

# TILLER TOPICS



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## REPORTS & HELPFUL INFORMATION

### REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT



#### NEW MAINTENANCE MANAGER

I would like to welcome our new Maintenance Manager, Darcy. Please make him feel welcome around the club. Darcy will be working Tuesday through Friday.

With the change in this position, we are taking the opportunity to redefine the expectations of our club's Maintenance Manager. Darcy's role is going to focus strictly on upkeep and maintenance of the clubhouse, marina and grounds.

That being said, there are several items that had been provided that will be discontinued:

- Assisting members launching or recovering of vessels from a trailer.
- Moving boats on trailers or trailers on club property.
- Moving or assisting members to move their vessels inside or outside of the marina.
- Assisting members servicing or repairing vessels or other personal property at the VYC.

The purpose of these changes is to allow Darcy to focus on ensuring the infrastructure and appearance of the club is kept to a high standard.

For the next several months, maintenance priorities have been established which Darcy will begin working on as soon as he gets his feet on the ground. Over time, if you notice any new maintenance items, feel free to let Darcy know, either in person or by filling out a maintenance request form that are kept on the maintenance manager's office door. Darcy will prioritize requests as they come in.

## GENERAL ITEMS

Several projects have been recently completed or are well underway:

- The east side chainlink fence that partially blew down in the last windstorm has been repaired by the company that installed it last year and has been more securely placed.
- Downstairs air conditioning units and board room wall projects have been completed and are functioning well. Thank you to Jamie N. for constructing the wall. Thank you to Rob P. and Dave G. for the pricing on the air conditioning units and installation.
- The 38 club owned buoys on the lake have had their yearly inspection. The eight remaining old style buoys have been replaced, so now all of the club buoys are they new style. Thank you to Rob S., Roger P., and Ken S. your two days of hard work.
- Clubhouse back up generator installation will be completed prior to this publication. This generator will supply power to select critical items in the club. This will prevent the immediate shut down of the club during power losses due to loss of power to the club's sewage life station. Also, in the event of a longer term power outage, the kitchen cooler and freezer will remain operational, preventing food spoilage.
- The boat launch gate is nearing completion. Thank you to John H. for designing and constructing the gate. Thank you to Terry R. for his contribution to the functioning of the gate. John H. was able to construct the majority of the gate using excess materials that were on club property which really helped keep the cost of this gate down. This gate will only be able to be operated by Regular Member's key cards. This will help resolve the liability issues caused by the general public utilizing the club's boat ramp. A separate email will be sent out to members regarding operating instructions once the gate is completed.

Scott  
Rear Commodore



# NOMINATIONS FOR 2023/2024 VERNON YACHT CLUB EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

Nominating Committee of the Vernon Yacht Club is now accepting nominations for the 2023/2024 Vernon Yacht Club Executive.

Nominations will be accepted up until September 30, 2023. All nominations that have been received by September 30, 2023 will be posted at the club from Oct 1, 2023 until the election date, at the VYC Annual General Meeting, October 24, 2023. Nominees must be Regular Members in good standing.

Positions that are up for election are: Commodore; Vice-Commodore; Rear Commodore; Fleet Captain; Staff Captain; Secretary; Treasurer, Membership Director (2 year term) and 3 Directors (1 year term)

Note, that in accordance with VYC By-Law Part 4:

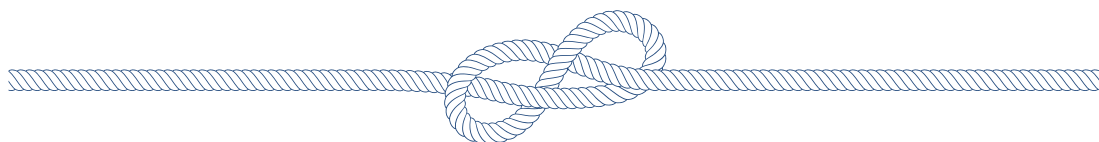
- 30(f) Nominees for the office of Commodore must have served as a Flag Officer, as defined in clause 46, for at least one year in the three years prior to nomination;
- 30(g) Nominees for the position of flag Officer on the VYC executive shall be members in good standing for the previous one (1) year.

Nomination Forms are available at the VYC office and in the club house. Please note the form must be fully completed to be valid. Only Regular Members (or Life Members) in good standing may nominate a candidate. Completed forms may be left in the VYC Office or be given to a Nominating Committee Member.

VYC Executive 2023/2024 - Nominating Committee

Chair: Gerald Gustafson

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# MEMBERSHIP NOTE

Reach out and introduce yourself to your fellow Vernon Yacht Club members! ... you and me? We're the same. We love water and boating! As Membership Director, I've been fortunate to meet our very interesting new members.

48 summers into my boating and a Yacht Club member for the past 12 years... but I learned some things this summer:

- One of our members told me that a boat motor cracked from frost damage does not necessarily mean the end for the motor. Oh yes!, some motors can be fixed provided that there's no water in the oil. Please see pictures.
- Another member informed me that waving the oars is a distress signal to other boaters..... yep, waving the oars worked when my boat wouldn't start... Couple of boaters on the lake saw me waving the oars and helped me out...
- Gave my club key to my guest so they could use the bathroom while I was tarping the boat. I learned this is not allowed at the club, guests must be in the company of a member.

Thank you to all our club members who are honoring their volunteer commitment and who are Ambassadors for our club and fun boating in the North Okanagan!

- Greg B



Our Commodore  
at Sail Past on July 16

## Volunteers Needed to Help Monitor for Invasive Mussels

Summerland, BC - The Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society (OASISS) is enlisting the support of community members for the third year of a citizen science project aimed at protecting Okanagan lakes from invasive mussels.

The project is seeking residents who own private docks on Kalamalka, Wood, Okanagan, Skaha and Osoyoos lakes. Volunteers will be provided with a pair of monitors to attach to their docks and will be required to check them for invasive mussels every two weeks from July through September.

Lisa Scott, Executive Director of OASISS, emphasizes the significance of community involvement, stating, "This project presents a unique opportunity to expand our monitoring efforts to regions that were previously inaccessible. By engaging residents, we can help to protect our lakes from invasive mussels."

The project is being funded by the Okanagan Basin Water Board's Okanagan WaterWise outreach and education program as part of its "Don't Move A Mussel" campaign. This effort augments invasive mussel monitoring in lakes across the province and run by the B.C. Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship.

Zebra and quagga mussels have infested close to 700 lakes in North America since they were first introduced to the Great Lakes in the late 1980s. To date, there has been no reported introduction of live zebra or quagga mussels into B.C. lakes or waterways. However, the risk of contamination through watercraft is ever-present, making early detection crucial. The consequences of an invasion would be dire, causing irreversible damage to lake ecosystems, water quality, recreation and tourism, and municipal water infrastructure.

"An invasive mussel introduction would impact every member of our community," warns Scott. "This project offers a chance for people to actively participate in combating an important environmental issue that affects us all. Our lakes are central to our community and protecting them has never been more imperative."

If you are interested in this citizen science project, contact [volunteer@oasiss.ca](mailto:volunteer@oasiss.ca).

For more information on the risks invasive mussels pose to the Okanagan and find prevention tips, visit [www.DontMoveAMussel.ca](http://www.DontMoveAMussel.ca).



## TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

To everyone who participate in the Club's Technology Survey we again 'Thank You'. As promised here are the results, analysis and responses, they can be found at:

<https://vernonyachtclub.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Survey-Response-Report-Revised-2707.pdf>.

While there are many initiatives currently completed, underway or in planning I will send out our next steps in the participation process later in September.

Ciy Young

# CLASSIFIEDS

## C&C 25 Little Miss Magic is for SALE

- Comes with a trailer
- Multiple sails
- 2 Spinnakers
- Carbon fibre spinnaker pole
- Self tailing winches
- Too many Items to list !
- All Acessories to go with her !

Contact Pam @ 250-306-7742 or email - [pamela.stp@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.stp@gmail.com) for more information !

Do you have something to sell?  
Share your classified items here!  
Email pictures and information to  
Deb, [office\(at\)vernonyachtclub.com](mailto:office(at)vernonyachtclub.com)



## Boat for Sale



Year:	2003	Make:	Malibu	Model:	2050 Limited Edition
Length:	Total Boat Length 22.5'	Color:	Beige	Hours:	465
Engine:	MerCruiser 350 MAG MPI.				
Options:	Winter cover, Extended swim platform, Rear swim deck Cooler, Captains bolster seat, Cow and cockpit cover, Snap in Carpet, Table, Roswell tower, Tower mirror, Wake racks, Bimini, In floor storage, Stereo, Ski pole, Tow ring, Enclosure.				
Trailer:	EZ Loader Tandem White Trailer w/ swing tongue.				
	NEW ULTRADECK FLOORING.				
				ID #	1H30351
				Includes Trailer Plus Tax	

\$18,900.00

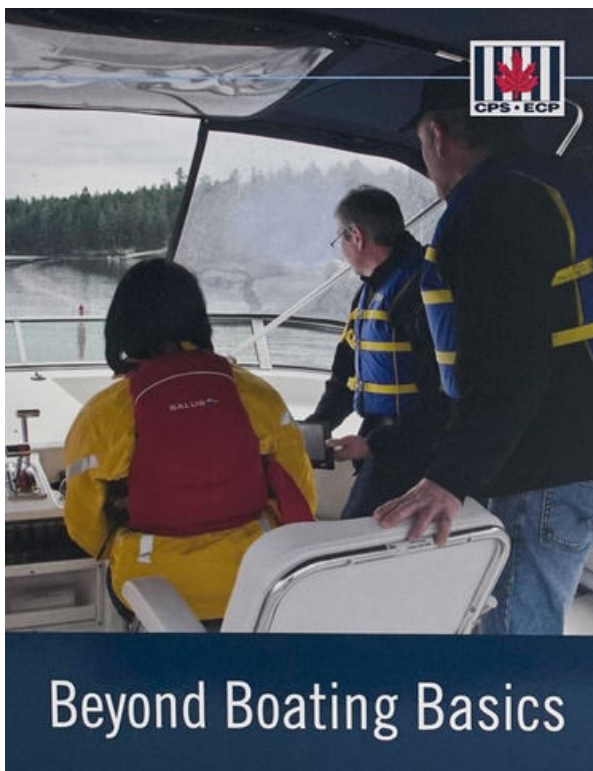
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The PCOC makes sure you have immediate navigation and safety skills but it's just the beginning of what you should know when you get on a boat. In the second of our Boating Series, you are introduced to the art of navigation, anchoring, ropes, lines 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.

We offer Boating 2 as an e-learning course for students in the Pacific Time Zone. The course includes online student notes, instructional videos, a weekly Zoom session and access to a tutor (online) from a local CPS-ECP Squadron. Student access to the online platform is at your convenience (24/7), the weekly Zoom session is scheduled for Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM (Pacific Standard Time) and the tutor sessions are arranged upon request by the student. The course runs for six or seven consecutive weeks commencing October 11, 2023, and includes an optional exam.

Once on the [www.cps-ecp.ca](http://www.cps-ecp.ca) website, select Boating Course from the 'Courses and Seminars' dropdown menu. Select **Basic Navigation and Boat Handling - Part 1 (B2)**. Under 'Find a Class' click 'Online', then on Kelowna location. Click 'Sign Up' to create a student profile and get registered!

After registering for the Boating 2 course, you will be contacted with all information required to activate your online access to the course.

Register for the course at [www.cps-ecp.ca](http://www.cps-ecp.ca). Course fee is \$180.00. 10% discount for CPS-ECP members.

# VERNON YACHT CLUB DIRECTORY

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