



# Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club

## Newsletter

December 2015

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## VCKC Christmas Party & General Meeting Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Please note: the Annual General Meeting for January 2016 is Tuesday, January 12th

### Christmas Party

Tuesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 6:00 p.m. Potluck. Raffle and 50/50 draw for Big Brothers and Sisters. Bring item for Food Bank. See Executive News for details.

### Donate to Christmas Raffle

Proceeds from the raffle at the Christmas Party go to support Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Please consider contributing new, desirable items for the raffle. See Executive News for details.

### Christmas Decorating Party

Decorating Party at the clubhouse on Saturday, November 28th from 10:00 a.m. until noon. This is a good time to bring any items for the raffle.

### Annual VCKC New Year's Day Paddle

Meet at the Clubhouse at 10.30am on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> January. Bring your own boat or paddle in one of the Club's big canoes - Voyageur or OC-6. Followed by potluck lunch. See Executive News for details.

### Flatwater Paddle

A flatwater paddle is planned for Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup>. See Canoe Program section for details.

### Blue-Green Algae Advisory at Thetis Lake Regional Park

See <https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/parks-pdf/notices/2015-11-24-psa-blue-green-algae-thetis.pdf?sfvrsn=2> for details.

### Gear for Sale

Stohlquist Drysuit. See Canoe Program section for details.

## EXECUTIVE NEWS

### **Annual VCKC Christmas Party Tuesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 6:00 p.m.**

#### *Preparation for the Christmas Party*

##### **Raffle Donations**

VCKC's annual Big Brothers and Big Sisters fundraiser raffle needs your donations.

- Raffle items should be something you would give to a very dear friend or something you would dearly love to receive. (Skip the re-gifting of less desirable items.)
- If you have items you would like to contribute to the raffle please contact Mavis Pillar at: [mavispillar@gmail.com](mailto:mavispillar@gmail.com) , Linda Thomson: [3135thom@islandnet.com](mailto:3135thom@islandnet.com) or bring them to the Decorating Party on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

##### **Decorating Party**

Get into the Christmas spirit early by joining the Decorating Party at the clubhouse on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until noon. (What a fun way to volunteer!) This is also a good time to bring any items for the raffle.

##### **Things to Bring**

1. It's a potluck: make a food donation to bring that you would share with your very dear friend and bring enough to fill you both up with a few leftovers. (If you're lucky, you'll get a taste of main course items and of dessert items.)

For those of you who need structure, those whose last name starts with A to M, bring salads or main dishes, N to Z please bring appetizers, desserts or breads.

Please identify possible dietary ingredients such as nuts, eggs, gluten, etc.

2. A libation of your choice (remember to drive safely).
3. Remember to bring an item for the VCKC donation to the Food Bank.
4. Your wallet (for raffle and 50/50 draw). The proceeds of the 50/50 draw and raffle go to support Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

##### *The Party*

Arrive any time after 5:00 p.m., or earlier if you wish to help set up the kitchen. (This is another fun way to volunteer for your club!)

Buy your raffle tickets and visit with friends.

(Buying lots of raffle tickets increases your odds of getting a winning draw! It also is a bigger donation for Big Brothers and Big Sisters.)

Dinner about 6:00 p.m.

Later: Raffle draws and Christmas Carols.

### **VCKC's 2016 Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, which is the second Tuesday of January. There will not be a General Meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Annual VCKC New Year's Day Paddle January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

Meet at the Clubhouse at 10.30am on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> January. Bring your own boat or paddle in one of the Club's big canoes - Voyageur or OC-6. The boats will paddle in convoy up the Gorge to Portage Inlet then back to the Clubhouse for a potluck lunch. So bring all your Christmas season food and drink remnants and share them with your fellow members. After lunch, the Club's Christmas decorations will be coming down in preparation for the Annual General Meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>, so plan to stay and help with that.

### **Clubhouse Cleanup**

Thanks to all those who participated in the house and grounds fall cleanup party, in spite of the light rain. We all had lots of fun and camaraderie. The side benefit is a great looking clubhouse!





**Executive News (continued)**  
**Clubhouse Cleanup - photos thanks to Wendy Clapp**



# CANOE PROGRAM

## Remembrance Day

Over forty paddlers joined in the Remembrance Day Paddle. After the observance at the Burma Star Memorial, we broke into separate, kayaker, voyageur and tandem canoe groups at the put-in. Our group of eight tandem canoes had a great day, perfecting our river skills, enjoying the beautiful day and socializing. Thanks to all who came out.

## New Director

White smoke or no white smoke, we have a new Canoe Program Director. The very capable, dare I say brilliant, David Dorosz will be taking over the Program in January. I leave a legacy of reckless boat purchasing, inconsistent course scheduling, strange Program activities and daydreaming during exec meetings. On the bright side, I didn't steal anything. It's been fun! Thanks to everyone for all their 'above and beyond' help during my 3 year tenure and good luck to David.

## New Locker

A new and somewhat oversize Canoe Program Locker will be in place, in the Clubhouse basement, by December 1st. It will replace the old metal locker and is designed to be a central point for holding all the Program gear. Built in ventilation will allow stored equipment to dry out.

## Weekend Paddles

Stay tuned for email notices of weekend paddles. The river paddlers are very active these days and just completed a very busy weekend. Beginner and intermediate river and flatwater paddles are being planned and email notices will be sent out.

## Courses

Canoe Program courses are completed for the year and we're just finishing up a Lakewater I and II program with a School group. Please let me know if you're interested in taking any canoe courses.

## Flatwater Paddle

A flatwater paddle is planned for Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. This is likely to be the last such trip this year. The destination will depend on the wind on the day, as well as who signs up, but will be somewhere relatively local as the daylight is short and everyone has other things to do at this time of year.

Perhaps Discovery/Chatham Islands, Sooke Harbour/Sooke River or somewhere along the Saanich Inlet.

## Gear for Sale

### Stohlquist Drysuit

The drysuit is in very good condition with no rips, tears or patches, and has been very well maintained.

- The suit is full foot design with "convenience zipper" in front.
- The suit comes with a MEC "bunny suit" also in very good condition to keep you warm.
- A roll top dry bag to store everything in is also included.
- The drysuit would fit someone between 5'10" and 6'4"
- Asking \$450.00 for all three items - drysuit, bunny suit and drybag.
- Sold "as is; where is". Cash preferred.
- Contact Graham Lloyd at 250-381-5090.



Stohlquist Drysuit for Sale



## OUTRIGGER PROGRAM

Hello fellow outrigger paddlers.

We had our first steering clinic for the OC6 and it was a success. Three keen souls showed up and under the guidance of Ron Williams they can all go in a straight line now.....well almost. Turns came naturally, although they weren't all in the right direction. All kidding aside, everyone improved and learned something.

I hope to hold another steering clinic for those that could not attend this one, likely in January, so stay tuned.



OC6 Steering Clinic

The OC6s are getting used 7 days a week, which is fantastic. It appears that a list of paddlers that can spare is really needed now. Since we don't actually have an up to date list I would like all those interested in sparing to email me

with their contact information, and I will distribute it to the team leaders.

I sent out a questionnaire regarding the purchase of an OC2 for the club and received an overwhelming positive response. With the exception of three paddlers who indicated that they would not use an OC2, all the others were 100% in favour of getting one.

Upon board approval and securing a storage site, I hope to have an OC2 at VCKC very soon.

With cold wintery type weather upon us, I would like to remind everybody to dress appropriately when paddling. An extra piece of dry clothing might come in handy when taking a break out on the water.

See you at the VCKC Christmas party!  
Shawn



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

## December 2015

VCKC Events						
Today < > December 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	Dec 1 6pm VCKC Xmas pa	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 7pm Executive Meet	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 1pm Lights on the G	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1	2
Events shown in time zone: Pacific Time - Vancouver						