



LKO SUMMER NEWSLETTER

**LAKE KASHAGAWIGAMOG
ORGANIZATION**

JUNE 10, 2008

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Stan Peck

As I mentioned in the last LKO newsletter, after four years as your president, I will be stepping down at the AGM on June 21, 2008.

LKO is a healthy association with around 275 members plus strong corporate sponsors, a strong board and regatta committee, and a positive budget position with money in the bank.

However, as always, we must be vigilant. There are always development initiatives that LKO needs to respond to in order to try to minimize any negative impacts on the lake. As the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (or CEWF) has highlighted, there is endless demand (i.e., from gravel operations, golf courses, power generation, sewage treatment, etc..) on Haliburton County's limited water. Property taxes on waterfront properties will escalate yet again when the current freeze on assessments expires this fall. The WRAFT and CAPTR coalitions are attempting to sell the idea of a 5% per year cap on assessment increases. Septic systems on the lake are aging and lake development increases sewage requirement. We need to ensure that our lake remains safe for swimming. The challenges will continue.

Thank you for your support of LKO and I look forward to working with your new board as past president.

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Special points of interest:

- LKO REGATTA July 26, 2008 at the Rick Rutting residence.
- LKO AGM Sat, June 21, 2008 at NORTHERN LIGHTS.

<http://www.lko.on.ca>

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT****Lynn Childs**

We are very pleased to report that 184 members have already returned their renewal forms. This year's form gave members the opportunity to send additional funds to 3 causes that LKO supports. Thus far we have received approximately \$700 for Water Quality Testing, \$700 for the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow and \$400 for the Regatta. At the AGM in June the Directors will explain how these monies are being directed on your behalf. We hope to see you at the AGM on June 21st. Memberships may be paid prior to the meeting. If you have new neighbours please bring them along!

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**John Matthews****1) Champlain Shores.**

This property has been for sale since 2006 and there has not been any activity on site. Dysart Township received a request to extend the time for the sales office and granted the owners 1.5 years which allows two sales seasons. This would assist the sale if it hasn't happened already.

2) Clees on the Rocks Drive.

No known activity on this site but property for sale.

3) Silver Beach.

One building has been built for use as a sales office and units are being marketed.

4) Northern Eagle Resort.

The major capital work is the septic sewer system that is underway. This project will greatly reduce any potential septic pollution to our lake.

NIGHT SKY**Katrina Logozar**

Starry summer nights are something to which we all look forward. Please do your part by turning off all unnecessary outside lights. Not only will the animal life thank you, so will your fellow cottagers and generations to follow.

**The Lake Kashagawigamog Summer Regatta
Saturday, July 26 1:00 p.m., NEW LOCATION see pg 8 and insert.**

**2008 Income Statement - Budget****Al Oakley**

Lake Kashagawigamog Organization

May 26, 2008

Income Statement

For Calendar 2007 and Budget for 2008

	2007 Budget	2007 Actual	2008 Budget
Revenue:			
Membership (incl. Donations)	\$7,000	\$7,290	\$8,250
Corporate Donations-Regular	2,000	1,655	2,000
-to Regatta	450	1,300	500
Advertising	900	955	950
Total Income	10,350	11,200	11,700
Expenses:			
General office	1,000	1,300	1,400
Promotion/Goodwill	250	321	300
Newsletters	2,000	1,789	1,500
Water Tests	750	424	700
Memberships (e.g., FOCA)	1,000	1,149	1,650
Insurance	1,250	1,242	1,250
Donations	1,200	1,225	1,200
AGM	1,000	1,130	1,100
LKO Member Recognition	100	-	100
Regatta - costs covered by LKO	750	320	700
- costs covered by Corp. Donations	450	550	500
Lake Development Consultation	700	1,700	300
Total Expenses	10,450	11,152	10,700
Income:	\$(100)	\$48	\$1,000

Note: As of December 31, 2007, LKO's Current Account had a balance of \$2,177.11,
and LKO's Mutual Fund Account had a balance of \$22,034.22
giving Total Assets of \$24,211.33



On The Water

Glenda Bryson

We have endured a long snowy winter which was a definite asset to the tourism industry in the county, but I think I speak for a number of us when I say, "Let's get on with summer! I want to go boating!"

As you get your boat out of storage, there are a number of important items that need to be checked. The usual - lights, horn, garboard plug, condition of life jackets or personal floatation devices and does each one have a whistle? Does the flashlight still work, has the heaving line been chewed or mangled, how about that fire extinguisher! Does your blower function for those of you with inboard/outboards. Check for oil leaks around the gearcase, let's maintain the quality of our water.

Make safety a priority. Even though your children have their boat operator cards, remind them to look over their shoulders. In a kayak or canoe, make sure they can be seen - in bright light they are almost invisible. Keep those signaling devices at hand's reach. I spoke to some men that were staying at the Wigamog Inn on the weekend after the long one. They were fishing in a canoe and told me that a large blue boat went by them with a huge wake, and swamped the canoe. The occupants of the boat did not even turn around. Fortunately, another couple in a boat came to their rescue. I asked if the first boat could be described. They said they were in so much shock they could not remember any other details. That prompted me to do some research on Transport Canada's website, and I came across the following, that might be of interest:

"BEHAVIOURS THAT ARE OFFENCES UNDER THE CRIMINAL CODE OF CANADA" include:

- * Operating a vessel dangerously,
- * Operating a vessel while impaired.
- * Towing water skiers without a spotter.
- * Failing to stop at the scene of an accident.
- * Operating an unseaworthy vessel.

A gentle reminder, you have just one more year (September 15th, 2009) to get your boat operators card.

On a final note, I know there is some concern about fuel costs this year. Here are some fuel saving tips:

- * Slower speeds on the water will reduce fuel consumption.
- * Make sure your hull is clean. A waxed hull will add further benefits.
- * A well tuned engine uses less fuel.
- * Check your propeller. If your boat is slow out of the hole or lacks top end speed, you might have the wrong propeller.
- * Consider one of the new four stroke engines. You will not believe the fuel economy compared to your old two stroke and there is no oil to add to the gas.

Here's to a wonderful, warm and safe summer.



Water Testing for Phosphorus and Clarity

Stan Peck

In addition to testing for Total Coliform and E-Coli, Lake Stewards Susan and Steve Rivett also submit results of tests for Phosphorus and Secchi Disk (i.e., clarity) to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (or MOE) as part of the Lake Partner Program.

Total Phosphorus

Total phosphorus concentrations are ideally suited to interpret nutrient status since phosphorus is the element that controls the growth of algae in most Ontario lakes. Increases in phosphorus will decrease water clarity by stimulating algae growth.

Many limnologists place lakes into three broad categories with respect to nutrient status. Soyers/Kash/Canning are lakes with generally less than 10 ug/l of total phosphorus and are considered oligotrophic – and rarely experience nuisance algae blooms (lucky us).

Secchi Disk Readings

Water clarity is measured by lowering a black/white circular disk into the water. The reading (e.g., 5 metres) is the depth at which the disk is no longer visible from the surface. Secchi Disk readings on Kash typically are around 4.5 metres +/- 0.5 metre.

	Phosphorus Readings		Secchi Disk Readings	
	Date	Reading micrograms per litre	Date	Reading depth in metres
Lake Kashagawigamog	May 22/Jun. 18, 2005	7.9	2005	4.5
	May 27, 2006	6.8	2006	4.5
	May 22, 2007	6.6	2007	4.0
Soyers Lake	May 26, 2005	5.8	2005	4.0
	May 26, 2006	11.9	2006	3.8
	July 7, 2007	8.9	2007	4.3
Canning Lake	May 23, 2005	7.6	2005	3.4
	May 23, 2006	8.2	2006	4.2
	May 21, 2007	8.6	2007	4.3

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

Phosphorus Data

http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/lake_partner/docs/2007TotalPhosphorus.pdf

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http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/water/lake_partner/docs/LakePartnerSecchiData2007.pdf



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Mark your calendar for the most exciting event of the summer!

The Annual Lake Kashagawigamog Summer Regatta

**Saturday July 26th 2008
1:00p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at a NEW LOCATION!
2631 Kashagawigamog Lake Road
Home of Rick Ruttig**

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!

Please remember that all water activities require a lifejacket to be worn! Looking forward to seeing you at this alcohol-free Regatta on Saturday, July 26th!

Don't forget to join us after the regatta at the Bonnieview Inn for some snacks and celebratory drinks!

For further information or if you are able to help volunteer at this great event please contact:

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LKO Annual General Meeting for 2008

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

The date is **Saturday June 21, 2008** with:

Registration	9:30am-10:00am
Meeting	10:00am-12 noon
Light Luncheon Social	12 noon – 1pm.

Invited speakers include:

Murray Fearrey	Reeve for Dysart et al
Jim McMahon	Reeve for Minden Hills

Greg Bishop, Haliburton resident and member of the Panel on the Future of the Trent Severn Waterway, is LKO's key note presenter. As a panel member, Greg was part of the review process and is familiar with the actions recommended in the resulting report. Because Kash is a reservoir/ pass-through lake for the TSW, Kash residents have a lot at stake in what happens.

The Highlands Summer Festival is back! To whet our appetites, they are again presenting a five minute vignette from their summer series. Last year we enjoyed 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, experiencing a little theatre and enjoying great sandwiches by Betty Mark.



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