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President's Message December 2015

Dear River Lovers,

The end of another epic summer and fall! While the season did start slowly it developed into a really memorable and pretty one. Did you entertain your friends and family? Did the summer season help create lasting memories filled with those special, indelible moments? Are you smiling right now thinking about some of them?

Were you lucky enough to be on the river for one of our most spectacular fall seasons in many years? Did you experience the brilliant sunsets and warm, quiet days of September and October? Most recently the region experienced some very high winds, upwards of 70 mpg/112 kph winds recorded at the TI Bridge and Northern New York. Some properties did sustain some damage.

But for the most part, OMG what a summer!

This season also marked a few milestones for the 1000 Islands Association. Some of you have discovered that we are officially on Facebook now. Granted, we are learning and it may take a while before we are as "on it" as our children or grandchildren but we are making progress. If you are a Facebook user you will know how to find us. If not, I urge you to consider joining Facebook as it seems like it will be an important way to communicate with everyone. By the way, Jeff Weldon gave us permission to post a really delightful film he produced of a beautiful wooden runabout travelling on the St. Lawrence near Boldt Castle. He used a drone to film the footage! See it at: [youtube.com/watch?v=iBT3-WwaakY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iBT3-WwaakY)

We are also on Twitter, a communication tool that, frankly is beyond me but we are told by "those who know" that this is also where we should be if we want to reach our younger future members.

We always do what we are told. Follow us on Twitter @TIAssociation - Please remember, this one is just getting started.

Good news for those of you who depend on Brennan Marine, we are told the facility will continue to operate for the 2016 season. We all certainly hope the new owners see the value of keeping this vital service operating over the long term. A repair and gas service marine facility in Gananoque is a very important resource to the river community as well as the owners of all those new condominiums.

I hope all of you have a lovely and memorable winter season on all of your adventures. We look forward to a wonderful reunion next spring!

Cheers

Thornley



Thousand Islands Boat Museum Gananoque. That's a Boat House ! Starting right now, TIBM expects to have it's dock completed Spring of 2016, with the boat house starting later as funds permit. This amazing facility has the potential to excite the area and return the Canadian 1000 Islands and Gananoque to it's historic sailing and small boat prominence. TIBM is currently working with GISS students renewing their local boat building heritage and involving them is a fundamental component of the organization's vision.

www.Thousandislandsmuseum.org

All film strip pictures are courtesy of Sue Tunncliffe & Ken White





Mona IV as she was built in 1929 by the Gibley Boat Co. in Penetanguishene. On the left, she is now Miss Scarlett, and lives in Alexandria Bay.

Mona IV recently visited the Gananoque Municipal Marina for an overnight. She was once a famous site on Lake Ontario and the St Lawrence River. She shepherded Marilyn Bell in her record setting swim across Lake Ontario in 1954. The first Commodore of the Toronto Island Yacht Club and a major force for the growth of the club was Dr. Bernard (Bunny) Willinsky who used her as the club's Power Squadron flagship at many of their regattas. **Mona IV** was also the hospitality boat for the Harmsworth Unlimited Hydroplane races on Lake Ontario, which featured Miss Supertest, Canada's and the world's fastest race boat.

In the late 1960's, she was found at the Toronto harbour police station under water, where she remained for several weeks, and ready for the scrap yard. Unwilling to die, she reappeared in Midland Ontario discovered by Marilyn Bell (same swimmer) in 1993 where it was undergoing a total multi-million dollar restoration, finishing in 2000. She was given a new 220 h.p. 671 Detroit diesel engine to send her back to the Lake.

With her new name, Miss Scarlett, she is now owned by Rob Reddick and lives in Alexandria bay and once again is touring the 1000 Islands. Wave as she goes by.



KISSR (Keep It Simple Sailing Regatta) in August and September hoped for 4 good sailing days. Instead the first 3 days had no wind and on the final Sunday it looked the same until 11:30 the wind came up, but the sailors had given up by then. Only 8 boats showed up and unfortunately an accident just prior to the race caused 2 to miss the start. Derek Innes, the organizer was disappointed after all August was a perfect month for sailing, but Mother Nature is always in charge. With the publicity for 2015, he expects 2016 to be the best in 8 years.



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Since TIA is all about shoals and markers, here are 3 wonderful Summer pictures taken by one of our newest members, Nicole Harris of Claire de Lune Island. Can you identify the locations? The first in a series, if you send us pictures of ROCKS near your favourite spot. Hint: North-East of JE18.

