



JULY 2021

RIVER TALK



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Our thanks to TIA member and friend, John N. Street,
for providing many of the images used in River Talk each month.

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"Late 80's is a close as I can guess. The Princess was photographed just off Alexandria Bay during the Annual A'bay Boat Parade. (blessing of the fleet) The theme of the parade that year was "Christmas in July" The Princess was owned by Mike / Heather Chisholm and Al Erskin" Pete Medcalf



Do You Have A Favourite **River Photo** that brings back a special moment or memory?

If so, please share it with **TIA**

You can email it to us at: thousandislandsassociation@gmail.com

"Being able to cruise over to Clayton and enjoy Dinner then a sunset and cruise home in the twilight. Circa 2019... seems like history at this time..." Alec Turner- TIA Board Member





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Peter Fitton

July is history month for our two nations on several fronts.

First in order of time is July 4 when Americans celebrate Independence Day. The American Revolutionary War began in 1775, at a time when Americans were unhappy with the British ruling of the colonies and wanted independence from Great Britain. Following the war, by issuing the Declaration of Independence, adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, the 13 American colonies severed their political connections to Great Britain.

Second in time is July 1, the day in 1867 the British Parliament brought the British North America Act (BNA) into effect, leading to the creation of an independent Canada. The BNA served as the basis for the constitution of Canada until 1982 when it was renamed the Constitution Act by which the British Parliament's authority was transferred to the independent Canadian Parliament.

Americans and Canadians need to celebrate their independence. Burst out your national flag, whip up some traditional delicacies, and demonstrate your freedom – fireworks and celebrating with family and friends.

Third in history is our emergence from COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings and mobility. July 2021 is the gateway for a Phoenix between our two nations to regenerate relationships and become born again. The massive campaigns of vaccinations in Canada and the United States are making this happen. Our collective patience has grown fragile, but the light is brightening at the end of this tunnel as US and Canadian law makers are in discussions on opening the border for non-essential travel. Read more from Director Orm Murphy's article in this issue.

July is also the month for TIA's AGM which creates history in the making for our river community organization. On July 5, TIA will release a survey to its membership to vote on formal business matters – Minutes of the 2020 AGM, Approval of Financial Statements and Professional Accountants, and Approval of the slate of Directors for 2021/2022.

On July 24, TIA will conduct its 2021 AGM on Zoom. Read more from Director Alec Turner's article in this issue regarding AGM agenda details and our speakers.

I wish you all a happy summer and to reconnecting on the river as we emerge safely together from the pandemic.



FROM THE EDITOR

By Allison Burchell-Robinson



It has now been twenty one months. One can only imagine the state of disrepair. The small patch of lawn, long untended, has disappeared beneath a blanket of pine needles. The patio, semi destroyed by the high waters of 2019, has crumbled even further with stones wrestled from the river safely back in their watery grave. The flower pots and baskets stacked neatly behind the dock house sit forlornly. The flagpole standing tall above the cottage is bereft of its flags. The dock is shifting, never recovering fully from the assault of the water in 2017 and 2019. The interior of the cottage smells musky and empty. What am I describing here? It could be mine, it may well be yours.

In a state of despair? Not at all! Those who have not been able to cross the border in either direction are waiting avidly for the opening. Imagine all at the starting date waiting for the signal then galloping to the target. Diving into fixing, cleaning, painting, clearing, repairing, planting, whatever, you name it, all can't wait to get at it. This time it'll be more intense, more time consuming, probably more costly but what could be more important? Nothing in my book. Fingers crossed!

For those not able to be where they hoped or planned this July, the Thousand Islands Association wants you to know that they have been monitoring the border for several months. You can find out more by reading the article by Orm Murphy in this edition of River Talk. More information is available in prior River Talks available on TIA's website: thousandislandsassociation.com.

Happy Canada Day on July 1 and Happy 4th of July to all. See the article by Vince Barton for some interesting facts about July 4th. On the other side of the border, President Peter Fitton salutes Canada Day in his message.

Do pay particular attention to the article about the Trash Free River Clean-up Day. Janet Smith-Staples has recently immersed herself in learning about and participating in River Clean-up Days sponsored by Save the River. It's amazing what the eye does not see until one is taught to look and focus. TIA needs you on August 7th!



Saturday, August 7th is TIA's
2nd Annual River Clean Up Day



JOIN TIA'S AGM ONLINE

TIA IS HOSTING ITS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON ZOOM

THE PRELUDE - It's Time to Vote Online re TIA Business !

Members in good standing will receive their voting kit in a direct email beginning next week. The email contains a link to a brief but important online ballot. Please VOTE before the July 20th deadline so results can be tallied and reported during our online AGM.



THE MAIN EVENT - Saturday July 24th, 2021 @ 9:00am EDT Online Social, Annual General Meeting & Invited Speakers



Thousand Islands Association AGM Hosted on ZOOM

- 9:00-9:40am** Arrival, Meet & Greet Gathering – River Community Social
- 9:40-10:00am** Wave, Yell & Shout-outs and Local Dignitaries
- 10:00-11:30am** AGM: River Updates, Invited Speakers & Contest Winners

Take a Journey “Under the St. Lawrence” with Helen Cooper

Join us while Helen Cooper takes us under the St. Lawrence to a fascinating world unseen by many. For over 25 years Abucs scubA and the Brockville Adventure Centre have taken divers on underwater adventures.

The St. Lawrence River, the main shipping route used for centuries, is where hundreds of vessels met their fate from wooden schooners with cargo of grain or coal, warships of the early 1800's to modern freighters we see today. Their remains lie along the river bottom waiting to be explored, we may even spot a rock marker too !



“Get Into the Green Scene” with Annabel Cowan

Anna is the Thousand Islands Association's first ever 'Environmental Ambassador', made possible in part with a grant from the Environmental Careers Organization of Canada. Anna will take us along the path of “Getting into the Green Scene” by revealing what she has discovered, implemented and explored during her time with TIA this summer. Currently she is finishing up her degree at McGill University in Environmental Studies, which focuses on the highly interconnected relationships which exist between humans, society and our surrounding environments.



Click Here to Register for AGM



ENVIRONMENTAL Sponsor Spotlight

By Annabel Cowan- TIA Environmental Ambassador



Each month we will highlight one of our business sponsors who has taken the initiative to implement sustainability and green practices into their business in an effort to reduce their impacts on the environment. This month's featured sponsor is Gan Chev.

Gan Chev has been a staple in the Gananoque community since 1976, providing new and used vehicles as well as repair and maintenance services. Despite their long history, those at Gan Chev are not resting on their laurels and are choosing to go the extra mile by prioritizing sustainability in their business and in their vehicles.

While most car manufacturing companies have plans for the future of electric vehicles (EVs), Dale and Mike at Gan Chev, believe that General Motors is taking it to another level. Beyond an all new rollout of EVs planned for 2025, GM is also implementing an all new electric vehicle platform called Ultium. This means that any type of vehicle could be built onto this one platform, heavily reducing the environmental footprint of GM's manufacturing processes. This coming fall, GM will also be releasing the Bolt and Bolt EUV (Electric Utility Vehicle) that will be some of the best priced EVs on the market, finally bringing the option of EVs to a price point that is more accessible for the average Joe.



More specifically, Gan Chev has recently begun to shift towards becoming totally paperless as well as converting to motion-sensor LED lighting. Both initiatives have significantly reduced waste produced and energy used by the dealership and are extremely cost-efficient.



When asked what their advice would be for other businesses looking to 'go green', Dale and Mike recommended starting with something that not only helps your business to be greener but also helps your customers. By finding those synergies, you can become more efficient, provide your customers with a better experience AND reduce your environmental impact. It is these small changes made by every person and every business that can change the world!

Thank you to Dale Sheppard and Mike Kellam for taking the time to talk to us! For any of your vehicle or automotive needs check out Gan Chev at <https://www.getgm.com>



In Case You Were Wondering

By Alec Turner and Dave McWilliam

Did you know different types of fires require different types of extinguishers?

The letters on a fire extinguisher tell you what types of fires it is designed to fight while the number (before the letters) will tell you how big a fire it will put out. It is important, and your responsibility to have the right number, type and size of fire extinguisher(s) on board your vessel.

Fire Extinguishers should be:

- a) checked often for correct operating pressure and that they are in good condition,
- b) turned upside down at least monthly and shaken vigorously to prevent them from clumping,
- c) mounted in a bracket to secure it in place, and located in an easily accessible place, like the steering area where it will be near the operator.
- d) replaced every 10 to 12 years. Fire extinguishers often have a manufacturing date on their UL label or on the bottom, but do not have an expiry date.
- e) checked and serviced by a qualified service representative. If rechargeable this should be done as per the manufacturer's instructions.

(Sources: Transport Canada & National Marine Manufacturers Association - 2021)

It is also important to ensure that everyone on board knows where the fire extinguisher is located on the boat and knows how to use it! For further information on Fire Extinguishers and your obligations check out the following links....

USA Requirements: [CLICK HERE](#)

Canadian Requirements: [CLICK HERE](#) and go to Pages 15-18 & 32



For years it's been said that washing your dishes by hand conserves more water than using the dishwasher and we were encouraged to only use the dishwasher when absolutely necessary. There are of course other considerations such as the energy and materials required to produce and use a dishwasher, but nowadays, they have become so efficient that in fact you are saving more water when you use a dishwasher than washing your dishes by hand!

Small changes in behaviour can make a world of difference!



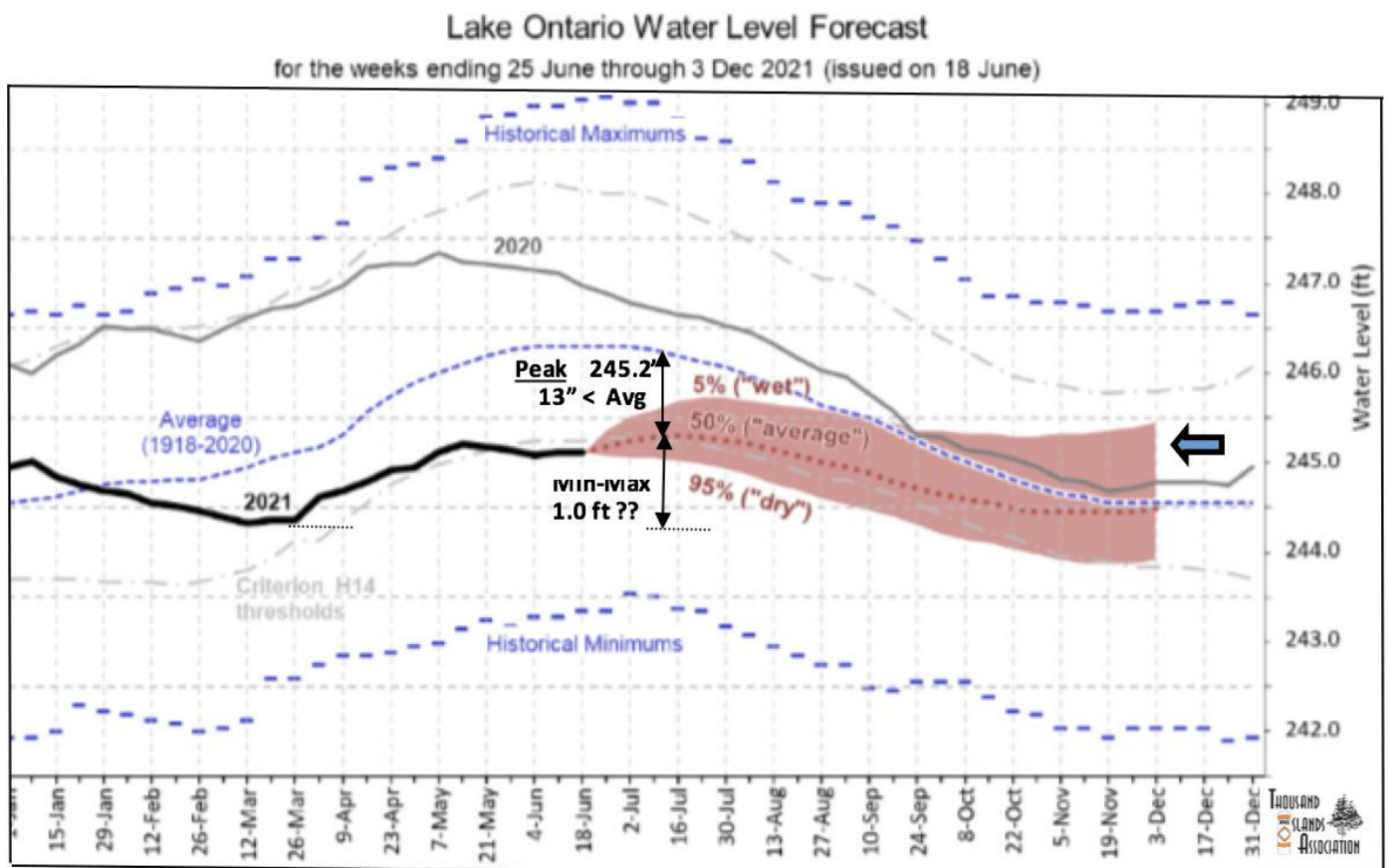
WATER LEVEL UPDATE

Low Water - Holding Steady

TIA Water Levels Committee – Vince Barton & Ken White (6/22/21)

- Lake steady 1 – 2 " above 245 feet
- Levels ~14" below late June's average
- Last time this low in late June: 1965
- Drought conditions continued in May
- LO Basin 44% of May avg precipitation, 1.38"
- Further rise may be only a few inches
- Sadly, we *may* be at the peak
- Board releasing a tiny bit < Plan 2014
- Lowered outflow won't help much
- BE SAFE – Defensive Navigation
- Use charts, GPS & River smarts

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full article



Source: <https://ijc.org/en/losrb/watershed/forecasts> w/data graphics added by the Thousand Islands Association (TIA)



ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS



The River Otter

By Stuart Arnett

The North American River Otter, through the late 1800's and early 1900's has made a comeback via conservative management and reintroduction efforts. The River Otter population has been considered stable since the 1950's. They can be found in every province except Prince Edward Island where they have been extirpated. The River Otter is protected by and insulated by a thick water repellant coat of fur.

From nose to the tip of their tail they can measure up to 1.4 metres and weigh almost 9 kilograms. River Otters breed in late winter or early spring and give birth to between one and six pups who are born blind. The pups will stay inside the den which typically has many tunnel openings, one of which allows the otter to enter and exit. After the first month the pups will start to venture out with their parents.

The River Otter prefers to eat fish but are opportunists when it comes to their diet. They will eat frogs, crayfish, freshwater clams, small turtles amphibians and aquatic insects. Otters are members of the mustelid family - weasels, mink, fishers, skunks and wolverines but they definitely have a much more playful attitude and are great to watch frolicking in the water or on land in the snow as they do not hibernate. They are expert swimmers.



Photos courtesy of Tom Koerner, Naturally Curious and https://disney-animals.fandom.com/wiki/North_American_River_Otter

River Otters are at the top of their food chain and thus are "sentinel" or "indicator" species and the one constant in the wide variety of habitats that the otter now frequents is the availability of fresh clean water and an abundance of prey.

So when you see one of these playful creatures, sit back and enjoy their happiness and be proud of your clean and healthy waterway.



FRIENDS OF TIA FEATURING



1000 Islands History Museum

By Joanne van Dreumel, Executive Director

Hello sunshine! While this continues to be a challenging time, I'm proud of the 1000IHM team's commitment to safely maintaining our operations, which in turn strengthens our community. I'm also thrilled with the success of our social media platforms. 'Wayback Wednesday' and 'Prosser Challenge', have been wonderful outreach tools, helping us put some names to faces in the archives collection.

We're always working hard to enhance our services, whether you visit us at the Museum or online. We're very grateful for ongoing support from the Town of Gananoque, and for grants received from the Federal Government, for care of collections, our summer students, and to host our 2021 exhibit 'To What Degree - Canada in a changing climate'. A grant from the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative has turned our building into a barrier free 'Wi-fi Zone' allowing high speed Internet access for everyone!

This summer, we continue our battle with the ten 'Agents of Deterioration' as defined by the Canadian Conservation Institute. One that poses a risk to the Town of Gananoque Collection is Dissociation. It occurs when objects or their information have been lost, or we can't connect any of it together anymore. Without its story, the object is 'lost' and it becomes a 'thing' that exists. Dissociation can occur as a result of catastrophic or continual events, such as improper collections management. Because the collection was left dormant for so many years, the continuity of information and systems ceased. Since 2015, we've been putting the pieces of the puzzle back together. Can you help us out?!

We're also embarking on a new strategic plan, which will guide our priorities for the next 5 years. As the first of two museums on the Gananoque waterfront, we want to ensure we're serving our community in a way that reflects what you want your Museum to be. Please take a minute to fill out our online survey by [CLICKING HERE](#) and let us know what you think.

If you would like to support us, become a member and/or purchase an August 12th, online raffle ticket! www.1000islandsheritagemuseum.com



Titled 'Swimmers'. Maybe you know names, date, and location?





Noteworthy News I

TIA- CROSS BORDER TASK FORCE UPDATE

By Orm Murphy- TIA Board Member

We are getting closer. As greater numbers of the Canadian and American population are becoming vaccinated, both governments are under enormous pressure to reopen the border.

In Canada, many provinces are on the verge of lifting all COVID-19 restrictions. But the decision to re-open the border, and under what conditions, is a Federal decision.

Recently, the Canadian Government announced the easing of restrictions with respect to fully vaccinated Canadians returning to Canada. The major concession was that these returning Canadians would not have to quarantine for 14 days, unless required to do so by border authorities.

The Canadian government expects to have 80% of adult Canadians fully vaccinated by the end of July.



Prime Minister Trudeau has recently stated that the reopening will happen in stages, and that the first travellers entering Canada will have to be fully vaccinated.

The cross-border restrictions have been extended to July 21st. It is unlikely that border restrictions will be lifted until then.

Our committee has vigorously lobbied and written to politicians on both sides of the border. Hopefully, we can expect positive news before the end of July.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read a recent article in Politico about the current situation



Looking for a unique way to recognize or honour someone special? Why not sponsor a TIA Shoal Marker in their name. Learn more by [CLICKING HERE](#)

Noteworthy News II

The Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands wants to hear from you

The Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands has initiated an exciting strategic planning process. The objective of this process is to set the strategic direction for the Township, and position Leeds and the Thousand Islands for success now and into the future.

Foundational to the strategic planning process is input from important community stakeholders like yourself. We want to make sure that your opinions are heard, valued, and incorporated. In order to gain these insights, we have developed the community survey linked below.

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE SURVEY](#)

The survey is 14 questions and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. For ease of integration, we are providing you with the same survey that we have provided the general public.

In order to preserve your privacy, all responses are anonymous.

We greatly appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey and look forward to hearing your insights.

Sincerely,

Mayor Corinna Smith-Gatcke
Township of Leeds and the 1000 Islands



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ISLAND GROUP NAMES AND THE STORY BEHIND THEM



Ever wonder why the Islands are named in Groups: Admiralty, Navy Fleet, Brock Group, etc. They first appeared on Capt. William FitzWilliam's 1818 chart. Owen, the British Hydrographer, used thirteen sections to commemorate individuals and ships of the times.

Captain William FitzWilliam Owen, British Admiralty Hydrographer, wrote the plan to name the islands for his survey in 1816. [National Archives of Canada C2590]

The Admiralty Islands were named after those who worked in the Admiralty Office, including Admirals Yorke (Bostwick) and Melville (Hay), as well as those engraving charts (Walker/Mermaid) or carrying files.

Next came the Lake Fleet, named for the vessels that fought during the War of 1812, many of which were the gunboats used by Owen's crew taking river soundings. Also, Navy Islands commemorated the officers who fought in the War of 1812-14, which took place only a few years before the survey.

The largest, Wellesley Island, was named after Sir Arthur Wellesley, the Duke of Wellington. And 55 islands surrounding Wellesley were named after the officers, such as Roland Hill, George Murray and Thomas Picton, who fought with Wellington in the Peninsular Wars in Europe from 1808-1812. Even Lake of the Isles was named Lake Waterloo, and each prominent point was named after a battle Wellington won. (near Thousand Islands Park/Talavera Point)

One of his smartest moves was naming the islands east of Rockport after those who approved his salary and budget as Treasury Chambers.

Gore Island, now Grindstone, was named after Sir Francis Gore, Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada.

Owen also named the islands in the Alexandria Bay region. "The Old Friends" (i.e., The Nancy/Heart Island) were the ships he sailed on before coming to Upper Canada. "The Hydrographers" were 12 islands named after his naval surveyors who completed the survey.

The Indian Allies, a group in Chippewa Bay, has nine Islands named after several indigenous chiefs who fought for the British in 1812.

The last group located in the middle of the Seaway channel he named the Amateur Group. Why? Simple. These men were British Army Engineers who surveyed the mainland on the North shore of the St. Lawrence River. Owen was in the British Admiralty. Thus, he considered these surveyors "Amateurs!"

Some names remain in use today – all are worth researching. If you want to know about a particular island name, ask me!

Susan W. Smith, Sagastaweka Island, Admiralty Group



The Meaning of Independence Day in the United States

By Vince Barton - TIA Board Member

Fireworks, parades, barbeques, bonfires, family and friends... these are what we often think of when we hear "the Fourth of July." The true meaning, though, of America's Independence Day runs much deeper. The Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776, marking the date we've celebrated ever since.

Our methods of celebration have a long history. Initial public readings of the Declaration of Independence were often accompanied by parades, concerts, bonfires, and the firing of cannons. The tradition of setting off fireworks in honor of the event started on July 4th, 1777, as the first organized celebration of the holiday in Philadelphia included fireworks plus a 13-gun salute to recognize the original 13 colonies. Boston celebrations that year also included fireworks.

Early celebrations of the Fourth of July were used by emerging political leaders to address the citizens and help to build feelings of unity among the people. By the 1790s, however, there were often separate celebrations in major cities held by the two major political parties, the Democratic-Republicans and the Federalist Party.

Additional "fun facts" about the history of July 4th:

- During the Revolutionary War, George Washington had double-rations of rum issued to each soldier to commemorate the day
- Massachusetts was the first state to officially recognize the holiday in 1781
- The White House didn't host an official 4th of July party until 1801
- Recognition as an unpaid federal holiday began in 1870
- It became a paid federal holiday in 1941
- The "Star Spangled Banner," by Francis Scott Key, a song often associated with the day, wasn't written until 1812 (and didn't become the national anthem until 1931)
- Only 1 US president was born on the 4th of July (Calvin Coolidge in 1872), but 3 have died on the date (both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams on the 50th anniversary in 1826, then James Monroe in 1831)

The political importance of the Fourth of July may have declined over time, but the holiday remains a strong symbol of national patriotism. Our leisurely celebrations including fireworks, parades, and gatherings continue the traditions started nearly 250 years ago in honor of the birth of a nation.



TIA'S 2021 RIVER CLEAN UP DAY

Mark Your Calendar!

By Janet Smith-Staples - TIA Board Member

Photo courtesy of zoutman.com



'Trash? What Trash' you ask?

Our beloved Thousand Islands looks quite pristine, right? If we see a strange or foreign looking object floating around most of us either grab the binoculars or simply just head straight for it for further investigation. If it's trash (i.e. a plastic bag, tin can or lonesome fender) we grab the boat hook, fish it out and we are on our way.

However, what I discovered during my last two volunteer days with Save The River® / Upper St. Lawrence RIVERKEEPER® River Clean-up day is that our shoreline and river bottom are often littered with trash.

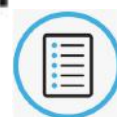
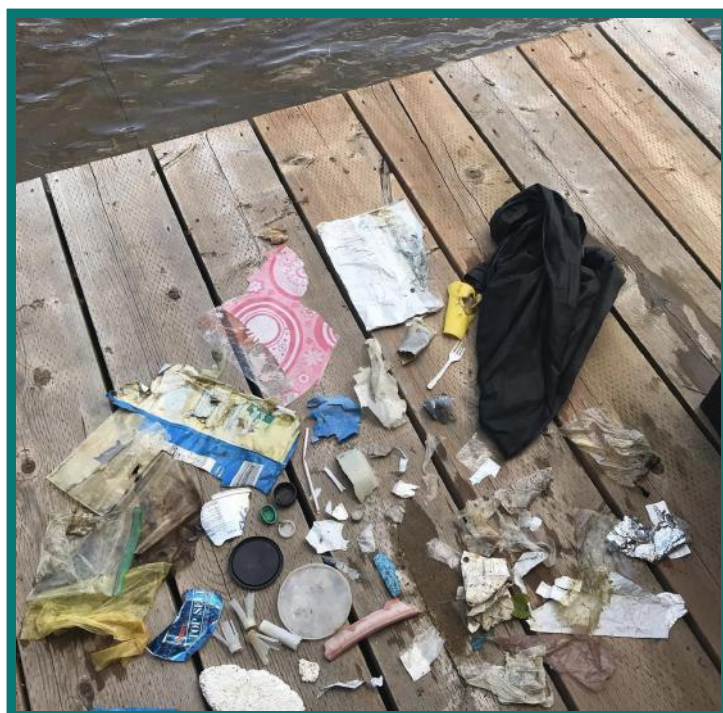
Sure, it depends on the area (your shoreline may very well be a pristine one) but head to a catch basin or shoreline where the public has access, and you will see it. Trash, Big and Small. In fact it's the small trash items that pose such a big issue. These little bits of plastic are well on their way to becoming microbeads and ending up in the belly of fish, turtles, birds etc.

One thing we stressed during the clean-up was that no small item of trash was too small to remove. You may be thinking to yourself "I've been at this for over an hour and seem to have little to show for it" but in fact you couldn't be further from the truth. Instead, look in that same bucket and see all the wildlife you've helped save above and below the surface, as each small piece in your bucket is no longer a threat to our river wildlife.

But don't misunderstand we found big stuff too... tires, an old computer, plastic fishing nets, plastic storage tubs & broken lids, styrofoam, old metal rebar, a metal bed frame, countless plastic water bottles, pop cans, glass bottles and worm containers, the list is quite long.

On Saturday August 7th (9am-noon) TIA will be hosting our second annual Trash Free River Clean-up day focusing on 6 areas accessible by land and by boat. Keep an eye on your inbox in the next two weeks for a separate mailing with our sign-up sheets and event day details.

Hope to see you there!





Fishing Line Recycling Stations

By Annabel Cowan- TIA Environmental Ambassador

TIA is excited to announce a brand new Fishing Line Recycling Program for our fellow fisherpeople. In the coming month, 10-14 Recycling Stations will be installed at a variety of local marinas, boat launches and popular fishing spots. The goal of this program is to bring awareness to the issues caused by fishing line being left in the environment and the importance of properly disposing of one's fishing line.

Monofilament fishing line left in the environment can cause a whole host of issues by entangling birds, fish, turtles and other aquatic species, choking animals who may mistake it for food and affecting water and soil quality as the monofilament breaks down into harmful microplastics. Even when fishing line does make it into the garbage, monofilament is known to take roughly 600 years to degrade, leaving ample opportunity to continue to affect wildlife in and around landfills.

By disposing of your fishing line in our easy access Recycling Stations you are helping to keep our local wildlife safe, our waters clean and keeping monofilament line out of landfills. Unfortunately, due to the material that fishing line is made from, it cannot be recycled at home, but with the help of the Berkley Recycling Center, TIA is able to properly recycle it for you.

When you use one of TIA's Fishing Line Recycling Stations you are giving your fishing line a second life and can feel good about the positive impact you are making on our local environment!

A very big thank you is owed to TIA members Stuart Arnett, Alec Turner, Dave McWilliam and Anna Cowan for making this program possible!



TIA'S 2021 HIGH SCHOOL BURSARY RECIPIENT

By Annabel Cowan- TIA Environmental Ambassador



We would like to give a big congratulations to TIA's high school bursary recipient Rebecca Lantier! Rebecca is a soon-to-be graduate of Thousand Islands High School in Clayton, NY with plans to attend the University of California - Santa Barbara in the fall.

While this last year has been difficult for Rebecca, as it has been for many of us, there were aspects of online school that she did enjoy as it gave her more independence to do her school work. She felt this was a good experience as she transitions into higher education which requires students to learn and work much more independently. However, she is very grateful to have been able to finish her Senior year with some normalcy by attending prom and graduation in-person!

Similar to most high school students, Rebecca had no idea what programs she was interested in for her post-secondary studies but after randomly signing up for an ornithology competition through her Science Olympiad team she became extremely passionate about learning more about birds. Realizing that she was using her free time to learn about birds and was thoroughly enjoying it, she decided environmental studies was the program for her!

Rebecca is looking forward to making her big move across the country to the West Coast in California this fall. Among other things she is excited for the warmer weather and to learn how to surf. The UC-Santa Barbara campus has unique amenities such as an on-campus lagoon and aquarium that Rebecca is looking forward to taking advantage of and learning more about the ocean ecosystems. She has been accepted into the pre-biology track and is considering a range of environment-related programs including aquatic biology, ecology and environmental sciences. At this moment, Rebecca is very interested in going into wildlife research after her undergrad with the goal of preserving ecosystems and biodiversity. While her primary interests now are of course birds, she is prepared for interests to change and grow once she is exposed to a whole new realm of wildlife which exists in the ocean.

We are very excited to see all of the wonderful things that Rebecca will accomplish and we wish her the best of luck in her studies this fall!



Rebecca Lantier



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"Took our puppy Torvi for sailboat training last week. She decided this was her puppy bar. I'm not sure if she was ordering food or drinks but she wasn't happy with the service" Photo and story supplied by TIA Member Glennis Newton

Thousand Islands Association

Due to seasonality, varying water levels, vandalism and equipment failure, the Thousand Island Association disclaims any liability for the absence of any of its shoal markers from time to time.

The Thousand Islands Association (TIA) is a not for profit organization that is proactive in addressing safety on the river, promoting environmental preservation and supporting the interests of the Community for the benefit of the 1000 Islands region of the St. Lawrence River.

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TIA's Three Pillars

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