



CATARAQUI CANOE CLUB

Newsletter

May 2016 (Spring-Summer)

Note from the Board / Club News

Those of you who have attended the AGM, or have checked the Board listing in the Newsletter or on the web, will know that we started 2015-16 with only eight board members. The normal number is ten. Before the AGM we had nine. Two directors declined to stay on, and we managed to recruit only one more.

Recently our Commodore resigned from his office and from the Board. We are thus left with seven directors. Our by-laws state that five directors constitute a quorum at a board of directors meeting. We can function, and are functioning, but

we remaining seven each have to do a bit more work. As previous Vice-Commodore I am now the Acting Commodore, besides also continuing as Treasurer. While one director holding two important officer positions is not illegal, it certainly is not desirable. The Board has the power to appoint three more members. What we do lack is candidates.

About three years ago, a member of the Board suggested that we establish a presence on Facebook. None of the other board members present had any experience with Facebook and no interest in it.



Cataraqi Canoe Club boathouse interior

Photo: RacesBeyondReason

It was left that the interested member investigate further and come back with a description of what a presence on Facebook would entail. Presumably because of the obvious lack of interest and strongly voiced concerns over privacy, that subject did not re-appear during that Board's tenure.

The subject did come up last year at a meeting at which I was not present, but I was told by the person who broached the subject that it was shot down. I just checked the minutes of that meeting (November 10, 2014), and under **New Business** it reads "... will look at it again and see how we can use Facebook with a minimum of upkeep." At the next Board meeting (January 12, 2015), under **Business Arising**: "Facebook: It was shot down last meeting so ... will drop it for a while." It is clear that most of your directors do not care for Facebook, but a formal decision has never been taken. We never passed a motion for or against it.

Our current Webmaster (and the director in charge of Publicity & Special Events) discovered that there existed a Facebook page under our name. Nobody

at the Club had anything to do with establishing it. Apparently, Facebook has a program that scours the web looking for organizations like ours and, using the information on the website, establishes a page. The computer-generated Facebook page with our club name contained old and incorrect information, and we could not do anything about it since we did not control it. We had to e-mail a photostat of our utility bill to prove who we were and gain control of the page.

During the process, a few e-mails were exchanged between myself and the Webmaster. They were copied to our Commodore. He interpreted the activity as an attempt to establish a Facebook presence, in spite of a supposed previous decision not to do so. Eventually, this led to his resignation.

The CCC Facebook page in question has now been cleared and inactivated. Those of you who use Facebook and think that our club could benefit from a presence on it, let us know your views.

Ed Ježak, Acting Commodore

Interesting fauna you may see when paddling the Inner Harbour

(both photos by Steve Manders)



Practice Buddie(s) Wanted

If you prefer like me not to practise paddling on your own, please consider joining me at the Boathouse on Wednesdays in May, either from 6 to 7 pm or 6:30 to 7:30 pm or 7 to 8 pm.

The more the merrier -- depending on equipment availability of course.

If interested, contact Hollis at

(613) 331-1539

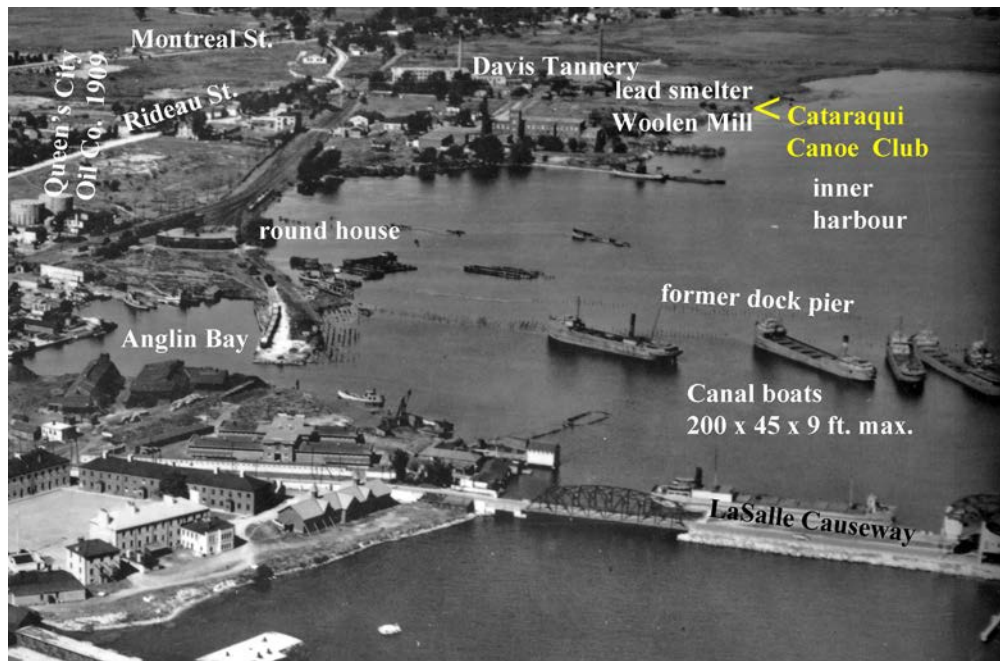
Wanted: Photos and/or Trip Reports

We welcome any good pictures taken on CCC trips and/or trip reports from participants in Club events for possible inclusion in the newsletter.

Please e-mail your contributions to the Newsletter Editor at our website

[<info@cataraquicanoe.on.ca>](mailto:info@cataraquicanoe.on.ca)

Steve Manders has kindly enlarged and annotated the City of Kingston's archive photo of the Inner Harbour on page 4 to make it easier for us to get our bearings.



You will note a railway spur line on the little peninsula jutting out into Anglin Bay. Steve says this line was used to provide access to a loading dock for ore. It's of course gone now, but some of the spilled cargo has remained in the water. The City of Kingston long-term Waterfront Master Plan for the Inner Harbour north of La Salle Causeway up to Kingston Mills includes a pedestrian walkway starting west of Portsmouth and extending all the way to the planned bridge across the Great Cataraqui River at John Counter Boulevard, along the water wherever feasible. Part of this plan would also be the eventual construction of a pedestrian bridge at the mouth of Anglin Bay connecting the townhouse condos (Frontenac Village) existing now on the south side with Douglas R. Fluhrer Park on the north side of the bay.

KINGSTON'S INNER HARBOUR -- 90 YEARS AGO



Kingston, Inner Harbour, about 1925

Photo: City of Kingston Archives

Clearly visible are the bottom of Queen Street, the lengths of Rideau and Montreal Streets leading out into the rural countryside, the round house (now site of the OHIP Building) and the ranging tracks of the Kingston and Pembroke ("Kick 'n' Push") (later CPR) Railway, Anglin Bay, the Woolen Mill and on top right the Davis Tannery.

The Cataraqui Canoe and the Kingston Rowing Clubs were built 50 years after this picture was taken on the grassy area north of the Woolen Mill and south of the tannery lands (now named Emma Martin Park).

Faintly visible in the water parallel and above the causeway are the submerged rests of a substantial dock or pier.

The two (three?) large round fuel tanks of Queen's City Oil Co. located along the railway tracks on Cataraqui Street were removed toward the end of the 20th century at roughly the time when the Anglin downtown property became available for redevelopment.

The docks, harbour installations and industrial or storage facilities in the foreground no longer exist. In their place we find today the Wolfe Island Ferry terminal (and farther west along the shoreline, two hotels, a park, a yacht harbour, and several high-rise condominium apartment buildings).

CANOE and KAYAK AUCTION SALE



The Cataraqi Canoe Club will be holding its annual Open House on May 3, 4, and 5 this year.

During the Open House, we plan to hold a silent auction of boats (and possibly equipment). Pictured above, for instance, is Steve Manders' Labrador expedition kayak which will be for sale at this auction.

If you are looking for a good used boat, or wanting to sell one and upgrade to another, then this is for you.

Finding the correct prices for used equipment is difficult; auctions work well for obtaining a mutually satisfactory result.

To offer a boat or equipment for sale, you may provide us with a picture of the boat for pre-Open House promotion, or just bring it to the event.

Bidding will be by written bids on open bidding lists for each article, with the highest existing bid at the end of Open House on Thursday getting the item (subject to any seller's reserve price). Let the buyers determine the true value of your craft. You may of course set a minimum ("reserve") price if you choose.

The canoe club will charge a 10 % commission used for promotion of the event. We have several very good quality kayaks already committed. For further information, **contact Steve at (613) 542-1054.**

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 4th: Paddle at Landon Bay

Landon Bay is an exceedingly scenic bay of the St. Lawrence River 7 km east of Gananoque. The 50 m high cliffs along the west shore overhang the water, with a beautiful waterfall at the end. Bring your camera. The waters are very sheltered, there is a good boat launch site at the east side of the bay. The trip is only forty-five minutes each way. We may head out into the St. Lawrence River depending on winds. This is a good trip for beginners or to start the season. This will likely just be an afternoon trip, with refreshments after. Call Steve at 613 542-1054.

Sunday, June 12th: Seeley's Bay – Rock Dunder Flatwater Paddle and Short Hike

A scenic paddle from Seeley's Bay to Rock Dunder for a hike and lunch at the top, from where you'll have spectacular views in all directions, returning through Dean's Pond. No car shuttle. Call Bob at 613 542-9626.

Sunday, June 19th: Paddle at Depot Lakes

Third and Fourth Depot Lakes are dam-created lakes. The Canadian Pacific Railway crosses the channel between them. The lakes make a short paddle; no portaging and no shuttle. Contact Bob at 613-384-4482.

Saturday, June 25th: Paddle at Puzzle Lake

Come explore several pristine lakes nestled between granite ridges, with only one 300-metre portage and perhaps a few liftovers. Call Susan at 613-542-6146 (but

not later than 8 pm please).

Friday, July 1st to Sunday, July 3rd: Canada Day Weekend at Palmer Rapids

An annual event. The perfect spot to practise white water skills, learn new ones, or just enjoy camping and watch from the shore. Swimming in the rapids (PFD on) can also be fun. Come for the weekend or come for a day. Contact Beth at 613-389-6362 or by e-mail chickonwater@gmail.com.

Saturday, July 9th: Paddle at Eagle Lake

Last year, we ran our first paddling trip on Eagle Lake near Parham; it proved very popular. We had a mature Bald Eagle soar over us while relaxing for lunch and a swim on a beautiful little granite island. There are still a few more large bays and islands to explore. Our put-in is a good public boat launch site with a sandy beach and with lots of parking. No shuttles or portages. Fairly sheltered waters. Ideal for everyone. Call Steve at 613-542-1054.

Saturday July 16th: Paddle at Mellon Lake

A short paddle down Mellon Creek brings us to a deep, secluded lake that is 4 km long and has 15 cottages. Most of the shoreline is Crown land (part of a provincial conservation reserve). Granite ridges near the lake are home to Ontario's only lizard, the five-lined skink. No portages, no shuttle. Options to swim and/or scramble up to a scenic overlook. Call Dugald at 613-542-8628.

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (cont'd)

Saturday, July 23rd: Rideau Lakes Paddle

Paddle through some of the lesser-known Rideau Lakes -- Clear, Newboro, Mosquito, Benson, and Indian. A round-trip of 18 km (with some possibilities of shortening the trip); no car shuttles, no portages, just paddling. A barbecue and potluck lunch will be hosted by Janice and Eric at their farmhouse on Benson Lake. For further information call Janice at 613-542-9958 or e-mail janice.ley@cogeco.ca.

Saturday, July 30th: Paddle from Rockport to Ivy Lea, and Back

You are invited to paddle the St. Lawrence River from Rockport to Ivy Lea via Smugglers Cove. After lunch on Ash Island we will return by the International Rift (between Wellesley and Hill Islands). We'll be paddling in the heart of the Thousand Islands among spectacular scenery and magnificent mansions. Refreshments when done! Call Jim for information at 613-305-2849.



Sunday, August 7th: Morton to Lyndhurst Paddle

This full-day trip includes river and lake paddling, lunch and a swim at Delta beach as well as a visit to rock paintings. Short shuttle, long paddle (about 20 km). Call

Bob Tolley at 613 542-9626.

Saturday, August 13th: Frontenac Park Mini Challenge

Paddle the length of Big Salmon Lake (5.7 km); portage to Labelle Lake (491 m); paddle across Labelle (1 km); portage to Big Clear Lake (190 m); and paddle on Big Clear to an island for lunch, swim, and rest. Return by the same route. Approximately 18 km on water and 1.2 km on land. It could be shortened at any stage. Phone Ed at 613-389-4459 or e-mail ejezak@bell.net.

Saturday, August 20th: Lake Ontario Open Water Paddle

We will be paddling along a sandy beach towards the Sandbanks. If it becomes too windy/wavy in the aft, we'll adjust the trip: after a 6 km paddle, we'll portage about 150 m to West Lake and continue from there and meander back to our point of origin. Lunch will be in the dunes somewhere with opportunity for a swim. Distance about 15 to 20 km with plenty of opportunity for riding the waves! You need to have a spray skirt and be confident in wet exits, boat re-entry and a beach launch. No shuttle. Contact Wim at wimkayaker@hotmail.com or phone 1-613-477-3168 (before 9 pm please). (Note: This is a kayakers' trip, only experienced canoeists should attempt it.)

Saturday August 27th: Sharbot Lake

A repeat of last year's very popular trip. We will visit two lakes, each one with a sandy beach for swimming and cooling off. This trip is suitable for all because partici-

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (cont'd)

pants can shortcut either part, if they choose, and are not committed to paddling the full 20 or so kilometres. We could split into two groups if warranted. We will finish the paddle with dinner in Sharbot Lake. Call Mary at 613-536-5486.

Sunday, August 28th: Lemoine Point Hike

A brisk hike around and across this park with its variety of woodlands and old meadows and beautiful vistas of Lake Ontario. Anywhere from 4 to 8 km, depending on level of energy/enthusiasm and the weather. A super way of working up an appetite for the evening's potluck feast. Call Dukke at 613-384-6054 for details.

Sunday, August 28th: SCHEDULING and POTLUCK

Come to enjoy a good party with our jovial hosts, and good company. After the fun and good food you may assist at, or merely observe, the planning of our fall activities. For directions and other information contact Beth at 613-389-6362 or e-mail chickonwater@gmail.com.

Saturday, September 3rd: Paddle and Hike/Frontenac Challenge

Get your Frontenac Challenge off to a good start by completing the 25 km Slide-Lake-loop hike early, and with more daylight. Paddle to the trailhead via South Bay, Buck Lake. Call Margaret at 613 542-9626. If bad weather on Saturday, we shall try Sunday.

Saturday, September 10th: Short Paddle in Local Waters

A relaxing and leisurely paddle from our boathouse to historic Kingston Mills Locks. The total distance is approximately 13 km. Lunch at the locks. If interested contact Sam by e-mail at samcheng3@gmail.com (preferred), or phone 613-700-4873. You may rent a Club boat and will not need to transport it. A good opportunity for those who hesitated to go on our trips.

Friday, September 9th to Monday, September 12th: Camping in Frontenac Provincial Park

We have reserved all four camp pads at camp site #8 at the east end of Birch Lake for a full weekend. It is a delightful site set among tall pines on a point of land. Space for camping is restricted by the park and must be reserved in advance. Club members are invited to join us for any of our two full days there or three nights. Some campers will be participating in the Frontenac Challenge and will use the site as a base camp. It is about a one hour paddle from either the Kingsford Lake parking lot or the Desert Lake camp grounds. The relatively short distance is ideal for canoes with a load of camping gear. Kayakers should be able to find help with their gear. You may select either Friday, Saturday or Sunday night. Call Steven at 613 542-1054 soon to reserve a tent site, or later for day use details. (*We were unfortunately not able to schedule a Schooner Lakes camping trip this year.*)

(Note: Campers will need an Interior Camping Permit and pay a share of the campsite fees.)

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (cont'd)

Saturday, September 17th: Paddle Long Lake

Long Lake is about 6 km long and is situated on the Long Lake Road between Parham and Mountain Grove. Like the Depot Lakes, it is a short paddle with no portaging and no shuttle. Long Lake was once popular with American anglers in bygone days for its many walleye. Contact Bob at 613-384-4482.

Saturday, September 24th: Gananoque River Paddle

We start in Gananoque and paddle upstream to Marble Rock; about 10 km, have lunch, and return. We do not have to do the full distance, or if the weather is nice and some feel ambitious, we could portage around the dam and paddle some distance into Lake Gananoque. Phone Ed at 613-389-4459 or e-mail ejezak@bell.net.

Are you willing to share your expertise with less experienced paddlers?

Each year we have several new people join CCC, many of whom have little or no paddling experience. The Club tries to offer introductory clinics for these individuals in the spring. We know that we have many members with great paddling expertise and knowledge of water safety. If you are willing to assist new paddlers with the basics **specifically in canoeing**, please contact Mary Buchanan at 613-536-5486 or e-mail to [<kayak_ski@hotmail.com>](mailto:kayak_ski@hotmail.com).

Formal certification is not required, just a willingness to share safety knowledge and paddling techniques for a few hours a season.

For persons new to offering clinics, arrangements can be made for mentoring by experienced individuals.

Participating members would be fully covered by CCC's liability insurance, and all sessions would take place at the Club boathouse using club boats and equipment.

Evening paddles from the boathouse

From May to September, the boathouse will be open again for members and be staffed by volunteers at the following times:

May	Wednesdays, 6 to 8 pm
June, July and August	Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6 to 8 pm
September	Wednesdays, 6 until dusk

During these times, members may borrow, according to availability, one club canoe or one club kayak equipped with safety kit. Members must sign out and back in and **wear, while paddling, at all times a personal floatation device (PFD)**. A member may bring a guest to paddle a canoe, but non-members are not allowed to take out a kayak (or a canoe) solo. Members are reminded that they alone are responsible for their safety when paddling from the boathouse.

Club name, address and contact details

Club's registered name	Cataraqui Canoe Club of Kingston Inc.
Postal address	PO Box 1882, Stn "Main", Kingston ON K7L 5J7
Physical location	The boathouse is located in Emma Martin Park at the Inner Harbour opposite (north of) the Woolen Mill
For updates of the current events schedule	Please see the Club's website: < www.cataraquicanoe.on.ca >
For all other questions	Please phone a board member or write to the Club's email address below: < info@cataraquicanoe.on.ca >

Board of Directors and Executive 2015 - 2016

Acting Commodore (E)	Ed Ježak	343 364-1402
Vice Commodore (E)	--- position vacant ---	613 389-4459
Past Commodore	Steve Manders	613 542-1054
Secretary (E)	Gonny Moncur	613 549-5538
Treasurer (E)	Ed Ježak	613 389-4459
Directors	Mary Buchanan	613 536-5486
	Harry Burgstaller	613 549-4832
	Matt Shepherd	613 531-7370
	Debbie Twiddy	613 374-1704

Program Appointments 2015 – 2016

Boathouse Manager	Steve Manders
By-laws Review	Harry Burgstaller
Instruction	Mary Buchanan
Membership Secretary	Debbie Twiddy
Newsletter Editor	Harry Burgstaller
Publicity and Special Events	Matt Shepherd
Volunteer Coordinator	Gonny Moncur
Webmaster	Matt Shepherd