



OPEN HOUSE

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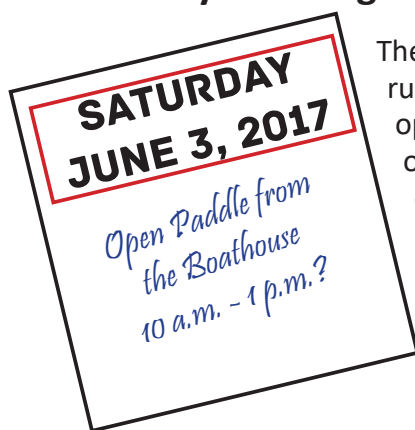
Last chance to renew your
2017 memberships!

We're looking forward to seeing you
at the boathouse as we launch our
new season. Details:
www.cataraquicanoe.on.ca/events

April 2017

Club Updates

Saturday Morning Open Paddles?



The Club is considering running Saturday morning open paddles for the month of June! Hours are being discussed, but late morning to early afternoon is the current strong contender.

Would you be interested in this? If Club members

express an interest, we'll

look into booking volunteers and make it happen... but only if you're interested!

Kayak instruction updates

Jim MacLachlan is making progress on a kayak training curriculum, and looking into pool rental and costs. Instructors will be Jim, Joan Mercier and Don Workman. Classes are going to start small, so if you're interested, contact Jim at 20jrmac@gmail.com to inquire about spaces and news.

Boathouse questions?

Email the Boathouse Manager!

We've added a new email address to our website: boathouse@cataraquicanoe.on.ca now goes directly to the Boathouse Manager (currently Commodore Steve Manders). When the role changes, that email address will point to the new Boathouse Manager. This is going to streamline our queries and communications, cutting down on the number of forwarded (and potentially lost) emails. So if you have a question about boathouse storage, email Steve directly at boathouse@cataraquicanoe.on.ca!



Spring 2017 Schedule of Events

Note: all scheduled events are subject to changes due to weather or other considerations. Any changes will be posted on our website. If you need to update an event, contact [Matt Shepherd](#).

May

Tuesday, May 2 - Thursday, May 4 Annual Cataraqui Canoe Club Open House 6-8 pm at the Boathouse

This is an occasion when club members can meet to discuss past adventures and plans for the summer. The public is invited to see our boathouse and our boats, to meet our members, and to find out more about our club. If you have not yet renewed your membership or boat rental (due by 1 April), then this will be your chance to do so!

Saturday, May 6: Paddle Crooked Creek

Nine kilometre paddle with an eleven kilometre shuttle. It includes a 600 metre off-trail hike to a 40 metre overlook. There might be two or three beaver dams to cross. Number of paddlers will be limited. We shall start at Knowlton lake and finish on Hollerford Lake, at Dessert Lake Road. Contact Dugald at 613 542-8628.

Sunday, May 14: Mother's Day Family Paddle

We shall be on the Napanee River, upstream from Petworth, a sheltered and relaxing paddle. Spring flowers will be in bloom, and perhaps wild leeks and fiddle-heads. Moms with kids are especially welcome. Call Debbie at 613 374-1704.

Saturday, May 20: Paddle on Desert Lake

Easy flat water paddle, about 20 km. Can be more or less depending on group. For more information contact Don at 613-374-1101.

Saturday, May 27: Paddle on Loughborough Lake (from Battersea)

We will follow a shoreline in hopes of sighting rare cottagers in their natural habitat, performing activities in accordance with spring rituals. Paddle would be approximately 12 km, or longer for some. This would warrant a revival stop at the "CreekSide" post paddle. Call Dave at 613-376-6883.



*Leaving the Clubhouse on a misty morning.
Photo: Matt Shepherd.*

June

Not a Club event, but of interest to many old-standing members of the Club:

Saturday, June 3, 12:00: Celebration of Life for Alan Nicholls

Monica is hoping many of Alan's friends will be able to join her for lunch and/or a hike from Little Catarauqui Creek Outdoor Centre. If you have photographs or mementos of Alan, that would be even better. Lunch starts at Noon, with a brief service and sharing of memories at 1 p.m. A memorial walk for Alan leaves from the Centre at 2 p.m. Parking fees are waived.



Haida Gwaii. Photo: Steve Manders.

Alan was a Club member for many years. As Secretary, he maintained all the records. He originally designed and set up our website, which he maintained for many years. He died earlier this year.

Sunday, June 4: Napanee River Paddle

Join me for a relaxing paddle on Napanee River, start from Napanee paddle to Strathcona, and return. Approximately 20 km. No shuttles. Please contact Sam at samcheng3@gmail.com (preferred) or call 613 770-4873 for details.

Sunday, June 11: Seeley's Bay to Rock Dunder Paddle and Short Hike

A scenic paddle from Seeley's Bay to Rock Dunder for a hike and lunch at the top. You will have spectacular views in all directions. Returning through Dean's Pond. No car shuttle. Contact Robert at 613 542-9626.

Saturday, June 17: Get Out On The Water Kingston!

An additional open house as part of an initiative between the Canoe Club, Rowing Club, and Kingston and Collins Bay Yacht Clubs to encourage Kingstonians to visit local watersports organizations during Open Doors Kingston. We're hoping to see and reach a number of new paddlers!

Saturday, June 17: Paddle Depot Lakes

Third and Fourth Depot Lakes are created by dams. The Canadian Pacific Railway crosses the channel between them. It is a short paddle with no portaging and no shuttle. Contact Bob at 613 384-4482.

Saturday, June 24: Paddle on Devil's Lake

Come and see how much of this large beautiful lake, with 36 miles of bays and islands, we can explore. It is a full days paddle. Bring lunch, snacks and plenty of water. No portaging or shuttles. Contact Marlene at 613 389-5890 for details.

Friday, June 30 to Sunday, July 2: Canada Day Weekend at Palmer Rapids

An annual event. The perfect spot to practice white water skills, learn new ones, or just enjoy camping and watch from the shore. Come for the weekend, or come for the day. The camping fee is \$15.00 per tent per day, or there is a small parking fee if you do not camp. Contact Ed at 613 389-4459 or ejezak@bell.net.



Palmer Rapids, Madwaska River. Photo: Steve Manders

July

Saturday, July 8: St. Lawrence River Paddle

Join me for an enjoyable paddle on the beautiful St Lawrence River. We will start from Gray's Beach and go east for approximately 8 km. Lunch at a National Park Island which is situated between Potato Island and Downie Island (see p. 6 on free 2017 mooring passes for Parks Canada sites). Islands touring after lunch. Approximately 18 to 20 kms. No shuttles. Please contact Sam at samcheng3@gmail.com or call 613 770-4873. Depending on wind conditions, substantial waves may be encountered on the river; a trip for experienced paddlers who are comfortable in potentially choppy water.

Saturday, July 15: Canada Parks Day Paddle on Sydenham Lake

Festival of Lakes and Trails occurs on this day. The native drums of South Frontenac have spoken. We are invited. The plan is to dispatch our flotilla from the Wilmer Road boat launch. Keeping land on the port beam, we will eventually arrive at the Point Park, where we will do a "paddle past". A landing party will then be dispatched. We will be offered meat from the barbecue, and water from the Fountain Of Youth (they claim). No bartering required. The Hysterical Society of South Frontenac will be presenting an unusual gift to the most unusual best dressed up water craft. This gift is a rare find, and its' authenticity has been verified by the Department of Rockology. So dress up your boats, and come in costume if you like. After the barbeque, we will map a route back to Wilmer Rd. boat launch. There is open water, so check the weather forecast. Probability of a 12 km paddle or more. Call Dave for more details at 613 376-6883.

This is a celebration of lakes trails and waterways of South Frontenac that allow us to immerse ourselves in the natural beauty that surrounds us, and be so moved by it.

Sunday, July 23: Morton to Lyndhurst Padde

This full day trip includes river and lake paddling. We stop at Delta beach for lunch and a swim. Short shuttle, long paddle (about 20 km). Contact Robert at 613 542-9626.

Saturday, July 29: Paddle from Rockport to Ivy Lea and back

You are invited to paddle the St. Lawrence River from Rockport to Ivy Lea via Smuggler Cove. After lunch on Ash Island we will return by Fiddlers Elbow and Lost Channel. We will be paddling in the heart of the 1000 Islands among spectacular scenery and magnificent mansions. Refreshment when done!

The total distance is 16 km. This is an easy trip for sea kayaks but canoeists need extra caution. Paddle postponed to Sunday if rain forecast. Call Jim at 613 305-2849 or 613 549-9948.

August

Saturday, August 5: Eagle Lake Paddle

Eagle Lake is a relatively new club trip. It is very scenic with granite islands and large pine trees. One year we had a bald eagle soar over us while we were enjoying lunch on a small island. We will do a circular trip with a sandy boat launching place. The trip is suitable for all. Contact Steve at 613 542- 1054.

Saturday, August 12: Rideau Lakes Paddle

Paddle through some of the lesser-known Rideau Lakes -- Clear, Newboro, Mosquito, Benson, and Indian. A roundtrip 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. Contact Janice at 613 542-9958 or janice.ley@cogeco.ca.

Saturday, August 19: Loughborough Lake Paddle

This has become one of our most popular trips with up to 36 participants in one day. We start in Battersea at a public boat launching ramp and paddle through numerous granite islands rich with wild life. The water is warm for swimming too. We will probably picnic on a lovely island at the north east end. Some people may choose to paddle up a little creek to a dam while others relax. It is a long paddle, at a moderate pace. Suitable for all. Contact Steve at 613 542-1054.

We will not over-fill our boats!



But trip organizers *can* sometimes connect interested members with another person to share a canoe, if they can't bring their own to an outing. Sometimes, we can even help with kayak transport!

Call well in advance and talk to the organizer!

Saturday, August 19: Potluck and Scheduling

There will be a BBQ at the home of Steve following the paddle on Loughborough Lake. Relax by the water garden with a cool beverage. Our scheduling meeting for the fall will follow the BBQ.

Contact Steve at 613 542-1054.

Saturday, August 26: Paddle Desert Lake to Kingsford Dam

Join me for a paddle from Desert Lake to Kingsford Dam and return. If we are lucky, we may see some exotic plants on the way to Kingsford Dam. Approximately 20 km. No shuttles. Please contact Sam at samcheng3@gmail.com or call 613 770-4873.

September

Friday, September 1: Paddle and Hike, Frontenac Challenge

Get your Frontenac challenge off to a good start by completing the 25 km Slide Lake loop early. We paddle to the trail on South Bay of Buck Lake. It is a demanding trip, but even seniors can manage it. Contact Margaret at 613 542-9626 or wildmargaret@yahoo.ca.

Friday, September 8 to Sunday, September 10: Camping at 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 Steve at 613 542-1054 soon to reserve a tent site, or later for day use details. (Note: Campers will need an Interior Camping Permit and pay a share of the campsite fees.)

Saturday, September 16: Charleston Lake Paddle

A paddle along the shore of Charleston Lake for about 20 km. In some wind conditions the going might be tough for canoes. Contact Don at 613 384-4346.

Saturday, September 23: Tour of Kingston Harbour

We shall start at our boathouse, and follow the shore to Ontario Park (about 7 km), have lunch there, and return. If wind conditions are such that there are significant waves on the lake, we shall reverse direction and head for Kingston Mills (also about 7 km).

Contact Ed at 613 389-4459 or ejezak@bell.net.

Saturday, September 30:

TBD. Watch cataraquicanoe.on.ca for details!

Seasonal Lockage & Overnight Mooring Permits

Free this year from Parks Canada!

For Canada's 150th anniversary, Parks Canada is offering free seasonal lockage and overnight mooring permits. The mooring permit, in particular, can be handy on club trips with stopovers in National Parks, such as the July 8 trip organized by Sam Cheng.



The free 2017 Seasonal Lockage Permit allows passage through lock systems on all of Parks Canada's national historic canals throughout the entire 2017 navigation season, including Ontario's Rideau Canal National Historic Site and Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site.

Note that you'll be required to fill in your vessel length and registration ID (your last name, for canoes and kayaks), and to affix the lockage/mooring permit to the vessel in a way viewable to lock staff.

Discovery Passes for park admission – also free!

Parks Canada Discovery Passes, granting free admission to all Parks Canada sites from coast to coast, are also available.

Lockage/Mooring permits and the Discovery Passes can be ordered at <http://www.commandesparcs-parksorders.ca>

INSTRUCTION AVAILABLE!

We offer training in basic and advanced canoeing and kayaking. Visit our website for details, or contact instruction coordinator Jim MacLachlan.



Frontenac Outfitters Passes the Paddle into New Ownership



Christine and Larry Showler, paddling on to new adventures!

After decades of ownership, Christine and Larry Showler, are making the transition to the next stage of their lives and paddling on to retirement. Frontenac Outfitters gave them the opportunity to paddle all over the world, create lasting friendships, and lead to a healthy, environmentally conscious, active lifestyle surrounded by the outdoors.

Now they are ready to pass the stewardship of this enterprise to the next generation.

Revitalizing a Grandfather Paddlesports Shop

Zack and Kiley Fiddis are an energetic, youthful couple from Bowmanville, Ontario who are enthusiastic about this once in a lifetime opportunity. Along with their young daughter, the family is passionate about the outdoors and love nothing more than connecting with nature through kayaking, canoeing, and camping.

Trippers at heart, they never miss the chance to embark on outdoor adventures, exploring the natural world around them. It comes as no surprise the Fiddis' thoroughly enjoy time spent with family and friends on the water and are always quick to recommend paddling to those looking for a new pastime.

Zack and Kiley are thrilled with the unique opportunity of rear their young family in a positive outdoor environment, sharing their passion for paddling, and love of nature. "Owning Frontenac gives us the opportunity to provide a better quality of life for not only our daughter, but for ourselves as well," Zack stated when asked about the sale.

Despite being new to the industry, both Zack and Kiley come with backgrounds that complement the business and will ensure the continued success and high reputation Frontenac Outfitters has achieved. Their promise is to inject new energy and fresh ideas while maintaining the high level of service our customers have come to expect. They are excited about the prospect of meeting both new and old customers and to share with you their plans for expansion of courses and paddling programs.



Join us at the potluck!

Have your say in planning our next season's activities at the Potluck and Scheduling Party, August 19, 2017. See page six for details!

Come Paddle with the New Owners

Taking ownership on April 3, Zack and Kiley made their first appearance to the paddlesports community during the Kingston Boat & Recreation Show & Sale.

The Frontenac Outfitters 33rd Annual Spring Sale and Open House on Apr. 28-30 marks the kickoff to the paddling season and the official introduction of the Fiddis' as Frontenac Outfitters' new owners. As such, the event promises to be the largest to-date with customers and manufacturers alike eager to meet Zack and Kiley to offer their congratulations. The sale also serves as an opportunity for Larry and Christine to say their goodbyes to those who helped propel them to the success they've achieved over the years.

A Fond Farewell

Frontenac Outfitters was established in 1984 as a small rental outfit for canoeist camping within Frontenac Provincial Park and was sold to Larry in 1994. 23 years later, it is now one of Canada's most respected paddlesports centres attracting an extremely loyal clientele from all over North America.

Larry and Christine have been instrumental in the growth of paddlesports in Ontario and Canada as a whole. Their impact on the industry will not be forgotten and they will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to have met them.



Zach and Kiley Fiddis (and their high-powered consultant) are the new owners of Frontenac.



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Board of Directors:

Commodore: Steve Manders
Vice-Commodore: Jim MacLachlan
Past Commodore & Treasurer: Ed Jezak
Secretary: Gonny Moncur
Mary Buchanan
Peter Bedoukian
Clive Hansen
Paul Jepson
Matt Shepherd
Debbie Twiddy

Program Appointments:

Boathouse Manager: Steve Manders
Communications: Matt Shepherd
Instruction: Jim MacLachlan
Membership Secretary: Debbie Twiddy
Volunteer Coordinator: Gonny Moncur
New Member Liaison: Mary Buchanan
Share your thoughts, comments and contributions for this newsletter by emailing info@cataraquicanoe.on.ca

Cataraqui Canoe Club – Membership Form

Please mail this completed form with your cheque to:
Membership Secretary, Cataraqui Canoe Club of Kingston,
Box 1882, Kingston ON, K7L 5J7

Persons to be included in club membership. Include only active participants.

(Date of birth required for those under 18, requested for others):

Family name	First name(s)	Date of birth
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

New membership ☐ or Renewal of membership ☐

Single membership \$35 ☐ or Family membership(two members, same household) \$60 ☐

Boat Storage included \$ _____ **Boat storage must be pre-approved by Boathouse Manager*

Newsletters and other messages should be sent to:

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Prov. _____ Postal code _____

Phone (home) _____ Phone (work)/(other) _____

Email _____

I prefer to receive newsletters **IN PRINTED FORMAT:** ☐

I would like my contact information to be shared with other **club members** for the purpose of organizing small, additional non-Club paddling/outdoor activities: ☐

☐ I would like to volunteer and help the club with:

☐ leading trips / instruction

☐ boat house duty

☐ behind the scenes, general assistance (mailings, etc.)

☐ other (Community and club special events, Open House, leisure shows).

Agreement:

Because of the risks of personal injury while taking part in canoeing and other activities of the club, I/we hereby release the Cataraqui Canoe Club of Kingston from all liability from these activities, and undertake to co-operate with the club in carrying out appropriate safety precautions and abide with the club's safety rules. Our Trip Coordinators are not required to have any certification and this is acceptable to me.

This application is for club membership to last until March 31 next year.

A cheque to cover the fee is attached.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Second signature _____ Date _____

(Signature of parent or guardian required if applicant is under 18)