



Summerland Yacht Club Newsletter

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And boating begins!

Lift-In went smoothly again. No boats dropped. Fewer boats. Shorter waits. Lots of help. Coffee and muffins supplied. What more could we have asked for ... except warmer weather?

That evening, the *Spring Fling* was a big success. Great food, BBQ your own steak plus garlic toast salads and dessert. After the meal was finished, 40 members and friends danced the evening away to the music of Tom McPhee. Thanks to the First Mates Club and all the kitchen staff for a great evening!

The marina is almost full; dock repairs are almost complete; the kitchen opens on May 5; the gas dock opens on May 7 at 10 am. We're ready!

Now we can put the finishing touches on our boats and get started on a wonderful year on the lake. See you on the dock or on the lake!



The final boat gets lifted in

A lot of people ask if I were shipwrecked, and could only have one book, what would it be? I always say "How to Build a Boat"

2011 SYC Restaurant Hours

Open Thurs - Sunday, beginning May 5

Thursday Race Nights 4 - 9 pm

Friday 4 - 9 pm

Saturday 4 - 9 pm

Sunday BBQ Your Own
Steak, Ribs or Chicken,
Reservations please 4 - 9 pm

Sat, Sun. & Holidays,
beginning July 1st Canada Day,
at the Dock
BBQ Burgers & Smokey's 11-3 pm

Remember - The SYC Restaurant is open to the public too. Invite your friends!



Gerard Obama does finishing touches to his boat



Ian Kavanagh's boat being lifted in

Club Policies

Commodore Doug, with support from Vice commodore Brian Wilkey and Secretary Art More have been developing policy statements for a whole range of Club topics. Most are being ratified by the Board and will be available shortly on the Club website.

Policy statements include the following.

- Boat Launch Facility Access
- Divorced or separated membership/moorage
- Family member employment
- Joint ownership moorage
- Key card deactivated/cancellation
- Lifetime member
- Moorage contract
- Moorage fee reimbursement
- Moorage move list and assignment
- Moorage wait list and assignment

- Rules & regulations for Club members
- Subletting of slips
- Vacant slip

It is hoped that these policies will clarify Club policies and ensure equitable treatment of members at all times. Our thanks to Doug for the work he has done on this.



All members night

The annual All Members Night is coming up fast - Saturday, April 30, 7 pm. The evening is intended to bring together new members and continuing members to have the chance to meet each other. ALL members are welcome to this event - it not just for new members. Come and renew friendships with continuing members and make new friendships with new members. All are welcome. And best of all its free! For more information see the poster on page 5.



Ladies PJ Party

Time is running out. The first Ladies Only Pajama Party is almost upon us. Friday, May 5 at 5 pm is the time. The event is open to all women Club members. Women can sleep aboard their own boat or borrow a bunk in another boat. Be sure to contact Lori Rapp at 1 250 769 9006 or at lorirapp@live.ca by April 30. For more information see the poster on page 6 of this newsletter.

Classified Ads - New Feature

Starting next issue, the SYC Newsletter will have a new feature - Classified Ads. If you are a member with boating related item to sell (boat, trailer, equipment), you can place it in the Classified Ads in the SYC Newsletter. Cost is \$2 per column inch, digital photos can be included. All copy must be in jpeg, msword, or pdf format. We are unable to edit. Call Chris at the SYC Office. Or email the editor at artmoreajm@yahoo.ca.



DIRECTOR ACTIVITIES



Commodore Doug Campbell

As well as his demanding day-to-day duties, Doug has been hard at work on developing and revising Club policy statements. See the list in a separate article. He is developing a policy draft concerning joint owners of boats and membership. A draft lease has been received from District of Summerland. Doug is awaiting clarification of some details before signing on behalf of the Club.



Vice Commodore Brian Wilkey

Brian has been liaising with the Mayor on follow up to our meeting with her. Note the pedestrian signs in the driveway on either side of the walkway. He has also been helping with moorage in the absence of the Moorage Director.



Treasurer Joan Kyliuk

As well as the usual tasks of keeping the books up to date, Joan has been working on financial systems for the Club including a switch to “Simply Accounting”, developing new Cash Out sheets, and coding expenses by project.



Secretary Art More

Art continues to focus on the Newsletter and the minutes. He has also been helping Doug and Brian with the policy statements.



Staff Captain Gil Inglis

Gil continues to work on the dredging project and various repairs and maintenance around the Club. He is also looking into improving Clubhouse lighting.



House Captain Shelley Reimer

Shelley has been focussing on getting the Kitchen and Clubhouse ready for the new season including hiring our new cook. She has also been developing the plans

for significantly increasing Clubhouse rental income.



Fleet Captain Ralph Williamson

Ralph has begun to gear up for the racing season especially the Thursday races and the Giants Head Regatta.



Harbourmaster Ian Kavanagh

The pile driving is done, mainly replacing rotten piles. He has been looking into a new type of dock and fingers, but the cost is prohibitive at this point. There was one boat break-in over the winter, but nothing was stolen.



Moorage Director Joe Bisceglia

Joe is away for the next few weeks. Doug and Brian have been filling on his Moorage Direct duties.



Yard Master Bill Laidman

Bill has been away but is back in harness getting everything in order.



Past Commodore Janice Cornett-Ching

As Past Commodore, Janice just has to pass on her wisdom to current Director and she is doing a fine job.



First Mates Club

The First Mates Club continues to lead the way in planning the social activities for the Club. They are hosting the first Ladies PJ Party on May 5, see poster on p.6. They are also planning the Members Wine and Cheese, and the Commodore’s Ball. Over the season they will be looking after the hanging flower baskets and planters.

Should you find yourself in a chronically leaking boat, energy devoted to changing vessels is likely to be more productive than energy devoted to patching leaks” - Warren Buffet

SUMMERLAND YACHT CLUB

GAS DOCK & PUMP OUT

2011 HOURS OF OPERATION

MAY - beginning May 7

Monday to Thursday	4 pm to 6 pm
Friday	4 pm to 7 pm
Saturday	10 am to 7 pm
Sunday	10 am to 6 pm

JUNE

Monday to Thursday	4 pm to 6 pm
Friday	4 pm to 7 pm
Saturday	10 am to 7 pm
Sunday	10 am to 6 pm

JULY & AUGUST

Monday to Sunday	8:30 am to 7 pm
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SEPTEMBER

Monday to Saturday	4 pm to 6 pm
Sunday	10 am to 4 pm

**OCTOBER 15: LIFT OUT
CLOSED FOR THE SEASON**

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Kieran Cox, Gas Dock Supervisor	250-490-0152
Bill Laidman, Yardmaster	250-494-0450



The Summerland Yacht Club
cordially invites all Members to our
Annual All Members Night
Wine & Cheese

Saturday April 30, 2011

7:00 PM

**This is a great opportunity to see old
friends, meet new ones, and to see the
SYC Executive**

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR FIRST SYC LADIES ONLY PAJAMA PARTY

Friday May 6th, 2011 5:00 PM
SUMMERLAND YACHT CLUB DOCK

GAMES & PRIZES

FUN & LAUGHTER

BYOB FOR BOAT

FULL BAR SERVICE in CLUBHOUSE

SIMPLE BREAKFAST IN CLUBHOUSE

WINGS & SLIDERS AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE IN THE
CLUBHOUSE



DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR
PJ'S, SLEEPING BAG & PILLOW

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS??

Please Choose One

I will sleep on my boat.

I need to reserve a bed on another boat.

I will make my own sleeping arrangements.

PLEASE RSVP TO LORI RAPP by APRIL 30 AT

1-250-769-9006 OR

lorirapp@live.ca

Presented by the First Mates Club

About Eurasian Watermilfoil

from Okanagan Basin water Board Website

http://www.obwb.ca/methods_of_control/

Distribution and Growth

Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) is a rooted submersed plant inhabiting the shallow waters of lakes in British Columbia and other parts of North America. The species is said to have been introduced from Eurasia in the late nineteenth century, likely in ship ballast, though the first documented occurrence was in 1942 in a pond in Washington, D.C.



Eurasian watermilfoil is very aggressive and once introduced to a waterbody will displace native aquatic vegetation in a couple of years. In the Okanagan, Eurasian watermilfoil was first identified in the Vernon Arm of Okanagan Lake in 1970. By 1974, the plant was well established in all of the mainstem lakes of the Okanagan. The plants form thick underwater stands and dense mats on water surfaces. Colonization of new sites occurs by vegetative fragmentation as the plant develops auxiliary buds that separate at the node. Some auxiliary buds have root development even before detaching from the parent plant, allowing new plants to establish quickly. In the summer, stem fragments break off, assisted by natural or manmade wave action. Once established, eradication of the plant is almost impossible.

The maximum depth where rooted plants are found will vary with the depth of light penetration; for Eurasian watermilfoil in the Okanagan this is typically about 5 to

6 metres deep, with some plants found up to 8 metres deep. Eurasian watermilfoil is well adapted to rooting in a variety of substrates, from sandy bottom to very silty substrate. Gravel substrates are not preferred by Eurasian watermilfoil. Eurasian watermilfoil will flourish in habitats enriched with nutrients, though it is often also found in oligotrophic environments similar to the Okanagan lakes system. Unlike many other aquatic plants, the limiting nutrient for Eurasian watermilfoil is nitrogen, not phosphorus. Eurasian watermilfoil is tolerant of low water temperatures, though most growth occurs in water temperatures 15°C and above.



Impacts in the Okanagan

Uncontrolled Eurasian watermilfoil infestation can interfere with opportunities for water-based recreational activities, including motor boating, water skiing, sailing, swimming, and shore-based angling. It can also detract from the aesthetic appeal of the shoreline and decrease the desirability of the residential areas adjacent to the water.

Dense growth of Eurasian watermilfoil along the shoreline may also negatively impact fish and wildlife. As an invasive species, it does not create 'natural' habitat. The dense growth and occupied surface area can deplete dissolved oxygen levels in shallow areas when the plants decay in fall. The dense canopies also limit light penetration and decrease water flow. Eurasian watermilfoil has less food value for waterfowl than native vegetation. There may also be a lower abundance and diversity of invertebrates in the foliage when Eurasian watermilfoil grows in high densities. Eurasian

watermilfoil has an impact on nutrient levels in Okanagan lakes. Phosphorus and nitrogen releases from Eurasian watermilfoil tissue sloughing during the growing season are significant



Physical Control

Rototilling – Rototilling removes the roots of the plant from the lake-bottom sediments. It is not selective, but areas with native aquatic plants can be avoided. Although 100% removal is not achieved in one treatment, repeat annual applications reduce the weed density to a very low level. The actual effectiveness depends on many factors but chiefly on the type of substrate and rate of re-infestation – usually from adjacent weedy areas that have not been treated. For the most part, there are few aquatic weed problems in the gravel substrates frequented by spawning fish, and operators avoid tilling these sections or creating silt in adjacent areas.

Eurasian watermilfoil is a rooted perennial plant that over winters in lake bottom sediments after the top growth of the plant has died back. Rototilling takes place from November-April and takes advantage of the fact that milfoil roots float when dislodged and freed of sediment and the cold temperatures reduce the survival of rototilled root fragments, which keeps reinfestation to a minimum. However, weather conditions can be extreme on the lakes in the wintertime, and tilling has to be suspended when the lakes begin to freeze over.

The technique is pretty simple. An area is marked out with floats and crosshatched by the machine. The tiller is lowered to the bottom (4.5 metres or less) and the

operator feathers it along the bottom. We have not found a good way to adjust the depth of penetration of the tiller automatically, and rely on the skill of experienced operators. The cost of rototilling is approximately \$2,500 per hectare.

The OBWB rototilling equipment was all designed and built locally. To our knowledge, there are no manufacturers or contractors supplying this type of equipment. Over the years, the watermilfoil control crew have greatly refined the design of these machines, for improved performance, comfort and ease of use. Operators are also responsible for transportation and repair of all equipment, and the Water Board maintains a full machine shop.



Harvesting: Harvesting is essentially "cosmetic control." The plants are mowed about 2 metres below the water surface creating a more usable recreational area and an improved appearance.

The cost of harvesting is lower than rototilling – about \$800-\$1000 per hectare – but has a number of disadvantages. Although harvesters can cover a given area more quickly, cutting must wait until plants are near surface in the late spring and summer. The harvesting operation interferes with water recreation, has a short operating season, and involves dumping tons of cut weeds on the beaches and then trucking them away. More than one cut per season can be required as well.

Because of these disadvantages, over the years the emphasis has changed dramatically from almost total reliance on harvesting to using rototilling as the primary method for watermilfoil control. In 1981, 1800 machine

hours were logged by four harvesters, with only 100 hours of rototilling. By 2001 the program consisted of 1600 hours of rototilling and only 250 hours of harvesting. The harvesting program was reduced from four machines to two and two additional rototillers have been added.



The one bright side to harvesting Eurasian watermilfoil, is that it makes a useful mulch and addition to compost . Almost all harvested weeds are used by residents or commercial vegetable growers in the valley.

Bottom Barriers: We have also used ‘blankets’ to control weeds. Just like using landscaping fabric in the garden, covering weeds with barriers to block the light

and physically restrict plants from growing can be an effective way to control small areas of infestation. The best barrier we’ve tried is a geotextile material that is manufactured for roadbed stabilization and is much heavier than regular garden weed control fabrics. The material has a couple of advantages – it is not buoyant, and it allows gases from decomposing plants to pass through so the fabric stays in place.



Some homeowners use this material to manage weeds around docks and in shallow swimming areas where the large equipment cannot operate. Black polyethylene is NOT recommended, since it floats. A disadvantage of using bottom barriers is that a diver is required to install the material in water deeper than about 1 metre.

off the mark.com by Mark Parisi



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Classified Ads

We are looking for Jack Stands at least 4 preferable 6 for a Sailboat. Or a double axel Trailer to convert into a Sailboat trailer. Lori Rapp 250-769-9006



The picture show how easily it can be sailed, even by a single sailor. Guaranteed not to tip, even in severe weather. Check out Tanzer online for details---but ignore the low prices you may find for older boats without all the extra gear I have--a near new 4hp Yamaha outboard \$2000 (has battery charging capacity which most motors of that size do not); a newer Mylar (or some such synthetic material) Genoa \$2000 ; a zip cover for the Genoa \$500; at least 1/2 dozen extra sails of various sizes, including a near new, never been used asymmetrical spinnaker \$1700, as well as a regular spinnaker; two self-tailing winches (\$1000); a Furlex foresail roller, \$500; a new mainsail cover; all new lines for all sails; covers for all exposed wood; a new

boarding ladder; a newer model rudder. The interior allows for overnighing, with sleeping for 2 adults and perhaps 2 small children. Also included is a small inflatable with oars (when you desperately need to go ashore). Price is somewhat negotiable depending on payment. I could go with a handshake mortgage agreement with monthly or half-yearly payments. I put in at least \$6000 in additional equipment to my original purchase price of \$10,000. It has been used only in fresh water, as a result you don't have the pitting that occurs when a boat is put into salt water. I have the original owner's guide which you can have a look at before anything else.

Frank 494-4666

Coming events

- April 30 **All members wine and Cheese**
- May 5 **Thursday sail begins**
- May 6 **Pyjama Party, First Mates**
- May 8 **Steak and Rib nights begin**
- June 4 **Commodore's Ball**
- June 5 **Commodore's Sail Past**
- July 2 **SYC Dock Party**
- July 8-10 **SYC Giants head Regatta**
- August 5-7 **Invasion Weekend
Ball Tournament
Mexican Night**
- October 15 **Lift out**