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Racing News

Thursday Night Race Results

Thursday night race results are available on the KYC website, www.kitsilanoyachtclub.com .When you are logged in, go to the Racing drop-down menu and click on Thursday Nights.

Lightning Fleet to VLSC

The Vancouver Lake Sailing Club (VLSC), <https://www.vlsc.org/>, 48th annual regatta will be held June 10 and 11 this year. The regatta is for all centerboard sailboat racers in the region and the KYC Lightning Fleet has actively participated in this regatta for several years.



View of Vancouver Lake dock



Vancouver Lake Sailing Club clubhouse and grounds

Vancouver Lake sailors are great supporters, and tough competitors, for our Kits Invitational Regatta.

VLSC pictures were taken from their website.

Lawrance Cup

The Lawrance Cup Race is on June 18th this year. This race is an anything goes race around the bell buoy. Add a spinnaker, add another sail, increase the size of your sails, you can even paddle if you want.

One Lawrance Cup, a number of years ago, a paddler whizzed past the sailors, completed the course well in advance of the sailboats and left a chilled beer out at the clubhouse for the then Commodore. By the time the Commodore arrived back at the clubhouse, the beer was well and truly warm and the paddler was long since home.

Know Your Club

Know your Club will now focus on the Club Directors and Honourary Officers starting with Membership and Volunteer Director, Su Bailey. Su is a very busy KYC Director and spends lots of time at the club; she swims, kayaks, has taken sailing lessons, is a very involved social member, and is a tireless volunteer – Su ticks all the boxes for KYC membership!

The Membership Director promotes the club to find members who will benefit from, and participate in, club activities. This involves networking to find prospective members, interviewing them, helping them through the membership process, especially those that need help to find a sponsor and finally welcoming them as new members. The Membership Director works closely with our Treasurer and Club Manager at renewal time.

As KYC is a member run club and all members of KYC are expected to volunteer at least ten (10) hours of their time per year maintaining the club and assisting at club events, Volunteer Director is also a very busy portfolio. The Volunteer Director has many responsibilities but two of the most important are, first understanding the job requirements of all the different volunteer activities, and second, to know the volunteers known, and hidden, talents.

Some volunteer activities require special training and certifications, for example Whaler drivers for the Kits Regatta, while other volunteer jobs require organization and supervisory skills, carpentry, construction skills, strength, (the just installed concrete pad for the new SUP rack required 26 bags of cement!), and some jobs just need to be done – such as the ever popular “clean-up” after events.

Once the tasks and requirements have been identified, the Volunteer Director, together with the Club Manager, work to fill the positions. Volunteer positions are made available online through Club Express where members can sign up and their hours are recorded. The Volunteer Director actively works to ensure all positions are filled (the 2016 Kits Invitational Regatta needed 77 volunteers for over 100 volunteer positions), by working through their Rolodex to find the right volunteer for the right position or to help a member find and use new skills.



Club News

Now that Thursday night sail racing and dinners have started, the club is a very busy place and we have lots of news to report.

KYC Assistant Manager

Nolan Buchanan has agreed to return to KYC, for the summer season, as our Assistant Manager and we are very pleased to welcome him back! Nolan's first day was May 18th and he jumped right into a busy Thursday evening at the club. Between being greeted by members who met Nolan last season and being introduced to new members, Nolan had a very busy evening, working with Colm and helping Rosemary.

Co-op

John Lavery has been doing a considerable amount of work on the co-op boats and he has invested in new hardware and accessories. Ted Sharplin, Zenon Samilia and John Nosotti have been working with John Lavery.

Volunteering

Many, many volunteers have been hard at work at the club. Here are a few we caught in action...

Change Room benches

Pacific Reach volunteers took on refinishing the benches in the changing rooms and they did an amazing job! It took 80 hours of work to remove the benches, refinish them to bring back the natural quality of the cedar and re-install them.



A lonely pair of boots, in the ladies change room, waiting for the return of the benches



The beautiful cedar has been restored



Paddlers Philip Chan and Rob Borsoff hard at work on the change room benches

Thanks to our Gardeners

Nicole and Kimberly replanted the garden areas of the club and have done a great job!

Window washing



Jim hard at work making the windows sparkle

Sea Cadets

John Nosotti has provided the following update

I will be starting a Radio Operator's Course May 1st at HMCS Discovery for Capt. Vancouver Sea Cadets. The only opportunity the cadets get to do the radio operator's course with the military is at summer camp in Quadra. Only about 40 % of the cadets get an opportunity to attend summer camp so the other 60% do not get the option to get their ROC -M. I am a designated Examiner with CPS so I will be giving cadets who want the certificate and do not attend summer camp the chance to get it by taking a course with me on Monday nights.

April 30th will be the first day of sail introduction for Capt. Rankin Navy League Cadets. These are the kids 9 to 12 years old. They will be sailing out of HMCS Discovery and this training is intended to give them a basic introduction to sailing. The kids that really take to this can then consider if they want to take the Cansail one course. I am hoping that we will have a couple who will want to move onto taking the Cansail one training and once they have completed their Cansail one qualifications I will try to get them involved in Thursday night sailing at KYC.

We will take a look at the 420's that came from RVYC to get organized for working on repairs. It will be our intention to get these boats in condition that they can race. It may take us time but we have our Sea Cadets who use this style boat as their main competition sail boat. I know last year our cadets used the other boats at the Yacht Club and I am guessing that they will continue to do this until we get the 420's in shape. Our main objective will be to get them out in two man teams working on the 420's getting experience in racing. (Our success on boat repairs has not been that great. I have never seen so much rain. Pretty hard to get fiber glass resin to set when it is always raining.)

We are very excited about the program this year. Our cadets will have keel boats (Cal 20's and Cat 22), motor boats and sailing dinghies to hone their maritime skills and we hope this will give us more results like we have had this spring with getting one of our cadets going to Kingston with the national competition team this summer.

So, we are looking for great things for our cadets, both Capt. Vancouver Sea Cadets (12 to 18) and Capt. Rankin Navy League Cadets (9 to 12).

Capt. Vancouver Sea Cadets had one team in the spring dinghies regatta in Victoria over the May 6-7 weekend. The team placed third. This is the highest placing for us in this regatta.



Sea Cadet sailors at Spring Dinghies in Victoria



Joey Sekulovich (skipper) and Marco Tom (crew) placed 3rd in the 420 class at Spring Dinghies at Royal Victoria Yacht Club last weekend

Our Navy League Cadets (Capt. Rankin) toured the square rig sailing ship from Columbia in the afternoon as well after attending the Battle of the Atlantic parade. A busy weekend for our cadets.

Our cadets (both Capt. Van and Capt. Rankin) were on parade in North Vancouver to commemorate the Battle of the Atlantic. This commemoration takes place every year on the first Sunday of May.

Every year, on the first Sunday of May, the Navy commemorates the Battle of the Atlantic. Canada played a significant role in getting supplies to England during the war. Not only did we provide escort ships to guard the convoys but we also built a significant number of Liberty Ships.

Ship yards in Vancouver, Victoria and Prince Rupert built Liberty ships and these were all named after Parks in Canada.

There is a book titled "A Great Fleet of Ships" that details the life and death of each ship that was built in Canada for this war effort.

The Battle of the Atlantic, from 1939 to 1945, was the longest continuous battle of the Second World War. Canada played a key role in the Allied struggle for control of the North Atlantic.

John Nosotti asked to share the following invitation with KYC members

*47 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps
Captain Vancouver
formally request your presence to attend the
99th Annual Ceremonial Review*



Sunday, 4 June 2017

Guests are asked to arrive by 1245 for 1315hrs start.

Dress will be Business Attire for Civilians and Officers; Number 1A

All Guest attending are asked to RSVP to Lt(N) Chidlow at Jaclyn.chidlow@cadets.gc.ca by 1 June 2017

Please note we are required to have list of attendees at the main gate, you must RSVP to attend

Vice Commodore, Mark Kelly, will be attending the Ceremonial Review.

Thursday nights

We are four, almost five, Thursdays into the 2017 summer season, and our attendance is up and, from the conversation levels and good comments, everyone is having a fine time. Registering for dinner is easy, (and mobile friendly), and can be done from the club calendar, the invitation email, or the Book Dinner Now! button on the opening page of the website. Chef Ed, Nelson, and the Nelly's Catering crew are providing interesting menus, delicious meals, and are doing a great job remembering names.

There are some changes to Thursday nights this year. After many years of staying the same, the cost of dinner has gone up this season. Dinner on Thursdays is now \$17.50 per person; we are eating well and receiving great value for this price.

Also, we are doing some different activities throughout the month. The first Thursday of the month is Comfort Food and Craft Beer night, the third Thursday of the month is Welcome New Members night, and the last Thursday of each month will be a theme dinner.

April 27 was the start of Thursday nights for 2017 and it was a cool evening that looked grey and threatening but the sun did come out and it turned into a pleasant evening. The rain held off until everyone was in the clubhouse. April 27th was also the last Thursday in April and the theme of the evening was "Welcome Spring". It was quite cool but members did show up in spring colours, with extra layers for warmth, and we welcomed spring with decorations, tulips, and a Welcome Spring toast from the Staff Captain.



Spring tulips were waiting at the door to welcome members



Spring decorations for the bar



Christine setting up the Welcome Spring toast



Mark and Sheridan helping with the Welcome Spring toast



Members at the Welcome Spring dinner on April 27

May 4, was a suspenseful day; the sky was dark. Would there be thunderstorms? Would there be torrential rains? Hail stones the size of golf balls? Fortunately, none of these happened but, sadly, neither did any wind arrive. The flags on the flagpoles were not moving and, as the paddlers headed off to practice, sail racing was canceled for the evening. The clubhouse filled up with happy sounds, sailors visiting with each other instead of competing, the wonderful aroma of Chef Ed's delicious dinner, and the bar was humming along. By the time dinner was ready to be served, the paddlers were back on shore and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

May 4 was also our first Comfort Food and Craft Beer night and it was a big success! Ed planned a Mediterranean menu, Greek and Italian dishes, and dinner was great. We had three different craft beers from R & B Brewing and they sold out quickly!



We were optimistic and set up outside....



....but we had to give in and come inside

May 11 was a blustery and cool early spring night and that's all I remember.



Our beautiful clematis is on display as lifetime member, Dick, arrives for dinner on May 11

May 18 was a beautiful, sunny, evening with light winds. This was the first evening the deck was in use! This was also our first Welcome New Members night and we were very pleased to welcome Nigel Ashman. Nigel and his wife, Vicki, were met and “officially” welcomed to the club by our first official Mew Member Greeter, Barbara Dill.

May 25, the last Thursday of May, will be our Mexican Fiesta evening. Chef Ed has a wonderful Mexican dinner planned for us, the bar will have Mexican beer available, there will be decorations, and a Latin themed playlist.

New Members

KYC is happy to welcome the following new members:

Nigel Ashman
Colette Colman
Marcus Peck
Colin Rose
Floris Sjer
Julia Squier
Mercedes Wong

We hope to see you on the water and at the clubhouse.

Sail Past

The story of Sail Past 2017, told in pictures...



Sail Past was cool but sunny



Kathy's beautiful home grown tulips greeted members as they entered the club house



Setting up for afternoon tea



Setting up the numerous poster displays. This table held the "summer ducks" quiz, the signal flag puzzle, and hard copies of The Hailer newsletter.



Waiting for sailors and guests to arrive



Kitchen helpers hard at work preparing for afternoon tea



Peter and Fred ready to go sailing



Saluting the Commodore



The Staff Captain, Rear Commodore and Membership and Volunteer Director enjoying the sunshine

Sail Past was a beautiful, fun day. Thanks to everyone who turned out to start the season, salute the Commodore, share treats, take tea (or other beverages) and just enjoy the day. Commodore Brian Trainer welcomed everyone after coming in from the water with a few words and then we all just enjoyed ourselves. Special thanks to all the Volunteers who make our social events run so smoothly - Kathy, Laura, Julia, Deb and Ross.

The answer to the signal flags puzzle, - KITS 2017.

The “summer ducks” contest had multiple winners, Brendan, Christine, Cynthia and Su (and, I suspect, Midshipman Google). What would a sailor do if asked to get out their summer ducks? They would get out their summer uniform. Duck or duck cloth is a very strong canvas fabric and refers to a linen canvas once used for sailors’ white trousers and outerwear. From Wikipedia, “a sailor suit is a uniform traditionally worn by enlisted seamen in the navy, and other ... White duck jacket, trousers and vest made up the summer uniform”.

Kits Chronicles

This month we are lucky to have two chronicles

CPR Pier by Brian Trainor

I was talking to Evan about the CPR pier that used to be at the foot of Balsam Street, and then the private boatyard pier that was built after it was removed, and then the KYC pier that was built after 1937.

I was exploring the city archives website a while ago, and found some cool photos:

Here are the links:

Look at this 1918 map, click to zoom it and look at where KYC now sits, and the CPR pier shows up:

<http://searcharchives.vancouver.ca/plan-of-city-of-vancouver-2>

And this photo of the boardwalk:

<http://searcharchives.vancouver.ca/kitsilano-beach-from-boardwalk>

In this photo, probably the best one of the CPR pier that I could find, you can really see the bay that was later taken up by the outdoor pool... the “fill” is to fill in the swamp that is now Kits Beach:

<http://searcharchives.vancouver.ca/kitsilano-fill-after>

By 1932, it’s gone and the much smaller boatyard pier is in place:

<http://searcharchives.vancouver.ca/aerial-view-of-vancouver-b-c-looking-north>

This must be late a 1930s shot, because it shows both the clubhouse (>1937) and the commercial boatyard pier. I saved the JPG address, but not the file locator page. It really shows how Balsam St. used to go out

straight North and out on to the CPR pier, where there is now a 90* curve West at Point Grey Road. The remains of the CPR pier pilings are visible below the water in the photo, and I'm pretty sure that white building is the first KYC clubhouse:

<http://searcharchives.vancouver.ca/uploads/r/null/7/8/789487/aab15264-7e1c-4aaa-971e-c4d581b93623-A23415.jpg>

The Women's Auxiliary by Barbara Dill

As I was reading Rosemary's request for assistance in this month's Hailer, I was reminded of the activities of a women's auxiliary. Since its inception, Kitsilano Yacht Club has had many exceptional women sailors. In 1938, for instance, Evelyn Ledder was awarded the Club Championship for the best sailing record for the entire season [Vancouver Sun September 12,1938].

Not all women members sail, and once the clubhouse was built, a dedicated group of women instituted a Women's Auxiliary. They devoted time and effort to supporting the activities of the Club. One of their first projects was raising funds for clubhouse furnishing. The table across from the office was purchased with funds they raised.

They organized teas and dances and these were written up in the newspapers of the day. The Vancouver Sun, Province and News Herald described a tea that followed interclub racing between KYC and R NYC on August 29, 1938. The stories listed the committee members, sailors and spectators who attended.

A fund-raising event I found especially interesting was a Hobby Show held on October 29,1938. This was advertised in The Buzzer as "a display of hobbies and handicrafts, Kitsilano Yacht Club, foot of Balsam Street, Kitsilano car to terminus".

An article in the Vancouver Sun on October 13,1938 proclaimed "Local Yacht Club Promises Interesting Displays". The article went on to describe "one of the outstanding displays". This was to be put on by Mac McKinnon who built model yachts in his spare time. Including replicas of the old China Clippers, complete with all the blocks and rigging.

The show also included model locomotives, model planes ("one with a wing spread of about 5 feet, powered with a small but powerful gas engine"), a "valuable" collection of stamp covers, photographs, needlepoint, china painting woodwork and oil paintings of a Comet and Flattie owned by club members.

Admission was 10 cents and a door prize, a new six tube mantel radio was an inducement to attend.

Message from the Staff Captain

Since this is a 20 plus page newsletter, you might think I have run out of things to say but not quite.....

Mark your calendar

I encourage all members and their guests to join us on Thursday nights.

Thursday, June 1 is Comfort Food and Craft Beer night and our featured local brewery will be Strange Fellows Brewery on Clark Drive. You can cast a ballot for your favourite local craft brewery at the bar on Thursday nights. Our first Comfort Food and Craft Beer night was very successful – hope you can join us on June 4. You can still cast a vote for your favourite local brewery – ballots are at the bar.

June 15 will be our New Member welcome night. I am looking for a member or members who would like to be available to greet New Members that evening. All you have to do is greet them, introduce them to other members, chat with them and make sure they have company for dinner.

June 29 - we will end the month by celebrating Canada Day. Come decked out in Red and White and we will celebrate our 150th birthday. More details of this celebration will follow.

Even if there are no special activities planned for a specific Thursday night, we can enjoy sailing, paddling, sitting on the deck, Ed's delicious meals, and have a pleasant, relaxing evening.

Lending a hand

I thoroughly enjoyed Barbara's article on the Women's Auxiliary and, while the Women's Auxiliary is no longer part of the club, it is a timely topic. I am thoroughly enjoying the Staff Captain position but I could use some help from time to time.

Our Volunteer Director, Su, oversees the "big" volunteering tasks but, as Staff Captain, I am looking for a small group of members to routinely help me with small tasks and, on an ongoing basis, actively promote the social activities of the club to other members. If this sounds interesting to you, please email me at staffcaptainkyc@gmail.com.

Comments or Suggestions?

I welcome all your comments, ideas, and suggestions regarding social activities at KYC. Please email me at staffcaptainkyc@gmail.com

Contact Us

Do you have suggestions or comments you would like to share? Your feedback is welcomed whether we are doing something well or if there is something we could be doing better. Feedback is important as it helps us to make positive changes and, we need to hear from you. Our General Manager, Colm Webb, would like to receive your comments.

Colm can be reached at manager@kitsilanoyachtclub.com or 604-730-1646. Colm can also take your feedback confidentiality if you wish.

The Last, Silly Word

What Nautical Word Looks the Same Upside Down and Backwards?

The suspense will have to build until the June Hailer is published with the answer. If you want to guess, email staffcaptiankyc@gmail.com - the names of the member who guess correctly will appear as well.