



Pine River Boat Club

Spring 2005 Newsletter

General

Welcome to the 2005 boating season. This newsletter is a summary of important 2005 boating season information, event dates and membership information. Please refer to the Boat Club web site <http://ca.geocities.com/prb1@rogers.com/> for additional details. Dock requirement information, club by-laws & a pennant will be provided to all new members, along with any other information that was discussed at our Directors' meeting. Please inform your Harbour Master if there will be a delay or if you are not putting your dock in this year. Boat Club rules state if you do not put in a dock, your space will be given to the next boater on the list. 24-foot boats are the limit acceptable for our river.

Update On 2004

The Club has been very active in making improvements in the past year. The following are improvements approved for the club in 2004. A cover has been approved for the cement deck at the north end of the Club house. Made from a steel frame and covered in canvas the cover will provide some insurance against inclement weather during our social events.

The serving tables will be replaced with 6 plastic serving tables. Two more picnic style tables similar to the current tables will increase seating. An extension ladder was purchased last year for maintenance of the channel lights. The Fall General Meeting approved the purchase of an 18 foot steel boat for no more than \$2500. This boat would be used to install and remove the channel markers and would be available to club members to assist with their docks. As of press time we are still looking for a boat. The south side flagpole has rotted out and is dangerous. The pole will be replaced. Herb Millard was appointed as Environment Liaison to the Township committee.

Mission Statement

The Club has adopted the following Mission Statement at the 2004 Fall meeting.

The purpose of the PRBC is, as a cooperative, to provide an environment that allows for safe, convenient, and timely access to and from the Pine River and Lake Huron.

The goal of the PRBC is to build community amongst its membership through values of participation, cooperation and mutual respect.

Please Return The Enclosed "Application"

The Directors request that every member who is continuing with the club fill in and return the enclosed membership application form. The club has identified problems in the records that make it difficult to contact members when there is a need. People move, change numbers, change boats, e-mail addresses without telling us. Keep us in the know by returning the form with your dues.

The On time date for 2005 dues is moved up to March 31!!!

2005 Bridge and Board of Directors

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2005 Important dates

March 31	Last date for on time payment of 2005 dues	
May 1	Board of Directors meeting at the club house	10:30 am
May 22	Spring Annual Meeting of the membership	10:30 am
June 26	Docks should be in or Harbour Master told of delay	
July 30	BBQ at the Club House	6 pm
August 28	Board of Directors meeting	10:30 am
September 3	Corn Roast at the Club House	6 pm
September 4	Fall Annual Meeting at the Club House	10:30 am



February 2005
The River awaits Spring and
the sound of happy boaters



PCOC test is available from the Kincardine CPS

If you wish to challenge the test for the **Pleasure Craft Operator Card** contact CPS member Gordon Cale at his Point Clark address. Tests can be written by appointment by calling 395-2291 after May 1 or by e-mailing to cales@bmts.com. The test is \$20. The Canadian Power and Sail Squadron also sells a self study book for \$20 that will prepare you for the test. The Canadian Power and Sail Squadron is authorized by the Canadian Coast Guard as a test provider.

Who Needs a PCOC?

If you were born after March 31, 1983 you had to show competency by September 1999.

If you operate a power boat of less than 4 metres (13.2 feet) you had to show competency by September 15, 2002. This covers personal water craft.

All other power boat operators must show proof of competency by September 15, 2009.

Other changes in safe practice

You must be 16 to operate a Personal Water Craft.

Children under 12, not directly supervised may not operate a power driven craft over 10 hp. Those over 12 but under 16, not directly supervised may not operate a power-driven boat of more than 40 hp.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

When the Board of Directors reports to the club membership this spring we will have made progress on some crucial issues and continue to work on others. The addition of new members and the retention of current members is vital to the health of the club. The crux of this matter is keeping in regular touch with all members, reaching out to each other on an ongoing basis.

I am excited and nervous about this next year. There is much we can do. Many members wish to see different aspects of our club evolve. There will need to be give and take while keeping in mind the betterment of the Pine River Boat Club.

I am encouraged and excited to be fortunate to have so many dedicated people giving their energy to the Club. Your Board is made up of duly elected volunteers who bring with them a variety of experience, skill and devotion. I encourage you to support them in their efforts to serve you. Many of the board of directors needs support people to accomplish their duties throughout the year. Please contact them directly with comments, concerns and especially your offer to assist. We need everyone to participate and if the membership 'buys' into the mission of this group we will move forward and accomplish much.

I hope we all have an enjoyable and safe boating season in 2005. Whatever we do this year, let us all keep the fun in it.

Be a Good Neighbour

In the past year the Directors have been asked to respond to several incidents involving members on the property of adjacent landowners. It is important that all members make an effort to respect the neighbours. Loud noise at the docks interferes with the neighbours rights to enjoy their property! Do not litter! Do not leave your dock on the neighbours property! If you cannot take your dock back to your cottage there are designated places on the club property for storage.

The directors have responded to the unsightly problem created by some abandoned docks with the following motion. BIRT a dock that is not in the water may remain on club property no longer than one year. After one year if still on the club grounds it will become club property. After that time you may expect it to become firewood for the corn roast. Talk to your Harbour Master.

New Dock Width Approved

The club has approved a change in the distance between docks. The standard distance has been 21 feet dock centre to dock centre as long as anyone can remember. When that distance was set the average boat in the river was a 16 foot runabout. Boats have gradually increased in size over the years without any adjustment. Keep in mind more space can only come at the expense of dock spaces. The Directors have approved that as of this year docks will be located 22 feet apart, dock centre to dock centre. Even this minor change costs the club spaces. The dock locations are measured and marked by the Harbour Masters in the Spring. Please carefully place your dock with the centre of the dock in line with the stake. Another thing to watch is that the dock is perpendicular to the shore. Poorly installed docks interfere with neighbouring docks and have been removed.

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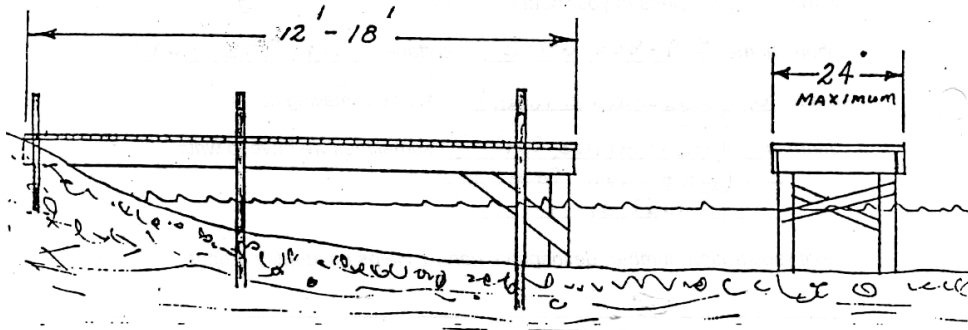
The club is a non profit corporation. As such we fall under a variety of government regulations for corporations. The club must have a process for identifying the owners of the club assets. For this reason the bylaws identify how shares are distributed.

A member receives a share for each five year consecutive period of membership. The shares are distributed at or following the Fall Annual Meeting.

When a member ceases to be a member they forfeit a right to any shares they hold. The Bylaws request the shares be returned. In any case the shares will be removed from the list.

Shares may be passed to a member of the family who is a member. This is generally a son or daughter but has been a grandchild. If you have a share question contact the Secretary.

This diagram was used when the club arranged our "water lot rental". It provides an image of the approved style of dock. A variety of motions have been approved over the years against docks with a float under them. Such "floating" docks are prone to turning over when the river experiences seches. An overturned dock can damage your boat and those of other members. If you are using a floating style dock expect a call from the Harbour Master.



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