

Connections

Pointe au Baril Islanders' Association

Fall 2009

With this new President's newsletter format, PaBIA's Board wishes to honor our pledge to better communicate with all members; to keep you better informed of the many ongoing efforts done on your behalf throughout the year. This first newsletter will be sent to all members both by email AND snail mail. It will also be posted on the website, www.pabia.on.ca. In addition, please send this newsletter on to anyone whom you feel might have an interest in some or all of the topics covered!

However, subsequent newsletters will ONLY be sent via email on a regular basis. Should you have an email address and wish to receive them, but have not provided it to Nancy Rogers, please do so by emailing Nancy at pabia@mountaincable.net. If you wish to receive these newsletters but NOT have your email address published in the Yearbook, please inform Nancy and your request will be honored.

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From Your President



Sted Garber

Dear PaBIA,
I hope that some of you were able to be in Pointe au Baril for the first two weeks of September. This was certainly the longest stretch of perfect weather that we experienced all summer. Not that there is ever a bad summer but I have to go back a long way to remember so much rain and cool weather. The good side of this is that it may contribute to continued rising water levels. Boating Safety will be a recurring theme during my incumbency as your President. I will try not to become repetitive or boring but we, and by that I mean all

PaBIA members, have got to find a way to impress on everyone the importance of boating safety and common courtesy on the water.

I had the great good fortune of spending my childhood summers in Pointe au Baril with an aunt who wanted to make sure that my cousins and I knew how to operate a boat properly and safely. She made sure we all had a chance to drive and learn from her experience. But woe to the child that neglected to slow to no wake when passing a canoe or other small boat, or when passing by a dock. I wonder where this small courtesy has gone today. Are we all in such a hurry to get where we are going that we are not concerned about possibly swamping a small craft or smashing a boat against a neighbor's dock with our wake? I am

astounded to see all too often boats driving in to the Ojibway dock at high speed and then slowing down at the last minute, rocking many boats at the dock and making their own landing more difficult. Many of us are fortunate to have children or grandchildren visit us here; imagine how you would feel if your small one, just learning to drive a small boat was swamped by a large wake. And I have seen the dangerous situation of young people or old people getting into a boat at a dock just when a large boat comes by making a big wake. I encourage all PaBIA members to think about their driving habits; do you slow down for small boats and docks or swing wide around them to leave a smaller wake? It is not hard to do.

Boating Safety

I shudder at some of the serious violations of navigation rules and common sense that I have heard of this past summer and I have a sense that this is getting worse. In the business where I spent my career it was a valid statistic that for every so many serious safety incidents there would be a fatality. I don't have any idea of what the statistic would be for the number of safety incidents in our area that would lead to the expectation of a fatality but I am sure that if we can all operate our boats more safely and ensure that our children (of all ages) do

the same then the probability of a tragedy will be lessened. While numerous incidents were reported to me this summer I will recite only one to make my case. A boat proceeding north on the main channel at night with its running lights on and keeping to its side of the channel near the right shore encountered a fast moving boat coming in the opposite direction with no lights and unbelievably the boat heading south passed between the first boat and the shore. This is the sort of behavior that in time will get someone killed

and we must put an end to it. I would encourage all of us to talk about this sort of incident with our friends and kids to make everyone aware of what they need to look out for and maybe someone we talk to might realize that they or a friend might be the perpetrator in such an incident and will be more careful the next time. Similarly, if you have a friend that, for instance is driving at night without running lights the thoughtful thing is to remind the friend that this is not only illegal, it is also an extreme hazard on the water.

Cottage Patrols

We need to report that after providing excellent service for over 16 years, Tom Penfold has decided to retire as PaBIA's off season patrolman. We thank Tom for all of his help and dedication over those 16 years. This summer PaBIA posted the position and conducted interviews with all interested parties. We are pleased to announce that Bruce

Tiffin will be the new inspector for PaBIA starting with this fall's patrol of all member cottages.

Bruce brings a lifetime of experience on our waterways and will be able to conduct mid-winter patrols to all properties as he has a Scoot to enable him to safely pass over open water in narrow channels and other areas of strong current where ice may not be solid and safe.

Digital Photography

A major additional feature this year includes digital photography should Bruce encounter any damage on members' properties. Affected members will be advised immediately by Nancy Rogers.

We are pleased to welcome Bruce as our cottage patroller throughout the fall, winter and spring cottage rounds.

Bears



We live in the bears' backyard

As reported this month in the national media in Canada, this summer was unusually wet and wild berries were not as plentiful as in other years. As a result, there has been far more black bear activity close to humans all over Ontario and Quebec this year.

This is true at Pointe au Baril as well.

We have had several recent reports of cottages (mostly those that were not yet fully closed for the season) that were visited by bears. In some cases, the bears have made entry and created a mess.

We are advising everyone at this time in order to remind our members to:

- Remove all food sources and garbage from your buildings
- Clean BBQ's for storage
- Empty bird feeders

Our patrolman has already found and reported on some bear damage at member cottages.

PaBIA is closely monitoring the situation with our patrolman and the MNR. If any damage is found, you will be advised immediately.

New PaBIA Map 2010 - Act Now



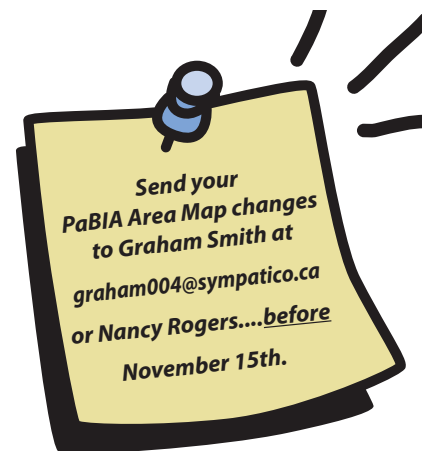
You will receive an email with a map of your neighborhood attached. Please look to see whether the information, including placement of cottage buildings and the address, is accurate. If you don't have email, please call Nancy for your copy of your area map.

A new Islanders' map for 2010 will be printed and we **need your assistance** to ensure what is printed is

New for 2010

With this new map, we plan to highlight small blind channels and bends, particularly narrow passages and other areas where caution is urged and wakes are discouraged. We do not have any power to enforce observation of speed limits and I am not sure we would want to invite some sort of government enforcement nor do I believe we need it. It seems to me that we are all neighbors here in this most wonderful of summer neighborhoods and that we all would want to treat everyone we encounter on the water as a

neighbor. Please think about what that means and discuss it with your children and friends.



Water Access Trash Service

I heard from many of you through the course of the summer that you were generally quite pleased with how the trash service at the station worked. Especially with the pick up at the garbage pier by township staff, dropping trash at the station was easy and with the new compactors, fence and attendant the site stayed very clean although I still heard of some folks leaving trash outside the fence when the site was closed. I encourage all PaBIA members to respect the rules and the hours. I wish I could say that the issue was closed but it isn't. Our TOA council is still considering where the permanent

site for the transfer station should be. In September I wrote a letter to council stating that PaBIA members were quite pleased with how well the current site worked this summer, making a strong request that any permanent site be no further from the water than the current site and continuing to recommend that if a site as convenient to the water absolutely couldn't be found, council should evaluate dockside pick up at each island as an alternative to a more distant site. I am sure there will be more on this subject as the year progresses.

Emergency Services

We also wrote a letter to the MNR Director of Emergency Services reaffirming PaBIA's strong support for an ambulance station and evacuation helipad at Highway 69 just south of the Station. This is a logical choice as it would be near the interchange on the planned Highway 400 extension and would provide access to the major seasonal and permanent resident communities in the northern half of the township.

Regattas

Recalling the rain that interrupted the junior regatta, much thanks and a Bravo Zulu (that's navy talk for well done) to Ian MacLeod and his Sunday stand in, Peter Skuce, for the great job they did under difficult conditions. Peter will be the new chair for the Junior Regatta so I am looking forward to continued great execution of this wonderful tradition.

Speaking of regattas I don't know how Gord Phippen managed to get us such a nice day but he did and ran a wonderful event. There was a good turnout and lots of keen competition.

Monitoring our Paradise

Thanks also go to the Marine Patrol for their unending work to keep our beautiful piece of paradise looking that way. In addition to taking water samples throughout our area the Marine Patrol serves as stewards for Georgian Bay Land Trust properties in the area and does a lot of clean up on Crown Land as well.



Trash found on Crown Land

Unfortunately some users of Crown Land don't seem to value the treasures that they have; the Marine Patrol found stripped live trees and continued to find quite a bit of trash. They cleaned up so that the next picnicker or camper might enjoy nature at its best.



Trees stripped for firewood

We encourage your thoughts, comments and suggestions! Email us at pabia@mountaincable.net

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Land Use

As I mentioned at the AGM in August I believe we are maintaining good communications with our township council and that they understand our zoning and building concerns. As of this writing there has been no permit or variance issued to which PaBIA felt it necessary to respond.

Mission of PaBIA

The object of the Association shall be to unite together those interested in Pointe au Baril as a "water access" community for the purpose of protecting, preserving and promoting the interests of property owners, residents, cottagers and tourists.

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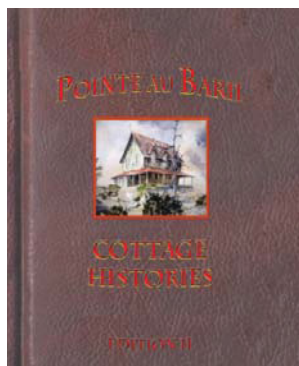
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Cottage History Book - Edition II



Through the sales of the CHBII of this past summer, we have been able to recover all our costs to allow the remainder of the monies from the sale of the book to go directly toward paying for the historical renovation of PaBIA's

Office on the Ojibway Island (the old Post Office). Thank You! We wish to again thank the Ojibway Club, Desmasdon's, Payne's, Beacon's, CC Kennedy's and The Pointe for their willingness to sell the book.

Several members have been asking about buying copies of the CHBII this fall in anticipation of the upcoming holidays. Should you wish to purchase one, Nancy Rogers, Judy Hurlburt and Hilde Clark (USA) have a limited quantity and will be able to send them to you. Should you

wish to order a copy, please make a check out to PaBIA for \$70 CN or USA (\$59 + \$11 S&H) and mail your request to one of the following:

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