boat Show April 30-May 1 !

The students are preparing a booth and some presentations. They will work the booth with help from the JR Outdoor Education Class. Some members of this group will be presenting and defending their business plan to Jr. Dragon's Den.

*Let's all make them feel welcome!*



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## Young Entrepreneurs makes an Appearance at Vernon Boat Show

submitted by Renée Goodman (Student at NSS)

Senior Outdoor Ed Students from Nakusp Secondary School will be making their first appearance at the Vernon Boat show, selling their very own fishing lures and fire starter kits. The high school students have been successfully marketing and running this business out of the small community of Nakusp for the past four years.

The Outdoor Ed Program is a program exclusive to Nakusp that was founded by teacher and outdoor enthusiast Dorian Boswell in 2010. It focuses on hands on learning and developing survival skills such as shelter building, fire starting, hunting licenses, boating licenses and first aid training. They also get certified for Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR). The Jr. Program also includes knot tying and fly tying. "We live in such a small, rural community with such easy access to the outdoors that it just makes sense to take advantage of it." Says founder Boswell. Many of the students that take this course end up volunteering for the local Search and Rescue.

A large portion of the program focuses on entrepreneurialism. The students sell two products, one being a dummy fishing flasher used for salmon and trout. The product attaches directly to a down rigger ball and the fisherman simply attaches their line above the flasher and trolls. "One summer, I was out on the coast, and saw this fishing lure, and I thought Hey! this is great!" says Boswell. He then took the product back to the students where they redesigned and refined it. It's the only flasher on the market which will not speed up when the boat speeds up, therefore its not speed sensitive and can used with any lure or bait.

In 2013, the students got their first try at salesmanship. "The first year we ever sold the product was at the Trade X show in Abbotsford, and we made about \$2000." says past student Jacob Henschke. Since then, the students have moved on to the Vancouver International boat show, which they have attended annually since 2014, and flourished.

For this year's showing in Vancouver, the students sold an additional product : their fire starter kit. "If you're an outdoorsman, hiker, quader, these are great. They're portable and incredibly durable. They don't crumble, and they're waterproof" says Cameron Olson. The blocks, which are the main feature of the product, are sold in a watertight kit with a flint and steel, and a lighter. "It's a big hit with the kids. They love being taught how to light a flint and steel fire, and we love showing them." continues Olson. This year's show in Vancouver yielded \$19 000 for the program with combine flasher and tinder kit sales.

"We are the ones entirely responsible for running the business." says student Abby Boswell. "When we are preparing for a show, we make all the flashers by hand, plan logistics and design the booth. When we tell customers this, they are really impressed!" Students even get the chance to deal with other businessmen and women who take interest in the program. "Nakusp is such a small town and this program really gives us a chance at real world experience through a real audience with a real product." says another student, Cailan McQuair. The class is now looking at expanding their horizons and going to more shows. They attended the Kamloops Gun show on April 22nd, and are attending the Vernon boat show on April 30th-May 1st. We are also defending our business plans to Jr Dragons Den in Trail on May 7, hoping to win some funding there.

"All the money we make goes back into the program, and into next year's shows. The success of this program is really amazing. For the first time in four years, we are self-sustaining, and it really goes to show what hands on learning can do." says Boswell. "We could not do this without the community support. From grants we get from the different organizations in the



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Make sure to stop by the Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society's booth at the Vernon Yacht Club's Boat Show to see what you can do to help in the prevention of invasive species. See you there!



# What Okanagan Boaters Need to Know About Invasive Mussels

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**By Lisa Scott**

**Coordinator, Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society**

**19 February 2016**

They are microscopic at birth and the size of your thumbnail at maturity, but despite their small size, invasive mussels are not wanted in the Okanagan. In fact, it's downright scary to think about how many things would change if zebra or quagga mussels moved into the Okanagan Valley.

\*Unprotected docks, breakwalls, boat bottoms and engine outdrives would be rapidly colonized. Boat engines would overheat due to colonies of mussels clogging cooling water inlets. Much effort would be required to scrape mussels off boat hulls.

\*Walking barefoot along Okanagan beaches could also become a thing of the past if invasive mussels arrive. The sharp-edged shells of dead mussels wash ashore, creating a hazard for unprotected feet. Since mussels accumulate on the submerged portions of nearly any substrate, ladders on docks and rafts also present a risk.

\*As they feed, mussels deposit feces and regurgitated food on the bottom of a lake. These substances become food for bottom-dwelling worms, scuds, insect nymphs and larvae, making those invertebrate forms more abundant. Some fish may respond to this change by increasing their benthic feeding or orienting to other prey that forages on the bottom. Also, as mussels feed, they filter plant plankton from the water. This in turn makes the water clearer. Fish that are light-sensitive may seek deeper waters to find shelter from the penetrating rays of the sun.

\*As significant filter feeders, invasive mussels may increase human and wildlife exposure to organic pollutants. Research indicates that mussels can rapidly accumulate organic pollutants within their tissues to levels more than 300,000 times greater than concentrations in the environment. These contaminants can be passed up the food chain so that any fish or waterfowl consuming the mussels will also accumulate these organic pollutants. Likewise, human consumption of these same fish and waterfowl could result in further risk of exposure.

These are just some examples of how life would change in the Okanagan if invasive mussels were to arrive.

History tells us that these aquatic organisms can move with extreme ease and at an incredibly rapid pace. It's believed that zebra and quagga mussels were introduced into the Great Lakes in the late 1980s when European ships released ballast water containing the species. These mollusks were then discovered attached to the underwater surfaces of rocks, piers, and other structures in the Great Lakes region. During the next three decades, they steadily moved into Quebec, several U.S. states and now Manitoba, altogether infesting close to 700 North American lakes. Species Society (OASISS) has partnered with the Okanagan Basin Water Board to encourage boaters and other water recreation users to "Clean, Drain, Dry" boats and other equipment before moving between lakes. These proactive steps can prevent the spread of invasive mussels and halt the spread of other invasive animals and plants that may be lurking in our lakes.

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At this time there are no known methods for eliminating invasive mussels without severely damaging the ecosystem of the water body in which they have been found. The public's help in preventing the spread of these highly invasive species is essential. Report mussel-affected boats or equipment to the B.C. Conservation Officer's "Report All Poachers and Polluters" (RAPP) hotline: 1-877-952-7277 (toll-free) for more information on invasive mussels, the risks to the Okanagan and prevention tips, visit [www.DontMoveAMussel.ca](http://www.DontMoveAMussel.ca) .

Be sure to stop by the OASSIS trailer display during the Vernon Yacht Club Boat Show to learn more about how you can help to protect our waters.



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Please stop by the OASISS display at the Vernon Yacht Club's Boat Show to see what you can do to help keep our environment free from invasive species.



OASISS summer students Brendon Struthers, Tiffany Robinson and Adrienne Clark chat with Boat Show Chair Rob Mathews.

# OASISS



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# At The 2016 Boat Show

 The logo for SEASTORE features the word "SEASTORE" in a bold, white, serif font with a blue outline, set against a dark blue background. Above the text is a stylized sun with orange and yellow rays, and a blue wave graphic.	 The logo for Dyck's Mobile Shrink Wrap features the name "Dyck's" in a cursive, orange font, with "Mobile Shrink Wrap" in a bold, orange, sans-serif font below it. The entire logo is enclosed in an orange outline that resembles a shrink wrap shape.
 The logo for JetSurf features the word "JetSurf" in a stylized, black, cursive font with a white outline, set against a white background.	 The logo for BDM Motorsports is an oval shape with a black background and a red border. It contains the text "bdrmotorsports.ca" at the top, "Vernon, B.C." in the middle, "BDM Motorsports" in a large, red, cursive font, and "POLARIS SUZUKI" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font at the bottom. Below the brand names is the phone number "(250) 549-3730".
 The logo for Scrub Captain features the word "Scrub" in a cursive font at the top, an anchor in the center, and the word "Captain" in a cursive font at the bottom. The anchor has "EST. 2013" written on it. The entire logo is framed by a decorative border of small circles.	 The logo for The boardwalk features a stylized, circular graphic composed of concentric, wavy lines in orange and blue, resembling a boardwalk or a wave. Below the graphic is the text "The boardwalk" in a cursive font.
 The logo for oasiss features the word "oasiss" in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the text is a stylized wave graphic with green and blue waves. Underneath the wave is the text "Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.	 The logo for Distinctive Upholstery & Marine is a circular seal with a scalloped edge. It contains the text "DISTINCTIVE UPHOLSTERY & MARINE" at the top and "DISTINCTIVEUPHOLSTERY.CA" at the bottom. In the center, there are icons for a boat, a car, and an anchor, arranged around a central cross.

## FAST WOMEN WANTED!!!

We're baaaaaaaaaack!! The Valley Girls will be heading out on the water during the months of May and June. We are a small but enthusiastic group of women who race keelboats around the buoys on Thursday night. Presently we have 6 sailboats registered and consist of two fleets - one fleet has all female crews including helmsperson and the other fleet is mentored which means a male crew member can be on board to give advice and instruction. The end of the season culminates in the Okanagan Women Regatta which is held at the West Kelowna Yacht Club the weekend of July 15 - 17th. This is a fun two day event with racing during the day and meeting new women sailors while we dance the night away. Last year we were very successful and came home with two first place finishes! This is a great way to hone your sailing skills and enjoy the camaraderie of the group. So if you know how to sail and would like some more information on our group, we will be in the VYC tent at the boat show on the weekend of April 30 - May 1st or call Carol at 250-542-5644.



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To find out more come to the Vernon Yacht Club's Boat Show on April 30th at 1100 hours to hear a presentation given by Jerry Thompson.

Jerry Thompson worked with NASA Ames Research Centre and has some interesting stories from his days there.

He is presently the Vice President of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

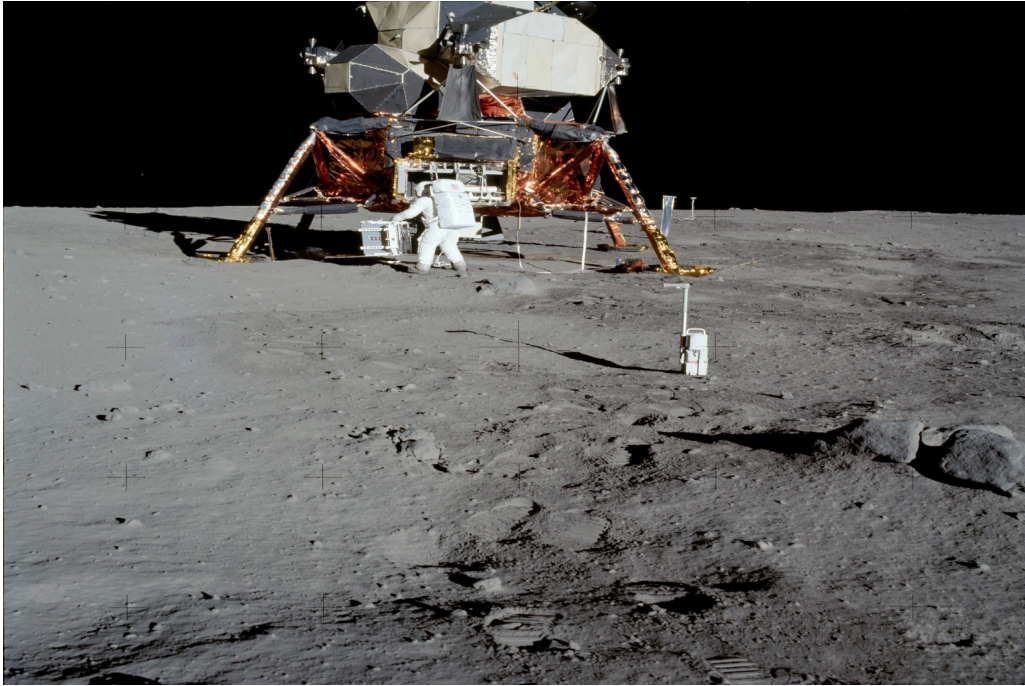


The United States Navy developed the ADCAP Mark 48 Torpedo which is also used by The Royal Canadian Navy.

To learn more come to Jerry Thompson's Presentation on April 30th at 1100 hours at the Boat Show.

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# THE EAGLE HAS LANDED !



Vernon Telescope has an awesome display planned for the Boat Show.

An 8 foot replica of Apollo 11, interactive visuals of moon soils and craters plus a coloring contest for kids and much more. Children participating in the coloring contest will receive a free folding binocular with a special surprise gift going to the winner of the coloring contest. Look for the display under the deck at the Boat Show. Presentation delivered by Jerry Thompson, Vice President of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada on Saturday April 30th at 1100 hours. Plan to attend and bring the kids. Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item and help us fill the 'Heaven Can Wait Boat' for the local food bank. See you there!





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**"The purposes of the Society are to promote the enhancement of boating as a recreational and pleasurable pastime, to encourage inter-club and intercommunity nautical activities and to provide facilities for any of the foregoing."**

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Saturday: Soup and Sandwich 12:00pm-3:00pm

Sunday: Sunday Brunch 10am-1pm and Family Menu 5-8





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**Rick and Elaine McLeod**

**Regular Members:**

**Ron and Brenda Heinrich**

**Adam and Jennifer Zmudczynski**

Should you have any questions please contact us and we will be most willing to answer your questions. Welcome to the Club and enjoy!

**Ron McLean**

**VYC Membership Director**



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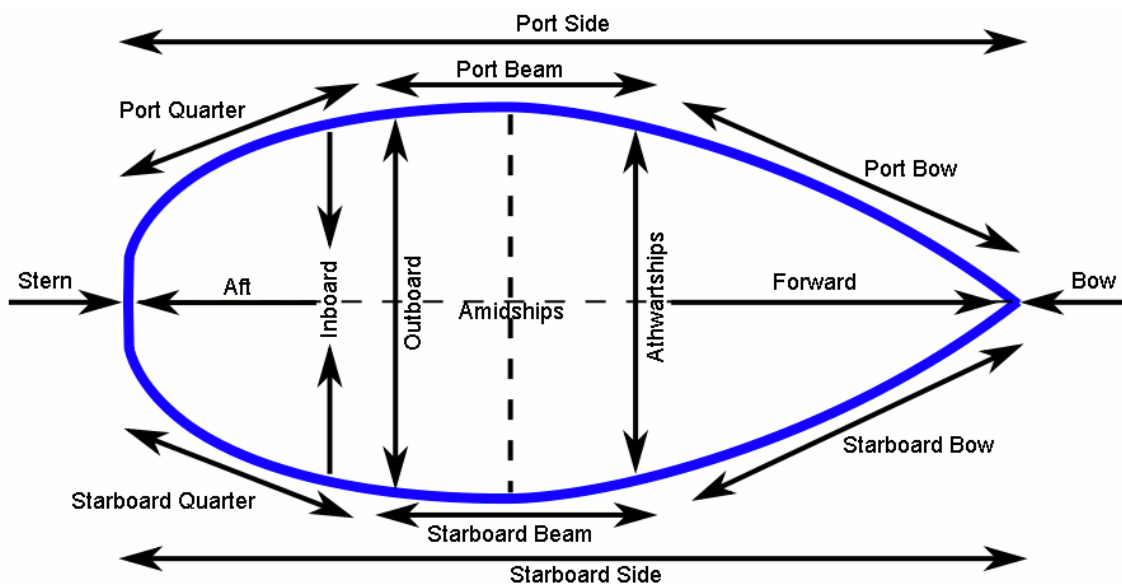
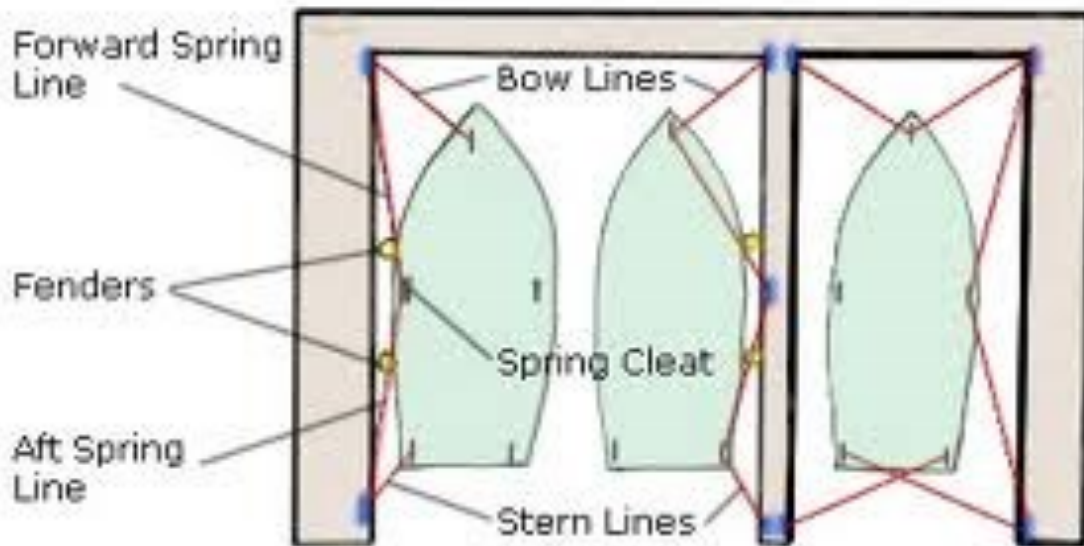
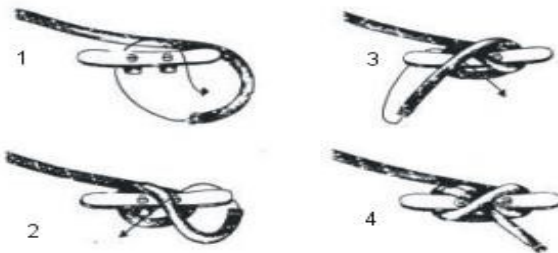
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May 7	VYC	Spring Fling
May 7	KYC	Mad Hatter Spring Party-Pig Roast
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May 8	KYC	Mother's Day Brunch
May 12	WKYC	Anchor Club Meal, every Thursday
May 19	VYC	Ladies Night
May 21-27	KYC	Boat Safety Week
May 21-22	KYC	Blossom Time Regatta

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June 3-5	VYC	Regatta
June 5	KYC	Sail Past
June 11	WKYC	Commodore's Ball
June 12	WKYC	Sail Past
June 14	KYC	Sail Past
June 18	VYC	Commodore's Ball
June 18	KYC	Boat for Hope
June 19	VYC	Sail Past and Father's Day Brunch
June 19	KYC	Father's Day Brunch
June 19	VYC	Father's Day Brunch
June 24	WKYC	Lobster Night
June 24-26	KYC	Melges 24 Nationals

## CLEAT KNOT

Take a turn round the base of the cleat, then bring the line over the front face of the cleat, below each of the horns in turn in a figure eight pattern, and back underneath the crossing turn as shown in figure 4. Pull tight.



**General Shipboard Directions**



# Let's Play Bridge !

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## BRIDGE BITES from The American Contract Bridge League

### IT'S ELEMENTARY

By: Brian Gunnell

Crime in London appeared to be taking a vacation, and Sherlock Holmes found himself on opening lead at the Baker Street Bridge Club:

♠ A65, ♥ 92, ♦ T95, ♣ Q9654	<i>Holmes</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>Watson</i>	<i>East</i>
	Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
	Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
	All Pass			

Let's eavesdrop on the post-mortem in Holmes' 221B bachelor quarters.

*Watson:* Dash it, Holmes, why not lead the unbid suit? I must have Hearts.

*Holmes:* Indeed, dear chap, you had four, but so did declarer.

*Watson:* We know that now.

*Holmes:* And I knew it before I made my lead.

*Watson:* An Englishman doesn't peek.

*Holmes:* No, it was the curious matter of your bidding.

*Watson:* But I didn't bid.

*Holmes:* Yes, that was most curious. My 6-count and the opponents' bidding told me that you had a decent hand. And yet you did not overcall 1♥. Clearly you had less than 5 Hearts. The auction also told me that West had less than four Hearts and East less than 5. Thus, the Hearts were 2-3-4-4 around the table.

*Watson:* Very clever. I suppose you also knew that West had three Clubs.

*Holmes:* Yes, Watson.

*Watson:* You *did* know?

*Holmes:* It seemed most likely. I had five and East had at least two.

*Watson:* He did?

*Holmes:* If he was 3=4=5=1 he would raise Spades. With 2=4=6=1 he would rebid Diamonds. Ergo, he had at least two Clubs.

*Watson:* So, if East had two Clubs and West had four then I would have had just two. With that I would no doubt make a Takeout Double of 1♣.

*Holmes:* By George, I think he's got it!

	♠ KQJ ♥ 8754 ♦ J63 ♣ AJ3	
♠ T972 ♥ AKJ ♦ Q84 ♣ K87	Watson West      East Holmes	♠ 843 ♥ QT63 ♦ AK72 ♣ T2
	♠ A65 ♥ 92 ♦ T95 ♣ Q9654	

Yes, of course, Holmes did not lead the unbid Hearts, he led through West's Club suit. But how on earth did he know to lead the *Queen*, the only card in his hand which beats the contract? That's a story for another day.

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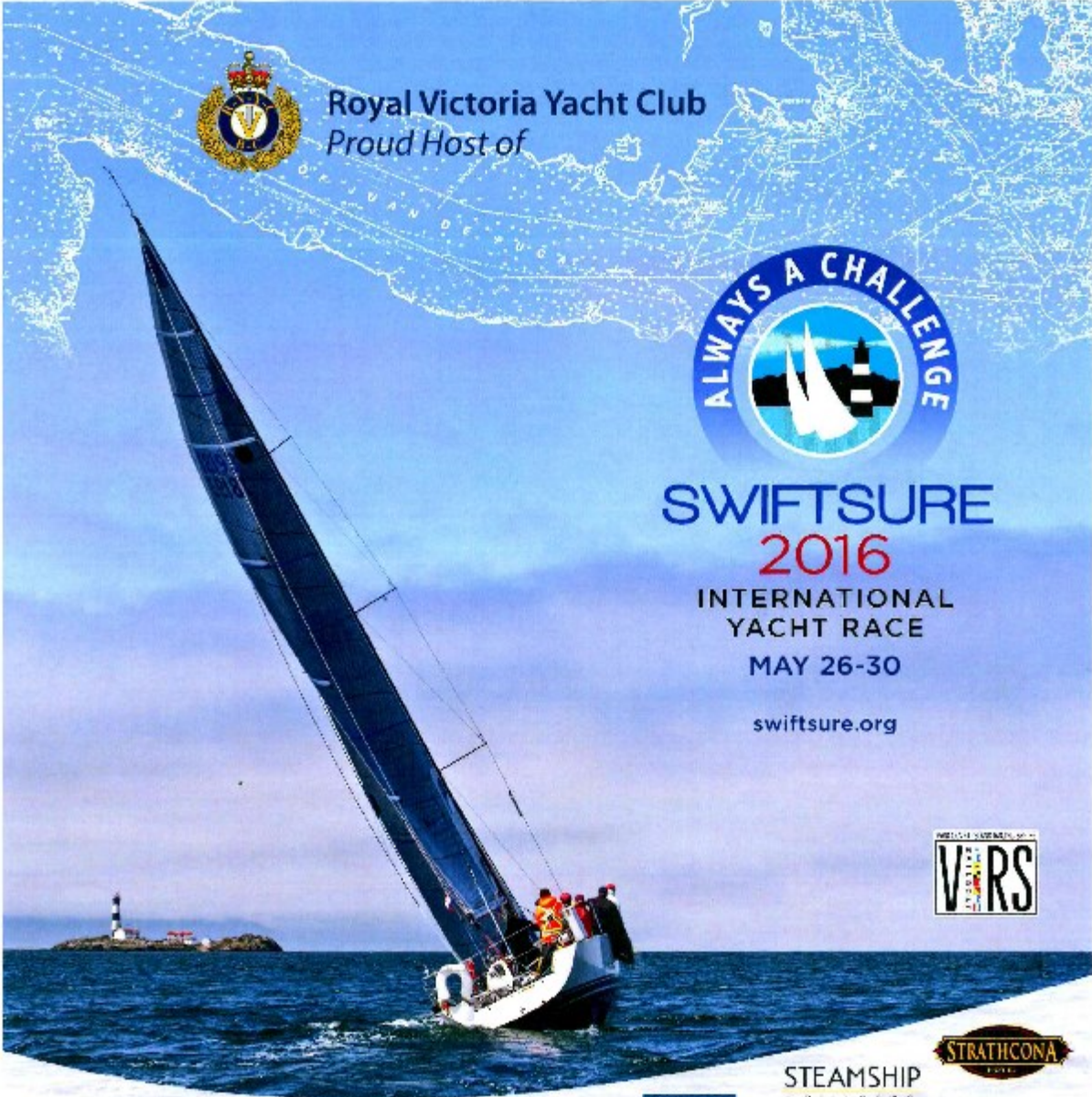
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<b>1 BOAT SHOW</b> No Brunch	2	<b>3 Taco Night</b> 5-8pm	<b>4 Burger and Salad</b> 5-8pm	<b>5 Family Meal</b> 5-8 pm	<b>6 Friday</b> Dinner 6-9	<b>7 Spring Fling</b> <u>Rant and Rave</u>  Tickets \$25
<b>8 Mother's Day</b> <u>Brunch</u> <u>9:30 am</u> <u>11:00 am</u> <u>12:30 pm</u>	9	<b>10 Taco Night</b> 5-8 pm	<b>11 Burger and Salad</b> 5-8 pm	<b>12 Family Meal</b> 5-8 pm	<b>13 Friday</b> Dinner 6-9	<b>14 Open 12-10</b>
<b>15 Sunday</b> Brunch 10-1	16	<b>17 Taco Night</b> 5-8 pm	<b>18 Burger and Salad</b> 5-8 pm	<b>19 Ladies Night</b> 6-9 pm	<b>20 Friday</b> Dinner 6-9	<b>21 Open 12-10</b>
<b>22 Sunday</b> Brunch 10-1	<b>23 Gang Plank</b> Open 12-8  Soup and Sand Lunch SoS 5:30-8 pm	<b>24 Taco Night</b> 5-8 pm	<b>25 Burger and Salad</b> 5-8 pm	<b>26 Family Meal</b> 5-8 pm	<b>27 Friday</b> Dinner 6-9 pm	<b>28 Open 12-10</b>
<b>29 Sunday</b> Brunch 10-1	30	<b>31 Taco Night</b> 5-8 pm				

# June 2016

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sun			1 Burger and Salad 5-8 pm	2 Family Meal 5-8 pm	3 <u>Regatta</u> Friday Dinner <u>6-9</u>	4 <u>Regatta</u>
5 <u>Regatta</u>	6	7 Open 2-9 Taco Night 5-8	8 Burger and Salad 5-8 pm	9 Family Meal 5-8 pm	10 Friday Dinner 6-9	11 Open 12-10
12 Sunday Brunch 10-1  Family Meal 5-8	13	14 Open 2-9 Taco Night 5-8	15 Burger and Salad 5-8 pm	16 Family Meal 5-8 pm	17 Friday Dinner 6-9	18 <u>Commodore's</u> <u>Ball -Sax Appeal</u>
19 <u>Sail Past</u> <u>Father's Day</u> <u>Brunch</u>	20	21 Open 2-9 Taco Night 5-8	22 Burger and Salad 5-8 pm	23 <u>Bridge 1pm</u> <u>Family Meal 5-8</u>	24 Friday Dinner 6-9	25 Open 12-10
26 Sunday Brunch 10-1  Family Meal 5-8	27	28 Open 2-9 Taco 5-8	29 Burger and Salad 5-8 pm	30 Family Meal 5-8 pm		



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