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Victoria Canoe & Kayak Club Newsletter

Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club Pot Luck and General Meeting

Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

It's a picnic! Bring your BBQ item and something to share.

Members with surnames A-K please bring salads or appetizers and L-Z brings deserts to share. Everyone can bring something to BBQ for themselves and beverage is BYO.

NOTICES

Johnson St. Bridge Construction

Paddlers in boats using the Johnson St. Bridge please read this notice.

PCL Construction will be commencing in-water works (beginning July 2, 2013) at the Johnson St. Bridge until further notice. Please exercise extra caution and reduce speed while transiting the area. The areas outside of the main navigation channel will be closed to all vessel traffic.

Starting July 2, boaters must use extra caution going under the bridge, and use only the central channel.

Clubhouse & Grounds

Thanks to club member Alex McLaughlan (store manager for General Paint Jutland Rd.), the company has donated eight gallons of elastomeric deck coating. Weather permitting, this has been put on the VCKC deck and will give us more time to consider our options.

Thanks, Sandy Rattray

MARATHON PROGRAM



OUTRIGGER PROGRAM



Meet Ryan Ovens,
Program Director,
Outrigger Program

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My name is Sky, from FuYang ZiJie Sports Oars Co., LTD (China). We are a professional manufacturer of various kinds of paddles (Outrigger paddle, SUP paddle, kayak paddle, dragon boat paddle, sculling oars, etc.) since 2006. The latest specifications for our Outrigger paddles are below.

Weight			
Carbon	Outrigger paddle	(Carbon blade+carbon shaft)	450g+/-20g
Kevlar	Outrigger paddle	(Kevlar blade+carbon shaft)	480g+/-20g
Hybrid carbon	Outrigger paddle	(carbon blade + wood shaft)	520g+/-20g

Sample order is welcome. Mixed paddle type is ok. Shipping by Express (door to door), about 5 days, Paying by PAYPAL (4% paypal charges) is ok for us. Discount is available for reasonable order quantity.

Any other questions please feel free to let us know. Looking forward to your reply. Best regards, Sky

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ALL NATIONS CANOE GATHERING - SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

The All Nations Canoe Gathering, hosted by Reconciliation Canada, is expected to attract more than 100 traditional canoe and vessels from across BC. Watch as beautiful cedar dugout canoes paddle False Creek from Kits Point to Science World and are welcomed in a traditional ceremony to the Coast Salish lands. Join us:

In the spirit of reconciliation and healing, we invite you to bring your canoe, dragon boat or kayaks for a grand entrance of water vessels to participate in what will be a memorable experience.



If you are interested in joining me to paddle in this event please contact me in early September. This is one of many events Reconciliation Canada is hosting in connection with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's National event in Vancouver.

The paddle will be in the morning, approximately 9-12. Heather (heather_may_matt@hotmail.com) <http://reconciliationcanada.ca/events/all-nations-canoe-gathering/>

VOYAGEUR PROGRAM

On June 16th, I arrived at the clubhouse to see Alan, Pam and others were getting ready to help out with the Big Brothers Big Sisters fundraiser. Joe Boyd was helping them get underway.

Photo: Graham Lloyd





Symphony Splash

Photo: Wendy Clapp

DRAGON BOAT PROGRAM

Date: July 14, 2013 2:46:54 PM PDT
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2013 10:03 AM
To: dragonboat@vckc.ca
Subject: Great Day!

Once again a gorge-eous day and event. Thanks so much for putting this on. I came as a non-paddler and had a great time. I know it is a lot of work but it is worth it when you see and experience the results.

There is a unique flavour to this party you throw that is different from the other dragonboat events in Victoria. I took lots of pictures and I hope to be able to share them with the club soon.
Paula Gallagher

Guts 'n Glory July 2013



DRAGON BOAT PROGRAM, cont'd

Guts 'n Glory July 2013, cont'd



Gold Medal Winners



Guts 'n Glory



CANOE PROGRAM

Hi All, the Canoe Program is set to launch another fun season of local paddling. Fall Club offerings include Canoe courses, weekend paddles and additional training and activities. Spring was very busy, along with a well-attended full slate of courses, Club instructors managed to run canoeing workshops for thirty 8th graders and finish off the season with workshops like Canoe Fun & Games, Playboat & C-1 and Wilderness First Aid. A big welcome to all, hope to see you at our first Program meeting.

Fall Canoe Course Schedule

Over the next couple of weeks, the Canoe Program will develop its fall canoe course schedule. This schedule will be posted on the website and emailed to the membership. It's anticipated that beginner & advanced flatwater courses and a moving water course will be offered on some September and October weekends.

Club Weekend Paddles

Club weekend flatwater paddles will begin on Saturday, **September 21**. These paddles range from beginner to more advanced lake and ocean excursions. Contact Alan Thomson, 250-812-3799.

The first moving water paddle scheduled for this fall will be River Clean Up Day on Sunday, **September 29**. When rains begin (late September to mid-October) the Club will arrange some weekend beginner river paddles.

River Clean Up Day

Sunday, **September 29** is BC Rivers Day. Traditionally, Club river paddlers and other civic minded members select a river or section of a local river to paddle. Along the way, we clean up the debris of summer, usually managing to take on a good load for the landfill or recycling. Hope you can join us. For details, please contact: Dan Walker 250-721-6913 or canoe@vckc.ca.

Canoe Program Meeting

The first Canoe Program Meeting will be the evening of Monday, **September 16**, 7:30PM, VCKC Clubhouse. Alan Thomson will give a 20 minute talk on the BC Marine Trails project and the idea of setting up a joint group with SISKa to act as a support group for this project.

Along with hearing Alan's talk and discussion, you'll be able to catch up with paddle pals and see what fun things are coming up. You might also be interested in participating in our first annual 'Canoe Jeopardy' game, complete with interesting canoe trivia and lame Trebek style humour.

Of course, prizes will be awarded and Munchies provided.

Dan Walker, Canoe Program

CLUBHOUSE NEWS SEPTEMBER 2013

Our members and volunteers have been busy this summer. We've also spent some wonderful time enjoying the sunset from the VCKC deck on the Gorge.

Big Brothers and Sisters

VCKC volunteered dragon boat and voyageur rides for many community groups: for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters annual picnic, the Boys and Girls Clubs Wild about Whales Derby, Celebrate the Harbour festival, and the children's summer camps from Blanshard Court community and James Bay Community School. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to get out on the water. For many, this is the first time they have been in a dragon boat or a voyageur and they enjoyed the experience. Without volunteers from the club, we would not be able to provide some of these services back to our community. Thank you all.

Canada Day

As part of the Canada Day celebrations, the Gorge Tillicum Community Association held their Strawberry Tea event at our clubhouse. The Club put on its usual voyageur and dragon-boat rides working from the beach by the Craigflower School. The Craigflower Bridge construction added a unique perspective to the canoe rides as we navigated the channel under the old and new parts. There were two dragon boats and two voyageur canoes in service, and they were kept steadily busy all day from about 10 am through to 3pm. At \$2 per ride, the Club raised \$1,310.00 (includes bottle drive money), which will go to the Lion's Easter Seal Camp Shawnigan. Thanks to the many Club members who joined in. For many people this was the highlight of their day. One couple were new Canadians and they were thrilled to paddle a traditional Canadian canoe on Canada day. Another

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successful fundraiser by our members.

Craigflower School Canoe Project

A voyageur day trip and pizza wrapped up the project's first year. The day started with a blessing by aboriginal elders that highlighted how important children are in our community and that each child is valued. A hand carved paddle (by Fabian Quocksister) was presented to James Skwarok in appreciation of his work and vision in initiating this much appreciated program. Thank you to all the VCKC volunteers who made it possible to provide the opportunity for the students to learn water safety and paddle the water in our own community.

James, as part of his master's program, is evaluating the program. We look forward to his presenting at VCKC in the fall. The goals of the project are:

- Reconnect Craigflower Elementary students to nature and culture through experiencing the Gorge waterway as an outdoor classroom
- Increase student physical activity through weekly water paddling activity
- Increase self-esteem and team work skills through training/group practice to achieve student mastery of paddling skills
- Inclusive of students who come from lower socio economic backgrounds and diverse cultures
- VCKC encourage youth paddling activities and train students in safe and skillful paddling

We expect to start the 2013/14 program in September so will be looking for volunteers for dragon boats and voyageurs one day a week approximately **September 10-October 15**.

Clubhouse Dock refinishing

Sandy Rattray led (and was doing the work) **August 18-22** to refinish the VCKC dock. Alex McLaughlan, a VCKC member who is the store manager of General Paint on Jutland Road, arranged for the generous donation of elastomeric paint called Deck and Dock by Superdeck. The power wash and painting should give the boards a longer life and also lock down splinters. Thank you to Sandy and Alex for making this happen.

Club Program/Financial Planning

Each VCKC program is updating 3 year plans for September 2013 describing their program plan and the anticipated resources needed. Executive will review them in the fall within the context of the Club's most pressing needs. Your program directors would appreciate hearing your views. Contact them by email (contact emails are at the end of the newsletter and on the VCKC website) or at the monthly general meetings.

Some membership facts

VCKC currently has 470 members. 108 members indicated on their club membership an interest in volunteering with VCKC. VCKC events sometimes need members to provide coverage for paddlers with our safety boat and we plan to put together a list of members who have their Pleasure Craft Operators License so we know who to call.

Monthly General Club Meetings

We have awesome programs and we want everyone to celebrate our love of paddling. The upcoming meeting schedule is:

September 3, 2013	Club BBQ
October 1, 2013	TBA
November 5, 2013	TBA
December 3, 2013	Club Christmas Party
January 7, 2013	Annual General Meeting

Upcoming Events of Interest

Potluck & BBQ Tuesday, Sept 3 6-9 pm - Members with surnames A-K please bring salad/appetizer and L-Z bring dessert to share. Everyone can bring something to BBQ for themselves. Beverage BYO.

Club house dock refinishing, Aug 18-22.

Craigflower School Canoe Project in September - dates to be determined.

See you all at the September meeting.

Pam

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Note: the Deadline for submission of content for the next newsletter is September 17, 2013.

September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
01-Sep	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Labour Day	18:00 VCKC BBQ General Meeting				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		19:00 Executive Meeting				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	19:30 Canoe Program Meeting, Alan Thomson-BC Marine Trails, Canoe Jeopardy	VCKC Newsletter Deadline				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	01-Oct	2	3	4	5
		19:30 VCKC General Meeting				