



TILLER TOPICS



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REPORTS

NEWS FROM OUR COMMODORE



As summer is winding down and the kids are heading back to school we look back and are thankful for a smoke free boating season.

Our fiscal year-end is coming up and I urge everyone to plan on attending our AGM on October 29th. There are a few Executive positions open and nomination forms are in the office or at the bar after office hours. Being part of the Executive is a good way to learn more about the club and your fellow members.

Thanks to all the members that served on the Executive this past year. And thanks to Staff Captain Bob A for his planning of events, and for the participation by all.



Fred H
Commodore

NEWS FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE



Here we are as Fall 2024 has suddenly crept up after a hot, relatively smoke-free summer!

The new breakwater project is moving along with an inspection and some tweaking underway. We are continuing to add signage to increase the safety and visibility of the structures.

Our building HVAC/boiler system worked hard through the very warm summer months and struggled to keep up, especially when the indoor events were full to capacity. We intend to get some retrofitting/replacements completed during the shoulder season.

Our annual VYC club buoy inspection and repair project out on the lake is near to completion, as we must report our findings and repairs performed to the provincial government. We rely on volunteer divers and swampers to make this happen and the help is greatly appreciated. There are maps with locations of these buoys in the local SunCruiser publication.

We are always looking for some help with Mother Nature around the club grounds especially with weed and lawn maintenance.

With the off-hour intrusions that we have experienced lately, we as members should be diligent on the docks and security of our boats. Make sure that the access gate closes behind you and don't leave it propped open. Make the effort to know your neighbours, as we all have a stake in our club.

I'm really looking forward to seeing everybody at some of the Fall events coming up!

Bill M
Rear Commodore

KEY NOTES ON CRANE DAY AND WINTER STORAGE

Hello fellow YVC Boaters, we are preparing for crane out on **Friday October 25th, 2024**.

Here are some key messages to make your crane out go smoothly:

- Fill out the online form – and confirm afterwards that you have been provided a spot. There is no guarantee of a spot on land for every crane out requested.
- Armstrong Crane Guy Ltd is the new crane in town and they have favourable pricing.
- All boats must be fully insured whether stored in the basin or on VYC dry land.
- Owners/skippers are responsible for their own boats being moved or stored on VYC property by the crane and/or club volunteers.
- Have your trailer/cradle/stands properly maintained, lubricated, and adjusted.
- Have 2 helpers ready to handle the bow and stern lines and ideally 1 helper per pad to make sure they are angled correctly as the boat is lowered onto its trailer or cradle.
- Ultimately each skipper/owner must decide who and how many people they want 'helping' and what each person will be doing.
- It's your boat and you are in charge. Thank you for being ready.

Mike L
Director

NEWS FROM OUR STAFF CAPTAIN

That was a summer to remember! There was more wind than usual in the Vernon Arm which made for a happy crew of sailors especially during races and regattas, and there was plenty of sunshine for all boaters. It was so good it was hard to drag boaters off the water and in for club events.



Plenty of Big Wind in 2024
Breakwater Holding in 41 knots

Strong Winds Cause a Bowel
Movement in the Parking Lot



I'm kidding. The regular Wednesday burger nights, Friday steak and salmon BBQs, and Sunday brunches were hopping all summer. Thank you to our hard-working clubhouse staff Corinne, Shelley, Lauren, and Kaydyn for keeping our bellies full of food, and to Rachel and Grace (and new assistant Jarrod) for those tall, cool refreshing ones. Also of note are Karen and Deb who have been kitchen helpers on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. There was a lot of action in the clubhouse, on the grounds, and dockside which kept Marjon and Darcy busy with always more to do! Way to go you two!

Looking back at recent staff captain reports I'd say we had a successful summer of events at the club. We sold out the Mexican Fiesta Night on July 23 as well as the popular Rib Off on August 3rd. Congratulations to the "best ribs" winners Brian and Ron and consolation teams Bill and Chris, Oliver and Ted, and newcomers Mike and Alex for their delicious rib recipes! Prior to that we held the Commodore's Ball with musical group Headway, Sunday Brunch and the Sail Past which were all well attended by members and plenty of past and present commodores and loads of fun. The British Invasion on July 13 was a direct hit with delicious prime rib and Yorkshire pudding and music from the Beatles era played by Rockin' Horse. Way back on May 23 a select group of members enjoyed a whiskey tasting presentation by Andrew of Okanagan Spirits Craft Distillery. Our final big events of the late summer/fall will be the back-to-back Pig Roasts coming up on Sept 7 and 14 with music by "It's Never 2 Late" and solo artist Kelly David Belanger! Other event planning, behind the scenes, is mainly to prepare for private Christmas parties.

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Rib Off Event



A Full House Enjoying the Rib Off



Rib Off Winners Brian and Ron



Rib Off Team Bill and Chris



Rib Off Team Mike and Alex



Rib Off Team Oliver and Ted



Commodore's Ball



Commodore Fred "paying the piper" at the Commodores Ball



Past Commodores and Executive at the Commodores Ball

Sail Past



Flying the Colours on Garce O'Malley



Colours Out on Jesse with past commodore Ken

The British Invasion



Susan and Rob M
Rocking It



Go Go Dancers



Dancing Up A Storm



Rockin' Horse



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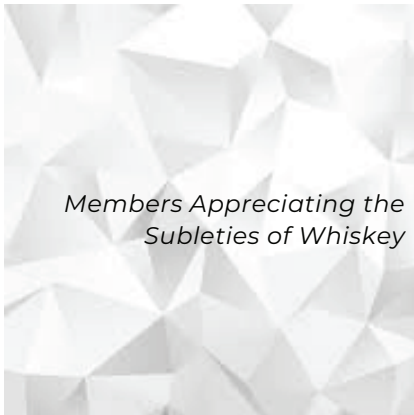
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Whiskey Tasting



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Members Appreciating the Subleties of Whiskey



Presentation by Andrew of Okanagan Spirits Craft Distillery



A Variety of Food Pairings by Chef Corinne



Generous Portions by Chef Corinne

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The Captain's Care Club is helping out big time with the Big Screen TV project. We have Stage One complete, which is a big screen projector, donated by member Mike L, and installed with help from *Blue Collar Electrical* owner and member Fred M, and from Aaron and Steve with *Andres Electronics!* (See ad on page 6.) Thank you to all who volunteered their time. Stage Two is a big screen upgrade behind the bar for your viewing pleasure during the many upcoming sporting and entertainment events while you quaff your beverage. Your generous 50/50 draw contributions / ticket sales will assist in the Stage Two implementation.



Fall Elections are just around the corner. Go ahead. Throw your hat in the ring. We need a few good people to help run our club. This could be You!

Have a great autumn boating season.

Bob A
Staff Captain

Fiesta Night



NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



Hello all, from your Membership Director. I hope all of you have had a terrific summer season on the water. I know I have. Mother nature has treated us at the *Vernon Yacht Club* to an unusually smoke free season this year, allowing us to make the most of our outdoors activities.

We've had fabulous membership turnout at our club events, Regattas, the Commodores Ball, the British Invasion, Wednesday Race Nights, the Rib Off, and Mexican Night (on a Tuesday no less). We even initiated a Poker Run this year.

It's September now, and the fall season is days away but we're not done yet. There are Pig Roasts coming up fast. Yes, they've been so popular in the past, we're having two of them this year.

Also, Wednesday Racing just switched to Sundays to avoid becoming a Night Racing series.

September has some of the best boating. The fish start biting again, and the days are slightly cooler, but with the kids back in school life gets busy again for many of us. As a result, the boat tends to get used a little less, but I hope you all have the opportunity to use it some more before haul-out in October.

We have had some new faces join us this summer too. Gloria H, Darcie and Vernon P, Rudy and Barbara S, Steve S and Laura B, Tim G and Patricia D, Jollean R and Normand J, and Susan WH. Should you happen to come across a new member, please extend them a warm welcome.

Numbers. Currently our membership is at;
Regular 351, Affiliate 35, Social 104, Honorary 1, Life 7, for a total of 498.
We have 386 Regular and Affiliate members, allowing us 129 Social Members, (based on 33% of our regular and affiliate total).

Happy Boating.

Simon J
Membership Director

FIRE AND WATER

The Vernon Fire Department firemen were seen walking the docks at VYC in early September. Its all part of becoming familiar with the scene and assessing fire readiness. Meanwhile, young Kaden W, grandson to member Bob A, was inspecting the fire truck and considering his future as a fireman. Seems like a good career choice!



FROM OUR COMMODORE

A FEW TIPS FOR MEMBERS

- Parking passes. We have noticed a number of vehicles without member parking passes or current date sticker attached. Please pick up your pass and display it on your windshield.
- Guest parking passes are available at the bar. Please pickup a temporary guest pass for visiting friends.
- Dock Carts. These are great and in high demand for taking supplies to boats, so please bring the empty cart back to the gate area before you cast off, for other members to use.
- Gate Cards. We have witnessed non-members using member gate cards to gain access to the docks. This practice is in direct violation of our club Bylaws and is prohibited.
- If you have a child over the age of 18 years, they are no longer a part of the Family membership. They must be accompanied by the member or apply for their own Regular membership.
- Security. We have experienced a few security issues in the basin lately. If you are on the dock, be careful not to let someone in or out that you don't know. Don't be afraid to ask for their boat name or where their slip is.
- We understand that accidents happen and conditions on the lake can make docking challenging at times. If you do bump into another boat or witness an accident, please inform the club office so damages can be addressed.
- Please remember to keep your speed at dead slow when motoring in the marina to and from your slip.
- Finally, note that boats leaving the marina have the right of way.

LADIES NIGHT

Hi All. Ladies Night kicks off for the 2024 / 2025 season on THURSDAY September 19 with dinner and a Cider tasting from the fabulously successful *Cambium Cider*. Hosted by Missy – owner and cider maker, in the middle of harvest!!!!

Tickets are \$35 a head which includes Corinne's very popular mango chicken pasta and a cider pairing with chocolate and cheese mini deserts.

So, get your group together and then [book and pay for your seats with Rachel at the bar VYC \(250 545 5518\)](#). See you there!

Your host

[Sarah K](#) – 250 241 4664



RACING CHAIR NEWS

CLUB RACING AND THE END-TO-END REGATTA

This year's racing and regatta ticked all the boxes for top notch sailing. There is nothing like seeing the sight of twenty colourful spinnakers billowing gently in the air while the skippers expertly guide their boats around the racing marks. Although, being close up on the foredeck, jibbing a spinnaker pole across in high winds when the sheets have been fouled and the boat broaches wickedly, is also quite the sight. I'd encourage members to come and try the racing side of sailing (forget what I said about the foredeck work). From my experience, racing improves seamanship tremendously, plus you get to hang out with a group of friendly, helpful, old salty dogs. Club Racing continues through to October 20th.

We welcome cruising sailors to join the racing group for social races especially on long weekends. This year we enjoyed the summer solstice with a "longest day of the year" sail. We had seven boats from the non-racing fleet join three racing boats that evening. We socialized with a potluck BBQ on B Deck beside the gate before getting a little more serious and casting off for a long race around the marks in the Vernon Arm with a 10:00 pm cut off. No fear of harm that night with winds that never exceeded 3 knots! The Canada Day Twin Sails Race to the Paddle Wheelers in the North Arm is another fun and exciting sail for racers and social sailors alike and, was a little livelier with 10 knot winds! Five of the eleven boats participating were cruisers and smaller non-racing sailboats. Keep Thanksgiving Day Weekend in mind this year for the Turkey Trot over to the Westside Forestry Camp and back.

Summer Solstice Social Sailing



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R. Katschinski 11-1-2012



Patriotic Colours on board Blues in Sea

Big Winds for the Canada Day Racing Social



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Canada Day Racing Crew

I'm writing this report as I sail solo down to Penticton. If you want to try this one, give yourself two days to get down here. In the best conditions you can sail or motor in one exceptionally long day, but stuff happens. Stuff like no wind, like running out of diesel, or like towing fellow racer Varua to Kelowna because of a blown impellor. And you don't want to rush this trip anyway because the scenery is magnificent.

I'm here for the annual End to End Race, which runs from Penticton up to Vernon. If your cup of sailing tea is long distance racing, this one's for you. This year VYC is well represented by Varua, Lucky Dog, and Blues in Sea.

The race begins Saturday morning at the Summerland start line at 10:00 am with fifteen skip-pers buzzing the start line like flies to honey. This leg of the race is about 16 NM long and finishes at the West Kelowna Yacht Club. The pros will tell you to stay close to the west shore past Summerland so you can get lifts from the shore breezes, but it can also be a fatal flaw. In my case, Blues In Sea is drawn to shore like a magnet and I found five feet of water below me while sailing in my 6-foot-deep boat. Not a great start to my End-to-End Race. After an hour of extricating myself from the rocky shoal I was back in the race, sort of. A gaffe like that means starting the engine and using the anchor windlass – which is an automatic disqualification (DSQ). Sail on.

At 4:00 pm that same day you are either lucky enough to have crossed the finish line with a time or you, like me, are adrift in a windless sea, and must report your GPS coordinates to the score-keeper who works black magic to conjure up your placement for the day. As if a DSQ isn't bad enough, when I start my inboard diesel, it sounds like a barking dog – no water is cooling the engine. A distress call on channel 72 brings Lucky Dog to the rescue with a tow to Kelowna, while yours truly rolls up his sleeves and operates on the impellor, blown up during my extrication.



Lucky Dog and Whiskey Jack at the Start Line of the End-to-End Race

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The dock party has already started by the time I reach the Kelowna Yacht Club. The Commodore's deck is full of boaters dancing to the great tunes by a local band. Dinners are a la carte from KYC or a short jaunt to downtown to get shaky sea legs steady and back on earth.

Day 2 is the Kelowna to Vernon leg and fifteen boats full of hopeful faces are praying for wind on their way to the start line. It's a 9:00 am start and we luck out. It's a fair start and all fifteen boats cruise across the start line with ten knots of wind that will last for hours. The trouble is, we need seven hours, and we get only five! From the start each skipper picks their favourite line heading north past Whiskey Island, past Fintry, and finally across the finish line at Cameron Point where the Vernon committee boat awaits and records the times of two lucky and skilled sailors, each crossing with less than 5 minutes to spare! A job well done to those two, and to the other thirteen as well, who text their GPS positions at 4:00 pm. Then its motors on and into the VYC clubhouse for an awards ceremony, a meal, and a beverage or two.

A toast goes out to the three clubs: PYC, KYC and VYC. Three more cheers to their staff and members who make the End to End possible. And a big cheer to the overall winner Whiskey Jack and crew, who take home the coveted E2E Trophy (see picture above).

Give it a try next year. And if you want even more challenging long-distance sailing, there is the End to End to End. A non-stop return race against time. I'll tell you about that another time.

Bob A



The Ultimate Prize - the Coveted End to End Trophy (designed and fabricated by Dave H)

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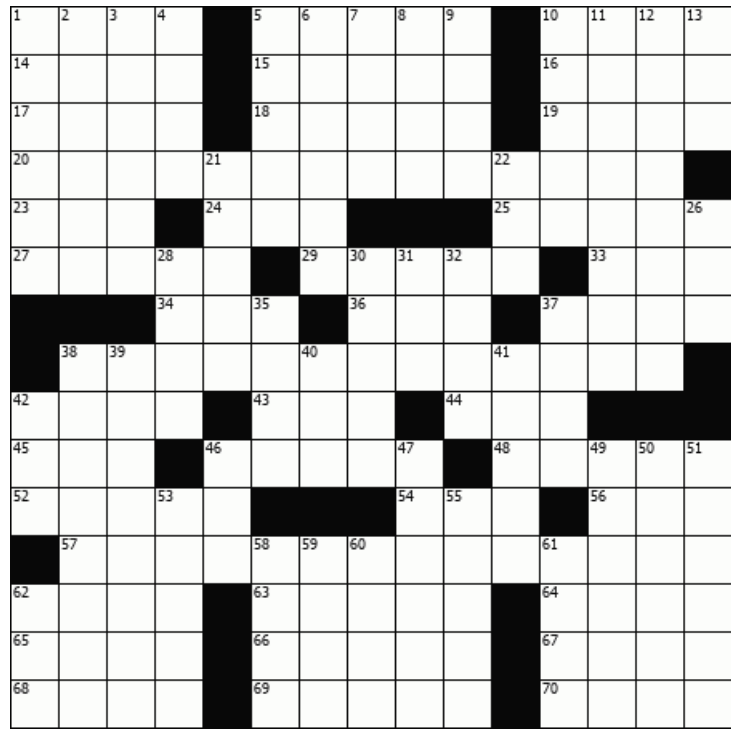
Across

1. Anterior elongations of an animal's head
5. Impostor's cover
10. Temporary super star
14. Concerning
15. Choral work
16. Frank
17. Able to be proven
18. Au courant
19. Swiss capital
20. Comes into money, in a way
23. Sculpting medium
24. WWII intelligence agency
25. Unforgettable mission
27. Tribal pole
29. Spoor
33. Butter container
34. Legal thing
36. Coffee container
37. Part of Caesar's boast
38. Comes into money, in a way
42. Conifers
43. Rollins and Harris
44. Meadow, in verse
45. Ruckus
46. Olympic measure
48. Wool source
52. Hardly enthusiastic
54. Record company
56. Back muscle, briefly
57. Comes into money, in a way
62. Blind trio of song
63. Sanctuary
64. Word that rhymes with its opposite
65. Thing to be as happy as
66. Rock's Cooper

67. Variety of Spanish liqueur
68. Ailments
69. Seamstress' seams
70. Branch headquarters?

Down

1. Birdbrain
2. Tenor Caruso
3. Brown-haired
4. Envisages
5. Hong Kong housemaids
6. Most contemptible
7. Emphatic typeface, for short



8. Intro to space
9. Marginal mark, perhaps
10. Dynamite inventor
11. Like "Lohengrin," e.g.
12. A great deal
13. ___ Arbor
21. Actress Marisa
22. Chess champion Mikhail
26. ___-Wan Kenobi
28. Goofs
30. Ballet follower
31. Jackie's second
32. Pt. of ILO

35. ___-Ball: amusement park game
37. Medicine container
38. Small mountain slope
39. Word with depression or fish
40. D.C. summer setting
41. Souvenir of the past

42. Mrs. Sprat's choice
46. ER bosses
47. Refuse to accept
49. Above the timberline
50. New Zealand natives
51. Certify
53. Newspaper pieces
55. Crowning glories of some animals
58. Defrost
59. Sound and healthy
60. Wicked
61. Hayworth's royal hubby
62. WorldCom partner

TILLER RECIPES

Chicken Cabbage Borscht

Submitted by Gerald and Annie Gustafson

Cooking Directions:

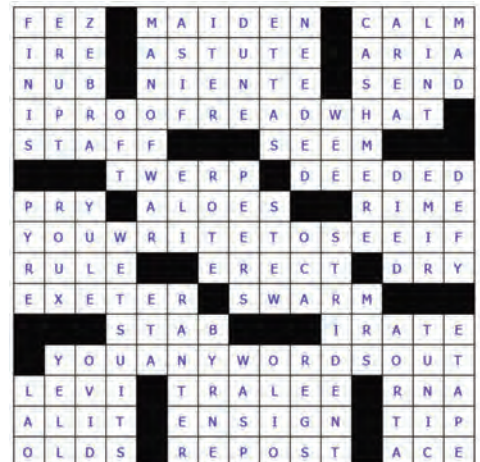
Add all to large soup pot and boil for 2 – 3 hrs or until chicken is well done.



Ingredients:

- 1 Chicken
- 6 qt. water
- 1 medium size cabbage
- 1 large onion
- Dill
- Parsley
- ½ c. ketchup (or more) or 1 tin tomato soup
- Cream (optional)
- May add bay leaf or 1 star aniseed

This is the solution for the crossword puzzle printed in the last Apr-May issue of Tiller Topics:



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