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Upcoming Events

AGM 2020

Thursday, November 19, 7:00 pm

Online Via Zoom

Login Details sent out separately
prior to the meeting

2020 ZOOM COMMODORE'S BALL!

Saturday, November 28, 7:30 pm

Watch for Login Details!

Commodore's Report

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safest for now.

Boating season is just about behind us for all but the most intrepid members who may get the occasional outing in yet. As for us, the "Enter Laughing" is happy to be wrapped up in it's cover for the storm season.

Normally we look forward to all the wonderful winter get togethers as a Club, but Covid-19 is increasing again and virtual meetups are the

We are planning our AGM and Commodore's Ball as two Zoom events. The first two Zoom TGIF's were well attended and a real success. It seems like a long time ago now when we had our first Executive meeting via Zoom in April; it was really great just to see friendly faces again.

Many more Zoom ideas are being planned for the winter. Join in when it works for you.

This year we were also fortunate to have the first season of our Facebook group. For those who chose to participate it has been a great way to stay in touch in real time, to share photos and experiences, and to pass on helpful information.

This is my last Bulletin report as Commodore, and I would like to once again take the opportunity to thank everyone who works so hard to organize and keep everything running in our Club. And to thank all the participants as well. This is what it takes for a Club to be as successful as the Comox Valley Yacht Club is.

Commodore's report continued...

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Back to boating. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you down at the dock, about town, and online to share stories of the season's adventures, and the long list of winter projects being undertaken.

A familiar quote:

““Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.”

— Kenneth Grahame, *The Wind in the Willows*

Thank you all again.

Grant



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Hello all,

The weather seems to be telling us that our cruising season has come to an end for all but the hardiest souls amongst us. 2020 will be remembered as a most unusual year, but still a year where boating was alive and well. One only needs to look at our reciprocal program to see that people were still out on the water.

Reciprocal Program

The season started slowly but once summer arrived our reciprocal program was as busy as ever. The end of the season brought our share of the total billings very close to our budgeted amount of \$2,200 with which we sponsored 85 visitor nights at the government dock. Our partner, 19 Wing Yacht Club, contributed an equal amount.

Communication Team

We are fortunate to have a dedicated crew covering the various aspects of Club communications. Glenn Naylor and Robert Riddy look after our website and Glenn, our audio-visual requirements. Bonnie Luterbach edits and publishes our monthly newsletter. Donna Ehrmantraut sends out our Club email broadcasts. Jackie Scott is our Club Sunshine person. In addition, there has been an active committee working on the future of our Club information organization. A huge thanks to each and every one of these people for keeping these vital functions working smoothly.

All the best and wishing you safe travels whatever your mode of transportation is!

Cheers,

Ken

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Past Commodore's Report

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Good Samaritan Award: Every year at the Commodore's Ball we list Club members who have acted as 'Good Samaritans' during the year. If you know of someone who helped out either another Club member or a member of the public, in a maritime situation, please tell me soon so I can recognize them at the Ball.

Nominating Committee: Last chance to volunteer to be the "Staff Captain – Social" for the upcoming year! It will be an easy year as we have people already volunteering to run specific social events, but mostly we are hamstrung by Covid-19 restrictions. You will find that by volunteering for this position you will get to know folks better and make new friends and be part of the inner circle that keeps this successful Club running.

"Going Through the Chairs" CVYC-style: We have four primary Executive chairs. In order, they are Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore, Commodore and Past Commodore. Normally the Rear Commodore is the starting position and that person is upgraded on an annual basis through the "chairs", so from Rear, to Vice, to Commodore, to Past Commodore. We are also governed by the Staff Captains, Treasurer and Secretary. That's our Executive.

How does this work? Having determined which positions need to be filled, the Nominating Committee determines a list of members who have been contributing to the Club and might be interested in taking on a larger role. These members are then contacted and asked to consider the commitment required. If they are willing to let their names stand for a specific position, then the Nominating Committee puts their name forward.

At the AGM, these individuals are usually voted into the positions by acclamation. However, the Past Commodore will carefully ask for 'any further nominations' for each position. This means the Nominating Committee does not have the last word and it is not a "closed election".

Why do we operate this way? By predetermining someone who is capable and willing to run for each position, we avoid the type of AGM where hasty nominations are issued with many recipients declining the nomination. We also avoid members being pressed into taking positions they really don't want or misunderstanding the commitment that will be required from them.

Questions? A lot of you are newer members, so if you have any questions about the nomination process, I'd be happy to discuss them with you so you can participate knowledgeably in our elections on November 19th.

Jenifer



**COMOX VALLEY YACHT CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020, 7:00 PM**

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Login details will be sent out separately prior to the meeting.

Remembrance—Lest We Forget



The Last Post

Have a drink and salute the year

ZOOM
Commodore's Ball

SATURDAY NOV 28, 7:30PM

DOOR PRIZES

Dress to impress. Wear your ZOOM finest!

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Rear Commodore Report

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Well it's early November and we have had a perfect fall day today, beautiful blue skies with glorious sunshine, the ideal day to be out on the water. Alas, that was not the case for many of us, as we are preparing our vessels for the winter weather that will soon be here. So, while local cruising will be somewhat curtailed for the next little while, we do have our annual AGM and virtual Commodore's Ball to look forward to.

Boat Hook Award:

On the subject of the virtual Commodore's Ball, one of our coveted annual awards is the Boat Hook Award. It is awarded to the member who admits to one of those situations, where things might have gone better, but it was a true learning experience in every sense of the word! The award is meant to be fun, anecdotal, entertaining and positive in spirit. To date I have received a single submission for this award, yet I am sure there are many more excellent experiences that could be shared as contenders. I ask, that as the weather turns into more sitting by the fire, rather than in the cockpit, you will reminisce about this past summer and pass along your illuminating adventures from this season. For your submission, you get the chance to win, a beautiful example of a fine boat hook, made by Tony Brett, to display in your home for the next year. Please contact me by phone, 250-339-9249 or email at rothwellfamily85@icloud.com to submit your potential winning entry, preferably before the Commodore's Ball.

Thank you.

Debbie (Quartermaster)

Jon (Rear Commodore)

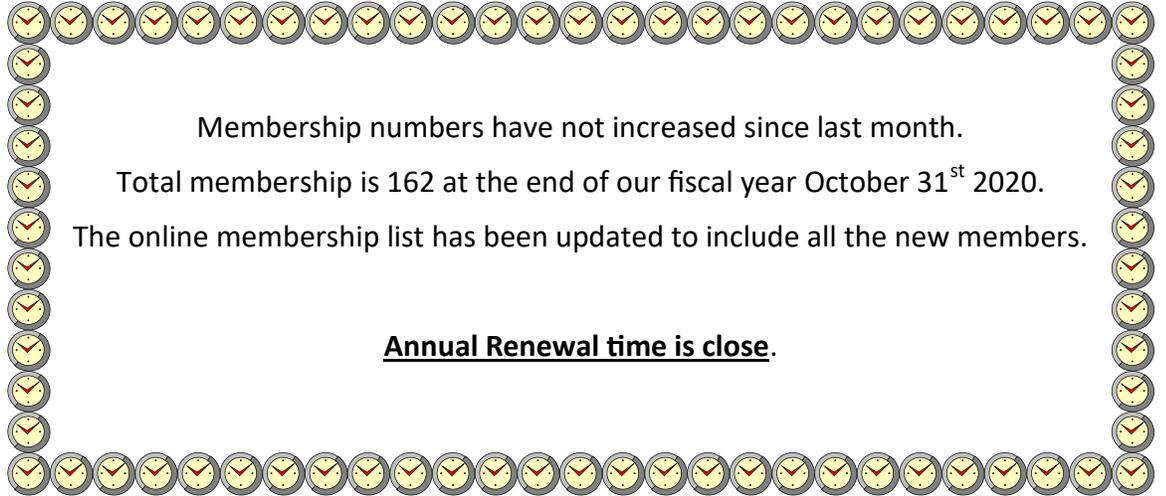


Staff Captain Membership Report

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Membership numbers have not increased since last month.

Total membership is 162 at the end of our fiscal year October 31st 2020.

The online membership list has been updated to include all the new members.

Annual Renewal time is close.

Hello all,

The boat Brandy III is in process of being put to bed for the winter, with new Roller furling and windlass (the wind-lad we had before, has been able to retire from the job!!).

I have really enjoyed the TGIFs. Thanks Cat and Barb. So good to see some of you again after what seems such a long time. There have been lots of stories of encounters with wild storms and wildlife as members have headed out alone during the year, although they were bumping into other members as they went, which I hear was fun and in a few cases very important.

Some new members joined us in the Zoom meeting too, allowing them to “meet/see” some of us for the first time. Welcome Alana, Kirk and Carol, also Dan , who was unable to attend. Thanks to everyone who made them feel so welcome.

Annual Renewal time is close. After the AGM on the 19th November 2020 the updated renewal forms will be online for you to print off. I will also be sending out an attached form and a letter to all members, which will include the new membership cards for 2020/2021.

Please fill these forms and submit them as soon as you get them, so that I can make any needed changes ASAP. Please let me know if you want yours put in the regular mail.

Send the completed form to me at sue.newman@shaw.ca by email or pop them into the regular mail, or drop off at my home in Royston.

Thank you so much! We are going to have a very different but interesting year and it is up to us to fill the gaps with fun stuff in new and wonderful ways.

Sue

Some New CVYC Members' Bios!



Hi, we are [Mark Hood](#) and [Elizabeth Taylor](#), a husband and wife team, married 10 years this October, who own a 41 foot "Canoe Cove" that is moored at Comox Valley Marina. We bought the boat in 2019 and then COVID-19 struck in 2020. COVID has affected the "Cove" as much as it has affected the world. We both spent time on the boat getting to know it after purchasing it. But 2020 saw travel restrictions and public health orders that prevented travel and it was not until August of 2020 that we were able to return safely to the boat. Mark returned in September to do the usual boat maintenance and little upgrades to make it really feel like home and we are planning on another trip out to winterize the boat for the season. At this point the snow is flying in Alberta and the Covid cases are on the rise again, so this trip is temporarily on hold for now.

We enjoy many adventures from traveling to riding our Harleys, RVing off the grid, dirt biking, sledding and of course boating. We have a small 26 ft Balboa sailboat at our home in Sylvan Lake, Alberta and of course the "Cove" in Comox. We can't wait for the day we get to meet everyone in the yacht club and can spend time in the area boating up and down the coast.



Hi, we are Alana and Kirk Taylor. Last year, we bought our home in Courtenay and this year, in anticipation of moving over in the spring, decided to purchase *Wits' End*, with our friends Carol and Dan Messenger. So now we are all set...we just need to move! Though we are pretty new at the trawler thing - both Kirk and I have done lots of open water paddling (outrigger canoes & surf skis), which also involved running support boats, so we are familiar with running boats on the water.

Initially (like over 20 years ago!) I sailed big boats and Hobie cats - did lots of racing locally and internationally and crossed the Pacific from Hawaii on a Spencer 34. Kirk, being from Calgary, did not get that same experience but is a natural on the water. We are both taking the Power Squadron course, but are always open to learning from others and hearing the best "how to's and do's and don'ts" of the area!

Kirk is also an avid musician and enjoys playing guitars (all kinds), harmonicas and singing. I sing and play the ukulele. We have lots of fun performing songs together and once even performed at the Roys Town pub! Though Kirk is retired from a long career in banking he will be kept busy not only with music and the boat, but also cycling the many roads of the valley as well as hiking and skiing. Though I will ride/hike/ski too (and TRY to keep up) I will also continue to teach yoga - online and hopefully in person.

We have two daughters, Kaitlin 25 and Erica 23 who, though sad to see us leave, are excited for what's next for us all - including trips up Desolation. We also have a dog Ella, a husky poodle mix, who is learning to get her sea legs.

Our boat is called *Wits' End*. She is a Grand Mariner 36', single engine (no bow thruster!) and is lovely. We look forward to taking her on some fabulous cruises and hope to meet up with many of you soon as we transition to the island and out on the water when cruising starts up again. Though she will be housed in Campbell River at Freshwater, we live near Bates beach so will be nearby for the socials and hikes that get organized. We appreciate the warm welcome we have received thus far and are keen to become a part of this wonderful club.

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Staff Captain Fleet Report

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Walking the trails around our property the other day I turned a corner and came face to face with a large, mature buck deer. He was preoccupied rubbing his antlers in a low hanging branch from a large fir tree and didn't seem bothered by my arrival. I stood silently as he confidently stepped out from under the tree, our eyes locked in a steady gaze. I couldn't help thinking what a magnificent specimen he was, crucial to the perpetuation of his species. I eventually backed away and left him the space to enjoy his time in what I usually call MY property; I'm sure he thought the same.

We see deer often at our home and around the country, but what made this encounter so unique was the one on one, truly respectful, connection with a real live stranger during a time when mingling with our own species is all but forbidden. Find solace where you can, nature has a lot to offer when our own world seems so confusing.

Cruising for many is probably over for the season but I know of a few die-hards who will undoubtedly venture out onto the water through the winter. Are you one of those? If so please keep us posted on your travels.

Be safe, stay healthy, have fun, keep in touch.

Kent

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Staff Co-Captains Social Report

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The Zoom TGIF was a fun event. Two sessions were offered over two consecutive Fridays. The October 30th event was attended by 20 members. We had a chance to meet and introduce ourselves to some of our newer members. Kent and Leslie dressed up for Halloween and we met a few of our members' pets. It was great seeing fellow members and catching up on news. Participants also shared some fantastic boating adventures.

The November 6 TGIF was attended by 17 members. George and Bonnie showed off their nautical hats, worn 10 years ago while attending their first TGIF, which was a themed event. Participants talked about their summer adventures and the wildlife they had observed. Ken and Sue showed off their son's new puppy, adorable.

Ken Newman is introducing *The Crummies*, a Zoom event that is planned for late January or early February 2021. Please see the attached poster. An email with more details will be distributed later this month.

This is my last bulletin report as Staff Captain Social. Even though the social year was cut short, I've enjoyed the year, the support of the members and the many volunteers who made events possible and successful.

Welcome to the

CRUMMYS



FIRST ANNUAL AWARDS OF THE

Comox Valley Yacht Club

Really

Unbelievable

Music, Poetry, Comedy & Prose

A Zoom Event

Date: Late Jan/Early Feb 2021

Details: Forthcoming

Prizes: Unimaginable



Many thanks to Cat Pedersen for sharing the position with me and the workload. Cat set up the CVYC Facebook page, created the event posters, prepared the Bulletin reports, took the lead in organizing some events, and much more. It was a great pleasure working with Cat.

Your Social Captain,

Barb

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Dock Talk...

NOTE:

Dock Talk is a place in the Bulletin for you to pass on notes of interest or a thank you to CVYC members. Please send a short note or a thank you to Bonnie's Bulletin email address: bluterbach@shaw.ca. Pictures sent may be included in the Bulletin, if space allows, or on the Club web site. Please make submissions for the Bulletin by the first Friday of the month.

Clearing out your boat (or your cupboards)? The Comox Valley Food Bank will accept food that is beyond its expiry date, so here's a good way not to waste that can of soup from 2016 or the box of Kraft Dinner from 2017 – those items that somehow drift to the back of the galley pantry. Just drop them off between 9:30 am and noon Monday to Friday at the Food Bank, 1491 McPhee, Courtenay. (And stay tuned for a Club initiative to replace our usual Christmas Party collection for the Food Bank!)

And while we are talking about it, have you **any home canned salmon or other seafood you are wary of?** Forgot to put the date on the label or lid? **MARS Wildlife Rescue Centre** would love to have it to feed rescued birds and animals. Drop it off any day of the week from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at 1331 Williams Beach Road, Merville.

Thank you Jenifer for these great suggestions!

Update about our CVYC website and CVYC Group Facebook

Glenn Naylor, our CVYC Website Manager, encourages everyone to keep using our website <https://www.cvyclub.com/>. He also mentioned that if anyone wants to update /change their personal photo, or send him one because you do not have one there, <https://www.cvyclub.com/member-photos>, you can send it to Glenn directly at gnaylor@zoho.com.

As long as its not really a tiny picture, it doesn't matter if there are other people in the picture, as he can edit, no problem. Also it doesn't have to be a passport type head shot! Glenn suggests that it would be nice to replace them all over time so the pictures are more "natural", like Ken Newman for example.

Just a reminder, all the recent CVYC Bulletins are online <https://www.cvyclub.com/monthly-bulletins>, as well as other Club documents.

Note that Jessica Sandler and Glenn Naylor have taken over the admin roles on the CVYC Group Facebook from Cat, who originally started the Group Facebook page this past summer.

Thank you for this update, Glenn!

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Flotsam and Jetsam

Do you have any boating 'stuff' for sale? Do you want to buy something that other members might have for sale? How about lost and found items? Send your information to the Editor (bluterbach@shaw.ca) for inclusion in the Flotsam and Jetsam section. Include a description of the item (photo?), price if applicable, your name, telephone and/or email.

FOR SALE: Danforth Type Anchor, galvanized, 27 lbs.
Good Condition. \$42 . Call **Ted Harper** at 250 339 5748.



Discounts Available (show your CVYC card):

- **Comox Marine & Woodworking Ltd.** - 1782 Ryan Rd. East, Comox,
Phone: 250-941-6699
Website: <https://www.comoxmarine.ca>
- **DSYC** – 10% discount on Marine mechanical services. **Phone:** 250-339-7222
Website: <http://www.desolationsoundyachtcharters.com>
- **Bumper to Bumper (Hartman Auto Supply)** – 480 Puntledge Road, Courtenay,
Phone: 250-338-7261 **Website:** <http://bumpertobumper.ca>
- **Industrial Plastics & Paints** – #2-2946 Kilpatrick Avenue, Courtenay,
Phone: 250-334-2886, **Website:** <https://goindustrial.ca/index.php/en/courtenay>
- **Sound Marine Sales and Service** –103-1797 Comox Ave, Comox,
Phone: 250-941-7373, **Website:** www.soundmarine.ca
- **The Harbour Chandler Ltd.** – 52 Esplanade, Nanaimo, **Phone:** 250-753-2425
- **Ocean Pacific Marine Supply & Shipyard** – Discovery Harbour Shopping Centre, #102-1370 Island Highway, Campbell River. **Toll free:** 1-800-663-2294
- **Comox Valley Kayaks** – (10% discount) 2020 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay,
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Hummingbird by Comox Marina,
Bonnie Luterbach, 2020-10-04,

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