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News from the Commodore-Lawrence Johnson

MUST READ

First and foremost I would like to thank the Staff, Volunteers, The Executive and all Members for your commitment to making the VYC a great place to enjoy our favorite summer pastime.

Happy boating!

Commodore,

Lawrence Johnson

Our AGM will be October 24, 2017 please plan to attend. The AGM Agenda will be sent Regular Members.

Yacht Bucks for the current year are good until October 31, 2017.

Parking decals can be picked up at the office from Deb during office hours.

Guest parking passes are available at the office.

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NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 VERNON YACHT CLUB **EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

Nominating Committee of the Vernon Yacht Club is now accepting nominations for the 2018 Vernon Yacht Club Executive.

Nominations will be ***accepted up until August 31, 2017***. All nominations that have been received by August 31, 2017 will be posted at the club from September 1, 2017 until the **election date, at the VYC Annual General Meeting on Tuesday October 24, 2017**. Nominees must be Regular Members in good standing.

Positions that are up for election are:

Commodore; Vice-Commodore; Rear Commodore; Fleet Captain; Staff Captain; Secretary; Treasurer and one Director (2 year term)

Note, that in accordance with VYC By-Law 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 Officer 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 house. 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 2017 - Nominating Committee

Chair: Lawrence Johnson Member: Betty Day

August 10, 2017



Ron McLean , Director of Projects Report

Thank You to Ron Paliuk , fitted with the stainless-steel anti wear connectors. These connectors are designed to reduce stress and wear on the buoys top eyelet. Thank you to John-Halper our Vice Commodore who designed, produced and supplied these new connectors.

At the North end of Fintry we have reactivated a long out of service buoy. The Ellison North buoy which had the top eyelet torn off has been replaced and reactivated.

New “Slow No Wake” signs have been John Bennet & Dwayne Blaesser for this summer’s buoy maintenance at Forestry, Fintry and Ellison Parks.

The new white buoys have been retro located at the VYC North Marina entrance and at the break water between B and C docks.



July 26, we completed the buoy maintenance to at Forestry, Fintry and Ellison Parks. All new “white” buoys have now been retro fitted with the stainless-steel anti wear connectors.

At Fintry North we have reactivated an out of service buoy.

The Ellison North (Southern most buoy) which had the top eyelet torn off was replaced and reactivated.

The parking sign for “Commodore” has been added to the South Executive parking stall. Two signs have been added to the Office Manager parking stall which read (1) “Office Parking Tuesday to Saturday” & (2) “General Parking Sunday to Monday.”

Ron McLean

Projects Director



Gangplank Summer Hours

Bar Hours:

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	4-9pm
Wednesday	4-10pm
Thursday	4-10pm
Friday	4-11pm
Saturday	12-10pm
Sunday	10am-9pm

Food Service:

Monday	Closed	
Tuesday	Tacos	5-8pm
Wednesday	Burger Bar	5-8pm
Thursday	Family menu	5-8pm
Friday	Steak, salmon or chicken	6-8:30pm
Saturday	Soup&bun, small menu	12-8pm
Sunday	Brunch	10am-1pm
	Family menu	3-8pm

Message from Staff Captain Pamela St. Pierre

I would like to thank Norm Bryan, Lonnie Wilcox, Ciy Young, Bill Cooper and Bruce VanPeteghem and Wendy for their help Sunday morning after the fireworks for cleanup to show our support of the community as steward's of the Lake with a respectful approach to the water we all share!



The photo shows the type of debris found the morning after the fireworks.

Please continue to look for debris in the Lake and do what you can to keep the lake clean and safe!



VERNON HOSTS REGATTA

July 7-9, 2017 the Vernon Yacht Club hosted the 10th Annual Okanagan Women's Regatta. Twelve boats divided into two fleets and manned primarily by women raced under the hot Okanagan sun. The PHRF fleet consisted of boats only crewed by female sailors while the coached fleet allows a coach (male or female) on board to assist should an emergency arise. This regatta is a time for the women to hone their sailing skills and connect with other female sailors on the lake. After a slow start on Saturday morning, the wind built to a light breeze so that 6 races could be held. Saturday night was spent dancing to the Mckinleys after a delicious buffet catered by our own Corinne and staff. Jay and staff kept the sailors hydrated after the long hot day. Sunday started with little to no wind that grew to a light breeze only to die away by noon so only 3 races could be held. By the end of the weekend, 3 Kelowna boats dominated the PHRF fleet while 3 Vernon boats headed the coached fleet. Wy Wurrie, a |Santana 525 from Kelowna helmed by Marsha Hales and crewed by Bev La Casse, Aline Vance, and Shelley Bakker emerged the winner of the PHRF fleet. Cathy Appleby helming on Ayesha with crew Edie Doerksen, Del Welsh, Jen Martz and coached by Don Craske won the coached fleet. Everything seemed to run smoothly except for one Santana's crew deciding to take a dip in the lake to cool off then forgetting to raise their ladder before starting to race - it caused quite a drag! Thanks to Peter Hirshmler, Doug Fleming, Dan Cook and Colette Laplante for manning the race committee boat. Thank you to Jim Dillabough for the wonderful pictures here and on our webpage. Thank you to my regatta committee - Cathy Appleby, Karen Fleming, Pamela Miller, Pam St Pierre and Kate Stefanuk - couldn't have done it without you. A big thank you to Nancy Murphy for donating the grand prize of a 4 hour Helicopter Wine tour by Innovative Aerospace Services and won by Shelley Bakker on Wy Wurrie. Top 3 positions in both fleets were as follows, full results can be found on the club's webpage:

	PHRF fleet	Coached Fleet
First	Wy Wurrie	Ayesha
Second	Razzle Dazzle	Mystique
Third	Always Something	Gypsy Soul



Crew of Ayesha

WOMEN'S WINDUP PARTY

We started in the Spring - May to be exact and raced every Thursday for 10 weeks. Now we celebrate our victories at the Windup Party held on July 27th. Corinne and staff cooked a delicious Greek buffet. Chanel and Jay manned the bar. It was wonderful!

Seven boats raced this year in our weekly series - 2 non coached and 5 coached. You may have seen us out on the water on Thursdays nights racing around the buoys under the watchful eye of the committee boat manned by **Peter Hirshmitter** and **Doug Fleming**. In total there were 15 races held and one boat managed to win 11 of them. This performance won **Ayesha** the "**Boat of the Year Award**".

Rookie of the Year was a tie between **Kyla Johnson** on **Mystique** and **Gabrielle Strong** on **Phoenix**. Both put in strong performances as foredeck crew in their first year of racing.

Chaos won the **Nut Free Award** never having a male on board while **Mystique** won the **Get Knotted Award** for stopping for a swim during the regatta and missing the start of the next race.

Special recognition was given to **Pam St Pierre** on **Little Miss Magic**. She won the **Breaking Bad Award** (ask to see her hammer) for venturing out beyond our Thursday nights racing and breaking through the glass ceiling in B fleet during the Wednesday night mixed fleet. Icing on the cake, she won the Summer series in B Fleet. Congratulations **Pam**!

This year a new perennial Award was started - the **Debbie Gittins Memorial Award** in honor of our friend and fellow sailor who was a great inspiration to other women sailors. The winner of this award is a Vernon sailor who exhibits perseverance, commitment, enthusiasm, determination, love of sailing and the joy of competitiveness. This was an extremely hard decision to make as so many qualified for it but one sailor in her first year as helmsperson not only steered her boat to victory in the weekly races, she came first in the coached fleet in the Okanagan Women's regatta. Congratulations to **Cathy Appleby** for winning the first annual Debbie Gittins Memorial Award!

Final Overall Race results:

- 1st Ayesha Cathy, Edie, Jen, Don(coach)
- 2nd Captivator Jing, Julie, Carol, Peter(coach)
- 3rd Little Miss Magic Pam, Marilea, Barb,
- 4th Mystique Kate, Yori, Kyla, Genevieve, Lyle (Coach)
- 5th Chaos Pamela, Kerri, Karen, Ingrid, Sue, Bonnie, Penny
- 6th Phoenix Nancy, Marie, Laura-lea, Gabrielle, Keith(coach)
- 7th Gypsy Soul Daphne, Kimberly, Jacqui, Genevieve,
Russell & Monica (coaches)

I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful flowers and the gorgeous pendant. It is lovely and I will think of you every time I wear it. Thank you for your enthusiasm, support and friendship. See you next year!

Carol Craske



Staff Captain Pam St. Pierre presents Carol Craske with gifts of appreciation for her 10 years of service to Women's Sailing.

The Vernon Yacht Club would like to thank the organizers of the Women's Regatta held July 7-9, 2017

Maureen Soichuk, Member of the Kalamalka Highlanders Pipe Band, opens the start of the Okanagan Women's Regatta.



Carol and Don Craske attend to the registration of Regatta participants.

Staff Captain Pamela St Pierre works tirelessly to make sure that the Regatta is a success.

Behind the camera is **Director Pamela Miller**.



2017 Okanagan Women's Regatta Winner's



1st Place Non-Coached: Carol Craske presents the 1st Place award to Marsha Hales and Team on Wy Wurrie.



1st Place Coached: Cathy Appleby on Ayesha, coached by Don Craske.

Congratulations to Shelley Bakker for winning the helicopter wine tour courtesy of Innovative Aerospace Services



A BIG THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORTERS THE 2017 OKANAGAN WOMEN'S REGATTA;

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Important Notice to All Members:

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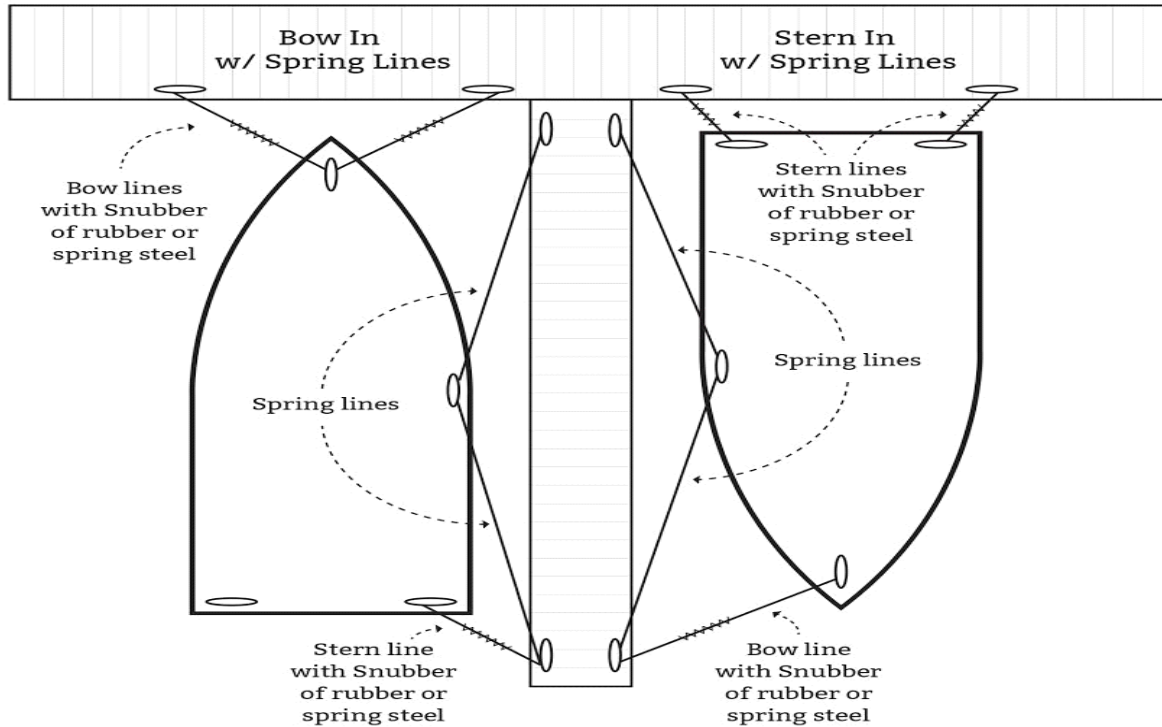
10 Steps to follow for a person overboard from Transport Canada

1. Whoever sees the victim fall overboard shouts “ man overboard” at the top of their voice and points to the victim.
2. The spotter continues to point to the victim until the vessel reaches the victim.
3. Throw into the water readily available objects that the victim could use to keep afloat.
4. Master-turn stern (propeller) away from victim by turning the wheel towards the side of his departure and proceed in direction indicated by spotter.
5. Alert other vessels in the vicinity so that they can help and do not endanger the person.
6. Make a slow, powered approach into the wind, reducing to dead slow as you approach the victim.
7. Kill the engine (kill cords) when the victim is grasped.
8. If there are significant swells, use the heaving line or lifebuoy to avoid the vessel coming down on the victim.
9. Bring the victim onboard.
10. Complete an incident report form and advise company and authorities as necessary.



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STANDARDS FOR SECURING BOATS AT VERNON YACHT CLUB MARINA



The mooring standards as presented below are designed to prevent damage to your boat, the docks and other boats. You are required to use appropriately sized mooring lines with snubbers or spring steel on lines of less than 10 feet in length. A properly secured boat will be held by a **minimum of three lines**. Attach lines correctly to cleats and keep snug so lines do not droop into the water. Use fenders to prevent contact of your boat with the dock or other boats.

Terminology:

Bow – the forward part of a boat.

Bow Line – a docking line leading from the bow.

Chafing Gear – tubing or leather wrapping used to protect a line from chafing on a rough surface.

Cleat – the metal fixture on the dock (or on your boat) used to attach lines to securely moor your boat.

Fender – a cushion, placed between boats, or between a boat and a dock, to prevent damage.

Line – nautical term for ropes used in sailing and securing your boat to a dock.

Pile – a wood, metal or concrete pole driven into the ground.

Snubber – a rubber or spring steel device attached to a mooring line to reduce shock to the boat and the dock.

Spring Line – a line used to prevent the boat from moving forward or backward while made fast to a dock.

Stern – the after or back part of a boat.

Stern Line – a docking line leading from the stern.

Lines can generally be categorized as follows:

Laid Nylon – a twisted line of nylon fibers may be used as a mooring line.

Single Braided or Double Braided Nylon (braided core covered with braided jacket) – are the best lines for moorage as they have good abrasion resistance and resistance to rot.

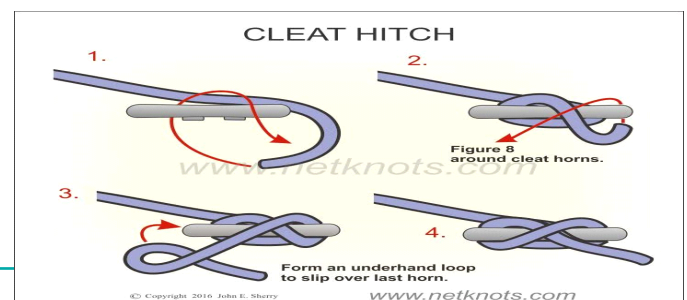
Polypropylene (the common yellow or white ski rope) – must **NOT** be used as a mooring line.

Size of line recommended for size of boat:

Boats to 20 feet = 3/8 inch diameter line

Boats 20 to 35 feet = 1/2 inch diameter line

Boats 35 to 45 feet = 5/8 inch diameter line



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

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Welcome New Members

New members added to the roster in July– August 2017 are:

Regular Members:

Brad Pacholzuk & Michelle Dotson

Social Members:

Marlese Hutter

David & Lori Procyshen

Ruth & Tarry Davies

Wendy & Greg Garrett

Julio & Jane Ferante

Brent & Karry McDougal

Norm & Nancy Crerer

Susan Rooks

Colin Wermuth & Lynda Baldry

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Dean & Laurie Miller

Roger Newlove & Jacqueline Wiggs

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Leighton & Elizabeth Peterson

Raymond & Valerie Ling

Leigh Brooker

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

MANY THANKS

We would like to acknowledge Proglass Marine, for allowing our members to store their boat for **FREE**, in their storage yard while our docks were under construction. Barry Lepp has been a Social Member of the Vernon Yacht Club for many years, and has helped out the club with storage issues in the past.

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[VYC Executive](#)



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Calendar of Events for Lake Okanagan Yacht Clubs

Sept

2&3	PTYC	Grand Prix
8	KYC	Salute to summer
9	VYC	Pig Roast
10	KYC	End of Summer Party
11-15	KYC	Mobility Cup
15-17	VYC	End to End, organized by KYC,VYC & SYC
23	KYC	Commodore's Ball
23	SYC	Fish Fest

Oct

7	VYC	Farewell to Snowbirds
9	KYC	Thanksgiving
13	KYC	Oktoberfest
14	WKYC	Fall Clean Up
18	WKYC	AGM
22	KYC	Caesar's Freezer
28	WKYC	Halloween Party
28	KYC	Halloween Howl
28	SYC	Halloween Party

RIB OFF 2017

Once again, the Rib Off was a great success. We would like to thank, all the members that donated to our silent auction.

Brand Alliance (Jay Johnson)

Okanagan Springs

Andreas Electronics (Gary Lawson)

Lorraine Ladan

Venture Training (Heather Clarke)

Hagemann Jewelers (Pam St. Pierre)

Dean and Heather Clark



MEMBERS SUPPORTING MEMBERS

Special thanks to Katie Montquire, for making her Famous Baked Beans. This year's entertainment was once again, Smokey Johnson and Crew. (Lawrence Johnson and Blair Kennedy) rocking the house, with some great tunes. I even heard a rumor, that Lawrence was going to play every Friday night, if he retires from being the Commodore of the club this year.

The Rib Off, is a fund raiser, for the members and club. (Captains Care Club) As you can see in the pictures, a recent purchase for the members, were the two patio heaters.

This year's Chefs:

Cynthia Fox (2015 Master Chef)

Jeff Griffin (2016 Master Chef)

Greg Larson (2015 Chef)

Scott Shearer (Newbee)





This year we changed the voting of the Ribs. Voting was done by everyone that attended, and it made for a very close Rib Off.

This year's winner was, newbie, Scott Shearer. Congrats Scott.

Thank you to the staff, Corinne, Tyler, Cindy, Jay and Chanel. To all the volunteers, M.J., Dorritt Laplante, Murray Robertson and Vivian Smith.

This year's Rib Off raised \$2650.00
for a total of \$6345.99



**Congratulations to
Scott Shearer for winning
the 2017 VYC 'Rib Off'**

Proper Towing of Boats and Trailers

The improper towing of boats can create dangerous driving conditions resulting in traffic accidents.



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.

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September 9th, 2017

Cocktails 5:30 PM

Dinner 6:30 PM

Dance 8:00 PM

Live Band "Feet First"
Tickets: \$30 incl GST



Games Begin at
1:00
Wack Duck
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