

January / February 2020

TILLER TOPICS



Vernon Yacht Club



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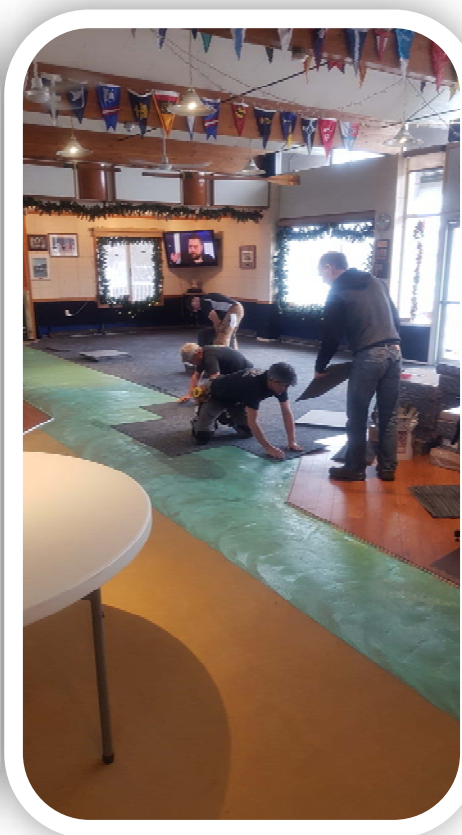
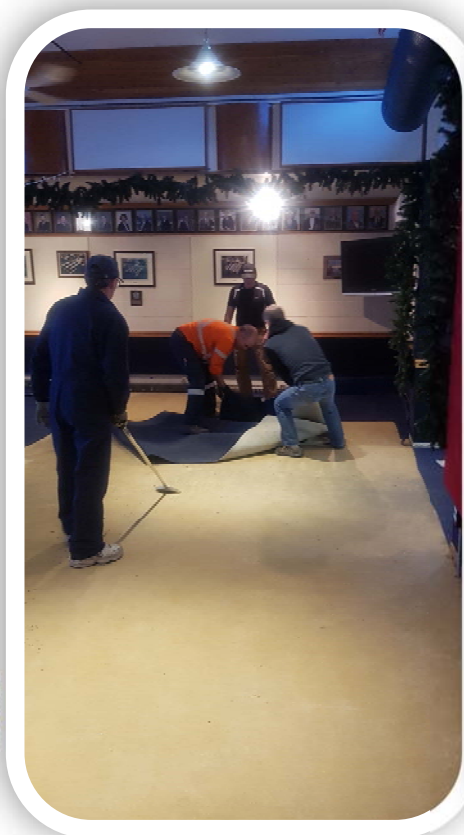
Here's to a Fresh Start in the New Year!

The VYC clubhouse is starting off 2020 with new carpet! Thanks to Bill M, Fred H, Wally H, Don W, Bob A, Rob S, Richard P, Mike N and Larry G (the installer) - thank-you for working on this over the Christmas holidays!

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2020
HAPPY NEW YEAR



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The Tiller Topics deadline for the March/April 2020 edition is **February 22nd, 2020!**

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

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Ron M
VYC Commodore

News from our Commodore

It has been a busy and active Holiday Season at our Club with a Sold-Out Santa's Brunch, Friday Dinner Sing Along and our Annual New Years Eve Celebration. A Big thank you to the Vernon Yacht Club Staff and many volunteers that make these events so successful.

Our Treasurer Greg D will be retiring in January. I would like to thank Greg for his past dependable work in this important VYC position. I would also thank Alana P who has volunteered to fill the Treasurer's position by preparing the monthly financial reports.

The upgrades continue at our Club with the December 23 installation of new carpets in our upper lounge. These carpets feature a "sectional" installation which has the ability to replace high wear or damaged areas without removing the entire carpet. Thank you to Ken S, Ken M, Fred H and the volunteers which made this top-notch installation possible.

A reminder, there are opportunities for members to become involved on the Vernon Yacht Club board. We currently have openings for a Publications Director and a Director at Large. Being part of the Executive requires that you attend monthly meetings to provide short updates. Being involved with the Board contributes to your club's success – it's your club.

I wish Good Health and Happiness to all. Have a wonderful winter whether you have gone South or enjoying the Okanagan Winter lifestyle. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in 2020.

2019/2020 VYC Memberships

Reminder: This year, all annual membership invoices will be emailed instead of sent to you by mail. This is being done to save us both time (for printing, folding and stuffing envelopes) and money (for ink, paper, envelopes, and postage).

Invoices were emailed to the Skipper's email by December 3rd, 2019 — if you do not see it in your inbox, please check your other email folders (such as Spam or Junk) before contacting the office.

The Vernon Yacht Club is in the process of transitioning to a consolidated Membership Database which will help Executive and Staff Members run the Club more efficiently. This requires completing an online form, which asks for information including your current key card.

On March 1st, 2020, any Key Card not in the new Membership Database will be deactivated. To ensure your card stays active, please fill in your forms carefully

Due date for payment is January 15th, 2020; a 15% late penalty will be applied if dues are paid after that date.



Scott C
Fleet Captain

Fleet Captain Report

As of December 13, 2019, the following is the status of the of moorage happenings at VYC.

Moorage Committee

The Moorage Committee for this year will be Roger P, Fred Hand myself. With these committee members, both the sail and power fleets will be well represented. Thank you to Fred and Roger for stepping forward.

Moorage Numbers

Moorage wait list - 39
Available permanent slips - 12
Available sublet slips - 3
Available rental slips - 1
Move list - 8
Total number of slips 269

Moorage Activity

Deb and Ken S assisted greatly with getting moorage status updated.

The moorage waitlist is up to date and posted beside Deb's office.

The Moorage board is updated, current as of December 3, 2019.

Eleven (11) moves were made on the move request list in the month of November. Waiting now to see what slips become available to see if more persons off of the move list can be accommodated.

Following March 1, 2020, the final membership fee payment deadline, we will begin to assign slips to members off of the moorage wait list. The reason for waiting until this date is we will have the best idea of the big picture of what slips are going to be available and can assign moorage that will allow optimum use of VYC moorage space. To clarify, membership fees are due January 15, 2020, with March 1, 2020 being the date that members who have not paid those fees forfeit their membership.

Mooring members who are considering subletting their slips for the upcoming season can submit an application form to the VYC office prior to March 1, 2020.

I hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable winter.

Scott

Rear Commodore Report

Happy New Year everyone.

Since moving into the Rear Commodore role, I have delved into the Infrastructure, maintenance and capital budgets and will be working and planning with our great staff to make ongoing improvements and updates as required over this fiscal.

We have many projects planned in areas such as the clubhouse, the yard and parking lot, wharf, club boat, mooring buoy maintenance etc of which some items fall under general maintenance and repairs while other budgeted items are to improve the building, Kitchen, security and overall efficiencies.

Over the upcoming holidays, the carpet in the club house will be replaced and I wish to thank all those who are volunteering your time to remove the old carpet which is saving our Club a lot of money.

Major improvements such as adding additional electronic doors are on hold at this time as the quotes received were well over budget and I will review this again later in the year if non-utilized budget dollars are available, however for now these updates are on hold.

My commitment to the membership base is to adhere to our approved budget, secure quotes for all major expenditures and I would welcome any and all suggestions from members at anytime.

Ken M
Rear Commodore

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Rear Commodore

Santa Brunch—held on December 15th

Can you guess who Santa is??
Photo Credit: Susan M



Chili Cook-off Winners!
Claudette & Dave G.

The Chili Cook-off was held on November 24th
Photo Credit: Susan M



Entertainment Director Report

The Xmas Carol Singalong was led by a young lady from Kelowna named Susan Paice. The evening would have been more successful if there had been some children in attendance. Will make a note not to have the singalong on a Friday "Steak Night" in future.

New Years Eve dinner & dance was an amazing success. First, the meal supplied by Corrine and the kitchen staff was simply terrific. The Prime Rib, prawns and scallops along with the crème brulee dessert was just great. Well done girls. The room was decorated lovely with decoration put up by Susan M and Anne G – well done girls!! Jay and Chanel did a great job of keeping us all hydrated, plus helping clear the tables.

We don't usually have a dress code, we have never had to. The ladies came dressed to the nines and the men were well-dressed partners.

"Feet First" is always a favourite at the Vernon Yacht Club; they kept the dancers on the dance floor all night long to a full array of popular music. It is very easy to see why the Vernon Yacht Club continually asks to have them at different events throughout the year. Even at midnight they were continually asked for "one more" by about 60 people still wanting to dance!!! This was the third time "Feet First" have played the Commodore's Ball and the New Year's Eve dances. One band member said they are here so often he was thinking he should buy a boat! "Feet First" will be playing for the Commodore's Ball.

I would like to ask all members to try and attend the events throughout the year making all the hard work that goes into arranging these events for your enjoyment.

Ken H

Entertainment Director

Christmas Sing Along—December 20th



A great evening of singing led by Susan Paice

Photo Credit: Susan M



Gangplank News by Jay L

Happy 2020 everyone!

Christmas parties of 2019 were fun and successful but seemed to be a bit harder to sell out unlike years past. Perhaps demographics and the economy are changing festivities?

Many thanks to Annie and Gerald G as well as Susan M for their dedication to festive decorating, NYE set up and of course the most important booking of Santa and Mrs. Claus. Dorrit L made two beautiful trifles for Caroling night.

NYE was launched Feet First into 2020 with a rocking good time all around. How about that prime rib, prawns and scallop in a bernaise sauce that Corinne, Mary, MJ and Tyler's celebrity cook guest appearance making that the best NYE dinner! Downstairs Deb M, Ken and Vivian S also thankfully helped serve. Little Miss Hustle, Chanel, got the champagne out to all in the nick of time.

February special events kick off with Superbowl Sun 2. Feb 8 has our second annual Winter Carnival D+D with this years theme the 60s for the Carnival's 60th anniversary. Our first kick at the Carnival cat last year got VYC two awards for best new event and second best adult event, at least with your clothes on. The Goods will have us feeling groovy and the \$45 tickets can only be picked up at the Carnival office. Valentines Rib Dinner is on a Friday with background entertainment and should be a sell out.

From all of us at the Gangplank, all the best in the coming decade.



Jay L

VYC Bar Manager

GANGPLANK WINTER HOURS



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

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

Security Patrol

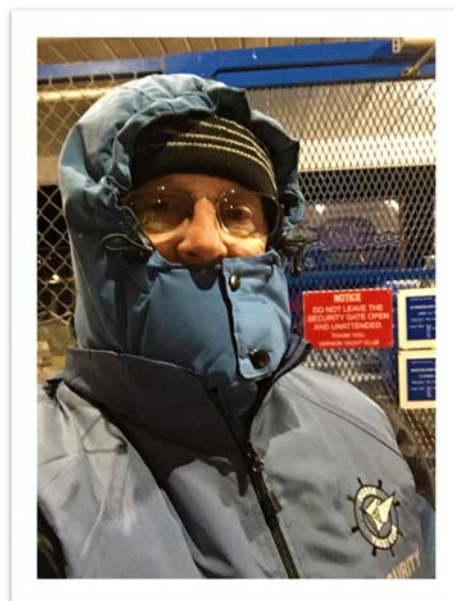
Thank you to our Security Patrol!

Did you know that our club's security team is out there on warm summer nights, but also very unpleasant winter weather conditions.

The photo is of Gary H—walking the docks on an extremely cold late night in February.

As Gary remembers it: “Referring to the photo, if I remember correctly the temperature on that particular night was -20 C with a stiff wind to add to the bone chilling cold. It was the first time in nearly 10 years that I pulled my heavy duty down fill coat from the closet. A large thermos of hot chocolate helped to fend off the cold, but, a couple shots of rum might have been a better choice.”

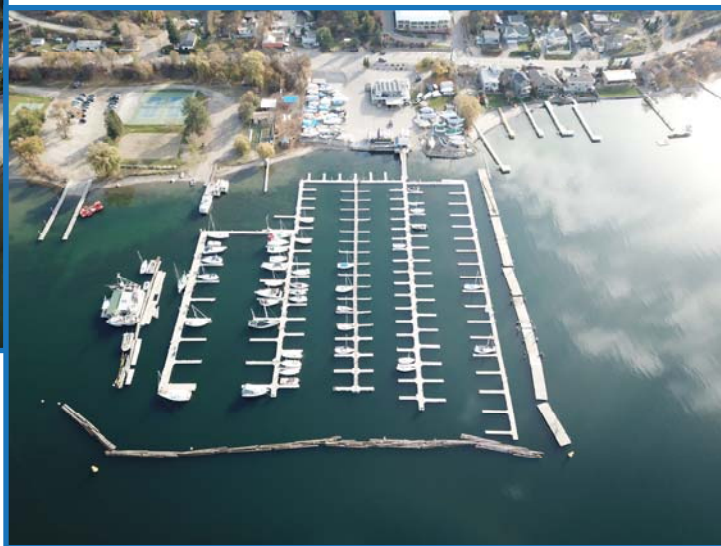
Gary H braving the cold while on security patrol



VYC Aerial Photos

Thanks to Vic R for sharing these awesome drone photos from late October.

Compare this birds eye view to the historic photos found in the clubhouse to see how much we have grown and expanded over the years.



New Year's Eve—Welcome 2020!

Photo Credit Judi F

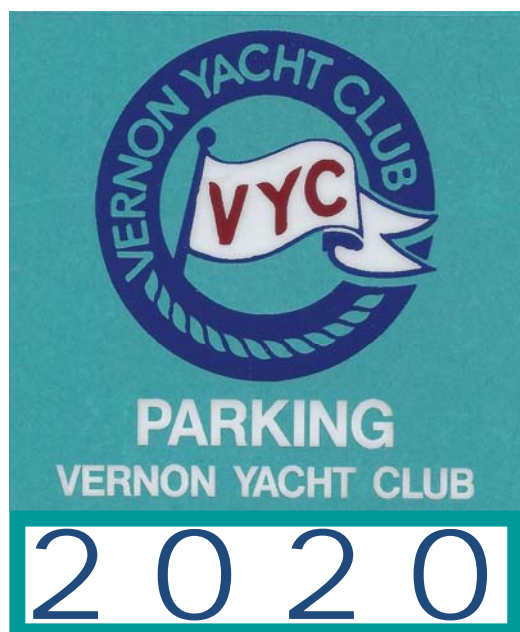


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windshield Drivers Side at
Top (preferred) or lower
windshield corner.**



**Thank you for your
co-operation. This sticker
location helps our
Security Team when patrolling
the VYC Parking Lot.**

Classified Ads

PROJECT BOAT FOR SALE \$3800 OBO

1974 Bayliner Buccaneer 24 foot sail boat

Comes with:

9.9 Yamaha outboard with electric start, serviced this year

Hull painted with anti-fouling, 2018

Sails (main, genoa, storm jib)

Four jack stands, dock lines with snubbers

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Presently in fenced secure yard

Call/text for more information: 250-558-7445



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Size Large
\$75

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Events

January 2020

Schedule of Events

No scheduled VYC events

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	

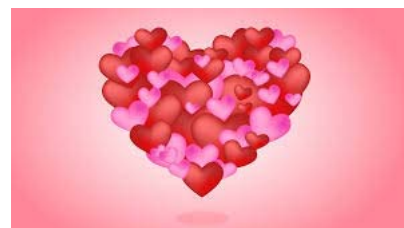


February 2020

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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

- Feb 2—SuperBowl Party
- Feb 8—Rocking at the Lake ft. The Goods (Winter Carnival Event)
- Feb 14—Valentine's Rib Dinner



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



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*The Vernon Yacht Club is the
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Final Note

We are already dreaming of warmer weather.....



*Photo Credit: Doug H—see
details on page 10 on how to
get a copy for yourself*



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