

President's Message

Dear River lovers, The summer is here. The sun is out. Let the fun begin!

For those who experienced this spring season you will recall that it started kind of slowly. The water was higher sooner and started dropping sooner. Frankly it was colder than I recall also. But we forgive Mother Nature in advance with the sure knowledge that the season will improve.

Sadly this spring we had some unpleasant news, we are losing our dear secretary-treasurer, Marilee Chisamore. She is taking on new responsibilities in her primary employment at the Royal Military College. Despite being with us for little more than two years she has been instrumental in bringing our organization's articles of incorporation up to current standards. She has also streamlined our financial reporting. We are all very grateful for her diligence and care. We will miss her. Any one interested in the position?

Some of you may have witnessed the re-introduction of the Nickel Cup Hydroplane racing in Gananoque this spring (www.nickelcup.com). Wow! What a thrill that was. These boats are sooooo fast and so close to shore that it is quite breathtaking. Reaching speeds of 300 kms/hr these rockets are impressive. Apparently this will become a tradition. Look for it next year. My letter is purposely short as, well, it's summer time and you should not be reading newsletters now, you should be outside enjoying the beauty of the river.

I will close by reminding you that our annual summer bash, the AGM (AKA The Best Shorebreakfast in the 1000 Islands) will occur this season on Saturday, July 16 starting at 8:30am at the 1000 Islands Playhouse on the shores of the great St. Lawrence River in Gananoque. Please bring your friends and your weekend visitors. See you there. Yours in safe boating,

Thornley Stoker



Gananoque Nickel Cup Races.



Pete Medcalf photos

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Swan pictures near Half Moon Bay.



David Orr pictures



Doug Goodfellow, Lindsay Island and Montreal, getting sailing lessons from Grandchild.

Derek Innes' KISSR VIII (Keep it Simple Sailing Race) will be held this September 3rd. Saturday with Sunday being the alternate, due to rain, thunderstorm, or glass calm. The start is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. for 3 short races. If you attend and race in at least one race and if there are at least 12 boats you will be eligible for a \$100.00 gift certificate for the Riva restaurant. The course will be by Hemlock Island, close to Half Moon Bay.

TIA is sponsoring this event and hope to present the gift certificate to some lucky sailing crew. Winning is not a requirement, the prize will be a random drawing.

All sailboats under 22 feet are encouraged and welcome. Dust them off and sail out for this event, you won't be disappointed.



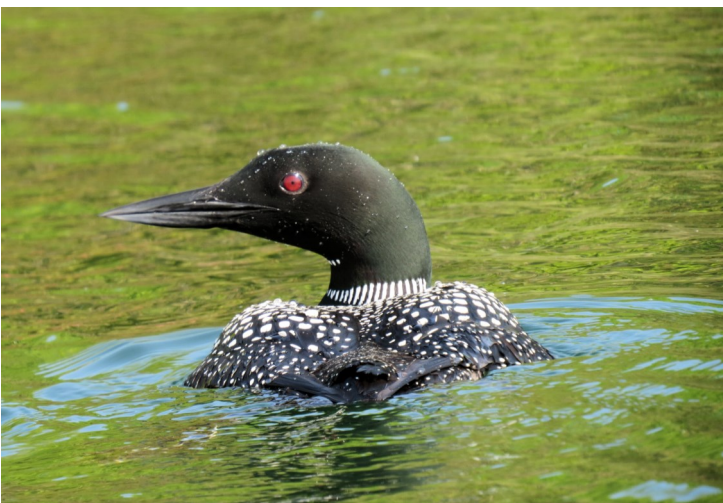
The Dragon Harald Fairhair is at this writing in the city of Brockville, ON. The Dragon crossed the Atlantic last month. On board the boat there is a tent, their only shelter for 16 sailors at a time. The crew sleeps in watches, 4 hours work, 4 hours rest. There is no "under deck", it is so shallow there is only room for ballast and food storage below.



Steve Moore, Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River Pilot, standing at rear, directed the Dragon from Iroquois, up the treacherous, shoal infested St. Lawrence River, safely into it's berth in Brockville.

The Dragon is a large Viking longship built in the municipality of Haugesund, Norway. The Dragon Harald Fairhair brings the seafaring qualities of a warship from the old Norse sagas to life.

Astonishing loon pictures by Sandy Allore, Fort Wallace Island and Kingston.



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New Members most welcome.

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From the Editor:

This is my second last Newsletter. I took over from Susie Smith about 18 years ago, and continued with a short hiatus when Mark Russell did 3 and then Bryan Jones did 2. We have been looking for a replacement for a long time and have come up dry.

Will there be more Newsletters or will it morph into a President's Message, perhaps delivered by e-mail? Unknown at this time but we are exploring all avenues. We thought a solution might be having our Secretary Treasurer responsible for it but that doesn't seem like a practical solution. The Editor ideally should be someone who is really involved with the River all year round, who enjoys River stories, keeps plugged into the River residents and takes lots of pictures. A pretty tall set of requirements. Unreasonable to expect the person who is looking after our finances, responding and creating e-mails and the myriad of other daily tasks the SecTres does.

We have 8 months for a solution. David Orr



Picture by Alan Bickerton from the 1000 Islands bike path. There are 8 signets in this picture, only 4 at last sighting.



Gananoque Nickel Cup Races Pete Medcalf photo.



Ian Huntley, Shoal Master for the 1000 Islands.