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

From the President



It's been filled! Thanks to Reg Heal for stepping forward to take on the job of President of Healey Lake Property Owners Association.

Dock Talk will talk with Reg for an upcoming issue. What does Reg view as key priorities for HLPOA in the coming years? You can give Reg a 'heads up' by letting us know what you think some of those priorities should be. Stay tuned!

Email your thoughts to rnsimpson@sympatico.ca

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In Memoriam

Submitted by Ben & Bob Edgar

Otty and Jim Udrow

For those of you on the lake who remember “back when” ... you will remember Otty and Jim Udrow.

Jim passed away a few years back. Otty subsequently sold the cottage and moved into the Latvian retirement home, Kristus Darz, in Woodbridge, Ont. They were good cottage neighbours for many years, and we have stayed close touch with Otty.

When she was young, Otty was an accomplished ballerina with the Latvian National Ballet in Riga, until World War II occurred. That event eventually took her to Germany, and on to Canada where she and a friend set up a dance studio in Halifax. She met Jim in Toronto while she was dancing at the CNE with the Ed Sullivan Show. Jim was working on the electrical set up of the stage. The war had also brought Jim to Germany and then onto Canada. Neither Jim nor Otty ever returned to Latvia, but we know that was “home” to them.

Canada provided them with a good life - summers on Healey Lake - and winters in Naples, Florida. Jim proudly kept all the ribbons that his sons, George and John, won at the Regattas on the lake in past years. His vegetable garden was a labour of love, and Healey Lake provided many, many pike and bass dinners for the Udrows.

Early this year, Otty took a fall and suffered a heart attack. She passed the day after the fall on January 29th. We will miss her interesting stories, and her gentle and graceful ways. She was 92.

Forest Health

... FYI - an update

Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve has

partnered with the Township of the Archipelago to deliver environmental programming. One aspect of this program is to coordinate the Township of the Archipelago's forest health program this year.

Ted Thompson, BScF, a retired employee of the Township has been retained part-time by the GBBR as the technical specialist. As is the case with our other programs, we encourage the participation and input of all those concerned with the well-being of our forests.

The goals of the Archipelago's Forest Health Program are to:

- Monitor the status of forest pests throughout the Archipelago
- Maintain the Township website regarding forest health issues
- Conduct ratepayer association information days, including a survey of key issues
- Conduct a review of the current forest health program - we welcome any comments or feedback from ratepayers.



The above is the content of an email sent to those who

- Participated in the volunteer forest health survey network
- Expressed interest in participating in the volunteer forest health survey network
- Participated in the volunteer pheromone trap network.



These networks/programs were previously delivered by *BioForest Technologies Inc.*

Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve welcomes your participation again this year.

BioForest will continue to receive and compile data for the *Volunteer Forest Health Survey Program*.

Safe Boating Equipment

Are you ready?

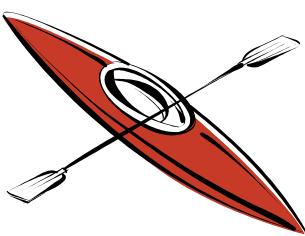
Bill Kreps

When preparing your boat for water activities on Healey Lake this year, the following safety equipment is required by law under the *Small Vessel Regulations*.

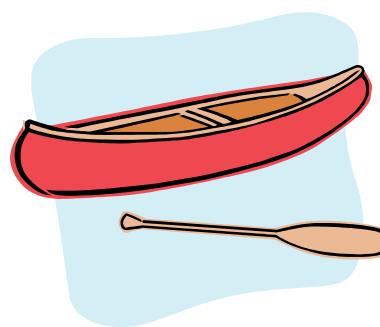
Human Powered Pleasure Craft

(Canoes, Row Boats & Kayaks)

1. One PFD or Life Jacket that fits for each occupant on board,
2. One buoyant heaving line 15 meters (49 '3") long,
3. One reboarding device. It is only required if the vertical height that must be climbed to reboard the boat from the water (freeboard) is over 0.5 meters (1'8"),
4. One bailer or manual bilge pump (with sufficient hose) or bilge-pumping arrangements,
5. One sound signaling device or appliance (whistle is accepted),
6. Navigational Lights, if practical, as required by the Collision Regulations,
Watertight Flashlight if



operated at night or during periods of restricted visibility. Be sure to check the batteries to determine if they are operational. Quite



often the "boating safety equipment kit" purchased in some stores contains a flash light without batteries.

Sail & Power Boats - up to 6m (19'8")

1. One PFD or Life Jacket of appropriate size for each person on board,

2. A buoyant heaving line 15 meters long. (49'3"),

3. One reboarding device. It is only required if the vertical height that must be climbed to reboard the boat from the water (freeboard) is over 0.5 meters (1'8").

4. One manual propelling device (a set of oars or paddles) or anchor with 15 m (49'3") of cable, rope or chain in any combination.

5. One bailer or manual water bilge pump.

If the boat is equipped with a motor:

- One watertight flashlight or three flares of Type A, B or C,
- Be sure to check the batteries in your flashlight. If they are not functional, you could be fined by the O.P.P.,

7. One sound signaling device or appliance,

8. Navigation lights if the boat is operated after sunset and before sunrise or in periods of restricted visibility (fog, falling snow, etc.),

9. A magnetic compass. It is not required if the boat is 8 m (26'3") or less and operated within sight of navigational marks.

10. One radar reflector. A radar reflector is not required if the boat operates in limited traffic conditions, daylight and favourable environmental conditions and where having a radar reflector is not essential to the boat's safety; or the small size of the boat or its operation away from radar navigation makes having a radar reflector impracticable.



11. One 5BC fire extinguisher if equipped with an inboard engine, a fixed fuel tank of any size, or a fuel burning cooking, heating or refrigerating appliance.

Bill Kreps is accredited by Transport Canada as a Boating Safety Course Instructor.

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Ruby Throated Hummingbird

Nancy Gilchrist

Many of us enjoy these birds throughout the summer so I wanted to provide some more information about these wonderful tiny birds.

Every year thousands of hummingbirds spend their winter months in Central America and Mexico and these same birds return to Ontario and Healey Lake in the spring reversing their route returning by flying straight across the Gulf of Mexico or flying north through Texas. They fly approximately 25 to 30 km each day totaling approximately 16,000 km back and forth each year. The male's life span is approximately 7 years and the female 9 years.

In spring, male hummingbirds return before the females and upon arrival, establish their territories right away. The females choose the nest site and similar to other small birds, the females do the construction of their small nest made from leafy materials and scales bounded by silk from spider webs or tent, caterpillar nests and lichens as decorations on the exterior. The entire nest will fit on a "toonie" and is about an inch high. A penny will not quite fit inside.

Also in spring, both adult and young hummingbirds go through a complete shedding of all feathers called molting. After mating the female protects her 2 pea sized eggs vigorously from predators and bad weather. She spends a long time incubating them (about 11 to 14 days) and shielding them from rain and the sun using green leaves which she will place over her nest. She

leaves her nest briefly to eat , carefully choosing her routes. The male does not help with any part of nesting beyond fertilizing the eggs. Upon hatching, the young hummingbirds are tiny and naked, with short bills and eyes closed. After five days, their eyes will open and their feathers will begin to show. After a short time, the nestlings can already utter peeps. After reaching two weeks to a month of age, the young birds depart from their nest although their mother will continue to feed them for several weeks. Even when these birds mature, they have very short legs and that is the reason why they cannot walk or hop. But then again, it can still scratch its head and neck by raising its foot up and over its wings.

Hummers will begin their migration south in late July. It is the adult male that leaves first in late July with the females soon to follow. It is the immature hummingbirds that are the last to leave in early September. It is very unusual for hummingbirds to be in Ontario after the beginning of October.

If you plan on feeding these small birds your feeder should be set out in mid April or as soon as you arrive at the cottage. The nectar solution is a 4:1 mixture of water and sugar. Honey is not recommended and never add food colouring. Humming birds have very basic kidneys and cannot process excess amounts of sugar. Excess sugar could harm or even kill hummingbirds.

Glass feeders are recommended as the plastic feeders can break down in the sunlight. Wash feeders with warm sudsy water and rinse well every 3 to 4 days in cooler weather and much more often in hot weather.

I have found a very interesting website called "*The Ontario Humming Bird Project: Understanding the life cycle of Ontario's Hummingbirds*.

(<http://www.ontariohummingbirds.ca/index.php>)

This site has great information about the ruby throated humming bird but also provides an opportunity to record citing's for this year as well as migration maps from previous years. There are also upcoming activities and events, tips for attracting humming birds and also a feeder watch that you can record your citing's for the summer and then submit at the end of the season.

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Councillor's Corner

Healey Lake ... WATER QUALITY

Bacterial Monitoring

Bacterial levels remain relatively consistent for both TC (Total Coliform) and EC (E.coli) . Water quality remains in good condition for recreational purposes.

We will be adding phosphorus testing to the program this year and I will be working with your associations to set this up

Water Clarity

Results are consistent with past years. The lake has lower clarity levels than many of the other lakes and it is suspected that this is due to the lake having a slight brown colouring (which is normal) indicative of higher dissolved organic carbon level.

FOREST HEALTH

The township has entered into an agreement with Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve who have their own biologists to oversee programs for both water and forests plus developing childrens' programs. These activities and programs will require volunteers and I will be working with your association.

There is more detailed information on the township website www.thearchipelago.on.ca

OPP

Thank you for all the support in the letter campaign about unfair cost shifts. The Association of Municipalities in Ontario (AMO) formed a committee to study what was being proposed and their recommendations were an improvement but still disappointing. Now an election has been called, municipalities will be watching to see who will work at putting forth a fair plan. As I write this I am planning to attend the annual meeting of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities in the "SOO" and I'm sure there will be senior representatives from all parties there and the topic will be on the agenda.

Did you know?

We have 4046 properties in the Township of the Archipelago:

- 3362 of the properties have civic addresses (they are not vacant). Of the active properties
 - ▶ 995 road access properties – 684 of these are seasonal
 - ▶ 2367 water access

Our tax dollars are broken down roughly this way:

- 48% goes to Education, Belvedere Heights Home for the Aged, OPP, District Social Services Board, Health Unit, Ambulance, Municipal Property Assessment Board
- 27% goes to roads and waste
- 4% recreation
- 4% planning
- 3% protection to persons & property
- 15% general government, environment

In the first three months of 2014 the total calls to O.P.P. for service in all six municipalities plus two first nations were 534 compared to 642 for Parry Sound. Our calls were 35 and the government wants to charge us over \$1,200,000 a year.

I hope that you are into your cottage & everything is okay and you and yours have a happy, healthy and safe season.

Grant Walker, Councillor Ward 6

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Wednesday	Closed	Closed		
Thursday	8 a.m - 4 p.m.	Closed		
Friday	8 a.m.- 4 p.m.	Closed		
Saturday	8 a.m.- 4 p.m.	Closed		

* Saturday of Victoria Day weekend - Thanksgiving Day

And in addition ...

Please consult <http://www.thearchipelago.on.ca> and click on Departments / Public Works/South Area/ Waste Newsletter May 2014 to ensure you are aware of the rules related to disposal by residents/ contractors from building and renovations, disposal of asbestos day, the importance of using clear bags and the emphasis on presenting your garbage disposal card, location for hazardous waste and much more. Also at this site check out the free disposal of large items.

Ontario Lake Partner Program

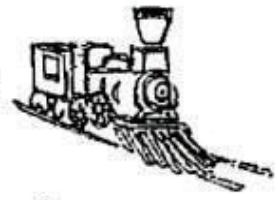
Since 1996, FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations) has partnered with The Ministry of the Environment on the *Lake Partner Program*. This is a province-wide, volunteer, water quality monitoring program. The goal is to better understand and protect the quality of the inland lakes. Hundreds of volunteers, lake stewards, participate by collecting and submitting samples on a regular basis. This program has received a Technical Excellence Award from the *North American Lake Management Society*. To read more about this program as well as the many benefits of FOCA membership (which HLPOA is) go to <http://www.foca.on.ca> Thanks to Ken Flemming who does our sampling and has done so for many years.

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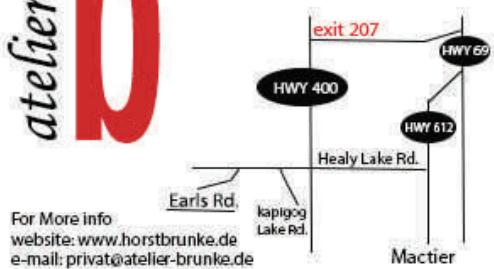
Shane Hellsten takes a dip on Easter Sunday.
Submitted with Shane's permission by Sharon Tosswill

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Introducing ... Christopher Moore

Christopher has stepped forward to volunteer for advertising with the Healey Lake Property Owners Association. This is an important position because it helps to offset the costs associated with *Dock Talk* and provides important revenue for the association. Christopher has grown up on Healey Lake. He lives in Pickering and regularly attends the great getaway of the cottage. His hobbies include boating, fishing and swimming and he loves having some friendly competition in the "Healey Lake Regatta" games.

He is well prepared for this voluntary position. His education includes 2 diplomas in business marketing, and a Bachelor of Business specializing in marketing from Griffith University in Australia. Now that he has finished his schooling, he believes that there is no better place to do some volunteering than Healey Lake. His hope for the lake is that it can continue to be a great getaway where we can enjoy fun in the sun for many years to come.

He plans is to grow the revenue for the H.L.P.O.A. advertising, so that our events can be more fun, and cottagers can connect to each other better, making our great lake a better place to be. Christopher plans to bring in new advertisers, create new ad space to rent out, and to help the people of Healey Lake connect with the services they need for their cottages. Christopher also recognizes as we all do that his position is a voluntary one, so he commits to do the best he can with the time he have available. He says, "I love the lake and anything I can do to help is my pleasure." Thanks Chris!





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The Last Word

I have written several times about *Safe Quiet Lakes*, an organization of volunteers dedicated to promoting boating practices that makes it possible for all to enjoy our precious resource, our lakes. In early April, organizers held their third stakeholders consultation meeting. Over 60 people attended with 20 different organizations represented. They gathered at the Port Carling Community Centre. Marine OPP officers and politicians gathered with cottagers to address concerns that focus on

- Boats going too fast close to shore
- Inconsiderate and unsafe operation of boats
- Large and damaging wake
- Intrusive boat noise



These priority concerns were identified in the *Safe Quiet Lakes' 2013 Lake Activity* report to which over 2000 people responded. It has become clear that communication with boat owners and operators is the single most positive way to impact boating behaviours. Neither can the importance of education be overstated. Some lake associations are partnering with boating experts to offer courses that go beyond securing an operator's card. Education is key in changing boating behaviours and these types of courses promote safer and courteous boating.

Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada representatives were also part of the dialogue to encourage safe, courteous boating practices. Their representatives expressed encouragement as enthusiasm for their towed water sports courses became evident during the meeting.

So, what can Healey Lakers do?

- Obtain copies of the Safe Quiet Lakes Boaters' code so we can better talk about safety & respect on the water
- Post a weatherproof Boaters' Code at launching ramps, available by emailing safequieter@gmail.com.

Source: <http://safequiet.ca>

BOATER'S CODE

Respectful boating guidelines from Safe Quiet Lakes

1. I will never operate my boat beyond the level of my skills.
2. I will be aware of and obey all laws and regulations governing operation of my boat.
3. I will operate my boat with caution and courtesy to others at all times.
4. I will minimize my wake impact on shorelines, docks, structures and people.
5. I will always steer well clear of other boats, swimmers and wildlife.
6. I will set a speed and heading that is safe and comfortable for my passengers and others on the water.
7. I will provide safety instructions and offer appropriate life jackets or PFDs to everyone who travels in my boat.
8. I will carry all equipment necessary to operate my boat safely and within the law.
9. I will not consume alcohol in my boat or allow my boat to be operated by anyone who is impaired.
10. I understand that boating is a shared experience and I will not create excessive noise or operate my boat in a manner that disrupts the peaceful enjoyment of the lake by others.



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