



2009 Annual General Meeting and Membership Drive

June 6th, 2009 – 10am–Noon – Galway Hall

Dear Crystal Lakers',

Here comes another great summer on THE best lake in the Kawartha's – and if you are fortunate enough to be a cottager then you are part of a very privileged group of people during this tough economic climate – congratulations!

CLCA 2009 Membership Drive – it is that time of year when we ask everyone to renew their CLCA membership or perhaps join for the very first time. Signing up couldn't be any easier since you can pay by cheque through the mail using the enclosed colour card, in person at the AGM or online right now using your credit card. Please support your CLCA!

Annual General Meeting – The AGM will be at the Galway Hall on Saturday June 6th from 10am – 12 noon – we'll have coffee on at 9:30 am and I look forward to seeing you there. Our agenda will include a roads update by Gerrard Pearson, an Official Plan Amendment brief by Carl Brickman, a discussion regarding the potential issues with possible uranium mining in the Gooderham area and other interesting topics.

CLCA President – Seeking Nominees – Nevil Knupp has decided to step down effective June 6th, 2009 having served as President CLCA for the past three years. Interested in the position? Come to the AGM and throw your(or someone else's) hat in the ring!

Website –. The newest addition to the website this year is the Crystal Lake webcam where you can get a live video shot of the lake to check out the weather, the waves, whatever. We have had more than 52,000 visits to the website since inception!

2009 - 2010 Photo Calendar – once again thank you for the number of great entries we received. This year's calendar (remember it's a June to June calendar) will be on sale starting the Victoria Day weekend at Crystal Lake Marina, the Transfer Station and from any of the CLCA executive or on our website – we are printing only 150 copies so get yours soon or you'll miss out.

A Word for Our Sponsors – Each of these companies is dedicated to serving the cottage market and is eager to earn your business. Details of our sponsors are available on the website:

- Hubbard Insurance – for all your property protection needs
- J. Austin and Sons – Hardware and Building Supplies
- Naturally Yours – a Shaklee Get Clean distributor
- Ted Ferg – Independent Mortgage Specialist
- Walsten Marine – great boats, great service
- Candlelight Communications – high speed Internet at your cottage
- Peter Franzen – Royal LePage
- Dianne and Vic Spring – ReMax
- Diane Knupp and Dianne Stender - Royal LePage
- Cottage Dreams – please consider supporting this very special organization that offers recent cancer survivors and their families the opportunity to spend a week at a donated, private cottage after treatment to celebrate recovery in a warm and positive atmosphere. Cottage Dreams is a registered charity and relies solely on private and corporate donations to support the program.

Nevil Knupp
President - Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association

Visit www.crystallakecottagers.ca for news, sponsor details and to check out the new CLCA webcam ...

Who needs a Canadian Boat Operator Card?

When do I need to get a card? NOW!

The Competency of Operators of Pleasure Craft Regulations require **all operators** of pleasure craft fitted with a motor and used for recreational purposes to have proof of competency on board at all times.

Do I need proof of competency to operate a non-powered pleasure craft?

No. The License only applies to pleasure craft fitted with a motor.

If my child is 11 years old and drives a boat of less than 10 HP (with my direct supervision) do they still need proof of competency?

Yes. The age-horsepower restrictions were developed under the Boating Restriction Regulations and aren't affected, or superseded, by the Competency of Operators of Pleasure Craft Regulations. The two are entirely separate regulations and their respective requirements should be looked at separately to avoid confusion.

How do I replace my lost Pleasure Craft Operator Card?

While Transport Canada administers the regulations - all cards are issued by private sector organizations referred to as "Course Providers". Here are a few tips to getting a card replacement:

- First, contact the accredited course provider that originally issued the card.
- Second, if you can't remember the name of the course provider that originally issued your card there are a few things to do to help to remember:

- Did you take the test with a family member or friend? If so, check with them as the name of the course provider will be on their card.

- Did you keep a copy of your receipt or the letter that came in the mail with your card attached to it? The course provider's name is included on both of these documents – and...

- Most importantly, Transport Canada recommends that *all* boaters make a copy of their card upon receiving it. This will eliminate doing any research in order to get a replacement card. It's the simplest and most effective way to get your card replaced!

How do I obtain a Pleasure Craft Operator Card?

To obtain a Pleasure Craft Operator Card you need to pass an accredited test.

Do I need to take a course before I write the test?

Taking a boating safety course is strongly recommended regardless of age or experience. However, you can challenge the test without taking a course.

What is covered in a course?

The course covers a full range of basic boating information such as:

- minimum safety equipment requirements required on board your boat;
- the Canadian Buoy system;

- how to share waterways;
- a review of all pertinent regulations;
- and how to respond in an emergency situation.

What are my options?

Take the course over the Internet Online , or in class, or, purchase a training manual from an accredited training organization, study on your own and then take the test.

If I don't pass the test, can I try again?

The test can be written as often as required, although it is strongly recommended that a course be taken if you are unsuccessful the first time. The test can be written only once in every 24-hour period.

Does Transport Canada or the Canadian Coast Guard teach boating safety courses or offer testing?

No. Private companies administer all courses and tests and issue all cards.

Isn't an operator card just another word for a licence?

No, unlike a driver's licence, the operator card cannot be revoked and is good for life. Get your Ontario Boating License Today.

Where can I learn more? www.boatinglicenscanada.com

What are CLCA members saying about boating on our web forum?

"...A boat will produce a LARGER wake at a slower speed with the bow in the air ... say 10-20 mph than it does at 25- 30 mph ... which can really rock docks and toss smaller boats around in channels and bays ...maybe newer captains can look behind them a bit more while out enjoying the lake, just to make sure that their wake isn't causing any issues to others around them ..."

"...There are a couple of big wake board boats in our bay who head out to the main body of the lake to do their thing which everyone really appreciates for sure..... there's a substantial difference between being on plane vs. plowing...much better on fuel, less punishing on the motor, docks and shoreline..."

"..Whenever we wakesurf (which requires huge wake at very slow speed, and ballasts only full on one side), we're always out in the main lake as far from the shores as possible. While it's a compromise for rougher water, we know that we've got a boat that can easily topple floating docks, and create enemies even faster"

"...With our own dock last year we had more of an issue with boat wakes created by tubers, rather than with wake boarders / skaters / surfers.....all those donuts in one spot at low speed can create huge rollers."

Got your own 2 cents worth? Visit the CLCA On-Line Web Forum from the website at www.crystallakecottagers.ca "Register. Participate. Inquire. Learn. Laugh. Cry. Dance (well.....maybe not the last two!)"

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