



## Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club

# Newsletter

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### Dates to Remember

- 🚣 October 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 General Meeting ~ presentation on Haida Gwaii Trip
- 🚣 October 11-14 ~2018 World Rowing Coastal Championship ([www.wrcc2018.com](http://www.wrcc2018.com))
- 🚣 October 13 – Flat Water Paddle ~ meet at club at 8:30 AM
- 🚣 October 27 – Basic Kayak Course
- 🚣 November 3<sup>rd</sup> Fall Cleanup

*Please check website for details of events*

### President's Report

I would like to thank everyone who came out, helped out, and took part to make our 50th Anniversary a huge success. We should all feel proud of our club, and all we accomplish by pitching in together. Now, just getting to sit down to peruse the 50-year club history book, the depth and breadth of VCKC is still sinking in. This is a great club because we band together to do great things. I am grateful for all the volunteers we have.

The club executive is now in the process of planning and budgeting for 2019, in preparation for the AGM in January. If you have ideas or suggestions for making the club better, now is a good time to contact your program directors.

~ Joe Boyd, President



Are you missing your favorite blue nylon jacket, checkered shirt or pair of socks? These and many other items have found a new home in our lost and found trunk. It is overflowing with items that would like to be returned to their owners. Next time you are at the club look in the box and see if items belong to you. If items are not claimed they will be donated to charity as part of the fall cleanup.

## VCKC Celebrates 50 Years

Those of you not able to make the celebration on Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> missed out on a great event. Linda Thomson and Susan Logan were the leads organizing a variety of static displays both inside and outside the Club to educate the public, members and friends on the rich history serving our community and the many things we do to encourage safe paddling. The aims and activities of the club were well documented by Susan Logan's excellent posters.

There was also a series of displays showcasing the various types of boats club members paddle.



A BIG THANK YOU to all those who helped set-up the displays in and outside the clubhouse, manned them, showed visitors around and provided refreshment for all and, not least, directed parking! Susan and Jack Logan, Caroline and Sandy Rattray, Muriel Johnson, Don Munroe, Mavis Pillar, Sharon White, Wendy Clapp, Karen Topp and Dan Walker and Linda and Alan Thomson. Thank you, too, to Dave Hill and Jack Louie for offering help but who succumbed to illness on the day! We had many visitors; previous club members who returned for old times' sake, public who were interested in the house and the club, people whose family members had lived in the house and who remembered visiting as children. It was a busy and cheerful afternoon.



Another important aspect of the day was the **Paddle Parade** organized by Tim Marks. The intent was to have as many club members past and current and associate groups participate to showcase the various paddling sections. Some paddlers journeyed to the launch near Shoreline School to welcome those putting in at this location and then paddled to the Craigflower-Kosapson Park to join the others. We had guest paddlers from Ocean River Paddling Club, Shoreline School, Victoria Youth Paddling Club and South Island Sea Kayak Association.



Dave Thompson and Ron Steele were the grand marshals of the paddle parade. Dave and Ron were paddle partners who came in first in the Centennial Race. They used the same canoe from their first-place finish. {Spoiler Alert ~ the importance of this event is outlined in our new book}



Once the paddlers were assembled they made their way down the gorge and arrived at the turn minutes before the official program started.



The unveiling of the Kiosk was yet another aspect of the event. It provides information on VCKC and our role in the community. Next time you're at the Club have a look. This was a joint venture between VCKC and the District of Saanich.

The other important aspect of the day was the presentation of Life Membership to Dave Thompson. He was escorted to the presentation by Don Munroe and Alan Thomson who are also Life Member recipients.





No celebration is complete without a party. Debi La Haise and her volunteers did a great job. Sharon White brought and made punch. Tony and Mark ran the BBQ. Mavis Pillar, Jeff van den Driesen, Jennifer Yee. Everyone who brought food. Everyone who helped set up and take down tables, wash dishes, make coffee. Everyone who was there contributed in some small way. The evening would not have been such a great success without the comradery of our members.



A special thanks goes to Wendy Clapp, Wayne Morrison and Susan Logan for taking pictures during the event.



The book was officially launched at the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration event and is now ready for pick up. Copies will be available at the October and November General Meetings the first Tuesday of the month. If you cannot drop by at these times to pick up your copy contact me via [email](#) to make alternative arrangements.

*"I would describe it as a thorough yet succinct account of the club's first 50 years. It would be interesting to anyone who has ever been an active member of VCKC." Comment by reader*

There are still copies available for sale.

To purchase your copy, Click [Here](#)



## Photo Contest

***Hey all you shutter bugs, we want your pictures!!!!***

VCKC is hosting a photo contest that is open to members, their families and friends. All pictures submitted must have been taken within the last **five** years and be of an event, trip or excursion that you have taken part in. You must be willing for VCKC to use your photo for promotional or internal publications. If we are successful in obtaining a good variety of photos consideration will be given to compiling a calendar for 2019.

Please send your submissions no later than November 30, 2018 to [VCKC Director](#)

### Food Bank Donations

It seems that the Greater Victoria Area Food Banks are in desperate need of help ! A donation box will be inside the clubhouse over the next few months to provide the opportunity for our members to assist. When you drop by to paddle or attend a meeting bring a nonperishable item. At the end of November the donations will be distributed to area food banks.

### Canoe Program Update



*Class held in April*

Coming up in October will be a Lakewater 2 Basic Solo course on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Learning to canoe solo is both a pleasure in itself, but also increases your overall understanding of how the canoe interacts with the water.

The next weekend will be a flatwater paddle on October 13<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the club house to be able to leave at 8:30AM. The exact destination will be determined by the wind, but probably leaving from Island View beach and paddling 8km to Mt Douglas Park and then back. Usual requirements - you

must have taken the basic tandem canoe or introduction to sea-kayaking courses and carry all the Transport Canada required safety equipment. Everyone should have spare clothes in a drybag or waterproof container - you never know. Listen to the weather forecast and dress appropriately for the likely conditions.

*~ David Dorosz*

## Dragon Boat News

Well, it's the end of race season, with Sproat Lake as the finale.  
Here are a few words from our captain:

**Tillicum Racers** attended 5 races this year.

Super Sprints – great day and first racing always fun

FGPC X-squared – fun day and we came home with Silver in the Jade division

Nanaimo - Always fun and the favorite!! We won 2<sup>nd</sup> for tent decorating and got Silver in the Gold Division. Super tight race .....so good!!



Victoria – Although there were some challenges we had a fun time as usual. The last race was fabulous and everyone raved about that one. We placed second in Jade B and received a pin.

Sproat Lake – Even though it rained most of the day, everyone had a great time!



*Sproat Lake*



*Victoria*

Overall, another successful year! Coach Ryan did great coaching and everyone liked his approach and style. Talking with most of the new ladies they plan on coming back next year. I have heard rumors of having 2 women's team, one this level and one more competitive. At our year end party we will be celebrating our successes and sharing ideas for next year.  
Brenda Sutton- Team Captain



Other Program News:

- We welcome back the UVIC students! They will be returning to paddle this winter using the 10 man boat on Fridays. Watch for them on the water!
- HELP will be needed to move the “Big Beast” aka the 6-16 Dragon Boat from the water to the compound to rest over the winter. This will be done the day of the club’s general meeting on **Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**. With much appreciation to those that can help out. Please arrive at 7pm to lend a hand.
- Looking for New Program director(s): Time has flown by and we can’t believe we’ve had the privilege of leading the dragon boat program for 3 years. Now, it is time for us to let someone else take the reins for 2019. If you’d like to make a difference and want to be a part of shaping the direction of this program, please contact us. We want to hear from you!

### ***Paddles Up!***

*~ Paula Gough and Kim Capson*

*Co-Directors VCKC Dragon Boat Program*



## **Kayak Program Update**

Two courses are planned for the fall. One Sea Kayak Basic Skills course will have taken place in September, so will be completed by the time you are reading this, and there will be another Basic Skills course October 27<sup>th</sup>. We offered a Sea Kayak Level 1 course but only one member was available and qualified to take the course and we need 4 registrants in order to run this two-day course. So those of you who have completed your Sea Kayak Basic Skills course need to get out there and practice and be ready to move up to a Level 1 certification in the spring.☺

This fall we are trying for regular (every second month) Kayak Program meetings. The success or failure of this initiative will depend, for the most part, upon the club member’s attendance. Our first meeting took place September 18<sup>th</sup>. It was a small but engaged group. Some of the ideas that were put forward are:

- practice paddle stroke clinics
- practice wet exit and re-entry in cold water (November – February)
- use of community pool to practice wet exits and re-entries
- clinic to learn about the types of kayaks available on the market and the best designs for different uses (specifically aimed at members who are thinking of buying their own kayaks)
- clinic on how to make a Greenland Paddle
- a VCKC Kayak Program Facebook page (members only) to share launch sites and kayaking experiences
- club sanctioned Sea Kayak trips – so that novice members can use club kayaks and get some experience outside the Gorge Waterway
- explore the idea of having a one or two night club kayak camping trip in the spring
- clinic on how to use a GPS to navigate and how to read charts when your GPS batteries die☺
- review of VHF procedures (did you know that you are required to be licensed to use a VHF?)
- explore the idea of having an equipment swap and shop at the clubhouse

As you can see from this list there was no shortage of ideas. We hope that more of our kayak members will join us for the next meeting (Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30) when we will report in on the progress of these initiatives.





VCKC kayakers made a good showing in the Paddle Parade to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VCKC. It was a fun day and a fun evening of reminiscence about past events and past members who contributed so much to make the club what it is today.

Finally, once again a reminder: The club kayaks are for VCKC members use when taking courses or clinics, or when participating in club sanctioned paddles (Tuesday Night Paddles, day trips and camping). These kayaks are also available to VCKC members for personal use on the Gorge Waterway - on the club side of the Tillicum Bridge only.

Members must have successfully completed the Paddle Canada Kayak Basic Skills course or have equivalent skills. Members using club kayaks must always paddle with one or more "buddies". If you would like to borrow a club kayak contact Linda Hall at [kayakbooking@vckc.ca](mailto:kayakbooking@vckc.ca) to reserve one.

Happy fall paddling everyone!

~ Linda Hall, VCKC Kayak Program

## Marathon Program

It was a busy race season with a challenging marathon canoe circuit that took paddlers from the VCKC Marathon Canoe Program to races across BC, to the US, and to the Canadian National Championships in Sudbury, Ontario. VCKC can be proud that they had podium finishes at each and every event. Big thanks go out to Don Stoneman (OMCKRA) for sponsoring VCKC racers to attend the National Championships, and to Thom Prichard for billeting racers in Bellingham. Congratulations to all the participants of the 2018 race season. Racers, please take a few moments to relax before the training begins for the 2019 race season. The following is a list of results:

### Harvey Fraser Canoe Classic, Enderby

- USCA C1 Women: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Darrelle Butler
- USCA C1 Men: 5<sup>th</sup> Place, Norm MacDonell



### Harvey Fraser Canoe Classic, Kamloops

- Pro C2 Women: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Stephanie Leippi & Claire Wallace (picture on left)
- Pro C2 Mixed: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Darrelle Butler & Gord Wallace
- Pro C2 Men: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Norm MacDonell (VCKC) with Greg Blackburn



Photos uploaded from Thompson River Interior Paddle Sports Club website



### Great Northern Hardware Canoe Race, Prince George

- C2 Women: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Claire Wallace & Darrelle Butler

### National Marathon Canoe Championships, Sudbury

- Pro C2 Masters II Women: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Darrelle Butler (VCKC) with Gwynn Hayman
- Pro C2 Masters III Men: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Norm MacDonell (VCKC) with Victor Dunn
- Pro C2 Masters II Mixed: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Darrelle Butler & Norm MacDonell
- USCA C1 Masters III Men: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Norm MacDonell

### Lake Samish Salmon Roe Race (Pro C2 Mixed), Bellingham

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Pavel Astrakhantsev & Darrelle Butler
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Gail Stroud & Gord Wallace
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Stephanie Leippi & Norm MacDonell
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Claire Wallace & Bon Lee

WANTED: one tandem marathon canoe

The VCKC marathon program is happy to announce that another OC-2 proboat has been added to their floatilla of club marathon canoes. This was a move to accommodate the exceptional growth this program has undergone over the past 2-years. We are still in need of another tandem marathon boat for our fleet. Please let us know if you know of any interested sellers at [marathon@vckc.ca](mailto:marathon@vckc.ca).



Courtesy John Roberts

~ Ryan Mader

## Outrigger Program Update

A meeting of outriggers was held Monday September 24. Issues such as the need for equipment updates, the need to maintain the vessels and potential future purchase of new or newer boats were discussed. The meeting focused on the need for an introduction for new outriggers, proper training of paddlers and sterns and of course safety, including hulis. There is potential to offer introductory level courses to the outrigger community this fall to better develop paddlers and introduce sterning.



The need for more advanced courses such as navigation was also discussed. Various power squadron options exist in Victoria and Sydney E.G., <http://www.victoriasquadron.ca/courses/introductory-courses/intro-to-navigation.html>  
One idea to be followed up on is the rental of a pool to conduct huli training over the winter

#### [Boat 3: Introduction to Navigation - victoriasquadron.ca](http://www.victoriasquadron.ca/courses/introductory-courses/intro-to-navigation.html)

Whether you are interested in powerboats, sailing vessels or kayaks, this course is for you! Enjoy boating activities year around by taking Boat3: Introduction to Navigation course this year. This is the third course in the CPS-ECP introductory series and explores navigation further as you learn how to plot and label on paper charts as well as what the skipper should be doing before setting ...

[www.victoriasquadron.ca](http://www.victoriasquadron.ca)

~ Tony Hopkin

## October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	Oct 1	2 7:30 PM General Meeting	3	4	5	6 8:30 AM Lakewater 2 - Basic Solo
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 8:30 AM Flatwater Paddle
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Sea Kayak courses
28 Sea Kayak courses	29	30	31	Nov 1	2	3 9:00 AM Fall Clean-up: Clubhouse & Grounds

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