



Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club Newsletter October 2014

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VCKC Monthly General Meeting Tuesday October 7th, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.



VCKC members at the BC Marine Trails event at Musgrave Point earlier this year. (More Marine Trails information on page 4.)

The October General Meeting will feature a presentation by Ken Gibbard on the stories and history of the Gulf Islands. See page 2 for details.

(For other notices please see the Raggle Taggle Section on Page 7.)

EXECUTIVE NEWS

Annual General Meeting, Monthly General Meeting, Storage Renewal and Executive Activity

2015 Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendar: the Annual General Meeting is later for 2015 - January 13th. The extra time will allow the treasurer to complete the year end financial statements before the meeting.

General Meeting

The next general meeting is October 7th at 7:30 p.m. Entertainment will be "Gulf Islands history and stories" presented by Ken Gibbard. We will wander through the Gulf Islands from Victoria to Nanaimo looking at the history of settlement and development and hear some stories from over the years of Ken's personal experiences there. Many people on the Gulf Island Brigade raved about Ken's stories when they came home and talked about their experiences. This promises to be a spellbinding story hour.

Storage renewal

In order to make full year storage available to people on the Boat and Locker wait lists, the executive approved a January 1st deadline for storage renewal each year.

This means that membership and storage fees must be paid prior to the new year. Our financial records cannot accept these payments until some time in December. Current members paying storage fees will have a reminder notice when the 2015 payments can be processed.

10 Year Plan

The executive completed the section for VCKC's 2015 Objectives at the September meeting. The sections completed to date are: Background, The Ideal Future for VCKC, What Will VCKC Do to Achieve This Ideal Future, VCKC's Values, Communication Plan, and Objectives and Priorities for the Year 2015. Further work to be done to complete the plan includes: People Development Plan, Operating Budget, Estimated Operating Budget Worksheet, Risks and Opportunities, "Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats Analysis", Risk Register, Success Measures, Management Plan, and The Action Plan.

Use/Abuse of the VCKC Clubhouse

During the past few months there have been an increasing number of occurrences where the clubhouse has not been left clean, has not been booked according to policy, and has been used for personal (rather than for club) reasons. Please remember to treat it as it is intended: a clubhouse benefit for club activities and guided by club policies. It must be kept clean, locked and utilities (water, electricity and gas) used for club activities. The shower is maintained for hypothermia emergencies: it is not a personal benefit for paddlers wishing to clean up after paddling. With the onset of winter, the heating costs will go up again. Please don't prop the basement door open when the furnace is required.

BYOG: Buy Your Own Gear

Paddlers are expected to buy their own pfds, paddles, seat cushions and, for the solo and tandem paddling opportunities, their own boats. Club equipment is for instruction and potential new members to try out the sport. We also make equipment available to our associate members.

Property Damage

Damage to anything VCKC owns is to be reported on the member page of VCKC's website. It is the first link in the "Actions" list.

Committees

Nominations Committee:

Pam Carroll pastpres@vckc.ca will be heading a nominations committee for the January 2015 elections.

Some members expressed interest in the Webmaster position recently vacated. At this time, no one has confirmed their willingness to assume the responsibility.

We will be seeking three Director at Large volunteers who are interested: a volunteer coordinator who can plan VCKC club-wide events; an associate group membership coordinator; and a social director who will bring drinks and goodies to meetings and help keep the clubhouse ready for upcoming events.

EXECUTIVE NEWS (cont'd)

Committees

VCKC Associate Group Memberships

A new committee is required to prepare revised guidelines and other documentation for Associate Group Memberships. Jean Chandler is the Committee Chair 250-727-6923 or president@vckc.ca

History

Alan Thomson (3135thom@islandnet.com) is the History Committee contact person. Although this committee was inactive during the summer, work is beginning again this fall.

Instructor/Coach training reimbursement

Pam Carroll (pastpres@vckc.ca) has prepared some background information for the committee to review and forward to the executive.

Storage

Our Storage Director, Maylene McMillan (storage@vckc.ca) passed on the baton for this committee to Robert Rempel (director1@vckc.ca) and Derek Jenkins (derek.russell.jenkins@gmail.com). We are moving into the preliminary design stage of the project.



Current president Jean Chandler and past VCKC president Pam Carroll at VCKC's June barbecue.

CANOE PROGRAM

BC Marine Trails Information

Hello to the club members of the BC Marine Trails and Task Force.

This is an early notice to let you know that the Association's Annual General Meeting and Fall Task Force meeting will be held in Nanaimo on Saturday, October 25th. The meeting place is Activity Rooms 2 and 3 at the Beban Park Centre, 2300 Bowen Road.

Please note the date in your calendars and plan to attend. The present schedule is to start the AGM at 10:30 a.m. and to have completed the Task Force meeting around 4 p.m. This should allow attendees from the Lower Mainland to catch ferries at a reasonable hour. A detailed agenda and background information will be circulated nearer the date.

Note that there is no limit to the number of club members (or other paddlers) who may attend the Task Force meeting - or the AGM, come to that - so bring your fellow paddlers and make it a social as well as a business event.

If you have any questions or items for the Task Force, please let me know, or tell one of the other directors.

See our website www.bcmarinetrails.org for information on what is happening, who the directors are, etc. Especially, take a look at the maps and campsites.

Alan Thomson
Secretary, BC Marine Trails Network Association
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VCKC members Carolyn and Sandy at the BC Marine Trails event at Musgrave Point this summer.

VOYAGEUR PROGRAM

The 2014 Thompson River Trip and Big Sterners Course

September Trip on the Thompson River

On September 13th and 14th, six VCKC members joined Voyageur paddlers from Kamloops for another spectacular trip on the Thompson River. The Thompson is a really BIG river. The weather also helped. Temperatures in the mid-twenties, not a cloud in the sky, it also made for a pretty good camping trip.

We paddled from Savana to Ashcroft in one day with minimal effort from us grunt paddlers. A special thanks to Tim Marks and Alan Thomson (no relation) for providing able stern abilities in some really big waves. Gunnels faced up all the way, so no famous stories. Check the website for photos of this trip - they were not available at the time of writing this article.

Big Canoe Sterners Course

November 15th and 16th.

The Big Canoe (Voyageur) Sterners course will be held this year on November 15th and 16th. This 16-hour course will be of interest to those who want to grow their Voyageur skills to include trip leadership, fancy manoeuvres, and handling large canoes on the open water. The cost is \$100 per student. Pre-requisites include RCABC Canoe levels 1 through 3, plus Voyageur and/or big boat experience is an asset.

There will be 10 to 12 spaces available in this course. If you are interested in taking the Big Canoe Sterner Course, contact Joe Boyd at voyageur@vckc.ca.

Joe Boyd

[Voyageur@vckc.ca](mailto:voyageur@vckc.ca)



A view of the scenery on this year's Thompson River Trip

VOYAGEUR PROGRAM

The 2014 Thompson River Trip photos



Joe Boyd, VCKC Voyager Program Director, in the bow working hard to turn the voyageur canoe on this year's Thompson River trip.



Joe Boyd in the bow, with crewmates Deb, Chai and Tim on this year's Thompson River trip.

THE RAGGLE TAGGLE SECTION

2015 Annual General Meeting, Flatwater Paddle for October and a Recipe

2015 Annual General Meeting

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A flatwater paddle is planned for Sunday, October 5th. For details contact Alan Thomson (3135thom@islandnet.com). Anyone who has completed Lakewater 1 can come.

Almond Haystacks

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

3 cups slivered almonds
1 cup pecan pieces
1/2 cup white sugar
1/2 tsp vanilla

Separate eggs in the morning and cool egg whites in fridge
Whisk 2 egg whites with fork or whisk until frothy
Add sugar
Add vanilla
Whisk until well mixed
Stir in nuts

Use teaspoon to spoon onto parchment paper as mounds

Bake for 18-20 minutes
Open oven door and cool in place for about 5 minutes to set

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The VCKC flag at Musgrave Point during the BC Marine Trails event in June

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Note: The next deadline for submissions to the newsletter is October 17th.

October 2014

VCKC Events						
Today	October 2014					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4 ORPC Bridges Race
5 ORPC Inny/Outty S	6	7 7:30pm VCKC Gener	8	9	10	11
12	13 Thanksgiving Day	14 7pm Executive Meet	15	16	17	18 VCKC Newsletter D
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	Nov 1
Events shown in time zone: Pacific Time - Vancouver						