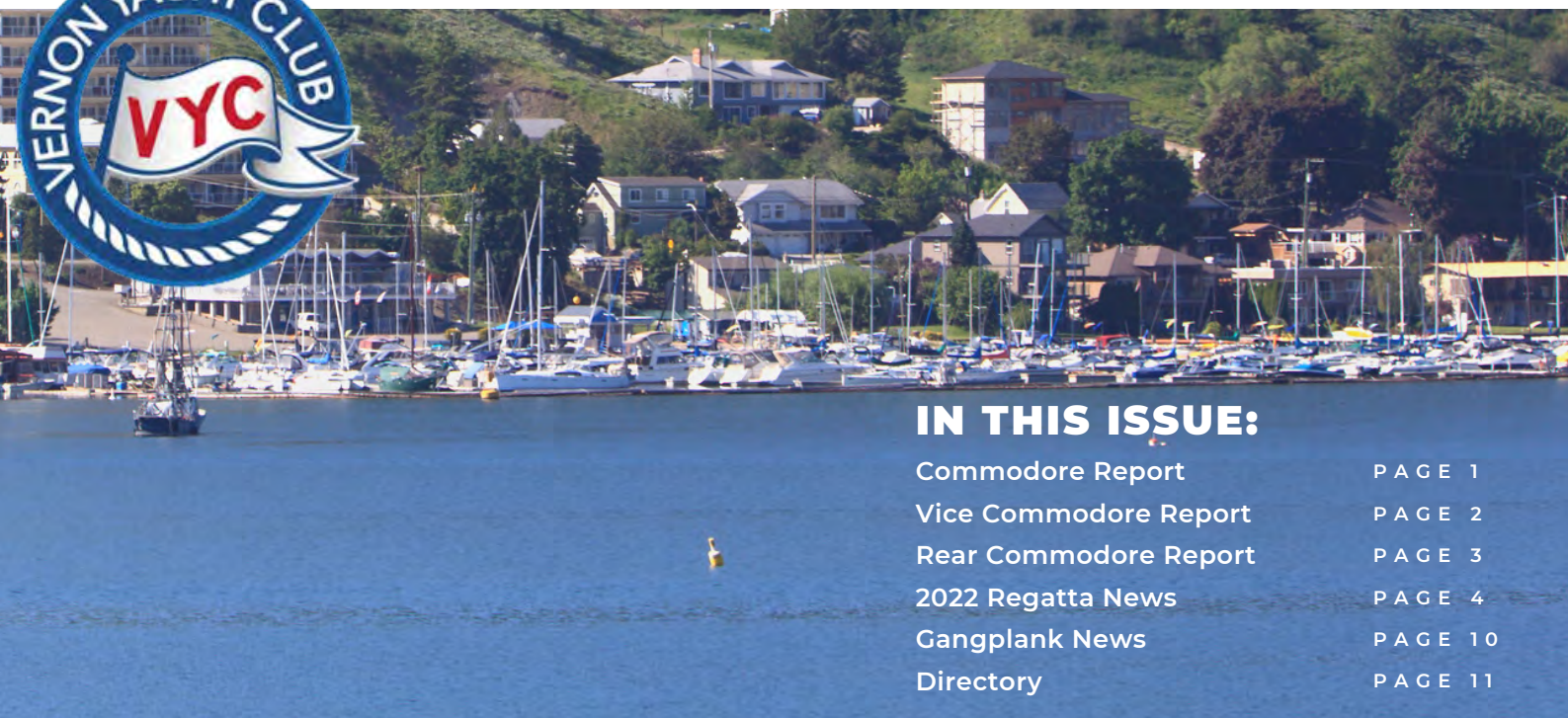


# TILLER TOPICS



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## REPORTS & HELPFUL INFORMATION

### NEWS FROM OUR COMMODORE



Thanks to Rear Commodore Scott and Tom Koritar, we have had a crew busy replacing rub rails on D dock.

There has been a different team of four volunteers per day, Monday to Thursday, 8 am to 12 pm.

A big THANK YOU to Wally Higgins, Lonnie Wilcox, Doug Stewart, MJ Watson, Morley Millar, Murray Wilson, Jamie Napier, Robb Polloway, Dan Vukadinovic, Jonathan Smith, Josh Mooney, Greg Bird, Chris Durham, Gary Lawson, Bill McKeag, Peter Walsh, Rick

Smith, and Bill West. I hope I didn't miss anyone!



Anyone who has a slip on D Dock, if you could check with Scott or Tom and find out what day they would be working on your slip, it would be helpful if you could help by taking off bumpers and replacing them. It sure would speed things up and protect your boat at the same time.

Annie and I attended our VYC Regatta. Wow! What a great time.

Congratulations To Carol and Bob and their crew for organizing a great event. It was great to see boats from other clubs come to participate. Events like this is great for our club relations with other clubs. Great job, everyone!

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Gustafson  
Commodore VYC

## VICE COMMODORE REPORT



Well if you read the last issue of the Tiller Topics, or still even if you hadn't, you may be thinking I'm off my rocker!

The long anticipated floating steel breakwater sections, which in my last Tiller report I had advised the largest of them was to have been installed by early May, are fully constructed and still temporarily moored at the old log dump just north of Trader's Cove due to an on-going review by the province of the adequacy of the mooring systems

A third party peer review of the mooring systems, requested by the Ministry, was conducted in November of 2021. It was determined the mooring systems were not adequate after new wind and wave data revealed through a new wind and wave study we had commissioned for the next expansion phase of the marina was applied.

Modifications to the mooring systems were made by our contractor (increasing the number of the 18,000 lb. anchors to 8 up from 6 for BW1 and to 18 anchors up from 12 for BW2; 4,500 lb. kellet weights to be added to each anchor; anchors hangars were rotated to reduce side load on the pocket; etc.), all of which were reviewed by the project engineer in late January of this year.

Unfortunately, however, the project engineer's written response confirming the adequacy of these modifications to withstand the revised conditions wasn't received until mid-April, which we provided to the Ministry shortly thereafter.

As soon as the Ministry received the third-party review and the project engineers' response, we were required to stop all over-water work until the Ministry could conduct their own review of the material provided, and now, here we wait.

We have made a request of the Ministry to allow us to proceed with installation of both BW1 and BW2 with these new modifications while their review continues just as soon as our contractor is available. The contractor had scheduled our project to be completed by the end of June and are now booked for July and August.

If the on-going review determines further modifications are deemed necessary, these can be added at a later date on-site.

A decision from the Ministry on this request is anticipated any day now.

With all that has been going on with the breakwater replacement project these past few months and other items, scheduling for some “town hall” meetings for input into the Long-term Plan has been delayed, but we hope to make some announcements soon. Please stay tuned and do your best to attend and provide your input.

Hopefully the weather will begin to improve and things settle down so that perhaps one day soon we'll even be able to get out on the water!

**Craig**  
Vice Commodore

## REAR COMMODORE REPORT



It has certainly been a steady pace around the club this spring. Several projects have been completed and more are in progress.

### Spring Clean Up

It was a very good turn out for the event and quite an impressive list of items were completed. Thank you for all those that participated. It made a huge difference!

### D Dock Rub Rails

There has been a very impressive number of volunteers that offered to lend a hand. This is a significant project and work will continue through the summer. For those of you moored on D Dock, it would greatly assist the volunteers if you could temporarily remove any dock edge guards you have installed and rely on your fenders until the rub rail crew replaces your rub rails. It would significantly speed up the process for these volunteers as it's quite time consuming for them to remove and reinstall your dock edge guards on top of replacing the wooden rub rails. Please make life easier for these volunteers who are helping ensure your vessels are able to be safely and securely moored.

### Clubhouse Deck Awnings

The old awnings had seen better days and have now been replaced. They are looking quite nice!

### East Fence

The spring clean-up crew was able to remove and dispose of all of the old fence boards on clean-up day. The posts, which were set in concrete, were removed shortly following that by a contractor. A new chain-link fence is scheduled to be installed by a contractor in the latter portion of June or early July.

### Painting

The spring clean-up crew was able to paint the yellow concrete blocks in the visitor parking, B Dock fence, the picnic tables and the west storage shed, which really started to make things look nice. Since that time, the gate house has been painted, and the clubhouse painting is nearing completion.



### Clubhouse Deck Gutters

The winter freeze / thaw cycles we have here in the Okanagan have resulted in a significant build-up of ice on the parking lot underneath the clubhouse deck in front of the north entrance door. In order to reduce the potential for ice build-up at that location, the club has installed gutters on the north side of the deck to direct moisture away from running off the north side of the deck directly onto the parking lot. The contractors have installed the gutters and will be returning to complete the flashing installation.

### Deck BBQS

The Club was receiving quite a bit of feedback from the members utilizing the two BBQs on the west side of the clubhouse deck. In particular, that even with the awnings down and with the BBQs side by side, one BBQ is always in the rain.

In order to provide the best solution to the problem, a permanent gas line was installed that allows the second BBQ to be permanently placed under the east awning. This will keep both BBQs out of the rain and give the BBQers much more elbow room.

That is the significant news; now all that we need is for warmer weather to arrive!

Scott

Rear Commodore



### REGATA SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS SMOOTH THE WATERS FOR THE 2022 VYC REGATTA

The 2022 Vernon Yacht Club Regatta was a great success with 26 boats and well over 100 sailors participating from 4 clubs, including Penticton, Summerland, Kelowna, and Vernon. That success is, in part, due to the many businesses and individuals that contributed in different ways.

The major regatta sponsors were High Energy Custom Marine, Can Am Pet Treats, and Burton Marine Pile Driving, who provided cash to cover many of the regatta and racing expenses.

Our major in-kind supporters who provided many of the door prizes were: North Sails Company and Alan Barnes Nautical Sailing Services. Okanagan Spring Brewery donated a beer keg for our festivities. Vernon Craft Distilleries, Kelowna Yamaha & Marine, Bannister Honda, Vernon's own Bonsai Bagel, H2O4U, and Vernon Telescope Nature and Science also offered their products.

Other supporters were from our own membership, including Lyle Enns, who designed and manufactured the unique race award plaques for the 4 fleets, Jay Johnston with Bamko, who

donated his time to create the Return of the Regatta graphic design, and Barb Rotteveel, who donated the rum prizes in honour of the late Richard Rotteveel for the Whiskey Island Race.

If you have reason to need specific services or products, please consider calling on these generous, community-minded companies and individuals.

Thank you sponsors and supporters from the Regatta Team!

## Bob Annand



*High Energy Custom Marine. From L to R: Owners Anna & CJ Dyke and Regatta Chair Bob Annand*

The VYC Regatta Team wish to thank High Energy Custom Marine owners CJ and Anna Dyck for their generous sponsorship of our 2022 Regatta. High Energy is interested in promoting keelboat racing to new sailors.



*North Sails. From L to R: North Sails Sail Expert Drew Mitchell and Regatta Chair Bob Annand*

The VYC Regatta Team wish to thank North Sails for their generous sponsorship of our 2022 Regatta.



*Can Am Pet Treats. From L to R: Can Am Representative Kris Jones and Regatta Chair Bob Annand*

The VYC Regatta Team wish to thank Can Am Pet Treats for their generous sponsorship of our 2022 Regatta. Kris Jones and family are avid sailors and enjoy keelboat racing at VYC during the Wednesday evening club racing.



*Burton Marine Pile Driving. From L to R: Burton Marine Pile Driving President Steve Burton and Regatta Chair Bob Annand*

The VYC Regatta Team wish to thank Burton Marine Pile Driving for their generous sponsorship of our 2022 Regatta. They offer a wide range of products and services, including residential docks, commercial marinas, yacht clubs, pile driving and dock accessories.



## BIG WINNERS AT THE VERNON YACHT CLUB 2022 REGATTA

Thank you to all the sailors who came to VYC for our Regatta. It was great to see old friends and make new ones.

Congratulations to:

- Wildfire (Harvey Ryll and crew) for winning the overall award
- Mystique (Lyle Enns) 1st in Santana fleet
- Shadowfax (Danny Foster) 1st in A fleet
- Wildfire (Harvey Ryll) 1st in C fleet
- Quintessence (Gerard Obbema) 1st in White Sails

Full results are on the club website.  
The famous Whiskey Island Race was won by Controlled Skid (Budd Callis).

Wasn't that a party?!

Carol Craske



*White Sale 1st - Gerard Obbema and Quintessence Crew*



*A Fleet 1st - Danny Foster and Shadowfax Crew*



*1st Overall and C Fleet 1st - Harvey Ryall and Wildfire Crew*



*Santana Fleet 1st - Lyle Enns and Mystique Crew*



*Whiskey Island Race 1st - Bud Callis and Controlled Skid Crew*

## THE RETURN OF THE REGATTA AT THE VERNON YACHT CLUB

It's a wrap! Thank you everyone! It was great to be back to "normal." We had 26 boats enter our regatta. We had wonderful delicious food: roast beef with yorkshires and roast chicken—Mmmmmmmmmmm—all cooked by our incredible Corinne and staff at VYC.

Rachel kept us watered with a smile. Deb in the office helped with key cards, registration, and frustrating computer system. Fabulous Dance with music by the McKinleys. I heard the dance floor was full right to the end. Unfortunately Mother Nature was a little uncooperative and gave little wind with LOTS of water.



We did have a few computer glitches due to upgrades, etc. done shortly before the event but should have them worked out by next year. Sorry for the wait at the reception desk but once our club computer system is completely overhauled we will be able to do registration and purchase extra meal tickets entirely online. So I am sorry for the delay at the reception desk although it only took two hours to put through 24 boats (and 2 the next morning), sell numerous extra dinner tickets and regatta shirts.

Our chair Bob Annand did a wonderful job of keeping the regatta spirit alive. Keith Danielson kept the budget in line. Dave Simpson handled the committee boat under the wet trying circumstances—some of the sheets came in soaking wet. And Sarah Kennedy did a fabulous job at getting us sponsors. Thank you to all the helpers: Doris Attard Hodgson, Wayne, Darla, MJ, Robert M, Pamela M, our Commodore Gerard G. and his wife Annie, Staff Captain Susan M, Fleet Captain Liam F, Kate S, my husband Don, Ken H, Jamie N, and committee boat helpers Jay, Heather, Barb R, Doug S. I know I have forgotten many and my apologies but my mind is still in a fog. I need a few more nights of sleep.

Thank you everyone! Full race results are on the club's webpage under the Regatta page.

Carol Craske

**Footnote from the Chair:** It would have been impossible to plan and deliver such a high calibre and well-loved event as the 2022 Return of the Regatta without the knowledge, experience, and multi-tasking of our On-Shore Operations Coordinator Carol Craske. She held us all to a high standard and she considered every detail thoughtfully as we moved from wondering if we would even have a regatta this year to executing one of the very largest and most enjoyable events. Thank you Carol.

And also a shout out to Marc Noel who began the year as regatta co-chair before moving house took him away from the club. Marc challenged us to look at new ways of doing business. Thank you Marc, and we'll be considering your ideas for future regattas!

Bob Annand

## BEYOND THE RETURN OF THE REGATTA

Many of the sailors around here are now well rested two weeks after the VYC Regatta, and they are ready for more action. If you haven't seen enough of this regatta yet please click on this link, which has many photos of the fun:

[SEE REGATTA PHOTOS](#)

The racing group continues through the summer on Wednesday evenings with the regular club racing series. Races start anytime after 6:15 pm and usually 2 races are run each evening. Any sailboats interested in joining can get in touch with the racing group chair. If you have an interest in joining as crew you can be included in our crew bank.

The committee is also attempting to generate more interest in fun racing through a white sails only training and practice night (Tuesdays) where the focus is on fun and participation rather than competitiveness. If you have a sailboat and are thinking you would like to participate and learn some of the racing basics without the hassle of flying a spinnaker, please provide your contact information to the racing group chair.

If long distance racing floats your boat, mark your calendar for the Giants Head Regatta on August 6 and 7. The regatta is organized by the Summerland Yacht Club and Day 1 is a race from the SYC to Rattlesnake Island and return. Day 2 is a race from the SYC to Penticton. It's an exciting race well known for good winds. All keel boats are welcome.

If that's not a long enough trip, the End-to-End Regatta starts at the south end of the lake on Sept 10th and finishes at VYC on September 11th with a stopover at KYC!

Here's to a great summer of boating!

**Bob Annand**

**Racing Group Chair**



*Images from the 2022 Vernon Yacht Club Regatta*



*Jim Dillabough on Blues in the Sea during the Whiskey Island Race*



# Where did Captain Hook buy his hook?

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Winner will be announced in the next edition of Tiller Topics. Please submit your recipe to Deb M at [office@vernonyachtclub.com](mailto:office@vernonyachtclub.com)



## GANGPLANK NEWS

### SUMMER FOOD SERVICE HOURS & MENU

Tuesdays: Taco Night, 5:00-8:00pm

Wednesdays: Burger Buffet & Menu, 5:00-8:00pm

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

Fridays: Steak, Salmon or Stuffed Chicken, 6:00pm-8:30pm

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

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

*Takeout menu available Wednesday & Thursday nights 5:00pm-7:30pm & Soup or Sandwich on Sat 12pm-2:30. Please call in Advance. Gang Plank Menus unavailable during special events & private functions.*

### SUMMER BAR HOURS

Tuesday: 4:00-8:00pm

Wednesdays & Thursdays: 4:00pm to 10:00pm

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