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## PRESIDENT'S PEN – PETER COPESTAKE [PRESIDENT@BRLA.ON.CA](mailto:PRESIDENT@BRLA.ON.CA)

We've had another banner summer on Big Rideau Lake creating new happy memories. The BRLA – as a member driven organization of stakeholders in the social and environmental state of Big Rideau Lake – has as its raison d'être the social network around the Lake, the safety of navigation and boating on the Lake, and the preservation of sustainable, clean water, land and ecosystems in and around the Lake. These objectives reflect our members' values, optimise our individual and collective experiences, and create a framework for sustaining those experiences into the future. However while your lake Association had some great successes year, we also face a real challenge.



*BRLA's President in full sail aboard Grog.  
Photo: Toby Spry*

**Our Challenge is membership.** Our membership – at about 200 paid members – has fallen to about half of 5 years ago and about one quarter of where we were at our highest level. I'm not sure why that has happened. Perhaps its simply complacency about the role that the BRLA continues to play on the lake. Or perhaps its some loss of awareness of what the BRLA does around the lake through the natural turnover of generations or the changing ownership of cottages or boaters on the Lake. With low membership dues, we are quickly approaching a fiscal decision point about the role the BRLA can play and the services it can provide. At \$60 per membership our dues budget amounts to just \$12,000 today. From those dues we fund a number of essential and material activities for the benefit of all users and constituents on our Lake – not just our members. Membership must grow to maintain our programs.

For example, annually we spend about \$7,000 to purchase, maintain, install, remove and store all of the **white shoal markers** between the Narrows lock and Poonamalie. That doesn't include the substantial volunteer time of a few BRLA members and directors to deploy and maintain these essential navigation aids each year. The BRLA arranges and funds the annual **Canada Day fireworks** display at Cow Island. This event costs about \$6,500 – not including the substantial BRLA volunteer time and effort to set up, orchestrate, and clean up after the event. Canada Day Fireworks is become a key event on the Lake and is enjoyed by thousands every year. It needs your additional support.

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Volunteers from the BRLA support the monthly **collection and analysis water samples** by the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA). The BRLA pays about \$3,000 annually to ensure this activity continues so that we can monitor and mitigate water contamination and observe and react to ecological, biological and chemical changes in our Lake, all for the benefit of all users of the Lake. This monitoring and analysis extends from the Narrows lock, through the Rocky Narrows, into Adam's Lake, through Rideau Ferry and right through Lower Rideau. The scope and extent of this monitoring would not be possible without BRLA's financial and volunteer support.

These are just three of the services that the BRLA provides to lake users. As you can see they aren't fiscally sustainable without greater membership support and dues. BRLA volunteers also provide **government advocacy and liaison** services, representing and communicating membership positions with respect to property taxes, lake development and zoning.

Programs such as summer-long **Cow Island Day Camp**, swimming lessons, **EnviroCamp** and **Sailing Camp** are designed to be self-funding. But they need member support and participation to be viable. We host the annual **summer regatta at Cow Island**, occasional weekend sailing races, and numerous social and educational activities on Cow Island. We maintain docks, buildings and landscaping at Cow Island.

BRLA membership dues must pay for all of these activities, and property taxes for Cow Island. **We need at least 400 paid members to support current levels of activities and programs.** In my view, given the substantial value the BRLA

provides to all users of Big Rideau Lake, I am confident that we can get the message out and rebuild our membership to financially sustainable levels. However, **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT** to preserve the BRLA's valuable services. Your BRLA Board needs all members to redouble their efforts to encourage all their neighbours and friends (including cottagers, locals, boaters, campers and renters) to join, pay their dues and participate in BRLA activities.

Looking forward, I am excited by the many activities, events and programs set out for 2010. I am particularly engaged with plans for Cow Island to make it even more member accessible, environmentally compatible and user friendly. The **Cow Island Plan** will be available for review by members in the Spring. Member participation in developing it is welcomed, particularly if you have special skills in solar power deployment, construction, plumbing, or have special means or contacts to cost effectively acquire or install these and related assets. The independent Board of the Rideau Lakes Environmental Foundation – our affiliated environmental registered charity – will review our proposals and hopefully lend their financial support and expertise.

We're also planning to assemble a work party to spruce up our clubhouse early next spring. Come on out and pitch in. Watch the Web site and BRLA Members' email list for details and dates of this and other events.

Coming into our ninety-ninth year, let's pull together as a community to make next year another banner year for the BRLA. Your support and participation count. I am looking forward to seeing you out on the Lake next spring.

## OUR THANKS TO:

☛ Amy Shackell for her leadership and dedication in running the Cow Island Day Camp

☛ Doug Arrand who led the ongoing maintenance and improvement activities to our buildings and infrastructure on Cow Island.

☛ the Evans Family who arranged to Summer regatta.

☛ Peter and Joyce Cowan for again organizing a very successful Summer Sounds concert on Cow Island.

☛ Rebecca Whitman who organized and led our EnviroCamp.

☛ Jennifer Trant who again organized an extremely successful and fun sailing camp, and who tirelessly produces and publishes our wonderful DriftWords newsletter.

☛ Mike Fraser for arranging and putting on another spectacular Canada Day Fireworks show.

☛ Lamont Brown and his crew for their support in deploying the BRLA Shoal markers all over the lake.

☛ Finally, my personal thanks to your Board and Committee members who have given their time tirelessly to support the BRLA and its many member oriented initiatives, activities and programs.

## TREASURER'S REPORT: JAN. - OCT. 2009 BARBARA KEAYS - TREASURER@BRLA.ON.CA

Big Rideau Lake Association  
Statement of Operations

	Jan - Oct 09	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Donations</b>				
Environmental	968.00	2,000.00	-1,032.00	48.4%
Fireworks	2,900.25	2,500.00	400.25	116.01%
Marine & Govt	600.00			
Other donations	1,094.61	600.00	494.61	182.44%
Recreation	330.00	500.00	-170.00	66.0%
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>5,892.86</b>	<b>5,600.00</b>	<b>292.86</b>	<b>105.23%</b>
<b>Government grants</b>				
Fireworks grants	1,400.00	500.00	900.00	280.0%
<b>Total Government grants</b>	<b>1,400.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>280.0%</b>
<b>Investment</b>				
Interest	550.00	1,000.00	-450.00	55.0%
<b>Total Investment</b>	<b>550.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>-450.00</b>	<b>55.0%</b>
<b>Membership</b>				
Corporate	1,690.00	2,000.00	-310.00	84.5%
Dues	14,520.00	16,000.00	-1,480.00	90.75%
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>16,210.00</b>	<b>18,000.00</b>	<b>-1,790.00</b>	<b>90.06%</b>
<b>Recoveries - prior years</b>				
Revenue	1,650.32			
Day camp	889.00	1,200.00	-311.00	74.08%
Enviro camp	2,065.00			
Sailing program	6,325.00	4,300.00	2,025.00	147.09%
Summer sounds	570.00	1,200.00		
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>9,849.00</b>	<b>6,700.00</b>	<b>3,149.00</b>	<b>147.0%</b>
<b>RLEF</b>				
Environmental subsidy	0.00	7,500.00	-7,500.00	0.0%
<b>Total RLEF</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>	<b>-7,500.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>35,552.18</b>	<b>39,300.00</b>	<b>-3,747.82</b>	<b>90.46%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Administration</b>				
Advertising	1,348.41	0.00	1,348.41	100.0%
AGM	131.64	200.00	-68.36	65.82%
Audit	1,611.75	1,400.00	211.75	115.13%
Bank charges	415.74	600.00	-184.26	69.29%
Board expenses	157.93	500.00	-342.07	31.59%
Insurance	4,174.20	5,800.00	-1,625.80	71.97%
Office supplies	122.86	1,000.00	-877.14	12.29%
Telephone	1,046.91	1,300.00	-253.09	80.53%
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>9,009.44</b>	<b>10,800.00</b>	<b>-1,790.56</b>	<b>83.42%</b>
<b>Communications</b>				
Driftwoods	244.87	800.00	-555.13	30.61%
Internet & website	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
<b>Total Communications</b>	<b>244.87</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>	<b>-1,055.13</b>	<b>18.84%</b>
<b>Corporate office</b>				
Rent	4,305.00	4,500.00	-195.00	95.67%
<b>Total Corporate office</b>	<b>4,305.00</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>	<b>-195.00</b>	<b>95.67%</b>
<b>Environmental</b>				
Programs	394.12	3,000.00	-2,605.88	13.14%
<b>Total Environmental</b>	<b>394.12</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>-2,605.88</b>	<b>13.14%</b>
<b>Fireworks</b>				
Government Affairs	6,423.31	4,000.00	2,423.31	160.58%
Govt. affairs	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Shoal markers	4,760.24	4,500.00	260.24	105.78%
<b>Total Government Affairs</b>	<b>4,760.24</b>	<b>4,600.00</b>	<b>160.24</b>	<b>103.48%</b>
<b>Memberships</b>				
Brochures	152.57	500.00	-347.43	30.51%
Renewals	388.42	500.00	-111.58	77.68%
<b>Total Memberships</b>	<b>540.99</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>-459.01</b>	<b>54.1%</b>
<b>Property</b>				
<b>Cow Island</b>				
Maintenance	1,018.54	1,000.00	18.54	101.85%
Realty taxes	2,654.19	2,800.00	-145.81	94.79%
<b>Total Cow Island</b>	<b>3,672.73</b>	<b>3,800.00</b>	<b>-127.27</b>	<b>96.65%</b>
<b>Total Property</b>	<b>3,672.73</b>	<b>3,800.00</b>	<b>-127.27</b>	<b>96.65%</b>
<b>Recreation</b>				
Administration salaries	0.00	1,800.00	-1,800.00	0.0%
Day Camp Expenses	1,331.23	500.00	831.23	266.25%
Enviro camp expenses	3,588.34			
Program supplies	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Regatta	290.85	300.00	-9.15	96.95%
Sailing prog	6,528.94	4,300.00	2,228.94	151.84%
Summer Sounds	377.73	300.00	77.73	125.91%
<b>Total Recreation</b>	<b>12,117.09</b>	<b>7,700.00</b>	<b>4,417.09</b>	<b>157.37%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>41,487.79</b>	<b>40,700.00</b>	<b>787.79</b>	<b>101.89%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-5,915.61</b>	<b>-1,400.00</b>	<b>-4,515.61</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-5,915.61</b>	<b>-1,400.00</b>	<b>-4,515.61</b>	<b>422.54%</b>

### BIG RIDEAU LAKE ASSOCIATION 2009 RAFFLE

On July 11 at our Summer Sounds event held on Cow Island, the winning raffle ticket was drawn for *Mallard Pair - Early Winter*, a signed print by the well known artist Robert Bateman.

The winning ticket # 0006 was held by Jan Arrand of Kingston, Ontario.

Jan is now the proud owner of *Mallard Pair - Early Winter* numbered 5409/ 7691. Included in the framing of the print is a \$4.00 signed postage stamp and bronze metal plaque depicting the *Mallard Pair - Early Winter*. The original painting was commissioned by the Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation in 1985.

A Special Thanks to our anonymous donor, a long-standing member of the Big Rideau Lake Association.

Thanks to Chris Nelson of the Carousel in Portland for the framing of the Bateman print.

To all Members, Guests and Board Members who sold and purchased tickets, thank you.

Proceeds are being used from the raffle to refurbish our existing marker Buoys.

### SUMMER SOUNDS REPORT

#### PETER AND JOYCE COWAN

Once again we had a very successful Summer Sounds in spite of threatening weather. The Committee decided to continue with the event rain or shine as we now are able to host it indoors if necessary on Cow Island. The entertainment was superb, the music moved us to sing along and tap our toes. Even the kids had a ball and especially enjoyed "sneaking a cookie" from our cookie jar.

The proceeds from this event are dedicated to Cow Island maintenance and upkeep. Each year everyone is so impressed with the improvements and we can actually see that this beautiful island is indeed a treasure and something we can be proud of. Special thanks to Doug Arrand for his dedication and love of Cow Island. We are so thankful to the many volunteers who quietly work behind the scenes to help out and support this cause.

It is our hope that our members will embrace this annual event, bring their families and visitors to share a Big Rideau Special Event, rain or shine.



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### BRLA AND RLEF RESPOND

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#### DAVID BEARMAN, CHAIRMAN, RIDEAU LAKES ENVIRONMENT FOUNDATION

In September and early October 2008, Doug Arrand (as President of BRLA) asked me to represent the BRLA in talks with the Rideau Mac Association and Rideau Lakes Township over the rezoning of the Rideau Mac property, since I was already engaged in research and discussion of the issue as chair of the Rideau Lakes Environmental Foundation. Some BRLA members have subsequently questioned whether their association took an active role and if anything was achieved by it, I am taking the opportunity to review what occurred.

The Rideau Mac Residents Association (RMRA) was formed to purchase the property of the Rideau Mac campground, a site that had been under private control and expanding since the mid-1980's. In order to regularize the status of the property, they had applied

for rezoning, conducted the required environmental studies, entered into negotiations with neighbours, and were at the stage of public hearings on their proposal at the end of August 2008.

Looking into the proposal, several things were clear:

- 1) RMRA was trying to satisfy appropriate rules, regulations and community interests in a way that the then owners never had (so that they could purchase the property as a collective), and
- 2) there were still some important variances from normal zoning and building rules being requested.

We focused on using the goodwill of the RMRA to obtain further compliance with normal zoning, recognizing that thirty years of essentially out-of-control development had left a property with well over 100 "trailers" permanently placed, often very close to the shore, and previously without control over sewerage and water, docks or parking.

In the end we obtained agreement to relocate trailers from within the set-back zone as they are replaced in the aging process, to cease construction of additions to trailers, to locate boat trailer parking and garbage areas at the roadside head of the property, to create a no-build recreational zone surrounding the main trailer encampments, and to manage water and sewerage with a system designed for the purpose. We eliminated spaces for overnight trailers and limited the number of sites to fewer than existed at the start of the negotiations. While some of the objectives of neighbours and the RLEF/BRLA were not met in the negotiations, most were, and in mid-October Doug Arrand and I decided to support the final rezoning request as amended.

The major problem with the solution we accepted is that it depends on a variance enforced by "site plan control" which is a mechanism that gives the Township the right to inspect the property to ensure that agreements reached in the zoning by-law are being upheld. While in principle this is fine, in practice we know from site plan control agreements with the Waterways campground (and other properties) that the Township does not have adequate means to inspect, and the property owners are not bound by adequate penalties to enforce site plan control. In this case, we depend on the good intentions of the RMRA and hope that their members will become active and involved in the BRLA to cement that goodwill.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT: WATER TESTING  
THE BIOCHEMISTRY OF BIG RIDEAU LAKE  
- THE FIRST OF OUR COW ISLAND SUM-  
MER SEMINAR SERIES**

**PETER COPESTAKE AND THE ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE**

On July 25th BRLA members were treated to a fascinating and informative lecture at our Cow Island club house by Anna DeSellas, Coordinating Limnologist at the Lake Partners Program. Anna reviewed the long-term historical trends of nutrients concentrations like total phosphorus in Big Rideau and provided a comparison of these nutrient levels, as a key indicator of lake health, against other lakes in Ontario. The data shows that our Lake water -quality continues to be healthy and compares favourably to other Lakes in the province. Anna confirmed that the algae blooms we experienced early in the summer were normal and primarily composed of normally occurring and harmless species of chlorophyta (or green algae) including one species known as *Spyrogyra*.

The BRLA participates in and funds water sampling with the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, the results of which are shared with and provided to the Lake Partners Program who compare and analyse the results. The water sampling and testing programs are critical to monitoring the long term health and water quality of our lake and a core program of the BRLA on behalf of its membership. Individual BRLA members who are interested in participating in the Lake Partners Program can contact Anna DeSellas at [www.ontario.callakepartner](http://www.ontario.callakepartner) to find out more about the program and can even participate by providing water samples and other data such as water clarity tests. The Lake Partners program provides the necessary testing equipment and gear and training to interested cottagers who commit to the program.

Anna's complete presentation to the BRLA can be viewed on the BRLA website. We are looking forward to arranging more similar seminars at Cow Island over the remainder of the summer and next year and encourage member participation in these informative seminars. Watch for notices of future events. Thanks again to Anna for presenting such useful information to us.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT: CORMORANTS**

**SUE VAN SLOOTEN**

The Double Crested Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax auritus*, was known as early as the 1790s near the Lake of the Woods in Ontario. Between 1900 and 1950, the bird was seen moving easterly across Ontario, and now ranges as far as Newfoundland. It's summer range can go as far as James Bay in the North. In late August, when they migrate, they go as far South as the Gulf or Eastern Coast (Virginia). During the 60s and 70s, cormorants went into a steep decline, due to DDT and other chemicals that caused egg shell thinning [1]. At the lowest point, there were only 130 nesting pairs, none of them in Canada. Conservation efforts in the 70s restored them to the Great Lakes region, and the population then grew quickly. Today cormorants are found throughout most of Great Lakes regions, both sides of the border, as well as a little farther inland in some cases.

**Problems.** The main problem with the bird today is the mess they make (and smell). Due to the high acidic quality of their feces, it kills vegetation on contact. This is what also causes the smell. They will always roost in trees on uninhabited islands, preferring to stay away from humans, noise, etc. In consultation with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), the birds that have been the subject of much consternation in Big Rideau Lake this summer are juveniles (check some of the current photos going around, no nests), and are not here to stay, at least at this point [2]. This situation requires monitoring. Over the years, long time residents have told me of juvenile colonies that would come for a summer and then leave (there was one about 15 years ago in Lower Rideau



*Cormorants on Big Rideau Lake Photo: Sue van Slooten*

Lake). The MNR also reports that these birds do not prefer inland lakes, but large, Great Lake-type of lakes or inland seas. However, efforts to eradicate the bird has shifted them around, mostly to the areas not commonly seen before (and probably why we're beginning to see them again now). **Fish and Cormorants.** Cormorants love fish. Mike Dube [3] of the MNR calls them "fish eating machines." However, having said that, what do they eat? Most fish of low economic, commercial, or sport value, such as pumpkinseeds, alewife, rainbow smelt, gizzard shad, sticklebacks, white suckers, rock bass, and round gobies. They get into trouble when they go after smallmouth bass, walleye, and yellow perch, but also dine on crayfish and insects [4]. Perhaps they will develop a taste for the latest Great Lakes invader, the white goby, already in Big Rideau Lake. It is valuable to note that they usually stick with fish under 15 cm., and they are not a deep water diving bird, preferring the shallower areas, so hence will not affect lake trout in the least.

**Control and Summary.** The birds dislike humans. They will not nest anywhere people are. The island they've been on this summer is owned by the MNR, and the MNR is not worried about it in the least. The birds won't spread as long as they're happy where they are. Do they make a smell? A mess? Absolutely. Having said all this, if a colony should arrive on privately owned land, the landowner is within his right to harass and chase, in order to remove the birds. You are not allowed to shoot however, under the Migratory Bird Act [5]. Are they a bird to be feared and/or hated? No. We will remain vigilant to see if the juveniles return next spring. If so, I will then contact the MNR again and see what further steps are to be taken. In the meantime, we are planning an information session, to be held in Portland, time TBD. The document listed in my sources from the MNR, if anyone is interested, as well as an article on control, please send me your email address to [suevanslooten@ripnet.com](mailto:suevanslooten@ripnet.com), and I will forward it to you.

1. Ministry of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife Branch. "Review of the Status and Management of Double Crested Cormorants in Ontario." Queen's Printer of Ontario: 2006.

2. Mary Van Sleuwen, MNR Biologist. Personal Communication, September, 2009.

3. Mike Dube, MNR Game Warden. Personal communication, September, 2009.

4. Ministry of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife Branch, "Review of the Status and Management of Double Crested Cormorants in Ontario." Queen's Printer of Ontario: 2006, page 5.

5. Mike Dube, MNR Game Warden. Personal Communication, September, 2009.

## 2009 SEPTIC RE-INSPECTION PROGRAM

### UPDATE FROM ERIC KOHLSMITH

Another successful summer septic re-inspection season is over. There have been some changes to the Mississippi Rideau Septic System Office (MRSSO) but the re-inspection program remains the same. Jamie Saunders, who has been the coordinator of the re-inspection program since 2006, has taken the opportunity to become the Water Resource Engineer for Lakehead Region Conservation Authority. We wish him all the best as he heads back to Thunder Bay.

I have worked with Jamie since the spring of 2007 and am pleased to be the new Septic Inspector for the MRSSO. I am a graduate of Sault College in Sault Ste-Marie as a Fish and Wildlife Technician and I am a provincially qualified On-Site Septic System Inspector. I look forward to running the program and completing more inspections over the fall and into 2010 season.

During the 2009 season both the north and south shores of the Big Rideau were involved in the septic re-inspection program. The north shore was completed through the Tay Valley Township program with 75 inspections. More properties will be inspected this fall. The south shore of the Big Rideau was completed through the Township of Rideau Lakes program with a total of 31 properties being inspected. This brings the total number of inspections for the Big Rideau to 166 properties since the program started in 2007.

In the new year, a report on the general findings of the two re-inspection programs will be made available by both townships online and at their respective municipal offices.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to know more about the septic re-inspection program, please feel free to contact me at the Mississippi Rideau Septic System Office at 613-259-2421 or by e-mail at [eric.kohlsmith@rvca.ca](mailto:eric.kohlsmith@rvca.ca)

### SUPPORT THE RLEF

Donations to the Rideau Lakes Environmental Foundation are essential to support the environmental programs of the Big Rideau Lake Association (BRLA).

Give on-line at [www.brla.on.ca/rlef/](http://www.brla.on.ca/rlef/)

Donations are tax deductible. Rideau Lakes Environmental Foundation  
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## MARINE SAFETY

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The Big Rideau Lake Association through its membership and supplementary funding from the Rideau Lakes Environmental Fund provides over 104 Private Shoal Markers from the Narrows Lock to the eastern end of the Lower Rideau Lake. The maintenance and the deployment of these markers is done by the Marine Safety Committee and supported by a local contractor.



In 2009 we received a number of messages from cottagers and boaters that some of the buoys were not deployed or were off station. We endeavoured to rectify this over the summer but not all concerns were able to be met. We will try to ensure that the 2010 season rectifies these problems. We will be budgeting for the replacement of the missing buoys and will look into the addition of new buoys were deemed necessary.

The committee received a number of requests for speed signs and no wake signs. While this does not come under the Private Navigation Regulations, we tried to accommodate these requests. Over the winter, we will try to get permission to put up these types of signs and will inform the association members.

The committee will be asking the Board to review the mandate of the Marine Safety Committee to see if it is feasible for the committee to engage in other marine safety programs. I.E.: Towing logs off the lake – Speed signs – Public information to boaters regarding Federal and Provincial Boating Regulations – Collaboration with the Fire Department and Ontario Provincial Police regarding Boat Safety and possibly Marine Assistance.

A final reminder that as of the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009 all motor boat operators (including sail boats with a motor on board) are required for to have their Pleasure Craft Operators Card. You must also have the appropriate safety equipment for the size of your boat, on board.

Your membership provides the funds to maintain the Private Navigation Buoys. **Join the Big Rideau Lake Association and support Marine Safety.**

## SAVE THE DATE: EVENTS FOR 2010

### May

<b>Work Weekend</b> (Cow Island)	Saturday May 15
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### June

<b>Canada Day Fireworks</b> (Cow Island)	Saturday June 26 RAIN DATE
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<b>Leaching Demo Day</b> (Cow Island)	Thursday July 1 June (TBA)
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<b>BRLA Members Open House</b>	June (TBA)
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### July

<b>BRLA Day Camp</b> (Cow Island)	Monday – Friday June 28 – August 27
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<b>BRLA Annual General Meeting</b> (Portland Town Hall)	Saturday July 3
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<b>Lake Dinner Dance</b> (Cow Island)	July (TBA)
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<b>Summer Sounds</b> (Cow Island)	Saturday July 10
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<b>Sailing School</b> (Cow Island)	(TBA late November)
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<b>Sailing Races</b> Saturday afternoons at 1pm (Cow Island)	(July & August)
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<b>Swimming Lessons</b> (Cow Island) 2 weeks. afternoons 1:00-2:00 pm	July 19 – 23 July 26 – 30
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<b>Solar/Wind Power Demo</b> (Cow Island)	July (TBA)
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<b>Annual Aquatic Regatta</b> (Cow Island)	Saturday July 31
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### August

<b>EnviroCamp</b> (Cow Island)	Monday – Friday August 16 – 20
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<b>Volunteer Appreciation</b> (Cow Island)	Saturday August 14
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<b>Shoreline Planting Seminar</b> with the Upper Rideau Lake Association (Narrows Lock)	Saturday August 27
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