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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Warm mid-summer days and cool and clear nights, will they ever get here? Will we have a cool and wet summer or will it be a scorcher? Questions we all had in the spring and now that you are reading this (and without the benefit of a crystal ball) I can only hope that we have a splendid and memorable season!

There is lots of news in this issue. The municipalities' of the Town of Gananoque and TLT, Township of Leeds and Thousand Islands, have been very busy this spring finding and preparing a suitable river access dock and parking area. This new 'contractors' dock' is located behind the Bell Tower Mall on the east shore of the Gananoque River. If you have not visited it yet please drop by and see where you can pickup that bed you need to take to the cottage or the old fridge that needs a new home...for beer and wine! We should all be very thankful that the two municipalities work well together on our behalf. We all owe a HUGE debt of gratitude to Susie Smith for her role in convincing council that they should consider alternatives. Susie, you are a rock star! In addition Vicki Leaky, TLT Council member, played a significant role in convincing the various members of both councils to work together to find new solutions. Now let's use it so we can find out if it works!

As I am sure you have noticed, water levels are significantly lower than they usually are at this time of year. The International Joint Commission that manages water levels in the Great Lakes System is still trying to find the right plan to manage this precious resource and all the various stakeholders' demands. We can only hope that they find the right balance between safe and higher water levels during the boating season before dropping levels in the late summer and early fall to accommodate environmental and downstream issues. I urge you to be aware and read the plan.

The TIA's only concern is the very real possibility of very low water during late summer and early fall when the levels could be low enough to make boating difficult and the need for more Markers. If you want to know more about Plan 2014 please review the entire plan at: [www.ijc.org/en/\\_losl](http://www.ijc.org/en/_losl) . If you have comments or concerns please contact the IJC.

Good news on funding! While generally the association is not supported by governments we occasionally see a little, or in this case, a lot of support from our municipalities. TLT has just notified us that our application for a grant was approved at council and the funds should be forthcoming soon. We asked for and received a grant of \$10,000.00 in order to facilitate the placement and maintenance of shoal markers this year! We are very grateful to the township for their generosity. In particular we are grateful for the support of Councilors Vicki Leaky, Harrold Emmons and Jeff Lackie.

Mark your calendars! Our Annual General Meeting this year will be held Saturday, July, 18 starting at 8:30am on the dock at the 1000 Islands Playhouse. This year our speaker will be Susanne Richter and Joe Pal from the Gananoque Thousand Islands Boat Museum to talk about the way this organization could transform Gananoque's waterfront.

As always we are constantly on the lookout for eager recruits to volunteer. If you feel the need and perhaps some expertise, please do not hesitate to contact us and get involved. Trust me, we do have a lot of fun doing what we do. Heck and the breakfast ain't bad either!

We always look forward to a truly memorable season even if the weather does not cooperate! Here is to a wonderful, and safe 2015 boating season.

Cheers, *Thornley Stoker*





## OWN YOUR OWN SHOAL MARKER 2015

Laura Cerow  
Dorothy Collins  
Caroline Davies  
Carol Devlin  
The Gananoque, Ontario Ultimate Fishing Town  
Deming Halloran  
Bryan Jones  
Lynne Knudson  
William Kyle  
Keith & Metje Maybe x2  
Doug McLellan /Caroline Young  
Orm Murphy  
David Orr 10 Years  
Joan Ritchie x2  
RiverPort  
Paul Regan Jr. 10 Years  
Paul Regan III x2 10 Years  
In Memory of Barbara Regan 10 years  
Thornley Stoker  
Gary Tranmer x2  
In Memory of Grace Lois Tranmer

East of Whiskey, U.S.  
Due North of dock on Hill  
Deathdealer Island  
South West of Lilly Pad  
South West of Niagara  
40 Acres Center  
South side of Flying Mallard  
East of Dock on Forsythe  
South & West of Dark  
South of Wood Isle  
West of Apohaqui  
South of Mudlunta  
N. of Binacle, W. of Lindsay  
South of Gan River Mouth  
North of Mermaid  
West & South of Black Duck  
West of Black Duck  
South of White Calf  
Between Hickey and Otty  
South of Horse Block



TIA Pres. Thornley Stoker and River Guide David Orr in front of Sagastaweka, first trip after ice-out in April 2015. That's Tim and Carol Devlin's "cottage" in the background.



HopScotch finds and retrieves a marker. Picture by Dad, Ken White.



The Township of Leeds and the 1000 Islands has generously granted \$10,000.00 for our Shoal Marker Program! This will enable TIA to mark additional shoals especially during low water incidents and to properly maintain or replace the tired and some slowly sinking ones.

Left to right: Jeff Lackie Councilor, TLTI; David Orr, Marilee Chisamore, Thornley Stoker, TIA; Mayor Joe Baptista, Milano Avramovic CAO, Sarah Huskinson Treasurer, and Vanessa Latimer the Clerk, from TLTI.

**TLTI and TIA, we keep you off the rocks.**

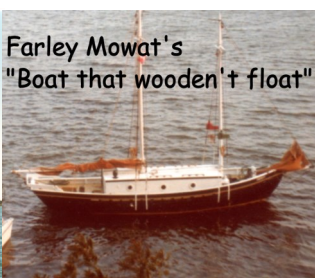
Thornley mentioned volunteers in his message. We really need a special person who would like to try out their writing and editorial skills to replace our tired, old, out of ideas current editor who has been found lately asleep at his typewriter, surrounded by empty rum bottles. TIA creates 3 Newsletters a year. For the past 13 years, with a short break, that means he has done about 35 of them. If you want to get your ideas published, here's your chance.

E-mail the Editor at:  
relaxsun1@gmail.com.

**Why all the sailboats?** Derek Innes has organized KISSR (Keep it Simple Sailing Regatta) for 7 years and it grows better each year. This year's event is scheduled for Saturdays, August 22, and Sept. 5 and will consist of 3 races each day, starting at 12:30, in the 40 acres, just south east of Half Moon Bay on Bostwick Island. Races are open to all sail boats of all type, under 24', no fees, no registration. Shorter courses for the slower classes, so no stragglers. Rain or no wind postponement dates will be Sundays. Sailing is fun, exciting, physical and coming back to the 1000 Islands! For more information call Derek after August 12, 613 382 7228 or e-mail TIA: [info@1000islandsassociation.net](mailto:info@1000islandsassociation.net)



Farley Mowat's  
"Boat that wooden't float"





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We are thankful for their support and we hope when you are seeking area services you think of them as good community supporters. Find their link on:

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- 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.

**Any new member (to include singles, family, and businesses) who joins TIA any time after June 30<sup>th</sup> (Including at the AGM of any given year and regardless of the method of payment, can do so at half of the prevailing membership fee.**

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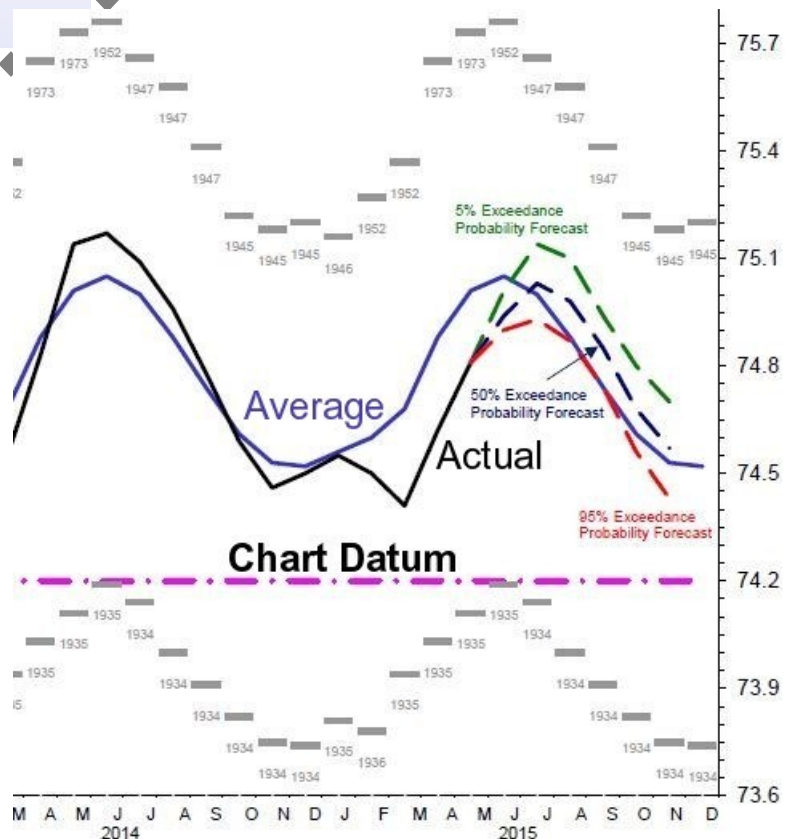
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**Nominations for Directors:** If you are interested in serving on our board, please contact President, Thornley Stoker at TIA's e-mail address.

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## Lake Ontario Water Level Forecast vs. Actual



## 1000 Islands Restaurant Reviews

**THE CLIPPER INN** CLAYTON, N.Y. has been a favourite of ours for over 35 years. The Simpson family owns and operates this location just east of Clayton on Hwy. 12. Wonderful, abundant food, professional, friendly service, specializing in seafood, but lots of steaks and pasta and early bird specials before 6:00 p.m.

Wine and food pairing nights are a feature a few times a month - 5 courses with matching wines. Chef Michael Simpson travels around the world, South Africa this past winter, and re-creates flavours from those countries. Reservations are required for these events.

If you arrive by boat, dock at one of the 3 Village docks, get a cab or The Clipper may be able to arrange pick-up and return. Did I mention the wines?

Call 315- 686- 3842. Tell them TIA sent you!

Don't forget your NEXUS card, or check in at the videophone at the North Dock.

