

President's Message

What a summer! We suffered a drought and low water but we had days and days of beautiful sunshine.

We had an historic turnout for our AGM on July 23rd. We served over 300 delicious shore breakfasts to members and guests and were heartily entertained by Paul Scott on the Raid on Gananoque of 1812.

I reported to our members that T.I.A. had suffered a deterioration in its financial situation. Our membership is dropping and many long term members were simply not paying their dues. However, all of our costs continue to increase because we have maintained our shoal marking program in its entirety.

The Board has worked hard to develop efficiencies in our operation. Our membership list has been updated and purged. This will reduce costs and make our membership drive more efficient. We have improved our website and made payment of dues and donations easier through a Pay Pal account.

I wrote all of the life members and asked them to make a donation to assist with our current operations and this resulted in a positive response.

The Board has been challenged to consider new methods to raise revenues and reduce expenses, and we have many new ideas which hopefully will succeed in making T.I.A. sustainable.

Our organization is one of the oldest associations of its type and has been a huge contributor to the enjoyment and safety in the 1000 Islands. We must continue with our activities but can only do so if we are financially sustainable. Please be sure to pay your membership dues if you have not done so, or consider making an additional donation, or mention us to your neighbours and encourage them to join.

In closing, I can tell you that the water level is currently lower than I can ever remember so I hope we have lots of snow. I hope everyone has a good winter and I look forward to an early spring.

W. Ormond Murphy,

President.



Seven Swans a swimming between Islands 17 and 18 Grandview and Manitowana. Bostwick and Sans Soucie in background.

All pictures in film strips are by J. & P. Medcalf. Taken at the July AGM





The world's largest expedition yacht 115m./377', Luna was anchored, not grounded, just south of Black Duck Island in the Admiralty Group. Certainly the largest yacht ever to grace the 40 Acres! Owner Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich. Luna is registered in Hamilton, Bermuda. Abramovich is also the owner of Eclipse, the world's largest private yacht, 163 m./536'.

Luna's exterior styling has been done by Newcruise Design. It features two helipads facing forward and to the rear around the large communications tower.

It also holds transom doors at the sides, leading directly to the yacht's high quality tenders.

The spacious, open aft deck features a swimming pool and sunbathing areas, with a dedicated open leisure area and a beach club leading down to the swim platform. Cost to build, \$200,000,000.00 (ballpark).

Why does Abramovich need it along with the Eclipse? While the Eclipse is the ultimate in length and refinement, Luna is an "exploration yacht" for cruising remote areas and able to go long periods before refuelling and re-supplying and is designed to sail smoothly even in difficult weather conditions.

Abramovich is currently the third richest man in Russia and the 50th richest man in the world according to the 2010 Forbes list.

Luna is currently available for charter. Charter rate per week? If you have to ask, you can't afford it! Somewhere north of a million a week.

After 12 years on the board of TIA Barbra Butts has decided to turn a page in her life and move on to other endeavors. During her presidency, Barbara created the TIA Shore Breakfast to replace the very boring AGM meetings. A difficult person to replace, we wish her well.



Our white shoal markers save lives and property but are often taken for granted. We need to change that and one of our River Rat Residents has embarked on a unique campaign to raise awareness. It's called "The Shoal Sisters" and you are going to want to know more! Our Spring Newsletter and e-mails will provide info on what is sure to become a River Collectable!





Grindstone Island Methodist Church and TILT Mule Team

Grindstone Island

We all know where Grindstone is but how many of you have ever visited it, especially more than a cottage depth inland? Potter's beach doesn't count.

Last Summer we had the great pleasure to be included in the Great Grindstone Mule Ride and Tour of the Island, sponsored and organized by the Thousand Islands Land Trust (TILT). Starting at Aunt Jane's Bay we climbed onto a mule of the mechanical type.



Grindstone Island road grader/snow plow. Circa ?

Driven by Anne (her last name eludes me) a very capable and knowledgeable summer resident from the most easterly shore.

We saw a cemetery with Civil War grave sites, a vineyard, a pair of alpacas, a silver mine, some very old farm equipment, visited a gift shop, The Acorn, and the highlight was the ancient Methodist church, it's Hall and the most amazing antique quilt show! A hearty lunch, then home to Mudlunta.

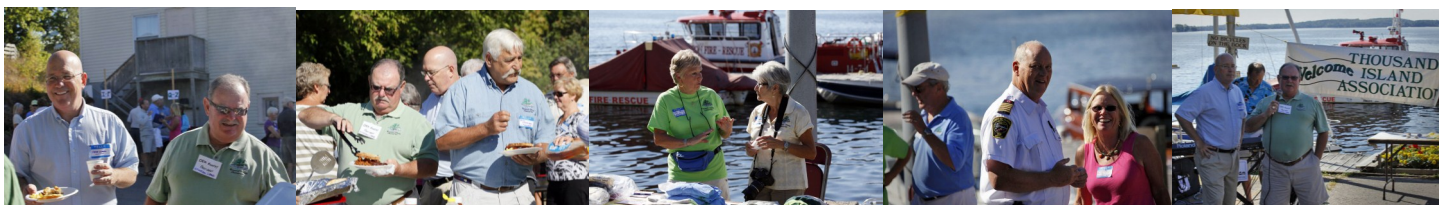
Many thanks to Ken Deedy and the TILT volunteers for a perfect morning. Give it a try next summer.

Lighted Channel Buoys? What a novel idea ?

Have you ever returned from a friend's Island, restaurant or a cruise after dark and can't find a flashlight? Now you can't remember exactly where that unlit red or green channel marker is, or did it get moved last year by the Coast Guard or the ice? No problem with the ones that have a blinking light on them, they're easy. I know several people who have hit the un-lit ones, some easy, some damaging their boat.

Why can't they all have a light of some kind on them? Katrin Schubert, one of our members is wondering the same thing and she has gone as far as asking the Canadian Coast Guard to do something about it. Not as easy as you might think, what with solar power, they should be low maintenance and low cost. The problem created when you introduce new blinking lights in the regulated channels just adds to the confusion.

Could a slow blinking white or orange light be used? Got any ideas? Give us an e-mail or contact the Coast Guard.



Membership Fees

Single Membership: \$30.00

Family Membership: \$75.00

(Includes children to 18yrs.)

Life Membership: \$1,000.00

Business Membership: \$75.00

Memberships run for a calendar year. Reminders are sent in the April Newsletter with your Boat Decal. If you haven't done so already, please send your membership fees to avoid being dropped from the mailing list. We need your continued support to maintain and improve our programs.

New Members most welcome.

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Yacht above is just west of the Rainbow span of the Canadian 1000 Islands Bridge. It was unable to remove its-self and could not be towed.

Keyhoe Marine came to the rescue the next day and lifted the stern, then lashed it to the side of his barge and took it to shore, apparently only slightly damaged. **Medcalf photo**

My Way hurts, crew no problem, after spectacular bounce during the 1000 Islands Poker Run. Owner/Helmsman Bill Tomlinson and Throttle Man Ken Keyhoe, (see left picture) must have had a few thoughtful moments as My Way hit a 4' wake from a large yacht not quite on plane. Try a tail stand in a 50' cat running over 100 mph.

Water levels on both Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River vary considerably from year to year depending on weather conditions. The IJC LOSLR Board urges everyone to be prepared to live within the full range of levels that have occurred The Board strives to maintain the range of monthly mean levels of Lake Ontario below the upper limit of 75.37 m (247.3') and above the lower limit (from April through November) of 74.15 m (243.3'), actual monthly levels, due to climate conditions, have ranged outside the design range. Levels on the River tend to vary more widely. Strong winds can raise or lower water levels temporarily by over half a meter (2 feet) in some locations.

Ed. Note: The level that your charts show is called Chart Datum which is 74.2 m (243.5') current level on Lake Ontario is 74.2 m. Since 1965 the water levels at Alexandria Bay (slightly lower than Lake levels) have either been below Chart Datum or within 3" (too close to see a difference) 6 times. '66, '70, '81, '89, '91, and '98. Still think you have never seen the water so low? Reference: <http://www.ijc.org/loslr/en/library/graphs.php>