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President's Letter

As I mentioned in the Spring letter, the water level was expected to reach average levels by the end of June. As a result of the heaving Spring rain, we have achieved normal water levels. Hopefully it will now stop raining!!

The membership subscription remains a challenge. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so. If you have a neighbour who is not a member, please assist them in joining. Member Donna Robinson has signed up several new members at Peck's Marina and we need more members to be proactive in signing up new recruits. About 50% of our memberships are being subscribed through the internet. The Pay Pal option at: www.1000islandsassociation.net is quick and easy, and please, do not forget to provide your email contact.

The Annual General Meeting will be on July 27th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Springer Playhouse. The shore breakfast will be served and our guest speakers will be Lynn Roberge and Doug McLellan who will be making a presentation on the Riverquest, which includes information about the new Brockville Aquatarium.

The shoal marker donation programme has been a great success. For only \$500 you can achieve River immortality by purchasing a shoal and having it named as you direct.

As another Summer begins, our shoal markers are in place and providing warning to everyone who enjoys the River. A membership in the Thousand Islands Association is cheap insurance to protect all boaters from unknown rocks. The higher water hides slightly submerged rocks and our markers are essential for locating these dangerous hazards.

Have a great St. Lawrence summer and I hope to see you at the A.G.M.

Ormond Murphy

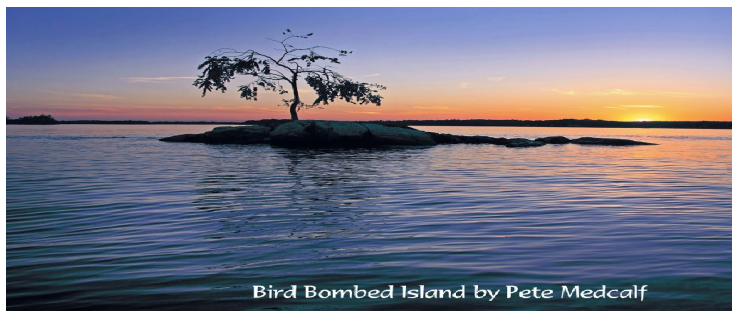


Island Life Magazine's 2013 issue features a photograph of Wolfe Island's Quebec Head on its cover by Thousand Islands photographer Ian Coristine. Island Life Magazine recently launched its digital magazine at:

www.islandlifemag.ca

Kim Lunman is the owner and publisher of Island Life Magazine. The Brockville-based journalist has written for Boat U.S., Lakeland Boating, Thousandislandslife.com, Reader's Digest and the Globe and Mail. The TIA member and novice boater has hit only one shoal, killed her last boat (with the unfortunate name of Love Boat) and has been the subject of several rescues and tows on the River.

Island Life Magazine is a yearly collectable publication and is well worth searching through each year's edition for stories of your friends and neighbours.



Bird Bombed Island by Pete Medcalf



Doug McLellan's breathtaking photograph titled *A Starry Starry Night* taken at Wood Isle is featured in a photo feature titled "One in the Thousand". McLellan, of Toronto's McLellan Group, shares Wood Isle with Caroline Yung, son Morgan and Calli, a Chocolate Labrador. The McLellan Group published Ian Coristine's interactive eBook, *One in A Thousand*, which is available on iTunes as an app on the iPad. (OneinaThousand.ca). The McLellan Group are also the creators of "The Shoal Sisters" Posters, a fund raiser for TIA which can be purchased at: LovethisRiver.com

The little Telephone company that could. For 100 years the Lansdowne Telephone Company has provided telephone and recently, internet service to the 659 exchange, and that includes the islands from the East end of Leeds and the 1000 Islands to the West Islands in the Navy and Lake Fleet group.

In 1907, enterprising citizens organized to form a valuable service, which has undoubtedly developed beyond their greatest expectations. Each year brings new projects, installations, and general maintenance of aerial cabling, submarine cabling, fibre optics, and computer systems. This company, which is still growing and providing excellent service, has tied the community together; most notably in times of crisis such as the ice storm of 1998 and with the introduction of Internet access. A special installation of Fiber Optical cable was placed specifically to provide DSL service to the west end of the Lake Fleet Group. Compare this level of service to the Big Telco that services the Admiralty group, with little or no upgrades for the past 50 years.



With apologies to the Lansdowne Telco, The picture at left was substituted at the last minute as their installation craft was called away on an important service. If you look closely you might see Bill Greer and Rick Lawson on their way to solve someone's high speed internet problem. Now, that's service!

Photo by Pete Medcalf

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NEW Membership Fees

- Single Membership: \$50.00 (Includes one Breakfast)
- Couple Membership: \$75.00 (Includes two Breakfasts)
- Family Membership: \$100.00 (Includes Breakfasts for 2 adults and 2 children under 18)
- Business Membership: \$100.00 (Includes two Breakfasts)

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 or pay on-line with PayPal 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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At right is Ken White and his venerable Formula on a quiet Sunday on the River.

Below is Katrina and Carl's lovingly maintained Chris Craft Constellation, Fox Point at Polaris Island

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We have given mention to a few interesting publications or E-Zines knowing every one is not familiar with all the interesting sources out there. One which comes at the top of the list is Suzie Smith's, and we give her an "Out-of-the-Ball-Park" award for her monthly, Thousand Islands Life on-line magazine. If you aren't a subscriber (free), you are truly missing out on some of the best stuff on this River, it's people and it's Islands.

Check it out at:

www.thousandislandslife.com