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*We wish a happy ,
healthy and prosperous
2017 to everyone. . .*

Happy New Year!

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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 will see some big changes this year. Our Office Manager, Marnie Williamson, is retiring the end of January. I want to thank Marnie and wish her well in her retirement.

Rob Mathews has served as the Chair of the Boat Show for many years, he too has decided to retire. I am appreciative and grateful for the many years of service he has given to the Club.

Fred Haight has assumed the Chair for the 2017 Boat Show, let's all step up to give Fred the support he needs to make the 2017 Boat Show a success.

Happy New Year Everyone!



Vernon Yacht Club invoices for 2017 membership dues are mailed out in mid November.

If you will be away this winter from November to spring, please make sure you make arrangements for payment of your 2017 membership and moorage so that you will avoid any late penalty.

Several ways you can pay: (Cheques and credit slips are kept in our safe.)

1. Provide a post-dated cheque for the same amount you paid last year and then settle up the account when you return.
2. Provide a blank cheque, mc/visa number to cover the billing when the invoices are printed, and Post date this.
3. Provide a mc/visa slip filled out to last year's amount and post-date, then settle the account when you return or settle by email.
4. Email the office about mid December and ask for a copy of your invoice, then pay this by phone Call or email.

Please note, this service is only provided to those who are away for the winter.



News From the Rear Commodore—Craig Williams

Our Marine Engineer is still working on her analysis of the breakwater system proposed by Burton Marine and is anticipating design modifications. The modifications are anticipated due to the resulting wave conditions from the SW for a 30 year return period (significant wave height of 1.62m; a wavelength of 28.9m; a peak period of 4.3 sec.) , which is greater than the WSW incident wave direction used in the 2006 Westmar Report. The purpose of her analysis is to provide a design for the breakwater that will result in the above incident wave being reduced to 0.3m within the marina.

Signs are being made to hang off chains that will physically block access to A,B and C docks during the winter for safety and liability reasons.



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



Ron McLean , Director of Projects

By inserting a metal collar into the mooring buoys top “Tie Up” grommet, with a serviceable stainless steel fastener Ron and John have a solution for the poorly constructed grommets on the buoys, this is an ongoing project with the buoys being done one at a time without a chain drop or removal from the water.

Two ‘Slow No Wake’ signs have been made for the marina, they will be placed for maximum visability and stability.

Happy New Year!

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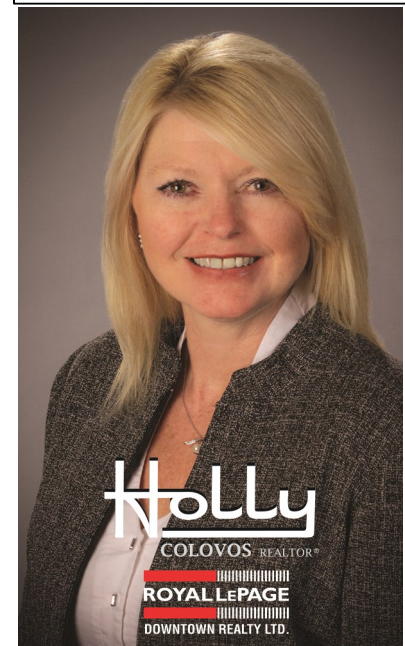
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NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

- ⇒ Do you get the weekly Gang Plank emails? If not, contact the office to update your email address.
Email –office@vernonyachtclub.com
- ⇒ 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 Marnie. Closed most Statutory Holidays.

Thanks, Marnie



Dear Members,

The end of January will start a new venture for me as I have decided to retire. So starting in February, you will see a new face in the office. I know everyone will be gentle and cooperative in helping them get their heads into this complex and varied position.

The past 5 1/2 years have gone quickly and I have enjoyed the entire time spent as your Office Manager. I will miss the friendly atmosphere and the friends I have made, but I will occasionally drop by on a Friday night or Sunday Brunch just to say “hi”.

May the winds fill your sails and the sun shine gently on your soul.

Sincerely,

Marnie

Excitement filled the air at the annual **Santa Brunch**. This sold out event brought out the spirit of the season for all that attended.



The woman behind the man...

Thank you Mrs. Santa Claus.

We appreciate all you do for us.

Happy new Year!

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 26 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.

\$10,000.00

Glenn Hermanson at

ph 250-558-2991,

Email ggherm@shaw.ca

Help Wanted !

The Vernon Yacht Club needs your help.

Corinne and Jay would like to have a list of members that will help from 6-9 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 Yacht Club for more information or to sign up.



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The deadline for the next edition of the Tiller Topics is **February 15, 2017**.

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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.



Welcome New Members

New members added to the roster
in November– December 2016 are:

Regular Members:

Christopher & Kimberly Brandle

Kitty Brodie & Guy Gaultier

Raymand & Anita Verlage

Andrew & Amber Powell

Social Members:

Sam Dhaua & Karen Fors

Donna & William Hibbitt

Miriam Scott & E. Branoon

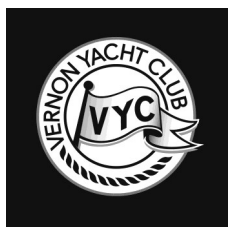
Michael & Kathleen Nolan

Doris & Thomas Williamson

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

Norm Bryan

VYC Membership Director



Are you planning on selling
your boat this spring?

Members can place a free
ad, including photos, in the
Tiller Topics.

The Boat Show, May 6 & 7
will also be an opportunity
to display your boat to
potential buyers.

Please send your ad to
tiller@vernonyachtclub.com



Best wishes for a happy
and safe 2017!

From your friends at
Station 101.



SAILING WINDUP

The 2016 sailing season has come to a close with the annual Windup Party on Nov 5th. We are now all dreaming of next year's races and how to improve our performance. Hopefully Santa will bring that new sail or boat?! Over the winter, there will be seminars re sailing so watch the webpage as the dates and topics will be posted later.

Last Tiller Topics, I gave the series winners; now here are the overall winners (for full results, check the club's webpage). Congratulations to:

Overall Winners:

A Fleet: 1st Mystique, 2nd Split Decision, 3rd Phoenix

B Fleet: 1st Stormy, 2nd Tsonqua, 3rd Cimarron

Hot Rum Series: A Fleet - Ayesha; B Fleet - Tsonqua

The Rob Ladan Memorial Trophy was also presented by Lorraine Ladan to Lyle Enns. This trophy was established in 2014 and is presented to the sailor who demonstrates his or her love of sailing, who goes above and beyond to promote the sport and exhibits sportsmanship on the race course. Lyle has been a great supporter of the Women Sailing Program as was Rob Ladan. We would not have the women racing program without the support of the skippers such as these who lend us their boats, teach us their skills and encourage us. Lyle not only took women out on a weekly basis to learn the art of racing, he travelled with his boat to West Kelowna so his team could compete in the annual Okanagan Woman Regatta. He gives generously of his time and knowledge. He has taken new sailors on his boat and taught them how to sail and yet I have never heard him lose his temper (although I am assured he has one). On one Thursday night, the women were out racing and the wind was up. Well, one of the boats managed to wrap their spinnaker around the fore stay. It was quite pretty. It looked like a spiral staircase. The women were looking on in amazement! Not only on that boat but the other boats as well. The committee boat had rushed over to yell directions but the sail remained wrapped. Well, this skipper finished the race with his team, dropped his motor, rushed over to the boat, hopped on the boat and unravelled the sail in a matter of seconds with no damage to the sail. Then proceeded to accompany them back to the dock. Well done and Congratulations on a well deserved award, Lyle!

On Nov 16, we had the annual sailors meeting to determine next year's chair and I am pleased to report that Mike O'Fallon agreed to stay on for 2017. Thank you Mike! Racing fees remain at \$70. (less than a round of golf). So if you would like to join us, we would love to see you out on the race course. Just sign up at the office or call Mike O'Fallon. Our regatta chairs for 2017 will be Roger Price and Bill Crum. Thank you Roger and Bill.

In July 2017, VYC will host the Okanagan Women's Regatta. We will be holding a meeting on March 7th for interested women so if you are interested in helping out, we would love to have you attend. We will also be discussing the women racing series at VYC.

Have a wonderful winter and we will see you in the Spring!

Carol Craske

The Gang Plank Gossip

Season's Greetings one and all. Is it just me or was time flying by in 2016? That must be due to a heck of a lot of good times on the water and at the Gangplank. Here's to an even better 2017.

If I could have just one wish Santa, it would be for a larger Gangplank so another 40 members who didn't get New Year's Eve tickets this time could be accommodated. The VYC event ticket purchasing policy seemed to accomplish the goal of spreading the availability around by only allowing 4 tickets maximum per membership until open season is declared 10 days after initial window. That never happened when all it took was 4 days to sell 104 tickets. The moral of the story is get tickets paid in full, early, as we have a ton of members that are coming down to the Gangplank for fun!

The Christmas party season has wrapped up successfully. Many thanks to the decorating committee, Sue Mathews and the Gustafsons for their sparkling efforts. Many non members get to see the beauty of VYC and comment on how wonderful it looks. Then when anyone goes downstairs to see Bill Kennedy's Christmas model railroad town display, they are completely in awe. Thanks for giving back to the club, Bill, next pint is on me.

The Santa Brunch was also full because "Christmas with the Craskes", Alan Arndt and Jingles the Elf have jingled that event for 5 years now. Carol Craske puts on a fantastic party for the kids, including the biggest kid of all, Moe Irving.

Finally, Corinne would like to extend a special thanks to all who donated for her grandson Kaydyn, who tragically lost his Father just before Christmas. The Christmas for Kaydyn fund will set up swimming lessons for him starting in January.

Peace on Earth and Goodwill to all, especially to our retiring Marnie. See you all in 2017,

Corinne, Chanel, Tyler, Carol, Lou, Millie, Ken, Mary and Jay

