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Okanagan Landing Regatta – July 19th, 2009

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
- ⇒ 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!

We need people to help out with races, contests, face-painting, 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

Paddles Up! — by Christine Castrucow



Are you interested in travelling and racing outrigger canoes in tropical climates? Or are you looking to get some fresh air and exercise, and meet new people? If so, the Vernon Racing Canoe Club/Vernon Paddle Centre can provide programs to meet your needs.

The **Vernon Racing Canoe Club/Vernon Paddle Centre** found its way to Paddlewheel Park in 1997, five years after the club was founded on Kalamalka Lake. The club initially began as a Dragon Boat club with two “baby dragon boats” purchased by the club members. Club members attended the International Dragon Boat Festival for a number of years with many success stories.

In 1994 the club purchased its first 6-person outrigger canoe and has not looked back, with the fleet growing to three 6-person canoes, 4 double outriggers, and 5 single outriggers. New to the club this year are a double and a single surf ski, which have become very popular in the Okanagan over the past few years.

Many club members have travelled to various locations across the globe to compete in small and large boat races. Kona, Hawaii has been a popular destination, along with several of our athletes competing in the “World’s Longest Outrigger Race”—the Molokai to Oahu Islands race in Hawaii. The Catalina Crossing in southern California has also attracted many of the club members on numerous occasions. The New York Liberty Challenge has also been attended by VRCC members. In addition to these international locations, there are several local races at the coast and up and down Okanagan Lake that paddlers can race in.

The club also hosts their own race every August long-weekend from Kin Beach. This is the “North American Freshwater Challenge”—the National Long Distance Championship which hosts over 100 paddlers for two days of racing.

For the less competitive paddler who wants to be on the water, enjoy the scenery, and get some exercise, the club also offers a recreational component and a Learn to Paddle Program. Anyone can come out and try the canoes to see how they enjoy the sport.

The club would also like to welcome you if you need a place to store your boat. If you are tired of hauling your boat around on your car, we can offer secure storage for your canoe, kayak, or surf-ski close to the beach for a nominal fee. And we just might get you out in an outrigger!



For more information and contact numbers, check out our website at www.vrccoutrigger.com

Hope to see you on the water!!

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.

For more information go to

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



CPR Station House Gets New Life — by Val Heuman

Exciting things have been happening in the Station House annex. Ron Heuman is heading a very committed team of Association members, including Eldie Jamison, Darryl Voaklander, and Murray Hainer to finally bring our dream of a museum/archive, office, small meeting room, and storage area to fruition. Every Monday morning they join forces to clear out and clean up the building so that the contractor and other specialized trades can install the essentials and then the team will complete the job.

As it is always recommended that one starts at the roof and works down, Armstrong Roofing was hired to install a new cedar shake roof. While they were on the roof, the brick chimney was repaired so that the original exterior design of the building could be maintained. Funding was partially obtained from the Vernon Heritage Fund with a generous donation of \$5000. The balance came from the Association's funds, including donations, which had been earmarked for the Station House renovation.



The next step in the process will be to have an up-to-date estimate of the funds required to complete the work.



A major fundraising campaign will follow so that we can soon proudly show off our historical building to the rest of Vernon and the many travelers who visit our park.

If you are interested in contributing to this project, please contact

Ron Heuman at 250-558-1063.

Contributions to the **Landing Community News**

The **Landing Community News** is a community newsletter, published 3 times per year. 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, contact the editor for information. The next **deadline** for submission is **September 30th, 2009**. Contact the Editor, Mary-Ann Reid, at info@okanaganlanding.com

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE:
www.okanaganlanding.com

The Okanagan Landing Community Hall

7813 Okanagan Landing Rd., Vernon, BC.



The Hall is available to rent by the general public. If you are a Association member, or you hold a fundraiser event, you will receive reduced rates.

Common Events held in the Hall...

- Weddings ~ Reunions ~ Fundraiser Dinners and Dances
- Fruit and Nut Sale ~ Country Dancers Workshops
- Polling Station ~ Municipal and Government Meetings
- Business Receptions ~ Information Meetings ~ School District Events
- Youth Bowling Banquet & Dance ~ Spiritual Meditation Sessions

Features of the hall...

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

For further information, please call and **leave a message** for **Darlene @ 250-542-2500** or e-mail: hallrental@okanaganlanding.com

Paddlewheel Park Fires Up for a “Hot Dog Vendor” – by Barry McDougall

As summer fast approaches and Paddlewheel Park is preparing for the mass influx of tourists to our area, it is with great anticipation that the new “Hot Dog and Beach Treats” vendor will serve all of the beach goers.

Unfortunately, Okanagan Landing Store—one of the areas historic landmarks—is not opening this summer season. The owners of the store, the Dranchuks, have moved on with other projects and have not found a lessee to take over the store.

To enhance the beach experience, the Okanagan Landing & District Community Association’s Board made the decision to support a vendor to locate in the park for the summer. A contact for this service was located and the vendor was approved by the Greater Vernon Services Committee and the City of Vernon. The vendor is John Mehain, along with his wife, May Hooper, and their 3 daughters. John is semi-retired and thinks that his first venture as a vendor will be a good thing for him and his family. The girls will help work the booth. In addition, the City is very interested in having John set up another operation permanently on the city hall site by the fountain downtown. John is now considering that option as well.

So, when you are hungry or thirsty and the sun is out, you will find John and his family at the stand by the beach serving summer treats.

Good luck John, May, and girls, and may rays of sunshine beat down on your hot dog stand and the wind stay on your back this summer . . .

All the best from the Board of the Okanagan Landing & District Community Association.