# Vernon Yacht Club



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This stunning photo was taken by Peter Dubetz from his deck using a long lens during a Wednesday Night Race.

Tsonqua, ( Jamie Napier and Mike O'Fallon); Little Miss Magic, ( Pamela St Pierre) and Cimarron, (Roger Price).



# VERNON YACHT



# ANNUAL PIG ROAST Whack Duck', Bocce Ball LIVE MUSIC by "Boogie Night 8:00 to midnight TICKETS \$30.00 includes GS Get your tickets early

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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.



### **News from the Commodore-Lawrence Johnson**

# **MUST READ**

The Vernon Yacht Club is happy to welcome Norm Bryan back to the Executive. As a Director at Large.

Our AGM will be held Thursday, October 27, 2016 please plan to attend.

### Nominations for 2017 Vernon Yacht Club Executive

The Nominating Committee of the Vernon yacht Club is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Vernon Yacht Club Executive.

Nominations will be accepted until October 6, 2016. All nominations that have been received by October 6, 2016 will be posted at the Club from October 7<sup>th</sup> until the election date, at the VYC's Annual General Meeting on Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup>.

The positions that are up for election are listed below. Nominees must be Regular Members in good standing.

Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain, Staff-Captain, Secretary, Treasurer and three (3) Directors (2year term).

Please note that in accordance with VYC Bylaw Part 4:

30(f) Nominees for the office of Commodore must have served as a Flag Officer, as defined in clause 46, for at least one year in the three years prior to nomination.

30(g) Nominees for the position of Flag Officers on the VYC Executive shall be Members in good Standing for the previous one (1) year.

Nomination forms are available at the VYC office and in the Club. Please note the form must be fully completed to be valid. Only Regular Members (or Life Members) in good standing may nominate a candidate. Completed forms may be left in the VYC Office or be given to a Nominating Committee Member.

#### VYC Executive Nominating Committee,

Chair: Mike Thomas

**Members:** Betty Day

### **Vernon Yacht Club Nomination Form for the 2017 Executive Committee**

In accordance with the VYC Bylaws Part 4, the following positions for the 2017 VYC Executive Committee are open for elections at the AGM, Thursday, October 27, 2016. Nominations cease October 6, 2016.

Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain, Staff Captain, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 Directors at Large (2 year term).

We the undersigned Regular Membe	rs in good standi	ng hereby nominate:	
		for t	he VYC
Executive Position of:			·
			2016
Regular Member in good standing	Print Name	date	
			2016
Regular Member in good standing	Print Name	date	
l,		hereby accept the nomination for	or VYC
Executive position of	oustion of the 1/0	and agree to uphold the VYC	Constitution and
Bylaws as they apply to the entire op	eration of the VY	C.	
			2016
Signature of Nominee		date	
Received by VYC Nomination Commit	ttee		
			2016
Nomination Committee/Office		date	



#### **Costume Winners**

1st Place, Linda & Rollie Walker

2nd Place, Eva, Staff Captain from Kelowna

3rd Place, Freddie and Dennis Large

### Message from Staff Captain Gerald Gustafson



Well the Invasion was a very good time, we had a lot of fun with all the costumes that showed up. Unfortunately we only sold \$1200.00 in tickets so by the time we paid for the band and the food we lost \$130.00.

But for the people that came we had a fantastic time, I encourage our members to come out to these events, we do have a lot of fun. I would like to give a big 'Thank You' to Susan Mathews and Annie Gustafson for the wonderful decorations that they did for this event. I would like to say thanks to Corrine and her kitchen staff for the wonderful food and jay and his staff at the bar for their fantastic bar service. I would like to thank Norm and Sandra Bryan for looking after the Bocci Ball Tournament. Thanks to Karol King for getting the prizes from Okanagan Spirits. The Dinghy Races where cancelled due to windy conditions, thanks Betty for taking care of that.

#### **The Bocci Ball Tournament Winners**

1st Place, Clark and Margaret, (The Deadly Dicks)
2nd Place, Tillman and Tracy, (The Love Dips)
Good Sportsmanship Award, Doris Hodgson



The 'Rib Off' was a sold out event. The ribs were excellent thanks to our cooks: Jeff and Mitzi Griffin the First Place Winners. Doris & Ken, Rob & Cindy and Cynthia & Nick tied for Second Place. Great job! Smokey Johnson & The Fire Starters entertained us all night. We thank all businesses and members who so generously donated items.

Our famous 'Pig Roast' is on Saturday, Sept 10, 2016. Tickets are on sale and going fast. I need 2 volunteer cooks ,2 meat carvers, and 4 for the Wack Duck Event. Please volunteer to have a great time as well as contribute back to the club and help out at the Pig Roast. See you all there!

Please contact me via email, ger\_anny@hotmail.com

Gerald Gustafson
Staff Captain
Vernon Yacht Club







### Survey Report

On July 18th, 2016 we sent a survey out to members to get feedback on various club amenities. In total we received 125 responses, which is fantastic considering we have just over 400 members. Generally the membership seems to be quite happy with the Club. The majority of respondents are somewhat seasonal, visiting mostly in the summer with the biggest factor to them being moorage of their boat. More boating related activities have also been requested, with the aim of attracting a younger generation of sailors. There were also several members who requested changes in selection at the bar, such as a more diverse wine selection, local craft beers and ciders, and a wider range of scotches. The vending machines downstairs and on the docks are also in need of an overhaul, the one downstairs barely works at all and is rarely stocked, and the one on the dock is rarely stocked either. Higher quality meats for both Friday night dinners and on the menu were also suggested.

Its been found that during boating season the majority of members will visit the yacht club from 1 - 3 times per week, and during the winter season just about 50% of members visit maybe once per month. 67 percent of those who answered reported moorage at the club being of utmost importance to them. 75% answered above 3/5 when rating the importance of using the clubhouse, with roughly 25% answering each 3, 4, and 5. Attendance of social events at the clubhouse seems to be of medium importance to most members. Activities for the kids and grand kids also came up several times. We have got a super Nintendo downstairs which is a nostalgic treasure in my opinion, but today's kids have been conditioned by the new standard of gaming technology. The foosball table downstairs is also in disrepair and could use an upgrade.

For food and drink we had a section dedicated to feedback on our bar and restaurant. 100% of those who answered have had a meal or beverage at the gang plank. 71.5% of respondents said that a food menu is a factor in their decision to visit the clubhouse. We received a total of 40 responses to the open ended question asking if there are any other services that members would like to see added to the gang plank. there were several suggestions that had been repeated by members; one recurring theme of this is the need for a better wine selection, more ciders, and craft beers, preferably local. Homemade burger patties was also a suggestion that was repeated several times, as well as extended happy hours, which has already been accomplished. As far as health conscious menu items go, over 58% of respondents answered that their presence on the menu is not of importance to them. Although 70% of respondents claimed they would be willing to pay more for healthier alternatives as long as it remains of high quality. Pre-ordered picnic lunches to take out on the boat received 37.3% of respondents saying they would not purchase these, 33.9 saying they would like it, and 28.8% saying it would be a good idea only for weekends. Purchasing water/Gatorade bottles during day received a 56.2% negative reaction.

We had 26 responses to the question asking if there is anything new that we could offer to entice members into utilising clubhouse facilities. some highlights of this include; hosting weekly social events for club members to interact with one another, weekly Bridge games, weekly games night more activities for the kids to attract a newer generation of sailors, several members also noted that Friday night dinners specifically are too available for non members, many members also pointed out the noise level in the dining room is quite high, as well as bands being too noisy for the small venue. One member replied with lower prices.

Members also got the opportunity to voice any other suggestions for food and drink. Many said that vending machine access would be useful when the clubhouse is not operating food or drink service. The old vending machine operating downstairs is old and does not work quite as well as it should, and the one on the dock is rarely stocked and could be a great potential source of income. Gluten free options have also been a prevalent answer throughout each of the open ended questions. Better cuts of steak for Friday nights as well as homemade burger patties were repeated several times.



# 9 Tips for Towing Your Boat Safely

The improper towing of boats can create dangerous driving conditions resulting in traffic accidents. Share these tips with your clients and customers in order to help them have the best possible boating experience.

#### When towing a boat or trailer:

Ensure that the tires on the trailer and tow vehicle are properly inflated.

Connect safety chains properly.

Make sure that your boat is properly secured to the trailer.

Check that the trailer's signal lights and brake lights are operating properly.

Ensure that the trailer is properly secured to the trailer hitch.

Secure and contain all equipment and cargo. This will keep it from shifting within the boat which can affect stability or falling out into traffic.

Allow for more space between yourself and the vehicle ahead of you. The added weight will increase the stopping distance required.

If you are traveling for an extended period stop in a safe location to make sure brake lights and signal lights are still working properly.

Exercise caution when passing another vehicle. The added weight of the boat can dramatically reduce acceleration.

Story courtesy RCMP





# Ken Hodgson Entertainment Director

Our Invasion Party was a huge success with about 50+ present, who were all in the mood to party. The music by 'Rant and Rave' kept the floor filled with dancers. Everyone enjoyed jambalaya, the theme being Mardi Gras. The contingent from the Kelowna Yacht Club had a good time as well.



Photos courtesy of Doris Hodgson.





# News from the Office

**Snowbirds and Winter Vacationers**– Please remember to prepay your 2017 Membership dues before you go! Post dated cheques, Visa and Mastercard are accepted by Marnie. Drop by the office to arrange. Memberships must be paid by January 30th each year to avoid penalty fees. Remember unpaid memberships are revoked after March 1st.

**Boat Insurance**, I don't like to harp but, VYC requires a copy of insurance renewals showing \$2 Million liability. Please send to me if you have not done so.

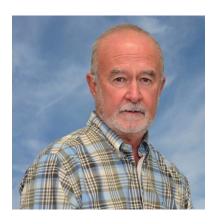
**Fall office hours** are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-2:30. Jared, office assistant, is in on Saturdays only until the end of September, 11-4. Closed on most Statutory Holidays.

**Storing your boat at the VYC this winter?** Winter storage request forms are available September at the office or by the downstairs door.

Have a Great Fall.

Marnie, Office Manager





### Message from Rob Mathews, Boat Show Chair

The 2016 VYC Boat Show was a great success, and was only that way because of the terrific group of volunteers that stepped up once again for us!

That fact isn't just recognized by the club as a whole, but by the large number of exhibitors. Our exhibitors are the life blood of the show and I am constantly told that the VYC show, although small in comparison to our neighbors, is a fun and successful venture year after year.

In wanting to recognize our volunteers for the 2016 boat show, a longtime supporter, Twin Anchors Houseboats stepped forward with a wonderful surprise. They have donated a retail value houseboat charter worth \$2200.00 to be given to a lucky member of the volunteer group from 2016.

We debated about the fairest way to award this prize, and it was decided to enter everyone's name who registered to volunteer into a draw. We did this at the 2016 "RIB-OFF, with the lucky winners being Duane and Susan Mather! Congratulations folks, and enjoy your fall cruise on the lovely Shuswap.

The generosity and appreciation from Twin Anchors with this gift of recognition of our volunteers speaks volumes about you the members, and how we are viewed.

Congratulations again "The Mathers"! Enjoy!

**Rob Mathews** 

2016 Boat Show Chair.



### **Members Classified Ads** - Free to all members

Drop your ad off at the Club or e-mail to tiller@vernonyachtclub.com

Ads will be posted for the duration of four months. (Inform the editor if you would like to renew.)

# Tanzer 22 Sailboat For Sale

Specs Name 'Scotch Mist'

Moored @ VYC in slip D35.loa 26'4",lwl 22'6", beam 8'8"

displacement 4350 lbs, ballast 1950 lbs.

Sails main ,self furling head sail, new spinnaker [never used]

10 hp yamaha outboard, tandem trailer. \$12,000.00

Glenn Hermanson at ph 250-558-2991, Email

ggherm@shaw.ca

# <u>HELP WANTED !!!</u>

The Vernon Yacht Club needs your help.

Corinne and Jay would like to have a list of members that will help from 6-9pm during the Friday Night Dinners.

No cooking is required ,just help with handing out dinnerware, keeping the buffet table filled and cleared as well as busing tables.

Volunteers will be rewarded with 'donations in kind 'to be applied to their next years membership fees.

Help with one evening or many, it's up to you.

Please phone **Corinne at 250-938-0144** or visit her at the VYC for more information or to sign up.



# FOR SALE Catalina 250WB

25 Foot Trailerable Water Ballast Sailboat Perfect Lake Boat



Situated C Dock Vernon Yacht Club 1995: Roller furling, swing keel, wheel steering, 9 hp Honda outboard, stern swim ladder, cockpit cushions, enclosed head, I burner range, marine BBQ, sleeps 4, heavy duty tandem trailer,

> Looking for co-owner (\$6850) or full sale (\$13,700)

Contact Tom Coape-Arnold tcoape-arnold@shaw.ca 250 542 8150

Co-owner must regular member VYC

# September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 open	5 Open	open	7 open	8 open	9 open	10 Pig Roast
11 open	12 Rented	13 open Exec. Meeting Meeting	14 open	15 Bridge 1pm Ladies Night	16 End to End Race	17 End to End
18 End to End	19	20 open	21 open	22 open	23 open	24 open
25 open	26 Power Squad. 7-9	27 open	28 open	29 open	30 open	

# October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 PowSquad.9-4 Snowbird Dance
2 open	3	4 open	5 open	6 open	7 open	8 open
9 open	10 Thanksgiv-	11 Exec. Meeting	12 open	13 open	14 open	15 open
16 open	17	18	19 open	20 Ladies Night	21 open	22 open
23 open	24	25	26 open	27 AGM	28 open	29 open
30 open	31					

#### **BRIDGE BITES**

### from The American Contract Bridge League

#### THE POWER OF TENS

	<ul><li>◆ A97</li><li>▼ K976</li><li>◆ A874</li><li>◆ A6</li></ul>	
<ul><li>J43</li><li>J3</li><li>KQ62</li><li>J873</li></ul>	North  West East  South	
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#### By: Brian Gunnell

None Vulnerable
North East South West
1NT Pass ??

Put yourself in the South chair. Your partner opens a 15-17 1NT and you have to decide whether to invite game, or whether to bid 3NT all by yourself.

The usual benchmark for going to game unaided is "a good 9

or better". One thing that makes South's 9-count not so good is the square shape (3-3-3-4), you can almost subtract a HCP for that alone. Does this make South's hand a "bad 9"? No, not at all, look at that awesome array of intermediate cards! All those lovely Tens may not count for anything on the 4-3-2-1 HCP scale but they certainly count for something in the play of the hand, especially in No Trump contracts. So, South disregards the dismal distribution and, rejoicing in those splendid Tens, goes directly to 3NT.

Declarer has a minimum 1NT opening (and would have declined a game invitation) but, even so, 3NT is a fine contract. The black Tens protect Declarer against the enemy suits and the red Tens help Declarer to build tricks in his own suits. It will be 10 tricks on most lines of play, but check out what happens if all of South's Tens are swapped with East's lowest spot card in each suit. Now it's hard to see how Declarer can scrape up more than 7 tricks! Here's to those Tens, the most underrated cards in the deck!

Visit www.acbl.org for more about the fascinating game of bridge or email marketing@acbl.org

## Let's Play Bridge

The next game is Thursday Sept. 15th at 1pm.

Interested in lessons? Contact Betty Day at pwpbridge@vibm.net



The deadline for the next edition of the Tiller Topics is October 15, 2016.

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The Tiller Topics has been created, proofread and edited with the best of intentions by volunteers that have happily donated many hours, so please, keep this in mind when you read this publication.

# VYC Mission Statement

"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."

Taken from the current Bylaws

### 2016 Calendar of Events for Lake Okanagan Yacht Clubs

### Welcome New Members

New members added to the roster in July and August 2016 are:

### **Regular Members:**

Lee & Nicole Oswald

Roland & Gloria Beaulieu

**Dave & Darcie Annesley** 

**Lonnie & Brenda Wilcox** 

Robert & cindy Romanowski

Roy Pominville & Joanne Joerissen

### **Social Members:**

Michael & Alana Pethick

**Gary Wetherill & Elaine Bayozo** 

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** 

### September

Sept 4-25	KYC	Racing , Sundays until Oct. 23
Sept 9	KYC	End of Summer Party
Sept 10	VYC	Pig Roast
Sept 17	KYC	Golf Tournament
Sept 16-18	SYC	All Clubs End to End Regatta
		Vernon to Summerland
Sept 24	KYC	Commodore's Ball

#### October

Oct 1	VYC	Farewell to Snowbirds
Oct 12	WKYC	AGM
Oct 15	WKYC	Fall Clean Up
Oct 15	SYC	Oktoberfest
Oct 15	KYC	Oktoberfest
Oct 27	VYC	AGM
Oct 29	SYC	Halloween Party
Oct 29	KYC	Halloween Party
Oct 29	WKYC	Halloween Party
TBA	KYC	Caesar's Freezer Party





### Message from Director John Heard

Hello Members,

The maintenance of the buoys is coming along nicely. We have another trip to go to finish for the year. Dwayne Blaeser, Ron Paziuk, Alick Newton, Steve Plecas, Duane Mather and Bruce Van Peteghem have all contributed their time thus far. Thank you for all of your effort and time donated, it is appreciated by all of the Members of The Vernon Yacht Club.

Thanks.

John Heard,

Director



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# **Gangplank Gossip**

Wow, what happened to summer? That was fast!

On deck is our marque Pig Roast Sept 10. Roy Bouman will be taking nominations for the honorary photo for the dessert cake...a deserving male holding a plastic pig with the caption to read, "Can you tell which is which?" Vic didn't appreciate my nomination.

The Gangplank has had a very successful summer, in spite of poor July weather, mostly due to a fantastic menu and the smiling hard working ladies in the kitchen and bar.

Many thanks to volunteers Sharon and Alick Newton, Barry and Myrna Lea stack, Jackie Jakeman, Tara Remenda and Bruce Van Peteghem, looking especially resplendent in his apron according to Vince Schmolke. Annie Gustafson sewed some tattered umbrellas that John McSweeney and Fritz Leutgeb provided stands for. Many others have contributed in some shape or form, so cheers to you all.

The new deck Doug Fleming expertly constructed has been a huge hit and has really freed up both the interior flow and BBQ congestion. Some One Buy (SOB) that SOB a beer besides Mark Chapman or Mike Pethick please.

Upcoming events are the last long weekend Monday opening for 2016, Sept 5. We are open 12-5 for menu and 5-8 for SoS BBQ. Ladies Night returns for the fall series Thursday Sept 15th and the End To End Race starting at VYC with a continental breaky Sept 17th. A combo Thanksgiving Dinner and Snowbird Farewell Dance cues up Sat. October 1st. The Turkey Dinner is open to families that don't want to participate in the dance for a reduced rate.

Winter hours commence October 12th. The last Tuesday opening is October 4th.

In the waning summer twilight, come on out to the Gangplank and use up those Yacht Bucks before we enter hibernation.

Cheers from all the staff at the Gangplank.



# The Gang Plank Menu

GST Included

<u>Appetizers</u>	
Chicken Wings	\$5.25
Lightly floured, flash fried & served with your choice of dipping sauce:	ψοι_ε
BBQ, Teriyaki, Honey Garlic, Salt & Pepper, Lemon & Herb, Sweet Chilli,	
Honey Mustard, Hot	
Chicken Tenders	\$5.25
Lightly breaded chicken breast strips, served with: Honey mustard or sweet	
chilli sauce for dipping.	
Add caesar or spinach salad, french fries or veggies w/ dip.	\$3.25
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Charcuterie Board	\$12.50
An assortment of smoked dry meats & cheese; with nuts, dried berries, and	
pickled veggies. Complimented with a French baguette, crackers and humm	ius.
<u>Salads</u>	
Caesar Salad	\$6.25
Crisp romaine lettuce, croutons, bacon bits, tossed with a traditional creamy	,
Caesar dressing then topped with parmesan cheese.	
Spinach Salad	\$7.25
Tender spinach leaves tossed with strawberries, red onion, candied cashews	•
feta cheese and finished with a raspberry vinaigrette	,
Add chicken or prawns for:	\$3.25
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Burgers and Such	
Burgers and beef dip are served with your choice of French fries, salad, or veggies	& din
Yacht Club Burger	\$8.50
*Choice of Beef, Chicken, or Veggie	\$0.30
Grilled to perfection and finished with lettuce, tomato, cheese, and topped v	with
onion straws.	VILII
Beef Dip (Corinne's Specialty)	\$8.50
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Thin slices of roast beef stacked high & served with a grilled bun & creamy horseradish. Complimented with aus jus and coleslaw	
Fish Tacos	\$7.25
Sure to be a favourite. Crisp seasoned cod served on two warm flour tortilla	•
with an avocado-salsa Verde. Then they're topped with shredded cabbage a	
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sweet mango salsa.	. 60 50
Baby Back Ribs  Half Rack	
Slow roasted, melt in your mouth baby back ribs. Smothered in <b>Full Rack</b>	x \$12.50
sauce & served with coleslaw & rice	07.3E
Thai Rice Bowl	\$7.25
Seasonal sautéed vegetables served over aromatic basmati rice tossed with coconut milk and sweet chilli sauce	
	¢2 25
Add chicken or prawns	\$3.25

## **VERNON YACHT CLUB**

### HOURS EFFECTIVE

### THANKSGIVING 2016 TO MID APRIL 2017

### GANGPLANK BAR OPEN:

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	4:00 pm — 8:00 pm
Thursday	4:00 pm — 8:00 pm
Friday	4:00 pm — 10:00 pm
Saturday	12:00 pm— 8:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am — 8:00 pm

### **FOOD SERVICE:**

Wednesday: Menu Night		5:00-8:00
Thursday:	Menu Night	5:00-8:00
Friday:	Steak or Salmon Night	6:00-9:00
Saturday:	Small menu	12:00-3:00
	Small menu	5:00-8:00
Sunday:	Brunch	10:00-1:00
	Menu	3:00-8:00

### OFFICE OPEN

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday (Marnie) 08:30 am - 2:30 pm

Phone 250-545-5518 Email: office@vernonyachtclub.com

**Station 101** to the rescue yet again. Many times the RCM-SAR Boston Whaler docked at the Vernon Yacht Club comes to assist someone in need. We owe our gratitude to volunteers, Bob Montguire and Ciy Young for their quick response to calls for help. To volunteer or to make a donation for continued support of **Station 101** please contact Bob Montguire at 250-308-7879 or email captiva@shaw.ca.







# Okanagan Power and Sail Squadron presents VHF Marine Radio Course

Monday evening (7—9 pm), and Saturday (9 am to 4 pm) Vernon Yacht Club, Sept. 26 and Oct. 1, 2016