



LKO NEWSLETTER

Summer 2007

President's Message

Stan Peck

Your Board and Regatta Committee have been busy on your behalf. LKO Director **Graham Parkinson** has been busy reformatting and updating LKO's website. Please visit it at www.lko.on.ca and let Graham know what you think. LKO Vice President **John Matthews**, thanks to his professional background, helps LKO to provide knowledgeable comment and feedback regarding developments on Kash. **Lynn Childs** does a great job looking after LKO membership. The Treasurer responsibility is in competent hands with **Al Oakley** and I appreciate **Gary Wiles** looking after putting the newsletters together. **Anne Nickson**, LKO's Secretary, is doing a great job with the minutes.

In addition, the **Regatta Committee** has been meeting to plan another great **Regatta and BBQ** this year. The format worked pretty well last year so only small changes are planned.

I think everybody is so involved and committed because **Kash is such a great Lake**. Please continue to give them your support.

I look forward to seeing you at the **LKO AGM** at the Northern Lights Theatre at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School **on Saturday June 23**. Please plan on staying after the meeting for the Light Luncheon Social.

CORPORATE SPONSORS OF THE LKO ENHANCED WATER QUALITY TESTING PROGRAM FOR 2006

BONNIE VIEW INN
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DELTA PINESTONE RESORT
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KASHAGA LODGE
SILVER BEACH CAMPING AND TRAILER PARK
SPRUCE NARROWS
WIGAMOG INN RESORT
WILLIAM'S LANDING
WILLOW BEACH COTTAGES

There is also one Associate Member

WRAFT and CAPTR

Stan Peck

The current property tax system is shifting the tax load onto waterfront property owners. Accordingly, a group called Waterfront Ratepayers After Fair Taxation (WRAFT) was formed of which LKO is a member. This was subsequently expanded to the Coalition After Property Tax Reform (CAPTR) to include other property owners in Ontario experiencing dramatic tax increases.

Due to public pressure and a negative Ombudsman's report, the Ontario government initiated an assessment freeze which expires in 2008. CAPTR is encouraging the Government to also institute a **5% annual cap on property assessment increases**. This would remove the volatility that currently exists and avoid dramatic year over year increases. With a provincial election in October, now is a good time to contact your MPP on this issue.

Please write or email your MPP today – see www.captr.org for how to do this. For example you can write a letter to:

Hon. Greg Sorbara
Ministry of Finance
7th Floor, Frost Building South
7 Queens Park Cres., Toronto M7A 1T7

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

John Matthews

The majority of development issues on our lake are resolved or dormant at this time.

Champlain Shores

It is our understanding that the developer has closed the sales office and placed the property for sale.

Wigamog Villas

It has been reported that this sales office is also closed and no further units will be built at this time.

Silver Beach

This single family home/ townhouse development is proceeding with removal of trailers from the site. The County of Haliburton recently approved the land zone changes that were necessary to allow the proposed development to proceed with some conditions.

Northern Eagle Trailer Park

The MNR is processing an application for more docks on the lake which your Board is monitoring. Further updates to follow in the newsletters.

**The Lake Kashagawigamog Summer Regatta
Saturday, July 7th 2:00 p.m., at The Bonnie View Inn**

INCOME STATEMENT

Al Oakley

Lake Kashagawigamog Organization Income Statement

January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006

	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	2007 Budget
Revenue:			
Membership (incl. Donations)	\$7,000	\$7,425	\$7,000
Corporate Donations-Regular	2,000	2,330	2,000
-to Regatta		900	450
Advertising	900	895	900
Total Income	<u>9,900</u>	<u>11,550</u>	<u>10,350</u>
Expenses:			
General office	1,000	813	1,000
Promotion/Goodwill	250	255	250
Newsletters	2,000	2,061	2,000
Water Tests	900	250	750
Memberships (e.g., FOCA)	1,000	864	1,000
Insurance	1,250	1,242	1,250
Donations	1,200	1,200	1,200
AGM	1,000	1,130	1,000
LKO Member Recognition	100	82	100
Regatta - costs covered by LKO	500	192	750
- costs covered by Corp. Donations		900	450
Lake Development Consultation	1,200	3,185	700
Total Expenses	<u>10,400</u>	<u>12,174</u>	<u>10,450</u>
Income	<u>(\$500)</u>	<u>(\$624)</u>	<u>(\$100)</u>

Note: As of December 31, 2006, LKO's Current Account had a balance of \$2,153.49 and LKO's Mutual Fund Account had a balance of \$21,322.61 giving Total Assets of \$23,476.10

Membership Reminder

If you haven't already done so, please return your membership form along with a cheque for \$25.00 to

LKO Box 878 Haliburton, Ontario, Canada K0M 1S0

ON THE WATER

Glenda Bryson

Finally the trees are green again, the water is warming up and we are preparing for wonderful hot summer!

As you are aware we store a number of boats, and one of our obligations when preparing the boats for the water, is to check the boat over to ensure that the lights, horn and blower are all functional. We check for oil leaks, gas leaks, water leaks and the steering system. We do everything in our power to ensure your boat will be safe to operate and trouble free. It is your responsibility to ensure your safety gear is perfectly functional. Your heaving lines are not rotted or frayed. Does your waterproof flashlight have fresh batteries? Attach a pea less whistle to every personal flotation device. How about the paddles, anchors and fire extinguishers?

Most importantly, inspect those personal flotation devices. Do they still fit all family members, and are the zippers and buckles still intact? Would you trust your life to them? Do you have all your emergency tether cords - are they in good shape? A number of motors will not operate without them, but the newer ones will, so it is your responsibility to use them or ensure your children do.

I have enclosed an important and interesting article that I felt would be appropriate to this newsletter. I found it in one of our industry newsletters which directed me to the Canadian Safe Boating Council's website, www.csbc.ca . The site is worth the visit.

As usual, I am always mentioning consideration of others. We are a member of the Ontario Marina Operators Association, and below is the Marina Environmental Code Of Ethics:

PROTECT OUR ONTARIO WATERWAYS FROM HARMFUL DUMPING

Return all bottles, cans, paper, plastics and other waste to shore for proper disposal or recycling.

When possible, clean up after those who are less thoughtful.

USE ENVIRONMENTALLY COMPATIBLE MATERIALS

The OMOA encourages the use of non-contaminating products in boat operation and maintenance.

MAINTAIN OUR CLEAN WATER HERITAGE

Help this marina achieve its goal of preventing the release of waste into sensitive waters.

RESPECT OPERATING REGULATIONS

Adhering to speed restrictions helps avoid wake damage to shorelines and property.

Unnecessary noise can be offensive.

I, and the "Crew at Bryson's Marine", wish you a wonderful and safe boating summer!

It's been more than 50 years since automobile manufactures began to put seat-belts in cars. They had to be pushed into doing it through government legislation but now car makers are producing some of the safest forms of transportation money can buy. And no one driving a car today questions how many lives have been saved by wearing seat-belts. So, it's odd that someone will drive up to their cottage wearing a seat belt and then go boating without wearing a lifejacket! The CSBC (Canadian Safe Boating Council), a leading boating safety group in Canada knows this behaviour pattern all too well. In conjunction with SmartRisk, the CSBC undertook the sober task of compiling drowning statistics over a ten year period in Canada. And they discovered a very interesting fact: 90% of people who drowned while boating were not wearing a lifejacket. Plain and simple.

Water Testing for Phosphorus and Clarity Stan Peck

In addition to the testing for Total Coliform and E-Coli done by Water Stewards Steve and Alex Rivett (see the Fall 2006 Newsletter for the 2006 results), LKO also submits results of tests for Phosphorus and Secchi Disk (i.e., clarity) to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (or MOE).

Location	Phosphorus		Secchi Disk	
	Date	micrograms per litre	Date	depth in metres
Lake Kashagawigamog	May 27, 2006	6.8	2006	4.5
	May 22/Jun.18, 2005	7.9	2005	4.5
	25-May-04	6.7	2004	4.5
Soyers Lake	May 26, 2006	11.9	2006	3.8
	26-May-05	5.8	2005	4
	18-May-04	7.9	2004	5
Canning Lake	May 23, 2006	8.2	2006	4.2
	23-May-05	7.6	2005	3.4
	31-May-04	7.5	2004	---

Source: LKO Water Stewards Steve and Alex Rivett and the MOE web-site

Phosphorus Data: www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/lake_partner/LakePartnerTotalPhosphorusData2005.pdf

Secchi Data: www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/lake_partner/LakePartnerSecchiData2005.pdf

Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) Stan Peck

As reported in the Fall 2006 Newsletter by LKO's Anne Nickson, this is a coalition of reservoir lakes to the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW). The coalition aims to provide a reservoir lake perspective to a review of TSW water management currently underway by Parks Canada.

As initial report by Ecoplans summarizing submissions received has been delivered and a Panel on the Future of the TSW has been named (see www.tswpanel.ca). For more info you might attend a joint presentation by the Coalition and the TSW on July 4 at 7:30pm at the United Church in Minden.

The Coalition needs to prepare a comprehensive, professional submission to this new Panel. This will likely require the hiring of consultants and perhaps legal counsel. While the Coalition has asked each association to contribute \$5 per member, the LKO is leaving it up to each member to make their own contribution. You can mail your cheque (payable to CEWF) to:

Ms Carole Russell
 Treasurer, CEWF
 3 Glenrose Ave.,
 Toronto, Ontario M4T 1K3

This is an important opportunity to influence decisions being made downstream on the uses and abuses of our lake water.

DOCKTALK

Barbara King from the Docktalk program will be available to provide confidential, non-regulatory landowner site visits on Lake Kashagawigamog this summer!

Each visit will provide a confidential, one-on-one discussion with advice on water protection issues and solutions that are specific to each landowner's individual property needs. Each landowner will receive an information kit of resource materials and giveaways that include a sample of environmentally friendly

Soap native wildflower seeds and/or a FOCA drinking water bottle in a re-useable cloth bag.

The site visits are intended to provide pertinent information on:

Septic system maintenance	Wildlife habitat enhancement
Pollution prevention	Shoreline naturalization
Threats from invasive species	Erosion control and prevention

There is no cost for participating in a Docktalk visit.

Terry Rees, Executive Director of FOCA, will talk in more detail at LKO's AGM about the benefits to you of participating in the Docktalk Program.

To book a visit or to find out more about this opportunity, contact Barbara King at:

Phone (613)273-8174

E-mail: Docktalk@foca.ca

Website: www.foca.ca

Visit availability is limited- so book now!

Docktalk is funded by:

Ontario Trillium Foundation
Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Environment Canada

LKO Annual General Meeting for 2007

Again this year, the LKO Annual General Meeting is being held at the **Northern Lights Theatre** at the **Haliburton Highlands Secondary School**.

The date is Saturday June 23, 2007 with:

Registration	9:30 a.m.-10 a.m.
Meeting	10:00 a.m.-12 noon
Light Luncheon Social	12 noon - 1 p.m.

Invited speakers include:

Murray Fearrey	Reeve for Dysart et al
Jim McMahan	Reeve for Minden Hills
Sharon Middlehurst	Signature Quilt Project
Terry Rees	Executive Director of FOCA - about FOCA and the DockTalk Program

The Highlands Summer Festival is back! To whet our taste, they are again presenting a 5 min. vignette from their summer series. This year we are being honoured with a taste of the musical 'The Fantasticks' !

So, mark your calendars and kick-off the season by meeting fellow LKO members, hearing some interesting speakers, tasting a little theatre and enjoying Great sandwiches by Betty Mark.

The Lake Kashagawigamog Summer Regatta

Saturday, July 7th 2:00 p.m., at The Bonnie View Inn

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with fellow cottagers and friends. Bring the whole family – there will be activities for children and adults of all ages! Show off your paddling skills in the canoe races and canoe tug, or compete for fun in the swimming races including a long distance swim. For land lovers there will be volleyball games, potato sack races, a tug of war, face painting, a nature hunt and a clothing relay!

Relax after the festivities on Bonnie View's fully licensed patio right on the lake. Along with a BBQ featuring both a children's and adults menu, there will be a cash bar available. The BBQ will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will include assorted salads and chips.

For more information go to menu item "Regatta"

<http://ww.lko.on.ca> update graham parkinson

This month will see the launch of the new and improved LKO website! The website has been overhauled in order to provide the LKO Executive a means to better and more efficiently update LKO members on news and emerging issues affecting our community.

Look to the website for details regarding upcoming LKO events such as the Annual General Meeting and Regatta. Who are the guest speakers at the AGM? Will I have a chance to question/meet my Reeve? What are the discussion topics? Does the Regatta have events for my children? What's available for dinner at the Regatta BBQ? All this information (and more) will be available on the site!

Members will also have access to past copies of the LKO President's Message, the LKO Newsletter and water quality charts. This online archive covers ongoing development activities, FOCA initiatives, the details of the organization's revenues and expenditures and trends in the lake's water quality. What are FOCA's top concerns? Most likely FOCA's concerns are your concerns also! Check it out!

Once on the site, visitors may navigate through numerous links to a variety of subjects that cover recreational activities, FOCA committees, environmental issues and government services. Take a look and see if you can find a link to the Haliburton bug report? Are you supporting the CAPTR initiative regarding lake front tax assessments? If you enjoy using Google Maps, then you should consider visiting the County of Haliburton – GIS and Maps website.

The website is intentionally light on graphics yet high on content. This recognizes the fact that many of you will only have low speed Internet access when at the lake.

Take a look and let us know your thoughts.

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