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*Plus, important news you won't want to miss!*



## News from our Commodore



Wow! What a year we are having between COVID, hot weather and forest fires!

I would like to welcome Rebecca to the team as a bartender. She is a welcome addition to the staff with her positive attitude and smiling face.

I would like to thank Corrine, Mary, Nathen and MJ for the wonderful

job they are doing through these trying times, serving food and beverages. Without you, we would not be able to keep the lounge and kitchen open to serve our members.

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leaving us in two weeks. Chanel has done an excellent job as a bartender.

Thank you, Chanel, for getting us through the trying times of COVID, forest fires and everything else. You always showed up to work with a big smile and a positive attitude, and we wish you the very best!!

Thank you to all the members for your participation and patience when we had to close for COVID-related issues and evacuation alert notices.

Our AGM is October 26, and it will be a Zoom meeting. I encourage our members to consider joining the executive team as it is a great way to get to know other members and assist the club in moving forward. Susan Mathews is the chair of the nomination committee. You can get in touch with her or fill out a nomination form at the office.

Everyone be careful and stay safe.

Gerald Gustafson  
Commodore VYC

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## Vice Commodore Report

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our last Tiller Topics, the weather has been nice for boating. For a while, COVID restrictions were relaxed and then put back in place in some areas, and then fire season started. It's been a different summer for sure.

In the early season, there was a concern about high water and now our Fleet Captain is relocating members off of W Dock because of low water.



COVID-19, drought, and fire, what's next?

I want to take this opportunity to thank Chanel Love for stepping up and helping out with our bar/lounge operations. Chanel has been a dedicated member of our staff for the past nine years and is always doing the little extras that a lot of us take for granted.

Thanks, Chanel! The club will be a different place without you. We will miss your smile and positive presence!

Unfortunately, we had an incident at the club that has made masks mandatory while indoors. I know we can get through this, so be patient.

It's time to start thinking about the fall and our AGM and also the election of Officers for the Executive. There's lots of work to be done, and the more people we have, the less each of us will have to do. So take a minute and think about what you can do for your club.

Stay safe and healthy!

Fred Haight  
Vice Commodore

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It has certainly been a challenging year for our club and members. Due to the impact of COVID-forced closures that impacted financials, we focused on addressing only approved budgeted items that were deemed essential.

Unfortunately, time, and perhaps the past directive to save money and patch or temporarily upgrade our facilities, has caught up with us.

We are now completing several unexpected and expensive repairs and upgrades to our facilities and docks.

Aside from normal maintenance and repairs, the following details other current projects underway:

### Roof Repair

The flat roof area over the kitchen and upper washrooms has been patched many times over the last 20+ years. Despite the repairs, we faced ongoing issues with water leaking into the kitchen and cooler area.

Upon review and inspection, the extent of the water damage and condition of the various patches indicated that this roof area needed to be completely replaced as patches were not the solution.

- Quotes were received, and the Board then approved a maximum budget of \$40,000
- Tom Koritar oversaw the projects for the Board which came in slightly under budget
- The other sections of the roof over the lounge and bar area were also inspected and will need to be replaced in the next 3-5 years

The leaking roof also caused water damage to the cooler area behind the bar. Mould began collecting as the wood panels were not finished properly when

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- This area was disinfected, cleaned and a sealer was painted on the unfinished wood by volunteers
- Schedules are now in place for ongoing maintenance to monitor and maintain this area properly

### Dock Audit

To meet the requirements listed by our insurance company, BC Hydro was asked to conduct an audit of the A and C docks as well as the clubhouse facilities.

Many deficiencies on both the docks and facilities require our immediate attention. We have committed to these repairs to satisfy our insurance requirements.

- The docks are being addressed immediately to meet the one-month timeframe
- We have requested six months reprieve to complete the long list of deficiencies on our building, which allows us to spread the cost of repairs into the 2021/22 budget

### Facilities Cleanup

Ken Smith will clean up the excess wood and metal scraps near the west storage shed and along the property line.

- Wood blocks and items of value will be stored in the fenced compound. All the excess, if not claimed by members, will be sent to the dump
- Once the area has been cleaned, we will order gravel fill
- The storage shed is in poor condition: the trees need to be cut back, the roof needs new shingles and the building walls need to be repaired and repainted once this area has been properly cleaned
- The storage shed on the eastern property line is also under review as we assess potential clean-up and repairs

### Concrete Slab Repair

Ken Smith is working with Burton Marine to develop a solution for the weak concrete patio slabs that the centre trough area on several docks. This area stores the waterlines and wiring to each dock. Several slabs have broken, with one slab damaging both the waterline and wiring.

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paddleboards. The system would be similar to that used by the Kelowna Yacht Club. In the coming months, members will be surveyed to assess this need before we proceed.

- If feasible and once approved by the Board, there will be a cost recovery plan based on a yearly fee of \$75.00 to those who plan to utilize this storage area
- Three locations are being currently considered based on demand
- If we proceed, the project will fall under the 2021/22 budget
- The project will only be approved if there is a minimum commitment from 10 members

### Sign damage

Whoops! Unfortunately, a boat and trailer popped off the hitch and damaged the entrance sign. Thankfully, no one was injured.

Accidents happen but care and attention should always be taken when towing. We thank the member for owning this and stepping up to cover the costs of repairs



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building.

Ken MacLeod

Rear Commodore

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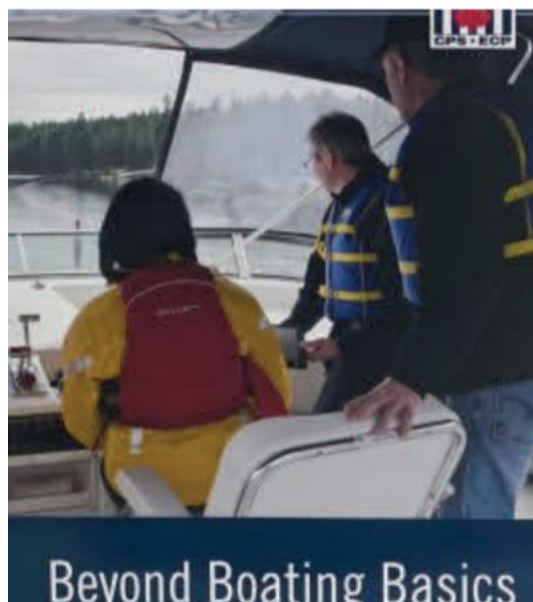
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### BOATING 2—BEYOND BOATING BASICS

The Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) makes sure you have immediate navigation and safety skills, but it's just the beginning of what you should know when you get on a boat. In the second of our Boating Series, you are introduced to the art of navigation, anchoring, ropes, lines and knots—not to mention what to expect when the boat is moving under power.

This course also has a number of optional topics that will be taught depending on your interests, including towing, trailering and a checklist for layup and launch.

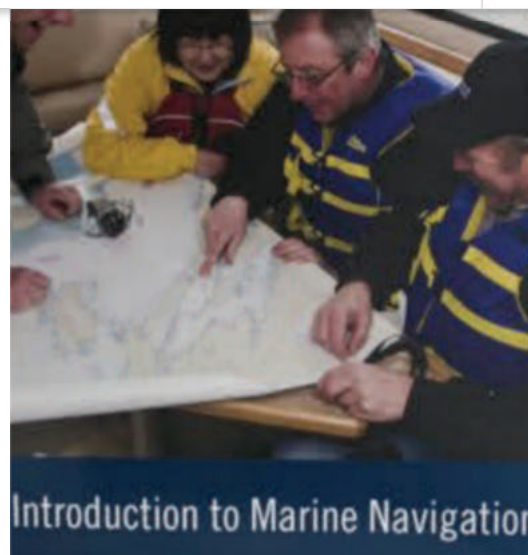
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These topics include tides and currents, canals and locks, and collision regulations.

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Weds: Burger Buffet, 5:00-8:00pm

Thurs: Menu, 5:00pm-8:00pm

Fri: Steak or Salmon BBQ, 6:00pm-8:30pm

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED ON FRIDAYS**

Sat: Soup & Sandwich, 12:00pm-3:00pm; Menu, 4:00pm-8:00pm

Sun: Brunch, 10:00am-1:00pm

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED ON SUNDAYS**

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## Bar Hours

Weds & Thurs: 4:00pm to 10:00pm

Fri: 4:00pm to 11:00pm

Sat: 12:00pm-9:00pm

Sun: 10:00am to 3:00pm

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We are following the latest Interior Health Authority restrictions about the use of masks in indoor public places and seating restrictions for restaurants. Thank you for your cooperation as we keep our staff and members safe.

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## Ladies Night 2021/2022 Season at VYC



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Ladies Night is back! Mark your calendars and book your spot!

Every third Thursday of the month (except December) running from October to May at VYC!! 5-8 pm

\$25 a head includes a simple meal and a glass of wine.

Tickets must be purchased through a VYC member in advance and are non-refundable (except for any changes re COVID restrictions).

*Third Thursday of the month*

Oct. 21, 2021 - Wine tasting

Nov. 18, 2021 - Christmas gift market

December - no event, too busy!

Jan. 20, 2022 - Ladies comedy night

Feb. 17, 2022 - Wine tasting

March 24, 2022 - Dance demos

April 21, 2022 - Cooking demos

May 19, 2022 - Scotch and cigars

Tables are limited to six. Capacity will depend on COVID regulations so book early.

Questions? Suggestions? Call me! Sarah Kennedy – 250 241 4664

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## Why is the boat always getting great deals?

It loves a sail.

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## Sail Racing News

VYC sail racing is alive and well with 24 competitive and experienced skippers divided into two fleets based on boat speed. New boats, skippers, and crew are always welcome to join. Our newest racers are Marc N. and Tracy L. on Eclipse in the A fleet, and Ken M. on Yellow Bird in the B fleet.

Racing has been a challenge this year due to COVID, the summer heat, and, more recently, smoke. The early season racing was cancelled, but as soon as Dr. Bonnie Henry and BC Sailing gave outdoor sports the green light, VYC racers were on the water.

Winds in the Vernon Arm are variable. Winds on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 can be so light they challenge and frustrate even the saltiest of sailors. Sometimes they are much heavier but usually they are perfect for new and 'wannabe' racers who can enter their boats with little fear of getting into trouble. The skippers are forgiving of new racers and will help them understand



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The cost is \$70 per year and covers registration with BC sailing plus occasional training opportunities. There are several new boats that are almost ready to join the excitement. The crew makes a big difference in racing outcomes. Those interested in becoming crew can wait by the gate to fill the boat of a skipper with a missing crew.

Along with our regular Wednesday and Sunday late-season racing, the racing group has been active this year setting up fun races for all sailboats in the VYC basin. These are usually held early Sunday or Monday mornings.

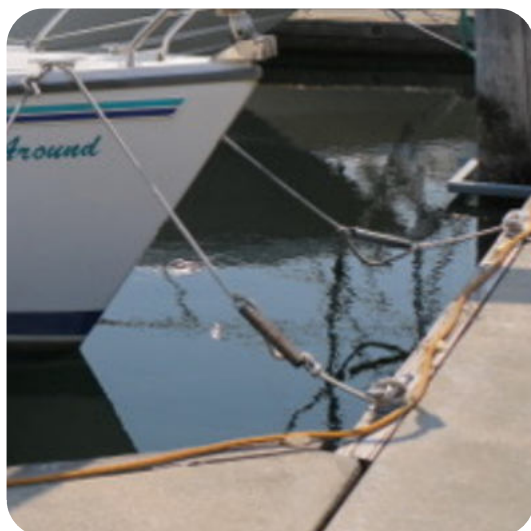
Regatta fun is starting to return to clubs down the lake and Vernon has been represented at these events. There are plenty of opportunities for interested sailors to participate. With good luck, VYC will be hosting the Vernon regatta in June of 2022. Now there is something to look forward to!

Any sailors interested in learning more can get in touch with the committee chair or talk to any of the racing skippers. They are easy to spot.

- Bob A  
Committee Chair

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## Classifieds



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If anyone has some spare mooring snubbers they would like to sell, please contact Morley Miller, [morleytherealtor@gmail.com](mailto:morleytherealtor@gmail.com)

If you're looking for something or want to sell something club related, let us know. We'll list it here for you!

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## **Invasive Mussels FAQs**

Did you know that the introduction of invasive mussels in the Okanagan could cost taxpayers \$42 million a year in lost revenue, added maintenance of water infrastructure and ecological damage?

It's really important we all do our part to prevent Zebra and Quagga Mussels from entering our water systems.

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