



Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club

Newsletter

February 2014

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Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club General Meeting

Tuesday, February 4th, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

NOTICES

Thank You

To all members of the Club who supported the award of an Honorary Membership.

I appreciate the honour very much. I remember when the first two such memberships in the Club were awarded and the strength of the feeling that the two members deserved this. I don't see myself in the same league as them and Don Munroe, but then it isn't my opinion that counts on this occasion.

As I said at the Club's AGM, I believe I have taken more/been given more by the Club than I have done or given back, and hope to carry on paddling with the interesting, varied and very skilled members for years to come.

Alan Thomson

PARKING

Imperial HallMark Cleaners Ltd. at 29220 Tillicum Road kindly offered the rear of their parking lot to VCKC members.

The parking lot adjacent to VCKC is a public lot and is used by people at the park. Often strollers and other toddler paraphernalia are loaded and unloaded by parents. Please be sure to leave sufficient room for other users of the parking lot. If you plan to be out for a day, after unloading boats, please move your car to the dry cleaners' lot. Also, when the lot is crowded, please move your vehicles to Imperial HallMark Cleaners.

Businesses at the restaurant and coffee shop parking lot on Tillicum and Gorge have and will continue to have cars towed away that are not using their businesses.

Please act as good neighbours and respect the parking issues of the neighbourhood.

Executive Meeting Synopsis

The January 7th Executive meeting began with an informal get-together. The old and new Executive members mingled to discuss executive roles, paddling, and to socialize.

To start the meeting, the President drew the attention of all present to the resources available to the Executive on the VCKC website and read highlights from several of these items. Links to these resources are on the VCKC member web page (<http://www.vckc.ca/members/>), see:

[Policies & Procedures](#),

[Constitution and Bylaws](#),

[Trip Guidelines](#),

[Skiff Use Policy](#)

[Executive Guide](#) (available only to executive members)

This year, the executive will use committees to address/discuss issues as they arise then report back to the next Executive meeting. (All members are welcome to attend executive meetings and participate in committees.) New committees struck at the meeting include:

- Policy review and clarification regarding fundraising or sponsorship for team events (VCKC Policies & Procedures, section G Page 9) (Erin Sexton dragonboat@vckc.ca), Jean and Debi)
- Recommendations regarding policy clarification for reimbursements for instructor and coach expenses for certification (also in VCKC Policies & Procedures, section G Page 9) (Roy Scully kayak@vckc.ca, Pam)
- A suggested response to the proposal to store the Power to be boat (Joe Boyd voyageur@vckc.ca).

The priorities for the Executive during the coming year, in addition to on-going responsibilities, are to update the 10-year capital plan and to update our inventory. The Storage Committee will use the 10-year capital plan and the inventory to determine storage needs.

Executive meetings will continue to be conducted using Parliamentary Procedures.

The date for the 2015 AGM is changed to January 13, 2015 to enable the Treasurer to complete the financial records for 2014.

The Executive accepted the Budgets that were approved at the AGM January 4, 2014. The process for the approved purchases included in the Budget will only be made once the Club actually has received the funds budgeted.

Other Club information

The upcoming general meetings are: February 4th, March 4th, April 1st and May 6th all starting at 7:30. The June 3rd general meeting will be a barbeque and start earlier.

The District of Saanich will convert the clubhouse to gas some time in 2014. Members will be advised of the construction times and extent of the work as it becomes clearer.

Reminder! During the winter months the basement door often needs to be closed firmly.

The moisture in the air causes the door to swell making the door difficult to close.

A member has suggested that the Club photo albums be updated. Since VCKC will be turning 50 in four years, the timing seems right for taking on this project. We are looking for volunteers to update the physical photo albums and to organize the digital photos as well. If you are a Photoshop whiz, a scrapbooking fanatic, or an organizational pro, we would like you on this committee.

If you are interested in this project, please contact Debi LaHaise at secretary@vckc.ca

GULF ISLAND BRIGADE 2014

Dates: July 26th to August 1st

Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club of Victoria continues to organize a Big Boat Brigade from Nanaimo through the world renown Gulf Islands to Victoria for a week at the end of July. It will be the opportunity to enjoy paddling in some of the most beautiful scenery in the world.

The number of boats has been limited to ten due to limited camp space at some sites and the number of available boats.

Registration opened on January 15th and already we appear to be full with teams, which have already expressed interest. We are now awaiting those teams to submit registration forms and the necessary deposit. If interested teams do not confirm their registration by February 15th we will accept other teams based on the waiting list.

VCKC will have three teams, which are presently full, with individuals who have expressed interest. If spaces become available, the Captain of that team will consider the individuals on the waiting list. The assigned Captains of the three VCKC boats are Bill Bresser, Roy Scully and Joe Boyd. Each Captain is responsible for their individual team.

If there are enough individuals to form more teams, VCKC may consider another Big Boat Brigade at another time this summer. Interested teams and individuals may contact GulfIslandBrigade@vckc.ca.

For those on teams, it is important to know that teams will need to be self sufficient in their canoe. Teams and individuals should think 'back packing' in order to limit gear. The Brigade will be visiting some coastal and island communities but connecting daily with a road crew will not be possible. The goal is to reduce the Brigade's environment footprint,

A shuttle will be provided from Victoria to Nanaimo so that vehicles and trailers will be waiting when the Brigade is completed. The shuttle will take place on Saturday, July 26th. Registration fee will be \$1200 per boat of six people. It will be \$200 for each additional person on a boat crew.

To indicate an interest to register a team or for more information e-mail GulfIslandBrigade@vckc.ca

Gulf Island Brigade Committee
Ellie James, Brigade Chief



CANOE PROGRAM

Flatwater Trip on Saturday 22nd February.

I plan to lead a flatwater trip for canoe and kayak paddlers on this date. As usual an e-mail message will be sent out the week ahead asking for interested members.

Alan Thomson
250-592-4170

New Year's Day Paddle

The January 1st paddle was well attended this year with two voyageur canoes, an OC6 and a number of tandem canoes and a kayak or two?? The flotilla went up Colquitz Creek to the bend beyond the first pedestrian bridge, where a log blocked any further passage. It was a dry and

quite warm paddle, no ice on the water in Portage Inlet and not a lot of current to help or hinder. It was a novel experience for Alan and Linda's two pre-school grand children as well as their parents and other grand-parents - a full family boat load.

The Clubhouse de-decoration had been started before the paddle and was finished off in short order after a good lunch of many different dishes and drinks. Thanks to all who took part, especially John and Brenda, absent from this event for a few years, and Don, for whom this was probably his 32nd New Year paddle with the Club.

Alan Thomson



CANOE PROGRAM (continued)

February 2014 Canoe Program Newsletter Report

VCKC members are getting in a lot of paddling this winter both in and outside of the regular Club paddles. Many of their exploits are chronicled on

<http://paddlenet.myfastforum.org/> under Vancouver Island Forum. Even with uncharacteristically low water levels, these keeners have gotten in runs on the Nanaimo, Koksilah, Cowichan and Chemainus.

Beginning Sunday, January 19th the Canoe Program is running alternating weekend Class I-II river trips for newly certified river paddlers. Hope that's incentive to take one of the Club's Spring Moving Water courses. The popular flatwater trips also reliably continue. Contact Alan Thomson 3135THOM@islandnet.com for flatwater trip details and Dan Walker, canoe@vckc.ca for river trip details. Trip times and dates are usually sent out by email or appear on the website and website calendar.

We had an excellent turnout for this past Sunday's river trip - 15 paddlers in 10 boats. The middle Cowichan was running at about 65cms providing plenty of fast current and eddys for new paddler practice.

Please consider joining us for future trips if you have completed the Moving Water I course and want to get in some river paddling.

By the time this report goes to press, the two new Club boats should be stored in the basement of the Clubhouse. These boats are available for Club trips and courses. With the new boats, the Club now has 5 flatwater and 4 river capable boats. Contact Dan Walker canoe@vckc.ca for authorization to use Club boats. Qualified members can use Club boats free of charge on the Gorge Waterway above Tillicum bridge, or \$25/day for off-site use with the approval of the Canoe Program Director.

This past Monday night the Canoe and Kayak program held this year's first meeting. Rick Bryan gave a great presentation on Arctic river paddling. Future monthly meetings are planned and will be posted on the VCKC website calendar and email notices will be sent out. The next Canoe Program meeting is February 17th. Tim Marks will be presenting on his (along with Bob and Sharon's) paddle from Pt. Hardy to Victoria.

Dan Walker



CANOE PROGRAM (continued)

2014 VCKC Canoe Course Schedule
(Contact Dan Walker, Canoe@Vckc.ca for details.)

Canoe Course or Activity	Date	Instructor/Contact	Cost
Lakewater I	March 8th	Ellie James/Roy Scully ejames123@shaw.ca	\$25 + membership (single \$50, family \$70)
Lakewater I	March 23rd	Dan Walker/Kym Thrift canoe@vckc.ca	\$25 + membership
Lakewater II	March 29th	Tim Marks timjmarks@yahoo.ca	\$25 + membership
Moving Water I	April 12 & 13	Doug Magnuson magnuson@shaw.ca	\$150 + membership
Lakewater III	April 26	Bonn Lee bonlee@shaw.ca	\$25 + membership
Running of the Cowichan River	May 3 & 4	Dan Walker canoe@vckc.ca	free
Ocean Paddling	May 10 & 11	Alan Thomson 3135thom@islandnet.com	\$100 + membership
Moving Water II	Will be offered if sufficient interest expressed	Dan Walker canoe@vckc.ca	\$150 + membership
Basic Poling	May 14 & 19	Tom Staebell thestatbellfamily@shaw.ca	\$35 + membership
Lakewater Instructor	Will be offered if sufficient interest expressed	Ellie James Ejames123@shaw.ca	TBA

Course details can be found at <http://www.bccanoe.com/>



VOYAGEUR PROGRAM

33rd Annual Voyageur Paddle For The Kids - April 15, 2014

Planning for the 2014 Peninsula Paddle for the Kids is getting under way. This annual fundraising event at VCKC is in support of the Lions Society Easter Seal Camp at Shawnigan Lake. The camp allows children with disabilities to enjoy a summer camp experience in a safe environment. Funds raised by the club help the Lions Society operate the facility for children and families with special needs.

The route follows the shore of the Saanich Peninsula from Brentwood Bay to the Clubhouse. We paddle Voyageur canoes with two teams of 6 or 7 per boat. Each team paddles up to 2 hours and then switches off with another team.

The whole trip is about 40 miles and takes 10-12 hours to complete. The local Lions Club provides bus transportation, great food, and a warm dry rest area. It all makes for a great day of paddling for a good cause.

The paddle will take place this year on Saturday April 5th. There will be 7 practice paddles leading up to that date. Practice paddles can be the best part of the program. You can expect an adventure on every outing.



Practice Trips and Dates

Sunday February 16th - Portage Inlet - Intro to Voyageur (9:30 am start)

Sunday February 23rd - Victoria Harbour (9:30 am start)

Sunday March 2nd - Sidney and Points Beyond

Sunday March 9th - Ladysmith Harbour

Sunday March 16th - Maple Bay - Cowichan Bay

Sunday March 23rd - Sooke Basin

Sunday March 30th - Esquimalt Lagoon - Race Rocks (or Saanich Inlet)

All trips but the first two will start by meeting at the Clubhouse at 8:30am where ride shares and boat towing are arranged. Please bring a paddle, PFD, dry bag, dry clothes, weather-appropriate clothing, food, and water.

This program is open to all VCKC members. If you can't paddle with us, please remember to help support Camp Shawnigan.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Boyd: voyageur@vckc.ca, 250-386-6004
Invitation To Dragon Boat Play

Please come Feb 1, 2pm or 8pm. Details are at: <http://artsvictoria.ca/show/336003/view#.UrYep2ypvOI.gmail>

My new stage play, WHEN I'M 64, tells the story of a Comox Hope Afloat Dragonboat breast cancer survivor (with help from Barb Paulson and Hope Afloat) and just received very positive endorsement from major Canadian playwright, Sharon Pollock.

J S Hill

VCKC Executive

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Note: The next deadline for submissions to the newsletter is February 16th.

February 2014

VCKC Events

Today ◀ ▶ February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		7:30pm General Meet				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		7pm Executive Meet				
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Canadian Holidays
 Phases of the Moon
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