



# TILLER TOPICS



## REPORTS

### NEWS FROM OUR COMMODORE



Well summer has wound down, and with crane day there are a lot fewer boats in the marina and a lot in the parking lot. October saw our AGM take place. A short summary of the AGM proceedings is provided by me elsewhere in this issue of Tiller Topics.

With the colder weather there is a lot less activity around the marina and on the grounds. Some members have already headed south for the winter relaxing in the sun and taking it easy.

We have just entered into a contract with Burton Marine to add 6 additional fingers to the west side of A Dock and they indicate that the work will be completed by the end of March and ready for the next boating season. Have a great holiday season, stay healthy and I look forward to seeing those that are still around when you drop in to the club.

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Fred H  
Commodore



## NEWS FROM OUR REAR COMMODORE



With Crane Day and the AGM behind us, you would think that we'd be winding down. This is not the case, as it's shaping up to be a busy shoulder season. To name a few goings on, we have the new TV in the lounge and are in the process of replacing the old HVAC and boiler system which will give us a much

more comfortable facility year round. Some new fingers are scheduled to be in place on 'A' dock by spring as well.

Many thanks to all of you dedicated volunteers that pitch in to make this club a pleasure to be a member of. All the best to you and yours this coming holiday season. I'm looking forward to seeing you at some of VYC's winter soirees!

Bill M

Rear Commodore



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# EXECUTIVE 2024/2025 - Introductions



**Fred H –**  
Commodore

From the highly polished and cluttered desk of the Commodore, I'm Fred Haight. My Grandfather was a lobster fisherman in Nova Scotia and I have fond memories from the Bay of Fundy as a small boy barely being tall enough to see over the gunwale to shore, so boating and being around water has been an enjoyable pastime.

I was introduced to the Vernon Yacht Club in 2007 at the United Way Charity Regatta, met some nice people while being part of a crew in the event and was convinced to join. Getting involved with the operations started with the Boat show and then different positions on the Board and now I'm your Commodore.

**Dave G –**  
Vice Commodore



Hello fellow Vernon Yacht Club members. I would like to introduce myself. I moved to the Okanagan in 2011 from the Edmonton area where I grew up on a lake which instilled a love for water and boating. After joining the Kelowna Yacht Club in 2014 I met Sandy "my partner" in 2018 and also became a member of the Vernon Yacht Club.

I retired from the motorcycle industry in 2020 after enjoying a 35-year career starting in sales and ending as the owner of a dealership in West Kelowna. I became a member of the executive in 2022 and had a great time using my experience doing trade shows to get our boat show back up after three years off due to covid.

I am now looking forward to serving as your Vice Commodore. When you see me around the club don't forget to say "hi".



**Bill M –**  
Rear Commodore

I have lived, worked and played in the Okanagan since 2004. My wife Rosemarie has lived here since 1995. We relocated to OK Landing from Kelowna and joined VYC in 2019.

The warm feeling of VYC was definitely the attraction here. As soon as we walked in the door we were met by wonderful welcoming people whose down-to-earth reputation certainly preceded them. I joined the executive and was offered the opportunity to coordinate the volunteers for the 2023 boat show, which I thoroughly enjoyed as I was able to meet so many members. This season I stayed in the Rear Commodore role and I am enjoying it as well, with support and guidance from several members at VYC and the boating community as a whole. We're really looking forward to this coming season to see everyone on the lake, and at our club!



## Liam F – VYC Fleet Captain

I grew up in Ottawa where I learned to sail on Dow's Lake on the Rideau Canal, the lake is about 6 feet deep and not a particularly delightful place to fall into but I somehow still managed to accomplish that.

We moved to Vernon and joined VYC in 2014 and were lucky enough to get a slip in mid 2015. We launched in June and were greeted by several of our members who, unasked, offered to help splash the boat and step the mast. That help was much appreciated and really made us feel like we had made the right choice of clubs. We are still here, still sailing and happy to be able to volunteer our time to help with the operations of the club.

Kate has taken over the Woman's Sailing Program from Carol Craske who did an excellent job of running it for many years, she had a very successful first year in 2023 with 28 participants and is hoping for similar numbers this year. I joined the VYC board in 2020 and have been the Fleet Captain since 2022.

Pictured here is launch day 2015 with ►  
Doug Stewart, Jim Dillabough,  
Roger Price, Kate, and myself



## Bob A – Staff Captain

I'm a fairly recent member of the Vernon Yacht Club (2018). My life partner Sarah Kennedy, convinced me that buying a sailboat was a great idea. That was easy.

Boating has been in my blood since I was a kid growing up in the Kawartha Lakes region of Ontario. VYC is a perfect place to continue to enjoy having fun on the water. We have a great bunch of people here and if you haven't noticed already the club runs on volunteer power. With that inspiration I stood for the executive committee as a director and now as staff captain. I enjoy planning and setting up events for the members, something I did as the social chairperson during my previous employment. I look forward to what's next with VYC!

**Marta B –**  
VYC treasurer



I have been a member of the club with my husband, Steve since 2010. We are avid boaters and strong supporters of the club and its' events, and we (along with our wonder dog, Reggie), look forward to many more happy years being involved with the club.

We are particularly proud of our groundbreaking, fully-Electric Motor Yacht, the first of its kind on the western seaboard. Stop by and see us on D-Dock for a bevy this summer!

**Deirdrie L –**  
Secretary



Being a Kootenay Lake girl, I am new to sailing Okanagan Lake, having moved here with my husband Thomas, in 2018. We brought the Fiji Nui from Saltspring Island to her new home in the fall of 2022 and promptly joined the yacht club. We both work full time but are super excited about spending every spare minute working on our boat and experiencing the wild, unpredictable Okanagan sailing weather!

**Simon J –**  
Membership Director



Kim and I have been VYC members for just over three years, and Coldstream residents since the summer of 2021. We relocated from southern Ontario when I retired, and made sure to trailer 'Tabasco', our thirty ft Red Wing sailboat with us. We're thrilled to be here. Sailing the Great Lakes those years was a wonderful experience, and to any and all who have the opportunity, don't pass it up. Those lakes are small oceans and come complete with all the wind, waves, weather and memories one can imagine. Since joining the Vernon Yacht Club Kim and I volunteer with the Bill West Flashlight Brigade and can be found a couple times per month, strolling the docks, peering at flashing beacons, and checking fenders and lines. We've carved the prime rib, butchered the pig, helped with launches and haul-outs, dined and danced with the best people in town, and just generally enjoyed ourselves. We have a fun club here, so don't be shy. This place is so much more than boat moorage and storage.

**Peter W –**  
Director



My wife Jeanne and I have been members of the Vernon Yacht Club for approximately 15 years. Our children are grown so we sold the bow rider and now have a tri-toon. Jeanne grew up in Vernon and has lots of family and friends here, so it was a perfect place for us to retire. I also have family that have retired in Lake Country. I am on my third year as a director.

**Mike L –  
Director**



I've spent my whole career in the airline industry as a pilot. My passion with aviation started in my childhood when we lived in Bishop's Stortford, a 20 minute bike ride to Stanstead Airport. I studied Aviation at Selkirk College in Castlegar. After graduating I was successful in getting that illusive first job flying small bush planes. Later I flew corporate jets for the BC Government. In the 80's I left the Government and joined CP Air/Canadian Airlines then in 2000 we merged into Air Canada. In my airline career I flew Boeing 737, Airbus 320, Boeing 767, and Boeing 787 Dreamliner (a truly amazing leap in technological innovation and efficiency).

In 2016, I retired from active flying but stayed on part time as an instructor pilot until Covid hit, then I retired again! In 2019, we moved to Vernon and joined the Vernon Yacht Club. I am married to my wonderful wife, Oana who is a Pathologist at VJH. We have a blended family with 5 kids (3+2), aged from 36 to 27. For my club activities two years ago I moved into Keith Danielson's very big shoes as I took the reins of Crane Day. I can't thank Keith enough for keeping a close eye on me and making sure I didn't step in a pothole! I am also sitting on the Technology sub-committee, which looks to be an interesting job.

This is my second year on the executive and I hope I can do what I can, alongside the many 'unsung heroes' that make your day-to-day boating and club life, be the best it can be. I can tell you from the inside... they all work very hard for you



**Ron R –  
Director**

Over the years I have applied my listening and problem-solving skills in both my work and in the community. My community work has included providing critical leadership to the several community organizations including St. John Ambulance Canada, North Shore Rescue Team, First Aid Ski Patrol, Alpine Club

of Canada, West Vancouver Community Foundation, and the Canadian Club of Vancouver.

My wife Katy and I finally saw the light and moved to the Interior, landing in Vernon, to be closer to our daughter, Dr. Stephanie Royston, known as the Visiting Vet. Having bought my first boat, I have changed my membership at the Vernon Yacht Club from Social to Regular Member. I look forward to contributing to the Club as one of its directors.

**Pat L –  
Director**



I relocated from the Abbotsford area in 2012 to pursue a business opportunity in Vernon, becoming the General Manager and Partner in both Bannister Honda, and Bannister Collision. My career has been in management within the automotive industry since 1981, receiving several awards over the years.

I have been heavily involved in our community since arriving; volunteering with the Vernon Winter Carnival, the Literacy program, and the Swan Lake Business Association (President), to name a few.

I retired in December 2023, and now will hope to bring my experiences to the Vernon Yacht Club board. I appreciate the opportunity and am looking forward to working with the team.



**Gerald G –**  
Past Commodore

My wife, Annie, and I have been members of the Vernon Yacht Club since 1996 and we have enjoyed the Club immensely. Annie and I have delighted in all the social events, meeting other members and forming lifetime friendships. We really take pleasure in boating and hanging out with other members who share the same interests. Annie and I are fond of volunteering at the Club that's really delightful and fun. I have been a member of the Executive Committee for about 10 years, Commodore for 4 years, and I am now the Past Commodore.



**BILL WEST – 2024 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR, VYC**

It is with great pride that we recognize Bill West as the **2024 Volunteer of the Year** at the VYC.

Bill has been an invaluable leader of our security team for many years, demonstrating unwavering dedication and a tireless commitment to the safety and well-being of our members and the club. His responsiveness to the evolving needs of the VYC is remarkable. Whether coordinating additional security shifts for the sail racing group at the regatta committee's request or organizing early morning patrols during periods of heightened concern, Bill has consistently risen to the occasion with efficiency and professionalism.

A true team builder, Bill has spearheaded recruitment efforts to ensure the security team remains strong and effective. He provides exceptional training and meticulously organizes schedules, empowering his team to perform at their best. Bill's courteous demeanor and willingness to assist everyone—team members, the executive, and the general membership—set a standard of excellence that reflects his deep commitment to the VYC community.

Thanks to Bill's leadership, the club and its members' personal assets remain well-protected. His extraordinary contributions embody the very essence of volunteerism and inspire all who know him.

We are proud to officially declare Bill West the **2024 VYC Volunteer of the Year**.

Thank you, Bill, for everything you do to make VYC a better, safer place!



# NYE CELEBRATION

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**(stay tuned for  
the next one)**



**Come to the Club  
for Dinner, Drinks  
& some Karaoke Fun!**



It has been an honour and a privilege to have served as your Commodore this past year and to have worked with a talented and dedicated Executive Board. Having attended meetings at other Clubs on the Lake I'm reminded how lucky we are to have the facilities we do. The Marina looks quite different from the beginning of the boating season and it was nice to have a smoke free summer.

Under the direction of our Rear Commodore Bill M. and Darcy M. the dock rub rail project is now complete. Every year we make improvements to our club and the feedback from members at other clubs I have visited confirm that we are doing the right thing and are lucky to have the facilities we have.

Technology continues to affect us in our personal lives and also here at the club. Last year we implemented e-transfers for members to buy event tickets and pay registrations. This year we have finally completed the process of direct deposit for paying our employees, less paperwork and a speedier payroll process.

I would like to thank the following members of the Executive who are stepping down from their roles, specifically:

**Karol K. Vice Commodore**  
**Ciy Y. Director**

The Executive committee has benefited greatly from the contributions of each of these individuals.

**Fred H**



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY – OCT 19, 2024**

Our AGM was held on October 29th, we had 58 members in attendance.

There are some important subjects for members that were unable to attend need to know.

- ❑ New member initiation fees will increase to \$3,500.00 effective January 1st, 2025.
- ❑ Social member initiation fees will increase to \$ 350.00 effective January 1st, 2025.
- ❑ House accounts will increase to \$350.00 on your upcoming membership renewal.
- ❑ The following Executives were elected for the upcoming year:

**Fred H, Commodore**

**David G, Vice Commodore**

**Bill M, Rear Commodore**

**Liam F, Fleet Captain**

**Bob A, Staff Captain**

**Marta B, Treasurer**

**Deirdrie L, Secretary**

**Simon J, Membership Director**

**Peter W, Director**

**Ronald R, Director**

**Mike L, Director**

**Al C, Director**

**Pat L, Director**

**Gerald G, Past Commodore**

Our Operating and Capital budgets were approved for the 2024/2025 fiscal year. Capital items included upgrading to our HVAC system for the building. We have also entered into a contract with Burton Marine to supply and install 6 new fingers on the west side of A Dock.

Thank you to all that were able to attend, and the upcoming year should be a good one. With building and marina improvements, we continue to grow and look forward to seeing new members and the return of everyone that calls the Vernon Yacht club "Their Club."

**Fred H**

**Commodore**

First of all, thanks to all of you for your support, volunteering for the many projects directly and behind the scenes. I won't bore you with too many details.

We managed to squeak another year out of our aging heating, cooling and hot water system without any major issues. During the cold snap last January we experienced a failure in our radiant heat line downstairs under the floor by the shuffleboard table. Fortunately it wasn't upstairs, as the water damage would likely have been quite extensive. Our plan is to adjust this year's budget dollars to upgrade the system so that it will operate safely and efficiently in ALL seasons.

The 2024 rub rail replacement went well this year as it was completed in April with Darcy M keeping ahead of and coordinating an army of volunteers to see it through.

Other interesting challenges include some hungry muskrats chewing through our water supply lines on the docks in a few instances.

Thanks to Rob S, Scott C, Wally H and Duane B to inspect and repair the several VYC club buoys and associated anchoring components out on the water at this end of the lake. There are provincial licensing regulations and documentation that have to be performed annually to meet our obligations.

I have enjoyed meeting and working with you all during my second year on the board and am looking forward to an even better year going forward.

**Bill M**  
Rear Commodore



## **AGM REPORT FROM OUR FLEET CAPTAIN**

For the 2024 boating season our marina was fully assigned. We were able to assign 21 permanent slips and were able to get 28 other members into sublets of various durations. As of October 1, 2024 our waitlist is at 68.

I would like to thank the Moorage Committee members Roger Price and Scott Chapman for their assistance throughout the year. The help provided is much appreciated.

I continue to get a good response from the membership to my endless requests for reciprocal slips. The member cooperation makes that part of my job much easier and also bolsters our well deserved reputation as the friendliest club on the lake. Thanks to everyone for that.

Winter storage has been allocated. As of this date we have been able to accommodate everyone who requested it.

We are still hoping to add the additional fingers to "A" dock this year. That would give us potentially twelve large slips, four 32' slips and eight 40' slips. Timeline for this has yet to be determined. The engineers have recommended that 32' is the minimum size for boats on the outside of "A".

We had a number of security issues throughout the year. We do plan on augmenting the camera coverage on the docks in the coming year. We also had a number of members reporting that their boats had been damaged in the marina. Not everyone knows everyone in the club so telling your neighbour you bumped their boat is not always easy. With that in mind I have created (borrowed/stolen) an "Incident Form" that we will place outside the office so members can inform the office if they inadvertently make contact with another boat and we can communicate the information effectively. Hopefully that will reduce the number of emails I ask Marjon to send out.

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Marjon has been extremely helpful to me this year, she has communicated with the membership frequently on my behalf and assisted with reciprocals and key cards, posters, and various other requests I get from the membership anytime I needed it. My heartfelt thanks go out to her. It's a difficult and demanding job she performs and she does it cheerfully and well. Thank you.

Liam F  
Fleet Captain

## AGM REPORT FROM OUR STAFF CAPTAIN

**AGM** ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(continued)

It's been a true pleasure serving as Staff Captain for the Vernon Yacht Club this past year. I've thoroughly enjoyed working with the staff, engaging with the members, and collaborating with other executive members. Our employees were consistently helpful, friendly, and supportive, both during meetings and at events. It's been a privilege to work alongside each of them. Thank you to many on the executive who contributed to the planning and success of our events, especially Liam F, Simon J, Bill M, Peter W, Gerald G, Ron R, Ciy Y, and Dave G.

A special thank you to our members for your participation and support, which made our events such a success. Thank you for your ideas on new and interesting events, for filling me in on what to do along the way, and for volunteering to help in big and small ways. A special thanks to Susan & Rob M, and Gerald & Annie G for their decorating work.

This year we hosted a variety of memorable events including New Years Eve, Super Bowl, St. Patrick's Day, Spring Fling, Whiskey Tasting, Commodores Ball, British Invasion, Fiesta Night, Rib Off, Pig Roasts, Oktoberfest, the Grey Cup, Christmas Brunch, and a Christmas Carol evening! Other standout events included 9 Ladies Nights – thank you Sarah K, the Vernon Regatta - with thanks to Pamela M and Carol C, and the Boat Show - with thanks to Dave G and Peter W.

Beyond event planning, the Staff Captain's role also includes 1) earning revenue for the club through private function facility rentals, and 2) adapting the clubhouse to meet evolving needs. This year, we adjusted the policy on private event fees to better reflect the value we offer. We hosted six Christmas parties, several private AGMs, and one white wedding. We also upgraded our clubhouse by installing bigger TVs for watching special events, including the upcoming CFL Grey Cup. We plan to reintroduce Tuesday Games Night this fall to keep the clubhouse open and active for all members.

One of the highlights of this year was re-launching our Tiller Topics newsletter. Many thanks to Detmer D, our experienced publisher, along with Deirdrie L, Cindy R, and Rebecca P, for their hard work in creating five excellent publications for VYC in 2024.

This year has been both fun and rewarding, allowing me to contribute to making our club the most enjoyable place possible for both members and staff. It's about volunteerism and it takes a big team to bring these events to life. Next year will be even more enjoyable!

Bob A  
Staff Captain



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This AGM represents the halfway point of my term as Membership Director. Our boating season is now coming to a close for 2024, but we can look back on this year and call it a good one. We've had a decent, warm, smoke free, blue skies Okanagan summer at the VYC, and we've enjoyed a list of activities that ran from spring to fall.

This club is so much more and does so much more than the usual 'moorage and storage'. It's comprised of some of the best people in Vernon, and has a camaraderie, and sense of community within its membership. As clubs go, the VYC sets the bar really high.

Fun filled events this past Summer included the Vernon Boat Show, Sail Past and Commodore's Ball, the VYC Regatta, the Invasion, the Rib-Off, two Pig Roasts, Tuesday Ladies Racing, Wednesday and Sunday Racing, the Solstice Race, the Canada Day Paddlewheel Race, a Poker Run, Mexican Night, a Whisky Tasting, the Okanagan Lake End to End Race, and Ladies Nights.

Coming up in the offseason, we have Tuesday Games Nights, Karaoke with DJ Stevie B, Santa's Brunch, Superbowl, Grey Cup, Stanley Cup, and the New Years Celebration to look forward to.

We have a waitlist for moorage. The number of members waiting for slips is in the 60's. I see this list as an indicator of two situations. The first is, we're not big enough to support the number of slips demanded by the growing community, and we need to expand to recognize that demand. That is being addressed. The second is, we're in demand partly due to the popularity of our club, its functions, and events. Being in demand is good for the health of the club going forward.

Club Limitations: The maximum number of Regular members is based on 150% of the number of slips at the club. We have 271 slips which allows for a maximum of 406 Regular members.

The maximum number of Social members is 33% of the current Regular and Affiliate total.

Maximum club membership capacity is 540. Currently we have 371 Regular/Affiliate members. This allows for 124 Social members, and a club total of 495. As of September 28th, 2024 our membership numbers are as follows: Regular 336. Affiliate 35. Social 106. Honorary 1. Life 7. Total 485.

Membership Attrition: Vernon Yacht Club has roughly 5% membership attrition annually.

It's been a pleasure working with this board as your Membership Director over the past year. Thank-you all for your input and support.

Simon J  
Membership  
Director

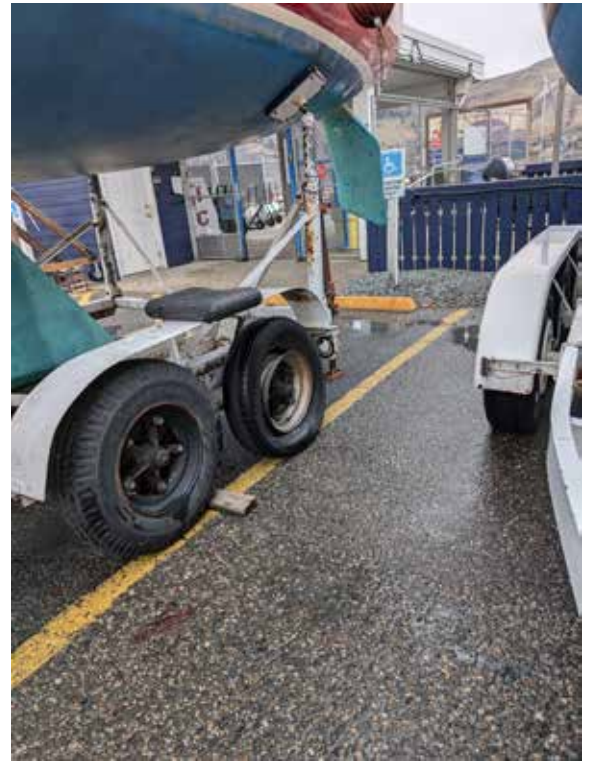


*This year's  
Sail Past*

## Great Photos of the Year



Finally Crane Day is over and we can relax, eh Bucky?



Sailboat Jesse gained weight over the summer with no exercise and flattened two trailer tires on Crane Day



Looking for more sunny warm days on the lake - see you next year



Somedays racing seems to be like this



Blues in Sea Dragonfly and Eaglemoon Joined the Around The World Vendee Globe **Virtual** Regatta - You Can Too

## LADIES NIGHT 2024 / 2025

A huge thank you to members Lilly Smith and Marilyn Merler for teaching the ladies how to make simple sushi! Great fun - never mind about the little drain episode we had a few days later at the club with a whole ton of rice stuck in the P-trap. 😂😂😂

Coming up Thursday December 12 is a Xmas gift evening. We have the ever popular 5th Avenue jewelry, Norwex Cleaning products, Sunset Gourmet, Partylite Candles and Shoes Galore from Sherry. Sherry used to run a shoe store in town and these shoes are end of stock and deeply discounted!!! What fun!!! Endless Appies. Tickets only \$25.



Then keep these dates in your schedule for early 2025:

Thursday January 16

- **Chocolate Appreciation with Cottons Chocolates**

Thursday February 20

- **Get Ready to Cruise** - hosted by Shelley at Trevello TravelT with games, prizes and inspiration!

Sarah K

### Boating Tip of the Month...

*Tip #4) Keep your Eye's peeled for Hazards and Markers on the Water!*



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## CRANE DAZE - OCTOBER 2024

We actually had two Crane days at VYC this fall! Through circumstances beyond our control the best laid plan for a Friday crane fizzled just days earlier. Alpha Crane, a company that we've had more experience with came to our aid and set up for Wednesday October 23, an unusual day of the week for the job.

Despite the shake up on dates, operations went relatively smoothly. The new, later date left a small flock of snowbirds out of the loop. This made for logistical challenges for the homesteaders. With fewer trucks and drivers to move trailers into position to catch boats the remaining hands-on-deck did a magnificent job loading trailers and moving boats around the lots successfully preventing grid lock.



*Crane Day - the only day a 13,000 lb boat can fly through the air*

stern sling under the boat you can just tie one side to your line and pull it under the boat and up the other side. This is a time saver and saves slinging into position past the rudder, motor, and prop shaft.

Another trick by Liam F was to place strips of moving blankets between the hull and potentially gritty slings to save your paint job.

The weather cooperated with cool but not freezing tem-



*This flying boat is called "Sweet Dreams"*

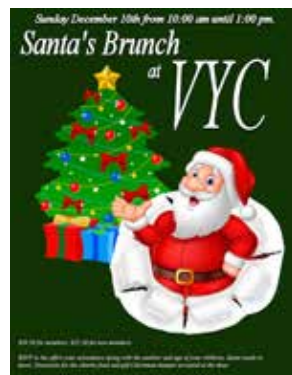
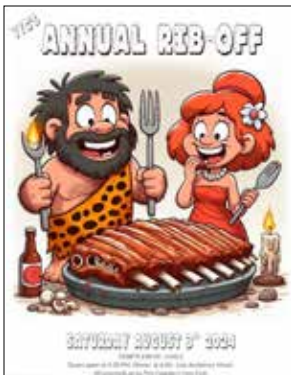
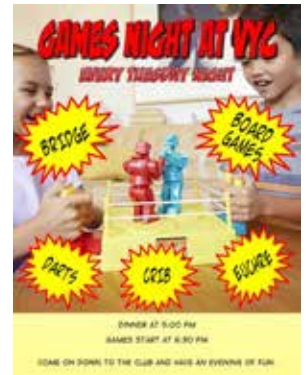
peratures, dry docks, and calm air at least until the last few boats were skillfully guided to shore while a storm was brewing. Every year the boating community comes together and really supports one another to get this challenging work completed. By the end of day about thirty boats were high and dry, ready to be wrapped up like Christmas presents.

Bob A

# EVENTS AT VYC

Most of the posters displayed in this collage were designed by the creative Liam F. This year we hosted a variety of fun events including New Years Eve, Super Bowl, St. Patrick's Day, Spring Fling, Whiskey Tasting, Commodores Ball, British Invasion, Fiesta Night, Rib Off, Pig Roasts, Oktoberfest, the Grey Cup, Christmas Brunch, Games Night, and a Christmas Carol evening!

Other standout events included 9 Ladies Nights, the Vernon Regatta, and the Boat Show. Be on watch for more event posters coming your way.



"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."  
- Mark Twain



# WINDUP PARTY 2024

All good things must end and on November 2nd, approximately 60 racers, crew members, family, and friends gathered to celebrate the conclusion of the 2024 Racing Season with a pot-luck dinner, entertaining games, awards, and prizes.

The evening kicked off with friendly and fun competition as tables raced to solve the mystery of puzzle boxes crafted by Lyle E, and then Liam F introduced the Round Table Regatta, a creative game blending trivia, nautical knowledge, and luck.

This year will be remembered for its windy weather and minimal smoke.



*A Slide Show and Regatta Trivia Game put together by Liam F*



*Porta-Potty skidding across the parking lot*

Who could forget the porta-potty skidding across the parking lot during a 40-knot gust? These conditions allowed us to complete 35 of 40 scheduled races in the regular series and six more in the Hot Rum series.

In addition to women's racing and club racing the three social races

rounded off the year including Summer Solstice (Winner: Valuta), Twin Sails Canada Day (Liquid Asset) and Turkey Trot (Ayesha).

The Vernon Regatta Committee of Pamela M, Bob A, Hadrian M, Carol C, Don C, Liam F, NOSA, Peter W, and Robb P organized the largest regatta on Okanagan Lake this year, with 24 boats from across the lake participating. The Saturday night dinner and dance filled the clubhouse to capacity. Standout performances included Liquid Asset (Whiskey Island Race) and Cimarron (first overall) with skipper Roger P and grandsons Eric and Nick. Most Improved Awards go to Rapid Transit (dominating the spring series A fleet) and to Eagle Moon (second place finish in the B fleet Vernon Regatta).



*Liam F running the Regatta round up Trivia Game*

Big thanks to Pamela M and Peter L (from KYC) for running successful sailing lessons over the past two years. These lessons wouldn't be possible without the generosity of VYC skippers Bill C, John R, Roger P, Jim D, Lyle E, and Keith D who volunteered their boats and time.

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The prestigious Rob Ladan Trophy, awarded for love of sailing, sportsmanship, and skill, went to Kate S of RI. As chair of the Women's Sailing Series, Kate has increased participation and navigated unpredictable weather. Her creativity shone through at the Women's Windup Party with her ingenious "Snail Race."

Bloopers from the season included four A fleet boats hitting three marks in one race, countless boats missing the F line, and Split Decision raising their spinnaker upside down with two sheets in one clew!

Thanks to Deb Z for helping with scoring, allowing for more post-race socializing. Trophies were awarded and full results are on the website,

<https://vernonyachtclub.com/vyc-sailing-fleet/sail-racing-results/>.



*Kate S presented with the Rob Ladan Trophy by Loraine L and Dave H*



*Bob A thanked for his Racing Chair Service*



*We have Chefs and Bakers at the VYC*



*Roger P receives award for Cimmaron Team Regatta Performance, by Carol C*



Thank you to the many Wind-Up volunteers, Jay J of Bamko for providing door prizes and designing fabulous tees for the regatta, Twin Sails for sponsoring the social races and a special thanks to Bob A for his three years of leadership. The fleet will soon plan next year's season and elect a new chair. Until then, have a wonderful winter and happy holidays from the racing fleet!

**Carol C**

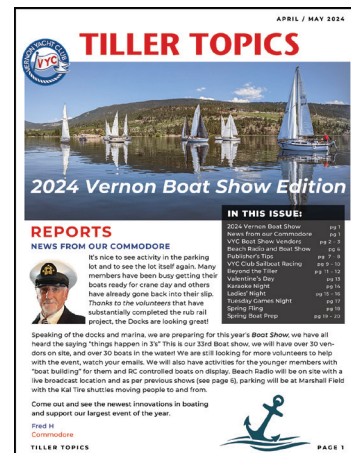


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# TILLER TOPICS COORDINATOR'S REPORT 2024

This is a good time to acknowledge the hard work the Tiller Topics Team has put in during the year. This is issue 5 of 5 for 2024. Thanks go to Detmer D, Deirdrie L, Rebecca P, Cindy R, and Bob A. for keeping the presses rolling. Thanks to others who have contributed stories and to our advertisers who pay for the paper and ink for our in-house copies. Reader response has been very kind to us. Please consider sending in some photos or writing a little blurb about you and the club in 2025.



## PRIVATE FUNCTIONS AT VYC

Facility rentals for member and non-member private functions provide a revenue stream for the club. We have a very attractive facility for private events. Our policy is to allow private events for members and non-members from October 1st to the Thursday prior to the May Long Weekend. During the 2024 fiscal year we hosted six Christmas parties, several private AGMs, and one white wedding. We've received glowing reports from our clientele regarding the venue and service for their events. Consider VYC for your private events.



Yacht Club weddings





# GANGPLANK - WINTER HOURS

## FOOD SERVICE HOURS & MENU

Monday:	Closed	
Tuesday:	Winter Menu	5:00pm - 8:00pm
Wednesday:	Special, Appy's & Pizza	5:00pm - 8:00pm
Thursday:	Winter Menu	5:00pm - 8:00pm
Friday:	Steak, Salmon BBQ or Chicken	6:00pm - 8:30pm
Saturday:	Soup & Sandwich	12:00pm - 3:00pm
Sunday:	Breakfast	9:30am - 12:30pm

*Takeout menu available Wed & Thu nights 5:00pm-7:30pm & Soup or Sandwich on Sat 12pm-2:30. Please call in Advance. Gang Plank Menus unavailable during special events & private functions.*

## BAR HOURS

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	4:00pm - 9:00pm
Wednesday:	4:00pm - 9:00pm
Thursday:	4:00pm - 9:00pm
Friday:	4:00pm - 10:00pm
Saturday:	12:00pm - 3:00pm
Sunday:	9:00am - 3:00pm

## HAPPY HOUR

Tuesday thru Friday  
from 4:00pm until 6:00pm

*Bar staff can be reached at 250-545-5518 during Gang Plank Hours.*

## Tiller Topics ARTICLE submission DEADLINES!



**Mon JAN 6, 2025** – Jan/Feb/Mar issue (New Year's edition - 14 pages)

**Wed APR 2, 2025** – Apr/May issue (Boat Show edition - 22 pages)

**Tue JUN 3, 2025** – Jun/Jul/Aug issue (Commodore sail-by & Summer edition - 14 pages)

**Tue SEP 2, 2025** – Sep/Oct issue (Summer Event reports - 16 pages)

**Mon NOV 17, 2025** – Nov/Dec issue (AGM & Executive introduction edition - 22 pages)



# TILLER RECIPES

## German Plum Streusel

*Submitted by Bob A*

Serves 12

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 50 minutes

Total Time: 1 hour, 10 minutes

### Cooking Directions:

- 1 Preheat your oven to 350°F (180°C). Lightly butter a 9-inch pan. In a bowl combine flour and baking powder. Add sugar, vanilla extract, lemon zest, butter, and eggs to the bowl and beat on low speed until combined then increase speed to medium-high and beat until smooth, about 2 minutes.
- 2 Spread the batter evenly into the cake pan. Place the plums on top of the batter.
- 3 Make the streusel: In a bowl combine flour, sugar, and cinnamon. Add soft butter and beat until everything is combined and crumbs have a coarse and crumbly texture - about 1 minute.
- 4 Using your hands sprinkle the streusel evenly on top of the plums.
- 5 Bake for about 50 minutes or until the top of the cake is lightly golden. Let the cake sit in the pan for about 10 minutes, then run a knife around the edge of the pan. Let cool to room temp and serve. Enjoy!

### Ingredients:

1.5 lbs plums, pitted and quartered

#### FOR THE CAKE BATTER:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, or vanilla sugar
- ½ teaspoon lemon zest, freshly grated (optional)
- ½ cup unsalted butter, room temp
- 2 large eggs, room temperature

#### FOR THE STREUSEL:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ cup unsalted butter, room temp



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