

SYC Power Boat Rally Scavenger Hunt 2026



Please consider joining your fellow members on the water for the 2026 Summerland Yacht Club Boat Rally/Scavenger Hunt on August 22nd starting at high noon. This pirate themed event will give you the opportunity to test your boating skills, meet some of the sailboat members, and enjoy a burger bash following your return to the basin. Here is what to expect as you prepare your team to spend time on the water answering life changing questions and participating in physical feats of daring as you collect points towards pirate like prizes in your powered watercraft:

- **Teams:** Pick a name for ye' crew of pirates. Minimum of two to a maximum of whatever your boat is rated for with Big Points awarded to every power boat captain that brings on a SYC sail boat owner as part of their crew. Sail boat owners are asked to provide their pirate names and contact information to the SYC so the powerboat owners can contact them.
- **Clues:** Each team will receive an envelope with clues that directs them to the next location. Clues can be direct or riddle-based, requiring problem-solving skills to decipher. They can be solved enroute to the next location. Big Points awarded to those team who do not "Google" their way through a question.
- **Tasks:** At each port, teams might need to find a specific item, answer a question, take a photo, or complete a challenge before setting sail again. An example directional clue would be; "Steer towards Miami, Florida". An example task would be; "Photograph the shipmate with the biggest splash".
- **Winning:** The team to complete both stages with the most points at the end of a pre- set time limit wins. The time limit will be provided to the teams as a range of time, 2.5 to 3 hours, with points awarded to the team closest to the secret time revealed at the end of the event.
- **Theme:** The theme will be tied to the SYC members knowledge of the Okanagan in general with some Canadiana type questions to stump the "A" type ship mates. A Pirate theme costume achieves extra points.
- **Photo Opportunities:** A number of key locations will be chosen for photo opportunities to be sent during the event and shown at the burger bash. You will email or text photos from you boat through out the challenge.
- **Materials:** Each team should bring a pen and paper to solve challenges. A sealed envelope with instructions inside will be provided to each team to start the rally. Safety gear is mandatory.
- **Prizes:** First prize to the team accumulating the most points at the end. Additional prizes for goofiest picture, last place, or a mutiny on board ship.
- **Meal:** Food provided at the Burger Bash courtesy of SYC and the First Mates Galley Crew.
- **Boater Briefing:** Teams will be asked to assign a ships Captain. The briefing will be held at 1130 hrs with every team captain in attendance. The captain will be responsible for the boat and crews' safety. This is a fun event so nothing should be done to compromise the safety of the crew.
- **Safety:** No racing between boats will be allowed. Each team will be sent off in different directions at a timed interval between departures to prevent racing of boats. Ensure that the required number of life preservers are on-board and the minimum Canadian Marine Safety Kit includes a 15m buoyant heaving line, a watertight flashlight, a whistle/sound device, a bailer or manual pump, and a fire extinguisher.

We are limited to the number of boats that can safely exit and re-enter the basin so sign up now before the August 14th cut-off date.

