

TILLER TOPICS



Vernon Yacht Club



While the **summer** wasn't the warmest on record, it was definitely the clearest in the past few years. Check out photos of some of the events that the VYC put on, including the Women's Sailing Wrap-up.



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Make sure to review the Notice—found on page 5—for a **Town Hall** meeting. The Executive are looking for your feedback and input on how to continue making the VYC relevant and enjoyable for all members. Circle **Tuesday, September 24th** on your calendar.

Fall also means it's time for the **VYC AGM and Elections!**

Make sure to attend the meeting, being held this year on **Tuesday, October 29th**.

Your attendance matters!



Please make yourself familiar with a few of the **club's policies** and procedures.

See page 3 for the *Parking Pass* reminder

See page 12 for the *Event Ticket Sales Policy*

See page 13 for the *Crane/Winter Storage Request*—please note that this is an *online only* request



Thank-you to all the members that contributed to this issue of Tiller Topics!

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Tiller Topics Publication

The Tiller Topics deadline for the November/December edition is **October 19, 2019!**

Send reports, articles, and member classified ads to: tiller@vernonyachtclub.com. The Tiller Topics is compiled by Amanda Wilms. The Tiller Topics reaches over 450 Vernon Yacht Club members as well as guests to our club.

Advertising rates before GST are \$40 for 1/4 page ad, \$60 for 1/3 page ad, and \$80 for a 1/2 page ad. For paid ads in the Tiller Topics please email office@vernonyachtclub.com and request an advertising form or visit the office during office hours Tuesday–Saturday 9am–3pm.

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Gerald Gustafson
VYC Commodore

News from our Commodore

It's already August—weather is great and no smoke yeah!!!!
We have had some changes in kitchen and janitor positions.
I would like to welcome Laurel Cornell as Janitor/Bartender.
Also Barbara Lippuner as Janitor/Chef, and Randi Pattermann as cook.
Thank-you for filling these positions.

Also I would like to thank Craig Williams and Susan Mathews for working so diligently to hire these quality people.

NOTICE:

To all the members that have not picked up your membership cards and Yacht Club parking passes. You should do so and display your passes in your windshield, because it has been brought to my attention that on the weekend there were several vehicles in the parking lot with no parking pass, now if we can't determine if you are a member you could get towed at your expense.

I encourage all our members to come out to the AGM on Oct.29th @ 7:00 pm. It is very important that all members attend, after all it is your club and it is up to you to decide what direction the club should go in the future!

Safe Boating for the rest of the Season, see you at the club.

Gerald Gustafson
Commodore VYC

*Bob Annand presenting
a burgee from Kaneohe
Yacht Club (Hawaii) to
Commodore Gerald
Gustafson at VYC*



*A reminder to display your
VYC parking passes*



Craig Williams
Vice Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report

The Dog Days of Summer are now behind us and while the boating season is beginning to wind down for yet another season, hopefully so too is our proposed breakwater replacement application.

Revisions to our Marine Engineer's hydrotechnical study on the tranquility performance and effects the stepped breakwater concept would have upon near -shore processes is virtually complete, going through the review process at the time of writing this report mid-August.

The conclusions of this revised report are that the performance will meet and in so cases exceed tranquility guidelines for marinas and that there will be no changes to near-shore processes due to the fact the angle of the stepped sections of the revised replacement breakwater concept is to be at the exact same angle to the worst storm waves as the existing floating breakwater is.

The report also revealed that the two sections of the stepped concept closest to shore had to be reduced in width to 24 feet from 30 feet or they would have over performed, stopping too much wave energy thereby affecting sediment processes within the marina negatively. This narrowing of the first two sections will result in cost savings thereby offsetting some of the increased costs we've incurred as trying to prove the previous angled concept would not have a significant impact on near-shore processes.

With any luck we will be able to announce approval of the stepped breakwater replacement project with the next issue of the Tiller Topics – stayed tuned!

The time for our next AGM is quickly approaching, ahead of which we must hold a Town Hall Meeting of the Long Term Planning Committee to provide continued guidance and direction for future Executive Committees as to how you want to see our Club grow, or not, improvements or changes you'd like to see, etc.

The time and date for this Town Hall Meeting is 7:00 pm on Tuesday September 24, 2019 at which your attendance, ideas and input are crucial and most greatly appreciated.

Craig Williams
Vice Commodore

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Your participation is requested at a Town Hall Meeting of the Long Term Planning Committee to be held in the upper lounge of the Clubhouse at **7:00 pm on Tuesday September 24, 2019.**

The purpose of the Long Term Planning Committee is to provide guidance and direction, generated from the Membership of the Vernon Yacht Club, to ensuing Executive Committees for the benefit of future Members, both immediate and long-term, to uphold our Mission Statement:

“to promote the enhancement of boating as a recreational and pleasurable pastime, to encourage inter-club and inter-community nautical activities and to provide facilities for any of the foregoing”

These incredible facilities we all enjoy and own together today only exist as a direct result of the foresight and efforts expended by others who came before with thoughts not only for themselves but future generations yet to come.

So please, take an evening out of your busy schedules to provide your thoughts and ideas to give input and direction to succeeding Executive Committees for the benefit of ourselves and future Members of this extraordinary Club, our Club. Bring your ideas, thoughts and opinions about such things as:

- Future expansion of the marina basin – how many slips should we strive to achieve;
- What facilities do we want on the docks – fuel dock; washrooms; etc.;
- Clubhouse – is it sufficient or, do we want to plan a future additions or, a complete replacement;
- Land acquisition – should we pursue acquiring additional lands around the Club; the single-family lot adjacent to our east; the City Lake Access that bisects our site; etc.;
- Membership – how do we continue to attract new Members to our Club to ensure on-going continuity and success of our Club as an asset for residents of the North Okanagan to enjoy for years to come;
- Participation – how can we encourage greater involvement from more of our Membership for: Executive roles; attendance at Club events; socializing in the lounge to enjoy a meal and a beverage; etc.?
- Other topics?

Let's all take a pro-active role in the future of our Club and strive to leave a legacy we can all be proud of as others have done before us and create an attitude of inclusion and involvement.

Craig Williams
Vice Commodore



Scott Chapman
Membership Director

Membership Director's Report

Please welcome the following members who joined us over the summer.

Regular Members

1. Bob and Cindy Thiessen
2. Bill Sutton and Lisa Walker
3. Liard and Donna Hibbit
4. Duncan Harvey and Suzan Goguen
5. Donald and Judy Kreuger

For information on membership you can reach me at: membership@vernonyachtclub.com or to learn more visit our membership page on the VYC website at: vernonyachtclub.com/membership/

Entertainment Director Report

The Jack n Jill cruise was a great success with 16 boats and 53 people taking part

The first event was to set sail and pick up one balloon per boat. One balloon was marked "WELL DONE" picked up by the crew of "CYGNUS"; they won a bottle of Champagne and told it was their responsibility to help with the event next year !!

There was a nice breeze up to Adventure Bay but then it died on the way. Each boat took part in a trivia quiz, no one was allowed to use their cell phone!!! Each boat gave a \$5 entrance fee. All money's collected went into a pot and the winner (Carol Craske) collected all the entrance fee \$75 - well done Carol .

The Skipper of "Blues in Sea" got a bottle of wine and a trophy for coming in last !!

Every Skipper received a Grab Bag with token presents ; we all had a BBQ.

Everyone had a great time and expressed that they will look forward to doing it again next year.

Ken Hodgson
Entertainment Director

Canada Day Fireworks Clean-up



The Canada Day fireworks clean-up crew on July 2: Norm Bryan and the Commodore patrolling Okanagan Lake

Photos provided by Ciy Young

Summer Socials



Congrats to Deb McPherson—Rib-off Winner!!

Thanks to all the competitors who participated in the August event.

Photo provided by Susan Mathews



Gerald & Annie Gustafson—best dressed couple at the Western-themed invasion in July

Photo provided by Susan Mathews



Jay Langton

VYC Bar Manager

Gangplank News by Jay Langton

Well that was a quick summer! I'll make this edition short and sweet in honor of the waning days. August activity was good, pent up demand from a so-so July weather wise.

Staffing issues abound as inconsistent, weather related, high and low times put the squeeze on even service. Thankfully, our three new employees, Lou, Barb and Randi have really helped alleviate challenging cleaning, kitchen and Gangplank duties. I must stress we are still a club that uses the volunteer model and it is appreciated that members assist with ordering at the bar and cleaning up dirty dishes and glasses when staff get in the weeds. There is a lot of deck and clubhouse to cover for one person to just run food. On the flip side, VYC has the best food and beverage value going!

Two volunteers that have put more than their fair share of effort this summer has been Gary and Sally Hack. On more than one occasion they have been last minute vollies that saved us from disaster on busy nights. Gary also does security detail. To them I bequeath the coveted Tiller Topic Troopers award, commonly known as bragging rights. Beaker does spoil though and tell me they are down right impossible to play golf with...

The summer grand finale VYC event is the Pig Roast Sept 7. Tickets go on sale right after the just completed Rib Off. Remember only two tickets can be purchased in the first 10 days of offer so widespread member distribution is possible. After the 10 days, it is open season on remaining tickets and I know our southern club members will be champing at the bit to acquire some.

The last holiday Monday SoS BBQ will be Sept 2 (sniff). Our fall series of Ladies night commences Thursday Sept 19. Burger night continues on even though sailing has moved to Sunday afternoon. The Gangplank shifts to reduced winter hours and menu after Thanksgiving (tears).

Here's hoping for a sunny and warm fall.

Cheers,
The Gang at The Gangplank

GANGPLANK SUMMER HOURS - until Thanksgiving

GANGPLANK BAR HOURS

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	4:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Wednesday	4:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Thursday	4:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Friday	4:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Saturday	12:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am – 8:00 pm

FOOD SERVICE

Tuesday	Taco Tuesday	5:00 – 8:00
Wednesday	BBQ Burger Night	5:00 – 8:00
Thursday	Family Menu	5:00 – 8:00
Friday	Steak, Salmon or Stuffed Chicken	6:00 – 9:00
Saturday	Soup, Sandwich and Family Menu	12:00 – 8:00
Sunday	Sunday Brunch	10:00 – 1:00
Sunday	Family Menu	5:00 – 8:00

Jack n Jill Cruise photos provided by Lorraine Ladan



Taking a break: Gale and Graham Doyle, Dave Pollack, Shelley English



Getting into the spirit! Mary and Jamie Napier, Terri, Doris Hodgson, Cory Danielson, Virginia Halper, Linda Horsham



Many of the participating boats—there were 16 sailboats that entered this year



Thank you to Peter Hirschmiller for hosting the BBQ

Women's Sailing Crews photos provided by Carol Craske



Mystique —L to R: Diana, Sandra, Kate, Lyle, Darla

Phoenix at the OWR—L to R: Marie, Debbie, Sue, Maureen, Keith



Always Somethin'—L to R: Sue, Pamela, Kerri, Karen, Sandra



Lyle retrieving the spinnaker halyard!
OOPS! Photo by Keith Sangster

Vernon Yacht Club Sailing

Keith Danielson—2019 VYC Sailing Fleet Chair

sailing-fleet@vernonyachtclub.com

Fall Series Race Schedule

NOTE: If a skipper is unable to do committee boat for their scheduled day, it is the responsibility of the skipper to arrange for a replacement.

RUM SERIES	WED	Aug 21	6:15 PM	Keith Danielson
	SUN	Aug 25	1:00 PM	Fred Minchenko
	SUN	Sept 1		LABOR DAY WKND— NO RACE
	SUN	Sept 8	1:00 PM	Jim Dillabough
		Sept 13-15		OKANAGAN END TO END REGATTA
	SUN	Sept 15	1:00 PM	Napier/O'Fallon
	SUN	Sept 22	1:00 PM	Bob McDonell
	SUN	Sept 29	1:00 PM	Bill Crum
	SUN	Oct 6	1:00 PM	Dave Pollock
	SUN	Oct 13		THANKSGIVING - NO RACE
	SUN	Oct 20	1:00 PM	Peter Barnes
	SAT	Oct 26	7:30 AM	CRANE DAY
	SAT	Nov 2	6:00 PM	Windup Party

Women's Race Series Awards

(Left) Awards created by Dave Hors-ham

(Below)Pamela Miller receiving the 2019 Boat of the Year Award from Maureen Soichuk



(Below) Pam St. Pierre receiving the 2019 Debbie Gittins Award from Keith Sangster

Photos taken by Tracy Lutz-Noel



Vernon Yacht Club—Women's Weekly Race Series—submitted by Carol Craske

Well, that is a wrap. The 2019 VYC Women's racing series is over for the year. We had seven boats out on Tuesdays - three coached boats and four women only boats for a total of 32 women and 3 male coaches participating. Thank you to Peter Hirschmiller and Doug Fleming who manned the race committee boat every week and during our mini regatta. We could not have done it without you. It is amazing to see the improvement in our sailing skills. A few years ago we wouldn't have attempted to go out on those windy Tuesdays but not this year, we didn't miss a week. Mother Nature gave us light winds in the month of May but during June we encountered wind every week sometimes gusting to 30 km. After 15 races Mystique coached by Lyle Enns and helmed by Kate Stefanuk ended first in the coached fleet. In the women only fleet after a hard fought battle, Captivator (helmed by Cathy Appleby) emerged the victor. Full race results can be found on the club's webpage under Sailing, then Okanagan Women.

For the season finale we held a mini regatta followed by a dinner and dance. Even though it rained cats and dogs for the two days before the regatta, Mother Nature came through with sun and wind on the day of the regatta. Some of the sailors were sporting sun burns afterwards and the race committee was able to run five races. The club prepared a delicious BBQ -well done Corinne, Jay and staff, your help is always appreciated. Thank you to Liam and his band The Spendthrift for playing at the windup party. If you have not been to a ladies regatta, they know how to let off steam after a day on the water! Kudos to Chanel who manned the bar on Tuesdays and the kitchen staff who prepared the Tacos on taco Tuesday.

Congratulations to Pam St Pierre for winning the Debbie Gittins Trophy. Debbie was one of founding members of our little group of sailors. She was a wonderful sailor and helmed Phoenix. In 2017 the Debbie Gittins Award was created and is given annually to the Vernon sailor who exhibits perseverance, commitment, enthusiasm, determination, love of sailing, and joy of competitiveness. It is a honour to receive this award. Well done, Pam! Congratulations to Varua for winning the Boat of the Year Award and to Kate for winning the Drama Queen Award. Ask Kate what she did to win this award! Was it the slight altercation with the committee boat?!

This year's awards were created by Dave Horsham. They are little sailboats approximately 4 inches high. Only 40 were built so are a limited edition. They can be hung on your Christmas tree or sit on your desk to remind you that sailing season is just around the corner. Well done Dave and Thank you!

The success of this year's sailing season is due the enthusiasm and commitment of the women and the coaches. So a big Thank you to the coaches (Lyle, Keith and Don) and to Peter Barnes for the loan of Captivator. She did you proud. Thank - you to Edie who helped me with the windup party. She sacrificed herself to go on a wine tasting trip so that she could chose the best wines for our door prizes. Now that is dedication!

On the weekend of July 13/14, the 12th annual Okanagan Women's Regatta was held at West Kelowna Yacht Club. Three of our boats - Little Miss Magic, Mystique and Phoenix - made the trip down the lake. We like to think that Always Somethin' helmed by Kerri Hardisty (who raced with us on Tuesdays on Chaos) and crewed by Pamela Miller and Karen Fleming (both VYC members) is also a Vernon boat. After a slow start on Saturday where the winds were almost non-existent, the sailors let off their steam to the music of the McKinleys after a dinner ofwait for it..... Tacos (10 weeks of Taco Tuesdays was not enough)!! West Kelowna Yacht Club did an excellent job of keeping everyone fed and hydrated. By the end of the weekend, Vernon boats dominated the coached fleet with Mystique coming in first and Phoenix second. Always Somethin' won the non coached fleet. Well done everyone!

Plans are underway for next year's Woman Racing Series with the news that another boat will be joining the non coached fleet bringing our little group to a total of eight boats. If you are interested in joining us, watch for our notice in the spring.

VYC Annual PIG ROAST



**Saturday
Sept 7, 2019**

Cocktails: 5:30 pm

Dinner: 6:30 pm

Dance: 8:00 pm

**Entertainment By:
"Feet First"**

Tickets \$30 GST Incl



Event Ticket Sales Policy Reminder

A friendly reminder to review the email that was sent to all members on August 22nd, 2019 regarding the Event Tickets Sales Policy.

In the 10-day presale period, each member is limited to purchasing two tickets for the event; after this period has passed, all tickets remaining will be available for purchase by members and their guests.

Full payment is required at time of purchase; if using your house account, please make ensure there are available funds.

Ticket sales are non-refundable and on a first come-first serve basis.





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Ray 778-212-9151

WANTED: Boat Stands/Crib/or trailer to handle 30 foot sailboat with 5 foot keel. Needed in time for Winter Dry Land Storage.

Interested in renting or purchasing.

Please call Bob Annand 250-938-0209 or annand@shaw.ca

Crane/Winter Storage Requests

Please be aware that there is now an online form for Crane/Winter Storage Requests that should be filled out by those members wanting to use Crane and or Winter storage services.

This is a first come—first serve process which will ONLY be handled online.

Please note: members are NOT allowed to store their boats on VYC grounds without going through the online application and approval process. Winter Storage must be coordinated through the office.

Link to the form: <https://vernonyachtclub.com/crane-winter-storage-request-form/>

Events

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Schedule of Events

- ♦ Sept 7—VYC Pig Roast
- ♦ Sept 13-15—KYC End to End Race
- ♦ ~~Sept 19—VYC Ladies Night~~
- ♦ Sept 24—VYC Town Hall



October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Schedule of Events

- ♦ ~~Oct 16—VYC Ladies Night~~
- ♦ Oct 26—VYC Crane Day
- ♦ Oct 29—VYC Elections and AGM

To book Vernon Yacht Club events phone 250-545-5518 or email office@vernonyachtclub.com



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Founded June 23rd, 1953

*The Vernon Yacht Club is the
Heart*

*of Boating in the
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Final Note

Buoy Maintenance –report by Ken MacLeod, Director

Day one crewing the VYC boat inspecting and replacing the mooring buoy chains and also updating a few of the older tire style buoys to the newer style more durable version.

Special thanks to diver Dwayne Blaeser and Rob Senger supporting this project.

