

# TILLER TOPICS



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## REPORTS & HELPFUL INFORMATION

### COMMODORE'S REPORT



It's been an interesting Spring! Mother Nature is not always working in our favour, however, I'm sure that many members have been able to get out on the water to enjoy the lake and area where we get to live and play.

Scott and his team of volunteers completed a large project on the docks over the past few months. Thanks to all involved.

David Groleau and his team organized and executed the Boat Show, but again, Mother Nature didn't play nice. Despite the weather, the show was a success. Thank you to the members who were willing to make their slips

available for Boat Show vendors along with all those that volunteered their time over the weekend. Pamela Miller and a team of volunteers organized the Charity Regatta which was a very successful event, thanks to all those behind the scenes that contributed their time to help.

I want to acknowledge the time and effort that Deb put in completing the paperwork and finishing the process to get e-transfers in place. Members will now be able to purchase event tickets and pay for them online with e-transfers. Regular invoices will also be able to be paid in the same manner. Thanks to Terry for setting up the email addresses to accommodate this new process.

Our maintenance manager has decided to retire at the end of July, and after 20 years, he will be free to relax and enjoy his retirement. Thank you Ken for all you have done for us.

On behalf of VYC, Anne and I attended the KYC Commodore's Ball on June 10. It was a wonderful black tie event with several tasty food and drink stations, followed by an entertaining band, The Midnights, who ventured all the way from Victoria for this enjoyable evening.

This is our 70th year and we should all be proud of the club's achievements to date and look forward to another 70 years. Hope to see many of you at the Commodore's Ball on July 15!

Fred H  
Commodore



## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT



Hello Everyone.

I would like to begin by wishing our Maintenance Manager Ken S. the best in his future endeavours as Ken has told us he is going to retire on July 31 this year.

Ken has been in that position for 20 years. His knowledge of the facilities, members, the relationships he made with contractors is going to be missed. Ken's willingness to

take calls after hours has not gone unnoticed as it has made the club run much more smoothly and economically. Thank you Ken for all of your dedication.

The wall for the boardroom is 90 percent complete with only the trim left to be installed. A huge thank you to member Jamie N. who took care of the carpentry and drywall work with the assistance of Ken S.

With the retirement of Ken S. any new projects that were in the works will be put on hold until Ken's replacement can be brought up to speed with the position.

Have a great summer!

Scott  
Rear Commodore

# THANK YOU FOR A GREAT REGATTA!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO TOM G. AND CREW ON “CHAOS,” THE OVERALL WINNERS OF THE 2023 OKANAGAN CHARITY REGATTA!

Congratulations to all racers from south to north and beyond who raced in the regatta! Here are our winners in each fleet for races June 3 & 4:

### A-Fleet

1st Place - Whiskey Jack - Mark S  
2nd Place - Shadowfax - Danny F  
3rd Place - Controlled Skid - Budd C

### B-Fleet

1st Place - Calypso - Fred T  
2nd Place - Wildfire - Harvey R  
3rd Place - Varua - Martin D

### C- Fleet

1st Place - Chaos - Tom G  
2nd Place - Tsonqua - Mike O'F  
3rd Place - Cimarron - Roger P

### S525 – Fleet

1st Place - Storm Castle Rock - Mike R  
2nd Place - Mystique - Lyle E  
3rd Place - Liquid Asset - Philip T

## THANK YOU TO THE 2023 OKANAGAN CHARITY REGATTA SPONSORS AND DONORS FOR CHARITY.

*Thank you to our funding sponsors and donors to Community Foundation North Okanagan and United Way BC:*

North Sails and all of you who attended the live North Sails "Sail Trim" webinar. Hagemann Jewellers, Burton Marine Pile Driving, Fresh Attitude Foods, Evolution Sails, the Penticton Yacht Club, Dave E. and Andrew M. for sponsoring boats.

*Thank you to our In-Kind sponsors and volunteers:*

The North Okanagan Sailing Association (Committee Boat Volunteers), Fresh Attitude Foods (Salad Donations for Dinners and Prizes), Okanagan Spring Brewery (Beer Keg), Jay J. and Bamko (Shirts), Vernon Telescope (Loaned Binoculars), SunCruiser Magazine (Media & Articles), Lyle E. and Mystic Skiff (Awards), CanAm Pet Treats (Pet Treat Prizes).



## THANK YOU TO THE 2023 OKANAGAN CHARITY REGATTA TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF:

*Thank you so much to this dedicated Regatta Committee who all took on many hats before, during and post regatta:*

Robert M. – Secretary and Pamela M.'s right hand person

Mike N. – Treasurer and poet with invaluable input at all stages

Kate S. – Registration, food/regalia costs and everyone's right hand person

Liam F. – Dock Ops, a technical wizard from IT to slideshows and all things logistical  
John H. – Race Committee Boat team lead from the North Okanagan Sailing Association  
Bob A. – Past Chair, MC, Sailing Fleet and Board liaison and there when we needed anything  
Sarah K. – Sponsorship Coordinator and events dynamo  
Del W. – Grounds Ops including brilliant Décor and Awards  
Peter W. – Regatta Committee Boat – Our favourite pontoon boat owner operator.  
Lyle E. – Awards – Maker of exquisite wooden cutting boards for racing awards

***THANK YOU also to:***

Carol C. who was there wherever we needed expert input and help,  
Keith D. NOR, SI's and grounds ops.  
KYC's Bill T. of for being our protest chair,  
KYC's Kerri and Kent H.,  
Fred H. for support where needed,  
Anny G. for sewing beautiful pennants for decorations,  
Jay J. of Bamko for the designing our regatta shirts,  
Terry R. for putting us on track with keycards,  
Member volunteers who helped in many roles during the regatta,  
VYC's Sailing Fleet for support wherever needed,  
The McKinley Band for keeping us on the dance floor all night!



***Others we are very grateful for who made this regatta happen are:***

Vernon Yacht Club's wonderful staff, great team of board members and members at large who we rely on heavily to make this and other events happen. We couldn't do it without you!

Pam St P. who not only stepped up at the beginning of the regatta to donate \$1000 from Hagemann Jewellers but who also put together a team of volunteers and coordinated with the kitchen to organize regatta breakfasts and the lunch station. In addition to this she found a boat sponsor Andrew M.!

Darren V. of the Penticton Yacht Club who asked PYC to sponsor 100 dollars for each Penticton boat that came to our regatta, and for attending our regatta to cheer us on!  
United Way BC's Jeremy Lugowy and team and Community Foundation NO's Leanne Hammond and team for many hours of campaign support.

Thank you for supporting the #sailingforfullerplatesandherts campaign which raised \$8,000.00 for United Way BC and Community Foundation North Okanagan!

Thank you so very much for all your help,

**Pamela M.**

# THANK YOU TO THE SAILORS OF THE LEARN TO SAIL PROGRAM

## THANK YOU TO SAILORS KEITH D., BILL C. JIM D., LYLE E. AND JOHN R.

On behalf of the Vernon Yacht Club's Sailing Fleet, I would like to express our gratitude for your invaluable volunteer contribution to our 2023 Learn to Sail program, thank you! Your dedication, expertise, and passion for sailing have inspired new sailors from the Learn to Sail program to have fun on the water while learning boating safety procedures, sailboat rigging and beginner sailing activities.

Your willingness to volunteer your time have not gone unnoticed and your contributions have made sailing accessible to individuals who've never set foot on a sailboat. Several students from the Learn to Sail program have found boats in Kate S.'s Women's Tuesday Racing Series and at least one student has also joined the Wednesday night races. Thank you to VYC sailing fleet's sailors who have included these new sailors as crew.

A big thank you also to Peter L. of KYC who dedicated a full Saturday in March for the In-Class-Course session of the Learn to Sail program and who prepared new sailors to learn all they could before getting on a sailboat for the four On-Water-Sessions in May/June!

With appreciation,

Pamela Miller



**Where do ghosts go to sail?**

Lake Erie.

# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR VYC SAIL RACE COMMITTEE

In addition to our regular club keel boat racing, our Learn to Sail Program, and our Charity Regatta (Thank you Pamela M for your hard work on both of these!), we host a few social events throughout the summer when all sailors are welcome to participate.

Our first social event is the Sail to the Paddlewheelers on Canada Day. On Saturday July 1st we will start the sail at 11:00 am at the X Start mark in front of VYC. We will have a 5 minute countdown to the start and away we go. The finish line will be between the two big Paddlewheelers. At that point boaters can anchor and float around and enjoy byobbbq and refreshments. A second start will occur mid afternoon for the return to VYC. Feel free to decorate your ship in Canada Day fashion. A sailors meeting will take place at 10:30 am at the gate. The event is sponsored by Twin Sails Brewing of Port Moody. We hope for a great turnout.



Our next event is the Jack And Jill Sail event on August 7th arranged by Doris and Ken H. Here are the details:

## **AHOY ALL YOU FUN LOVING SAILORS AT VYC! MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MONDAY AUGUST 7TH!**

JESSE's crew would like to invite all Vernon Yacht Club sailboats to join us. It is that time once again for some fun in the sun on the lake. Inviting all sailboats at VYC to join us for our Jack and Jill social fun afternoon. We try to do something different every year ..... However, this year back by popular demand {Jesse's skipper} We will start with the battle of the bilge again, so bring your water guns .A fun 'FREE FOR ALL" to cool us all off.

After that we will have a chance to show off our sketching or drawing talent . Details to follow. You are welcome to bring a friend or two along or family members . This will be done while we do some fun sailing around for a couple of hours . BBQ burgers and smokies will be provided on B deck around 3 .

Each boat can bring a potluck salad or dessert. B.Y.O.B. Registration is open immediately, please register early and let me know how many will be on your boat.

Send your registration to [dorisisathome@gmail.com](mailto:dorisisathome@gmail.com) . Let's have a party. We cannot do this without you.



The VYC Sail Race Group's final social event that you may like to attend is a late season sail from VYC X start mark to the Evely Rec Site Forestry Camp on the Westside. Stay tuned for more details on this event.

Sailors, please consider joining the fun during our regular club racing.

Cheers from the racing chair,

**Bob A.**



# TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

I want to talk about an important topic on behalf of the board that has a big impact on our club - Technology.

In today's fast-paced world, technology is playing an increasingly important role in our lives, and it is just as important in managing the operations of the yacht club. The board has been carefully thinking about how we can enhance and use technology effectively in our club, keeping in mind what is best for our members.

Currently, our club uses different technologies to meet the needs of our members. We have systems for managing finances and the restaurant, as well as security and access control systems that keep our facilities safe and convenient. We have recently made some changes, like introducing PayPal and Electronic Fund Transfers and updating parts of our website.

In the future, we expect that our members may need more advanced technology. For example, we are thinking about replacing our paper ID cards with Virtual ID Cards, using mobile apps to improve communication with members, making event registrations easier, and providing real-time access to club resources. We value your opinions on these matters, and we want all members to share their thoughts and ideas.

It's important to know that maintaining our current technology involves costs. We must spend money on hosting and maintaining the club's website, buying licenses for software, having security systems, and getting ongoing technical support. The board is carefully reviewing how we do things now because we believe these investments are important to keep the club running smoothly and efficiently, and to make sure our members have a great experience.

Your opinions are important to us, and we appreciate your feedback on technology-related matters. We recently did a survey online to learn about how members use and feel about technology in the club. We were happy that many members took part, (the results will be shared at a later date) and we will do another survey in the next few months to get more ideas and insights about possible future technologies. We really want you to take part and share your thoughts as we work together to decide how technology will be used in the future of our yacht club.

Also, we are excited to let you know that we will be organizing a technology workshop in the fall. This workshop will give members a chance to learn more about the technologies we use now, get information about future developments, and have a say in the decision-making process. We will give you more details about the workshop soon.

As we move forward, we are committed to using technology to make our club better while keeping our values and traditions. By using technology effectively, we can make our club stronger, improve how it works, and make sure every member has a great experience. We really appreciate your ongoing support and participation.

by Ciy Young, Executive Committee, Director



## 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!](#)



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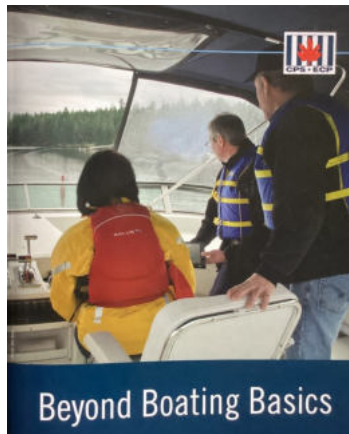
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## Fall 2023 Selection of Online or In-Class Recreational Boating Courses

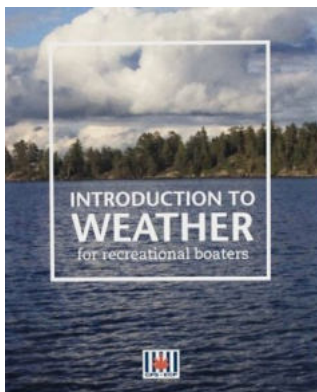


### BOATING 2—BEYOND BOATING BASICS

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; these include towing, trailering and a check list for layup and launch.

### BOATING 3 – INTRODUCTION TO MARINE NAVIGATION

The third course in our series explores navigation further as you learn how to plot and label on paper charts as well as what the skipper should be doing before setting out and when under way, handling a boat under sail as well as your environmental responsibilities and electrical hazards. This course also has a number of optional topics that will be taught depending on your interests; these include tides and currents, canals and locks, and collision regulations.



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**What courses would you like to see presented?**

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