



TILLER TOPICS



REPORTS

NEWS FROM OUR COMMODORE



Welcome to 2026!

The Vernon Yacht Club saw a small change in the Executive at the 2025 AGM and the team is looking forward to new things in 2026.

Some of you have already experienced NFL Sundays and the “themed” meals to match. We are

truly enjoying an unusually warm Okanagan winter with our snow removal budget being given a break.

There are some new faces around the club including Miriah in the lounge, please stop by and introduce yourself to her. We are all wishing Corinne a speedy recovery as she has had knee replacement surgery. During her recovery we have chef Rob in the kitchen with chef April. These two are working together and trying different things so stop in and see what is happening with the menu. There are lots of events coming up so stay tuned and watch your inbox for notices.

For a lot of our members we are only 10 weeks away from getting our boats back in the water! Yeah! Spring is only 8 weeks away and that means longer days and warmer temperatures. Hope everyone has had a safe and healthy winter, looking forward to seeing everyone back at the club.

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REAR COMMODORE REPORT



The facilities team have remained busy throughout the winter months, focusing on maintenance, safety, and long-term planning to keep the club operating smoothly.

Recently, a Zodiac tender was stolen from a sailboat stored on the hard in the east end of the parking lot. It was recovered at *Paddlewheel Park*. It has been recommended that the club install fencing along the eastern shoreline to help deter unauthorized access to VYC property.

Over the Christmas break, Maintenance Manager Ryan, with assistance from other staff, performed servicing on the walk-in fridges and coolers. Carpets throughout the clubhouse were professionally cleaned on Boxing Day. In the kitchen, pilot lights on the grill were serviced by *Aslan*, a local company offering reliable service at a competitive rate.

Ryan also addressed odours in the men's washrooms. Looking ahead, installing proper exterior venting in the spring may provide a more permanent solution.

On the marina side, all boats in winter slips are now electrically metered. Craig W. has consulted with *Burton Marine* regarding breakwater inspections and maintenance. Their recommendation includes two underwater inspections annually, plus additional inspections following major weather events, with an estimated annual budget of \$6,000.

Other items currently under review include a concrete deck pillar near the dumpster that is leaning out of plumb, scheduled cooler and freezer maintenance during the clubhouse closure, and potential repair or replacement of the upstairs ice maker, estimated at \$3,000–\$5,000.

These ongoing efforts ensure our facilities remain safe, efficient, and well cared for year-round.

Rear Commodore
Bill M



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VICE COMMODORE REPORT – Dave G



Dave is currently completing January staff reviews. Recently he has been focused on behind-the-scenes operations and particularly staffing and kitchen coordination during kitchen manager Corinne's recent absence, as part of preparations for the spring and summer seasons. A key priority has been ensuring continuity in the kitchen.

To address staffing challenges, Dave welcomed chef Rob, who has stepped in temporarily until Corinne returns. Rob previously worked as a full-time chef at the Italian Kitchen Company and is familiar with our organization having supported past events like the Commodore's Ball.

Dave reports that, in addition to cooking, chef Rob has been working with chef April on new menu items and providing guidance on kitchen management, including inventory planning, ordering processes, and workflow improvements.

Dave has also been handling logistical improvements and completing operational tasks including big screen TV installation in addition to organizing Sunday Football with Pat L. Sunday Football has been a success with great new menu items put together by April. Special thanks go to *Okanagan Restoration Services Ltd* (see ad on previous page) for sponsoring some of our giveaway door prizes.



MOTIVATIONAL QUOTES

It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light.

– Aristotle

Boating Tip of the Month... Tip #10) Check your Charts!



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FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT



THE MAGIC 8 BALL

Spring is just around the corner, and I am starting to get emails asking 'Will I get a slip this year?' That part of my job is pretty easy, I just get out my Magic 8 Ball and send back whatever it says.

Ok that's not actually true, I try to answer with a best guess based on our typical slip turnover, position on the waiting list and length of boat. The general rule of thumb seems to pretty much mirror what we tell people when they join the club, a 1 to 2 year wait.

Generally, what I see is as follows:

If you were in a full season sublet last season you will probably be in the water this year too - *"Signs point to yes"*.

If you were in a partial season sublet last season you have a good chance of being in the water this year. *"Outlook good"*.

If we were unable to get you into the marina last year its *"Cannot predict now"*.

We try to have our yearly slip assignments completed around the middle of March and then when those are all allocated, we will fit boats in here and there as slips come available throughout the season. It is very difficult to make any kind of accurate prediction as to what slips we will have available for the upcoming season but the one thing I can say with certainty is that if you are on the waiting list you will not be forgotten. *"You may rely on it"*.

Affirmative Answers	Non – Committal Answers	Negative Answers
<i>It is certain</i>	<i>Reply hazy, try again</i>	<i>Don't count on it</i>
<i>It is decidedly so</i>	<i>Ask again later</i>	<i>My reply is no</i>
<i>Without a doubt</i>	<i>Better not tell you now</i>	<i>My sources say no</i>
<i>Yes definitely</i>	<i>Cannot predict now</i>	<i>Outlook not so good</i>
<i>You may rely on it</i>	<i>Concentrate and ask again</i>	<i>Very doubtful</i>
<i>As I see it, yes</i>		
<i>Most likely</i>		
<i>Outlook good</i>		
<i>Yes</i>		
<i>Signs point to yes</i>		



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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT



Firstly, Happy New Year all, from your Membership Director. Now being the off-season, I fully understand the alternate distractions of the ski hills and the sunny climes elsewhere on the planet, but please don't forget we've gone past the deadline for membership payments. Just like the Christmas credit card surprise in January, these deadlines have a way of sneaking up on us. So, circle your calendars, put a reminder on the phone, attach a sticky to the fridge, but please, please, please remember to make payment now. Also note if you go beyond March 1st, I really don't look forward to deleting peoples' names from the club membership list.

Our club membership numbers as of our December 12th, 2025 meeting was as follows:

Regular 324, Affiliate 38, Social 102, Honorary 1, Life 7, for a Total Membership of 472. Based on 33% of our Regular Membership total, we are allowed 108 Social Members. We're holding our own in terms of growth.

We're excited to welcome several new members to the club recently. If you happen to meet someone you haven't seen before, please take a moment to say hello, ask if they are new, and help them feel at home at the *Vernon Yacht Club*. Tuesday evenings are an especially great time for new members to connect and get to know the place, because traditionally it's a quieter night.

With this mild winter weather we've experienced lately, maybe our boating and floating spring season will start early. Keep your fingers crossed. Mine are.

Your Membership Director
Simon J



Christmas 2025



VYC Staff Xmas Party with Santa Simon & Mrs Kim Klaus and helper elves Rob & Sue P



Grace and Miriah in the Festive Spirit



VYC Staff Xmas Party with the VYC team and attending Board members.

Courtesy of
Anne H

STAFF CAPTAIN NEWS



In December, VYC welcomed many private businesses into the clubhouse for their staff Christmas parties. Many thanks to Kitchen Manager Corinne and the kitchen and bar staff, who fed the masses, including the delicious Members' Christmas Dinner special on Wednesday, December 17. Thanks also go to our very own Dave Procyshen, who played musical selections for the season. Dave doubled down and welcomed Santa and Mrs. Claus (aka Simon J and Kim M), playing for the VYC Christmas Brunch on December 14 as well. Also in December, staff were treated to a fun evening party along with the Executive.

Feet First played for the crowd of New Year's Eve partygoers. Members and their guests enjoyed not only great dancing music but also a fabulous NYE feast featuring prime rib and lobster. Rumour has it that 22 hardcore revellers lasted until midnight to bring in 2026 with champagne toasts. Happy New Year, everyone!

Karaoke returns Thursday, January 29. Don't miss another fun evening with *MC Stevie B* and his entourage. Watch for karaoke shows over the next few months, usually held on the last Thursday of the month.

February 7 is the night to get into Winter Carnival spirit and join the fun at the VYC "Go for Gold" Winter Carnival Dinner and Dance. VYC welcomes the greater Vernon community as *Rock'n Horse* performs all-Canadian hits for this festive evening. Book your tickets soon through the Winter Carnival Office. Then, we're back on Saturday, February 14 for a members and guests only intimate Valentine's Dinner and Dance.

The VYC Super Bowl LX Party kicks off on Sunday, February 8! The *Seattle Seahawks* and the *New England Patriots* will be entertaining the crowd. The big screens will bring you all the action up close. You can take part in the usual fun activities, including door prize giveaways and the squares raffle. Stay tuned for menu details, including halftime dinner specials on Super Bowl Sunday!

Don't forget our regular Wednesday Night Dinner Specials and Friday Steak Nights all fall and winter. For members staying local this winter, there's plenty happening — stay warm, stay connected, and enjoy the season at your club.

Your Staff Captain, Pat L 



*Feet First Singing
In The New Year*



Prime Rib Carvers Peter W and April

PROJECT BIG SCREEN II

A CLEAR WIN FOR THE CLUB

The successful installation of our second 75-inch big screen TV during the fall and winter of 2025 is a great example of what can be achieved when members come together with a shared goal. Thanks to a substantial contribution from the Captain's Care Club, along with generous individual donations, the Big Screen II project moved smoothly from concept to completion. Special thanks go to Linda and Rolly W, who graciously turned back their 50/50 winnings so the funds could support the "big picture", literally and figuratively.

Much of the hands-on work was led by Vice Commodore Dave, who manhandled most of the setup and installation. This included re-routing existing power and cable wiring that had originally been installed by *Blue Collar Electrical*, thanks to the generosity of its owner and club member Fred Minchenko, who donated both his time and materials for the original wiring. That foresight paid dividends, allowing the new screen to be powered and connected efficiently without additional electrical work. Maintenance man Ryan provided valuable assistance during the installation, helping ensure everything was secure and operational.

A big shout-out also goes to Aaron and the team at *Andre's Electronic Experts* (see ad on pg. 4), who provided the best price possible on the television and mounting hardware, making the project financially achievable. In the beginning Director Mike L had



Cable Guy Dave G at work

the foresight to think "Big" with the donation of his large screen projector.

The new screen is being put through its paces, especially during Sunday Football, and the work-outs will only grow in 2026 with major events like the Super Bowl, the Winter Olympics, and FIFA Soccer on the calendar. You won't want to miss these.

With the screen now firmly in place, all that remains is for someone to organize showings of the big Oscar winning movies (TBD). Until then, Project Big Screen II stands as a clear success built on generosity, teamwork, and community spirit. Popcorn, anyone?



Dave G installing Brackets and TV Mount



Voila - Mission Accomplished

INVASIVE MUSSEL PREVENTION

AND MONITORING IN THE OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN REGION

By Katie L., *Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society (OASISS)* (Jan. 2026)

It was another successful year keeping invasive mussels out of the Okanagan-Similkameen region. The *Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society (OASISS)* has been running an aquatic invasive species program for 13 years. The program focuses on public outreach and education, interacting with watercraft users and sampling for invasive mussels. The primary funder is the *Okanagan Basin Water Board*, while water sampling costs are covered by the *Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation*.

Sampling efforts occurred throughout the Okanagan Valley and into the Similkameen Valley. Plankton tow sampling is used to collect water samples which are analysed for the larvae of invasive mussels. Substrate monitors are comprised of plastic pipes and mesh, attached to a rope that is suspended from a dock, buoy or other fixed point. In 2025, 174 water samples were collected using a plankton tow across 23 sites. Substrate monitors were deployed at 12 public locations and 18 private sites. *The Vernon Yacht Club* was an important monitoring location where we sampled every two weeks.



OASISS Boat Training 2025
L to R VYC Rob M, Fletcher, Kirs, Jamie



The OASISS Team at the 2025 VYC Boat Show

Regular sampling for invasive mussels in our lakes and rivers is a key early detection tool. It has become more important, as mussels continue to move closer to our province. In September 2023, quagga mussels were discovered in Idaho's Snake River. The location at Twin Falls is less than an 11-hour drive from the B.C. border. This is the first introduction of invasive mussels into the Pacific Northwest and concerns of further spread have increased tremendously. Zebra and quagga mussels pose severe economic and environmental risks due to their ability to attach to infrastructure and outcompete B.C.'s native species. The estimated cost of annual management would range from \$64 million to \$129 million if they were to be introduced into our province. Introduction would likely be irreversible and devastating.

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INVASIVE MUSSEL PREVENTION AND MONITORING IN THE OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN REGION

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To date, no invasive mussels have been detected in the province – prevention is our number one goal. If travelling with watercraft, it is crucial to clean, drain, and dry before entering a new waterbody. It is now the law in B.C. to remove the drain plug and drain all water on dry land before transport. If travelling from out of province, it is mandatory to stop at any open watercraft inspection station along your travel route.

We are grateful to the VYC for being one of our long-term partners. The marina has been a key sampling site on Okanagan Lake since the beginning of our sampling efforts. Annual boat training from VYC Rob M. has helped equip our staff for interactions with boaters at the launches. The ongoing support to our program is appreciated and we look forward to seeing you all at the boat show in May!



RACING SEASON UPDATE

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. On January 21, 2025, VYC sailors met to kick off planning for the upcoming sailing season and to get everyone thinking about racing again.

With the sailing season just around the corner, registration will open soon, now that the group confirmed the racing fees for the year. We will have only two fleets of boats this year with the faster A fleet boats and the less speedy B fleet boats taking to the water. Both are spinaker fleets. Racing will start in late April on Sundays and switch to Wednesdays once the days grow longer. We anticipate 22 boats in total. New skippers are welcome and members interested in crewing can get their names on the crew bank list.

Get ready for the Vernon Regatta set to take place on June 5th, 6th and 7th. There is a lot of planning to do to prepare for this fun filled weekend and your assistance would be very much appreciated. After several successful years of providing sailing lessons, the racing group will be taking a break from providing lessons this year. Thank you to VYC organizer Pamela M, KYC instructor Peter L, and all the volunteer boat skippers for doing a great job training new sailors and contributing to the racing group revenue over the last few years with this program.

There are plenty of ideas and many decisions still to come as the Vernon Yacht Club racing group looks ahead to another great year on less stormy waters. See you out there.

VYC Sail Racing Group

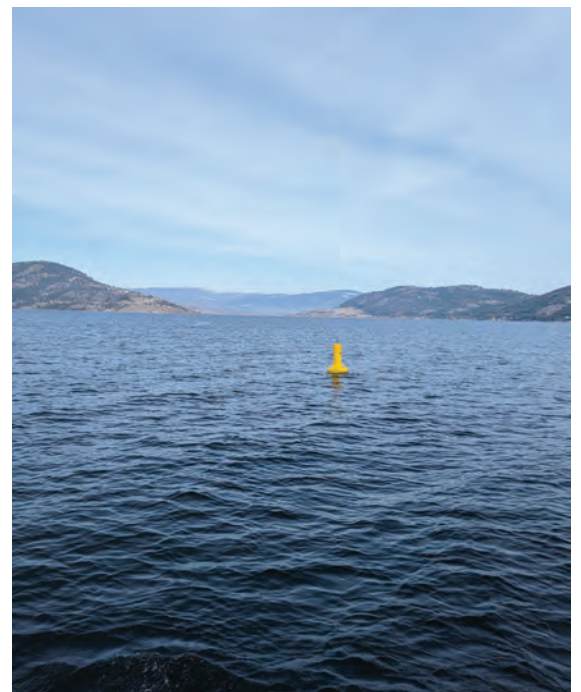


Photo by Bob A

Christmas 2025



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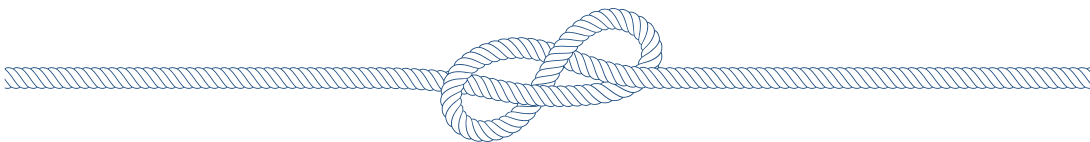
Silent Night at VYC



Kalamalka Highlanders Pipe Band with Member Maureen S Raising Funds for Christmas Charity - Grace Photo



Christmas Brunch with Santa and Mrs Klaus



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LADIES NIGHT NEWS

JANUARY 2026

Ladies Night on January 22 was a Chocolate and Liqueur tasting night – and what a sweet treat! Barrita Durward from *Cotton's Chocolates* hosted the night. This is her fifth year and this year she upped her entire presentation! She has been developing many more chocolate experiences with infused chocolate and local wines and liqueur. At Ladies Night she said she would bring 4

samples and she brought 7 ... which she then paired with a little taster sip of the actual wine / liqueur. A sip of the drink first brought out flavours in the chocolate. And a taste of chocolate first brought out flavours in the drink not noticed before! What a blast for our taste buds!

And here's the really wonderful part of the evening. The cost of Barrita's chocolate experience was part of the ticket price and, in turn, Barrita chose to donate all those funds to her charity *Sweet Smiles Society* that raises funds for orphanages internationally but also supports people in need here locally. Last year she did the same and raised \$1,490. This year she raised \$2,941 and we actually had fewer ladies attend this year. Thank you to the amazingly generous Ladies of VYC and your friends – that is what I call a win:win:win!!!



Ladies Night Delights



Barrita Durward of Cotton's Chocolates Presenting

Get ready for the upcoming Ladies Nights:

- ♥ **Thursday Feb 19** – Kim M hosts a Trivia night – get your teams together.
- ♥ **Thursday March 19** – Lilly S and Marilyn M lead us through a hands on session making Vietnamese salad rolls and dips.
- ♥ **Thursday April 16** – Cory W has designed a “Roper Romp” – a super fun evening if you remember Mrs Roper from *Three's Company*!!! Get your big red wig and kaftan ready – that will make a great group shot!!

Sarah Kennedy



EDITORS NOTE:

Last Names in TT

It has been policy of the club to not include last names in *Tiller Topics* for fear scammers will take advantage of people online. However, *Tiller Topics* does include last names when a member has a boat for sale, when a member with a business advertises, and when the member, such as a story writer or a member being recognized, chooses to have their last name included when asked by the editor.



SY GRACE O'MALLEY PART 2

VERNON YACHT CLUB'S PIRATE SHIP

When you've never even sailed in a sailboat, the thought of extricating one from a slightly swampy patch of Oyama orchard with a crane and a trailer could seem daunting. Factor in the 20,000 lb plus displacement and daunting takes on a new meaning. Yup, I now owned her. Another chance encounter with a brand new boat moving company and we can jump ahead to crane day, Oyama orchard style. The newly renamed *Grace O'Malley* was loaded and on her way to *Paddlewheel Park* boat ramp.

Twilight snorkelling the night before, with a measuring tape and a shoreside accomplice, we had recorded a bottom profile which revealed that there "might" be enough water. We tried, there wasn't. About the time the truck driver was eyeballing the breathers on his axels and shooting me trucker stinkeye the launch slowed right down, OK it stopped. We were aground while still on the trailer. Hooking on two big ass outboards and standing them on their transoms barely did the trick. We gradually inched, and trenched, our way afloat.



Crane Day - Oyama Orchard Style



Paddlewheel Launch Party ... Almost There

WHAT'S IN A NAME? *Grace O' Malley* sails again, well sort of, just floated there mast-less, kind of forlorn looking actually. Her namesake though, *Gráinne Ní Mháille* and her pirate galleys, ruled a stretch of West Ireland coastline in the 16th century. Nothing forlorn about her sturdy craft. No one was safe from this brave bunch of Irish heathens. Lucky inheritances and "shrewd" family negotiations had put Grace in charge of land holdings with a castle, a harbor, a fleet of galleys, and a lot of hungry sailors. Sadly, an unlucky historical collision with an expand-

ing Tudor empire was the eventual undoing of the Irish fiefdoms. But by then *Grace O'Malleys* exploits, like sailing over to Greenwich Palace and negotiating the release of her kidnapped sons directly with Queen Elizabeth I, were legendary. So, while my pirating ambitions were slightly less ambitious, I figured naming my new sailboat after this Irish folk hero suited both me and the boat. Renamed, refloated, and beginning a renewal journey *Grace O'Malley* really does sail again ... in episode 3.



– To be continued in
the next *Tiller Topics*.
Stay tuned.



VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR 2025

VOLUNTEER VYC MEMBERS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

At the 2025 AGM, the Executive recognized not **one**, but **five** Volunteer Members of the Year!

The Decorating Committee is a dedicated team of four members whose year-round efforts bring colour, warmth, and pride to our club. Throughout the year, they thoughtfully plan, create, and install both seasonal and special-event decorations, transforming our spaces into welcoming and festive environments for all to enjoy.

Their work extends beyond the clubhouse. They have brightened the marina basin with handcrafted flags along each dock, ensuring that every corner of the club reflects our vibrant community spirit. The clubhouse decks are always alive with flowers and flags, while inside, the gangplank area has been refreshed with custom-made table covers, fabricated and fitted by members of this team.



*Volunteers of the Year
LtoR Susan & Rob Matthews, Annie and Gerald Gustafson*

Individually, each of these members could easily merit recognition, but collectively they are a powerful force who care deeply about the club and are always willing to give their time and talent to enhance and maintain our facilities. The Volunteer Members of the Year are **Susan & Rob Matthews**, and **Annie & Gerald Gustafson**. Congratulations!

To complete the list of Volunteer Members of the Year, the Executive also recognized **Sarah Kennedy**. Sarah has been the driving force behind *Ladies' Night* for the past five years.

Ladies' Night is an integral and popular part of *Vernon Yacht Club* life and is held monthly throughout the year outside of the boating season. Since 2020, Sarah has organized and facilitated these events with exceptional care, creativity, and dedication. She has managed every aspect of the evenings — from working closely with the kitchen manager who prepares a wide variety of creative, well-executed dinners, to arranging musicians, performers, presenters, and partnerships with local businesses to deliver engaging and unique experiences for attendees.

Sarah consistently creates a fun, welcoming, and lively atmosphere during *Ladies' Night*, and has recently developed a small team to support *Ladies' Night*, ensuring continuity of leadership, ongoing improvement, and the continued success of these evenings well into the future. Thank you Sarah, congratulations and all the best in 2026!



*Sarah Kennedy
Volunteer of the Year -
Ladies' Night*

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE BOAT SHOW

Hello members.

The boat show is only 10 weeks away! We are looking for a couple of volunteers to join the Boat Show committee and help out with this year's show.

There is a lot that happens prior to the actual boat show and many hands will make light work for everyone.

Please contact the office and let us know if you are able to help us out. Thank you.

Regards,

Commodore Fred



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SPOTTING PHISHING EMAILS AND SCAMMERS!



Hey there, maties! 

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Here are some tips to help you stay afloat and avoid getting caught in their net:





Risky Business


The Dangers of Phishing Emails


Low Risk	Opening a phishing email 	A hacker can... <ul style="list-style-type: none">... get your location... target you for future scams
Medium Risk	Responding to a phishing email 	A hacker can... <ul style="list-style-type: none">... see your email signature... get your location... target you for future scams
High Risk	Downloading an attachment  Submitting data  Clicking a phishing link 	A hacker can... <ul style="list-style-type: none">... install malware, ransomware, or a virus... gain remote access to your device... see your location and device statistics... access any data that you submit


Always be careful. Do not click links or download attachments from unexpected or suspicious emails

 **Watch Out for Fishy Emails:** If an email seems too good to be true or asks for sensitive information like your password or credit card details, it's probably a phishing attempt. Remember, no Nigerian prince is going to send you millions of dollars out of the blue!

 **Don't Take the Bait:** Phishing emails often create a sense of urgency or fear to make you act quickly. Before clicking on any links or attachments, pause and think twice. Hover over links to see where they really lead before diving in.



 **Secure Your Ship with 2FA:** Enable Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) on your accounts for an extra layer of security. It's like adding a secret code to your treasure chest to keep it safe from intruders.

 **Spot the Scammers:** Keep an eye out for suspicious signs like poor grammar, unfamiliar senders, or requests for personal information. If something smells fishy, it's probably a scam!

 **Arm Yourself Against Malware:** Check your accounts for any strange activity or files that you didn't upload. If you suspect foul play, don't walk the plank alone – contact the office for backup.

Remember, a smooth sea never made a skilled sailor, and by staying vigilant and informed, you can navigate the choppy waters of the internet like a true captain. So hoist the anchor, raise the sails, and let's sail together towards safer shores!

Fair winds and following seas,

Your Crew at the
Vernon Yacht Club  



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

VALENTINES DINNER & DANCE

- Fantastic Cocktails & Wine-*
- Great Food & Dessert-*
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**5PM COCKTAILS
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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	10:00am - 2:00pm

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:	10:00am - 6:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday thru Friday:	9:00pm - 2:00pm
Saturday:	8:00pm - 4:00pm

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

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- Mon APR 13, 2026** – Apr/May issue (*Boat Show edition*)
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- Mon SEP 7, 2026** – Sep/Oct issue (*Summer Event reports*)
- Mon NOV 16, 2026** – Nov/Dec issue (*AGM & Executive introduction edition*)
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