

# Connections

POINTE AU BARIL ISLANDERS' ASSOCIATION

MAY 2011

## CHECKLIST FOR PABIA:

✓ ICE OUT (NOT OF OUR OWN DOING!)

✓ NEWSLETTER

✓ SPRING PABIA DIRECTORS' MEETING

✓ BY LAWS REVISED PER AGM 2010

✓ MINUTES OF 2011 APRIL BOARD MTG

\_\_\_ YEARBOOK - NEXT WEEK!

\_\_\_ CHANNEL MARKERS will be in...

BY THE LONG MAY WEEKEND, WEATHER PERMITTING

\_\_\_ COTTAGE PATROLS to be completed...

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## TOPICS COVERED IN THIS ISSUE

- ALERT! - WATER LEVELS
- BIG (PARRY) SOUND SAILING
- CELEBRATE CANADA DAY!
- EMPTY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER
- GEORGIAN BAY FOREVER
- JR REGATTA POSTER CONTEST
- MARINE PATROL HIRING
- NEW CELL TOWER OR NOT!
- PABIA S-TURN MARKER
- PABIA BOARD MINUTES LINK
- PABIA'S NEWEST DIRECTORS AND CHAIRS!
- PABIA YEARBOOK UPDATE
- PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND AGM
- PRESIDENT'S UPDATE
- WHAT IS THE G5?

## Summer Is Just Around the Corner! by Sted Garber, President



IF YOU SMELL SOMETHING COOKIN', YOU'RE RIGHT!

New Weekend New location!

Come Join Us for a **Pancake Breakfast**  
PRIOR to PABIA's Annual Meeting!

JULY 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011  
9:00 AM  
(day after Sr. Regatta)

OJIBWAY CLUB DINING ROOM

Come hear ALL that PaBIA is doing on YOUR behalf!

Encourage Everyone to Join Your Family, Friends, Neighbors  
(Childcare provided from 9:30-11:30)

Questions? Faye White

It won't be long now before we are once again enjoying summer in Pointe au Baril. Your Board and Committee Chairs have been working hard over the winter to be sure [PaBIA](#) is ready to provide the services that our members count on.

I would like to welcome the new Director and Committee heads that have agreed to serve since the last newsletter. [Sandy Boeckh](#) has agreed to become a Director and head up the Environment portfolio when [Ed Garner](#) succeeds me at the AGM. [Louise Richardson](#) has volunteered to become the Senior Regatta Chair; [Faye White](#), Member Events Chair; [Reid Bowlby](#), the Sailing Commodore; [Diane Penfold](#), the Permanent Community Representative; and [Jack Marley](#), the Marketing Chair.

You have heard me talk about PaBIA's planning meeting during the summer of 2009 and the board reorganization that resulted. Those changes are reflected by the [Revised ByLaws](#) that can be viewed at PaBIA's website. Now we are working on some of the other issues that were raised and this year's AGM will reflect some of your input. We are striving to improve the PaBIA brand recognition (do you know all the services PaBIA provides?), increase transparency and increase the involvement of our younger members in managing PaBIA's activities.

At our recent spring directors' meeting in Toronto (links to the [minutes](#) of that meeting are on the [website](#)) someone suggested the tag line for the AGM, "**Not Your Grandfather's AGM**". Perhaps we are taking a chance with the changes but we want to have a format that will attract a larger, more diverse attendance and provide greater value to our members.

First, PaBIA will host a **pancake breakfast** so you don't need to fix breakfast for the kids the morning after the Senior Regatta, **9 a.m. Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please plan to bring your kids as there will be childcare after breakfast. Then we will shorten the agenda to provide forward-looking information about what PaBIA is currently working on rather than rehashing material that has already been provided in the yearbook or a newsletter. After the formal part of the meeting, portfolio directors will be available to discuss issues of concern to you but they will not be asked to give reports. Finally, we are moving the meeting forward a week to the Sunday after the Senior Regatta in hopes that people, up for that weekend, can attend. Put it on your calendar NOW and plan to join us. I look forward to seeing you at the breakfast and meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

It's time to start thinking about checking your safety gear at the cottage and in the boat, reviewing the rules of the road and how you land the thing in a strong wind, and thinking about ways you will operate your boat *as a good neighbor*.

See you on the Bay.



Sted

## S-Turn Marker - PaBIA's Next Challenge by Dan Kuhn and Ed Garner



*S-Turn April 30, 2011*

The past winter has left us a new, but serious challenge. Winter storms have seriously eroded the cribbing and stone foundation of the "S-turn Marker." So, after many years of adding character to the "S turn" by looking like the tower of Pizza, the navigation light located in the "S" channel is ready to fall into the bay!

### PaBIA In Action

In keeping with one of PaBIA's core priorities: *member safety*, the PaBIA Board has requested a concept of repair/estimate to replace the current "S-turn Marker" foundation with a more modern and durable one. Appreciating the urgency of this matter, we are focusing on having the work done as soon as possible, while ensuring that the sense of immediacy does *not* affect the quality of the work to replace the marker's foundation.

So you probably will find a one or two week period where the light is out of service this season. During this time, we are asking Desmasdon's to put a marker or lollipop on the shoal to mark it. And it goes with out saying, but must be mentioned: [PaBIA](#) requests that all members and their families exercise **caution** while transiting the "S-turn" until the new foundation is completed and the "S-turn Marker" is reinstalled.

### Expensive Proposition

Your PaBIA dues support our many markers and navigation aids in Pointe au Baril. Only PaBIA members fund them. Repair of this aid will be expensive. Even replacing a broken marker during the season is expensive and PaBIA has to replace a number of them each year. These costs continue to increase each year and, in the near future, we will probably have to make an adjustment to the dues to cover the increased costs. We have not increased the dues in 10 years and we all can remember how much cheaper everything, including gasoline, was ten years ago.

## Support Our PaB Community

## We Need Your Creativity!

**CELEBRATE CANADA 2011**  
2 DAYS

at the Pointe au Baril Community Centre

**Friday, July 1, 2011**

**Ball Hockey Tournament**  
Registration and Start - 10 a.m.  
Walking Parade - 10 a.m.  
Opening Ceremonies - 10:30 a.m.  
\*Veteran's Tribute - 11 a.m.\*  
(with Flag Raising)  
Delicious Outdoor Bar-b-que - 11 a.m.

**Dusk - Fireworks!**

**Saturday, July 2, 2011**

4th Annual  
**Arts & Crafts Fair**  
9:00 to 5:00

Delicious Pickerel Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Boat Parade begins at 10 a.m. from Brignall Banks  
Flag Raising Ceremony - 10:30 a.m.  
Boat Tours - 11 a.m.  
Not So Silent Auction - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Terrific Kids Entertainment & Activities**  
Lots of things to see and do ...  
Something for everyone!!!

*Please join us to celebrate Canada's Birthday  
with this fun filled day for the whole family!*

Sponsored by your  
Pointe au Baril Chamber of Commerce  
[www.pointeaurbarilchamber.com](http://www.pointeaurbarilchamber.com)

**WANTED**

A person whose creative work shows  
sensitivity and imagination  
for  
**Junior Regatta Poster**

*This year the creation of the 2011 Junior  
Regatta poster will be open to everyone in  
the community. This means that if you are an  
artistic individual and you would like to see  
your work on the 2011 Junior Regatta Poster  
please submit it to [Peter Skuce](#)*

Details:

- Open to all ages
- One submission per person - Please have "2011 JR REGATTA POSTER" as the email subject heading
- Ideally the winning selection will contain some element of Pointe au Baril or the Junior Regatta

*Any questions please feel free to email  
[Peter Skuce](#) for clarification.*

## Attention All Sailors - Sailing the Big (Parry) Sound July 4-7



Registration is now open for the  
**2011 Big Sound Challenge  
Training Regatta!**

*New this year...we are adding a laser class!  
Bring your laser and 420 sailors to Parry  
Sound to train with our team of Ontario  
Sailing's Elite Coaches July 4-7, 2011.*

For our Sailors, two days of training with our team of Elite Coaches, followed by the opportunity to put their new skills into practice in two days of racing. Laser and 420 sailors registered in Bronze IV and higher are welcome!

For everyone, three evenings of fun and camaraderie including: dinner and a movie at the Stockey Centre, a cottage BBQ, a Beach Party and Bonfire!

To learn more, go to [BigSoundChallenge@sailparrysound.on.ca](mailto:BigSoundChallenge@sailparrysound.on.ca). Full Payment in the form of a check made payable to *Sail Parry Sound* needs to be received before registration will be confirmed. Please mail your payment to: [Big Sound Challenge](#), c/o Paula Liness, 69 White Lodge Cres, Richmond Hill ON L4C 9A2

Upon confirmation of your registration, you will receive more details regarding logistics, accommodations etc to help you plan for your trip to Parry Sound.

We hope that you will be able to join us!

## Attend PaBIA Summer Events



### Put It On Your Calendar

SEE 2011 YEARBOOK FOR DETAILS

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST & AGM

SUNDAY, JULY 31ST @ 9 AM

#### NATURALIST PROGRAMS

JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> - PARADISE UNDER FIRE  
*Impacts of Water, Rocks and Pests*  
WITH WILL BYNUM, FOREST HEALTH, MNR

AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> - ANTARCTICA  
*From Pines to Penguins*  
WITH SHANE EVOY

CLEAN UP ENVIRONMENT DAY WITH  
MARINE PATROL - TBA

JUNIOR REGATTA  
JULY 23<sup>RD</sup> @ 10:30 AM

SENIOR REGATTA  
JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> @ 12 NOON

TOWN HALL MEETINGS WITH TOA  
JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> 10-12 NOON @ OJIBWAY  
AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> 10-12 NOON @ OJIBWAY





## Just Who Are the 'G5'?



In a nutshell - from Bob Duncanson, Executive Director of GBA

**GBA** – A not-for-profit **umbrella** organization **advocating** on behalf of all GBA members.

**GBF** – A charitable organization focused on research and education on **water related issues**.

**GBLT** – A charitable organization focussed on **land securement and stewardship**.

**GBBR** – A not-for-profit organization protecting and enhancing the **natural and cultural resources** of the UNESCO recognized Eastern Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve

**EGBSC** – A not-for-profit community group supported by MNR to focus on **native fisheries and fish habitat restoration**.

## New Directions, New Focus - Georgian Bay Forever by David Sweetnam, GBF Exec. Director

**Georgian Bay Forever** (GBF) is looking forward to an even busier summer this year than in the past. There is just so much going on and it is hard to keep up-to-date with all of the science and issues when the ecosystems are reeling from all of the impacts of climate change, invasive species and low water levels. As Arunas Liskauskas of the MNR said at our recent *Georgian Bay -- Vital Signs Speaker* series day, "There is a perfect storm brewing beneath the placid waters of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay".

**Education** will be a very important part of our programs over the next few years. We will be out in the communities and with our website and newsletters making people aware of the current research published and talking about the things we can do something about. There is so much research available and very little of it is actually getting to the public or making its way up through the government agencies so GBF is here to help.

### Water Levels

This August there will be some public meetings organized by the Public Interest Advisory Group of the International Joint Commission's International Upper Great Lakes Study Board to discuss their draft remediation report to be released on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 looking at **climate change impacts**, how **water levels** might be raised in the Upper Great Lakes and what that would mean to the interests around the Great Lakes and what impacts changes to Lake Superior regulation might have on the middle Great Lakes. What would the various increased water levels (0, 10, 25, 40 and 50 cm) mean for you? Let us know by email at [Waterkeeper@georgianbayforever.org](mailto:Waterkeeper@georgianbayforever.org). The science is well understood and disputing assumptions or modelling outputs aren't going to be impactful. The consensus building exercise on the other hand has yet to be started. We are planning to send a delegation from GBA/GBF to meet with our counterparts in southern Lake Michigan to have a face-to-face discussion to better understand our differences and hopefully identify some common concerns. We will then hold some public meetings in Georgian Bay to share our findings and answer any questions. It is extremely important to stress that the process requires an engaged and informed public, and that is what we're here to help with. If you need any information, please contact us.

### Wetlands

This summer we are continuing to assist our McMaster research team in the completion of the **Wetlands Water Levels Impacts and Fish Usage** studies. We're also taking our Adopt-A-Wetlands program to the next level. We are training and working with the GBLT stewards to develop community champions. These trained volunteers will not only steward the wetlands in their area, but they will also be able to train other local volunteers on the importance of the wetlands on ecosystem health and how to identify stressors and impacts on wetlands and steward their own wetland locations.

We also have a great project underway with our all of our GB5 friends (GBA, GBF, GBLT, GBBR, EGBSC) with whom we have partnered to develop a **"State of the Bay": Eastern Georgian Bay Health Report**. This project received \$70K cooperative grant from the Trillium Fund and is being led by the GBBR. We will be creating the information gathering and communications tools required to give everyone an easy to understand report card. The GB5 groups are working cooperatively to deliver this information to the public in the most effective way possible. All of the communities and organizations up the bay will be asked for input into the development of this report card.

### Asian Carp

Our Georgian Baykeeper (and Executive Director) David Sweetnam is heading to Chicago this summer to see what we can do about the **Asian Carp** problem. The *Waterkeeper Alliance* is an international group of dedicated organizations and people committed to ensuring that our water remains swimmable, drinkable & fishable. Please let us know if you have any issues or concerns over the summer and would like us to investigate or discuss.

Another critical part of Georgian Bay Forever's strategy is to be solid on our **scientific research**. To further that goal we are assembling a new Science Advisory panel to offer guidance and advice for our various projects. We have a wonderful and passionate group of professionals and academics gathered and will continue to add several more to complete the spectrum of expertise needed in the coming years.

We will see you on the Bay this summer...don't mind us if we start to try to share our stories with you. We just want to protect Georgian Bay...forever!

## Our Newest Cell Tower That's NOT! *by Ed Garner*

Seven or eight years ago Bell announced it would use funds from the SIP program, which regular Bell customers had been paying into for years, to improve phone communications along the Northeast Shore of Georgian Bay. Bell started looking for places to put new towers for this system and quickly ran into considerable resistance from cottagers. In Pointe au Baril the resistance took the form of a petition signed by many cottagers at the Ojibway. The [Georgian Bay Association](#) (GBA) took the lead in getting the installation of towers on the Bay stopped in areas they were not wanted. During this effort those involved realized that while no one wanted new towers but many wanted better phone communications and were frustrated at the poor cell phone reception on the bay. Both the GBA and [PaBIA](#) worked hard to accomplish better services without new towers in the outer islands.

It was Martha Hall Findlay, the then President of PaBIA, who first suggested using the Range Light. When this was suggested, Bell was not interested but Rogers was. The effort to protect the area but improve basic communications became even more important as the utilization of the Internet grew over the years. I understand Bell is going to improve its service down in the Skerryvore area where we have year round residents who need both good phone and Internet access. As I understand it, they will be replacing an existing tower.

In Pointe au Baril Rogers is in the process of following PaBIA's suggestion and installing a cell within the footprint of the Range Light. Unless you get right up to the Range Light you cannot easily pick out the structure they have installed inside the current tower. This site is not yet completed and I would expect them to install pad antennas on the white wood sides of the Range Light tower. We should obtain greatly improved cell phone and wireless Internet access in the area near the Range Light and hopefully also in Nares Inlet with zero change to our horizon and very minimal change in appearance of the Range Light. We are delighted that our concern for the impact on our area has been heard by both Bell and Rogers and that they have responded to our requests. Thank you Bell and Rogers!

Some of you using cell phone repeaters with directional antennas off the Roger's tower at the Station may need to rotate your exterior antenna to receive improved service and some of you who are now using repeaters from Rogers may be able to get along without the repeater once this new cell is up and running.



## Student Summer Job Opening



### Marine Patrol

**PABIA IS NOW HIRING 1 PATROLLER FOR 2011**

**WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR QUALIFIED UNIVERSITY STUDENTS INTERESTED IN**

- Boat Safety
- Preserving and Promoting Environment
- Monitoring and Reporting Data
- Working in PaB all summer

**THIS 40 HOUR A WEEK JOB INVOLVES:**

- Monitoring GBLT Properties
- Monitoring PaB Crown Land
- Presence on Water to Promote Safe Boating Practices
- Observing and Recording Data to build our reference database

For further information go to:  
[www.pabia.ca](http://www.pabia.ca) and click on MP Hiring  
or email: [Scott Sheard](mailto:Scott Sheard)

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

*Pointe au Baril*  
**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**Needs Your Empty Bottles!**

**~A Fundraiser~**

*To help maintain our Information Centre  
&  
Support our 'Celebrate Canada' events*



**Donate Empty Bottles**  
Liquor • Beer • Wine

**Drop off empty bottles**  
on the veranda of the  
PaB Chamber Information Centre  
Hwy. 69, PaB

24/7 from Victoria Day Weekend to Thanksgiving

**Our Business Community  
Needs Your Support.**

**Thank You!**

## Members Getting/Staying Involved - We Thank You!



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FAYE WHITE - MEMBER EVENTS COORDINATOR



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DIANE PENFOLD - PERMANENT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE



JACK MARLEY - MARKETING CHAIR



SANDY BOECKH - ENVIRONMENT DIRECTOR

## Yearbook Updates - (since May 2011 printing)

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## In Memoriam - (since May 2011 printing)

To the friends and families of those whose deaths have been reported to us during the past year, we extend our deepest sympathy. If we have not included the name of any deceased member, we are sorry. Your help in keeping us informed is greatly appreciated.

**BETTY WELLS** (NEE BARCLAY), A399-1 'SHINING WATERS', WIFE OF DR. BRUCE WELLS, MOTHER OF NANCY, MARY, PETER AND SUSAN, SISTER OF THE LATE DAVID AND JOHN BARCLAY.

*We encourage your thoughts, comments and suggestions!*

Email us at [pabia@shaw.ca](mailto:pabia@shaw.ca) or click on the individual director/chair's email address to contact directly!

### PABIA \*BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES 2010 - 2011

#### ADMINISTRATION

LEGAL  
PERMANENT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE  
PRESIDENT  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

#### COMMUNICATIONS

NEWSLETTER  
MARKETING  
WEBMASTER  
ASSISTANT WEBMASTER  
YEARBOOK

#### ENVIRONMENT

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#### GOVERNANCE (PPAC)

#### MEMBER ACTIVITIES

JUNIOR REGATTA  
MEMBER EVENTS  
MEMBERSHIP  
SAILING COMMODORE  
SENIOR REGATTA

#### MEMBER SAFETY

EMERGENCY & FIRE/BOAT SAFETY TRAINING  
MAPS & MARKERS  
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CAM RICHARDSON

MICHAEL REDDY

TERRY CLARK

## NEWS FLASH - May 5, 2011

**Dramatic reversal of low water levels  
in the last month!**

**Lake levels are now only 5 cm (2 inches)  
below the level on May 6, 2010.**

*Data is from the US Army Corp of Engineers.*

## PABIA IS ADVOCATING FOR THE ISLANDERS'

CHANNEL MARKERS AND CAIRNS

CLEAN WATER

COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

SUPPORTER OF G5 &

MEMBER OF GEORGIAN BAY ASSOCIATION

PRESERVATION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

PRISTINE PICNIC PLACES

SAFETY ON THE WATER

AND

EVENTS FOR THE COMPETITIVE SPIRIT

REGATTAS, SAILING RACES, PABIA NATURALIST

### THE POINTE AU BARIL ISLANDERS' ASSOCIATION

UNITES TOGETHER OUR "WATER ACCESS" COMMUNITY TO  
PROMOTE, PROTECT AND PRESERVE THIS  
UNIQUE AND NATURAL REGION.

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