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Okanagan Landing Regatta — July 20th, 2008

Since 1910

Paddlewheel Park – 7813 Okanagan Landing Road

A Community Event — Everyone Welcome!

Schedule of Events:

- ◆ **Pancake Breakfast** **8:00am – 11:00am**
> Cost for Adults - \$4.00 & Children - \$2.00
- ◆ **All Day Concession** – Hosted by OKLV Fire Department
- ⇒ Sand Castle Building Contest 9:00am – 11:00am
- ⇒ Dive for Sunken Treasures 11:00am – 11:30pm
- ⇒ Bounce - n - Play (12 & under) 11:00am – 2:00pm
- ⇒ Colouring Contest 11:30pm – 1:00pm
- ⇒ Dinghy Boat Races 12:00pm – 1:00pm
- ⇒ Old Fashion Races (teams) 12:00pm – 1:00pm
- ⇒ Watermelon Eating Contest 1:00pm – 2:00pm
*Sponsored by Buy Low Foods – Landing Plaza
- ⇒ Paddlewheel Boat Construction & Race 2:00pm – 3:00pm
- ⇒ Cardboard Boat Construction & Race 2:15pm – 3:15pm
- ⇒ Mural Wall & Face Painting All Day
- ⇒ Vernon Racing Canoe Club All Day
- ⇒ Antique Car Show All Day
- ⇒ Canadian Auxiliary Coast Guard All Day
- ⇒ North Okanagan Sailing Association (NOSA) TBA
- ⇒ Vernon Yacht Club Demonstration TBA
- ⇒ Fire Boat Demonstration - OKLV Fire Department TBA
- ⇒ Karaoke on the Beach TBA

Family Fun

Free activities

Excitement

Lots of Fun for All Ages

Volunteers Needed — all ages!

Can you face-paint? If so, we need you. We also need people to help out with races, contests, and other activities. If you can help in any way, it would be greatly appreciated.

Come out and join the fun!



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Paddlewheel Park Activities

North Okanagan Sailing Association

North Okanagan Sailing Association (NOSA) is the small craft (dinghy) sailing club located at Paddlewheel Park on Okanagan Lake. This volunteer-run, non-profit society, promotes sailing, learning to sail, and water safety education to the North Okanagan. For the months May through October, this club offers a fun and affordable recreational activity and a good social atmosphere.

Lessons are available to the public (no membership required) — beginning in June for the Adult lessons, and in July for the Youth Sailing. Both lesson plans continue through the summer until the end of August. **Adult lessons** consist of two levels: the Whitesail 1 & 2 are for beginner sailors, and the Whitesail 3 is for an intermediate sailor. For the summer of 2008, seven sessions of Whitesail 1&2 and two sessions of Whitesail 3 are offered. Both programs begin on Thursday nights and conclude on Sunday. The **Youth Sailing** (summer program) begins the first week of July and is a day long program on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Emphasis for the youth is on the fun of learning to sail and developing the respect of water safety. The head instructor at NOSA is a CYA (Canadian Yachting Association) certified instructor, fully competent in teaching sailing and water safety.

Memberships in the club are highly encouraged. A family membership is very affordable for the sailing season and the membership includes an opportunity to participate in the boat-share program. NOSA has multiple boats for members to sail, including a Hobie 14, several Lasers, and a Kestrel.

For more information go to

www.nosa.bc.ca, or info@nosa.bc.ca, or
phone 260-4255 (May through September).



Plan to Paddle in Paddlewheel Park!

Would you like to try Outrigger Canoe Paddling in your own backyard? Just imagine the Polynesian style canoes on beautiful Lake Okanagan. Once in awhile we even find a bit of surf to carry us from Cameron Point right into Kin Beach. The **Vernon Racing Canoe Club** has programs for every level and every fitness. All equipment is provided by the club & included in your membership fees. The fleet of canoes includes one, two, and six person outrigger canoes that can be used on a flexible schedule.

Come on out and give us a try for a recreational paddle or a competitive event in your community. If you enjoy recreational or competitive water sports in the outdoors, this club has something to offer! Please take the time to browse our website for more information. We'd love to see you out on the water.

Watch for our Learn-to-Paddle programs on the Rec Centre website and in their brochures, or call Wayne Koole 550-7333 for all the information.

The club compound is located at the west end of Paddlewheel Park near the tennis courts.

Paddling season runs from April to the end of September.

HAVE FUN, RACE HARD, AND ENJOY THE COMPANY OF YOUR CLUB MEMBERS.

THE PLEASURE IS IN THE PARTICIPATION!

www.vrccoutrigger.com



President's Report

Welcome to summer in the Okanagan. Your board of directors has been meeting periodically over the past year and we've changed some of the faces at the table. After many years Barb Camalush has stepped aside. Barb and Kelly were instrumental coordinating the first stages of the Station House remodeling as well as in putting together the annual Okanagan Landing Regatta. Some new faces have been added, including Darrel Voaklander, Darlene Hainer, Murray Hainer, Barry McDougall and Lorelei Sullivan. The directors recently had our second strategic planning session and we have identified a number of ideas and activities we would like to pursue in the future. As is often the case in these sessions the continued involvement and engagement of our members is important. An example of one member's involvement has been Ken Peter's restoration of the old life boat that many will recall as a fixture from in front of the old Hall. Ken spent literally 100's of hours over the past few years on what started out as a simple project to repair one his favourite childhood play toys. My kids and future generations of kids thank-you, Ken. Perhaps someone out there has an interesting idea how the life boat could be incorporated into a landscape design or a new sign for the Park ???

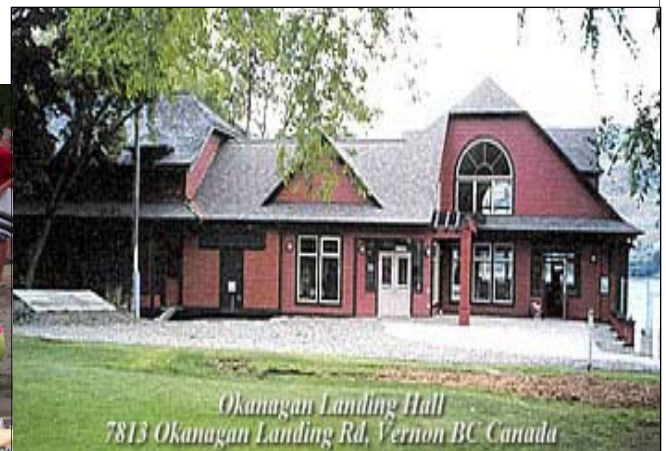
The quiet of winter-spring at Paddlewheel Park has been transformed into one of our area's most popular summer destinations for beach goers and park users of all sorts. As many of you know most of Paddlewheel Park (everything east of and including the boat launch) is owned by the Okanagan Landing and District Community Association and for more than 25-years has been leased and operated as a public park by what is now Greater Vernon Services. This lease for our park is presently being renewed and will continue to provide a wonderful waterfront recreation site to not only our members, but to people from the Greater Vernon area. In the next few months we will be holding some discussions with our members so that we can create a park plan, or future vision of what we want our Park to look like in 5-, 10- and 25-years. Your involvement in helping us develop this park plan is very important, so please watch for further information on how you can become involved.

The Community Hall at Paddlewheel Park is a major part of the Landing Association assets and activities. In the summer months many families use the hall to celebrate marriages and to hold family reunions. During the fall-winter-spring months although there are dances, weddings and other social events booked well into the future, there are often openings particularly mid-week. If you have ideas for community activities, social events or would like to book the Hall for a family, social or corporate event, please contact the President or any of the directors. For hall bookings, one of our members, Darlene Hainer, is now coordinating Hall bookings and can be reached at hallrental@okanaganlanding.com or 250-542-2500.

On Sunday July 20 the annual **Okanagan Landing Regatta**, a kid-family oriented community picnic, will again be held at Paddlewheel Park. More details elsewhere in the newsletter. Perhaps someone can do a better job than Victor and I did at beating those Firemen in the water melon eating contest perhaps a team of volleyball players?

Best wishes for a safe summer.

David Simpson, President



Contributions to the Landing Community News

The **Landing Community News** is a community newsletter. If you have information about the Landing community, we invite articles, ideas, poems, favorite recipes, or anything else.

Also, if you are interested in becoming a **sponsor** for the newsletter, please contact the editor for information.

For **contributions and sponsorship**, contact the Editor:

Mary-Ann Reid at
info@okanaganlanding.com

or Fax: 250-260-4186

> Attention: Editor

The Landing Community News is published 3 times per year.

The next **deadline** for submission is **Sep 30th, 2008**.

**COMING SOON:
OUR NEW WEBSITE:
www.okanaganlanding.com**

Okanagan Landing Community Hall

Are you interested in renting the Hall?

The Okanagan Landing Community Hall is located at



7813 Okanagan Landing Rd., Vernon, BC.

It is available to rent to association members and the general public.

Remember: If you are a Landing Association member, you will receive reduced hall rental rates.

Features of the hall...

- located in Paddlewheel Park on Okanagan Lake
- 250 seat capacity
- large wraparound deck
- plenty of parking
- wheel chair access
- acoustic sound system
- kitchen.

For further information, please call and **leave a message** for Chastity @ **542-2500**

or ~ **fax: 250-558-7830**

~ **e-mail: hallrental@okanaganlanding.com**

In Your Neighbourhood - Anonymous

The number of cigarette boats and ocean racers on Okanagan lakes appears to be growing exponentially. Residents and tourists from Penticton to Vernon are being forced to endure deafening noise and the dangerous speed of these vessels. There appears to be some public confusion over jurisdiction. Municipalities are being urged to deal with the issue. But as you will see below the Canadian government already has regulations and laws in place - the Small Vessel Regulations of the Canada Shipping Act — view at:

<http://www.tc.gc.ca/marinesafety/debs/obs/environment/noise/menu.htm>

We urge you to contact your MP and Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities and bring this matter to their attention. Downloading the problem to local government is not the answer. We need Federal resources to enforce Federal laws. In other jurisdictions in Canada increased enforcement has led to a curtailment of such antisocial boating activities. The Okanagan Valley needs to raise awareness of the issue with Ottawa now. Contact:

Colin Mayes — Okanagan - Shuswap at #206 - 3203 - 30th Street, Vernon, BC, V1T 9G9.

Tel: 250-260-5020 - Toll Free: 1-800-665-5040 - Fax: 250-260-5025 - Email: mayesc1b@parl.gc.ca

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