



TILLER TOPICS



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REPORTS

NEWS FROM OUR COMMODORE



Happy New Year everyone!!

Here's hoping 2025 is a great-year with excellent boating weather. For those who have been around the club, you may have noticed a couple of new fingers on the west side of

"A" dock. Burton has installed 2 of the 6 fingers on "A" Dock and the remaining should be installed prior to Crane day and ready for the boating season. This will add 12 additional slips to our marina, shorten the wait list, and put new people on the water!

The upgrades to our heating / air conditioning in the Gangplank have been completed and we look forward to a more comfortable environment in both winter and summer. So far, the system is working as hoped.

Our Staff Captain and his group of volunteers have completed the installation of the new big screen TV over the bar, Thanks Bob and team.

So far we have been lucky with the winter weather, with not a lot of local snow to deal with. We are only about 10 weeks away from seeing the tarps come off of the boats in the yard and a rise in activity as members get their vessels ready to go back in the water.

Happy 2025!

**Fred H
Commodore**

NEWS FROM OUR STAFF CAPTAIN



Happy New Year Everyone!

Club activities, mostly focusing on having a Merry Christmas, kept members and staff engaged through the early winter months. Ladies Night started it off with Christmas shopping. Santa and Mrs. Claus made several appearances, once at Santa's Brunch and once at a recognition party for staff. Our own musician Dave Procyshen got us into the spirit of the season with Christmas Caroling during Santa's Brunch and at the final Wednesday night dinner special. Several groups,

including The Season's, were hosted by VYC for their private function Christmas parties.

The big New Year's Eve Party, with a delicious prime rib and lobster dinner and featuring the Feet First dance band, was enjoyed by many. A New Year's resolution to clean the Gang-plank carpets was kept and more clubhouse clean up will occur soon.



Outside of event planning, an effort is underway to organize a clubhouse team of volunteers with a list and a schedule. If you would like to support our club through volunteering during dinners, special events, and for clean up,

please give your staff captain a call <staff-captain@vernonyachtclub.com> and we'll include you in activities. We've got a number of people signed up already, but many hands make light work. Thank you.

When it comes to private functions, it was felt that some members might like to book the facility for lunchtime gatherings rather than for a whole evening event. The executive had a look and agreed to amend the private function policy to provide for a reduced mid-day fee of \$350 for members.

We hope you are enjoying Tiller Topics articles and that it's meeting your needs. Do you have a boating or club related story to tell? Put your fingers to the keyboard, snap a photo or two and send to <tiller@vernonyachtclub.com>.

All the best in 2025!

Bob A
Staff Captain

Christmas 2024



The Buffet



Merry Christmas
Corinne and Family



Santas Brunch

Full House for
Christmas Dinner
and
Carolling



Applause for
Musician Dave P

Past Commodores
Gerald, Ken and Carol
with Partners Sing Along



New Years Eve



Rachel, Grace & Ryan



Warming Up to New Years Eve



Dancing in 2025



"Feet First" Warming Up The Dance Floor and ...



Rocking the VYC New Years Eve Party



Happy New Year Table



"Feet First" Performing



Wally, Ciy, Sharon, Guest, Kelly & Scott Wishing you a Happy New Year



The Executive Table and ... Happy New Year Dance as the Clock Strikes 12

MEET MARJON - OUR OFFICE MANAGER!

On February 1st, 2005, I left The Netherlands to find new roots in my new home country, Canada. For almost a year I was assistant-manager and head housekeeper at a 60-unit motel in Revelstoke, BC. After having a 'peek in the kitchen' on how to run a motel, I moved to Northern British Columbia to take over a 20-unit motel in New Hazelton, BC. New Hazelton is a small community of 750 people. Lots of snow-mobiling, fishing and hunting take place in that part of BC. At the end of 2009, the motel there was sold, and I moved to Nelson, BC.

From arriving in Canada with a 1-year-old son, Berend, in 2005, my family grew to having three kids at the time of moving to Nelson, BC. Luke was 16 months, and June was just 3 weeks old. The opportunity of buying another motel knocked on the door and we made the bold move to take over the *Alpine Inn and Suites*. As a part owner of this hotel I learned a lot about the ins-and-outs of running a dynamic business. It was a great experience, and I met a lot of people from all walks of life. It was hard work, especially in the summertime with long days and a lot of laundry. Folding laundry at the end of the day was very therapeutic, lol.



After separation in 2014 and still working at the motel, I decided in May 2017 that it was time for a change, and I went back to school. After finishing my first year of the post-baccalaureate in Accounting I decided to take a break and care for my newborn Xander. I took a sidestep in my education and successfully completed the bookkeeping course at *Okanagan College* in late 2019. The goal at that time was to start my own bookkeeping business, but due to the pandemic it didn't get off the ground. I had to broaden my search for employment and landed in Vernon, BC.

After being here in the Okanagan now for 4 years I appreciate the beautiful surroundings and feel very blessed to have so many parks close by, with beautiful lakes to access, and to explore so many trails for hiking and mountain biking. Besides enjoying the outdoors, I also love to paint, carve soapstone and to be creative in any other form.

Editor's Note: Marjon joined the *Vernon Yacht Club* late in 2023 and made the steep learning curve becoming very proficient as our office manager. She is thriving in this exceptionally busy environment! Her experience, noted above, has given her great insight into ways that VYC can improve the office. We are very fortunate to have Marjon as our office manager!

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LAWRENCE JOHNSON – LIFE MEMBER

Meet Lawrence Johnson, Vernon Yacht Club's newest Life Member. Lawrence has served as Director, and multiple terms as Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore, Commodore, and Past-Commodore. Lawrence was responsible for and facilitated the replacement of B dock to concrete from wood. As Commodore he played an integral part in the beginning stages of the breakwater replacement project, the kitchen expansion, and the deck extension.

Though busy running his own construction company, Lawrence was still able to devote innumerable hours to the business of directing the affairs of the Vernon Yacht Club including the hiring of new staff, including the office manager, and kitchen staff. Lawrence is also a talented musician who entertained the Membership at various events through the years.

Lawrence has made an outstanding contribution to the welfare and development of the Vernon Yacht Club which we all continue to enjoy and benefit from today.

With unanimous agreement of the executive, the General Membership voted unanimously during the AGM October 29, 2024, to confirm Lawrence as a Life Member. When you next see Lawrence on the docks or in the clubhouse, be sure to congratulate him and thank him for all he has done for the club.



Boating Tip of the Month...

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RACING GROUP

SETTING SAIL INTO 2025 WITH THE VYC RACING GROUP

Ahoy Mateys. The racing group held its first meeting of 2025 on Tuesday January 7th with Robb P, our new racing chair at the helm (read next page for more info). There were the standard topics to prepare for the next year of racing such as setting up a schedule for committee boat duty, discussing the rules of the high seas, a wee bit of regatta planning (feel free to join us!), and determining the list of skippers.

The meeting was cruising along with calm proceedings when a lively brainstorm blew through. The group wants to chart a course to draw more of our VYC sailors into joining the fun. We'd like your input to see if we are on the right tack. Is something preventing you from joining club racing? How many sailors in our club might like to join our social sailing events? Would you be tempted to join Wednesday night racing if we had a white sail fleet that didn't involve the complexities and adrenaline of flying a spinnaker? Would you be more interested if a white sail fleet raced on a different night, or during the day? Are you a sailor or a "want to be" sailor looking for instruction? Are you aware of the *Learn To Sail* program organized by Pamela M at VYC? Are you aware of the "Crew Bank" which is a list that skippers can use to find new, interested, and somewhat experienced crew? Joining that list has proven to be helpful to skippers and new crew alike!



Keep a lookout for a shore-side social in the future where you can meet and share salty tales with other sailors over a bite and a beer. Arrrg, you can sea-mail us with your thoughts at: [sailing-fleet\(at\)vernonyachtclub.com](mailto:sailing-fleet@vernonyachtclub.com).

Bob A

TILLER RECIPES

Cheese, egg and beans on Toast

Submitted by Kaia P



"The first meal that comes to mind is cheese, eggs and beans on toast. Simple but delicious, filling and affordable. Most people I meet have never had it. My parents are from England and we grew up on it"

- Bring Heinz Beans in tomato sauce to a boil
- Prepare Toast (any kind)
- Top the toast with orange cheddar cheese slices (real cheese!)
- Pour hot beans over the toast and cheese (cheese melts)
- Top with one fried egg or two

"As my Dad always said, "fills you up for the day!"

RACING GROUP

MEET ROBB P - VYC RACING GROUP CHAIR

Hello, Sailors; After a “hard-fought election”, Robb agreed to take over the position of Racing Chair to allow Bob A more time to focus on his Staff Captain duties at VYC. In addition to the VYC Racing Committee duties, Robb will also be transitioning to the position of Commodore for NOSA this spring, to allow existing NOSA Commodore Marc, more time to focus on the sailing school. Robb has been a board member at NOSA for the past couple of years and is hoping to build on the spirit of cooperation that NOSA and VYC have been building recently. Robb retired from full time employment with Imperial Oil on October 31st and hasn't missed working a bit.

Robb and his wife, Anna B. relocated from Calgary at the end of 2021 and immediately joined VYC. Both avid sailors, when they are not competing against each other on Wednesday nights (Anna crews on Phoenix with Keith S and Robb is one of the partners on RI along with Bob A, Liam F and Kate S) they can be found on Sonora Brie'ze, their Catalina 250. Robb also keeps a dingy at NOSA (a vintage Tazar) and is restoring a wooden Fireball that will be launched this spring. In addition, they are both avid skiers, cyclist and sea kayakers. As you might expect, they absolutely love the lifestyle that Vernon has to offer and love being members of VYC.



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FOOTBALL & MORE FOOTBALL AT VYC!

VYC had a packed house of football fans to catch the *Toronto Argonauts* victory over the *Winnipeg Blue Bombers* during the 2024 Grey Cup Sunday. People enjoyed Grey Cup drink specials served by Grace and Ryan, along with appies and beef dip from Corinne's kitchen.



Games and draws kept the crowd engaged throughout the afternoon. A big thanks to all our fans who came out, staff and the volunteers who helped with games and in the kitchen during the halftime beef dip rush including Simon and Kim J, Sarah K, Diane G, Taryn and Linda!

Coming up next is SuperBowl Sunday February 9th starting at 3:30 on the GangPlank Big Screens. Book your seats with Rachel and Grace for an entertaining afternoon and evening of great football, halftime shows, draws, refreshments, and delicious food.



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KARAOKE NIGHTS AT VYC!

COME TO THE CLUB FOR DINNER, DRINKS & A LOT OF FUN

Get ready to sing your heart out this winter with Karaoke Nights at VYC! Join our in-house MC, StevieB, who's ready to lead the fun with binders full of song choices and top-notch gear to make you sound like a star. Whether you're a seasoned performer or just singing for fun, it's a perfect evening to enjoy music, laughter, and good vibes.



Come on out and rub elbows with all the big names. Diana Ross is singing, so is Grace Slick, and maybe Cheryl Crow. Listen for Bryan Adams, Freddie Mercury and maybe Kenny Rogers. Dream On! Wet your whistle before you take the stage, with some refreshing drinks served right by Rachel and Grace, There will also be 'Music Trivia' and big prizes too!

Next Karaoke Night:

Thursday, January 23

Start Time: **7:00 PM**

Dinner starts at **5:00 PM** featuring a Big Stevie double burger and fries

Mark your calendar, warm up your vocal cords, and we'll hear you there!



Cheers,
Bob A

**Karaoke Nights
are a
ton of fun!**

**Put the next Karaoke Night
on your calendar**

Thursday, January 23

Start time: 7:00 PM

at the Vernon Yacht Club



**Come to the Club
for Dinner at 5:00, Drinks
& some Karaoke Fun!**

BOB MCELROY - OBITUARY

N. Robert (Bob) McElroy April 15, 1938 – Nov 26, 2024

The Vernon Yacht Club would like to extend their condolences to the family of life member, Bob McElroy. Bob was an active member of VYC for over 30 years, having held several posts on the executive including staff captain and Commodore (1994).

Many a Friday night before we had our fully operational kitchen staff, Bob could be found in the kitchen helping to prepare dinner. In 1992 as staff captain Bob started the Annual Pig roast which is still popular to this day.

Out on the water, he was a friend of the racing fleet where he generously volunteered to help with the running of the weekly races. He even created a trophy to acknowledge which skipper provided the best appetizers during their turn on his boat (Balena Alegra).

Join the family at a Celebration of Life to be held April 12, 2025 at 2 pm at the Vernon Yacht Club.



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CROSSWORD

Across

1. Seniors' dance
5. Astounds
9. Taking a break
14. Country singer _____
McEntire
15. Thaw
16. Sheep's cry
17. Store sign
18. Pledge of _____
20. Count _____ of jazz
22. Make waterproof
23. Intersection sign
24. Mascara recipient
26. Pork or beef
28. Play section
29. Mindful
33. Amtrak depot (abbr.)
36. Large mammal, for short
38. Metal fastener
39. Slant
41. Aired again
43. Hindu garb
44. Warn
46. Proportion
48. Male child
49. Investigate
51. Cover
53. Territory
54. Removes
58. Hit
61. One who mimics
63. Swipe
64. Journal
67. Chip in
68. Ascend
69. Threesome
70. Enlightened one's words
(2 wds.)
71. Passover dinner
72. Uncle's wife
73. Pre-Easter season

Down

1. Investigate
2. Settle a debt
3. Chubby
4. Capital of the Philippines
5. Medical org.
6. _____ corgi
7. She, to Pierre
8. River transport of yore
9. Slugger's stat
10. Rubber bands
11. Dispatched
12. Mexican meal
13. Stride
19. Merriment

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21. To _____ his own
25. Move slightly
27. Classified _____
29. TV's _____ Winfrey
30. Epochs
31. Roman fiddler
32. Bed size
33. Celebrity
34. Floor covering
35. Pub covers
37. For each person (2 wds.)
40. Literary exposition
42. African river

45. Pitch
47. Lubricates
50. Enjoy a book
52. Minor item
54. Bathtub feature
55. Anxious
56. Consumed
57. Winter forecast
58. Resorts
59. "Wish You _____ Here"
60. Waterless
62. Light tan
65. Poet's above
66. Parking place

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This is the solution for the crossword puzzle printed in the last Sep-Oct 2024 issue of Tiller Topics:

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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!

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)

Mon JAN 12, 2026 – Jan/Feb/Mar issue (Christmas & New Year's edition - 14 pages)

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