



July 2013

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

## From the President

*Dan MacLeod*

Somebody said we have already had spring; that can't be right. I must have missed it. Here's hoping summer is up to snuff.

I want to remind everyone that the Bottle Drive will be held the weekend after the Long Weekend, July 6, 2013. Volunteers are needed for the barge and runners are also required for picking up bottles from docks and running to the barge. The last three years our members and cottagers have really come through for us and I am confident they will do it again. All people wanting to help, please contact Charlie Smith. Many thanks to Bob Barrett for the donation of the barge and trailer.

Another reminder is that a new president is needed for next season. I have been our President for 9 years and I have found my term to be rewarding, challenging and enjoyable. I have met new cottagers and renewed old friendships. If this position is not filled there will be a risk that all the Association functions will not be actioned.

Another change I would like to mention is that this year, there will be no prizes handed out at the Regatta, only medals. I have asked many past Regatta participants if this action will take away from the festivities. The majority of these people replied that prizes were great, however it is the metals they were after.

Again, there are no pressing issues this year, as opposed to recent years. If there are any concerns, please email me:  
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Have a safe summer, watch your boat wakes and let's keep the wild animals wild.

## Mark Your Calendar Now

### HLPOA General Meeting Mariner's Cove Marina

Sunday September 1, '13 10 a.m.

## Regatta

### Lakeshore Chalets & Marina

Saturday, August 3 '13



## Healey Lake Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 21, '13

Watch for details!

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## Councilor's Corner

Grant Walker

### REVIEW OF 2012 WATER QUALITY RESULTS

Complete report [www.thearchipelago.on.ca](http://www.thearchipelago.on.ca)

This review is to complement the *Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program Data Report – 2012* and provides an overview assessment of the data noting any trends or hot spots. The volunteer water quality monitoring program has operated in the Archipelago for 14 seasons and reviews such as these are useful to assess and provide commentary on the general quality of the water given the provided results and known characteristics of the various sampled bodies of water.

It is important to recognize that water quality does change for a number of reasons both within the season and between seasons. When looking at the data it is important to think about all the different things that might cause variations in your water quality data, both natural and human-caused, and be careful not to rush to any one conclusion. When looking at the data for an area and/or comparing areas, you should keep in mind a number of factors:

- **Differences in the watershed**
- **Seasonal variations** in water temperature, rainfall, average temperatures etc.
- **Bacterial populations can be highly variable.** *E.Coli (EC)* are much more specific to fecal sources from warm-blooded animals and as such are used as an indicator of human influences to water. But, not only humans can introduce *E.Coli* to water. So, we must carefully consider long term averages and location of water samples

(i.e. sampling near wetlands may result in increased *E.Coli* counts simply because of the higher likelihood of animal life).

Bacterial populations can also **quickly change** in numbers over a very short period of time (days). It is often difficult to determine the source of bacteria, hence our primary concern is with areas that demonstrate ongoing high levels of *E.Coli* which may imply a constant source.

#### Inland Lakes

Although each inland lake has its unique characteristics in terms of water depth and shape, there is a certain advantage to looking at the results between the various lakes monitored within the Township.

Five inland lakes are monitored including: Kapikog Lake, Healey Lake, Crane Lake, Blackstone Lake in the South Archipelago and Naiscoot (or Six Mile Lake) in the North Archipelago.

#### Water Clarity

In general water clarity results for the inland lakes are quite good and typical of the type of lakes located in The Archipelago. Variations between the lakes are characteristic to and natural to each of the individual lakes.

**Healey Lake** results are consistent with past years and indicate expected water quality for this type of lake. Results have not measurably changed in the past five years of sampling. Although Station 7 is lower with an average of 1.7 metres, this level has been consistent for the past 5 years of sampling. The location of Station 7 in a back shallow bay with a good quantity of upstream wetlands may very well explain the reduced water clarity for this Station. The lower water clarity in Healey Lake may be a result of the generally shallow nature of the basin, the greater amount of development, and its location nearer the bottom of the watershed.

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# The Snapping Turtle

Nancy Gilchrist

For this issue I thought I would write about another species we see in Healey Lake much more infrequently; however, is still present and probably good to get to know a little more about them. The snapping turtle is the largest freshwater turtle in Canada reaching an average length of 20 -36 cm and a weight of 4.5 – 16.0 kg. Their tails, sometimes can be longer than their bodies and are “dinosaur-like”.

The Snapper can be found in almost any freshwater habitat that has slow moving water, soft mud or sand bottom and an abundance of vegetation. It will hibernate in the mud or silt on the bottom of a lake or river and usually not too far from shore.

They are Ontario's most prehistoric-looking turtle species. In Ontario, females do not begin to breed until they are 17 to 19 years old. They dig a nest in late May or June in an open area with sandy soil. Usually the side of a road or shoreline but they will use any area they can excavate. A single “clutch” usually consists between 40 and 50 eggs which will hatch in the fall. The incubation temperature of the eggs determines the gender of the hatchlings. Eggs that are kept at a temperature of 23- 28 C hatch male turtles. Eggs incubated at other temperatures hatch into females. Hatchlings are about the size of a loonie.

They occasionally emerge from the water to bask. Despite their highly aquatic nature, they do not swim particularly well and often simply walk on the bottom of a lake or river. They feed on aquatic plants as well as fish, frogs, snakes, and smaller turtles. Approximately 90 percent of their diet consists of dead animal or plant matter. They play a very important role of keeping our lake and wetlands clean. Unlike most other Ontario turtles, the snapping turtle has a very small plastron

(lower shell) and cannot withdraw (head, tail or limbs) into its shell for protection when threatened. Therefore, on land this turtle's only defense is to snap repeatedly and scare away their predator. In water the snapping turtle rarely snaps at people or other potential threats and will simply swim away if threatened so there is no risk to humans sharing lakes and rivers with them.

Hibernating and young adults are occasionally victims of predators such as otters and mink. Raccoons, foxes, skunks and opossums often eat snapping turtle eggs.

If you spot a Snapping Turtle you can report your sighting to the *Natural Heritage Information Centre*. Photographs with specific locations or mapping coordinates are always helpful! [nhic.mnr.gov.on.ca](http://nhic.mnr.gov.on.ca)



Snapping turtle nesting picture courtesy Debbie Latter

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Pictures 1. turtle nesting 2. depositing an egg

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Sharon Tosswill

Welcome to our newest neighbours. Now that the season is officially underway, I hope everyone has a great summer. Thank you to all who have paid their membership this year. Just a gentle reminder to those who have not yet forwarded theirs. Thanks to Peter Watkinson who looks after the first year membership for all his clients. Have a great summer everyone!

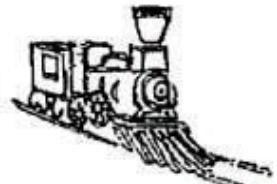
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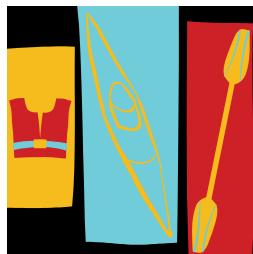
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- One PFD or Life Jacket that fits for each occupant on board.
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If every person on board is wearing a personal flotation device or lifejacket of an appropriate size, the paddleboat, watercycle, and sealed-hull sit-on-top kayaks are only required to carry on board the following safety equipment:

- sound signaling device
- watertight flashlight if operated between sunset and sunrise or during periods of restricted visibility.



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Wednesday	Closed	Closed	Canada Day	Boxing Day
Thursday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Closed	Civic Holiday	
Friday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Closed	Labour Day	
Saturday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Closed	Thanksgiving Day	

\* Summer Hours commence **Saturday of Victoria Day Weekend** and end on Thanksgiving Day

## Did you know?

There is a charge of \$10. per item at the transfer station when getting rid of sofas, beds, mattresses, dressers etc. For the **Waste Tipping Fee Schedule** that covers construction waste, household waste, recyclables and large item fees, go to [www.thearchipelago.on.ca/residents/waste management](http://www.thearchipelago.on.ca/residents/waste-management)

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## On the Dock ...

### Caribbean Grilled Chicken

Debbie Latter

4 chicken breasts - bone in, skin on

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grated rind and juice of 2 limes

1 teaspoon brown sugar

1/4 cup vegetable oil

1/4 tsp cayenne pepper

Whisk ingredients in a bowl

Place chicken breasts in a large zip lock bag and pour in the marinade.

Marinate at least 2 hours

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## The Last Word

Thanks once again to all who have provided content for this and the last issue of *Dock Talk*. As I reread Nancy Gilchrist's article on loons, I am aware that we have not seen loons in our area despite the fact that we usually do. I am not sure what this means. Perhaps the location is no longer be suitable for them. I hope this is not the case since we are now fascinated by their behavior—thanks to Nancy.

This is year 57 for my family on Healey Lake. On their first trip of the season, our young ones ran immediately to their tree house to check out how it had wintered. With broom in hand, they began to 'clean up'. I am not sure why cleaning up in the cottage does not have the same fascination. Then the toys - pedal boat, kyaks and paddle board, lowered into the water, confirmed summer 2013 had arrived.

For many reasons, we are very fortunate to have an active cottage association. Dan MacLeod has done an amazing job serving as President for nine years and I echo his sentiments as he puts out the call for his replacement.

Wishing you, as always, a good summer!

Nancy

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Water Quality Results

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### Bacterial Monitoring

In all cases, bacterial levels are appropriate for recreational purposes in these lakes and do not strongly indicate any concerns.

**Healey Lake** bacterial levels continue to be good despite having some of the highest concentration of development of the inland lakes. EC levels are in line with previous year's results with all EC averages being below the municipal standard. Water quality remains in good condition for recreational purposes in Healey Lake.

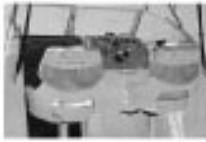
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## Loons & Healthy Lakes

Nancy Gilchrist

Bird Studies, Canada's magazine ( Bird Watch Canada) in early 2013 published the results of the last 30 years, beginning in 1981 assessing the long term health & productivity of loons & the lakes they depend on. Across Canada, some 4500 lakes have been monitored, leading to nearly 19,000 attempts by breeding pairs. To read the complete article with wonderful photos go to [www.birdscanada.org](http://www.birdscanada.org) & select Winter 2013 Number 62. Special Report "Common Loon Reproductive Success in Canada" by Dr. Doug Tozer, Myles Falconer & Debbie Badzinski.

The following is a summary of the results. The West is best -( the number of chicks raised to independence is better in B.C & the prairie provinces) Bigger is better- ( smaller lakes by virtue of size hold lower numbers of fish & are often shallower than larger lakes) . Acid is bad- (lakes in eastern Canada & the smaller lakes are more acidic) . There is the same amount of methyl mercury everywhere. Mercury & the harmful components of acid rain are released whenever results are blown eastward by the prevailing westerly winds.

The Study grew out of the concern that pollutants were negatively affecting the health of Canada's lakes. **Loon reproductive success is an excellent measure of the health of the lake, from tiny aquatic microbes up to the fish that loons eat.** The various animals are interconnected along a food chain, so that every time an individual animal eats another one, some kinds of pollutants can accumulate in greater concentrations in the next animal's tissues. When pollutants reach loons ---the final link in the chain --- they are at their highest concentrations. But rather than kill the loons outright, they simply make them bad parents. (ie. incubating their eggs & feeding their chicks less often resulting in fewer chicks fledged & those chicks that survive have higher concentrations of methyl mercury). Mercury is a neurotoxin, which causes adults & chicks to be more lethargic, putting them to a disadvantage when it comes to in the wild.

The report concludes that acid rain & mercury are affecting the Common Loon reproductive success & lake health across Canada & further reductions are needed.

What can each of us do to make a difference?  
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- Kayak or canoe rather than drive a power-boat.

In making these choices, we combust fewer fossil fuels. Using less electricity is one way to reduce emissions from coal-fired plants. Also, participating in the *Canada Lakes Loon Survey* yearly, raises awareness of the need to protect the status of our lakes & the animals/birds that depend on it. I would ask any cottagers to please contact me even once per month if you see loon pairs, with or without their young (I really need monthly reporting for our entire lake to keep track of the nesting pairs and their young) so I can complete the most accurate loon study at the end of each season for Healey Lake. I can be reached on weekends at 705-375-2324 or anytime by or anytime by email at [nancy.gilchrist@sympatico.ca](mailto:nancy.gilchrist@sympatico.ca).

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Sunday 9 am – 5 pm



Mariner's Cove Marina is pleased to announce that it has joined The Pink Boat Tour! Naden Boats of Temagami, ON has joined forces with the CIBC Run for the Cure - North Bay to auction off a 14' Pink Naden Fisherman in support of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. The complete package, valued over \$6,500 will consist of a 14' Pink Naden Fisherman, a Tohatsu 15hp 4-stroke engine, an Easy Hauler trailer donated by Baywood Enterprises in North Bay, full safety and mooring package donated by Mariner's Cove Marina, and from Salus Marine, 2 PFDs for the winner and his or her partner.

Naden Boats and CIBC Run for the Cure North Bay will sell tickets at \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20 in hopes of selling enough tickets to raise nearly \$25,000. The draw will occur Sunday, October 6th at the conclusion of the CIBC Run for the Cure in North Bay, ON. During the summer, The Pink Boat Tour will be at various marinas and events in Ontario.

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As one of the Naden's Georgian Bay dealers, Mariner's Cove is proud to support The Pink Boat Tour and help find a cure for breast cancer. Tickets are available at Mariners Cove Marina.