



Annual General Meeting
July 9th | Crane Lake Resort

Annual Regatta | July 30
Annual Sailing Regatta | July 31

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President's Letter

Darlene Cade Fraser

And finally, a new cottage season has begun! Warmer weather, incredible lush growth in our forests and ...it feels so great to be back! The summer ahead welcomes another wonderful opportunity for us to share good times with neighbours, friends and family, enjoying everything we love about Crane Lake.

Please mark your Calendars for Saturday July 9th 2016 to join us at our Annual General Meeting for the Crane Lake Association. The meeting, held at the Meeting Hall at Crane Lake Resort, will start at 10:00a.m. We are typically finished by noon! We are delighted that the Fire Chief of Seguin Fire Department is our guest speaker this year! Chief Don Hood will speak to us about our new arrangements for Crane Lake fire protection with Seguin Fire Department, and he will answer any questions that might arise. This will be an important conversation for all of us and we do encourage you to attend.

Meanwhile, over the winter months, your Crane Lake Association Board has designed and created a resource

binder that incorporates not only critical information regarding Fire, Boating and Recreational Vehicle Safety, but it also includes excellent resource information regarding fishing in Crane Lake, Waste management details/hours for our Transfer Stations, tips regarding renting your cottage to others, as well as a welcoming note from our Councilor, Ian Mead and a guide from the Township of the Archipelago regarding building permits. We will introduce the binder more formally at the AGM but we are certain you will find it to be an excellent source of information for you, your family members and your guests.

The Crane Lake Plan that we concluded last year, was recently introduced by way of a deputation to the Councilors of the Township of the Archipelago in mid-May. I'm pleased to say that it was well received! They were pleased with the work we accomplished and with the clear picture we described for their easy referral regarding the future we all desire for Crane Lake.

The summer is upon us and the water is already inviting us to enjoy a refreshing swim! From the board members of Crane Lake Association, enjoy yourselves, remember to respect our environment and we look forward to seeing you at the AGM!

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Crane Lake Association



The Annual General Meeting of the Crane Lake Association will be taking place this year on Saturday July 9th, 2016. We are pleased to once again have the support of the Crane Lake Resort owners, who have allowed us to continue to use the Resort's Hall as our meeting location. The following topics will be on the agenda for the meeting, though their order may change to accommodate our speakers.

Crane Lake Association Annual General Meeting **Saturday, July 9th 2016** **Crane Lake Resort | 10:00A.M.**

AGENDA ITEMS

Welcome
 Minutes of the 2015 AGM
 Treasurer's Report / Membership update
 Guest Speaker - Don Hood, Fire Chief of Seguin Township
 Fire Protection on Crane Lake
 Water Quality Report
 Councillor's Report
 Fire Committee Report
 Regatta Update
 Crane Lake Welcome Binder - Preserving Paradise
 Election of Board of Directors for 2016 -2017 term

If you are interested in becoming a Board Member, please contact cranelakeassociation@gmail.com to learn more. There is a call for nominations during the Crane Lake Association Annual General Meeting.

Note: Our website is experiencing technical difficulties and we have been unable to post the Draft 2015 AGM minutes. Please email cranelakeassociation@gmail.com to request a copy to read through before July 9th where we will vote to approve the minutes. Limited copies will be available in print at the meeting as well.

Kids in the Biosphere

Ian Mead & Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve



As you know, the Township of the Archipelago has partnered with the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve and they are our Environmental department. Over the last few years, the GBBR has put together an amazing program called "Kids in the Biosphere". I think a program such as this is invaluable to kids on the lake as we are going to rely on them to take our spots as lake stewards in the future.

I have volunteered to facilitate this program on Crane Lake this summer. As parents and grandparents I hope you will join me in getting our kids signed up for a summer of fun and learning. Please read below.

Kids in the Biosphere

Calling all kids on Crane Lake! Are you ready to explore this summer? Join Kids in the Biosphere for a summer full of adventures! Register online and receive a free activity kit to begin a summer of exploring. Earn points and prizes by participating in scavenger hunts, science experiments, helping species at risk, and more! There will be events to meet the experts and a blog to share fascinating facts and allow Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve staff to answer questions, including identifying "mystery" species. For more information check out the Kids in the Biosphere webpage or contact Delaina Arnold at kids@gbbr.ca, space is limited!

This is the link for families to register:
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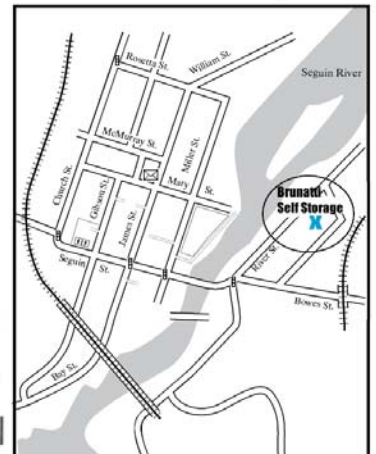
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2016 Sailing Regatta Results

Steven Neugebauer



The 2015 sailing race was certainly an interesting experience. Scheduled for Sunday afternoon of August 2nd, the course was ready and the competitors were gathering, but Mother Nature had other plans. As race time approached, the sky was looking threatening, and thunder could be heard rumbling in the distance. The race was cancelled on account of the approaching storm, and instead of racing each other, everyone was racing for home and safety! Everyone did make it home safely, eventually, but not everyone made it home dry.

On Monday morning of August 3rd, the weather was more cooperative, so we reassembled and had the race. Thanks to everyone that came back out. The sky was cloudy and winds were good for sailing. Klaus set the pace early on as everyone struggled to keep pace. Bob managed to take the lead once or twice, but in the end Klaus prevailed with Bob coming a close second. As the finish line photo shows, not even two boat lengths separated the two! The final stats on the race:

Place	Skipper	Vessel	Elapsed
1	Klaus Faisst	Windsurfer	0:50:23
2	Bob Neugebauer	JY 15	0:50:56
3	Chuck Erion	Tanzer 16	0:53:05
4	John Collins	Laser	0:58:56
5	Patrick Vibien	Optimus	1:19:15

This year the sailing race will be on Sunday, July 31st at 2:00pm (rain date on Monday, August 1st at 11:00am). As the 2015 sailing race was held in the south end, so 2016 would be expected in the north end; however there has been some discussion about holding it in the central part of the lake this year. Stay tuned; the final decision and announcement on the location will be made at the Regatta on Saturday, July 30th. I hope to see everyone again this year, and more.

The sailors from left to right: Patrick Vibien, Bob Neugebauer, Klaus Faisst, Chuck Erion, and John Collins.



Septic Systems

By FOCA: Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations



Through the Docktalk program, FOCA encourages landowners to look after their septic systems.

WHY?

Problems can arise with septic systems that have serious impacts, including:

Overload/leaking of sewage

A septic system is designed to treat a set volume of waste water. Every time water goes down the drain into your septic tank, the same amount of liquid leaves the tank and enters the leaching bed. If too much waste water enters the tank, from extra guests, heavy water use - too much waste is forced out, too soon. Untreated waste water escapes, including solids that can clog up pipes and/or enter the leaching bed, as well.

Wiped out waste digesters

Sewage is broken down by millions of bacteria and enzymes in your septic tank and soil within the leaching bed. That bacteria is harmed or killed by (1) cleaning products that are antibacterial, non-biodegradable, chlorine-based and/or full of toxic materials; and (2) hazardous products like varnish, paint, pesticides, and gasoline.

Water quality affected, algal blooms erupt, and nuisance plants choke the lake

Septic systems were designed with public health in mind. They are designed to remove contaminants such as organic solids, bacteria, and viruses, but not to prevent the release of nutrients. Nitrogen and phosphorus released from septic systems can negatively impact water

quality and cause algal blooms and increased growth of aquatic plants. Excess nitrogen can also pollute drinking water, endangering people.

Build up of solids

There's a lot that can't be digested by your septic system. Fats, grease, and oils don't break down, and can form a scum layer at the top of your septic tank. Paper products, coffee grounds, hair, tampons, and other common sewage items inhibit the work of bacteria and quickly fill tanks. Combined, they can clog the system significantly hampering your septic's effectiveness.

Poisoning yourself

Hazardous products (paint, varnish, pesticides, gasoline, antifreeze) dumped down your drain, come out of the septic system just like they went in, but now they're in the ground and water with the potential to poison wells and lakes.

Contaminated drinking water and swimming areas

If your sewage is leaking, not getting cleaned, or building up, the end result could be contaminated water entering wells, ground water, lakes, streams, etc. Your health and the environment's health are at risk.

HOW?

FOCA encourages landowners to learn the following septic slogans that will keep you on the right track to a healthy lake:



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What goes in must come out

To allow waste water the time it needs to be treated in the tank, conserve water. Ensure the size of your system can handle the quantity of waste water you create. Many older septic systems may be grossly undersized.

Don't poison your poop processor

The importance of using biodegradable, non-toxic shampoos, detergents, soaps, and cleaners can't be stressed enough. Many products in your cottage are loaded weapons. Make septic-friendly products the popular choice!

Nutrients not needed

Keep the input of phosphorus to a minimum. Use low-phosphate or phosphate-free cleaners.

Have an inspector visit every 3 to 5 years

Regular maintenance is one of the most important steps. Get an inspection and your tank pumped every three to five years. Replacing or repairing a septic system (and its impacts) is expensive; maintenance keeps thousands of dollars in your pocket and emergencies at bay.

It's not a garbage can

Don't put garbage (i.e. non-biodegradable items) down your drain. That includes grease, fats, oil, and paper products.

Location, location, location

Soils play a big role in how water travels from the leaching bed, what contaminants get absorbed/broken down, and how far they travel. Your septic system must be designed for the type of soil around your cottage. Make sure your system meets the rules (Ontario Building Code) that control how far a septic tank and leaching bed can be built away from buildings, wells, and waterbodies.

Plants not trees

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Fire Committee Report

Bruce Sanderson



Happy Summer of 2016 to everyone! Although not quite summer as I write this, the weather certainly feels like it, and the expert forecast is for a “warmer than average” one. Although that will be great for days on the dock, water activities and evenings on the deck, it won’t be great for campfires, as there will likely be more frequent “high” and “extreme” fire ratings, both of which prohibit open fires for cottagers. This is unfortunate, but also necessary to prevent accidental fires from starting and to preserve the paradise that surrounds us on Crane Lake.

Just to give you a quick update on Fire Safety Committee Activities, here are a few initiatives currently in the works:

- Last year’s AGM saw approval for the purchase of 2 more AED’s (Automated External Defibrillators). As you may know, we currently have one, located on the fire boat at the marina. The two new ones will be located at the north and south ends of the lake in the pump boxes. These 3 locations will give all cottages on Crane Lake the ability to pick up a device in about the same time period in the event of a heart-related medical emergency.
- At this summer’s AGM, Don Hood is scheduled to speak. As the Fire Chief for Seguin Township, Don is responsible for upholding the contract between the TOA and Seguin for the provision of professional fire support if we have to call 911 for a structure fire on Crane Lake. Don will be able to answer any of your questions about this contracted support.
- The fire boat will be getting an electrical re-wire in the next month or so, as some of the connections and wiring are showing their age. As the labour is being supplied by Fire Safety Committee personnel, the cost of this job will be relatively small.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Crane Lake Regatta again this year. Start putting together your 3-person teams for the Fire Pump Relay. Not only is this event easy and a lot of fun, it helps everyone be more familiar with our portable fire pumps and how to operate them. The only challenge is perfecting your style to try and beat the fastest time on record (sub 30 seconds for those who are practicing with their local pump)! As always, Fire Safety Committee personnel will be on hand before the relay starts for coaching tips and to answer your questions. My desire would be for everyone on the lake to know how to start our portable pumps.

That’s it for now. Best wishes to everyone for a great summer!

Dock & Boathouse Construction

Township of the Archipelago

If you are planning to construct a dock or boathouse in 2016 there may be delays in issuing building permits and advanced planning may provide a timely transition.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has recently changed its policies regarding the requirement for authorizations under the Public Lands Act, for docks and single storey boathouses that occupy more than 15 square metres of (shadow) area over the Crown lake bed. This includes new docks, expansions of existing docks, seasonal docks and single storey boathouses, including replacement structures. Authorizations will be in the form of a Land Use Permit. In cases where construction includes works conducted on privately owned shore lands, a Work Permit will also be required from the MNRF.

Applications should be made to the Parry Sound District office via normal channels using the Ministry's standard work permit application package. If you have questions

about this new process, please send your specific questions to mnf.approval@ontario.ca. For more information, please see the Ministry's website at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/crown-land-work-permits>.

DOCK AND BOATHOUSE BUILDING PERMITS

A building permit is required for docks and single storey boathouses according to the Ontario Building Code Act, 1992 (OBC). The Public Lands Act is applicable law under Division A, 1.4.1.3. of the OBC and therefore MNRF authorization is required before a building permit can be issued to a resident, contractor or agent.

Compliance to the Township of The Archipelago's Comprehensive Zoning By-Law A2000-07, as amended, is also required prior to the issuance of a building permit and can be viewed on the municipal website at www.thearchipelago.on.ca. It is advisable to confirm compliance with the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law before seeking MNRF authorization to provide a more seamless building permit process.

If you have any questions as to whether your proposed dock or boathouse construction complies with the Zoning By-Law, please contact the building department at 705-746-4243 extension 317 or email to edyck@thearchipelago.on.ca.



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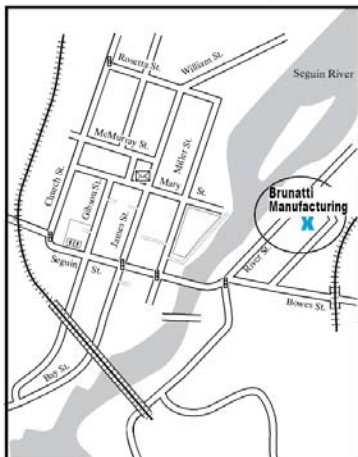
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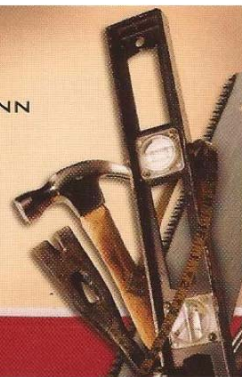
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Water Safety - Maximum Speed

Ross Fraser

In the summer of 2015, we shared "Watching Your Wake", an article published by the Pike Lake Community Association and shared with members of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations. Watching your wake is an important part of responsible boating, as the impact of boat wake can be felt all across the lake, from shoreline erosion and damage to docks to creating unsafe conditions for smaller, unpowered watercraft and swimmers.

Maximum Speed Limits

Speed is another important consideration in the safe and responsible operation of watercraft. In Ontario, our waterways are subject to a maximum speed limit that applies to all lakes and rivers in the province. A speed limit of 10km/h applies within 30m (just under 100 feet) of any shoreline. This limit is a part of the Canada Shipping Act and is in effect whether signs are posted or not. To ensure that all users of the lake are aware of this provincial speed limit and to encourage all boaters to respect the existing law, the Crane Lake Association is arranging for the official Transport Canada sign to be posted at the Government Docks. A copy of the sign follows on the next page for your review. While minding your speed in areas close to shoreline, be sure to also mind your wake! For more information about safe boating, read the Transport Canada safe boating guide by visiting: <http://www.tc.gc.ca/media/documents/marinesafety/TP-511e.pdf>

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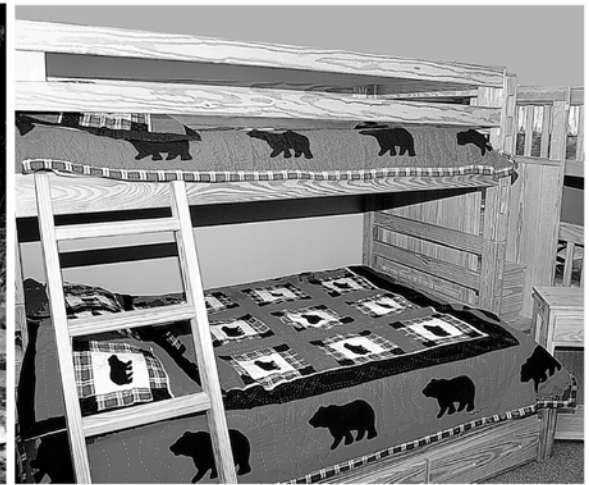
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