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Dock Talk is a publication of the Healey Lake Property Owners Association (HLPOA)

From the President

Dan MacLeod

We have now entered into summer 2012 and experts predict a long and hot one. It's a tough job, but I am so glad I have to do it.

This summer's activities include the bottle drive which took place on July 7. Thanks to all who took part. We'll include the results in the next issue of DT. The Regatta will be the Saturday of the Civic Holiday, if you would like to volunteer, please contact Martha Gillan or Angie Reichenbach.

I would like to remind all cottagers that the Government Docks (Main, Foxback and Pine Bay) are meant for loading and unloading only. If there are any questions regarding these practices, please contact me.

Due to the Healey Lake network me and the placement of the new fire equipment, a fire was extinguished with little damage to the bush or property. Job well done volunteers, and thank you very much.

As always, I ask that you keep wild animals wild and please watch your boat wakes.

If you have any comments or questions regarding the bottle drive, regatta and the Healey Lake Association, please contact me.

The HLPOA membership application is available online- or by contacting Sharon Tosswill. If you have not yet paid your membership, please complete the application and mail it with a cheque to Sharon. (see page 5 for contact information)



Mark your calendar

Meeting of the Healey Lake Tennis Club and all who are interested @ the tennis courts	July 21 1 p.m.
Great Lakes Cruising Club Rendezvous – Parry Sound	July 15 –18
Healey Lake Regatta Lakeshore Marina	Saturday August 4
Book Sale – MacTier Library	Saturday Aug. 4 9 am –2 pm
HLPOA Meeting Healey Lake Lodge	Sunday, Sept 2 10 a.m.

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Tennis News

John Green

Things have gone very well with our fundraising efforts to get the Healey Lake Tennis Club operating again. We are well over 50% of our goal of \$20,000 to repair, resurface, and make this facility operational again. However, most of the funds raised have been from marinas and businesses. To make this happen we will need old and new cottagers to pitch in. I've noticed a lot of new cottagers with young families and lots of toys. Why not add a tennis/sports court to your families' activities?

I look forward to hearing from you,

E-mail: jgreen@cogeco.ca

Tel: 905 689-5145

P.S. There will be a meeting of the Healey Lake Tennis Club at the courts July 21, 2012 at 1 PM. to discuss the future of the club. Please bring a gift of volunteering, your cheque book and ideas.



A Blast From Our Past

Healey Lake has had several names. There is very little factual information as to the origin of early names for this Lake but here is what Hans Vos, who collected stories and researched for the history book was able to find. Early names included Three Mile, Six Mile, Hadley's, Hedley and Healey's Lake. There are stories of a map with Captain Healey's route drawn on it but no such map has been located.

It is reported that in the 1890's the Ontario government sent out surveyors and a man by the name of Healey surveyed this area. The Ontario Geographic Names Board reported that the 's' was likely dropped from Healey's as a possessive form of a name was discouraged. On September 20, 1965, the name Healey Lake was reinstated after a typographical error had it previously registered as Healy. Source: The History of Healey Lake, 2004

Councillor's Corner

Grant Walker, Ward 6

The number of incidents responded to by the OPP were down by 100 in 2011 compared to 2010. Nine one-one pocket calls continue to be a problem. Please remember to control your phone because the OPP must respond to every call. With the huge area they cover in the West Parry Sound, a lot of time is wasted that could interfere with responding to situations of real need. For the first quarter of 2012 incident calls are up 5 over 2011.

Roads and waste are in good shape and the regular maintenance is in progress. If you need new or extra waste pass cards call 705 746 4243 x 338. You may pick them up at the transfer site you use. Remember, clear bags only at the waste sites.

*Fire rating definitions and comparisons can be found on the Township web site: www.thearchipelago.on.ca

Residential Tax Rate has been lowered 3.50 %.

Testing for phosphorus will be added to the water testing program. Remember DO NOT use any kind of fertilizer.

The OPP have a seasonal resident break in program and Councillor Walker has put the officer in charge in contact with both ward associations.

A number of Crane Lake residents use the Healey Lake Road and their association is going to put a bulletin board up at the transfer station that will be available to everyone.

Please contact me if you have any problems and have a happy healthy and safe summer.

(*See page 4 in this issue)

Fire Hazard Rating

Please note it will take a couple of days for all signs within the municipality to be changed.

As of July 11, 2012 the hazard rating on the Healey Lake Road indicates a total fire ban is in force.



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Red



Red

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Source: www.thearchipelago.on.ca Click on Fire Danger Icon for the colour coded symbols and current fire hazard status

From The Sound

About 100 boats and about 250 people will make their way to Parry Sound and the Big Sound Marina for a three-day event from July 15 -18. The occasion is The Great Lakes Cruising Club's Rendezvous. The *Beacon Star's* special issue of *On The Water, Summer 2012* reports that this is a diverse group of recreational sailing and motor boats that cruise all five of the Great Lakes. The operators themselves are highly skilled and responsible boaters. It has been 40 years since this group has rallied in Parry Sound and the Big Sound Marina has been upgraded in several ways which has made it possible to accommodate these larger boats. The Big Sound Marina will be closed to the public but some of the bigger cruisers will be moored at Parry Sound's Town Dock.

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Did you know?

Included among endangered species are the following:

- Eastern Massasauga Rattle Snake
- Fox Snake (not common around Healey Lake but found closer to the eastern shores of Georgian Bay)
- ♦ Hog Nose Snake

By law they are protected from being harassed, captured, bought, sold or killed.

Forest Health

Anne Hayes, *Biologist, BioForest Technologies*

Forest Surveys Continue

BioForest Technologies Inc. is looking forward to continuing its forest health surveys in the Township of the Archipelago in 2012. Annually, BioForest conducts three general forest health surveys across the Township and produces Forest Health Updates that are posted on their website. BioForest is planning to conduct its first survey of 2012 during the week of June 4.

Warm, Dry Winter - its effect

As part of its first survey of the season, BioForest will be looking for the effects that the warm, dry winter of 2011/2012 had on tree health. In the Muskoka area, from December to April, temperatures were 68% warmer than normal and precipitation was 53% lower than normal. Warm, dry conditions can adversely affect tree health. Property owners may notice signs of winter drying. If the warm, dry conditions continue into the spring and summer, trees may show signs of drought damage or they may become more susceptible to attack by insects such as the pine tip beetle. During periods of low precipitation, property owners are encouraged (where possible) to water their trees for 2 to 3 hours (approximately 2.5 cm) per week.

Volunteers

BioForest's network of pheromone trap volunteers hung traps again in 2011 to help monitor gypsy moth and hemlock looper populations around the Township. Based on 2011 trap catches, hemlock looper populations remain low in the Healey Lake area, as well as throughout the Township. Gypsy moth populations around the Township increased somewhat from 2010 to 2011, and there appears to be a pocket of gypsy moth in the Sans Souci area. Starting with its first survey in June, BioForest will be on the lookout for signs of gypsy moth.

BioForest will also be on the lookout for more volunteers. While we have hemlock looper volunteers in the Healey Lake area, we do not currently have any gypsy moth volunteers. **If you have oak, birch, and/or poplar on your property and would be interested in hanging a gypsy moth trap, give BioForest a call (1-888-236-7378).**

Emerald Ash Borer

Over the course of the survey season, BioForest will be watching for emerald ash borer (EAB), an invasive insect that kills true ash of any size or age, even healthy trees. First discovered in the Detroit/Windsor areas in 2002, EAB has now spread throughout southern Ontario. While EAB spreads naturally, it is also spread by people moving ash firewood or wood with bark attacked. If property owners have ash trees, they are encouraged to look for signs and symptoms of EAB: branch mortality, yellowish leaves, epicormic shoots on the main stem, woodpecker and squirrel feeding, "D" shaped beetle emergence holes, and feeding galleries under the bark.

Detecting & Managing Invasive Pests

The *Canadian Food Inspection Agency* (CFIA) is the agency responsible for the detection and management of invasive pests in Canada. If you see any symptomatic trees, please contact:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency
Tel: 1-800-442-2342 or 1-613-225-2342)


BioForest Technologies Inc.

E-mail: ahayes@bioforest.ca

Website: www.bioforest.ca

Editor's note:

Emerald ash borer only attacks true ash trees - mountain ash is not a true ash. Bioforest Inc. is in the process of trying to determine the ash tree component throughout the Township. Experience to date around Healey Lake indicates that the main species are hemlock, oak, and birch. There may be some ash in the mix, but it is probably not a major component of the forested areas.




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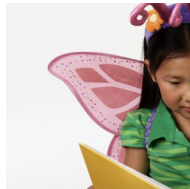
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Water Wise Sharing The Waters of Healey Lake

Editor's Note: Recently we had a request for an article on boating etiquette. I am delighted to report on this request in the hope that others will indicate their areas of interest. for Dock Talk. The request was not for the rules and regulations but simply good manners on the water .

It is hard to separate the two but I did consult some of the seasoned boaters on Healey Lake to determine how they would respond.

One of the suggestions I did receive was to publish a column about boating in each issue. Let us know what is water wise from your perspective.

So ... what are some plain good manners when share the waters of Healey Lake..

- ◆ When meeting an oncoming boat, move to your right.
- ◆ Never buzz or try to spray swimmers.
- ◆ Do not cut in front or jump the wake of other boats.
- ◆ Non powered craft eg., kayaks, canoes, sailboards, windsails etc. have the right of way so slow down and move well away from them.
- ◆ Repeatedly circling or running noisy craft in the same area of the Lake makes for poor neighbours.
- ◆ Be aware of your surroundings. Adjust your boating performance to changing configurations eg., when the lake narrows or upon entering a small bay.
- ◆ Don't cruise with booze. It is against the law.
- ◆ The speed limit within 30 m (100 feet) of shore is 10 km per hour. Yep! It's the law.

Watch Your Wake

How You Can Be Wake Wise on the Water

The following are portions of a brochure produced by the *Muskoka Watershed Council* with support from the *Ministry of Natural Resources*. (www.mnr.gov.on.ca)

View the complete brochure by going to the web site of a new grassroots initiative, an offshoot of the Muskoka Lakes Association called *Safer Quieter Boating*. Their logo says it all.



What is Wake?

Wake is a disturbed column of water around and behind a boat as it makes its way through the water. Wash is a specific component of wake consisting of loose and broken water and includes water thrown aft by the propeller and the waves that roll off the side of the boat.

What causes wake?

The size of a boat's wake depends on the hull size, boat speed, distance from shore, and depth of water the boat is operating in.

Naturally occurring wind-driven waves tend to have low frequency and are relatively slow moving. Unlike natural waves, boat wake travels at the speed of the boat and wake frequencies are often high.

The combination of a wake's high speed, height and wave frequency makes it dangerous to others and damaging to shoreline areas, built shoreline structures and wildlife habitat.

Tips to Reduce Your Wake

- ◆ Within 30 meters of shore, and in narrow channels, reduce speed to LEAVE NO WAKE.
- ◆ Travel 30 meters from your dock to deeper water before accelerating to higher speed. It's the law.

- ◆ In the open lake far from shore, cruise at a speed that minimizes wake. (Planing Speed)
- ◆ Coming off the plane, pass through the transition phase smoothly and safely, getting the boat level in displacement speed without delay. (Displacement speed is the slowest speed for most motorboats and creates the least wash. The boat operates with the bow down in the water.)
- ◆ Operate your boat as far away as possible from shore, docks and other boats.
- ◆ Position your passengers throughout the boat, not only at the stern, in order to reduce the time spent in the transition speed.
- ◆ When passing another boat or shore structure, stay as far away as possible, as your wake may cause the operator of the other vessel to lose control or may cause damage to a dock or boathouse.
- ◆ When in shallow water avoid churning up bottom sediment.
- ◆ Look behind you to see and understand the impact of your wake. Adjust your speed to minimize impact.

See the full brochure for excellent information on these additional topics:

- ◆ You Are Responsible
- ◆ What's the Big Deal
- ◆ Illustrations of
 - ⇒ Displacement Speed
 - ⇒ Transition Speed
 - ⇒ Planing Speed
- ◆ Illustration of wave height depicting the trough and the crest of the wave
- ◆ List of excellent resources

Source: For the complete brochure go to *Watch Your Wake* retrieved from *Safer Quieter Boating* website (www.safequiet.ca) - select Wake).

The Last Word

Nancy Simpson rn.simpson@sympatico.ca

I was really concerned about writing the bit about boating etiquette. A few years ago, I wrote something about speeding boats and was rather tersely corrected. This does make one wonder about volunteer jobs. 😊 Nonetheless, I took it as a learning experience. As I reread that information, I did not think I had drawn a parallel between speed and the wash produced by the boat, however that is how it was construed.

I chuckled about this faux pas as I read a letter to the editor in the Friday, July 6 '12 issue of *The Muskoka* entitled *Cast the blame inward*. The writer, overhearing a conversation in a restaurant wanted to take the people to task for the same misunderstanding that I had apparently expressed. He made the case that speeding boats displace very little water and are not what is doing damage to nature and property. (*Ed. Although one cannot deny the risks associated with speed.*)

Anyhow in his letter, the author who resides on Lake Joseph goes on to say that when we see boats in which operators must stand to see where they are going at 8 kilometers per hour, they are simply not reading the sign the boat is giving them, that it is trying to climb this hill of a bow wave and in doing so creates a huge wash. No doubt this is something to think about and as "later to life" boat operator, something I shall take to heart.

Speaking of *The Muskoka*, I really enjoy reading all the newsy, free publications that are available in our area. Despite the difficulty I have in finding a *Globe & Mail* in the vicinity, *The Muskoka*, *The Muskoka Sun*, *On The Water: Georgian Bay and Parry Sound Area*, and *Fun In The Sun: Making The Most Of Your Summer In The Parry Sound Area* all provide interesting reading. And what could be better than validating that Gail Campbell, writing in the summer 2012 issue of *SIDERoads of Parry Sound & Area* has got it right with *Buttertart day trips: sampling northern nectar of Parry Sound ovens*.

The current, free issue of *our homes* features the neatest way to tell the family story with a wall of canvass wrapped pictures which is really intriguing. The next issue of *Dock Talk* is due out after the regatta so hopefully we can provide a glimpse of all the excitement and fun that this traditional event holds for Healey Lakers.

You know by now that all your ideas and articles are welcome and although we may have to edit for space sometimes, I would love to hear what is happening out there.

Take care on land and on the water! Until the next time.

On The Dock

Rose Anne Kreps

Dip

Use with vegetables or chips etc.

8oz. pkg. of Cream Cheese
1 tsp. Worcestershire Sauce
2 Tablespoons Chili Sauce
1 small onion

Chop onion in food processor; add remaining ingredients and mix until desired consistency

It is a good idea to double this recipe. Make this the day before for maximum flavour. Serve with fresh, crisp vegetables or chips, crackers etc.