

March/April 2021

TILLER TOPICS



Vernon Yacht Club



Winter Wonderland

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Thank-you to Judi F and Fred H for some
great winter photos !



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The Tiller Topics deadline for the May/June 2021 edition is **April 23rd, 2021!**

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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Gerald G
VYC Commodore

News from Our Commodore

I would like to thank Linda U for the excellent job she did as head of our Security Team.

Linda has resigned as head of security; Linda and Rick are moving to Calgary, we wish them the best of luck in there new endeavors in life, you will be missed!! Make sure you come to visit us.

William W has stepped up to take over as head of security, Thank You William I know you will do an excellent Job.

We have been able to keep our kitchen/lounge open thru these trying times, thanks to Corrine, Mary, Nathen, MJ, and Chanel.

Just a friendly reminder when visiting our club you must follow Work Safe BC protocols.

Stay safe everyone!!!

Gerald G, Commodore VYC

Vernon Yacht Club Security Team Announcement.

New Security Team Leader: William W

Linda U, The VYC Security Team Leader has decided to leave the VYC, the Okanagan and with her husband Rick move to Alberta.

On behalf of All of Us on the Security Team, thank you Linda for all you have done for the Vernon Yacht Club and the VYC Security Team these past three years. You will be greatly missed. We wish You and Rick all the best for your move to Alberta.

Linda recruited William, or I was the only one who volunteered, to assume the Security Team Leader role.

For those of you who do not know me: My wife, Loretta and I have been members of the VYC for 4 years. We own a Catalina Capri 26 which is docked at D-55.

If you are interested in volunteering for the VYC Security Team, please contact me.

William (Bill) W

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**Fred H****Vice Commodore**

Vice Commodore Report

The days are getting longer, there is warmth in the rays of the sun and the ice is gone from the marina. It's always quiet at this time of the year, although with the snowbirds staying close, we have noticed more members taking advantage of the club being open. It won't be long before we see increased activity in the yard and members getting their boats ready to go back in the water.

I want to thank everyone for following our COVID safety protocols, and by doing so, we have been able to remain open for our members. In the unlikely event we are notified that someone has tested positive, we have implemented a tracing sheet should the need to contact anyone arises. Thankfully the protocols seem to be working. Remember if you are not comfortable going to the club for dinner, take out is also available.

The Executive is currently reviewing our By-laws and Constitution to ensure we are up to date and in compliance with Provincial Acts. We will ensure members are made aware of any changes that need to be implemented, or in some cases, it may be just some "house cleaning" of sections.

The trends for most events and gatherings are not likely to change in the near future. With that in mind, it is doubtful there will be a VYC Boat Show this year. Some of you may have signed up for the Vancouver Boat Show free virtual access, as I have. Interesting concept although I'm not sure that would work for us. I have been in contact with some exhibitors and will have a better update for the next issue.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and wash your hands.

Fred H**Vice Commodore***A calm winter's day**Photo credit: Judi F*

Gangplank News

Well, here's the start of another spring approaching and hopefully the beginning of a better year ahead. Here in our kitchen we are already noticing just this past week, of business improving.

Our Wednesday and Thursday night specials are really becoming popular. Our take-out option has really taken off as well. Our Friday nights continue to be popular as well as our Bar-b-q buffet. I am always hunting for new salad ideas. After being employed at the Yacht Club for 10+ years it is sometimes a challenge to find great salad recipes. Saturdays are our soup & sandwich day which tends to bring in a small group of our ever faithful members who enjoy the quiet atmosphere for a nice change of pace and friendly customer service. We want to encourage more people to come in on Sundays. For now we are serving plated breakfasts partially due to covid and also low attendance. We will continue with buffets for special occasions as permitted.

We thank all of our members who partake in our food service keeping us employed through these trying times.

Stay Safe
Corinne, Kitchen Manager

Check your email for Gangplank updates—including dinner specials and hours

VYC Wifi 101

VYC provides Wifi (2.4 and 5 GHz Wifi Bands) for all members, available in the club house and extending out in to the Marina. With all the technological advancements we have become accustomed to, there is a high expectation that Wifi should always provide us with an instant connection to the world. Unfortunately, Wifi technology, especially out in the Marina, is limited by PHYSICS. First and foremost, Radio Waves at 2.4 and 5 GHz require your SmartPhone, Tablet or Laptop to have a clear view (line of sight) to one of the 4 Wifi Antennas on the property. Second, WATER (Lake), and METAL (Superstructures, Masts, Motors, Water Tanks, etc) all interfere with Radio Waves which can reduce data rates and limit connectivity. What this means is **you are very unlikely to get a Wifi connection below deck**, especially close to the water line. Based on having successfully connected to Wifi on my iPhone along the entire lengths of all docks in the Marina, my expectation is that everyone should be able to get a Wifi connection up on deck (caveat: the further out you are on A and E docks, the lower the data connection speeds will be). The 2 Wifi Antennas deployed out in the Marina are designed to cover an area larger than the size of the Marina, but unfortunately, due to limitations described above, this is currently the best we can expect. Once the Breakwater is completed, along with the A dock expansion, we can talk about deploying an additional 2 Wifi Antennas which may improve the connection speeds out to the extents. One additional NOTE; **connecting to the Internet via Wifi does NOT come with infinite bandwidth ... meaning ... be COURTEOUS to other members by NOT streaming VIDEO over the VYC Wifi ... You Tube, Netflix, etc, all use huge amounts of bandwidth, multiple Video Streams will adversely affect everyone's Wifi experience.**

Terry R

Classified Ads

For Sale: 1998 Larson

1998 Larson 18.6 SE Bowrider
115 2 Stroke Suzuki Outboard
\$9,000

For more pics and details go to Facebook Marketplace

<https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/4507854715891654/>

Seller: Mike



For Sale: 2000 Larson

2000 Larson Cabrio 330

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Opening June 2019 on Air BnB Casa Familia is now the #1 rated home rental in the North Okanagan. A remodeled 6 bdrm 3000sq ft chalet originally built by the Attridge family of Vernon this home features a 34 ft seasonal in ground pool, year round hot tub and sauna exclusive to guests. Welcoming 3 and 4 generation families from near and afar some unique stays have been the Canadian Paralympic Snowboarding and the Canadian Women's Curling Teams. We have hosted local families displaced due to fire and flood and offer support and discretion during such challenging times.

When exploring Ellison Park this year you may notice that a lot of the underbrush has been cleared and control burned for safety. Through the winter BC Parks Fire Prevention crews called Casa Familia "home" so this critical task could be completed for our community.


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*The Vernon Yacht Club is the
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*of Boating in the
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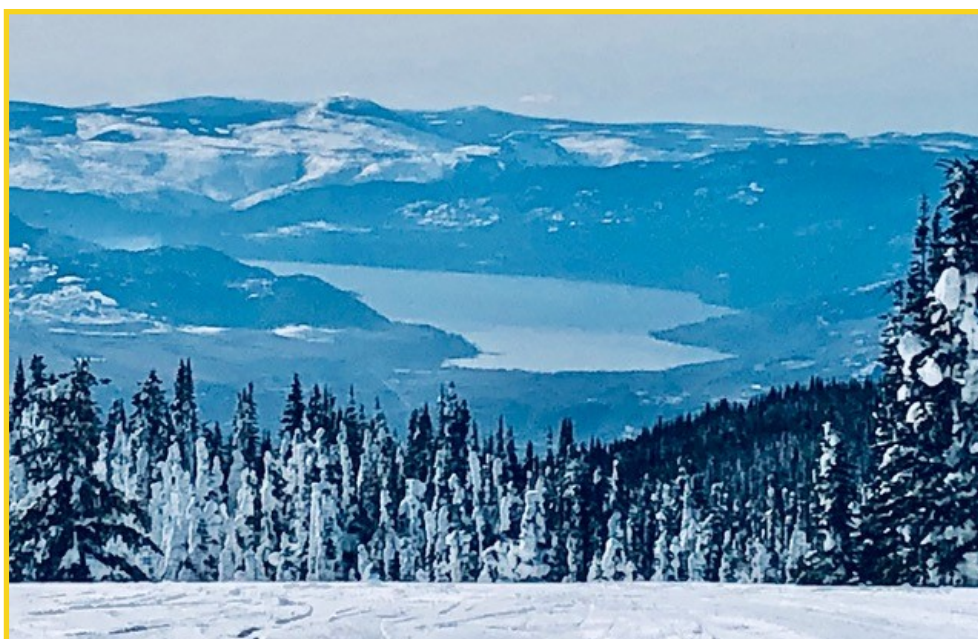


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Final Note



Lake Okanagan from the top of Silver Star Mountain

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