

July 2014

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President's Message July 2014

In the Spring newsletter I wrote about the long winter and the thick ice in the River. By my observation the ice usually opens in front of Gananoque by mid March. This year it left begrudgingly the second week of April.

David Orr, Skip Armstrong and I toured the Admiralty Group on a beautiful sunny Saturday the 12th of April. The ice was mostly gone and we were treated to a sighting of a bald eagle on the foot of Bostwick Island.

The electricity had been disconnected to the Islands due to the ice storm but with a little urging from me, the power was restored in time for us to enjoy Easter weekend on the Island. I have written Hydro One and thanked them on behalf of all Islanders for their efforts.

Our next major event is the Annual General Meeting to be held July 19th, 2014 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Thousand Island Playhouse, Gananoque. We guarantee a great breakfast, beautiful day, short meeting and terrific speakers. Please attend and meet old friends and perhaps make some new ones.

This will be my final President's Letter as I step down and turn over the helm to Thornley Stoker. The Association will be in good hands with Thornley, whose career was in marketing. Thornley revitalized our website and installed PayPal to facilitate easier payment of donations and dues.

The Board is currently working on enhancing the benefits of membership in the Thousand Islands Association and your thoughts and help are always welcome.

Finally, I wish to express my thanks to the members of the Board, a special thanks to Phyllis Armstrong who provided badly needed administrative assistance, and to all of the members of the Association who made the last three years so much fun and so rewarding. It has been an honour to be a part of this great Association and I thank all for their support.

Have a great St. Lawrence summer, safe boating and I hope to see you at the AGM.

Ormond Murphy



When boating in the Brockville section of the 1000 Islands, keep a sharp look-out for our 13 new white "ROCK" markers installed by the Brockville Dive Club. Their members have taken over TIA's "Keep Off the Rocks" program from the Brockville Yacht club which performed this onerous duty for many years. Many thanks to Linus Mulder and crew.



Thousand Islands Boat Museum Gananoque, ON

Ready For Launch



Suzanne Richter and Rebecca Keys in front of the Children's Building.

Islands, this is the driving force in the children's building and the cooperation with GISS. Gananoque has great stories about the River and it's maritime heritage. This is being built by the community not for the community, a very important distinction." Richter learned to sail at the KYC when she grew up in Kingston, Keys is Howard Williams Grand-daughter from Ivy Lea.

GISS students re-create an authentic St. Lawrence Skiff. Launching was on Sunday, June 29 at the Grand Opening of the Gananoque Thousand Islands Boat Museum. Everyone welcome at the Historic Village Waterfront.



Charlie Cliffe still builds skiffs like this one. His boats and career will be featured in the Gananoque 1000 Islands Boat Museum to start a series of local shipwrights.

By the time you read this, **The Thousand Islands Boat Museum Gananoque** will have launched. June 29 is the first day of the 49 year lease agreed upon with the Town Council. The museum will occupy 4 buildings surrounding the Arthur Child Heritage Center at the Gananoque Antique Village on the River front.

Suzanne Richter, with Rebecca Keys, is "soft" opening with a community celebration that features the launch of a skiff built by Gananoque High School students. When fully open there will be a boatbuilding shop, a children's house and showcase of 1000 Islands boatbuilders.

"We will use boats to illustrate stories of the generations of people who lived here."

Richter hopes to hire at least 4 GISS students to work in the Boatbuilding shop who will build Optimist sailboats to be used in the museum's sailing program in 2015. Boatbuilding by the students is part of the museum's outreach with GISS students.

"It is important for children to feel the connection that the River makes with Gananoque and the 1000

This year's exhibit will showcase Cliffe Craft Boats,

The popular wooden boats that were built in Gananoque starting in the early 1950's. Charlie Cliffe, the owner and founder will be at the exhibit to welcome visitors and tell stories about the golden years of boatbuilding in the area. What a treasure, to be able to speak to a creator of one of those legendary craft.

This museum is the climax of a dream that began in 1993 with the formation of the Thousand Islands Antique Boat Museum Trust, a registered, non profit charity to preserve the rich marine history of the Thousand Islands.



Gananoque Marina has a new breakwater. All the boats in the picture without masts are at the new breakwater giving 45 new slips. Re-paving and enlarging the parking lot accommodates an additional 40 vehicles.



The Gananoque Marina, showing only part of the new breakwater.

Just another batch of Kids in Kayaks, between Manitouwana and Mudlunta Islands, Admiralty Group.



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 INFORMATION PLEASE READ

Any new member (to include singles, family, and businesses) who joins TIA any time after June 30th (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.

New Members most welcome.

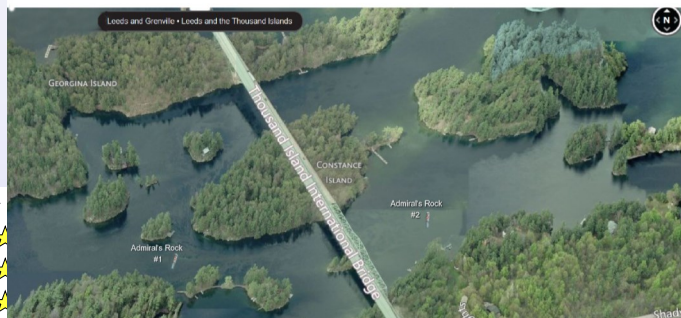
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Every "Own Your Own" Shoal Marker participant receives a framed picture of their "Own Rock" as the Admiral's is shown below, and a collectable "T" shirt.

The Thousand Islands Association
Own Your Own Shoal Marker Program



TIA thanks the Admiralty of the Thousand Islands for its support.

The Admiralty of the Thousand Islands is the newest owner of a pair of "Own Your Own Rock Markers".

The Admiralty was created in the early "50's" by a few prominent 1000 Island business men as a social group. It has continued to be a respected organization which contributes to the well being of the River. Buying small Islands to protect them from development, introducing millions of pickerel fingerlings and creating and placing the statue of St. Lawrence just East of the Canadian TI bridge are just a few of their projects. There are over 100 Admirals currently, 2 were inducted at the first meeting over 60 years ago!

Own Your Own Shoal

A TIA Fundraising Program gives you bragging rights to your "Own Shoal" For a modest, fully tax deductible, \$500, TIA will designate the "ROCK" marker that you indicate as your own personal shoal for a period of 5 years you can tell your friends, "I Own a 1000 Islands "ROCK" Marker!"

See our web site 1000islandsassociation.net for all the benefits.

TIA has a new secretary. Marilee Chisamore, A native of Gananoque takes the place of Phyllis Armstrong who has been doing administrative work for the past 2 years.

Marilee will be taking the minutes at our meetings, administering the membership, answering and sending e-mails coordinating the Newsletter and organizing all our mailings. Come say hello and welcome her at our AGM Saturday July 19th.

