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Lazy hazy crazy days of summer!



## YOUR ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU.

Your Board received a letter recently from the Rideau Lakes Environmental Foundation (RLEF) advising that although they support and understand the need for shoal markers, due to declining donations and less interest on their funds, they will not be able to continue supporting the Big Rideau Lakes Association (BRLA) with the shoal marker program at this time. In the short term the BRLA can continue, but for the long term this is a very serious wake-up call.

One of the things the Board finds frustrating is there were 800 – 1,000 boats watching the Fireworks on June 28<sup>th</sup> (Didn't Mike Fraser and the Guys do a great job, and special thanks to all who helped set-up and clean-up), but we are at about 280 members. We keep asking why do others not join; it's a great bargain at \$60.00. We've had people suggest increasing the membership cost, but I believe that will just drive more of our existing members away as they say to themselves: Why should I support all those freeloaders?

Membership in the BRLA isn't just about paying dues and having somebody else doing everything. Membership is about being involved, supporting how you can, and providing feedback to your Association about your concerns. It's also about having numbers, being able to stand up and say you represent, for example at the meeting on the Rideau Canal operations last fall and saying we represented 300 members. It would have been better and more effective to be able to say we represented a thousand boaters and cottagers on Big Rideau Lake.

The issue that is developing, unfortunately it is not as visible as the Three Buoys Houseboat was in the early 1980s: when our membership went to more than 600, but if we don't take action to increase involvement from those who love and appreciate OUR lake there will be No shoal markers, No fireworks, No environmental stewardship, and No Big Rideau Lake Association.

## BITS FROM BETH

Welcome to Driftwords **Summer 2014** edition. What a wonderful summer this has turned out to be. Now that the water receded below the docks, we have been able to enjoy the warm weather and the warm water of the Big Rideau Lake. We started off the summer with a bang, thanks to Mike Fraser and his "better than ever" fireworks show. We had 5 weeks of summer day camp and 2 great weeks of sailing that all the kids enjoyed. In July we had a youth activity teaching young members how to start a fire without matches, the old fashioned way with sticks and stones. Summer sounds was once again a wonderful afternoon with friends on Cow Island on a sunny and breezy afternoon. The day camp and sailing camp went very well with many happy little BRLA members spending time with new and old friends while learning many new things. Enjoy the rest of this wonderful summer and I hope you enjoy the latest edition of Driftwords - please submit your ideas for the winter edition.

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# Driftwords - Summer 2014

Your association did a very major membership drive last winter with the help of RLEF, we mailed out over 1,000 brochures, and we received responses from the same core group of members. We very much appreciate your support, but WE NEED MORE PAYING MEMBERS – IF YOU WANT THE BRLA PROGRAMS TO CONTINUE.

We need each one of you who are members to talk to your neighbours at the next cottage or on the next boat to: A/ tell them, there is a Big Rideau Lake Association B/ it is that association who is responsible for the shoal marker buoys C/ it is that association that monitors, inputs and advises lake users on issues that effect the lake and its environment. Yes they are the organization that puts on the fireworks at Cow Island because it is something the members seem to really appreciate. If they reply: Oh, but I don't want my dues being used for programs at Cow Island, you can advise them that the Cow Island programs are to be self-sustaining.

If you are a member of a local road association it would be appreciated if you would become the BRLA's Road Champion. With changes in the privacy laws it is becoming increasingly more difficult to make contact with property owners around the lake. Through the Road Champion program it can be win/win for both associations, you ensure you have them as members of your organization, and

we know that they at least know BRLA exists and what its programs are. If you can help please let us know and we will supply you with support information

In this edition there is a want ad: Help Wanted: needed someone to become:

1. Director of Marine Safety (Has a very experienced person on their committee to assist and guide them).
2. Director of Environment (The Board had planned to combine our environment committee with RLEF, but have found out through our Auditors that RLEF can fund programs/projects, but can not be the proponent of the same. We are therefore looking for someone interested in water quality and environmental issues affecting our lake.)
3. Vice President (We need to have someone prepared and understanding our organization, and potentially step-up to President next year)

Right now the bottom line is your association needs people: A/ more dues paying members, B/ individuals who are willing to either come on the Board, work as committee members, or to become Road Champions.

Just before I finish this note, I would take the opportunity to remind, those who own property around the lake, are over 18 years of age and Canadian Citizens you have the right to vote in this falls municipal election. Although "Election Day" is October 27<sup>th</sup>,

most municipalities will be sending out mail in ballots in late September. You're lake and thus your lake association deals with three municipalities, the largest single municipality being Rideau Lakes, which is all of the South Shore, Poonamalie to Narrow's Lock. For Tay Valley and Drummond North Elmsley, the North Shore, I don't know the status of candidates for positions, but as the election date nears and before mail outs of ballots the Board will be advising members as to who is running, As for Rideau Lakes Township there are currently two (2) candidates for Mayor, (Ron Holman & Rob Dunfield), only two candidates for two seats in Ward 2, the old South Elmsley Township, (Arie Hoogenboom and Jeff Banks), three candidates for two seats in Ward 1, the old Bastard and South Burgess township, (Paula Banks, Doug Good and Cathy Livingston ), and two candidates for two seats in Ward 4, the Old North Crosby (Bob Lavoie and Ron Pollard). Nominations do not close until September 12<sup>th</sup>, so I encourage you to express your concerns and get to learn more about the candidates.

One final question: How come the summer seems so short and the winter's soooooo long? Have a happy and safe rest of the summer.

*Doug Good*  
President

Summer 2014	
What's going on?	When?
BBQ & Evening Boat Cruise (Cow Island)	August 9, 2014 - 6:30pm
107 BRLA p rshoal marker buoys will be taken out and stored for the winter	After Thanksgiving Weekend

**Grrrr I did not see that shoal!!! My cell phone is wet!!**



**August 9, 2014, 6:30 p.m.  
Steak BBQ & Evening Cruise!**

Join us at Cow Island for an evening under the stars! We'll meet at 6:30 for dinner, and then all head out together for a moonlight cruise. This event is a fundraiser - the price is \$50 per person, with net proceeds going to BRLA. Subject to chef's whim, the menu includes:

Prime Rib Steak (or choice of Salmon, if preferred)  
Baked Potato with Sour Cream  
Ceasar Salad  
Sautéed Vegetables (Mushrooms, Onions & Peppers)

Cake, punch and choice of red or white wine

Please confirm your interest/attendance with Doug Good by Thurs. Aug. 7th at [president@bigrideaulakeassociation.com](mailto:president@bigrideaulakeassociation.com)



## OF BEAVERS, BUZZ AND HONEY

When we arrived at our island cottage the Friday of Thanksgiving weekend last Fall, we were shocked and dismayed that the “dreaded beavers” had somehow found time to move in over the few short weeks since we had been there. The end of our boat slip was completely filled with a beaver lodge which extended both above water and below. Not only had our boat slip become unavailable for docking, but there was not room to move in and store our floating dock for the winter – a task soon at-hand as we started the process of Fall close-up.

We toiled 3 hours non-stop to haul away the newly felled, peeled and sharpened “beaver poles” and disentangle the messy muddy wattle below the water line. Thank goodness we got this done before winter – we said!! But lo – the next morning a new lodge had appeared – not quite as big as the first – but sizeable – and all constructed over one night!! There had to be more than one beaver!!

We set to for another several hours of messy clean up and were determined to lick this problem. Sunday morning dawned bright and beautiful and YES – those darn beavers had done it again!! We knew we were losing the battle and that our beavers were going to have far more access to our island than we were over the next months and sought local advice.



A call to the township office yielded the name of a local trapper licensed for our area and over the next few weeks, he trapped 4 large beavers. We learned more about beaver behavior from him along the way. He noticed that, by the time we had called for help – the wiley beavers had given up on building their

winter lodge but, instead, had chewed a hole through our dock fascia boards to settle inside for the season. Their “woodwork” by then had resorted to pulling up fresh branches and leaves to supply them with feed over the winter.

What has all this to do with Buzz – you ask? Well, Buzz Boles is a local resident whose acquaintance we had made that summer and who – as some of you will know –raises bees and sells delicious honey. What we didn’t know, is that Buzz spent much of his career as a wildlife biologist for the federal government and when he heard about our beaver problem – he was more than happy to fill us in on many fascinating facts about beavers.

For example, Buzz expects that, given all the activity in a short period – these beavers were probably a family who had recently been evicted from their previous home when someone or something broke up their winter living quarters. Their feverish “beaverish” activity in our boat slip was probably their effort to find a “Plan B” for the winter. Buzz asked us if we had scrubbed our docks after the trapping, as beavers mark their territory with a scent which will signal to other beavers that this is their home and other beavers are not welcome. The *Castor canadensis* has a castor gland which secretes a musky product which they use to create scent mounds above the water to mark their territory. Many animals do this – such as otters, minks and skunks (who use their glands for defense). Much to our surprise, Buzz told us that the castor gland from beavers is highly prized for the manufacturing of perfume as the oil extends the longevity of the fragrance.

Buzz says that he has live trapped and released beavers as part of his biologist work. While this is no way to get rid of the problem – as they will usually return to their original spot – it has provided scientific information about beaver behavior and characteristics.

The *Beaver Handbook* (1995) states that “Few wildlife species rival the beaver in importance to the natural and cultural heritage of North America”. It was the value of the beaver pelts which brought

early trappers and fur traders to the northern areas of the continent and, by the end of the 19th century, beavers had been trapped – almost to extinction. With new wildlife laws and reduced trapping, the beaver has made a “remarkable” comeback and is an important part of our ecosystem. Beaver activity promotes biodiversity in fauna and flora and are of particular importance to migrating fowl who depend on the wetlands that beavers create. Beavers are found virtually everywhere in North America -- from Mexico to the Arctic except in the desert areas of the U.S., part of the Florida peninsula and the very high arctic.

The largest rodent in N.A., the average beaver weighs 40-50 lbs. Although, Buzz says that the largest beaver he ever met was 115 lbs – live trapped in the NWT in 1974. The oldest one he ever met (you can tell by the rings on their teeth) was 14 years old. Beavers have very poor eyesight but highly acute senses of smell and hearing. They are adapted to being able to submerge for 15 minutes during which time they can swim up to a kilometer in distance. Buzz says they monitored one young male beaver who travelled 100 km in one season!!

Beavers are completely herbaceous – dining on water lilies, weeds and grasses. Their winter survival depends on bark, and wood of almost any tree species but favourites include aspen, willow, poplar and birch. They live as family units, adults are monogamous and bear several kits per year, from January to March. Gestation is about 3 months and the juveniles “leave home” by about 21 months. Besides human trappers, they are vulnerable to large predators such as wolves, bear and lynx.

Beavers spend their springs building and repairing their beaver dams (a havoc for human built roads and rails) and in late summer and fall are concentrating on constructing the family’s winter lodge and amassing



food supplies of tender saplings and leaves (which we bore direct witness to at our island!).

The annual beaver harvest for pelts has declined and is controlled by government registered traplines and quotas based on population estimates. We were told that the beaver pelts are not worth much in the Fall – as their pelts don't thicken up until the winter time - when they are more luxurious. So, you will have to pay per beaver to have someone come out and remove them. However, beavers may be

shot or trapped by non-trappers, if on personal property. Remember, re-locating beavers does not work.

As of the Spring and Summer of 2014, we are happy to say that our island property is beaver free!! To find a trapper – just call your township office staff who should be able to provide the name of someone to do the job. Somehow, I don't think our trapper knew about the highly prized "castor gland" in the beavers he relieved us of last Fall – but, I could be wrong.

You can find Buzz's delicious raw (pure) honey from his "happy bees" at 22 Perth Street in Portland (613-272-6764 or [buzzzzzz@live.ca](mailto:buzzzzzz@live.ca)). If you are lucky, you will find him in and ready to regale you with even more beaver "tales" or perhaps fill you in on the difference between happy bees and angry bees!

*Nancy E. Watters* of "Still Watters" on Jerry Island, Big Rideau Lake

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Thank you BRLA You make navigating the Big Rideau so easy!





## COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

### Help us to help you!

Our communications to you depend on the information you give us. Even if you've already renewed your membership for the 2014 season, we ask you to take a few minutes to fill in any missing information in your personal profile on the website.

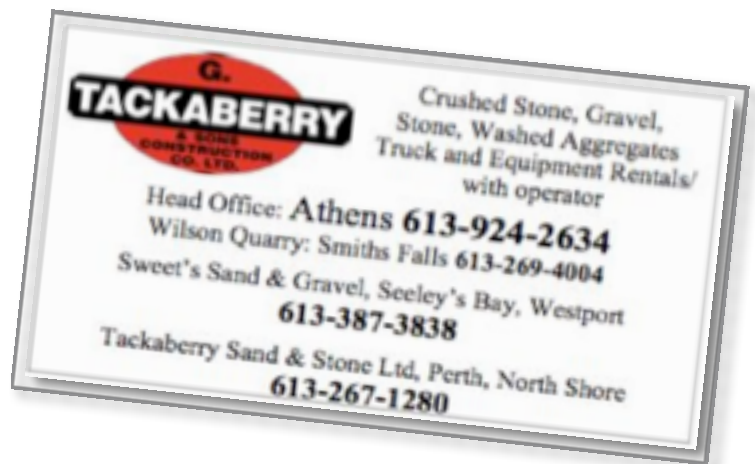
Having this information is helpful for a number of reasons; we can tailor our communications to our members based on your interests and cottage location and, at the same time, it reduces the

clutter in your inbox with information that isn't interesting or applicable to you. For instance, in the Lake Location section, we have an option (at the very top) to indicate in which of the three local townships your cottage property is located. With this information, we can target township information to those who need it and are interested in it; with the municipal elections coming this fall, this could be very helpful.

We have a number of links to useful information posted on the website; if you would like to suggest a link or report a

broken one, or would simply like help logging on to the Members' section of the website, please contact us at [communications@bigrideaulakeassociation.com](mailto:communications@bigrideaulakeassociation.com).

*Lyse Prendergast,*  
BRLA Communications



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## YOUTH PROGRAM

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### Purpose of the Youth Group



To facilitate the efforts of BRLA youth in planning and conducting activities that will lead to a more enjoyable summer for them.

The 2014 season offered 2 major activities:

#### 1. Primitive Fire Starting



#### 2. Build a Canoe in 6 hours!

The first activity was fascinating as Billy Russell demonstrated fire starting

and then provided the material for the participants to start their own. The smoke puffed out and the embers appeared. WOW!

The second activity has been cancelled due to insufficient registration. I have seen this done and was captivated by the look on the faces of the participants. Should we offer this next year?

### **Communication**

How can we contact the youth on the lake so that they will become involved in the activities and meet the other young people in our wonderful lake community?

Please have any young people of your acquaintance like us on [Facebook](#) for contact (thank you Will Evans and Robbi Sterling for getting this set up).

### **Participants**

Big Rideau Lake Youth (ages 12 through 18) along with their friends of appropriate ages while they are visiting.

### **Commitment**

All participants will commit to conducting activities in a manner that will be:

- Safe – commit to acting in a manner that considers the safety of all participants, individually and collectively, particularly in and around the water.
- Inclusive – be open and welcoming to all youth of the BRL community.
- Positive – behave in a respectful manner that will enhance the image of the BRLA.

### **Supervision**

All activities will be organized and conducted by the youth and be supervised by adult volunteers.

*Bill Belanger*

BRLA Youth Group

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## ARE YOU ON THE VOTER'S LIST?

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Municipal and school board elections will be held across the province this year on October 27, 2014. There are provisions for residents and non-resident voters so generally, if you own property in a municipality, you are eligible to vote there. A cottage owner, for instance, qualifies as a non-resident voter, and is eligible to vote. (In most cases: check Voters' Guide for full details.)

Three municipalities are represented along the shores of Big Rideau Lake: Rideau Lakes, Drummond North Elmsley and Tay Valley. Elections will take a different form in each Township.

- Rideau Lakes – Electors will vote by mail.
- Drummond North Elmsley – Electors will vote in person, using a traditional paper ballot.
- Tay Valley – Electors will vote electronically, by internet or telephone; there will be no paper ballots.

To find out whether or not you are on the Voters' List, a province-wide online service has been set up. Go to [VoterLookup.ca](#) to confirm or update your elector information, to ensure you are properly registered for the municipal and school board elections this fall.

More information can be found at the following websites:

### **Provincial**

Voters' Guide:

<http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=10337>

Candidate's Guide:

<http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=10336>

### **Townships**

Rideau Lakes:

<http://www.twprideaulakes.on.ca/news-elections-2014.html>

Drummond North Elmsley:

<http://www.dnetownship.ca/content/2014-election>

Tay Valley:

<http://www.tayvalleytwp.ca/en/municipal-government/elections.asp>



**SOME OF THE BRLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



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Brian Hawkins, John Callen, Doug Arrand and Hugh Burrows  
Absent: Lyse Pendergast, Doug Kirkland



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Lockage fees are frozen at current levels until March 31, 2016. Mooring fees will increase in 2014 once the approvals process is complete.

June 27 to Sept. 1	Monday to Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
	Friday to Sunday, holidays	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
September 2 - October 13	Monday - Friday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
	Saturday to Sunday & Thanksgiving	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For details, please visit: <http://www.rideau-info.com/canal/fees.html>

## BRLA TREASURER'S REPORT

### 2013

We finished the 2013 fiscal year on solid footing with a \$3,800 surplus of revenue over expenditures and a very solid balance sheet.

Our 2013 records have been audited, financial statements have been accepted and issued and the 2013 tax return has been filed with and assessed by CRA.

To see the auditor's full report, please login to the members' page of the BRLA website, [www.bigrideaulakeassociation.com](http://www.bigrideaulakeassociation.com) and follow the links.

### 2014

As stated at the AGM in July, the current year has changed dramatically from last year as we deal with a funding/revenue crisis.

To understand the situation, please consider:

1. We have 4 unique revenue streams
  - I. Membership fees, which are a fixed amount per member set by the Board
  - II. Member donations, which are at the discretion of each member
  - III. 3<sup>rd</sup> party donations/grants, which are applied for by your Board
  - IV. Member programmes, which are partially self-funding

2. Ideally, these revenue streams cover:

- I. Administration costs including bank fees, Cow Island maintenance & taxes, insurance, professional fees, promotion and website.
- II. Part of our core programmes - environment, shoal markers & fireworks
- III. Balance of our core programmes - shoal markers & fireworks
- IV. Day camp, sailing camp, regatta, summer sounds & other "social" events.

Our issues as of July 31, 2014 are:

- Membership is down 13% compared to the same date last year, causing a corresponding shortfall in membership revenue
- With membership down, we have a comparable shortfall in family member donations
- **3<sup>rd</sup> party grants have been cancelled completely**, putting our fireworks and shoal marker programmes at risk.
- As a result of these issues, we are depleting the Association's capital

I must assure everyone that while these challenges are significant, **your BRLA is not at risk of insolvency or even of failing to meet its immediate obligations.**

Over the next few months, your Board will assess all activities to look for areas to reduce or cut spending while looking for new sources of revenue, in order to set a budget for 2015, which will ensure our ongoing viability.

*Brian Hawkins*  
Treasurer

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## BIG RIDEAU LAKE MEMORIES PART V

by Jack Evans, The Pines

Portland on the Rideau used to have a hardware store run by George Boltan. It was situated on the highway where Bayview Yacht Harbour now stands.

Across from the Red and White Store, where the parking lot for the former Gallagher House stood was an ice cream parlour run by Milt Code and his wife. I will always remember going in for ice cream and sitting on the old wire chairs that you saw in ice cream parlours. This building burned down and for years the old foundation sat on the corner. Nothing was ever rebuilt there but on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rideau Canal a lovely garden was planted in this spot. It was then paved over as a parking lot.

There were several hotels in Portland in the old days. The one I remember was Murphy's Hotel on the corner opposite where Dry Dock once stood – next to the grocery store. It was a large two story building with a large veranda running all around the hotel. I remember people sitting out on the veranda, smoking and reading. When this hotel burnt down, Dad and I were fishing on the north shore near Hogs Bay and we could see the black smoke across the water.

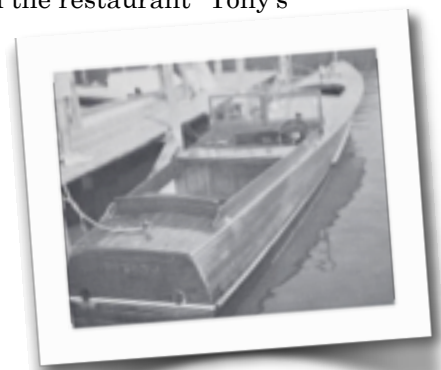
There were no marinas in Portland back in the 30's. The closest thing to a marina was the Dowsett Boat Building facility located next to Scovil's store. This was run by W.J. Dowsett and his son Clare. Many of their boats are still on the lake. They built rowing skiffs and one & two cylinder motor skiffs. These motor skiffs were used by the many fishing guides in Portland. The Dowsetts built other boats, but I remember the two mahogany speed boats in particular. Dad had his eye on one of them but

they were asking \$3,000 for it and it was too expensive for us. This boat was eventually bought by C.I. Ochs and was named the Sea Eye. The other speed boat was a lovely three cockpit runabout named the "Flambeau" and had an elegant chrome figurine on the bow depicting a flaming beauty with wings spread as if in flight. Jim Potter sold the boat about 2 years ago to Kevin Tackaberry, so its now near Athwens.

The area where Lens Cove now stands was a swampy weedy bay. It was eventually developed by Wendell Browne who operated a local saw mill which eventually became Rothwell Perrin lumber yard. Wendell Browne Marina and cabins is now operated by the Horsfalls, who now have taken over the marina where Dowsetts boat building enterprise was located. After the Dowsetts gave up this facility it was run by Tom McIntyre and Emmie Kuske and was known as McIntyre and Kuske. After their stint at the marina it was taken over by Jack Byington and Bill Diamond and operated as Portland Marina. Some time after it was taken over by Bonds Marina of Manotick and used as headquarters for their dredging operation. The McNalleys were the next owners and developed it and the restaurant "Tony's Hangover" now called "The Galley" that stands there today.

To be continued....

by Jack Evans  
The Pines



*(If you have something you would like to share with our readers, please feel free to send it to us)*

### Wanted

Director of Marine Safety  
Director of Environment  
Vice President

Please email [info@bigrideaulakeassociation.com](mailto:info@bigrideaulakeassociation.com) and come join our team.



## BOBBI BUOY - THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES



Well finally spring sprang and the water became very high. It was good for me because I ended up back in the water easily. With the high water and the wind, I ended up at Newboro Lock station very quickly. The locks are situated on the edge of a little village called Newboro. This village is busy with lots of people shopping and visiting the locks each day. Unfortunately no one noticed me all spring. I was caught on a underwater log until a very big boat came into the canal and bumped me. I was then hooked onto

the boat and towed through the lock. It was a 2.4 meter drop. The boat just fits into the lock - the locks can fit a boat up to 33.5 meters. It was a tight fit so I was happy when the doors opened and we set out into Newboro Lake. I could see the name of the boat on its side. It is the Kawartha Voyageur. I can hear the passengers talking and now know I am headed for Kingston. I think I will enjoy this adventure.

to be continued.....



Artwork by Angela Edelman

### *Some feedback from Sailing Camp*

- She and her cousin had a fabulous time and we will definitely sign up again. It is a great opportunity and people should be thankful we can have access to something so wonderful. Toby you made us feel very welcomed and at peace leaving them there the first day. It was a great week. The experience actually made me want to volunteer or do something to help with our lake. Krista*
- Our grandson, Kieran, attended the first week of sailing camp and gives the following assessment. On a scale of 1 to 10, he gives it a 9. He said it was really really fun and that he learned more about sailing in one day than two weeks overnight camp last summer. He said that the instructors were great and very "relaxed and fun about when we capsized." His overall assessment: "I loved it. I want to come back next year." He also thanks Toby for taking him to and from the island. Thank you all for providing such a great week for the kids. Penny*
- I would like to thank you and Bayview for again organizing the sailing camps out at Cow Island. This was the third year in a row for each of our kids and they have been excited to go every time. Great instructors again and brand new sailboats. They have already requested to be enrolled again next year, it is definitely one of the highlights of their summer. Thanks, Chris*
- At sailing camp I had lots of fun! I liked meeting new friends and we had awesome instructors, Maia and Lucas. I liked how the instructors gave us points throughout the week and at the end gave us prizes. We played lots of fun games on land and on the water. I liked how on the last day we went on a field trip sailing and sailed to an island for lunch. I had a great week at sailing camp and I hope I can do it again next year! Samantha, Age 12*
- Sailing camp was so much fun! Good instructors every year. We play lots of cool games like Camouflage, Capture the Flag, Octo-Ball and many more. It's fun meeting new friends and playing games in the water like Pirates, Tag, Races, and much more! Sooooo much fun! Taylor, Age 10*

## MARINE SAFETY



### BOATING FINES UNDER CANADIAN REGULATIONS

The following table contains a summary of boating offenses and applicable fines under current Canadian regulations.

Offence	Fine
Failure to carry a required Proof of Competency *	\$250
Speeding in excess of 10 km/h within 30 metres (100 feet) of shore **	\$125 to \$500 (or up to 6 months' imprisonment)
Violations of age and horsepower restrictions ***	\$250
Operating a personal water craft (PWC) when under 16 years of age	\$250
Open liquor onboard	\$200
Operating a vessel in a careless manner without consideration for other people, boat traffic, or potential hazards, or exceeding boat capacity	\$250 plus surcharges
Water-skiing towing offences ****	\$125
Improper fuelling procedure	\$125
No registration numbers on hull	\$125
No sound signalling device	\$125
No watertight flashlight or distress flares	\$125
No fire extinguisher	\$245
No bailer or manual pump	\$175
No paddle or no anchor with chain/rope	\$125
No buoyant heaving line	\$125
Insufficient number of or improper size of Transport Canada approved life jackets or personal flotation devices (PFDs)	\$200 per missing or improper lifejacket or PFD

\* As of September 15, 2009, operators of all vessels must carry their proof of competency.

\*\* Within 30 metres of the shoreline, a 10 km/h speed limit is in effect on all waters within Ontario whether or not speed limit signs are posted. There are some exemptions to these restrictions; they include:

- water skiing, where the towboat follows a course perpendicular to the shoreline when leaving or returning;
- where buoys or signs designate that another speed is permitted;
- in rivers less than 100 m wide; and
- in waters where the regulations prescribe another speed limit.

\*\*\* Under the Boating Restriction Regulations children less than 12 years old may only operate powerboats with motors under 10 hp (7.5 kW) while unaccompanied by an adult. A person who is between 12 and 16 years old may only operate boats powered by no more than 40 hp (30 kW) while unaccompanied by an adult. These regulations also specify that no-one under 16 years of age may operate a personal watercraft. There are no power restrictions on boaters 16 years of age or older.

\*\*\*\* Towing activities are not allowed in the period from one hour after sunset to sunrise. Under the Small Vessel Regulations, the rules governing water-skiing also apply to other towing activities such as barefoot skiing, tubing, knee boarding, wake boarding, and parasailing. The regulations require that a spotter be on board to monitor the person being towed. The regulations also require the following:

- There must be a seat available for each person being towed - This is required in case recovery is necessary. Thus, only personal watercraft that are designed to carry three or more people can be used for towing water-skiers;
- Towing activities are not allowed from one hour after sunset until sunrise and
- A vessel towing water skiers or others cannot be remotely controlled.



**AROUND THE LAKE - 2014**

Special Birthday Wishes to Jack Evans of The Pines, on his 90th Birthday, August 18th. Jack served as the Big Rideau Lake Association President from 1948 to 1953.



Some fun Tie Dye at Cow Island Summer Day Camp



If you would like to share a special birthday, anniversary, or cottage event in Driftwords, please contact: [driftwords@bigrideaulakeassociation.com](mailto:driftwords@bigrideaulakeassociation.com)



**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lake address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of membership:**

Family: \$60 \*Corporate \$180

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Summer Sounds Tickets (social on Cow Island with refreshments and live music) (July 12, 2014)

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 couple = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ |

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