

TILLER TOPICS



Vernon Yacht Club



Words from Past Commodore Gustafson

It was an honor and privilege to have served as Commodore of VYC for two years; it was one heck of a ride!! Thank you for all your support!!

It was a great pleasure to have interaction with all the clubs along the lake to find out what challenges they face and how they resolved them and bring those ideas back to our club, we forged some lifetime friends along the way.

Congratulations to our new Commodore Ron McLean; I am sure he will do a great job!

Congratulations to the new executive it is great to have members step up for these positions and volunteer their time to govern the club in a positive direction.

I really enjoyed working with the executive the last two years you guys made my job a lot easier!

And Last but not least a **BIG THANK You** to Corrine and her kitchen staff, and to Jay and his bartending staff, and to Deb McPherson our office manager, Ken Smith our Maintenance Manager, our housekeeping staff—you people make this club run smoothly.

And also a **Big Thank You** to all the volunteers to numerous to mention who take time out of your busy life to help out at the club, that's what makes this such a Great Club!!

And a **Big Thank You to My Wife Annie** for all your support over the last two years could not have done it without you!!

Annie and I would like to Wish Everyone a Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year!!

My Best Regards
Gerald Gustafson
Past Commodore VYC



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

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The Tiller Topics deadline for the January/February 2020 edition is **December 30, 2019!**

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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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Ron M
VYC Commodore

News from our Commodore

Our 2019 AGM is complete and I would like to thank the members of the Vernon Yacht Club for allowing me to be their new Commodore. As well, thank you to the new and returning board members. The board activities and volunteers that help throughout the year are vital to the operation of our Club.

To introduce myself I have been active on the VYC Board for 5 years beginning with Director at large, Projects Director, Membership Director and my last post as Rear Commodore. Last year as Rear Commodore we had an active year with the installation of new entrance doors, commercial walk in Coolers and Freezers in the kitchen, updated security equipment, roof reconstruction, additional entrance landscaping and many other upgraded or replacement of Vernon Yacht club equipment's.

On the current Board we are still seeking a Publicity Director and an additional director at large. Participating in the Executive Board is rewarding and gives you an insight as to how your club operates. If you are interested in these positions please let me know. I look forward to any comments that better our club and should you have an inclination to join our VYC board I would welcome your inquiry.

For this Fall Season I wish you all the best,

Ron M

Commodore
Vernon Yacht Club



Bob Annand & Sarah Kennedy exchanging burgees with Jill Hofberg, Assistant Manager of the Key West Yacht Club (Florida)



Bob Annand presenting the Key West Yacht Club burgee to Commodore Gerald Gustafson at VYC



Scott C
*Outgoing Membership
Director*

Membership Director's Report

New Member Applicants - Social to Regular

Craig and Wendy Garratt
Julio and Jane Ferrante

2019 Membership Update

Life Members - 5
Regular Members - 321
Affiliate - 30
Social - 106
Total Membership as of Oct 1, 2019 - 462
Total Membership is down 16 members from 2018 (478)

Regular - decrease 16
Social - decrease 4
Affiliate - increase 4

Membership Maximums

Maximum number of Regular Members based on 150% of the number of slips in the VYC. We have 269 slips which allows 403 Regular Members.

Maximum number of Social Members is based on 33% of the number of Regular and Affiliate Members, which allows VYC 116 Social Members

Staff Captain Report

This is my last report as staff captain so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who have helped this year giving their time and expertise; you are truly appreciated the club could not run without you.

This year's Grey Cup is November 24th: we will be holding a Chili cook off at halftime so come out watch the game and vote for your fave. And who knows if you enter the pool you might even win some money.

Brunch with Santa December 15th: be sure to make a reservation

On December 20th we will be holding a Christmas sing along so bring your Christmas spirit and your voice.

The club will be closed December 21st till December 30th

New Years bash December 31 - See you there.

Happy Christmas and a safe holiday season to all Cheers Susan



Susan M
Outgoing Staff Captain

Pig Roast—September 7, 2019



Another great Pig Roast! Entertainment provided by Feet First
Contributed Photos



Jay L

VYC Bar Manager

Gangplank News by Jay Langton

Winter hours and menu are now underway for the next long, long six months. Did I mention cold too? Snowbird jealousy exudes from this scribe.

We have had some really busy Friday SoS BBQ challenged by the new hotspot night being Wednesday with our special hot meal for \$12.95. Last Wed we did 85 total meals (many Snowbirds saying farewell) which makes it more difficult than a cook your own Friday buffet. The Wed special normally has 30-40 attend, the last one we ran out at 60. It is on a first come first serve basis and can't be reserved ahead of time. It is appreciated if large number tables give us a "heads up" though.

Thanks to "Seasonites" Gregg and Marion Hollingsworth and Garth Corrigan for stepping up and realizing Corrine, Mary and Jay were in the weeds on Wednesday (Weed Wednesday?). Garth rolled up his sleeves and did dishes, Gregg rolled up cutlery and cabbage and Marion waitressed.

We have a large contingent of members from "The Seasons" whom support VYC in a very positive way, especially Avril Cross, who is most deserving of the Tiller Topics Trooper award. Avril has volunteered for many Friday nights this fall and she does a fantastic job, a whirlwind just like Chanel. She works way past the rush and once when I had to turn the lights out on her.

Christmas parties have been slack for some reason this year. We have our Small Biz on Sat Nov 30 that is virtually sold out. We have Dec 7 and 14 available (never seen that before) so the possibility for another Small Biz-2 if enough interest. The other Saturday is available to groups of 60 -100, so get the word out.

The Santa Brunch is Sunday Dec 15, Rez required. The Friday night Caroling is Dec 20, the last night before a ten day holiday closure. NYE tix will go on sale Wed Nov 20, 9 a.m. Buy policy of two tickets per membership in effect. After the ten day member window, any left over tix are open season.

Merry Christmas VYC,

The Gang at the Gangplank



GANGPLANK BAR HOURS

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 – 6:00 pm

GANGPLANK WINTER HOURS

FOOD SERVICE

Wednesday	Hot Special & Winter Menu	4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Thursday	Tacos & Winter Menu	4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Friday	Steak, Salmon or Stuffed Chicken	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Saturday	Soup and Sandwich	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Sunday	Brunch	10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Invasive Mussels Information - from oasis (www.oasiss.ca)

WHAT ARE THEY?

Zebra and Quagga mussels are freshwater species that live for up to 5 years. Females can reproduce at six weeks of age. Zebra and Quagga mussels are also referred to as invasive mussels, because they are an invasive species in North America.

mussels live outside of water?

A: Yes. They can live up to one week in hot, arid conditions by closing their shells very tight. If the weather is cool and humid, the mussels can live up to 30 days outside of water!

Q: Where do Zebra and Quagga mussels grow?

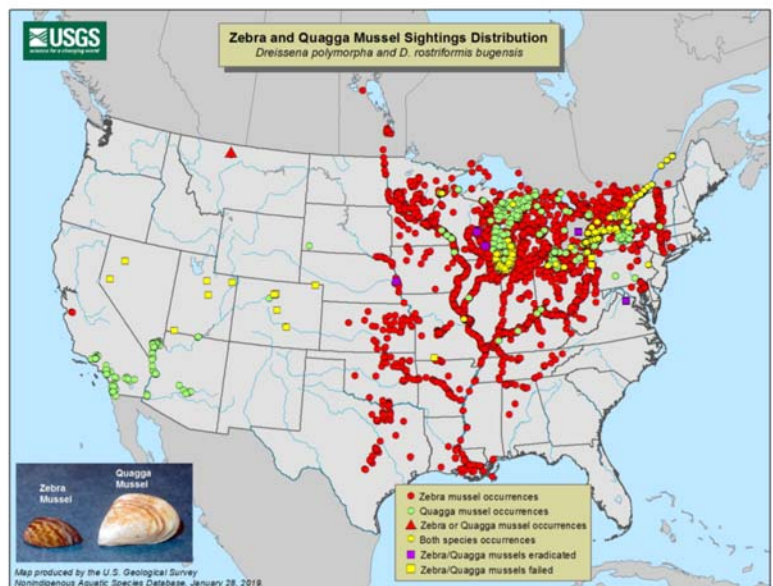
A: They are freshwater mussels that attach to hard surfaces such as rocks, boats, docks, piers, bridges, shipwrecks and pipes. The mussels especially like pipes because of the constant flow of water bringing them food. Zebra mus-



Photo from Government of BC (2018)

REPORT ANY SUSPECT INVASIVE MUSSELS TO THE BC R.A.P.P.

HOTLINE 1-877-952-7277



WHY SHOULD I CARE?

The effects of Zebra and Quagga mussels impact everyone, from boaters to home owners. They pose a risk of environmental, economic, and recreational devastation. Hydro-electric dams have been estimated to decrease in power output by 50% due to mussels; your power bill could increase ~20-30%!

Q: What is the economic impact?

A: The Centre for Invasive Species Research at the University of California estimate the cost in the Great Lakes to exceed \$500 million. The mussels attach to and damage water treatment facilities and power plants. These facilities will need to be retrofitted to prevent the entrance of Zebra and Quagga mussels, with the cost going to consumers and tax payers. In the Okanagan it is estimated that Zebra and Quagga mussels will cost **43 million dollars a year** in lost revenue, added maintenance of water infrastructure, and ecological damage (OBWB, 2013).

Q: How will this affect me as a boat owner?

A: The mussels can enter into the cooling system of your boat, causing overheating and damage. This is not a small expense for the boat owner.

Q: Are Zebra and Quagga mussels a safety concern?

A: Very much so. They can fowl beaches, alter water chemistry, and water quality. They can attach to and sink naviga-

Vernon Yacht Club Sailing

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2019 = Ideal Conditions for Sailing Fleet!

Where '18 was a drifty smoke show, '19 was an exhilarating year of mostly clear blue skies. Winds were a terrific mix of 10 kn steady, to knock-down gusts, to the frustrating twitchy-turny Vernon Arm conditions. In general though, there seemed to be more wind on most of our race nights which was welcome. The racing results reflected the changeable conditions with many different boats sharing 1 st to 3 rd place honors through the season.

'B' Fleet was dominated by Dave P and crew aboard Stormy, with Bill C's Valuta solid throughout the season. Even with hobbled skipper Roger P, Cimmaron pulled up their socks and dominated the infamous Hot Rum series. Eagle Moon hit a high point for the season with a second place finish in the Hot Rum Series.

Mike R and crew on Storm Castle Rock aced 'A' Fleet racing, with Peter B's Captivator and crew providing challenging competition throughout the season. Mystique, Righteous, Ayesha and Split gave these two a run for their money throughout the year. A Fleet was happy to see some additional competition out on the water with Varua and Rapid Transit joining the fun on Wednesdays on a regular basis; but saddened that Gypsy Soul could not join in the play very often this year.

The annual Jack & Jill race on the August long weekend was a beautiful day; just perfect for enjoying the lake ... not so much for sailing as the wind gods stayed away. Peter H's lakeside home provided a great spot for camaraderie and good food. Congrats to Blues-in-Seas' Bob and Sarah for persevering and sailing (almost) all the way around Adventure Bay point to the finish.

The Racing Fleet also did a little extra organizing and put on a pirate treasure hunt adventure for all interested sailors. Five boats braved the mighty seas of the east arm to seek the treasure after solving many clues, and there was excellent pirate spirit on display that day.

Fleet A and B get together on Nov 2nd this year for awards night and annual wind-up party, and the full results of the season can be read online under the sailing heading in our VYC website. It would be giving too much away to disclose all the antics that happened this past year, but the best will be recalled at the wind up party. Congratulations to all skippers and crew on a safe and fun year.

Lastly, Dave Horsham (Eagle Moon) was honored with the Rob Ladan Trophy!

See you all in the spring.

Submitted by Mike Nolan and Kate Stefanuk, crew, Mystique.

Sailing fleet photos compliments of Doug Hoover. Doug has many high-res racing photos for sale. You can contact Doug at doughoover@gmail.com or (250)503-7651.

Sailing Photos

Photos provided by Doug Hoover

See page 12 for details



Top: B Fleet 'chutes
Bottom: Ayesha and Mystique at close quarters



B Fleet boats at a downwind turn



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Events

November 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

- ◆ Nov 24—Grey Cup Party—Chili Cook-off



December 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

- Dec 15—Brunch with Santa
- Dec 20—Christmas Sing Along
- Dec 21—30—VYC Closed
- Dec 31—NYE Bash

Tickets go on sale
November 20th



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*The Vernon Yacht Club is the
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Final Note

Congratulations to:

Employee of the Year—**Ken Smith**

Volunteer of the Year—**Amanda Wilms**

Thank-you for your
contributions to the
Vernon Yacht Club!



Did you enjoy the beautiful sailboat photos on page 9?

Member **Doug Hoover** has taken some brilliant shots of many of our boats over the summer.

If you are interested in viewing his photo library and possibly obtaining a print, please contact him at: doughoover@gmail.com or 250 503 7651

Prints are available for the cost of lab fees and a small donation to VGH.

Doug, thank-you for sharing your photography skills!