



Victoria Canoe & Kayak Club Newsletter

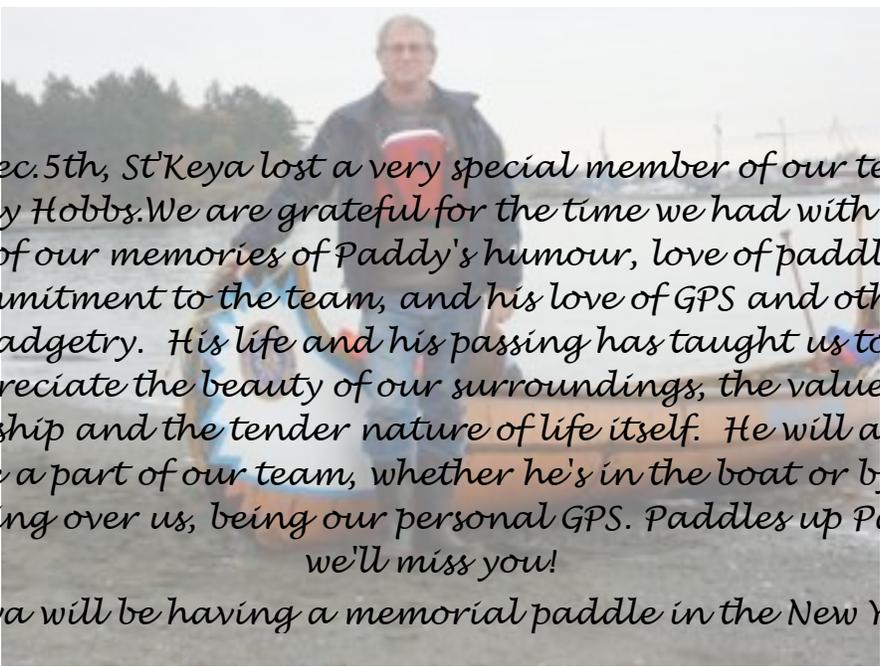
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Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, January 8th, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Renew your membership before January 8th, then elect the Executive Elections and vote for the budget that includes a proposal to increase fees and course charges. See pages 2 & 3 for details.



On Dec. 5th, St'Keya lost a very special member of our team, Paddy Hobbs. We are grateful for the time we had with him and of our memories of Paddy's humour, love of paddling, commitment to the team, and his love of GPS and other gadgetry. His life and his passing has taught us to appreciate the beauty of our surroundings, the value of friendship and the tender nature of life itself. He will always be a part of our team, whether he's in the boat or by watching over us, being our personal GPS. Paddles up Paddy, we'll miss you!

St'Keya will be having a memorial paddle in the New Year.

CLUBHOUSE NEWS JANUARY 2013

It was a full house at this year's **Christmas Party**. Thanks to all members who continue to make this a successful annual tradition. As usual, the food and entertainment were excellent. Christmas Carol Karaoke was a fun adventure - who knew we have some undiscovered singers. \$373 was raised from the raffle and 50/50 draw for Club Shawnigan. Special thanks to Mavis and those who helped decorate the clubhouse.



The VCKC Annual

General Meeting for 2013 is Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00 pm. Items on the agenda will be the approval of the 2012 AGM minutes, review of the 2012 financial statements and approval of the 2013 budget. There will also be nominations and election of VCKC's 2013 Executive members.

This has been a **fascinating year as president**. I've learned a great deal about the club, our members and our paddling community. I would like to thank Bon for the guidance and sober second thought. His support has been invaluable. I'm proud to be associated with such a hard working generous group. We can all be proud of the members who took on executive positions - they have demonstrated an admirable sense of cooperation and fairness.

We launched the **Craigflower School Canoe project** - providing experiences for students, teachers, and our volunteers that make a difference in lives. In Fairway I was greeted by two young girls with "Hi Pam" and they turned to their mom and said "she took us paddling". Small things can have an impact. Thank you to everyone who helped. Alan Thomson continues teaching the teachers to paddle in preparation for the students advancing to voyageurs in the spring. We expect to hear in January from MEC about a grant for student all-weather clothing.

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General meetings have been well attended and have been such an inspiration to try out all the VCKC programs. They taught us all a lot about the various programs the Club offers, and the passion that drives the quite different sets of paddlers. We also better understand what we all share - we love to paddle.

I would also like to **thank all** the members of the **executive and other volunteers** for their support and hard work during the last year. Members of the executive not returning for 2013 are: Marie Lansdowne (Vice-President), Yasmin Rampuri (Canoe), Mary Kirchner (Dragon boat), Doug Linton (Kayak but Doug continues as Director Safety & Education), Dave Schweter (Outrigger), Doug Magnuson (Storage) and Mile Petrovic (Member at Large).

Club Program/Financial Planning

Executive completed the financial and planning process leading to the proposed 2013 budget. The 2013 budget addresses member advice from the 2012 AGM to implement longer term planning. Proposed changes to budget structure, increased storage fees and membership fees, as well as allocation of Harold's special fund and club funds are included in the 2013 budget.

- Club Purpose, Principles and Policies (complete)
- Program/Financial Planning and Revenue Allocation (complete)
- Capital Asset Maintenance and Replacement 3-10 year plan (3 year complete)
- Revenue Generation. (Complete)

Upcoming Events of Interest

- New Years day paddle Jan 1 2013 - everyone welcome to paddle or just come share lunch
- New Years Day Marathon fun race Jan 1 afternoon
- Survey online of members views using Survey Monkey software - a survey to help executive understand members' likes, dislikes and areas for improvement that exist. More info to come.
- AGM Jan 8

Happy New Year. See you all at the AGM.
Pam
President, VCKC

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

7:00 p.m. - VCKC Clubhouse

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing the 2013 Executive, appointing the Auditor, and receiving reports from the President, Program Directors and the Treasurer, including the submission of the proposed 2013 Budget.

Additional nominations for the Executive may be made from the floor if there is a mover and seconder, and the nominee is a paid-up member who agrees to stand.

An Agenda and working papers will be distributed electronically to all Club members before the meeting.

Voting

You must be a VCKC paid-up member for 2013 in order to vote. Muriel Johnson, Membership Director, will be present at the meeting to accept new memberships and membership renewals from those who haven't yet taken out 2013 membership. Voting is by show of hands, although any voting member may request a secret ballot. Proxy voting is not permitted except by special resolution of the Club.

Preparation

Members would do well to review the *Club's Bylaws, Constitution and Policies* before the meeting; they can be found on-line by clicking on the links at the bottom of the "Membership" page on the website (you do not need to log on to do this).

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

It's official - as mentioned in the December Newsletter, the Executive is recommending that the Club approve increases in membership and boat storage fees for 2013. However, you can renew at the 2012 rates IF you complete the renewal process between now and the end of January. Don't forget that, in order to vote at the Jan, 8th AGM, you must be a paid-up member for 2013. 2012 Rates: Membership: \$40 single, \$60 for a family. Boat storage: \$30 outside, \$60 inside. For more information on proposed budget changes, see the **Club Program/Financial Planning** section of the **Club House News** on page 2 of this Newsletter.

Renewing online is easy - simply log in using your Member password, review and update your information, signify your agreement with the waiver, and pay using PayPal. If you are paying by cheque, you need to complete the waiver form obtained online (log into the membership page to download) OR obtain a paper copy of the waiver form at the Clubhouse, fill it out and send it in with your cheque. Cheques should be made payable to Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club.

NOMINATIONS

Apart from the position of Past President, all positions are voted on for a one-year period and can be contested. All nominees must have a nominator and seconder. Nominations can be made at the AGM or beforehand to the Nominations Committee.

Only PAID-UP MEMBERS for 2013 may vote. You can renew your membership at the AGM but it is quicker and easier to do ON-LINE BEFOREHAND.

If you are interested in standing for a position, or can suggest someone you would recommend to the **Nominating Committee**, please contact:

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Outrigger Program
Dave Schweter



Marathon Canoe Program
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& Risa Greenwood



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NEW YEAR'S DAY PADDLE AND POTLUCK LUNCH

The Club's traditional **New Year's Day** paddle will start at the Clubhouse at **10.30 a.m.** We will paddle up the Gorge into Portage Inlet and possibly Craigflower Creek before returning to the Clubhouse for a potluck lunch. We will provide a large soup and mulled wine; but everyone bring what they like.

After lunch, we will take down the Christmas decorations so that the Clubhouse is ready for the AGM the next week.

Bring your own boat or jump into one of the voyageur canoes.

NEW YEARS DAY RACE

Looking for some fun to start the New Year? Come to VCKC at **1:00 pm January 1, 2013** for a Fun and Informal Race.

Paddlers will be paired together on the day and can race Marathon Canoes or Voyageur Canoes.

The course will be a short course that involves manoeuvring around some buoys.

Hosted by the Marathon Program. For information, contact Darrelle marathon@vckc.ca.

VCKC BOTTLE DRIVE

FUND RAISER FOR BC LIONS SOCIETY CAMP SHAWNIGAN

Please save your bottles & drop them off in the club basement **January 1st**. Hopefully we will have lots of bottles from your Christmas celebrations. Thanks so much!!!

Wendy Clapp

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Our gratitude to Mavis for once again making it a wonderful Christmas party was acknowledged with a poinsettia.

Aside from fun, food, friends and frolicking, \$373.00 was raised for Camp Shawnigan. Jenny Yee won \$105.00 in the 50/50 draw.



Diane Williams frolics.

CANOE PROGRAM REPORT

Flatwater Paddle

There will be a half day paddle on Sunday 13th January 2013. The paddling area will, as usual, depend on the strength and direction of the wind, but we can always use Thetis or Elk/Beaver Lakes if the winds are high and or it is very cold. Some paddlers will remember last year's paddle through the ice on Upper Thetis Lake - great fun and quite spectacular ice/snow effects on the water. An e-mail will be sent out to all Canoe and Kayak program members a week ahead of this trip.

Trip Reports

Flatwater: The last flatwater trip of the year took place on Saturday 8th of December 2012. The wind was, for once, gentle and low, and the sun shone on a flotilla of ten boats, with 17 paddlers. We put in at Telegraph Cove and headed round Ten Mile Point, looking at the waterfront houses and sneaking along the shore, inside the kelp border. With the sea being calm and paddling into the sun, it was hard to spot the sub-surface rocks, but not dangerous if you happened to hit them. My new canoe found a number, thereby beginning the process of marking up the hull.

From Cadboro Point, we crossed over to Jemmy Jones Island, an ecological reserve and then to Flower Island, where we stopped to stretch our legs and look about. The Royal Victoria Yacht Club had some form of race or instructional course set up in Cadboro Bay, so we headed across towards Cattle Point and then paddled slowly back along the Uplands shoreline. Lots of large houses and one gap where a house used to be; someone spent a lot of money for the land. A few of the canoes sneaked inside the docks of the Yacht Club, crouching down to get under the gangplanks - it was high tide - while the others cruised inside the breakwater and met up at the far side.

Plenty seals, one eagle (that I saw) but no otters. And so to the beach in the far (North) corner, where we took out and the drivers walked back to Telegraph Cove to pick up the vehicles. Patty and Yves of Go Kayak were taking out a client from Cadboro Bay beach - a perfect day for introducing someone to paddling on the ocean.

Thanks to everyone one who took part, especially Ken and Andre who gave lifts to some of the paddlers, thereby saving gas and sharing a social moment or two. Arthur and Pam, Maris and Ken,

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Andre, Linda and Sandy, Linda and Elke, Ron and Barbara, Gary, Kathy and Jim, Jennifer and Jack all took part and everyone enjoyed it. Maybe it was the time of year, maybe the weather, or maybe people like half-day paddles?

Moving Water

Chemainus: Jean, Ellie, Antique Tod, Barry and Dan found a perfect level (23cms) on the Chemainus for Sunday's (Dec 8) river paddle. Lots of fun and paddle practice was had by all. Tod sprung a leak in his wood & canvas but still ran and played the whole river. It was possible to ferry cross-river on a single wave that developed at the lunch spot. Roller Coaster, Jet Ferry and The Gate holes were all prime. A bit chilly but as always an enjoyable day on the river. Defying commonsense, Doug and Dan ran a high Koksilah (7 on the boulder).

Koksilah: Tues, Dec.4. We portaged Burnt Bridge but the rest of the river was fairly exciting. Minor, avoidable wood debris was found on both sides of the mid-river rock outcrop leading into Knoll drop. A stump and tree blocked river right of the exit to the Knoll pool. Most boulders usually showing were pillow eddys and the larger re-circulating eddys were difficult to hit with wide eddy lines. The wonderful couple who let us use their property to takeout left a very nice Christmas card and note under the wiper on Doug's truck. We always try to 'leave no trace' and also leave a small gift for them once or twice a year.

Meeting

A Canoe & Kayak Group meeting is planned for **January 21, 7:30 p.m.** Dave Wooldridge of Ridge Wilderness Adventures will be giving a talk on wilderness safety at the meeting. I expect this talk to be a good and useful intro to wilderness safety and you may find some of Dave's services of interest to you.

River Trips

No Club river paddles are planned for the next three weekends but group emails will be sent out as impromptu runs develop. Please let Dan Walker dangeo@shaw.ca know if you're interested in river paddling over the holidays.

Canoe
River
Trip
with
Jean,
Ellie,
Antique
Tod,
Barry
and Dan
8/12/12



What's
the rest of
Canada
doing?

Here are
the Friday
Flyers
Mike
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Note: the Deadline for submission of content for the next newsletter is January 21, 2013.

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		10:30am New Year's Day Year's Day Race				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		7:30pm Annual General Meeting				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:30am Flat Water Paddle		7pm Executive Meeting				
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	Newsletter Deadline 7:30pm Canoe & Kayak		7pm GWI meeting			
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