TILLER TOPICS

2024 Vernon Boat Show Edition

REPORTS NEWS FROM OUR COMMODORE



It's nice to see activity in the parking lot and to see the lot itself again. Many members have been busy getting their boats ready for crane day and others have already gone back into their slip. *Thanks to the volunteers* that have substantially completed the rub rail project, the Docks are looking great!

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Speaking of the docks and marina, we are preparing for this year's *Boat Show*, we have all heard the saying "things happen in 3's" This is our 33rd Boat show, we will have over 30 vendors on site, and over 30 boats in the water! We are still looking for more volunteers to help with the event, watch your emails. We will also have activities for the younger members with "boat building" for them and RC controlled boats on display. Beach Radio will be on site with a live broadcast location and as per previous shows (see page 6), parking will be at Marshall Field with the Kal Tire shuttles moving people to and from.

Come out and see the newest innovations in boating and support our largest event of the year.

Fred H Commodore



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VYC BOAT SHOW VENDORS

Vendor	Email Showcasing on the	water	grounds
Absolute Classics Marine	bruce(at)absoluteclassicsmarine.com		
Atlantis Marine / Oyama Yacht Club	service(at)atlantismarine.ca		
Attridge Ski & Board	kyle(at)attridge.ca		
Banner Recreation & Marine	kmarshall(at)bannerrec.com		
Boathouse Marine & Leisure	scott(at)boathousemarine.com		
Carbon Customs	sales(at)carboncustoms.ca		
Dockside Marine	marketing(at)docksidemarine.com		
Exclusive Auto and Marine	sales(at)exclusiveautomarine.com		
Innerspace Watersports	innerspacekelowna(at)gmail.com		
Jetty Marine	vernon(at)jettydek.ca		
Kelowna Yamaha & Marine	scott(at)kelownayamaha.ca		
Kingfisher Boats / Gibson Marine	bradenp(at)abgmt.com		
Lake Country Marine	info(at)lakecountrymarine.ca		
North Okanagan Optimist Club	northokanaganoptimistclub(at)gmail.com		
North Okanagan Sailing Association	admin(at)vernonsailing.com		
Oasiss (Invasive Species Society)	oasiss(at)shaw.ca		
Okanagan Boat Detailing	info(at)okanaganboatdetailing.ca		
Okanagan Power & Sail Squadron	dstewartca(at)gmail.com		
Okanagan Quality Life Society	dwcconnally(at)gmail.com		
Paradise Dock & Lift	dave(at)dockbumpers.ca		
Proglass Marine	proglassmarine(at)telus.net		
RCMP			
Specialty Marine Canvas	info(at)specialtymarinecanvas.com		
Sunrise Docks Ltd.	info(at)sunrisedocks.ca		
Ultradeck Marine Flooring	info(at)ultradeck.ca		
Valley Marine	info(at)valleymarine.ca		
Vernon Search & Rescue	info(at)westernsawmills.com		
Vernon Telescope	vernonte(at)telus.net		
WBL Marine (Western Boat Lift)	rkaup(at)westernboatlift.ca		

VYC BOAT SHOW VENDORS













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KINGFISHER Kingfisher Boats / Gibson Marine





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Okanagan Power & Sail Squadron



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Among other services ProGlass Marine offers full detailing for boats of all sizes. If your hull is sun faded, dull, or has stains, let ProGlass Marine restore it to its natural lustre. It is important to have your boat waxed at least once a year if it is stored outdoors. A professional detail and wax will provide a protective barrier against the elements. The sun's harsh UV rays will cause berglass to weaken, dry out, become brittle, and crack. Whether you are looking for preventative maintenance or preparing your boat for resale, let us restore your boat's beauty. We offer boat cleaning, detail services and a variety of packages.





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DAT SHOW

Vernon Boat Show



Live on Location Saturday May 4th 9am-1pm

Beach Radio is partnering with us on our 2024 Boat Show!

- Live on Location for the Day of Event 9am-1pm, Saturday May 4th
- Event Branding Commercials leading up to the show: 21 X 30 second commercials
- Press Release/Info passed on to Vernon Matters News Team
- 2 week Vernon Matters Digital Display Presence
- Inclusion on Vernon Matters Community Events
- On Air Interview prior to event



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PUBLISHER'S TIPS _____



Tips on clear resolution

Have you ever wondered why your photos sometimes appear fuzzy? Here are some answers to help ensure your visuals stay crisp and clear.

Why fuzzy? The answer is technical but let's keep it simple. Most often, photos become fuzzy when they are sent back and forth using social media platforms like Facebook, WhatsApp, or LinkedIn. Email providers and webbased programs can also automatically downsize your photos.

In order to get nice, crisp pictures in our publications of Tiller Topics, it's essential to start with good quality photos and artwork. When a photo is reduced in size, pixels are discarded, and once reduced, there's no going back. Increasing the size of a reduced photo only increases the space between pixels, it does not add pixels, resulting in a blurry or pixelated image.

Consider these examples:

This is a picture in its original "pixel perfect" state (high resolution):



And this one was reduced down and then enlarged again (low resolution):



These pictures are the same size, but the difference is obvious. The left picture is crystal clear, you can see the bubbles in the wine, but the right picture is blurry.

Tips on sending your pictures

It's important that you include your pictures in an email as attachments rather than "embedding" them in the text body of your email.

It is possible your phone settings are set to a lower resolution as well, even as you take pictures. Please ensure your phone settings are set to the highest resolution possible.

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PUBLISHER's TIPS - (continued)

Another thing to watch out for is what type of image file your phone saves your pictures as. For example, iPhones now allow you to take pictures in a new format called HEIC, which many PC

users cannot open. Check your cell phone settings for resolution preferences, and if you're using an iPhone, ensure it's set to JPEG rather than HEIC in "Camera". The preference for pictures in Tiller Topics is JPEG.

To simplify technical jargon, let's convert "pixel" and "dot" talk into more relatable megabytes (MB). Most email providers show the size of the file in MB size.

Tiller Topics artwork and photo requirements. A full page ad (8.5" x 11") – 4 MB minimum a 1/2 page ad (8.5" x 5.5") – 2.4 MB minimum a 1/3 page ad (8.5" x 3.67") – 1.8 MB minimum a 1/4 page ad (4.25" x 5.5") – 1.4 MB minimum a 4" x 4" photograph – 1.2 MB minimum 1/8 page ad (business card size - 4.25" x 2.75") – 800 KB



That was the hard part. Now comes the easy part. I want you to do **less**, not **more**! Just submit plain text, except for **bold** and *italics*. I'll do the rest for you. Submit pictures for articles separately, and at the resolution discussed above. Indicate where you want the picture to be with "<*imagename.jpg - inserted here>*".

Keeping the format simple gives you more free time to write your wonderful, fun articles! A toast to happy writing!

Detmer D Tiller Topics Publisher





ANCHORS AWEIGH MARINE SERVICES

Looking for a boat anchor or barge service this summer?

> We can help! Call Dave 778-212-2125



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Winds in the Vernon Arm are variable. Winds on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 can be so light they challenge and frustrate even the saltiest of sailors.

VYC CLUB SAILBOAT RACING

VYC sail racing is alive and well ...

... with 20 competitive and experienced skippers divided into two fleets based on boat speed. New boats, skippers, and crew are always welcome to join.





Sometimes they are much heavier but usually they are perfect for new and 'wannabe' racers who can enter their boats with little fear of getting into trouble. The skippers are forgiving of new racers and will help them understand the rules.

The cost is \$50 per year and covers registration with BC sailing plus occasional training opportunities. There are several new boats that are almost ready to join the excitement. The crew makes a big difference in racing outcomes. Those interested in becoming crew can notify the chairperson to be added to the crew bank, or you can wait by the gate to fill the boat of a skipper with a missing crew.

Along with our regular Wednesday and Sunday late-season racing, the racing group will be active this year setting up some fun races, as well as social races on long weekends for all members with sailboats.

VYC CLUB SAILBOAT RACING (continued)

Regatta planning is underway at VYC, and at other clubs to the south too. There are plenty of opportunities for interested sailors and power boaters to participate and volunteer. VYC will be hosting the Vernon regatta on June 1st and 2nd of 2024. Now there is something to look forward to! Any sailors interested in learning more can contact the committee chair or talk to any of the racing skippers.

Cheers from your Racing Chair,

Bob A Staff Captain & Sailing Contributor



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BEYOND THE TILLER

A look at Cybersecurity and the proper handling of emails

We continue to see a significant increase in cyber-attacks targeting our members, our club, and organizations of every size. We have deployed tools to reduce or mitigate potential issues, however our best defense is our members. It takes each of us to remain vigilant and take the necessary precautions to protect ourselves and our club from potential harm.

Here are some essential guidelines to follow when dealing with emails:

Be Cautious with Unknown or Suspicious Emails:

- Exercise caution when dealing with emails from unknown or suspicious sources. Opening attachments or clicking on links in such emails can lead to data breaches or financial scams. Only open attachments from trusted sources.
- Scan attachments with an up-to-date antivirus program before opening.
- Please DO NOT Respond to any suspicious email.

Verify the Sender's Authenticity:

- Before responding or taking any action, verify the authenticity of the sender and the content.
- Pay attention to the email address, display name, and any unusual requests or language used. (If someone is asking you through email to buy something on their behalf call them and check it out before you do anything.)

Essential guidelines:

- Be Cautious with Suspicious Emails
- Verify the Sender
- Beware of Phishing
- Report Suspicious Emails
- Do Due Diligence



Beware of Phishing Attempts:

- Individuals using deceptive tactics to trick you into revealing personal information or login credentials. Be wary of emails requesting sensitive information or urging you to click on suspicious links.
- Legitimate organizations will never ask for such information via email.

BEYOND THE TILLER - Cybersecurity (continued)

Report Suspicious Emails:

- If you receive a phishing attempt or a suspicious email or something simply doesn't feel right about the email or its content, report it immediately to the Club office or directly to Terry at webmaster(at)vernonyachtclub.com.
- Again, DO NOT respond to the sender.

Do your Due Diligence:

- Install an anti-virus software on your computer or smart device to defend yourself against cyber threats and keep it up to date.
- Do not store unencrypted files containing personal information such as usernames and passwords on your computing device.
- Don't leave your devices unattended in public areas.

By following these guidelines, we can collectively strengthen our club's cybersecurity defenses and protect ourselves from potential cyber-attacks.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding cybersecurity or need assistance with any suspicious emails, please reach out to Terry at webmaster(at)vernonyachtclub.com.

In subsequent issues, we will look at specific actions you can take. Let's work together to ensure the safety and security of our club's digital environment.

Ciy Y Director





VALENTINE'S DAY A CELEBRATION TO REMEMBER

The Valentine's Day dinner and show was enjoyed by over 80 guests who indulged in a "finger licking feast of barbequed baby back ribs" prepared by our talented chef, Corinne. To top it off, Corinne's daughter Alicia added a sweet touch with an assortment of handmade chocolate desserts.

It was a truly exceptional dining experience and received high praise from all who attended.

Members were serenaded by the music of Lili and Rose, who performed a set of romantic love songs, with an added touch of humour. Watch for more of Lili and Rose in our future.

Thank you to all who joined us and who helped make this a fun filled evening. Also, thanks to our decorating team of Susan, Rob, Annie, and Gerald for romanticizing our room.



KARAOKE NIGHT

Steve Bertram, our Karaoke MC had a great night as 50 plus people poured into the club. The place was full by 5:30 with members munching on Corinnes nightly special, Big McSteve Burger with Fries or Nachos. His firsthand account follows:

I was very overjoyed to see so many people step forward and perform in front of a large group of their friends, family & peers! It takes a lot of courage to get up there and perform in front of a crowd, sometimes for the first time, and I really enjoyed everyone's contribution that came up to sing, as well as the audience participation and how they encouraged them with their applause, before and after they sang! It was truly a meeting of free spirits and fun! I'm really looking forward to the next one we do and I encourage everyone to come out to at least one of these, even just to see what it's all about and how much fun it is. Also, as we were almost at full capacity, it might be prudent to make a reservation if you want to attend the next one on April ??th! That says it all. A big thanks to Steve and we hope to see some new boy bands and girl bands reach stardom in the coming year!

Cheers Bob A The way I danced with you Oh oh house full cheering or Rill Mck Grea Sarah K & Annie C

The Beach Boys

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LADIES' NIGHT

Ladies Night is a recurring feature on the social calendar of VYC! Always a fun evening with lady members and their friends having a chance to connect and laugh. It's typically on the third Thursday of the month and runs from October to May. Ticket prices include dinner and whatever entertainment / activity has been arranged. Every Ladies Night is a bit different. Here's what we've had so far this year...

Our Dance night in January was a hit! We enjoyed a great dinner and then pushed back the tables to take to the dance floor with Lorna from Cheek to Cheek. Lorna took us through 3 great dances that ladies can do without having to worry about having a partner! Yeay! Freedom!

Oct 19 2023	Wine tasting with O'Rourke's
Nov 16 2023	Art from the Attic of the North Okanagan
	Optimists Club + Xmas Wreath Making
	Night
Dec 14 2023	Gift evening – jewelry, food, candles,
	cleaning products
Jan 18 2024	Ladies solo dancing with Lorna @ Cheek to
	Cheek
Feb 22 2024	Chocolate Appreciation with Cottons
	Chocolate
Mar 21 2024	Pinot and Paint with Destanne Norris
April 18 2024	Learn to make Spring cocktails with
	Okanagan Spirits
May 16 2024	Spring and summer fashion tip with
	ThirtyOne and Main Boutique

Then in February we moved our night out a little so that we could give our fellas a chance to come through for Valentines (ha – see Bob's piece on Valentine's night!). We then feasted on chocolate the following week too! To start the evening Sarah arranged a taste test with Cadbury's plant based chocolate vs milk based (5 ladies preferred the plant based!) Then Barrita from Cottons Chocolate led us through a mouth watering chocolate tasting from her very own kitchen.



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LADIES' NIGHT (continued)

She has a very special fund raising operation called the Sweet Smiles Society where she raises money for orphanages in South America and also for special projects here at home. After hearing about her efforts we passed a beer jug around and the amazing generous ladies that night raised another \$320 bringing the total for the night to \$1,210! Way to go Barrita! Way to go VYC Ladies!

For March – we had Destanne Norris joining us on Thursday March 21 to guide us all through our own work of genius. Our paintings featured sunflowers modeled on Avery Milton's work featuring simplified forms (thank you Destanne!) and bold colour. For this session we limited our attendance to give every artist the room to spread out and make a mess! 24 ladies created some masterpieces!



For April we will learn how to shake it up with some Spring cocktails hosted by Okanagan Spirits and our last session on May 16 will feature Thirty one and Main with some dos and don'ts for Spring and Summer fashion.



<mark>Cheers</mark> Sarah K

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TUESDAY GAMES NIGHT

The Tuesday Games Night had a lively start with card players and board game enthusiasts strategizing and hoping for good luck. People tried their hand at games like Euchre, Liam's High Stakes Ocean Sail Racing, Mexican Train Dominoes, Codenames, and Crib.

Lots of new members took advantage of the night and introduced themselves to others. You never know who you're going to run into on those nights. The new staff captain had a chance meeting with old staff captain Warren and commiserated over events and changing times.

Grace and Lauren were on hand with refreshments and the full winter menu available starting at 5:00 PM. Games Night continues Tuesday evenings. Come on down to the club and enjoy an evening of fun!

Cheers from your Staff Captain,

Bob A











FUN QUOTES

Failure is the condiment that gives success it's flavor –

Truman Capote





SPRING FLING

Somehow, somewhere, sometime ago, the official spring season began... It got past me. So "Happy Spring" to you now! Let's celebrate at the Vernon Yacht Club on Saturday April 20! Crane Day will be a day old, and the boating season will have begun. All great reasons to socialize, feast and dance. Chef Corinne will be creating a delightful springtime feast featuring a Roast beef dinner with Yorkshire pudding, garlic mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner bun, roasted vegetable, salad, and dessert. A vegetarian option will also be available.

But that's not all! Get ready to kick up your heels and dance the night away with our afterdinner entertainment, the highly acclaimed Blueshounds! To add a touch of glamour to the occasion, we invite you to dress in **Roaring 20's Great Gatsby style** (optional). Let's step back into the lively era of flappers and jazz for a bit of fun. Rachel and Grace will be happy to assist you at the Gin Joint.

Tickets are **\$45 each** and available for purchase now, with a limit of 2 tickets per member for the next 10 days. After this period, members will have the opportunity to fill an entire table. A perfect reason to use your house account.

Here is the shape of the night for your calendar:

5:30 PM Doors open

6:30 PM Dinner will be served

7:30 PM Dance floor opens

Join us on **Saturday, April 20,** for an unforgettable Spring Fling celebration!

For more information, please visit our website's Upcoming Events page: https://vernonyachtclub.com/ upcoming-events/

To book your tickets call **250-545-5518** and press **3** or **1**.

Please pass this email along to the social coordinator of the household. Thank you.

Cheers from your Staff Captain, Bob A



TICKETS \$45.00 DOORS ODEN AT 5:30) DINNER AT 6:30, DANCE AT 7:30 250-545-5510

TILLER TOPICS

SPRING BOAT PREP

TIPS ON SPRING CLEANING YOUR BOAT

In the Spring a young man's thoughts turn to... "getting his boat ready" :)

Okay, I know that's not exactly what the old saying said, but it's time to get the boat ready and here are a few things we should plan for:

Spring Cleaning and Mold Mitigation

It's easier here in BC, where the winters are cold and not hot and humid like they are in the tropics where they wash with vinegar to prevent mold.





That doesn't mean mold doesn't start here. If your boat is damp and there isn't much ventilation to dry it out, mold will start when it warms up, so now is the time to clean the bilges and shampoo the cushions if they have cloth covers. If you brightwork wood's finish is showing signs of wear, spring is a good time to refinish it.

Equipment Testing

There is more and more electronic equipment on board modern boats and when something breaks we often put off repairing it, or replacing

it in the summer, when it's more fun to just enjoy the boat. Now is the time to go over all the equipment and fix or replace whatever is needed.

Anchor system checking

Does your anchor need upgrading? Is the anchor swivel turning freely, are all connections seized with SS wire, do you have a boat length of chain from anchor swivel to rope rode? Is the anchor locker clean, and are there any sharp edges on the anchor roller which will abrade the anchor rope? Is it time to buy a stern anchor as a backup and to prevent the boat from swing-ing at anchor?

Battery Condition

Batteries don't last long if they aren't taken care of. You did bring them home and checked the charge a few times over the winter, didn't you? If you did, all you need to do is top up any electrolytes with distilled water and reinstall them. The wires should be labeled and you should have photos on your phone to show how the wires looked when you took the batteries out.

Rigging, Stays, and Wires

To properly check the rigging, you need a rigger or someone with a lot of experience, but everyone can look at wires for signs of broken wires, rust, or cracks in fittings. It's a good time to replace any lines that are too old and worn.



SPRING BOAT PREP - (continued)

Sails

The only way to check sails is to lay them out flat and examine the stitching everywhere, but when the weather gets better before the season is the best time to do it as you have time to get them fixed.

Biminis and other Sunbrella Covers

Check the stitching in these as well. The stitching always goes first from sun damage.

First Aid Kits

The regulations are very specific about the required contents of a first aid kit. Look them up and make sure your kit meets all the standards

Fire Extinguishers

Most of the boats on the lake need 2 of 5BC marine fire extinguishers, not just something grabbed from the Garage Wall. They need to be mounted properly.

Digitals and Detectors

All your electronics should have up-to-date software if available. Test or install all your detectors. These include CO, CO2, Smoke, Gas, if you have a gas motor, and Propane, if you use propane.

Waxing the Hull

A coat of good wax keeps the gelcoat looking its best and spring is the time to do it.



Motors and Running Gear

This is the big one. Oil changes if you didn't do it in the fall, replace filters – fuel and oil, clean heat exchangers, check exhaust leaks, and many other things that will give you a smooth-running engine all summer. Replace any anodes that show signs of deterioration. Zinc anodes are for salt water – Magnesium anodes are for the fresh water in the lake.

PCOC (Peacock)

Make sure you and anyone else operating the boat has a PCOC on board and the registration papers which should match the numbers on the boat as well as your name.

*If you haven't been keeping a Maintenance Log, now is a good time to start one. It lets you know what you need to do, and when you want to sell the boat, or get a survey it makes a big difference in letting someone know the boat has been well and regularly maintained.

John Gleadle



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\$13,850.⁰⁰ For further information contact **Meril Shalovelo** 250-260-0893 or merilshalovelo(at)shaw.ca



Boat / Trailer For Sale

Boat - 1994 Campion Allante 200 (20') Cuddy, stereo, fish finder *Motor* - 230 HP with Volvo Penta Leg *Trailer* - Yacht Club Trailer

Miscellaneous - Various equipment and items





OUR KNOTTY SECTION Today "the Bowline"

 The rabbit comes out of the hole, goes around back of the tree then jumps back into the hole. The rabbit is the working end of the line. The hole and the tree are formed in the standing end.



- To finish the knot properly, give a hard pull on the tree and the rabbits ears at the same time so the shape of the knot is not deformed.
- 3. To untie a Bowline, turn the knot over and break it's back by bending it downwards.

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