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## 2020/2021 ADMIRAL SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT



1000 Islands RV Centre, located in the beautiful 1000 Islands, has been providing Sales, Service and Rentals of RVs since 1996. Our dealership has grown from a small location on Highway 29 in Brockville, ON to our current location at exit 648 off highway 401 in Gananoque, Ontario.

With over 300 RVs to choose from and very knowledgeable RV sales professionals and staff, we will be able to help you find the perfect RV for you and your family to enjoy.

Here at 1000 Islands RV Centre, our Service Department is a full-service, licensed repair facility for most makes and models of RVs and utility trailers. We have eleven service bays that span over 12,000 square feet. With our experienced service team we are ready and able to service all of your RV and trailer needs. From awning repair to roof replacement our Service Department is qualified and ready to meet your needs.

Regular preventative maintenance can keep even an aging RV going strong for many years. Resealing roof seams, windows, rubber roof treatments and repairs, appliance maintenance are just some of the many preventative maintenance items that should be completed on a yearly basis. Our skilled Service Department Team will be more than happy to help ensure that you are enjoying your RV for years to come.

Whether you are looking for the latest in RV technology or just looking to update some of your RV's décor, chances are that you will find what you are looking for in our 1000 Islands RV Care Parts Superstore. With over 5000 square feet of wall-to-wall parts you can easily find what you are looking for in our Parts and Accessories Superstore.

With new inventory coming in every day you can always find something new and interesting that you may not see anywhere else. Drop in and let one of our friendly and knowledgeable staff help you find exactly what you are looking for.

We look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Love the Outdoors!





Dive Brockville Adventure Centre and Abucs scubA Charters is your regional resource for scuba diving and river activities!

Over the past 27 years, we have grown from a single charter vessel, to a full-service operation with a fleet of six charter boats, and two CSA-approved air-stations offering air and nitrox, making Abucs scubA the largest, and longest established dive company in the 1000 Islands Region.

Our experienced staff specializes in planning diving and river adventures for groups of all shapes and sizes. Since 1994, Abucs scubA Charters has been offering personalized river adventures and dive charters to world class shipwrecks in the 1000 Islands Region of the St. Lawrence River renowned for its warm water and great visibility.

But we are not JUST a dive shop, we offer bicycle, canoe, paddleboard and kayak rentals, snorkeling expeditions for family fun on the river and for those who want to take the plunge, scuba diving training! We also offer water taxi services to the Brockville City islands as well as the Provincial Island campsites.

We offer a full range of support for divers from beginner to technical, including Air, Nitrox and Oxygen fills, a full gear rental department, gear service, as well as dive equipment and accessories for sale. We are rebreather friendly and have some staff members who may know a thing or two.

The shop and the Helen C are wheelchair accessible and our core staff members are experienced Handicapped Scuba Association buddies and dive masters, so we can accommodate and support everyones' needs during their adventure in the 1000 Islands.

Dive Brockville Adventure Centre is located in beautiful downtown Brockville, open 7 days a week from spring to fall and by appointment through the winter. From island bbq's to week-long dive expeditions, we develop customized adventures to suit your needs, please contact us with your inquiries, or visit us online at www.divebrockville.com to find out more!











## CAPTAIN MATT BRADLEY



A hot, sunny day on the St. Lawrence River — great conditions for a fun day for visitors on the water, until their vessel struck a rocky shoal on the western tip of Howe Island, quickly taking on water. With four adults, a sixweek old baby, and a dog aboard the now-disabled vessel, the occupants recognized this was a serious marine emergency.

With the Coast Guard assessing the passengers, one of whom had disembarked and pulled the boat up to a rocky shoal and secure to a tree, Captain Matt stood by to offer assistance. The Coast Guard decided to take the baby and a parent to meet EMS at the Howe Island ferry terminal, leaving three adults and the dog in a boat that was no longer seaworthy. The remaining passengers needed to be out of the heat and back on dry land. Shaken from their ordeal, they came aboard C-Tow 1000 Islands for a complimentary ride back to the marina. With the boat secured outside Howe Island and its passengers on land, Captain Matt's next step was to liaise with the Prescott Coast Guard to ensure they knew the last passengers were accounted for and that the wrecked boat would be salvaged by C-Tow.

All of our C-Tow captains work closely with the Coast Guard and other local authorities on the water. It has been a core part of what we do since our founding. In fact, C-Tow came about as a response to a change in Coast Guard policy, when they determined they would only assist vessels in emergency, life-threatening situations and would not be towing otherwise, back in 1984. Coast Guard and C-Tow boats together at a scene on the water is a common sight on Canadian waterways. This story of a vacation day gone wrong ends as well as it can, with all of the passengers back on dry land safe and healthy and the boat on its trailer awaiting an insurance verdict and potential repair.

Captain Matt linked up with Captain Kenn Morrison of C-Tow Quinte to salvage the boat, pumping out the accumulated water and refloating the vessel to get it across the river to the marina, where they pulled it out using the trailer the vessel's owner had dropped off to Captain Matt's yard. The passenger who pulled the boat to shore, the JRCC and Prescott Coast Guard, and C-Tow — swift response from all limited the potential danger. It's important to be prepared for situations like this and other unexpected problems on the water, ensuring you have navigational aids, a VHF radio or cellphone, and PFDs for everyone on board.

While we always hope we can get to a vessel before it is taking on water or badly damaged, we are a phone call away in any situation, at 1-888-419-CTOW (2869). The Coast Guard Marine Communications and Traffic Services (MCTS) is available on VHF channel 16, or \*16 on a cellphone where available.

C-Tow members can receive two free tows per year and many other benefits. Check out: https://c-tow.ca/memberships/ We also have a boating app! https://c-tow.ca/resources/#c-tow-app-overview



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At Cumberland, success is always mutual.



# GANANOQUE BOAT LINE

## BY HORNBLOWER®

*The Gananoque Boat Line by Hornblower* was established in 1951 by three local men who started with three single decker wooden tour boats. The first boat carried 55 persons, the capacity of the boats now range from 380 to 500 passengers. It is the largest and oldest cruise company in the 1000 islands.

Today, five spacious triple decker vessels with both indoor and outdoor seating depart from Gananoque and tour through the sensational Thousand Islands. Enjoy the beauty, romance and grandeur via a summer sunset, landmarks, lost ships or original heart of the 1000 islands cruise. Food and beverages and a licensed bar are available on all cruises which last from one to five hours. Group cruises and charters are available.

After your cruise, visit the Dockside Restaurant and the large gift shop selling nautical gifts - and, of course, Thousand Islands dressing. Experience a Breathtaking Voyage on a 1000 Islands Cruise with Gananoque Boat Line by Hornblower.

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Gananoque Chevrolet Buick GMC Cadillac has been in business for 45 years. Gan Chev is all about service, offering quality vehicles, affordable pricing and a friendly atmosphere. Dewey and Sharon Hall worked side-by-side to open the one-car showroom in 1976. Their son Jamie, Director of Operations, started as a car washer and son Jeff worked in service and parts.

Our service department runs like a well-oiled machine constantly adapting to bring you the best service possible. All service technicians attend annual training sessions to stay ahead of the changing technology. The more knowledge that our technicians have about all types of vehicles, the better equipped they are to serve our customers.

For years we have been known for our pick-up and delivery service. Don't have time to come to the dealership for your oil change, seasonal tire swap or brake service? Just ask for a pick-up when booking your appointment. We pick up your vehicle, complete the service and return your vehicle. This service has also been adapted to our sales department. We are happy to bring a test drive to you!

Our new state of the art CSN collision centre, located at 380 Herbert Street, Gananoque, is fully equipped and our highly trained technicians are able to do the smallest of repairs right up to major collision and aluminum repairs We are a preferred repair facility for most major insurance companies across Canada and offer the same level of customer service as Gan Chev.

One of our most important accomplishments is our commitment to the Gananoque community. Our dealership has a history of charitable donations and sponsorships to organizations like local hockey teams, festivals, fundraising events, tournaments and more. We are proud of our ongoing relationship with many local organizations like the Thousand Islands Playhouse, the Gananoque Food Bank, the Gan Chev Islanders, the Gananoque Humane Society and TIA.

We've invested in the community and proud to support local causes. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more community involvement.

Although this past year has brought many changes to businesses and the community we are so proud to be part of the Gananoque community. Everyone has worked together to support local and we are honoured to be part of that team.





### COVID-19 and The Thousand Islands Real Estate Market

COVID-19 has created exceptional challenges for all. We at Chestnut Park are working hard to mitigate Island and waterfront these challenges and to create a safe and gratifying environment for our clients. property is influenced by demographics, financial prosperity, global influences and recently COVID-19.

Since March 2020 travel within Canada has been somewhat restricted and the border basically closed making it difficult to travel in or out of Canada. Historically, the buyer demographic for waterfront and island properties has been primarily "buyers from away"; international buyers, retirees or cottage/country home buyers.

The retiree buyers have seen prices in urban centers continue to climb. This year, movement for retirees within urban areas became increasingly more restricted with the spread of the virus. As a result, retiree buyers began to look to communities where their housing dollar goes farther and the population is not so concentrated. COVID-19 has caused many urban sellers to look outside of the "usual areas" The Thousand Islands became increasingly more attractive in 2020. Prices, the ready availability of first-class medical care, good internet service and its easy accessibility by rail, road and air made a compelling case for looking farther east.

The cottage/country home buyer demographic, at 35-55 years old, has also changed. Until this year this demographic did not take extended summer vacations at a cottage. They were always on the move: they thought nothing of foreign travel and did not think of a country home. No longer can this buyer demographic travel and many of them are now recognizing the benefits of being able to drive to a country home. This combined with many businesses having employees work off premises/online, children's camps being closed and travel restrictions, has put upward pressure on summer cottages and year round secondary home prices.

It has been my pleasure, for the last 30+ years to introduce many new "River Folk" to our River through my real estate work. Although my primary "duty" is to sell River properties I believe it is also "my duty" to help new River Folk get to know The River and her people and encourage their support of The River community.

I look forward to helping you with your real estate needs.



CHESTNUT PARK.

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Greenshield Pest Control Inc. is a Local Service, Family Owned business serving residential, cottage, commercial, industrial and institutional clients throughout Eastern Ontario. We help you by reducing and eliminating the aesthetic, economic and health concerns created by pest, wildlife and bird problems.

Family owned and operated since inception in 2007, Greenshield Pest Control has performed over 200,000 Pest and Wildlife Services. The dedicated customer service team along with its team of highly trained technicians prides itself on continuous training and certification in the latest technologies and pest control products.

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We provide Spider and Insect Pest Control, Mosquito and Tick Control, Humane Wildlife and Bird Control and Mice and Rodent Control Services. And, we provide service right to your dock

We are proud members of the Structural Pest Management (SPMAO), National Pest Management Association (NPMA) as well as the Canadian Pest Management Association (CPMA) and National Wildlife Control Operators Association (MWCOA. We are IPM, WSIB and ISN Certified.

Greenshield Pest Control has been part of your community for over a decade. Like you we want a great place for our families to grow. Because of this we strive to give back through community involvement, sponsorships and more.

Check out our website at www.greenshieldpestcontrol.com or call us toll free at 1 877-838-7278. Greenshield Pest Control, Inc. Experts in Pest Control Guaranteed.







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**Ken and Linda O'Connor,** who own the 42,000 square foot HHBC/Home Furniture just south of the highway, are making a quiet but significant difference alleviating some of the hardship for many of these families: Gananoque Home Hardware Building Centre is one of the major corporate sponsors of The Breakfast Club at Linklater Public School.

The school approached the O'Connor's in 2010 – Ken's capable and highly efficient general manager, Laura Ware fielded the request and passed it along to Ken. Having been in the community for 20 years, the company was already involved with different local charities – they give to the Food Bank religiously – so it was an obvious fit. What Ken likes most about the program is that it doesn't discriminate – if you're hungry on any given morning, you can eat at The Breakfast Club.

Ken is no stranger to good works: several years ago, his friend, former employee and fellow converted Beaver dealer, Rick Kurzac in Kamloops BC got him involved in Developing World Connections through which Ken has helped build a safe house for a group of women in the Philippines.

Ken started working at Saveway Lumber in 1973, in those days affiliated with Beaver Lumber, in his hometown of Sudbury. He moved south to Scarborough where he worked at the local Saveway Lumber, then for the next ten years held a variety of positions, some at their head office in Toronto. In 1987, he purchased the Beaver Lumber in Kingston, which he closed in 2000 when the company was bought by Home Hardware. They moved to Brockville (now owned by Paul Blakney) and then in 2001, bought an 8,000 square foot corporate store in Gananoque. Ken knew that a major expansion was in his future and one day, driving over the highway he saw a For Sale sign on a building. A bit worried it was too much space, Ken called in the experts from St. Jacobs and "before we knew it, it was a dream come true," he says. He says the transition to Home Hardware was the best thing that ever happened to them. These days there's a lot of activity with the Home Packages, which is essentially a turnkey service that they can offer their customers, from the ground up to the pots and pans and furniture, thanks to the Home Furniture store that is part of their new location.

The O'Connors went into the furniture and appliance business in 2009. Today, their Daughter **Kenzie** manages the entire department and has taken furniture buying to a new level. There are "no pushy salespeople" just friendly everyday customer service. We offer the "Thousand Islands lifestyle with relaxed pricing".







#### 132 Years & Counting at Hucks



The story of Hucks began in 1889 when Fred Huck relocated to Rockport and began a boat-building business with his wife Ellen Slate. They bought the site that would become the marina in 1905 and it was there that Fred designed and manufactured the Invictus one and two-cylinder engines and compatible wooden boats and the famous St. Lawrence River Skiffs. By the end of WWII Ed and Cassie Huck were operating the marina and the Scenic Lodge and Cabins. The marina has passed down through generations to Jerry and Morris Huck to the fourth generation including Scott & Heather (Huck) MacCrimmon, Peter & Jody (Huck) Johnston and Graeme Sifton.

Today, Scott and the new members of the ownership team, Mark Dalton and Nathan Sheaff, recognize that the success in over a century of business for this historic marina is due to the hard work of all those who came before them. In 2019, they announced a new name, Hucks Marine & Resort and their commitment to provide a first-class destination delivering experiences Beyond Boating for their customers and visitors. Subsequent investments include redevelopment of the marina and a future residential community.

As a full-service marina, Hucks is known to offer the finest products including Boston Whaler, Tiara Yachts, Limestone Boats, Manitou Pontoon, Stanley and Sea-Doo. With 180 marina slips, Hucks continues to attract boaters from Brockville, Kingston, Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal, the U.S.A. and customers from around the world. New boaters' services are available in the Johnston Building and include a year-round showroom, state-of-the-art fitness center, deluxe showers, laundry facilities, sauna and a steam room. Hucks' sister company ParkStor, a premium indoor heated storage facility located just 1 km east of the marina offers space for boats, RVs, campers and other vehicles on a seasonal (summer and winter) basis.

Opening for the 2021 boating season will be the Gerald H. Huck Building that features boats, boating apparel and water toys on display, chandlery supplies and 3 fuel docks. There will also be the opportunity to enjoy the spectacular River view on the patio at Cassies, a new waterfront cafe.

Hucks employs over 30 full time employees and is open 50 weeks a year and 7 days a week during the season. In addition, Hucks hires approximately 12 local high school and college students for summer employment as marina attendants and is a proud sponsor of numerous local events.

Scott & the Crew at Hucks invite you to stop by and celebrate another fun and safe boating season with them.

For more info, visit hucks.ca

## BEYOND BOATING



## Ivy Lea Club

The best kept secret in the Thousand Islands! The Ivy Lea Club is a private yacht club situated on 45 acres of park like setting with two protected harbours. Enjoy quiet moments of relaxation or benefit from all the activities available on site. Find like-minded friends and enjoy a summer filled with socials!

Start your day at the Coach House which offers an excellent selection of gourmet provisions and groceries along with fresh salads, fresh and frozen meats and BBQ Kits, frozen prepared meals, pizza, wine and beer, daily baked goods, specialty coffees, desserts and ice cream.

Your next stop should be a visit to our Fitness Facility to continue with your fitness regime or start anew, you will find everything you need. Certified fitness trainers and group classes are available or if you prefer to relax, book a massage with our registered massage therapists. We also offer aesthetics services such as wrinkle relaxers, micro-needling and dermal fillers by Dr. Dawn Tymianki (PhD) Nurse Practitioner.

End your day with fine wine and dining at The Ivy Restaurant waterfront porch or patio perfectly paired with its' natural surroundings allowing guests to take in the breathtaking vistas and to feel right at home. If you need a change of scenery visit Riva in Gananoque, set in a beautifully renovated historic building, a welcoming place to stop and refresh with two garden patios, a fine dining room with a grand fire place and a cozy bar area.

The Ivy Lea Club also offers inside heated and inside cold storage facilities to ensure your boat is well taken care of through the off season. The highly skilled team The Ivy Lea Club will treat your boat with the upmost care!

Enjoy your time in the Islands.





## Kehoe Marine – Then, Now and into the future

For many of you who travel the 1000 Islands Parkway you may have noticed a build-up of activity at the Kehoe Construction yard. To meet growing demand, we've expanded our main fabrication building bringing our total to about 15,300 sq. Ft., a big jump from the 4200 sq. Ft shop that Kehoe Marine purchased in 2008. This addition allows us to expand our dock building capacity, improve our workers experience, and be better neighbours by moving more of our operations and materials inside. We've re-purposed old space to provide a new lunchroom and locker room for our growing staff and we're planning for some much-needed improvements to our admin space.

Owners Ken and Sarah Kehoe are proud of the fact that they've become one of the largest yearround employers in the Township. They are constantly seeking skilled trades to bolster their already diverse workforce. While they are excited at being part of the multi-million-dollar expansion of ferry services to Wolfe Island, they want everyone to know that they have not forgotten the foundation of their business: delivering a top-quality product and service that will "Make your waterfront dream a reality".

We have launched an updated website to better showcase past projects and provide a view of the possibilities open to our clients for the future. Please visit us soon at www.kehoemairne.com

Covid-19 has impacted the Kehoe Marine business. Increased demand as more people spend time at the River or lake coupled with permit and approval delays and shortages of raw materials like steel and lumber have made deadlines a challenge. If we could ask one thing of our valued clients, it would be to plan for longer lead times and expect delays. We're working hard every day to ensure that our clients continue to get their new docks and waterfront improvements as soon as we can. We get it, we're waterfront owners too.

In this, our 20th year in business, we wanted to take a moment and thank all our clients; past, present, and future. We are proud of where we've come from, of what we're doing, and where we're headed.

MARINE CONSTRUCTION





### **Nexicom partners with Lansdowne Rural Telephone Company:**

One year later In the spring of 2020, a Peterborough County area telecommunications provider Nexicom Inc. purchased the Lansdowne Rural Telephone Company from its long-standing shareholders. As a fellow independently owned and operated telecommunications provider, Nexicom was a natural fit for the Lansdowne team.

Sharing a similar and proud history to the Lansdowne Rural Telephone Company (Lansdowne Tel), Nexicom originated in rural Millbrook Ontario, as the Turner Telephone Company in 1898; serving the telephone needs of the surrounding rural community. Fast forward 123 years later, and Nexicom is a leading telecommunications provider in their region, offering Telephone, Internet, Television and Security Services to residential and business customers.

While the strategic plan is to grow the overall Lansdowne Tel business and quality of services available including Fibre Optic Cable, the decision was made to ensure there would be no significant changes to the manner in which the company conducts its day-to-day business. "It was extremely important for us to facilitate a seamless transition in respect to business operations", states Julie Howe, Sales & Marketing Manager at Nexicom.

"Lansdowne Tel is an excellent example of how an independently owned, rural based telecommunications provider should conduct business. With an emphasis on providing industry leading technology, reliable and friendly customer service, and competitive pricing, Lansdowne Tel personified the similar valuable qualities that are synonymous with Nexicom", quotes Howe.

After nearly one year of working together things have been great. The support and feedback we have experienced from the Lansdowne community has been positive, and we look forward to building even stronger roots throughout the region", states Howe.

Many new and exciting improvements are planned for the near, and long-term future, as Nexicom continues to strive to make Lansdowne Tel the telecommunications leader throughout the 1000 Islands region. With high-speed Internet, Telephone, and Television services Lansdowne Tel combines big city technology and small-town friendly service.

To learn more about the Lansdowne Rural Telephone Company, or how to receive their services visit their website at www.1000island.net.





Mobile Kitchens Canada, Inc. (MKC) is a privately owned and operated corporation established in 2003. President and owner David Craig started MKC after being a caterer for 20 years.

His business, which had begun as a single kitchen, evolved to a fleet of commercial kitchens. During his time in the industry he amassed substantial knowledge about the day-to-day demands of itinerant food services, particularly as they relate to mobile food facilities. Today, MKC operates with six likewise experienced full time staff. The scope of our collective experience means that we have an exceptional understanding of how our clients use our kitchens-after all we've used them ourselves.

We have the logistical capabilities to provide temporary foodservice solutions across Canada. In fact, procedures are in place with our sister company, American Mobile Kitchens, to provide immediate response-within 24 hours-to emergency relief efforts anywhere in North America. Our company prides itself on its ability to mobilize equipment, products, staff and resources quickly and effectively.

Our team, our strategies and our products keep evolving as new equipment becomes available and new technologies come on line. We pride ourselves on maintaining excellence at every turn, continually assessing our mobile kitchen floor plans to incorporate advancements and features recommended by project managers and chefs. Our rental mobile trailers include 28 foot and 44 foot kitchen units, refrigeration and dishwashing facilities.

Mobile Kitchens Canada has been involved in numerous projects in areas ranging from major health care, disaster management and sporting events including the 2010 Olympics. We provide logistics, mobile kitchens and support equipment across North America and the Caribbean. We have also provided project management consulting services and supplied and installed kitchen units for a global mining company operating in Chile and Argentina. We invite you to check out our other past projects.

Mobile Kitchens Canada offers an on-site survey to evaluate the client's requirements, prepares a recommended operational food service plan and liaises with health, fire and building departments to ensure compliance with all provincial and local codes. Following delivery, we assist contractors in the installation of the units. Expedient, low cost installation can be anticipated with a good planning model and site readiness for water, waste and electrical connections.

For more, see mobilekitchenscanada.com





No job is too big or too small. That's the motto of Jon Mills and Shelley Moynes, owners of Quality Marine Construction.

Jon and Shelley founded Quality Marine last year bringing years of experience in dock construction to the forefront. Jon is also a pipefitter and welder. In addition to building custom docks, Jon and his crew can provide mobile marine welding services, shoreline work including bridge ramps, build boathouses and decks.

With their excavator they can do site cleaning and preparation. Moving an entire building worth of materials unto an island in a safe and reliable manner is easily achieved with the use of their barge and tug service. Quality Marine Construction has recently purchased a new push boat. This new boat allows us to now barge just about anything you need from firewood, reno materials, appliances, atv's, furniture and more. If you need it, we'll barge it!

Jon is a long time resident of Gananoque and has seen firsthand the damages caused by the high waters of 2017 and 2019. Addressing those damages has been a cornerstone of his work and satisfaction from his customers is paramount.

His shop is located at 695 Stone Street. To find out more about Quality Marine Construction, the one-stop-shop for marine service, visit their Facebook page or call 613-888-0340. Consultation is free.













## Being part of the TIA is an opportunity we at Redmond Realty Ltd are extremely proud of.

Redmond Realty Ltd Brokerage has been a leader in waterfront sales for over 20 years As a locally owned business with a full staff who have all grown up loving, living and working in the 1000 Islands we have always placed a special emphasis on waterfront and island properties. We bring integrity, honesty plus a wealth of personal and regulatory knowledge and expertise to every transaction. With our clients' requirements in mind, we work diligently for as long as it takes to obtain the desired outcome, be that selling or buying.

Over the years, these client relationships have led to purchases by family and friends of current and former waterfront owners and we've introduced new buyers who have fallen in love, purchased and become part of our river family too. Covid-19 has brought new challenges to everyone and our Real Estate industry is no different.

Here too, the internet has emerged as the predominant way we work with and reach sellers and buyers locally and around the world. To help ensure we continue to lead the way in Real Estate in the 1000 Islands, we are constantly adapting to changes in the marketplace by adding new tools and alternative ways of doing business such as the use of electronic signatures, drone video and 360-degree photography/video walk through to our already extensive local river expertise.

The 2020 season was a record year for waterfront sales and we anticipate the 2021 season to continue the trend. If you are considering selling or buying, we'd love to connect with you. "Your Local Company With World Wide Connections"

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In February, Canada's Ministry of Transportation announced restrictions on large cruise vessels for the coming year. However, Canadian travelers can take heart that they will have a small ship cruising alternative for the 2021. St. Lawrence Cruise Lines has confirmed operations for the upcoming season and will provide overnight cruises on the St. Lawrence and Ottawa rivers from May to October.

St. Lawrence Cruise Lines is a Canadian-owned company with a 40-year history of calm water river cruising. Key features of their cruises are the small ship profile of the 32-stateroom CANADIAN EMPRESS, an all-Canadian crew, and a robust Health and Safety program that allowed the company to operate this past September in compliance with federal and provincial pandemic guidelines.

St. Lawrence Cruise Lines President Jason Clark comments, "We are excited to offer Canadian domestic travelers a small ship option for the 2021 season. Our overnight cruises stay close to shore in Canadian waters and our Covid-19 Health and Safety program has been recognized for its high standards."

This past December, St. Lawrence Cruise Lines was awarded the #SafeTravels Stamp by the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario (TIAO) for adherence to global standards of health and safety. Their Covid-19 Health and Safety program includes reduced passenger loads, masking, physical distancing, and a hospital-grade electrostatic disinfectant regime for both private staterooms and shared spaces.

The line will offer a variety of cruises from 4 to 7 nights in length, with departures from Kingston, Ottawa, and Quebec City. The vessel will travel exclusively in domestic waters and stop at select ports in Ontario and Quebec. Daily excursions will consist of private guided tours of historic attractions such as Upper Canada Village, Fort Wellington, and Fulford Mansion. All staterooms have access to fresh air, climate controls, and an intimate view of the river.

The atmosphere aboard the classic riverboat CANADIAN EMPRESS is warm and friendly and the crew is well-trained to deliver exceptional hospitality service while keeping passengers safe and healthy. Calm water cruising is all about relaxation, and the St. Lawrence and Ottawa rivers provide the perfect atmosphere to get away without leaving Canada.

The 2021 cruising season will run from May 20 to October 24. For more information on rates or availability, visit www.StLawrenceCruiseLines.com or call 1-800-267-7868.



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The Boat Warehouse, located in Kingston, Ontario, began operations in 1991 led by Dave Mayhew, a local boat enthusiast who wasn't satisfied with the typical boat dealer's inventory or expertise. His vision was to offer boat lovers more options at competitive prices.

In just a few years time, The Boat Warehouse quickly became known as a world-class boat dealership with a knowledgeable friendly staff. Mr. Mayhew did that by offering a tremendous selection from the best possible brands: Four Winns, Glastron and Lowe, something that is proudly maintained to this day. They have consistently been the best seller for a few simple reasons- they love boats.

The moment you walk into the dealership you will be greeted by their friendly sales staff. Most of the staff have been with The Boat Warehouse for over twenty years and have developed relationships with customers that have stood the test of time.

Whether it's your first boat or your fourth they look forward to surpassing your expectations with a friendly smile. Every customer has a different dream and their goal is to help you realize that dream.

The Boat Warehouse's inventory is unmatched. They have all the sizes and popular styles of your favourite bowriders, pontoon boats, cruisers and fishing boats. They treat every customer with the exact same enthusiasm, respect and care. From a 16 foot fishing boat to a 40 foot yacht you can expect the same level of dedication and service from The Boat Warehouse Team, guaranteed.

Boaters come back every time because they know The Boat Warehouse will have a boat that fits your need in stock today.







## THORNBUSCH LANDSCAPING



### Thornbusch Landscaping Company Inc.

The first company in North America to achieve the designation "Landscape Industry Accredited Company" providing service to the 1000 Islands, Rideau Lakes Region from Brockville to Kingston.

Paul Doornbos grew up in the horticulture industry and started Thornbusch Landscaping in 2007. The foundation of his company is a focus on safety, skills development and professionalism. The pride Thornbusch Landscaping Company takes in their work is manifested by the acronym P.R.I.D.E defined as follows: **P-Professionalism; R-Respect; I-Integrity; D-Dedication; E-Experience.** TLC Inc. characterizes their business as vision builders and life enhancers by bringing people's dreams to life.

Your home is the biggest investment most people make. According to 'The Gallup Organization' landscaping not only enhances your home but also adds 7 to 15% to the value. As an example, a house valued in the \$200,000 to \$225,000 range, professionally installed and effective landscaping design could add as much as \$30,000 to its overall value.

In order to know what kinds of landscaping makes sense, TLC Inc. offers the following tips to help with landscaping ideas.

- 1. Know your Plant hardiness zone.
- 2. Observe what works in your area by what others have done or are doing.
- 3. Consult magazines, books and television for ideas of what your likes are.
- 4. **www.landscapeontario.com** provides an abundance of information on landscaping ideas, designs and where to find a professional in your area.
- 5. Visit your local independent Garden Centre.
- 6. Consult with a professional landscape designer.

The most striking landscape designs have a focal point or accent. Prospective buyers will look for low maintenance, year round interest and functionality and curb appeal. A professionally designed and installed landscape will create a return on your investment and set your home apart from the rest.

TLC Inc. is a multiple Landscape Ontario "Awards of Excellence Winner". While proud of the awards, Paul is more proud of the trust clients have placed in TLC Inc. to enhance their properties. Over the years, Thornbusch Landscaping has worked to continually improve their services, professionally develop its team and build up the landscaping industry.

The Thornbusch Landscaping Team do deliver P.R.I.D.E. coupled with VALUE for your dollar.



# THOUSAND ISLAND MARINE CONSTRUCTION

Thousand Island Marine Construction Ltd. is a professional marine construction company in Gananoque. The Bishop family founded the company and have been in the business for more than 50 years, if you want a private dock or a boathouse, they can build it for you. They also take construction projects such as seawalls, cottages, filter bed installation, steel structure floating docks and more. At Thousand Island Marine Construction Ltd. there is a certified welding shop for manufacturing custom steel designs for any project. All of their equipment is licensed and insured.

The owner of Thousand Island Marine Construction, John Bishop, is no stranger to the marine industry. His father, Les Bishop built numerous private docks, boathouses, seawalls and cottages around Gananoque and the Thousand Islands during the late 1940's to late 1960's. Les Bishop also built numerous government wharves for the Federal Government. John Bishop founded Bishop Marine Construction in 1968 and Thousand Island Marine Construction in 1972. Both companies operate today. Andrew Bishop, the son of John Bishop, represents the third generation of Bishop's in the marine field. Some of the key employees to their business have worked with them on a continuous basis for over 25 years.

They offer professional marine construction services in Gananoque and the surrounding area. They have been manufacturing floating docks since 1972 and have shipped them as far away as the Madeline Islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Thousand Island Marine Construction is a licensed pump out service for over 30 years and a licensed installer of septic filter beds using modern equipment. Other services include Dredging, Heavy Equipment Rentals, Pile Driving, Permit Services and Licensed Diving Operations on the St. Lawrence Seaway.

No job is too big or too small whether private or commercial. Please contact John Bishop at 613-382-2366 or by email johnbishop@timarineconstruction.com









Wavve Boating, a mobile application to help boaters easily find their way, was founded on the waters of the St. Lawrence River by Adam Allore. A lifelong boater and trained Engineer, Adam set out to tackle the problems he regularly saw while helping other River Rats at Gordon Marine in Gananogue.

Wavve Boating easily shows boaters where NOT to go with nautical charts customized to their boat's draft. The app also allows members to mark all their favorite spots, see their friends on the water, and share routes.

In the past three years, Wavve Boating has grown to a team of ten, partnered with BRP Sea-Doo, expanded to the United States, and is now used by tens of thousands of boaters across North America.

Making boating easier, safer and more enjoyable is our mission. Our belief is that life is a whole lot better when you spend time on the water.

Adam, the team at Wavve Boating, and TIA have been working together for the past couple of years to update the shoal marker program resulting in the creation of the interactive shoal marker map on the TIA website.

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