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Racing News

Lawrance Cup – date changed to October 1st, 2017

The Lawrance Cup Race was moved from June 18th to October 1st this year. This race is an anything goes race around the bell buoy.

Vancouver Lake Sailing Club June Regatta – June 10 and 11, 2017

Two KYC boats travelled to Vancouver, Washington for this regatta. Chris Duncombe, finished in second place, the best finish ever for a KYC boat at the Vancouver Lake regatta. Chris, skipper of Too Tense, and sailed with his regular crew, Jane Henley from KYC, and Scott Barrar from VLSC.

The second KYC boat was Ozone, skipper Menno Bos and his regular KYC crew Tracy Lau and Ury Segal.

Report from Fleet Captain, Chris Duncombe

There were 33 boats in total including 9 Lightnings and two boats from KYC and 6 races (2 on Day 1, 4 on Day 2).

Lightning regatta dominated by Bob Bush and his team, so whatever new mast they gave him after his mishap coming up to Kits last year has made him very fast. We'll all have to come up with some speed improvements if we are going to challenge this team at Kits. He was certainly the quickest boat upwind and was getting terrific starts. We were a solid 2nd, coming 2nd in all races but one where we came 3rd. Menno had a solid regatta finishing 6th, and if not for missing race 2 could easily have ended up in 4th place. Also, his best result at VLSC I believe.

Saturday conditions: Rain & no wind to start the day. Race 1 started in a light to moderate southerly breeze (unusual) when a sudden storm passed through with the wind swinging round to the west & picking up to a steady 10-12 knots, gusting at 15 knots (my guess). Race 2 underway in similar conditions with the majority of the Lightning fleet back at the dock, possibly concerned about a worsening storm with possible electrical activity. Wind lightened at the start of Race 3 and continued to get lighter & starting to swing back to the north, until race abandoned when we were $\frac{3}{4}$ up the first leg. Sunday conditions were more stable with a steady 8-10 knots north westerly (more typical VLSC wind direction) allowing us to sail 4 good races.



VLSC Clubhouse

Results are final as of 15:40 on June 11, 2017

Lightning Fleet

Sailed: 6, Discards: 1, To count: 5, Ratings: USPN, Entries: 9, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Fleet	Class	Sail #	Skipper	USPN	R1 06-10	R2 06-10	R3 06-11	R4 06-11	R5 06-11	R6 06-11	Total	Pts
1st	Lightning	Lightning	14654	Robert Bush		(1.0)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	5.0
2nd	Lightning	Lightning	13788	Chris Duncombe		2.0	2.0	(3.0)	2.0	2.0	2.0	13.0	10.0
3rd	Lightning	Lightning	14288	Philip Parshley		5.0	4.0	2.0	4.0	4.0	(7.0)	26.0	19.0
4th	Lightning	Lightning	14040	Roger Hicks		4.0	(10.0 DNC)	5.0	7.0	3.0	3.0	32.0	22.0
5th	Lightning	Lightning	14308	David McCallum		7.0	(10.0 DNC)	4.0	3.0	5.0	5.0	34.0	24.0
6th	Lightning	Lightning	14453	Menno Bos		3.0	(10.0 DNC)	6.0	5.0	7.0	4.0	35.0	25.0
7th	Lightning	Lightning	13896	John DeBenedetti		(8.0)	3.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	6.0	41.0	33.0
8th	Lightning	Lightning	13942	Erik Troelsen		6.0	(10.0 DNC)	7.0	6.0	6.0	8.0	43.0	33.0
9th	Lightning	Lightning	12879	Micah Berry		9.0 DNF	(10.0 DNC)	9.0	9.0 DNF	9.0	9.0	55.0	45.0



Skipper Chris, in the middle, with Jane and Scott. They finished second overall at the VLSC regatta.

Results for other fleets, Thistle, Laser, and Portsmouth can be seen on the Vancovuer Lake Sailing Club website, <https://www.vlsc.org/> ,

The Hailer had a reporter on location at VLSC and you can see more regatta pictures under From the Staff Captain section.



The VLSC yard

Pacific Reach News

After doing 5km -8km short races from January to April, the Pacific Reach paddlers kicked off their distance season on Skaha Lake, Penticton against teams from Kelowna, Harrison Lake, Kamloops, Vancouver, Penticton, Nanaimo and Calgary. Our Mixed Team (3 women, 3 men) set the fastest race time in the 15km long course. The Men's Team were 3rd overall in their division. Wine tasting was the treat after race day.

As the season progresses the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association race distances increase from 15km to 25km. Pacific Reach just returned from a fun weekend in Kelowna placing 1st in the 18km course. More races are ahead at Barnet Marine Park, Bowen Island, Harrison Lake, Victoria, plus, travelling to Hawaii in August to compete in the epic 29km Iron race from Kailua-KONA to Honaunau Bay. This is World's largest long-distance outrigger canoe race that was actually started in 1972 with over 200 Teams from around the World attending ... followed by a huge awards Luau dinner and a chance to meet competitors from all the countries. Aloha & Happy Paddling!



Kona Race



Kits Invitational Regatta – July 8 and 9, 2017

The Kits Invitational Regatta is one of two large sailing regattas held at KYC each year (The Bluenose regatta is held in the fall). We are expecting six fleets to participate in the Kits Invitational this year, M242, Lightning, 505, Cal20, Star, and F18. Our friends from Vancouver Lake Sailing Club will be here and we hope to welcome boats from other parts of Washington as well.

The Kits Invitational is extra special for two fleets; it is designated a Canadian Championship for the Cal20 fleet and for the Lightning fleet, it is designated as the PNW District Championships.

The KYC homepage, (kitsilanoyachtclub.com) has the Notice of Race, (NOR), and registration is now available. An early Registration Discount is available until midnight June 30, 2017.

When you are logged into the KYC website, click on the Information drop-down menu and then select Photos to see lots of great Kits Invitational Regatta pictures. The picture below is from the 2016 regatta.



Know your Club

Know your Club is now focusing on the Club Directors and Honourary Officers and this month the Honourary Hydrographer position is in the spotlight. Kerry Brann is the KYC Honourary Hydrographer and he has provided the following informative, and very interesting, explanation.

What is an Honourary Hydrographer anyway?

For the purposes of our club, this position is strictly honorary and in no way implies there is any formal scientific education involved, it's merely a fun title for the racing equipment guy.



It's interesting to note that World Hydrography Day is celebrated in June.

WHD is celebrated each year on June 21st.

On 29th November 2005, the United Nations adopted Resolution A/60/30, that includes the statement, Welcomes the adoption by the International Hydrographic Organization of the World Hydrography Day, to be celebrated annually on 21 June, with the aim of giving suitable publicity to its work at all level and of increasing the coverage of hydrographic information on a global basis, and urges all States to work with that organization to promote safe navigation, especially in the areas of international navigation, ports and where there are vulnerable or protected marine areas.

The Importance of Hydrography

In addition to supporting safe and efficient navigation of ships, hydrography underpins almost every other activity associated with the sea, including: resource exploitation - fishing, minerals, and the following:

Environmental protection and management

Maritime boundary delimitation

National marine spatial data infrastructures

Recreational boating (This is where the racing equipment guy limits his scope)

Maritime defence and security

Tsunami flood and inundation modelling

Coastal zone management

Tourism

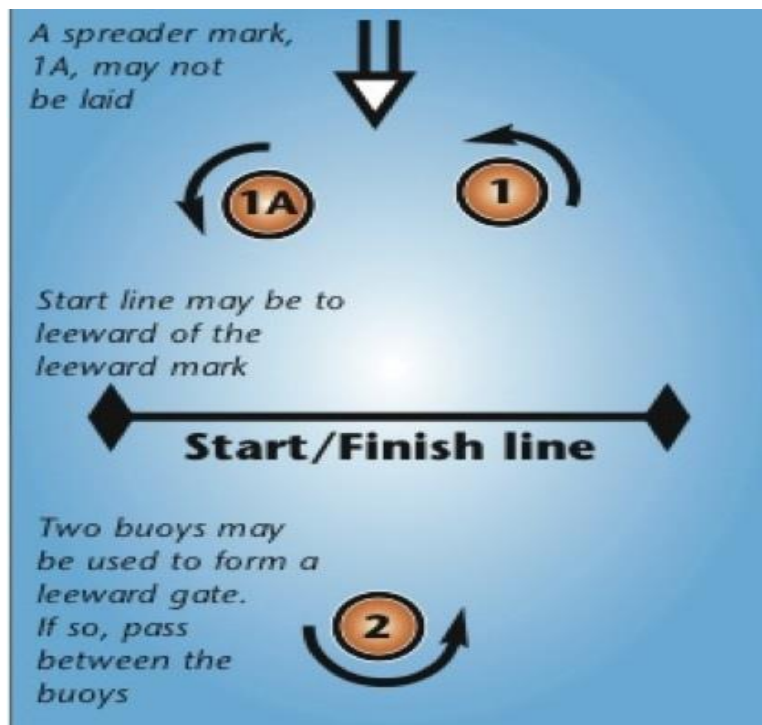
Our club has many integral parts to manage in order to keep the fun happening. The role of the Honorary Hydrographer is just a small part of it. The HH, or racing equipment guy, ensures we have enough equipment and that it's in good working condition for the many events that we host.

There are various types of equipment that are used in conjunction with Sailing Instructions (SI), and the racing rules of sailing. The SI generally have a course layout where the on the water racing equipment is utilized. This equipment is meant to float and is essentially the floating

traffic signals that are meant to be crossed or rounded in order to start, navigate and finish the race course according to the race map in the SI. These pieces of equipment (floating colored marks and pins with flags) are tethered to anchors that hold them to the ocean floor with enough scope to the line so as not to drag.

There is also the racing equipment on the Race Committee boat that is used for communicating with the yachts involved in the racing. This equipment consists of flags of all sorts for designating who is racing and what race diagram they will use in the SI and how many times they will race the circuit. There are flags to communicate penalties for being on the course side before the start and or within 1 minute of the start. There are flags for changes to the course and a dreaded flag for when the wind dies and no one can finish. One for postponing while waiting for wind or changing the setup of on the water race equipment. Aside from all the visual aids there is sound signaling equipment in the form of air horns, electric horns and whistles. There is communication equipment for the Race Committee boat, chase and safety boats to stay in touch with the Principal Race Officer, (PRO), pens and paper for recording scores, timers, Windometers, etc.

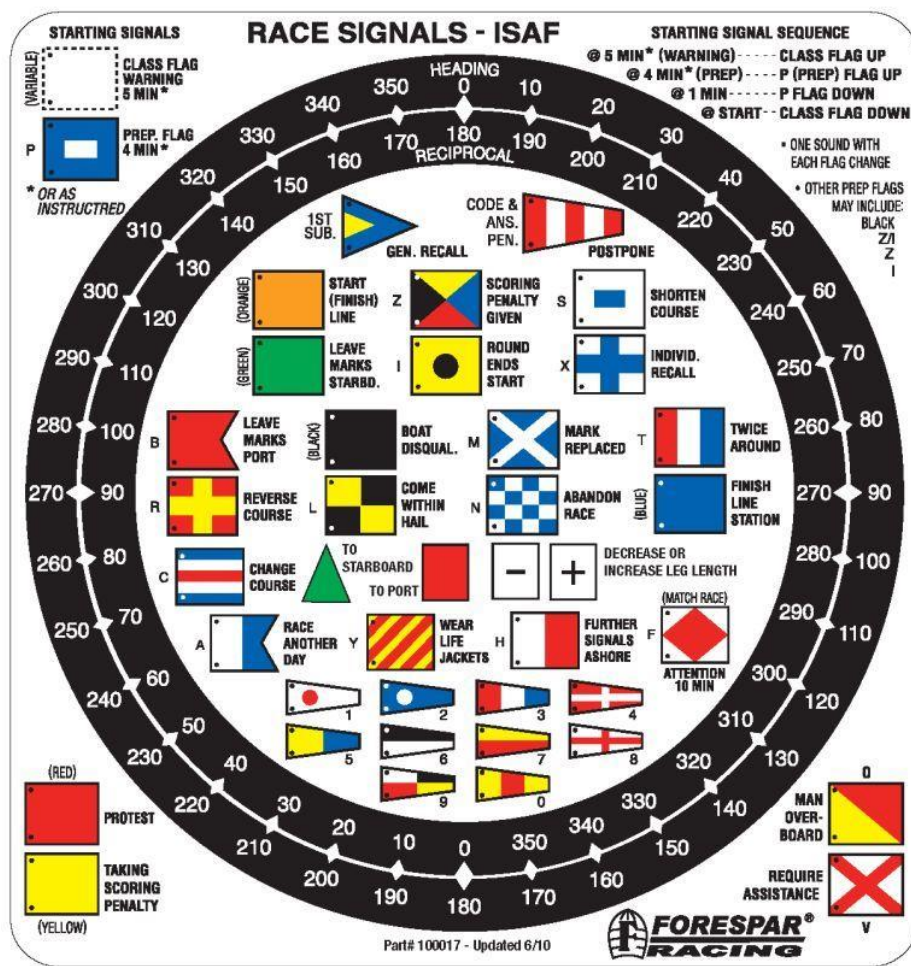
A typical layout for a race course although many different configurations can be made.



Here is another invaluable piece of the Racing Equipment:



Here are some of the most common flags we use in our racing. My least favorite the N over A



The Honorary Hydrographer, aside from the equipment oversight, also attends monthly executive board meetings with all of the other directors that donate so much of their time and energy to keep the club an affordable, fun, welcoming club that we call all enjoy. We appreciate all the many volunteers that make this club something special to belong to. We really have a unique group of members that have a true connection to this club and its activities that promote a path to the water.

Three cheers to Kitsilano Yacht Club and see you on the water.

Kerry Brann
HH KYC

Club News

Sea Cadets

Most Improved Junior Sailor - Last year Diana won the most improved junior sailor at the club. Mark Kelly, Vice Commodore represented KYC at the Annual Ceremonial Review of the cadets on June 4th at HMSC Discovery. Mark made the presentation to Diana.

The May long weekend was the Keel Boat Exercise for Capt. Vancouver Sea Cadet. The barbeque at KYC was put to good use cooking up the hot dogs to serve lunch to the cadets on Saturday and Sunday. The Greater Vancouver Branch of the Navy League will be out with volunteers to prepare the meals for the cadets.



Here is part of the crew in for lunch on Saturday.

There were three keel boats out plus the Boson Whaler, a RHIB, the Zodiac and the Pacific Breeze cabin cruiser.



Safety boats getting ready to ferry cadets back to the keel boats



Heading back to the boats after lunch



Getting lunch ready to go, volunteers Jan and Helen



Sea Cadet volunteers, Helen and John

Helen and John dropped into the club on June 8th and made a presentation to Brian, of a Certificate of Appreciation, from the Navy League of Canada, to recognize Kitsilano Yacht Club's support for their Salty Breeze exercise, the exercise held on the May long weekend.

Jane Henley was in Hong Kong Dragon Boat racing in June and Jane and her team were 2nd in the international women's 18 boat.

Jane provided this update for The Hailer, "After talking with other team mates we think there were around 25 teams in total, including teams from Canada, Australia, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Taiwan, Singapore, USA, Japan, and Indonesia.

The top 9 or 10 international woman's teams went against the top Chinese women's team. So the pool was 18 teams in total and we came in 9th. Extremely excited re that result. The races took place over 3 days in hot humid conditions."



Obituary - Joan Dexter - March 24, 1931 to May 08, 2017

Joan and her husband Dick were Club Stewards from 1975 until 1978. Prior to, and following their stint as stewards, the Dexters were active members of the (at that time extremely popular and active) Enterprise Fleet.

The 1973 Enterprise World Championship was held in English Bay. Seventy boats competed and Dick and Joan finished second.

Joan was also an active participant in other sports. In curling, she was skip of the rink that won the B.C. Ladies Championship and went on to place fourth at the Nationals in 1980. In their retirement years, Dick and Joan moved to Sechelt and she took up golfing and joined sailing, curling and lawn bowling clubs.

As Club Steward, Joan was famous for her sandwiches, soups and sweets. These were available before and after races and served from a window in the kitchen of the Steward's quarters.

Current Club members who were young sailors at the time, have very fond memories of Joan. They recall how she mothered and mentored them beating them at Ping Pong and cutting their hair when she thought it needed it.

Kits Chronicles by Barbara Dill

1986 Kitsilano Invitational

Yacht clubs traditionally host invitational regattas. Members of other yacht clubs and sailing clubs are invited to compete. Kitsilano Yacht Club's Invitational Regatta has historically taken place early in July.

The regatta in 1986 was described by the Fleet Captain, John Pearson, in the following manner: "This year's Kits Invitational may well be remembered in some people's minds as the Kits Invitational Obstacle Race."

Along with the ninety-nine regatta participants, English Bay on Saturday hosted a sail past that included several tall ships, naval vessels and a fireboat from Tacoma Washington. The resulting flotilla made for a challenging approach to the start line. As John described it, "Your Fleet Captain, in particular, found himself in the left corner trying to sail through the wash from the Tacoma fireboat."

There was no relief on Sunday as the Bay filled with competitors in the Bathtub Race. John compared sailing in the cross chop that weekend as "trying to sail through a mogul field".

John knew about moguls as he and his wife Janet were avid skiers as well as successful Enterprise sailors. The Pearsons, with Janet serving as helmsman, won the Canadian Enterprise Championship that year, scoring 3 first places and 2 second place finishes in the 6-race regatta.



From the Staff Captain

Welcome new Members

Membership Director, Su, has been hard at work and KYC is happy to welcome the following new members

Isabella Braun

Jam Caleda

Anne Fouron

Chris Madin

Judy McFarlane

Darren Murray

Lindsey Richardson

Karan Samra

We look forward to seeing you at the club and hope you will be able to attend the July Welcome New Members night on July 20th (you will receive an invitation by email).

Thursday nights

Thank you, KYC members, for making Thursday nights so successful! Sailors and paddlers are on the water for 6p.m., members start to arrive around 6:30p.m., and then Ed, Nelson and the Nelly's crew arrive around 7p.m.. The bar gets customers, wonderful aromas drift out from the kitchen, the deck and club house have a nice "buzz" of people enjoying themselves, the paddlers and sailors come back to shore, we have a great dinner and a fun evening. If you have not yet had a chance to come to the club on a Thursday night, I hope you can come and join us soon.

I don't have pictures of every Thursday night, but I do have quite a few to share, along with a few highlights of the evenings.

May 25 – Mexican Fiesta night

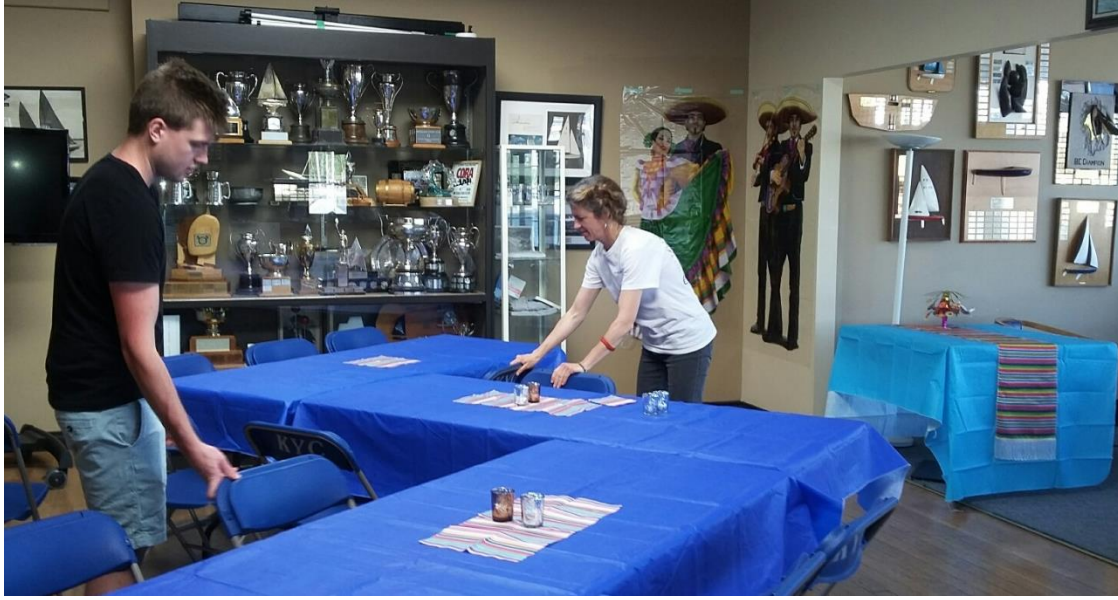
Where to start – this was such a great evening! The weather cooperated – bright and sunny, with wind and some warmth; Mike and Chef Ed brought mariachi music and the tacos, the lasagna, the seven-layer dip, the crème caramel – it was all so good! I wanted to munch my way through the entire, large, bowl of tater tots.

We had Corona beer with lime and Dos Equis beer (it took me all evening to learn how to pronounce Dos Equis correctly – I had excellent coaches). We had decorations, including a very cheap and cheerful photo booth. Hope you enjoy the pictures!

Setting up for the evening...



Decorations and more decorations



The skilled and talented set-up crew, Nolan and Kristin



Kristin's Ollie helped and made the set-up more fun



Perfect weather for sailing and the deck



Ury putting Ozone away for the night

Can you recognize the table pattern below? Fred guessed immediately. Come and see me at the bar on a Thursday evening if you don't recognize the pattern and would like to know.

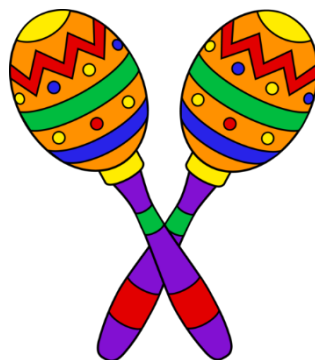


You can see the one half of the Photo Booth in the corner. And speaking of the photo booth – lots of pictures were taken and many thanks to Special Photographic Assistant, Brendan, for capturing so many KYC members enjoying the Fiesta!





Dick was first to step into the Photo Booth and helped identify and fix the little glare issue.





Barbara, a member of The Hailer team, arrives for the evening



Leanne and Judy



Andy and Rosemary



Brian, Christine, and Brendan



Cynthia and Charles



Mike and Collette



Colm and Aisling



John with the tricky to pronounce beer



Achilles and Kathy



Mike



Nancy and Ran



Su and Aisling



Tracy



Menno and Rosemary



Doug and Sarah



Evan

We tried to encourage everyone to come and have their picture taken, if we missed you, we will have other opportunities for photos over the summer.

Our Mexican Fiesta was a terrific evening – thanks to everyone who helped make it happen, to everyone who came and enjoyed themselves, to all the people who helped clean-up at the end of the evening and to the entire Nelly's Catering crew!

Don't miss our next theme night - Happy Birthday, Canada! – Thursday, June 29th.



June 1

Comfort food and local craft beer night!

And it was a great night for comfort food – cool and grey. Some of our heartier members braved the deck until the rain started but most people were happy to be inside enjoying the comradery and the wonderful aromas coming from the kitchen. Our paddlers were absent, getting ready to leave on a road trip and the sailors were happy to come inside.

Our craft brewery for the evening was Strange Follows and we were serving Talisman, West Coast Pale Ale; Guardian, White IPA; Bayard, Farmhouse Saison; Czarcasm, Russian Imperial India Session Ale; and one more that I can't remember. The beers sold briskly and everyone seemed to enjoy them. Thanks to Doug for going to the brewery to pick up the growlers and stopping to pick up ice.

And then there was the comfort food....I heard many compliments on the meatloaf but, I admit, I was too busy elbowing people out of the way to get to the front of the line for my mac and goat cheese. It was wonderful!

June 8

Iffy weather earlier in the day but it turned into an excellent sailing night before clouding over again. A nice crowd at the club and another excellent dinner from Chef Ed and the Nelly's crew.

Menno and Chris packed up their boats, after sailing and after dinner, to be ready to travel to Vancouver, Washington on Friday morning. They worked until well after dark to get ready.



Chris packing up Too Tense



Tracy and Menno getting Ozone ready to travel

June 15

Welcome New Members Night!

I hear June 15 was a blast! 50+ people for dinner, Achilles doing a great job behind the bar, Kit greeting our new members, and the Nelly's crew creating another great meal.

Menno and I were in Cle Elum, Washington, on the 15th but, around 7:30p.m., we faced Vancouver and raised a toast to everyone at the club.



Menno and Ozone in Cle Elum, Washington

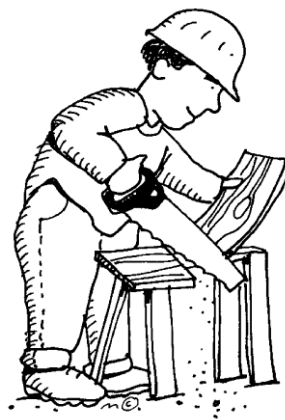
June 22

Sorry about the little time travel slip on the email invitation for dinner for the 22nd!

We have waited for summer weather and it arrived on June 22 – a beautiful, warm and sunny day with lots of wind! The deck filled up quickly with members appreciating the weather. It was another busy night at the club with 50 plus members attending. Nolan and Kit set-up the clubhouse and deck and new member Lindsey worked behind the bar to learn the ropes. The yard was busy with sailors and paddlers and lots of work being done.



Alex hard at work





Co-op Fleet Captain, John, getting a Laser ready to go



John and Sea Cadet Marco prepping the boat



...and he's off!



Doug coming in and Brian going out



A view from the yard



On our way home at the end of a good evening

Looking forward to the next Thursday nights...

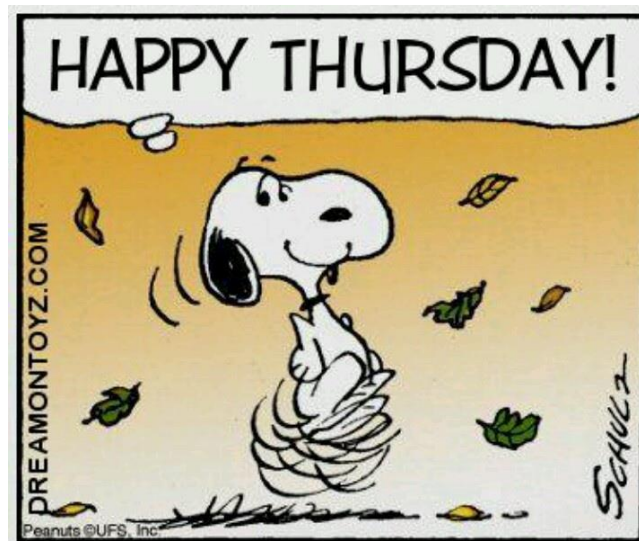
For a sneak preview of the menu for the following Thursday, check out the poster on the side of the fridge at the back door of the bar. Every Thursday I post the menu for the following Thursday.

June 29 –

Oh Canada! We will be partying to celebrate our 150th birthday – okay, a few days early but it is a big birthday and can stand some extra days of celebration. Red and white will be the colours of the day and, who knows, there might just be few skill testing questions to liven up the evening.

July 6

The day before the Kits Invitational Regatta weekend! This has traditionally been a busy Thursday night at Kits and it will be comfort food and craft beer night. Red Truck Brewery, <https://www.redtruckbeer.com/>, will be our craft beer for the evening – the growlers will be chilled and ready to be poured.



Summer is Regatta time

Vancouver Lake Sailing Club Regatta, June 10 and 11

This year I attended the regatta as a guest but also as your Hailer reporter on location.



Your intrepid Hailer reporter on assignment

We have been going to the VLSC Regatta for several years and we always look forward to the event and to seeing the friends we have made. Menno, Tracy and I drove down, towing Ozone, on the Friday and arrived around 3p.m. Ury was about an hour behind us and Chris and Jane, towing Too Tense, were still a couple of hours away.

Vancouver Lake Sailing Club is in Vancouver, Washington, straight down I5 for about 6 or 7 hours (depending on traffic and road work). Vancouver Washington is as far south as you can go in Washington; it is on the Columbia River and from Vancouver you look across and see Portland, Oregon.



We arrived Friday afternoon, the sign welcoming us to VLSC



The yard waiting to welcome the KYC boats - the weather, not so welcoming

As we all know, the weather up and down the West Coast was not great and, on the drive down, we went through grey and cloudy, brief sunny breaks, and torrential downpours.

No matter what the weather had waiting for us, the welcome from VLSC could not have been any better! The club is in a beautiful location, next to a golf course and just a few minutes from downtown Vancouver. When you come up the drive, you look ahead to the dock and the lake. Sterling, a Lightning sailor and frequent Kits Invitational racer, was at the clubhouse to greet us when we arrived.

Menno and Tracy were going to wait for Ury to arrive before putting the mast up and getting the boat ready but Sterling took a look at the sky and suggested getting started sooner rather than later. Sterling and her husband, Bob, VLSC Commodore, pitched right in and helped get Ozone race ready. When they were part way done the heavens opened and it was time to head to the clubhouse.

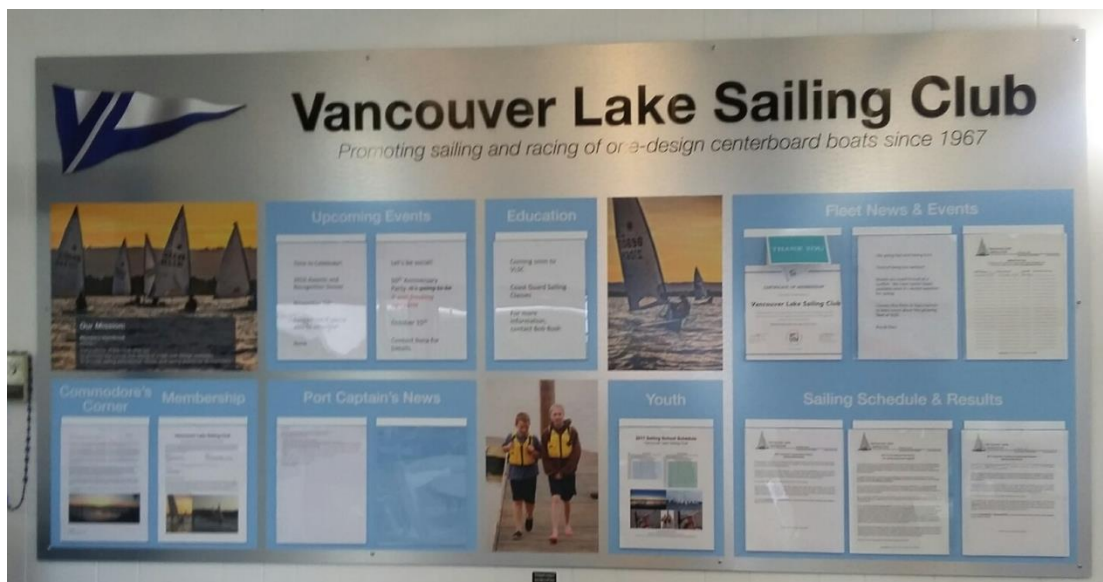
The clubhouse is bright and cheery, with big windows that look into the yard and out to the dock and the lake. The art on the walls are photos taken of the club by members (I didn't think to take any pictures of the photos – they are beautiful). The clubhouse is one large, airy room, with a vaulted ceiling and an open kitchen at one end. Sliding doors open onto a raised wooden deck that leads down to a seating area with a fire pit. We have spent some lovely evenings around the fire pit.



Tracy, Bob, Menno and Philip waiting out the rain in the clubhouse.



The rain



One wall of the clubhouse has this great area for displaying club news. The picture is small and you may not be able to see all the headings but there is space for Upcoming Events; Education; Fleet News & Events; Commodore's Corner; Membership; Port Captain's News (I forgot to ask what the Port Captain position is); Youth; and Sailing Schedule and Results. The information for each heading is printed from their newsletter and put into the correct clear plastic holder mounted on the sign. As you can see, it looks great and it is a very handy way to display information to members.

At the beginning of this newsletter, Chris gave you an account of the regatta and all the results. Since I don't sail, I don't spend the day at the club, I just arrive in time for the evening social and festivities.

I arrived at the club about 5:30 Saturday evening and went to find Menno and the KYC group. I found Chris and Jane...



Chris and Jane after racing on Saturday. They were all smiles after a good day of racing. Thank goodness for wet weather gear!

I continued my search for Menno, Tracy and Ury. VLSC trailers boats into and out of the water, they do not use a crane like we do. Their sailors need to learn about the crane and our sailors need to learn to use the trailer for launching.

I found Ozone and her crew.



Menno is driving the car and Ury and Tracy are the two figures on the dock guiding Menno and Ozone.

The weather and the sky were very interesting....



This picture was taken about 6p.m. and then the picture below was taken shortly after.



You can see the chairs in a circle, just beyond the blue umbrella. The fire pit is in the middle of the circle.

VLSC volunteers served dinner to all the hungry competitors and guests and the clubhouse was full of people enjoying an excellent dinner and swapping stories. (I was chatting to Jane and learned of her Dragon Boating in Hong Kong.)



Jane and Chris enjoying a beverage and having dinner



Menno, Tracy, and Ury. From the very different expressions, it must have been quite the conversation.

The weather was co-operating, it was still cool but the rain stopped and people were able to move outside.



I had a chat with these very nice gentlemen and said I hoped they would be traveling to the Kits Invitational. They said they would try to attend and I hope to see them. From right to left, Scott, Gab, Dave and Jack.





Bob and Sterling Bush. Bob is the VLSC Commodore and he and Sterling sail a Lightning. In Chris's report on the regatta, it was Bob, Sterling and their crew that dominated the VLSC Regatta and came in First. As well as being excellent sailors, Bob and Sterling are excellent hosts.

I have a confession to make. Because I don't sail, I don't go back to the club on the Sunday, the final day of the regatta. I have a standing date with the Vancouver Farmer's Market that is on the same weekend. It is a wonderful market, the first strawberries and cherries and just picked asparagus and armfuls of beautiful flowers. And one vendor has raspberry and dark chocolate scones – still warm from the oven. I made a beeline for his stall, as soon as it opens, and then nibble away at my scone as I wander through the market. Bliss.

Back to business. Because I am not there on Sundays, The Hailer's Cub Reporter, Menno, was there in my place. Thanks for the pictures and your comments, Menno.



What a difference a day made to the weather! The sun was shining and there was some warmth in the air!



Presentation to Bob, Sterling and their crew, on their first-place finish.



Scott, Chris, and Jane with their second-place trophies.

The Vancouver Lake Sailing Club volunteers put on another wonderful regatta and we thank them very much for their hospitality, for the racing, and for a great weekend of sailing and comradery. We are looking forward to welcoming VLSC members to Vancouver of the North and the Kits Invitational.

History of the regatta courtesy of Wikipedia

A regatta is a series of boat races. The term typically describes racing events of rowed or sailed water craft, although some powerboat race series are also called regattas. A regatta often includes social and promotional activities which surround the racing event, and except in the case of boat type (or "class") championships, is usually named for the town or venue where the event takes place.

Although regattas are typically amateur competitions, they are usually formally structured events, with comprehensive rules describing the schedule and procedures of the event. Regattas may be organized as championships for a particular area or type of boat, but are often held just for the joy of competition, camaraderie, and general promotion of the sport.

Sailing race events are typically held for a single class (a single model of boat, such as the Islander 36) and usually last more than one day. Regattas may be hosted by a yacht club, sailing association, town or school as in the case of the UK's National School Sailing Association and Interscholastic Sailing Association (high school) regattas or Intercollegiate Sailing Association (college) regattas. Currently, The Three Bridge Fiasco, conducted by the Singlehanded Sailing Society of San Francisco Bay with more than 350 competitors is the largest sailboat race in the United States.

One of the largest and most popular rowing regattas is the Henley Royal Regatta held on the River Thames, England. One of the largest and oldest yachting regattas in the world is Cowes Week, which is held annually by the Royal Yacht Squadron in Cowes, England, and usually attracts over 900 sailboats. Cowes Week is predated by the Cumberland Cup (1775), Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta (1822) and Port of Plymouth Regatta (1823). North America's oldest regatta is the Royal St. John's Regatta held on Quidi Vidi Lake in St. John's, Newfoundland every year since 1818.

Interesting Canadian regatta information

An interesting side to the St. John's regatta from the St. John's archives,
[http://archivalmoments.ca/tag/royal-st-johns-regatta/ROYAL REGATTA ROULETTE](http://archivalmoments.ca/tag/royal-st-johns-regatta/ROYAL%20REGATTA%20ROULETTE)

The **Royal St. John's Regatta** is the only civic holiday in Canada that is dependent on the weather. "The Regatta" has been traditionally held on the first Wednesday in August.

On the night before residents of the historic city have the option to stay at home and have a quiet night or "roll the dice" and *PARTY!!* The choice has become known as "**Regatta Roulette**."

As resident's party into the night, refreshment (s) in hand, there is always the lingering question, when I turn on the radio at 6:00 a.m. will the Royal Regatta officials say, "**IT IS A GO**" or will it be a day at work?

An estimated 35,000 -50,000 people go to lake side at Quidi Vidi Lake, St. John's to enjoy the races and the concessions.

The Royal Victoria Yacht Club was founded in June 1892 and is the oldest yacht club in western Canada and the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club was formed in 1903.

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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.

Last Silly Word...

Q. How much does it cost for a pirate to pierce his ears?

A Buccaneer or a buck an ear

Courtesy of <https://thetravelart.com/boating-jokes/>

Answer to the Last Silly Word May puzzler

What Nautical Word Looks The Same Upside Down And Backwards? The answer is “swims”