

TILLER TOPICS



Vernon Yacht Club



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Welcome to Summer!

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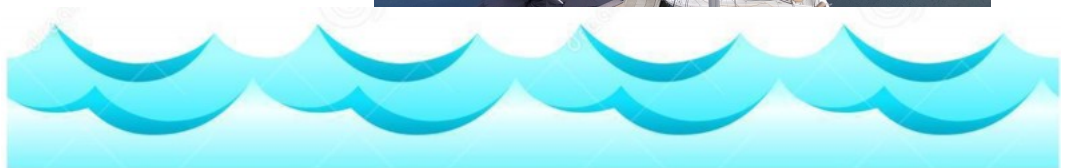
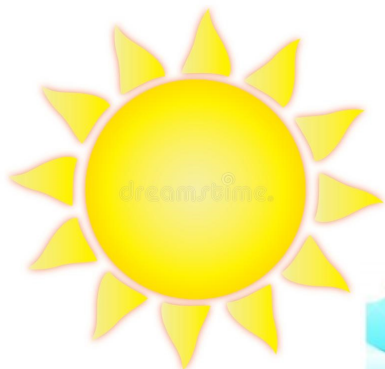
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2020 has definitely been an interesting year for the Vernon Yacht Club. We started off the year with a fabulous New Years party and great looking floors; we hosted “Rockin’ the Lake” for Winter Carnival. Then we were able to start on the upgrades to A and C dock in March and the decision was made to cancel the annual Boat Show due to this construction (the first time in 30 years). But most impactful was that the Covid-19 pandemic caused us to shut down the clubhouse to both events and other regular activities.

As the Vernon Yacht Club slowly reopens and eases into new routines, please be patient as the protocols may change.

Mast Top Club Photo—June 2020

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Vernon Yacht Club Executive Board—2019/2020

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The Tiller Topics deadline for the September/October 2020 edition is **August 27th, 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.

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

Dear Members:

First and foremost, I hope that you and your loved ones are managing all right during these challenging times.

We have continued to have our monthly Executive meetings by Zoom. I would like to thank the Executive members for their careful, cautious, and thorough work throughout these trying times.

Nominations for the Vernon Yacht Club Executive Board close September 15, 2020.

We kindly ask everyone to remember we are under the Provincial Emergency Order.

Please stay healthy

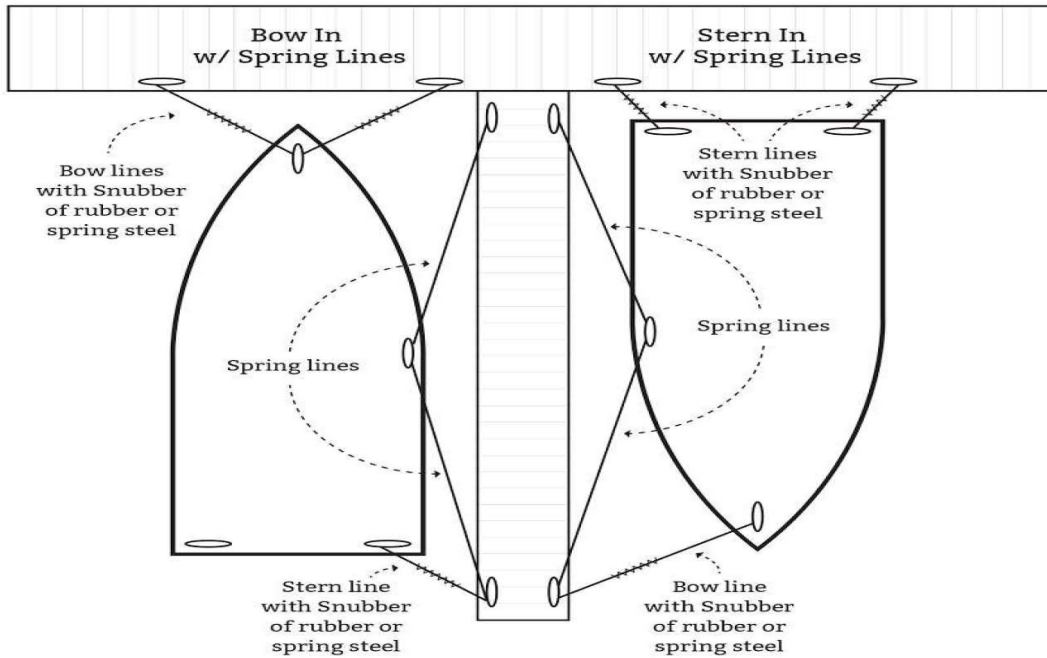
Respectfully Yours
Ron M
Commodore
Vernon Yacht Club

*Rain and Sunset at VYC—
June 11*

Photo Credit: MaryJane W



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.

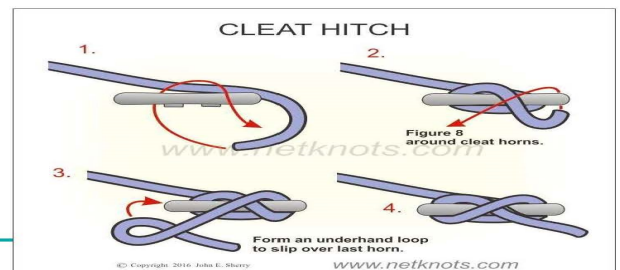
Polypropylene (the common yellow or white ski rope) – must **NOT** be used as a mooring line.

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



Vice Commodore's Report

First off I would like to thank you all for your patience and cooperation with the reopening of the bar and kitchen, the Covid 19 rules seem to change sometimes daily.

At the moment with social distancing we are allowed 66 people in the clubhouse and 30 on the deck with no more than 6 at a table and tables can not be moved or joined. Events are going to be a no, probably for this summer and possibly fall, It's a wait and see, The rules for events only allow 50 people and this needs to include bar staff and entertainment so not feasible at this time. Fingers crossed this changes by Christmas.

Starting July 5 we will start to phase our buffets back in starting with brunch at this time. We are working on how we can get the Friday night BBQ to work and still maintaining social distancing at the BBQs; more cooperation will be needed and I thank you in advance. I would like to thank Annie G for making all the face masks we required in order to open Staff is not required to wear them but they do have to be available (another rule) It is a strange time right now but I thank you and wish you all good health. Susan



Susan M
Vice Commodore



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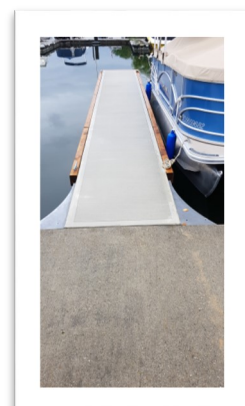
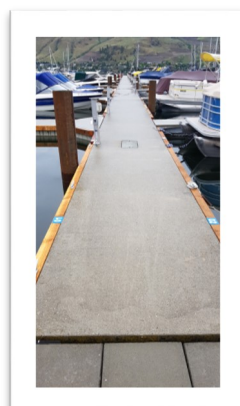
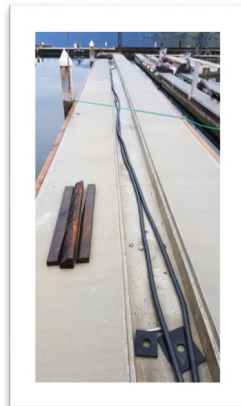
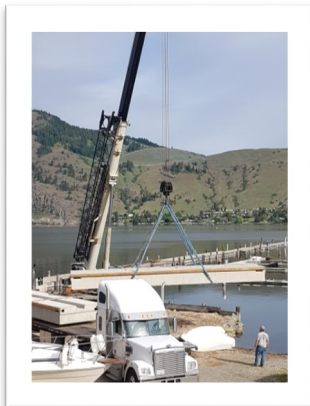
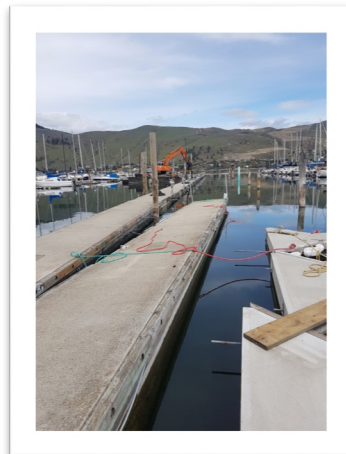
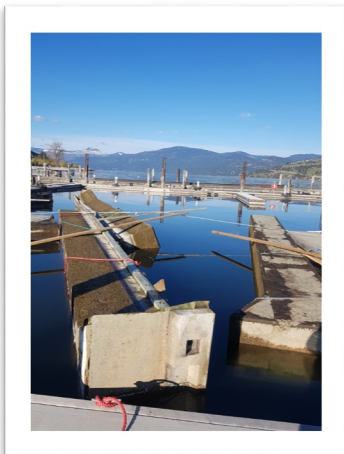
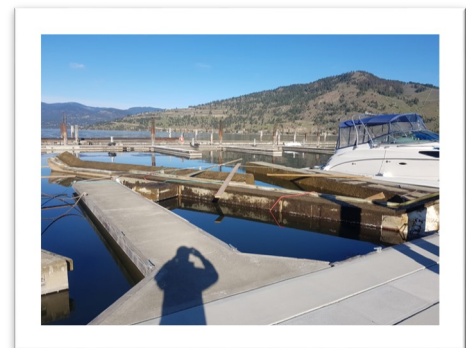
A & C Dock Construction

Check out the progress of construction on A & C Docks.

Top photos—April

Bottom photos—June

Photo credit: Ken S



Gangplank News by Jay



Jay L
VYC Bar Manager

Welcome back everyone! Even though the weather is suspect and keeping some members at home, it is nice to see people getting on with their recreational life sans mittens and Onesies needed on Canada Day. Now if that tax we pay for global cooling would just get rescinded...

Our first buffets are coming online now, I'm sure with more growing pains that our new world has imposed on everyone. Three cheers for bringing back the model that works best for food service at VYC. The number one rule is to use the hand sanitizers provided when starting the buffet or getting popcorn and coffee.

The protocol with ordering and cleaning dirty plates and glasses has reverted back to the "old club" model of everyone ordering at the bar as usual but cleaning up after themselves.

All a la carte meals will be set on a table by the bar to be picked up when your name is called.

After you have cleaned your table (napkins and all) and left, the bar staff will then disinfect the table, chairs and shakers. The bar staff feel extremely awkward watching patrons do the dirty work. Our fantastic members and guests have been rightfully spoiled these last several years but the ways of old are now in vogue.

Please remember that table reservations are only held until 6 pm Friday. With our Worksafe mandated capacity cut substantially, we will probably have to turn members away on peak Fridays. The other reservation issue to work through will be social distancing around the BBQ. A work in progress but we think the best solution is 20 minute slots for each table to cook their SoS. With two BBQs separated, it will take about 2 1/2 hours to work through a full house of 16 tables. Please be patient in these trying times.

Thank you all for your understanding, we do not want to be shut down due to violations. Heaven forbid you all get stuck at home cooking 24/7 again!

Sincerely,

The Gang at the Gangplank



GANGPLANK SUMMER HOURS

GANGPLANK BAR HOURS	
Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	4 pm to 9 pm
Wednesday	3 pm to 9 pm
Thursday	4 pm to 9 pm
Friday	4 pm to 11 pm
Saturday	12 pm to 9 pm
Sunday	10 am to 6 pm

FOOD SERVICE		
Tuesday	Tacos	5 pm to 8 pm
Wednesday	Burger BBQ, <u>Appy</u> Menu	5 pm to 9 pm
Thursday	Summer Menu	5 pm to 8 pm
Friday	<u>SoS</u> BBQ	5 pm to 8:30 pm
Saturday	Soup and Sandwich	12 pm to 3 pm
Saturday	<u>Appy</u> /Summer Menu	12 pm to 8 pm
Sunday	Brunch	10 am to 1 pm

Canada Day

On July 1, some of the sailors got together and decorated their boats in honour of Canada Day. *Blues In Sea* won for best decoration (captain Bob A), with *Go With Gusto* as runners-up (captain Ray V).

Photo Credits: Judi F & Liam F



Winners—Blues in Sea



Runners Up—Go With Gusto



Invasive Mussels Report

For the eighth consecutive year we at the VYC are hosting the “OASISS” invasive mussel monitoring station. The unit was installed June 8th by “Sam” who works for the Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society.

(www.oasiss.ca)

The effective monitoring of the lake is imperative, and we at the VYC are proud to support this Provincially funded testing. If you would like more information or would like to see the monitor inspected (Every two weeks all summer long) drop Lisa Scott a note and I'm sure that can be arranged.

oasiss@shaw.ca Regards, Rob M



What Okanagan Boaters Need to Know About Invasive Mussels

By Lisa Scott and Sierra Collins, Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society (OASISS)

The Okanagan is one of the most beautiful places in the world. Hot sandy beaches, beautiful warm waters. Great fishing and boating. An excellent spot to vacation and relax. This is what the Okanagan is known for. However, there is one creature that threatens all of this: invasive mussels.

Zebra and quagga mussels are microscopic at birth and the size of your thumbnail at maturity, but despite their small size, they could cause irreversible damage if they were to arrive in the Okanagan.

Unprotected docks, breakwalls, boat bottoms and engine outdrives would be rapidly colonized. Boat engines would overheat due to colonies of mussels clogging cooling water inlets. Much effort would be required to scrape mussels off boat hulls.

Walking barefoot along Okanagan beaches could also become a thing of the past if invasive mussels arrive. The sharp-edged shells of dead mussels wash ashore, creating a hazard for unprotected feet. Since mussels accumulate on the submerged portions of nearly any substrate, ladders on docks and rafts also present a risk.

As they feed, mussels deposit feces and regurgitated food on the bottom of a lake. These substances become food for bottom-dwelling worms, scuds, insect nymphs and larvae, making those invertebrate forms more abundant. Some fish may respond to this change by increasing their benthic feeding or orienting to other prey that forages on the bottom. Also, as mussels feed, they filter phytoplankton from the water. This removes a valuable food source for many native species in the lake. Reduced plankton in the lake also makes the water clearer. Fish that are light-sensitive may seek deeper waters to find shelter from the penetrating rays of the sun. As significant filter feeders, invasive mussels may increase human and wildlife exposure to organic pollutants. Research indicates that mussels can rapidly accumulate organic pollutants within their tissues to levels more than 300,000 times greater than concentrations in the environment. These contaminants can be passed up the food chain so that any fish or waterfowl consuming the mussels will also accumulate these organic pollutants. Likewise, human consumption of these same fish and waterfowl could result in further risk of exposure. These are just some examples of how life would change in the Okanagan if invasive mussels were to arrive. History tells us that these aquatic organisms can move with extreme ease and at an incredibly rapid pace. It's believed that zebra and quagga mussels were introduced into the Great Lakes in the late 1980s when European ships released ballast water containing the species. These mollusks were then discovered attached to the underwater surfaces of rocks, piers, and other structures in the Great Lakes region. During the next three decades, they steadily moved into Quebec, several U.S. states and now Manitoba, altogether infesting close to 700 North American lakes.

To date, there has been no reported introduction of live zebra or quagga mussels into B.C. lakes or waterways. Zebra and quagga mussels are not established in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Oregon, Idaho, or Washington – and we would like to keep it that way.

We all need to take responsibility to protect the Okanagan from the devastating impacts of zebra and quagga mussels. Several local groups have joined forces to inform the boating public about the importance of taking action to help prevent invasive mussels from entering our waters. The Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society (OASISS) has partnered with the Okanagan Basin Water Board to encourage boaters and other water recreation users to “Clean, Drain, Dry” boats and other equipment before moving between lakes. These proactive steps can prevent the spread of invasive mussels and halt the spread of other invasive animals and plants that may be lurking in our lakes. At this time there are no known methods for eliminating invasive mussels without severely damaging the ecosystem of the water body in which they've been found. The public's help in preventing the spread of these highly invasive species is essential.

Report mussel-affected boats or equipment to the B.C. Conservation Officer Service's “Report All Poachers and Polluters” (RAPP) hotline: 1-877-952-7277 (toll-free).

For more information on invasive mussels, the risks to the Okanagan and prevention tips, visit

www.DontMoveAMussel.ca.

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July 2020

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Schedule of Events

No Events Scheduled

For Sailing Events—
please reference the following website for up-to-date information:

<https://okanagansailing.com/okanagan-regattas/>

August 2020

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Schedule of Events

- **August 7–9– Giant's Head Regatta (SYC)**
- **August 10–Rattlesnake Island Passage (WKYC)**
- **Note: Please adhere to the Covid protocol outlined for each of the events**

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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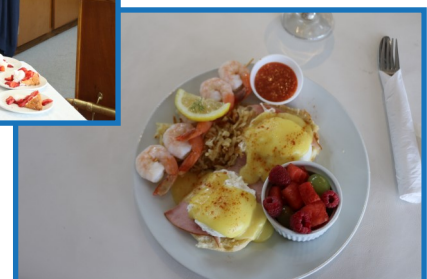
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Final Note

A Reservation-Only **Father's Day Brunch** was held on June 21st

Thanks to the Gangplank & Kitchen Crew!

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