

# TILLER TOPICS



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## REPORTS & HELPFUL INFORMATION

### NEWS FROM OUR COMMODORE



It's been a quiet January around the club, a few members working away on projects on their boats.

Planning for the upcoming season of events is underway. We are looking forward to the return of our Boat Show and all that it brings.

Thanks to David Groleau our Boat Show Chairperson for getting in touch with previous vendors and it's looking like there is lots of interest for the event.

Pamela Miller is working hard on the return of the Charity Regatta, stay tuned.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind our members that this is the 70th year of the Vernon Yacht Club and if any of our members have photos or other material commemorating any activity or historical event, please let us know. We would like to compile as much as we can to put something together for our 70th Anniversary.

Fred H  
Commodore

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT



We have 499 members!

After 11 years of club membership, I continue to learn about our club and our members. Like last week, I discovered three other members who enjoy singing. Oh yes, singing!

If you are a relatively new member and would like to learn more about your club then let me know and I will do my best to introduce you to a willing long term member who can share their club wisdom with you.

Thank you to all the members who have honored their club volunteering commitment this year and to those who will volunteer at our spring clean up and boat show. Volunteering is an excellent way to meet members and contribute to the success of your club.

Best,

**Greg B**  
Membership Director

PS. Gentle reminder to please keep your email and phone number/s current with Deb.





# VERNON YACHT CLUB JUNE 2-4 2023 OKANAGAN CHARITY REGATTA

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vernonyachtclub.com/okanagan-charity-regatta



## OKANAGAN CHARITY REGATTA

### #sailingforfullerplatesandhearts

#### About Vernon Yacht Club's regatta:

70 years ago, the Vernon Yacht Club was started by a group of sailors and every year since they invite sailors from clubs down the lake to participate in a sailing regatta. In 2001, sailor and VYC member Dave Ellis turned the annual VYC regatta into the Okanagan Charity Regatta, which ran for 10 years under several volunteer chairpersons and many volunteers. During those years the charity regatta raised a few hundred thousand dollars for charity. Except for the two years during the pandemic, the sailing regatta is an annual VYC event and in 2022 we had a great turnout with more than 150 participants!

#### Why bring back the Okanagan Charity Regatta:

Over the past three years, BC has seen a global pandemic, devastating fires and floods and an increase in communities' needs for more food in food banks, in disaster relief areas and in hard-to-reach remote regions. In addition to this, all corners of our communities are affected by higher living costs and our daily news highlights families and individuals struggling to feed themselves.

United Way and Community Foundations quickly stepped in to fill many essential needs, developing 18 food hubs across BC, increasing access to food, supporting food security organizations and bringing support to remote areas. Starting in 2023, the Okanagan Charity Regatta is once again sailing for donations and sponsorships in support of United Way BC and Community Foundation North Okanagan for the food security programs they support in our local regions. The Vernon Yacht Club is a non-profit and events are run by hundreds of volunteers each year and a handful of fabulous staff.

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## The 2023 Okanagan Charity Regatta June 2-4 is fundraising in support of:



### A bit about United Way British Columbia:

UWBC supports the development of healthy, caring, and inclusive communities by strengthening vital connections that support people in need. Serving over 4 million people, they focus on urgent response, children and youth, seniors, poverty, mental health, and food security. During the past few years they've created and supported 18 food hubs across BC!

Here. For each other.



### A little about Community Foundation North Okanagan:

CFNO is one of Canada's 191 local community foundations. Together with community foundations across the country, they help drive local solutions for national change on the issues that matter most to Canadians. They're building a movement that connects community foundations, Canadians and partners to create a just, sustainable future.

For Good. For Ever.

Find out more at:  
[vernonyachtclub.com/okanagan-charity-regatta](http://vernonyachtclub.com/okanagan-charity-regatta)  
and [okanagancharityregatta.ca](http://okanagancharityregatta.ca)

Pamela M  
OCR Chair and the VYC Sailing Fleet



# VERNON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AFTER 5



The Vernon Yacht Club is hosting a Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce Business After 5 (BA5) on February 21. BA5 events are the Chamber's signature networking events hosted by different GVCC members each month.

Business After 5 is a great place to learn about Vernon's businesses and nonprofits, and to meet our incredible community. These events are opportunities for relationship building, collaborations, referrals, mentorship, advice, sales and friendship. Come by for an apple and beverage and meet a few people.

Vernon Yacht Club's Commodore, Fred Haight, will welcome guests and say a few words about our 31st Boat & Leisure Show May 6 & 7. Leanne Hammond of Vernon's Community Foundation N.O. will speak on their work and VYC's upcoming Okanagan Charity Regatta June 2-4 and there will be speakers from the GVCC too. We look forward to seeing you at 5pm, Tuesday February 21st!

Chamber members wanting to promote their business or non-profit with a door prize can contact [info@vernonchamber.ca](mailto:info@vernonchamber.ca). For more information on this event go to: GVCC Business After 5

## 2023 BOAT & LEISURE SHOW

Vernon Yacht Club 2023 Boat & Leisure Show is a go! VYC's Boat Show dates are May 6 & 7.

Registration is open and we have started to book booths and slips for businesses who offer boats, boating gear, watersports gear, leisure and active gear and more. For all the information on the event and to register for a booth or slip, contact VYC Boat Show Chair, Dave G. at [VYC Boat Show Chair](mailto:VYC Boat Show Chair) or 780-945-9577. Dave is a member at both the Kelowna and Vernon Yacht Clubs and he's in a great position to represent your business at this return of Vernon's Boat & Leisure Show!

On behalf of the Vernon Yacht Club Executive, members and staff, we would like to thank Vernon and Okanagan businesses, our incredible North Okanagan community and other non profits who've supported our boat shows in past years. It's been three years since we've hosted a VYC Boat Show and we can't wait to open our doors and welcome everyone back!





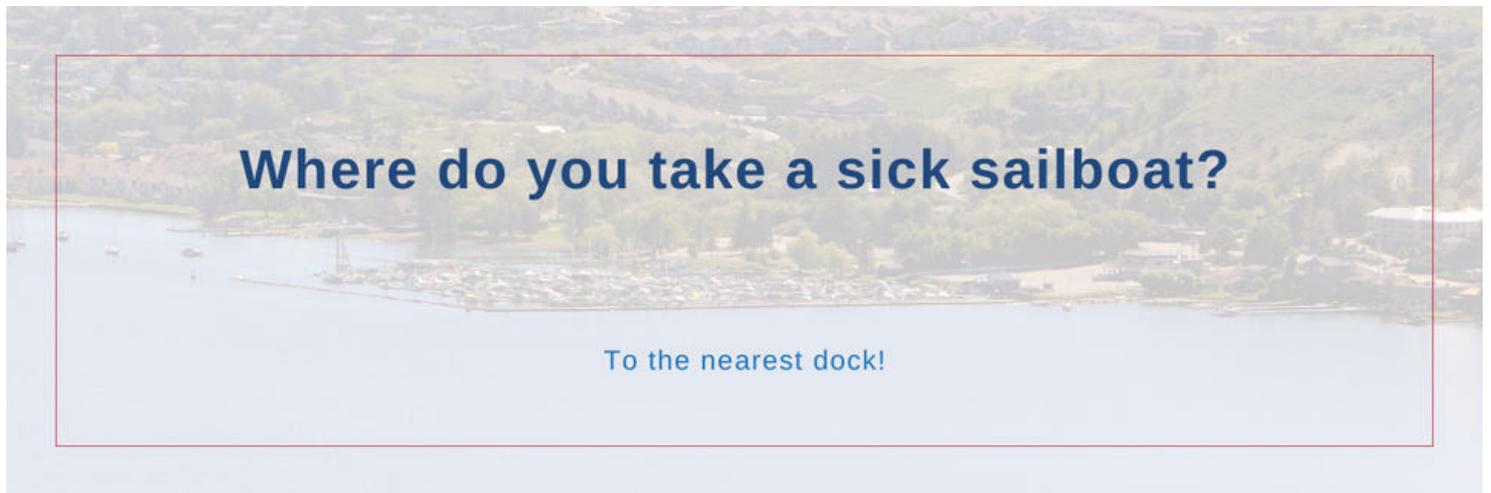
## OKANAGAN LAKE YACHT CLUBS

### 2023 Events Schedule

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	CLUB
APRIL & MAY	April 29-30	Kelowna Boat Show	Kelowna Yacht Club
	May 6-7	Vernon Boat Show	Vernon Yacht Club
	May 19-21	Blossom Time Regatta	Kelowna Yacht Club
JUNE	June 2-4	Vernon Yacht Club Regatta	Vernon Yacht Club
	June 10	Commodore's Ball	Kelowna Yacht Club
	June 11	Sail Past	Kelowna Yacht Club
	June 18	Antique & Classic Boat Show	Penticton Yacht Club
	June 24	Invasion <i>Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to VYC!</i>	Vernon Yacht Club
JULY	July 8	Commodore's Ball	Penticton Yacht Club
	July 9	Sail Past	Penticton Yacht Club
	July 15-16	Okanagan Women's Regatta	West Kelowna Yacht Club
	July 15	Commodore's Ball	Vernon Yacht Club
	July 16	Sail Past	Vernon Yacht Club
	July 21-23	525 Nationals Regatta (Tentative)	Kelowna Yacht Club
	July 22	Poker Run	West Kelowna Yacht Club
	July 22-23	Naramata Mug	SOSA
	July 29	Invasion	West Kelowna Yacht Club
	July 30	Bruno Lieppe Cup	Summerland Yacht Club & SOSA
AUGUST	August 5	Rib-Off	Vernon Yacht Club
	August 11-13	Giants Head Regatta	Summerland Yacht Club
	August 12	Commodore's Ball	West Kelowna Yacht Club

	August 13	Sail Past	West Kelowna Yacht Club
	TBD	Rattlesnake Island Race	TBD
	August 18-20	Commodore's Cup Regatta	Kelowna Yacht Club
	August 19	Commodore's Ball	Peachland Yacht Club
	August 26	Ribs & Blues	West Kelowna Yacht Club
	August 26	Invasion	Kelowna Yacht Club
SEPTEMBER	September 2-3	Grand Prix Regatta	Penticton Yacht Club
	September 8-10	End to End Regatta	Multiple Clubs
	September 9	Pig Roast	Vernon Yacht Club

Check out the Vernon Yacht Club events calendar [here!](#)



# CLASSIFIEDS

*A picture or two of your item here*

Your item name here

A little write-up here.

You contact info here.

*Asking price here*

*Share your classified items here!  
Email pictures and information to  
Deb, office(at)vernonyachtclub.com*

## ATTENTION

Invasive species  
impact our waters



Once you leave the water...

### CLEAN

plants, animals  
and mud from  
boat and gear

### DRAIN

all water from  
boat and gear  
onto land

### DRY

all parts of your  
boat and gear  
completely



**CLEAN  
DRAIN  
DRY**

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For more information:  
[CleanDrainDry.ca](http://CleanDrainDry.ca)

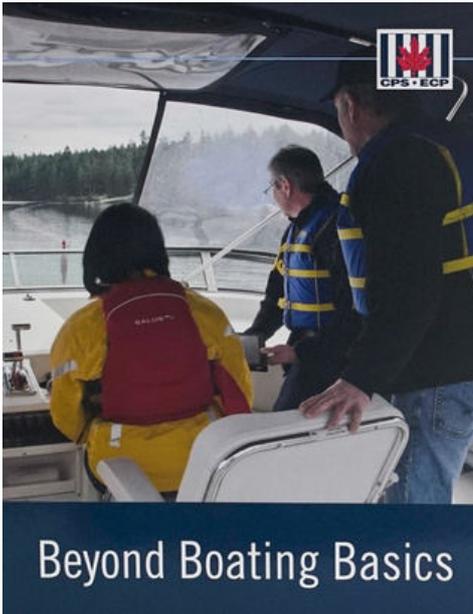


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Join us for our online self-study course, Beyond Boating Basics. Study the online materials at your own pace, then join in a weekly Zoom session with qualified instructors. The first Zoom session will commence on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 7:00 pm, and for approximately 8 weeks every Wednesday thereafter.

Check out the course at [www.cps-ecp.ca](http://www.cps-ecp.ca) Select the course ...

### **Boating 2 - Beyond Boating Basics - ONLINE with Weekly Meetings**

For additional information, contact Doug Stewart at 250-549-5117

#### Online - Boating 2 - Beyond Boating Basics



**Suggested Prerequisite**

Boating 1 – Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC)



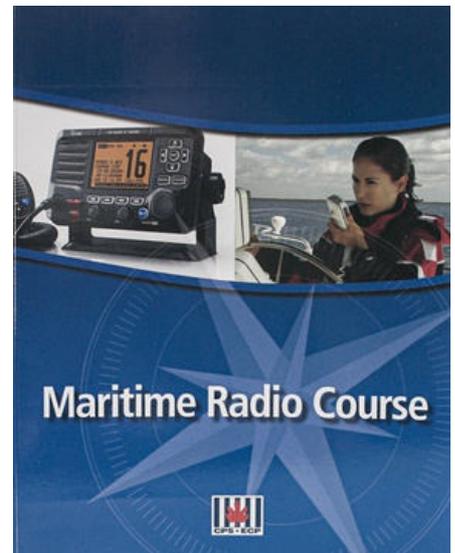
**Details**

e-learning with weekly webinar and assigned local tutor

The 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 and science of marine navigation, anchoring, ropes, lines and knots – not to mention what to expect when the boat is moving under power. The course also has a number of optional topics that will be taught depending on your interest. These include towing, trailering, and a check list for layup and launch.

The Maritime Radio course teaches emergency radio procedures and everyday operating techniques. Learn all about the uses of marine radios, choice of frequencies, operation, phonetic alphabet, procedural words and phrases, as well as Digital Selective Calling and the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System, (DSC/GMDSS).

All mariners, including recreational boaters, will want to take advantage of the many features and capabilities of this innovative form “automatic” radio. Secure your lifeline. Be sure that you and your family take the Maritime Radio course. This complete package will prepare you for the Restricted Operator Certificate (Maritime) with DSC Endorsement exam which is included as part of this courses. To operate a maritime radio, you require the certificate. It's the law!



We have scheduled an in-person, classroom VHF Radio course for Tuesday evening (March 21) plus a full day Saturday (March 25) at the Vernon Yacht Club. Please register online at [www.cps-ecp.ca](http://www.cps-ecp.ca) - Maritime Radio with DSC - Classroom. For additional information please contact Doug Stewart at 250-549-5117.

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