



Cataraqui Canoe Club

News

September 2011

COMMODORE'S NOTE - BOARD NEWS

By Ed Jezak

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12 October, 7 p.m., at Ongwanada Resource Centre (191 Portsmouth Avenue). Please make an effort to attend. If there is a particular item you wish to discuss, inform me, and I shall attempt to find a place for it on the agenda.

With this Newsletter, Sharon Ferguson is retiring as our Editor. She has been editing and supervising the production and printing since 2004. Jo-Anne Becket is taking over. We have been fortunate in finding a replacement so readily. Thank you, Sharon, for your long and excellent service. Thank you, Jo-Anne, for taking on this task.

My last comment on Transport Canada regulations finished with the statement: "So, the regulations are as they were before." That is not true. For an individual in a canoe or kayak, not paddling in a group, that is mostly true; if traveling out of sight of seamarks (navigation marks), one is required to carry a magnetic compass. For groups, no matter how loosely organized, there are definite requirements on the person considered it's leader. That person is to see to it that each boat in the group has the required equipment, and each person is **wearing** an approved personal flotation device. In addition the leader is to carry a first aid pack, properly equipped. There is such a pack in our boathouse, for use of trip leaders. So far this year, none of our trips has been checked., so we do not know how these regulations are going to be applied. The *Safe Boating Guide* booklet from Transport Canada does not provide any additional information, in fact there is nothing there about groups and

leaders.

This summer fewer of you than in past years have paddled from the boathouse on the designated days. The non-attendance on the Saturdays of June, July, and August was very evident. On the 11 Saturdays 10 people attended; on 4 days nobody came. The next Board of Directors will make the decision, but it is almost certain that we shall stop opening the boathouse on Saturdays.

Let me change hats, and address you as the Webmaster. There should be at least two people in position to edit our website content, so that if one is out of town for a while, the other is available, and to check on each other's entries. So, if someone has the inclination to help, please contact me. Also, I encourage you to check our website; for information, and while on it check a few sections for accuracy, correctness and consistency. Bring anything untoward to my attention, either through the link on the web, or directly to me. (If you use the link on the web, it might take a while before I notice. I do not check that mailbox that often.)

See you at the AGM.

Cataraqi Canoe Club

PO Box 1882 Kingston ON K7L 5J7

Boathouse located on Orchard Street near the Woolen Mill

Call 613 544-8375, or view www.cataraquicanoe.on.ca, for a current listing of upcoming trips and events.

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Newsletter Contributions Welcome!

Members of the Cataraqi Canoe Club (CCC) are invited to submit write-ups of their favourite CCC outings, outdoor adventure, or just about anything that would be of general interest to our members. If you have one or two pictures to accompany the article even better. Email the articles and pics to the News Editor at jebeckett@gmail.com

RENOVATIONS TO THE BOAT HOUSE

HOUSE by Steve Manders

We are just completing significant renovations to the club boat house. Last year, the roof was repaired at a cost of about \$20,000. Now the inside is being upgraded. The lights in the storage room have been moved over the aisles for better lighting, fire extinguishers were serviced, and **10 new boat storage racks** were installed. The racks on the north wall were shifted to allow for 4 stacks of 5 boats each, up from 3 stacks. There are 4 smaller boats on a rack hanging from the ceiling over the boat trailer, and one more on the south wall. This should allow us to accommodate the people that were waiting for a spot, and produce the revenue needed for the next roof repair. The boat trailer was moved forward, allowing Jim Lorimer and myself to move the kayak racks forward and to hold the very long sea kayaks without the ends overlapping. Canoes and kayaks were reorganized to optimize storage space by placing long boats on some racks, and only short ones on other racks. **All storage sites are now clearly identified**, and any club member renting a space will have a clearly identified spot. Count the spots from the top down. These 10 new spots have resulted in many existing member's boats now being stored on lower racks and are more accessible.

There were a many problems identifying who owned which boat because the registration forms were often incomplete and sites were never defined. I.e., a person had a red canoe, but which one? Many kayaks had a lot of names on them, the manufacturer, the model and other snazzy words, but there were duplicate boats. One boat was identified as a red cedar strip canoe, we had a yellow and green one. I could not find any red one. It turns out that it was a beautiful "red cedar" all natural wood canoe. It took a lot of work, going back through past records, but now we have sorted them out.

We also have a **new fork lift** which uses a manual boat winch to lift the boats to the top rack and it works well.

It only takes one person to operate it and no step ladders are required which was a safety and practicality issue.

The washroom lights have been replaced with energy efficient bulbs which are on **motion sensors**. Jim Lorimer lent his expertise here.

An assortment of topographical, marine and hiking maps now line the hallway. **Renovations are going on in the washrooms too.**

A lot of people are in and out of the boat house, all day long. **Security** is everyone's concern. Please be attentive and note suspicious activity. Be sure the doors are locked when out for a paddle and when you leave. You may wish to chain your boat to the rack. Our insurance does not cover your boat. In one short excursion, I saw a bunch of map turtles, 5 swans, a great blue heron with a black crowned night heron, a wood duck, mallards, carp and gar pike. All this was within sight of the boat house! Happy Boating.



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Collect pledges or make a donation. \$40 per family, \$25 per adult,
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or download **2011 Bike & Hike** brochure and pledge form

Official Fall/Winter Schedule for the 2011/2012 Cataraqui Canoe Club

**Change in activity may be necessary due to weather or water conditions. Check with the trip leader. Changes with enough lead time will be posted on the website version of the schedule:
<http://www.cataraquicanoe.on.ca/events.html>**

IS THIS ACTIVITY RIGHT FOR ME? Is it within my limits of fitness and skill? Do I have the right clothing, footwear and equipment? What water, food and protectants should be included in my pack? What are the potential risks, and do I accept them? Is there a health problem that could affect my participation? Am I aware of strategies to minimize impact on the environment?

Your leader can help with these and other questions when you call, and describe the plan for the activity. Also, at the designated meeting place you will be required to read an outline of the activity and the anticipated risks, before signing a waiver. Good preparation and safety awareness on the part of each participant make a trip less risky and more enjoyable for all.

There is a \$5 fee for non-members on paddling trips and overnight trips. Guests are welcome at no

charge on non-paddling day trips.

SAT SEP 24 Charleston Lake Paddle
Always a popular destination, Charleston lake with its many islands and quiet settings. Call Steve 613 542 1054.

SUN OCT 2 Sydenham Lake Paddle And Potluck A CCC first! Come and paddle on Sydenham Lake. So peaceful and serene, one can hardly imagine steam-driven barges bringing giant flakes of mica (up to 3 metres across) into Sydenham Harbour (not to mention a dozen lakeshore trains per day with Kingston-built steam locomotives)! A potluck *chez Linton* will follow. Call Dave 613 376 6883. Call early as space is limited.

WED OCT 12, 7-9 PM: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Ongwanada Auditorium, Portsmouth Ave near Calderwood. CCC paddler-photographer Steve Manders will present an illustrated talk titled *Sea-kayaking in Haida Gwaii and Johnstone Strait, B.C.* But first we must review the business of the club and elect new members of the executive. This is also a good chance to meet other paddlers, share photos, and tell stories of our

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SAT OCT 15 Mellon Lake Paddle A scenic creek and a beautiful lake nestled between high granite ridges and framed by fiery fall foliage. Plan is to paddle 11 km at most, with no portages and no shuttle. To give our skinks a rest, the optional scramble to an overlook will be farther up the lake than usual. Call Dugald 613 542 8628.

SAT OCT 22 Rideau Canal Paddle Jones Falls to Davis Lock and return. 12 km, or 14 km if we decide to circumnavigate Walnut Island. Call Ed 613 389 4459.

SAT OCT 29 Frontenac Park Hike Come and enjoy what's left of the awesome autumn colours in Kingston's back-yard provincial park, perhaps on Big Salmon Loop. Call Don 613 384 4346.

SAT NOV 5 Canoe Lake To Kingsford Dam Paddle And Potluck. A 16-km paddle via Desert Lake and Birch Lake, with a portage (150m) and an optional scramble to a scenic overlook on Birch Lake. The shuttle is only 5 km. The intrepid paddlers will be rewarded with a potluck at "Chez Nancy". Registration is limited. For details call Dukke 613 384 6054.

SAT NOV 12 GANANOQUE RIVER PADDLE. Starting in Gan, we shall paddle 6-10km up this beautiful river and then return. Gentle current in some places but no portages. Call Jim 613 373 2847.

SUN NOV 20 CHARLESTON LAKE HIKE. Come and crunch through freshly fallen leaves on a scenic trail in Charleston Lake Park. Which trail will be trodden? Call Beth 613 389 6362.

SAT NOV 26 NARROWS LOCK HIKE Come and hike a scenic stretch of Rideau Trail northeasterly from Narrows Lock, explore the Ghost Town (Beware the rusty nail!), and return partly by Big Rideau Plateau Trail. About 14 km. Phone Robert 613 542 9626.

SAT DEC 3 PERTH ROAD TO BIG CLEAR LAKE HIKE This scenic 14-km hike includes a stunning vista from Mink Lake Overlook, the highest crag in Frontenac Park (195.5m). The car shuttle is 7.5 km. Call Ed 613 389 4459.



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SAT DEC 10 LEMOINE POINT

HIKE To whet our appetites for the potluck party this evening, Dukke invites us to trek a track (hike a trail) at Lemoine Point (4.7 km). Call Dukke 613 384 6054.

SAT DEC 10 SCHEDULE-MAKING CHRISTMAS POTLUCK PARTY

Be ye merry! Jan Smith has kindly offered once again to be our congenial host. New members, carolers, and prospective trip leaders are especially welcome. Please call Jan 613 384 5715 in good time.

SUN DEC 18 OPINICON HIKE

From the trails near Skycroft we can explore mysterious mineral pits, abandoned homesteads, sinkholes and springs... Call Dukke 613 384 6054.

WED DEC 21 to MON DEC 26 LAURENTIAN CHRISTMAS.

The handsome *Auberge du Vieux Foyer* in Val David offers "casual upscale" accommodation, cuisine, massage, skiing, skating, snowshoeing... Margaret and Robert would welcome your company. For details call 613 542 9626.

SUN JAN 8 LITTLE CATARAQUI SKATE, SKI OR HIKE Close to

home, inexpensive, and sure to be enjoyable. Warm shelter and amenities will be close at hand in case they may be needed. Call Beth 613 389 6362.

SAT JAN 14 MURPHY'S POINT

SKI Conditions permitting, come and ski on groomed cross-country trails (20 km) in beautiful Murphy's Point Provincial Park. Amenities include two warm-up shelters. Call Robert 613 542 9626.

SAT-SUN JAN 21-22 GATINEAU

SKI Gatineau Park offers superb cross-country and/or downhill skiing with all the amenities. Expect an early departure on Saturday so that one-dayers can return to Kingston in good time. Others may wish to stay over and extend the fun. Call Ed 613 389 4459.

SAT JAN 28 BACK-COUNTRY SKI

One of many blessings within an hour's drive of Kingston is plenty of suitable terrain for enjoyable off-trail skiing. For details call Dugald 613 542 8628.



You are invited to the Cataraqi Canoe Club's Annual General Meeting 2011

This year's meeting will be held on Wednesday October 12, 2011, in the Auditorium of the Ongwanada Resource Centre, 191 Portsmouth Avenue, Kingston, from 7:00pm to 9:00 pm (doors open at 6:45).

The business meeting will include reports describing the club activities during the past year, and the election of the new Board of Directors for the coming year.

After the formal meeting, Steve Manders will present an illustrated talk about his recent travels, entitled *Sea-kayaking in Haida Gwaii and Johnstone Strait. B.C.*

You will get a chance to meet many other members of the club, and we hope you are able to attend. Refreshments will be served.

If you cannot attend, please give your proxy to a friend who will attend.

Designation of Proxy (You can use a copy to save info on back.)

I designate the following member of the Cataraqi Canoe Club of Kingston to vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting, on Tuesday October 27, 2009.

My designated proxy (print name) _____

Signed (and print name) _____

Date _____

N.B. To be entitled to vote you must have been a member for at least 60 days before the date of the meeting, and be at least 14 years of age. A maximum of two votes are allowed for a Family Membership.