



# Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club

## Newsletter

### March 2014

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## **Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club General Meeting**

### **Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.**

#### **NOTICES**

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, the combination to all the locks at the clubhouse and storage compound will be changed. The new numbers for the locks will be available on the VCKC web site to paid up members.

Paddle for the Kids - Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Please see updated information on Page 5.

VCKC'S 18th Annual Gorge Waterway Clean-up happens on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the clubhouse. More information on Page 4.

VCKC clubhouse and grounds clean-up will happen in conjunction with the Gorge Waterway Clean-up on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Jane Evans, Saanich Heritage Planner will present The Heritage of Our Clubhouse on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. See Page 6 of the newsletter for more information.

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## Executive Committee

The executive is using 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. If you are interested in participating or adding input to any of these committees, please contact the committee chair.

Current committees include:

- Recommendations regarding policy clarification for reimbursements for instructor and coach expenses for certification (also in VCKC Policies & Procedures, section G Page 9) (Committee chair: Roy Scully [kayak@vckc.ca](mailto:kayak@vckc.ca), members: Pam Carroll, Linda Thomson)
- Storage Committee. The committee is looking at options to meet VCKC boat storage needs with improvements to the storage compound and racks. (Committee chair: Maylene MacMillan [storage@vckc.ca](mailto:storage@vckc.ca), members: Bob Rempel, Gord Wallace and Derek Jenkins plus one member from each Program.)
- The proposal to store the Power 2 Be boat as an exception to policy - Joe is preparing a submission to the executive. (Joe Boyd [voyageur@vckc.ca](mailto:voyageur@vckc.ca))
- Club History since its inception nearly 50 years ago. This committee will include a written history of club decisions and activities, a separate history of the clubhouse, and a pictorial history. (Debi LaHaise [secretary@vckc.ca](mailto:secretary@vckc.ca))

Joe Boyd (Voyageur Program Director) and Dan Walker (Canoe Program Director) are planning to purchase some new paddles to meet their program needs.

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. All Program Directors and other executive with responsibility for club assets have been asked to update the inventory by the March executive meeting in preparation for the 10-year capital plan.



## Executive Committee (cont'd)

The upcoming general meetings are: March 4<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup> all starting at 7:30 p.m. and June 3<sup>rd</sup> barbeque starting earlier. Bob Rempel, ([director1@vckc.ca](mailto:director1@vckc.ca)) one of our new Directors at Large, has arranged March's entertainment with an experienced canoe guide. The programs will provide club general meeting entertainment for the remainder of the fiscal year. April: Kayak, May: Canoe, June: barbeque, September: barbeque, October: Dragonboat and Outrigger, November: Voyageur and December: Christmas Party.

Saanich will convert the clubhouse to gas soon. Apex Steel & Gas Ltd has been awarded the job. Members will be advised if club house access issues or limited use arise. A faulty furnace is being investigated for immediate action by Sandy Rattray, our Clubhouse and Grounds Director [clubhouse@vckc.ca](mailto:clubhouse@vckc.ca).

VCKC has been asked to support the Subaru Western Triathlon Series on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 9:00 a.m. The executive supports this idea. They are requesting canoeists and kayakers to patrol and keep an eye on swimmers in Elk Lake. Our Canoe, Kayak, and Voyageur directors will be contacting their program members asking for volunteer interest. We will confirm our interest after hearing from our membership.

The executive has considered the purchase of a replacement coach boat. Once the new asset purchase requirements have been met, we are prepared to proceed with this purchase.

A community member reminded us that the Colquitz River heron-nesting season is upon us. The executive reviewed and acknowledged the person's concerns. Program Directors will remind their crews of the concerns. As always, VCKC will voluntarily avoid the creek during heron nesting season. Please always consider environment issues as you paddle in our wonderful waterways.

The club lock combinations will be changing again this year to ensure clubhouse security. All current members will be advised of the combination. Please ensure that the combination is not shared with non-members, nor spoken loudly enough that non-members may hear it. Club assets and member boats are only as secure as the password.



## VCKC's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Waterway Clean Up

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the clubhouse

We are so fortunate to have such a lovely location for our club, so please try to spare a couple of hours to show your respect to the beautiful waterway we paddle on.

It's a messy job but it's quite an adventure, so please wear clothes and footwear that you don't mind getting muddy.

Gloves and garbage bags are provided by the CRD. Dumpsters and dumpage fees are donated by Waste Management. Refreshments

treats and draw prizes are donated by Tim Hortons.

Thanks,

Don Munroe

VCKC's representative for the Gorge Waterway Initiatives (GWI)



### The Reel Paddling Film Festival at Ocean River Sports in Victoria Thursday, March 13, 2014

Rapid Media's 8th annual Reel Paddling Film Festival showcases the world's best paddling films to audiences in Canada, United States and around the world. The festival inspires more people to explore rivers, lakes and oceans, push physical and emotional extremes, embrace the lifestyle and appreciate the heritage of the wild places we paddle.

The Reel Paddling Film Festival is a film contest awarding winning films in 10 categories. The winners and other shortlisted films are then toured to more than 100 cities around the world, screening for an audience of more than 30,000 outdoor adventure enthusiasts and their friends and families.

The Reel Paddling Film Festival is produced by Rapid Media. Rapid Media also publishes four leading paddle sports magazines: Rapid, Adventure Kayak, Canoe roots and Kayak Angler magazines. Your ticket to a Reel Paddling Film Festival World Tour stop includes a free one-year digital edition subscription to one of the above magazines. Special offer details are available in your evening program.

Enjoy the show.

For more information  
<http://reelpaddlingfilmfestival.com>

# Canoe Program

## March Canoe Program Report

### Courses:

March is a busy teaching month for the Canoe Program with Basic Tandem courses being offered March 8<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. On March 29<sup>th</sup> a Basic Solo course will be run. All courses will run for a full day either at the Clubhouse or a local lake. Please sign up now to avoid the rush.

### Trips:

Both Club river and lake/ocean trips will be run by the Club in March. Keep an eye on the VCKC Calendar and your inbox for details. We've had to cancel a couple of river trips due to cold weather and high water but will keep trying. We're still looking for volunteers to help with the Flatwatertrips. For river trip details contact Dan Walker [canoe@vckc.ca](mailto:canoe@vckc.ca) and Alan Thomson [3135thom@islandnet.com](mailto:3135thom@islandnet.com) for flatwater trip details.

### Paddles:

Twenty new paddles have been ordered by the Canoe and Voyageur programs. Including the 10 new 'kids' paddles we purchased late last year, the Club has added over 30 new paddles to its inventory. Donations are always welcome so if you

have a 'no longer used' paddle taking up space around the house please consider making it a gift to the Club. Club equipment and donations are put to very good use teaching paddling to students of all ages.

### Special thanks:

Special thanks to Peter Kabel for the donation of his aluminum Grumman canoe. The Club is sure to get many more years of tandem canoe use from this old beauty.

### Meeting:

The next Canoe & Kayak Program meeting will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Details will be forwarded by email and appear on the VCKC Calendar.

Dan Walker  
VCKC Canoe Program

Charlie Allnut **How'd you like it?**

Rose Sayer **Like it?**

Charlie Allnut **White water rapids!**

Rose Sayer **I never dreamed...**

Charlie Allnut **I don't blame you for being scared - not one bit. Nobody with good sense ain't scared of white water...**

Rose Sayer **I never dreamed that any mere physical experience could be so stimulating!**

From African Queen, Humphrey Bogart and Katherine Hepburn

## Voyageur Program

Paddle for the Kids - Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**\*\***There was a misprint in the February newsletter: The 2014 VCKC Paddle for the Kids is Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>.

The 2014 Peninsula Paddle for the Kids is now well under way. This annual fundraising event at VCKC is in support of the Lions Society Easter Seal Camp Shawnigan. Funds raised by the club help the Lions Society operate the facility for children and families with special needs. The paddle route follows 75 km of shoreline between Brentwood Bay and the Clubhouse.

February 26<sup>h</sup> was the official Paddle for the Kids kick-off with a short paddle to Spinnakers, followed by a short tour of Victoria Harbour. This event was well attended by about 36 paddlers.

There is a Voyageur practice every Sunday in March. All trips 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.

### March Practice Dates

Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sidney - Portland Island

Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> - Ladysmith Harbour (daylight savings - spring ahead)

Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup> - Maple Bay to Cowichan Bay

Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sooke Basin

Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> - Esquimalt Lagoon to Race Rocks (or Saanich Inlet)

Each trip will take up most of the day.

This program is open to all VCKC members. If you cannot take part, please consider sponsoring one of our paddlers to raise funds for Camp Shawnigan.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Boyd: [voyageur@vckc.ca](mailto:voyageur@vckc.ca), 250-386-6004





## More Club House News

### The Heritage of Our Clubhouse

President Jean Chandler has kindly given permission for the Heritage Group of the Canadian Federation of University Women Victoria (CFUW Victoria - wot a mouthful!) to have a briefing at the clubhouse on the heritage of the house and of the club.

Did you know that our clubhouse was designed in 1923 by renowned architect Samuel Maclure for the Hamilton boating family, and that it has always had a connection to boating on the Gorge? It is one of over 40 houses in the Tillicum neighbourhood that are on the Saanich Heritage Registry.

Speaker on this topic will be Jane Evans, Saanich Heritage Planner.

And did you know that our club was founded in 1967 and got the lease of the clubhouse in 1982?

Jean Chandler and Sandy Rattray will be on hand to talk about the activities of the club and to show off the house and the various types of canoes and paddle boats (dragon boats included).

If you would like to come and be part of the afternoon, please let Jill know. You can help to make the coffee! - Jill Leslie, 250-391-3908



### Help Support Camp Shawnigan

Did you know that the Club has an account at Bottle Depot? All money collected in this account goes to Camp Shawnigan to support the camp for disabled children.

Here is how it works. If you are taking bottles and cans to a Bottle Depot site, when you get to the till, tell the staff person who will count your returns, that the money is to go to account #174. If you wait until after your total has been run in, it is too late, so tell them beforehand. You will be asked to sign (initial) the amount in a book kept at the till to verify that you want the money to go to that account.

I hand in bottles and cans picked up on hikes and paddles and like to know that the money is going to Camp Shawnigan. I believe that the bottles and cans recycled by the Club go to the same account. So support Camp Shawnigan and send your refunds to a good cause.

Alan Thomson

## VCKC Executive

### Executive

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**Note: The next deadline for submissions for the newsletter is March 18<sup>th</sup>.**

## March 2014

**VCKC Events**

Today March 2014

☐ Holidays in Canada  
☐ Phases of the Moon  
☒ The Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		7:30pm VCKC General	5:30pm Gulf Islands		Camosun practice, Lakewater I Canoe	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		7pm Executive Meet			Camosun practice, 1pm Heritage group	NCKC - Newcastle
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					Potential Camosun	FCRCC March Madn
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		VCKC Newsletter D	7pm Gorge Waterwa			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Lakewater I Canoe				Camosun expedition	Camosun expedition	Camosun expedition
						Lakewater II canoe
30	31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5
Camosun expedition		7:30pm VCKC General				Paddle for the Kids

Events shown in time zone: Pacific Time - Vancouver

Google Calendar