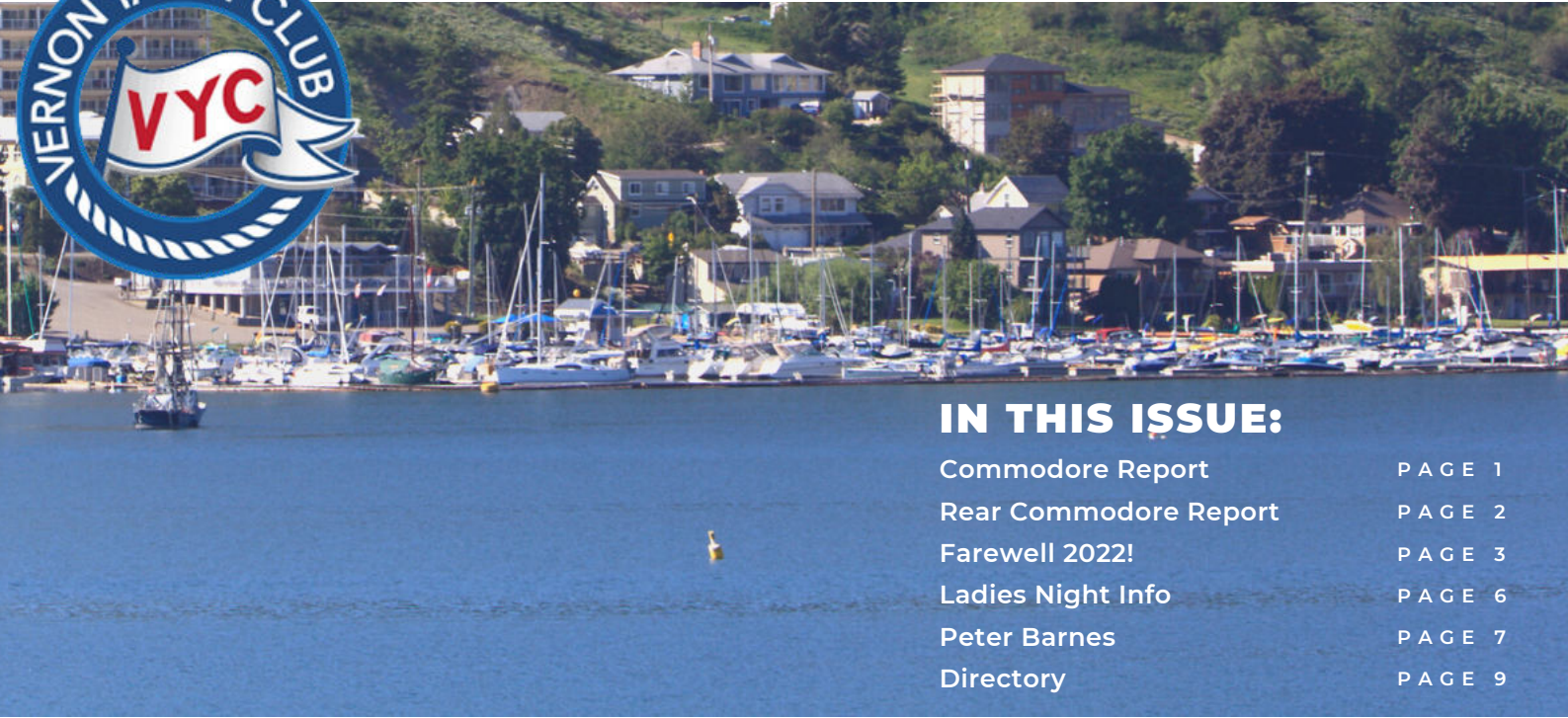


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## REPORTS & HELPFUL INFORMATION

### NEWS FROM OUR COMMODORE



The docks are nearly empty and the yard is nearly full. Things are pretty quiet around the club at this time of year.

Winter is upon us and planning for the upcoming season has started.

Looking ahead to 2023, I'm excited to get back to "normal," starting with our Annual Boat Show and celebrating our 70th Anniversary.

Thanks to David Groleau for agreeing to take on the Boat Show Chairperson's role; I'm confident he will do a great job. It will be a better display with the work that was done on C Dock 2 years ago. Hopefully supply issues will not affect Vendors.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season and hope that all are doing well. Stay safe, stay healthy and enjoy your Holidays.

Fred H  
Commodore



## REAR COMMODORE REPORT

I trust everyone is dealing with the chilly season by enjoying their most favourite winter pastime.

With the cooler weather upon us, things have slowed down regarding projects occurring around the club. There are only a couple of things to report.

### Updated Telephone System

Deb, our Office Manager, leads the project to install an updated telephone system. This new system provides the ability for callers to be able to contact the VYC manager (Deb, Rachel or Ken) they wish to speak with or leave a message with, without having all calls going through Deb. This will greatly decrease Deb's workload pertaining to having to deal with Gangplank reservations in particular.

Total cost was \$1480.50. Monthly costs will be unchanged from our previous system.

Going forward, please forward reservation request for the Gangplank to Rachel.

### Front Entrance Sign Repair

The sign at the front entrance of the club which was damaged last spring has been repaired. This provided our Maintenance Manager, Ken, the opportunity to update / improve the message board function by installing a scrolling, programmable LED sign to update from the old system with individual numbers and letters that had to be manually put up and down. Compared to the previous sign, this will provide improved aesthetics, much easier ability to change messages and also will allow more information to be displayed, such as the Gangplank hours, in addition to upcoming event notifications.

Costs were:

- Replacement 4'x8' aluminum sign material - \$542.98
- Two row outdoor LED scrolling sign - \$577.50
- Total - \$1120.48

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Scott C

Rear Commodore





## **FAREWELL 2022 AND AHOY 2023 SAILBOAT RACING!**

After two years of shortened race seasons due to Covid, in 2022 we returned to a normal year of racing with our usual format of 4 series - spring, summer, fall and hot rum plus our regatta. Yay!

The winds were much lighter this year, so instead of our usual 36-40 races, we were only able to make about two-thirds of these. For weeks, the very light winds resulted in one race per evening, and twice races were abandoned altogether. On the opposite end of the spectrum, the committee boat twice cried foul with too much wind! Despite temperatures reaching well into the 30's, we were blessed to have little smoke and no heatwave like in the previous year and we had a lot of sailors out there having a fun time. The joy of sailing at the mercy of the weather.

We also had some social sailing events. On Canada Day, a race to the old Fintry Queen paddle-wheeler in the North Arm saw 10 ships a sailing. Another fun event, organized on BC Day, turned into an old fashioned water fight! And finally, the annual Turkey Trot over to the forestry camp was held on Thanksgiving weekend, with just one leg and a whisp of wind! Some of these fun-seeking sailors were "non-racers" or not part of the racing fleet. So, next year if you have a sailboat and not ready for more serious competition, think about joining us for the social events.

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A very successful and welcomed Regatta arose out of the Covid ashes in 2022 thanks to the enormous efforts of the Regatta Committee. We had sailboats from almost every club in the Valley and even from a club in Alberta! The white sail (no spinnaker) fleet enjoyed seeing sailors sign up from new to racing to the very well-established. Only more wind and less rain could have made the racers happier. Overall, people sailed away raving about their fabulous experience and the hospitality of the Vernon Yacht Club.

Congratulations to the speediest of sailors in 2022. You can click [here](#) to find the top racers of the year and to see many fine sailing photos. Thank you to everyone associated with our Vernon racing community who helped to make it a fun season.

Stay tuned next year for another great regatta scheduled for June (lots more interesting news to follow on this, our 70th year), and for another season of exciting sailboat racing.

*The racing group is always interested in new boats and more skippers and crew joining. The skippers are forgiving of new racers and they will help them understand the rules. Crew make a big difference to racing outcomes and those interested in being crew can wait by the gate for a skipper with missing crew to come along and fill his/her boat.*

*Winds in the Vernon Arm are variable and Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 can be so light they can challenge and frustrate even the most salty of sailors. These winds though are perfect for new and "wannabee" racers to enter their boats with little fear of getting into trouble. After the 2 races the sailors re-group upstairs at the club for a drink and to share stories of the races.*

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

*If you need more information you can get in touch with the committee chair or talk to any of the racing skippers around the club.*

Extracted from the *Chronicles of Carol Craske*, by Bob Annand - Racing Group Chair



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## LADIES NIGHT AT VYC

So far this year we have had three Ladies Nights – a wine tasting, an art auction and a vendor night. All of them were extremely successful and well-attended. Thank you all for attending!

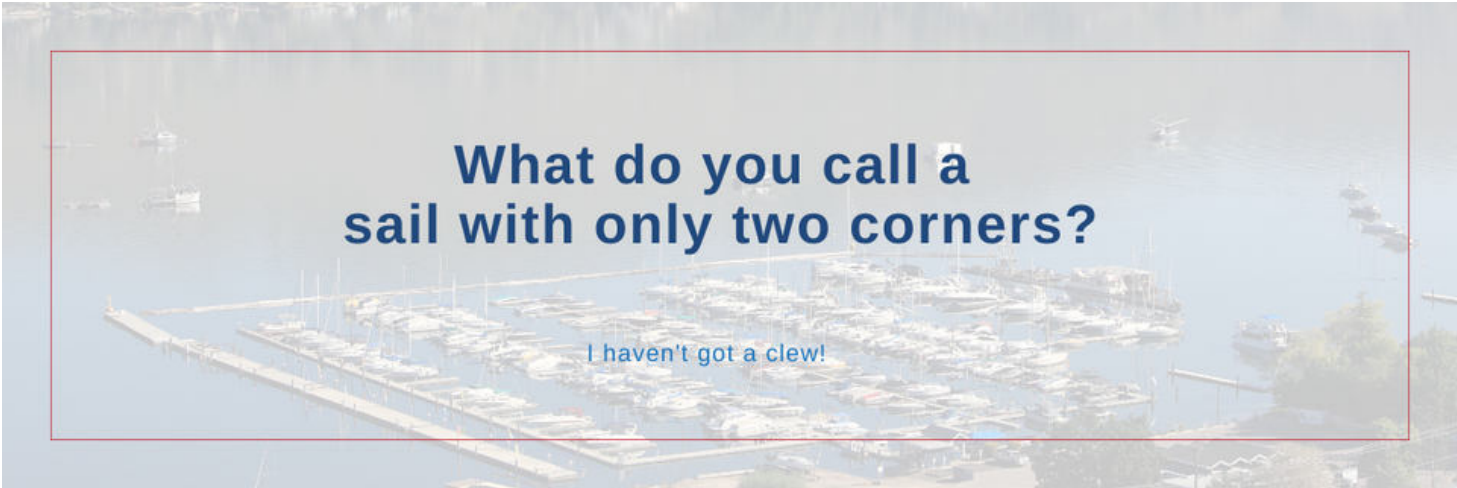
In 2023 we have a full line up! Here are the dates and themes for your calendars:

- January 26 - Chocolate appreciation
- February 16 - Comedy night
- March 16 - Beautiful inside and out
- April 20 -Summer cocktails - preparation and tasting
- May 18 -Paint and Sip

As always, watch for the email and then gather your girlfriends together and book your table with Deb / Rachel at the Yacht Club.

Sarah Kennedy is the host for Ladies Night – please reach out to her with any ideas you have for themes or contacts (250 241 4664). She's always open for ideas.

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What do you call a  
sail with only two corners?

I haven't got a clew!



# PETER BARNES 1944-2022

The VYC racing fleet has lost one of its longtime skippers. Peter Barnes, skipper of Captivator, passed away unexpectedly on December 4, 2022. Well known on the racing course in his red hulled boat, Peter joined the fleet in 1996. Passionate about sailing, he was a regular on the race course and a great supporter of the Women's racing group.

In 2007 a group of VYC women sailors took Captivator to the Nationals in Kelowna which led to the start of the annual Okanagan Women Regatta and weekly women's racing series.

Peter continued to support us by lending us his boat, and sometimes even moved Captivator down the lake to the site of the regatta for us. Although unable to race during 2022 due to his health, he generously lent his boat to an out-of-town skipper to participate in the VYC Regatta. His generosity didn't end with the use of his boat; his last few visits to the clubhouse resulted in him treating various sailors to dinner. Peter also assisted with the maintenance of the mooring buoys on Okanagan Lake for VYC and helped other skippers, particularly Santana owners, with boating matters.

Off the water, Peter was an avid off-road motorcyclist, having competed in the Baja 1000 five times and placed several times. Another love of Peter was his dog, and many will remember seeing him at the club with Chief, who he loved to take on long wilderness walks. But once winter was on the horizon, Peter was planning his winter getaway. He loved to travel and went to many different destinations all over the world. My husband and I remember well our sailing trips with Peter - once to Antigua and another to Croatia. Having lived such an active life, he had many stories to tell and he entertained us with them. We will miss him, the racing group will seem a little sadder without Peter and Captivator on the start line.

Carol

Full obituary can be found [here](#).



# GANGPLANK NEWS

## FOOD SERVICE HOURS & MENU

Tuesdays: Taco Night, 5-8 pm

Wednesdays: Burgers & Appies, 5-8 pm

Thursdays: Menu & Appies, 5 pm-8 pm

Fridays: Steak & Salmon BBQ, 6 pm-8:30 pm

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

Sunday: Brunch, 10 am-1 pm, Appies 2-6 pm

*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.*

## BAR HOURS

Tuesday: 4-9 pm

Wednesday: 4-9 pm

Thursday: 4-9 pm

Friday: 4-11 pm

Saturday: 12-9 pm

Sunday: 10 am - 6 pm





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