

## **BRLA POSITION STATEMENT**

### **Mooring Buoys on Big Rideau Lake**

The Big Rideau Lake Association (BRLA) has for many years deployed and maintained over 100 markers around the lake from the Narrows Lock to the entrance to Poonamalie Lock. These markers are placed to help protect boaters from the lake and visitors to the lake.

The BRLA is not responsible for Mooring Buoys which are dotted around the lake nor is it within the mandate of the BRLA. Individuals or entities placing Mooring Buoys in the Canal or lakes of the Rideau system are subject to the regulations laid down by the Parks Canada - Rideau Canal World Heritage Site and the Private Navigation Regulations of Transport Canada. Persons concerned about the Mooring Buoys in the Canal or lake should refer to the Parks Canada Regulations below.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### **UNAUTHORIZED MOORING BUOYS IN THE RIDEAU CANAL WATERWAY**

The Historic Canals Regulations prohibit the setting out of a mooring buoy without the authorization of the Parks Canada Agency in accordance with a permit issued there under. The superintendent may, on receipt of an [application](#), issue a permit authorizing the applicant to set out a buoy in a historic canal. Mooring buoys are permitted only in exceptional circumstances and several requirements must be met including:

1. The buoy is to be used only for the mooring of a vessel owned by the adjacent waterfront property owner (the applicant);
2. The mooring buoy must be located directly in front of, and as close as possible to, the applicant's property;
3. There must be insufficient depth for a deep draft vessel near shore.

Furthermore, the type, placement and characteristics of the buoy must conform with the Private Buoy Regulations and have Transport Canada approval.

Persons placing mooring buoys in a Historic Canal (which includes the lakes) without authorization are acting in contravention of the Historic Canals Regulations.

**Please note:** The Superintendent of the Rideau Canal may remove from the Rideau Canal a private buoy that does not comply with the Private Buoy Regulations.

**For further information contact:**

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