



# DOCK TALK

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

-- DAVID LATTER --

### NEW LAKE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

I am pleased to announce that we have a new committee on the lake. The Lake Stewardship Committee, is headed by Doug Thompson. Doug has been busy and the committee has already organised signage for the main crown land campsites on Healey Lake and signed up Healey Lake to be part of the of the INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS AND MONITORING PROGRAM.

Another initiative is to have cottagers from around the lake monitor the public landings and shoreline to keep them clean and report on any events or conditions that may impact water quality and the health of the surrounding forest.

If you are interested in being a volunteer on this committee, please contact Doug at [douglas.john186681@gmail.com](mailto:douglas.john186681@gmail.com)

### LAKE SAFETY LIGHTS & FIRE PUMPS

We also have a new person responsible for installing the courtesy safety lights in the spring and removing them before freeze up, in the fall. Mike Geleynse has taken over this responsibility from Dave McNamara.

We would like to have the cottagers who rely on the safety lights the most, to take responsibility for monitoring the light near their cottage, making sure it is in position and operating properly.

Please contact Mike if you are willing to take part in this program. We need cottagers to come forward to help to make sure this benefit to boaters is not lost.

Peter Morley, who has overseen the fire pump program for the past several years, has also retired from his position on the Executive.

Peter and Dave have had responsibility for two programs that are key to the safety of all of Healey Lake cottagers. They spent many hours of their own time each year to make sure the lights are on and in place, the pumps work, are in place and are stored properly in the wintertime.

On behalf of the Association and all the cottagers on the lake, I would like to sincerely thank them for all their years of selfless service.

We are now need someone to replace Peter as the keeper of the fire pumps. **A volunteer(s) is needed urgently.**

### 2022 LAKE EVENTS

**Bottle Drive Saturday, July 9 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Public Dock between the Marinas.

The money raised in the bottle drive is used to support the Regatta.

**Regatta - Saturday, July 30**

**at Lakeshore Marina.**

After 2 years of Covid rules that prevented the association from holding our Regatta, we hope this will be a big event for 2022. George Youngberg is the Chief Organizer and needs your help to plan and carry out this Regatta.

Please contact George at [georgeyoungberg26@gmail.com](mailto:georgeyoungberg26@gmail.com)  
Without more volunteers, the Regatta could be in jeopardy.

### PHOSPHORUS ANALYSIS IN HEALEY LAKE

The HLPOA is part of the Lake Partner Program for monitoring phosphorus levels in the lakes in the Archipelago and Muskoka regions. Analysis is done once every year.

See separate article in this edition of Dock Talk for 2021 Water Testing results.

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### OUTDOOR LIGHTING

The use of outdoor dock and cottage lights appears to be increasing and complaints are becoming more common across cottage country. More Municipalities, such as the Township of Muskoka Lakes, Huntsville and Lake of Bays Association, have and are adopting specific by-laws to curb night pollution and set standards for outdoor lighting. Outwardly directed flood lights for example, can shine into cottages across the lake and contribute to a general increase in background light at night.

Please review the FOCA article on Light Pollution elsewhere in Dock Talk to see what steps you can take to achieve an exterior lighting that will promote a "Dark Skies" environment. Your neighbours and wildlife will thank you.

### SAFE QUIET LAKES

This organization is working to reduce the noise level and improve boat safety on Ontario Lakes.

They have initiatives to lobby the government to set noise level standards for boat engines, reduce the generation of large wakes and protect shorelines and sensitive shallow areas from turbulence.

Special thanks to Cathy Koenig for her thoughtful article on this important subject.

The Safe Quiet Lakes web site is at Home - Safe Quiet Lakes

### MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The HLPOA Executive and committees need involvement of more HLPOA members.

In order to serve our members better, we need help with the Regatta, Dock Talk, fire pumps & safety lights/markers. Most of the current executive has been in place for a long time. We need to turn over responsibility for key positions in the next year.

If we can have 10-15 individuals come forward, the workload on current volunteers would be lighter, more work can be done on behalf of our members and with new input, the Association can be modernized and revitalized.

### SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

Including all our new and more familiar advertisers who make DockTalk possible, we encourage all our members to support local businesses. They strengthen the economy of the local area and make our enjoyment of the lake possible.

### GET IN TOUCH

If there are any ideas, issues or concerns that need the attention of the Executive, please email me at [dlatter@bellnet.ca](mailto:dlatter@bellnet.ca) or call my cell at [+1 416 407-4965](tel:+14164074965).

*David Latter*

## IN MEMORIAM

-- CONTRIBUTED --

### ROBERT GRANT WALKER

Passed away suddenly at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022, at the age of 82 years.

Grant is survived by his wife Gayle (Oschefski), son Justin, and stepdaughter Sheila Harmsworth. He is also survived by his grandchildren Melissa, Jonathan, and Tamara Harmsworth; great-grandchildren Paytin and Avery Harmsworth. Born in Toronto, ON, on March 19, 1940.



Since 1968 he loved to spend summers at his cottage on Kapikog Lake in the Township of the Archipelago, where he was also the Ward 6 Councillor for the past 20+ years. Grant was an active member of the Sheba Shrine in Barrie. He owned and operated a distribution business for the past 35 years and continued to work there until his passing. Grant will be laid to rest at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Toronto.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Cardiac Care Unit at RHRHC in Barrie through Donate Now - Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre Foundation ([rvh.on.ca](http://rvh.on.ca)). Online memories and condolences may be made at [www.peacefultransition.ca](http://www.peacefultransition.ca)

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## ANNUAL BOTTLE DRIVE

-- SATURDAY JULY 9, 2022 --

**It's that time of year again - the bottle drive event is on!**

Cottagers will deliver beer and other alcoholic beverage cans, beer bottles, wine bottles and liquor can bottles, by BOAT to the Public Dock between Lakeshore and Mariner's Cove Marinas or by CAR to the public parking area in front of the dock.

**DROP OFF BETWEEN 10:00 AM AND 1:00 PM**

### **Brewer's Retail Rules for Sorting**

It will be really helpful to our Volunteers but more importantly, essential from the Brewers Retail perspective, that these rules be followed for sorting bottle and can returns. The main point is to separate plastics from cans, clear glass from coloured glass bottles, with a separate box or bag for each.

### **METAL Beer and Alcoholic Beverage Cans**

Put these in a plastic bag. Please indicate the number of cans in each bag. Only metal cans – no other bottles.

### **Brown Glass Beer Bottles**

Pack in original 12 or 24 bottle case if you still have one, or in a sturdy box or bag tagged with the number of bottles inside.

### **Clear Glass Beer/Beverage Bottles**

Separate from, but packed the same as Brown Bottles

### **Wine and Liquor bottles**

Clear Glass in one bag or box, counted and tagged.

Dark (green or brown) glass in a separate container, each tagged with the number of bottles.

PLASTIC Liquor bottles and Coolers (like Marguerita's etc)

Plastic, in a separate container from separate from glass containers, tagged with the number of bottles.

All the items collected from the dock and the car drop off area, will be placed by our volunteers into special purpose containers and on pallets that Brewers Retail provides for our use.

If there are any students on the lake, the hours involved in the Bottle Drive can be counted and credited towards their community volunteer time.

### **HELP OUT**

Contact Dave Latter (416-524-8689 cell or email [dlatter@bell.net](mailto:dlatter@bell.net)) if you are available to volunteer your time and effort to our Bottle Drive!

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# PHOSPHOROUS POLLUTION MANAGEMENT

-- DAVID LATTER --

The HLPOA is part of the Lake Partner Program for monitoring phosphorus levels in the lakes in the Archipelago and Muskoka regions. Analysis is done once every year.

The most recent results for Healey Lake are below. We sample at two locations on the lake. We will try to add a sampling site in Big Dollard Bay for 2023. The goal is to keep total phosphorus under 10 ug/L of water

Lake Name	STN	Site ID	Vol ID	Site Description	Date	Total Phosphorus 1 (µg/L)	Total Phosphorus 2 (µg/L)	Calcium (mg/L)	Chloride (mg/L)
HEALEY LAKE	1924	13	1784	Pinebay, Deep Spot	20-Jun-21	7.1	8.0	2.1	6.2
HEALEY LAKE	1924	14	1784	Mid lake, deep spot	20-Jun-21	7.9	8.3	2.2	6.2

## PHOSPHATE FREE

What Does Phosphorus do to our Lake? It feeds algae and weed growth resulting in:

- Loss of fish and other animal populations
- Green and cloudy lakes which discourage swimming, boating and fishing
- Lowering of property values
- Greater expense for drinking water filtration

## WHAT CAN WE DO?

Start reading labels before you buy products like detergents, soaps and shampoos and fertilizers. To help, below is a list of some common phosphate-free products. There is a lot of literature on the Internet and lots of new phosphate-free products are being introduced every day. Read the labels and help us keep our lake safe.

And remember those planters especially on docks contain phosphate fertilizer so try to keep them contained.

**We need volunteers to sample this year.**

Laundry Stain Removers:	Liquid Laundry Detergents	Bathroom Cleaners	Dishwasher Detergents	All-purpose Cleaners	Glass Cleaners	Toilet Bowl Cleaners	Liquid Dish Soap	Soap Pads	Fertilizers
Spray 'n' Wash	Cheer	Comet	Biobotanical	Pine Sol	Windex	Toilet Duck	Dove	Scotch-brite	Canadian Tire
Tide to go	Gain	Easy-Off	Ecover	Windex multi-surface			Ivory	SOS	Rona
	Ivory	Scrub-Free	Method				Palmolive		
	Purex	Tilex	Nature Clean				Sunlight		
	Sunlight								
	Tide								
	Zero								

The two local stores Foodland and Home Hardware have been approached and are on board to post this list and try to stock those products maybe in a separate area.

Levels under 10 are considered safe and less likely to promote algae blooms but remember climate change and water temperature rises put even our lake at more risk **so let's be proactive.**

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References Available Upon Request

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## LAKE STEWARDSHIP

-- DOUG THOMPSON --

### INVASIVE SPECIES

The yellow iris is a beautiful flower. It originated in Europe, East Asia and North Africa. How it got to America is uncertain. Possibly brought as an ornamental plant. It is also known to absorb heavy metals and is used in urban ponds for that reason.

It grows taller than the native purple iris, is found at the water's edge, primarily in the shallow water, and has a yellow flower with petals that are completely yellow. The leaves are somewhat broader and thicker than the native purple iris. It is in bloom now (late May to early June) and easily visible from the water.

But it is an invasive species and it is on our lake in the South channel .

It was first noted, and is best seen, in an alcove on the east end of the island bordering the south channel two years ago. It is now found additionally in small plantings along the south shore of the south channel extending into the southwest arm. The infestation is thus a new and now spreading issue.

Why is it invasive? It is poison to eat and its sap can cause skin dermatitis. It grows quickly both by root spread(rhizomes) and seeds, and forms thick mats that crowd out other native species. Floating seeds and broken rhizomes spread in the water to adjacent areas.

Can we control it? Maybe by removing the seed pods before they spread and trying to dig up the plant completely, being careful to not spill the tuberous rhizomes in the water. We have not observed it in other parts of the lake but would appreciate hearing about other areas of spread.



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# LIGHT POLLUTION

-- ROBERT DICK | FOCA Lake Stewards --

The attractions of cottage country include green and blue vistas during the day, and the soundscapes and starry skies of late evening. But the latter attraction is quickly changing, and the culprit is a “green” lighting technology.

I refer to the proliferation of white-light LED fixtures. They are marketed as low energy and cheap; however, these attributes promote outdoor lighting where previously there was none. LED fixtures consume so little energy compared to the older incandescent lights that many cottagers leave them on all night and even when their cottage is vacant.

What was once a dark countryside has now become illuminated as an extension of urban lighting patterns shifts across the landscape. For example, compare the two satellite images below of light proliferation in Lanark County, Eastern Ontario over a few years. The dark areas are being overtaken by roadway and residential lighting. (source: [www.lightpollutionmap.info](http://www.lightpollutionmap.info)). Something modest becomes a blight when multiplied by many residences.

It is ironic that a product developed to save energy and preserve the environment is having the opposite effect: LEDs are causing a 2.2% per year increase in outdoor lighting! Within your lifetime, the sky will be twice as bright, and we will be using twice the energy for lighting.

Why does this matter? How can something as simple as a door light affect the night?

First, outdoor lighting fundamentally changes the aesthetics of the night. The night sky is featureless “black” when we are next to bright lights. It reduces the visibility for both people and animals.

Many animals don’t want outdoor lighting. It makes foraging animals vulnerable to predators. Although moonlight illuminates the countryside for about a week each month, the rest of the time there are long periods of darkness when the animals can gather food in relative safety, and star gazers and late-night walkers can enjoy the night darkness, free from glare.

The proliferation of light is caused by outdoor lights on buildings, along laneways and shoreline lighting. Whether used for landscaping or waterfront “enhancement”, outdoor lighting changes the night environment and disrupts wildlife. It also undermines the enjoyment for those who may prefer the natural night that’s simply not visible in the city.

## SHIELDING EXTERIOR BUILDING LIGHTS

Unshielded lights can be seen for miles, yet a fraction of the light will illuminate an entrance or steps. Instead, purchase downward facing-fixtures, or create a DIY reflective shield. With the pattern at [www.csbgs.ca/BLOG.HTM#22](http://www.csbgs.ca/BLOG.HTM#22), this project is suitable for your kids or grandkids.

Important notes:

- Use this only for florescent or LED light bulbs (not incandescent or other bulbs that get hot when lit).
- If the bulb uses more than 60W, the material used should be metal, not cardboard.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

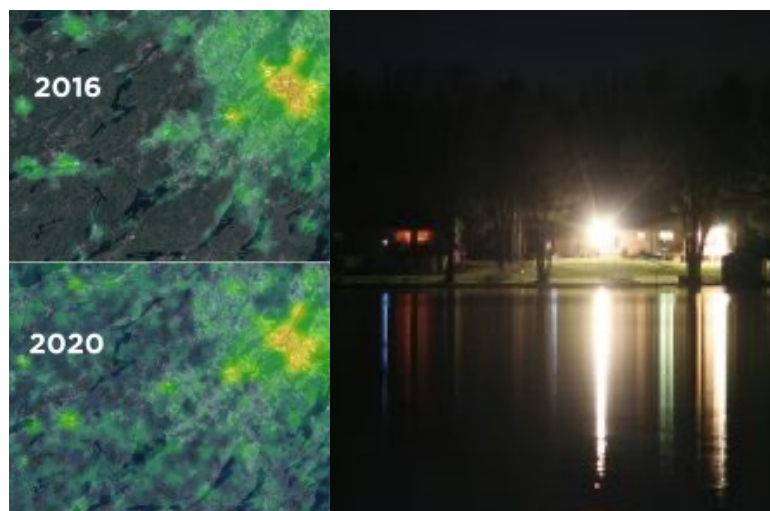
Light pollution can be easily reduced with some simple solutions:

- 1) Shield your light fixtures so light shines where you need it, not over your neighbour’s property. Everyone will see better without the glare.
- 2) Use amber “bug lights” – not white light. Amber will reduce the impact of glare and will also attract fewer mosquitoes.
- 3) Use lower wattage lamps. To judge how much light you need, go for a walk at night and approach your lights after becoming dark-adapted. This will be what the animals see. If your lights are bright, dim them down or use a lower wattage bulb.
- 4) Turn off your outdoor lights when you don’t want to have visitors, when you go to bed, and certainly when you are away. We’ve been told to use light to make our homes safer, but without an active security system, outdoor lighting won’t protect your property, it just puts it on display for thieves and vandals.

To read up on more lighting tricks, the colour of light and illumination levels, visit Robert’s blog: [www.csbgs.ca/truths-myths.htm](http://www.csbgs.ca/truths-myths.htm)

For more detailed information and a list of retailers that carry covered lights, go to:

DARK SKY LIGHTING in the Muskoka Watershed Council Technical Bulletin on the HLPOA website



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## WILDLIFE UPDATE

-- MISSY MANDEL --

### NEST BOX PROGRAM

I am happy to be part of the Parry Sound district nest box program. We are trying to promote the recovery of bluebirds and other native cavity-nesting bird species in the district. So far there are 275 predator-proof nest boxes put up around the district which has proven to be a huge success.

The majority of the boxes are installed in and around farmers fields and golf courses because Bluebirds are ground feeders, finding insects in the short grass. They can have 2-3 broods of chicks each spring/summer season if the conditions are good.

We installed 5 nesting boxes along Earls Road as a test. The surrounding area is large and open, and it was our hope that a bluebird would use a nesting box in an area with natural growth. We were also interested to see if the bluebirds in this type of environment would have more than one brood. When the grasses grow tall, it is more difficult for them to find food.

A pair of Bluebirds took to one of the boxes within 2 weeks of the installations. We are so happy to report they had one healthy brood of chicks, and are now re-nesting and working on another brood.



If you know of another large open space in the area, we would be happy to install more boxes. Text or call me at 416 804-5667 or email me at [missy@missymandel.ca](mailto:missy@missymandel.ca)

### LOON UPDATE

I am thrilled to announce a healthy pair of chicks at the at East end of the lake. By this time of the year we normally have another pair of chicks at the West end but so far I have not seen any. If you spot a new family, please let me know by text 416 804-5667 or email [missy@missymandel.ca](mailto:missy@missymandel.ca).

If all the stars align, we should have a new pair of chicks in and around Dollard Bay at the beginning of July. This pair is young and inexperienced. Two summers ago they had two chicks. They lost one the first day as they were fighting off an intruder loon, and the second died on the nest as the parents were gone too long and it wasn't kept warm and fed. Last year they didn't nest at all which is quite normal with loons.

A 40-year Report from Bird Studies Canada shows the Common Loon is experiencing mysterious declines in the number of chicks surviving to adulthood. Over 1500 lakes were monitored by citizen scientists since 1981 as part of the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey. There are multiple reasons for this decline, but human disturbances is just one. Be mindful of boating and fishing practices and let's continue to help our Healey lake loons thrive.



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Hi, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Tyler Slade and my family has been Muskoka bound since 1973. I reside all year round on Crane Lake, for the past 6 years.

In 2012, while helping rebuild the family cottage, I had the opportunity to watch a man take down two huge trees. I was absolutely fascinated by this event. I knew then, that was what I wanted to do as a career! In 2013, I started working in Muskoka for a tree service company and learned everything I could about becoming an arborist. The more I did, the more I loved every aspect of arboriculture. I have worked full time for 6 years now in Muskoka, Simcoe County and Parry Sound Districts. I also attended and graduated with Honours from Humber College, and now, I have my own company.

While 2018 was MDA's first year, my crew and I were thrilled at the opportunities and successes we had. I am also happy to be giving back to my trade by taking on my first apprentice.

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## SAFE QUIET WATERS

-- CATHY KOENIG | HEALEY LAKE CONTACT --

Safe Quiet Waters is a not-for-profit community group of boaters, (based in Muskoka) that promote safe boating. Safe Quiet Waters have been working all winter and have developed a Wake Awareness Committee. In addition, they have created a Marine Ambassador program. All marinas are welcome to join in the efforts to keep up the awareness of the peril of wakes and what boaters can do to help. No wake signs have been ordered and are available for \$20. Contact Safe Quiet Waters to get yours.

For more info go to [bewakeaware.com](http://bewakeaware.com)

Another initiative of Safe Quiet Waters is the Decibel Coalition which has been working diligently for over 2 years to make lakes quieter by getting the regulations enhanced to include decibel limits for boat motor noise. Transport Canada is responsible for regulations on Canadian waterways.

For more information on this issue to Transport Canada's "Let's Talk" portal.

Have a safe and healthy summer. See you on the water and REMEMBER to wear your life jacket! FYI – 80% of Canadians who drown while boating were not wearing a life jacket! There are so many choices for life jackets on the market now it is easy to pick one that suits you!

SQW have developed resources that are available to lake associations, such as signs and pamphlets, to educate association members & respectful & responsible boating.

In 2021, SQW had over 6,000 community members participate in our Your Lakes, Your Views survey. This level of participation demonstrated that the lake community is deeply engaged with boating issues. If you have not yet had a chance to, please read the summary and full report

### [Your Lakes – Your Views Survey - Safe Quiet Lakes](#)

SQW want to continue the conversations on responsible boating behaviour and share more details on the progress we are making in our key focus areas:

- 1) Provide education about responsible and respectful boating
- 2) Find legislative solutions for greater protection of shorelines and people from wakes
- 3) Continue efforts to reduce boat engine noise through the establishment of Decibel Limit legislation
- 4) Work with stakeholders to enforce existing regulations and increase OPP visibility
- 5) Advocacy campaigns to enhance legislation around boat wakes, speed and noise

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# GEORGIAN BAY BIOSPHERE

-- CONTRIBUTED --

## ROAD ECOLOGY PROJECT

Summer is right around the corner, and so are we! This summer, we are looking forward to continuing our road ecology surveys throughout the Biosphere. We have a large team this year which allows us to focus on four local roadways, including Healey Lake Road.

In teams of two, our staff will be biking the length of the roadway every week to identify species of reptiles that are seen alive or dead on the road, including nesting turtles! This information will identify any “hotspots” or common crossing points of reptiles along the route. This helps us to locate sensitive areas where we can recommend future improvements to better protect reptiles in the Biosphere.

## KEEP AN EYE OUT

Please keep an eye out for our staff who will be biking Healey Lake Road on Tuesdays and Thursdays from May-September, especially when driving over hills and around corners. Our team will always be wearing high-visibility vests and may frequently stop whenever we encounter a reptile on the road.

As we all travel through the Biosphere this summer, we also ask that drivers keep an eye out for wildlife on the road, and please be a cautious and attentive driver at all times of the day and maintain a safe speed that will allow you to stop for any animal on the road. We would LOVE to see what you can find around the Biosphere (not only reptiles!).

Participation in this project can be done by submitting photos of wildlife or plants to our iNaturalist project.

[More information can be found at this link](#)



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# BOAT LICENSING UPDATE

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## PROPOSED CHANGES

Heading out on the lake to cruise on your boat this year? Don't forget to check out potential new regulations around pleasure craft licensing.

Transport Canada is proposing changes to modernize pleasure craft licensing, which will come into effect in the winter of 2023.

Proposed changes to pleasure craft licensing include:

- Introducing a five-year validity period for pleasure craft licences (PCL).
- Expanding the Small Vessel Regulations to include all pleasure crafts equipped with motors of 10 hp or more and all pleasure crafts (including all power-driven and sail-alone vessels) above six metres in length.
- Owners must notify Transport Canada of a name or address change and of a sale or transfer of a vessel within 30 days.
- Easier cancellation of a pleasure craft licence, if a lifetime PCL holder fails to apply, a PCL holder fails to renew a PCL, or a PCL holder wishes to remove their pleasure craft from service.
- Introducing a \$15 service fee to process an application to obtain, renew, or duplicate a PCL.

Is it really necessary to renew my pleasure craft licence every five years?

Sergeant Dave Moffatt, the provincial marine coordinator of the Highway Safety Division under the Ontario Provincial Police says, yes. He believes the change to the validity period is long overdue and will assist enforcement officers in cleaning the database. If accepted, the changes will create a more streamlined process for locating missing people, finding owners of abandoned boats, and removing them to prevent a navigational hazard. "In the past, we could spend days trying to find out who the owners are," says Sergeant Moffatt. "Someone could have registered the boat 20 years prior and then sell it. In my experience, you can have 10 different owners before you find the right one."



Sara Anghel, the president of the National Marine Manufacturers Association Canada also supports the changes. "There is a lot of old data that may make it challenging when there is an incident or law enforcement is trying to find a boat."

While there are some licences that have a ten year validity period, this proposed pleasure craft licensing change will greatly affect the holders of a grandfathered licence, which currently have no expiration date. Sergeant Moffatt affirms that this change is key to prioritizing boater safety by ensuring boat owners are connected to their vessels.

## BUT, WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THE FEE?

Without the change, costs will continue to be absorbed by taxpayer dollars. There is a lot of maintenance that occurs on Canadian waterways, such as maintaining markers and protecting Canada's marine environment. This fee would help support maintenance costs.

What are people saying about the proposed changes?

Public consultation was completed over 65 days, and Transport Canada received 900 comments. Canadians (including recreational boaters), marine stakeholders, law enforcement agencies, boating safety advocates, pleasure craft dealers, associations that represent cottagers and associations that represent anglers, hunters, trappers and recreational fishers were among those that provided comments.

The proposed changes received mixed responses. While some feel that the changes are positive, others believe that there is still something missing. "I would like to see the system given back to boaters. For example, the changes don't address climate change, the environment, or more access and infrastructure. I want people to get back what they are putting into it," says Sara Anghel.

Many participants, while agreeing with the proposal, also suggested using a service fee to fund abandoned vessels, inadequate black water disposal facilities, and mooring buoys. Others recommended mandating liability insurance when new boaters obtain a licence. Respondents were also in agreement that they would like to see Transport Canada take a more active role in education. Such campaigns could include updating information regularly and clarifying the differences between a pleasure craft licence and a Pleasure Craft Operator Card. Lastly, participants believe it would be beneficial to engage more stakeholders such as anglers, hunters, and trappers (to better understand the socioeconomic impacts of the proposed changes) and marine trade associations (who administer the Pleasure Craft Licensing Programs).

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# THE LAKED CHEF

-- RON HUTZUL --

## SUMMER SQUASH PIZZA

Prep Time: 5 Minutes | Cook Time: 30 minutes | Serves 4-6

*With many folks experimenting at the cottage this summer with new pizza ovens, using pizza stones on the grill, (even the Healey Lake Lodge is getting in on the action) this vegetarian option is sure to be a hit – even with the carnivores!*

### INGREDIENTS

- ☐ 2 balls of pizza dough (available at many grocery stores fresh or frozen – or be adventurous and try and make your own!)
- ☐ 1 Jar Olive Tapenade (green or black – to your preference)
- ☐ 4-6 Yellow Squash and/or Zucchini, VERY thinly sliced
- ☐ 4 Clove Garlic, thinly sliced
- ☐ 8 oz Fiore de latte (fresh mozzarella ball packed in water)
- ☐ 8 oz Shred Mozzarella
- ☐ Parmigiano Reggiano, Grana Padano or Pecorino
- ☐ Fresh Basil Leaves
- ☐ Herbs de Provence
- ☐ Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- ☐ Black Pepper

### DIRECTIONS

It doesn't get much easier than this folks

1. Working with one dough ball at a time, (I like to half the standard size balls to make smaller, more manageable pizzas), sprinkle the dough ball with a little flour and then onto a lightly-floured countertop.
2. Press down on the centre of the dough, turning and gently stretching to open it up into a pizza base – feel free to experiment and develop your own technique here, (I use a non-stick rolling pin and get good results).
3. Place the pizza round on a peel dusted with cornmeal, (which helps prevent sticking as it slides into the oven)
4. Drizzle the base with olive oil, spreading evenly with a spoon or basting brush, then spread small blobs of tapenade (randomly, not to cover entirely) and sprinkle with garlic and herbs de provence.
5. Start the toppings with the shred mozzarella, add the thin sliced squash, (arranged like pepperoni) followed by small pieces of fresh mozzarella torn from the ball.
6. Bake for around 2-3 minutes, (watch closely - cook times will vary widely depending on your oven temp) rotating as required to achieve even browning.
7. As the pizza comes out of the oven, top with grated parm (or other hard cheese), black pepper and basil leaves.

*I like to serve this with a glass of chilled white wine and lightly dressed mixed greens as this dish is a great summer treat!*



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