



Pine River Boat Club

Spring 2008 Newsletter

General

Welcome to the 2008 boating season. This newsletter is a summary of important 2008 boating season information, event dates and membership information. Please refer to the Boat Club web site <http://www.pineriverboatclub.ca/> 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. Twenty-four foot boats are the reasonable limit acceptable for our river.

Who do you see for what

You need to join, see the web site for all information
To pay your dues see the Treasurer
For a key talk to the Secretary
For a dock space make arrangements with a harbour master
Property issues are dealt with by the Rear Commodore
You want to party hang out with the Fleet Captain
Advice is available from the Past Commodore
The Vice Commodore is in training so (s)he gets delegated
Complaints go to the Commodore

Board Appoints a New Treasurer

After seven years of service to the club Lillian Nolan resigned as Treasurer in the Fall. Under the Bylaws the Board is responsible to appoint a replacement. Board members were asked to nominate a replacement. Under the direction of the Commodore an electronic vote took place. Holly Perrault of Kincardine, a second year member and sailor docked on the north side was appointed. You can find her address for paying your dues on the back page.

Dead Slow in River

Showing respect for the boats of other members reduces the wave effect on the docks protecting members boats. It makes operating in the river safer, and protects the river banks.

Run **dead slow** - **no wake** in the river.

Take an Interest in your club

The Pine River Boat Club holds two general meetings each year, one on the Victoria Day Holiday Sunday and one on the Labour Day Sunday. This is the perfect time to raise interests and concerns that you have. This year there will only be one party, held Civic holiday Saturday. In addition to stuffing yourself the party it is the best time to meet your fellow members. There is more to this club than just a gateway to the lake. Getting involved can only make the summer better.

Gate Keys Change

The Gate Keys are changing this year. For returning members you will be required to trade your old key for a new one. A replacement key will cost you \$100. New members will receive a single key as part of their initiation fee. The keys will be available at the Spring meeting or from the Secretary. The strong locks have been reconditioned and will be ready for May 1. The Secretary lives at 663 Lakeside Trail. See him there if you need a key before the Spring Meeting.



Available in the Club storage shed for dock installation are large floats.



Attached to this newsletter is a copy of your record in the club files. Please check and return the corrections with your fees.

The On Time date for 2008 dues is March 1 !!!

2008 Bridge and Board of Directors

		<i>cottage</i>	<i>home</i>
<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Tim Johnston</i>	<i>519-395-3762</i>	<i>519-748-4067</i>
<i>Vice Commodore</i>	<i>Dave Hyman</i>		<i>519-395-4695</i>
<i>Rear Commodore</i>	<i>Renzo Marcone</i>		<i>519-395-5192</i>
<i>Fleet Captain</i>	<i>John Wood</i>	<i>519-395-2721</i>	<i>519-679-4938</i>
<i>Past Commodore</i>	<i>Paul Proudfoot</i>	<i>519-395-3474</i>	<i>519-885-5218</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Gordon Cale</i>		<i>519-395-2291</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Holly Perrault</i>		<i>519-396-5755</i>
<i>Director</i>	<i>Richard Heath</i>	<i>519-836-2437</i>	
<i>Director</i>	<i>Dan Sevcik</i>	<i>519-395-0298</i>	<i>519-748-1230</i>
<i>Director and</i>			
<i>North Harbor Master</i>	<i>Peter Palubiski</i>		<i>519-395-0115</i>
<i>Director @ Large</i>			
<i>South Harbor Master</i>	<i>Paul Buttinger</i>	<i>519-395-4300</i>	<i>519-579-5859</i>
<i>Director @ Large</i>	<i>Doug Spitzer</i>	<i>519-395-0649</i>	<i>519-885-2939</i>
<i>Web Master</i>	<i>Barry Cress</i>	<i>519-395-2657</i>	<i>519-747-2783</i>

2008 Important dates

March 1	Date for on time payment of 2008 dues	
April 27	Board of Directors meeting at the club house	10:30 am
May 18	Spring Annual Meeting of the membership	10:30 am
June 29	Docks should be in or Harbour Master told of delay	
Saturday August 2	BBQ & Corn Roast at the Club House	6 pm
August 3	Board of Directors meeting	10:30 am
August 31	Fall Annual Meeting at the Club House	10:30 am

Members input requested

John Wood is the Fleet Captain for 2007-08. The Fleet Captain is responsible for organizing the club's social events. John says, "It would be worthwhile to join us on the Civic Holiday weekend (Saturday August 2) at our social event for the year." He is planning on having a hamburger/hotdog BBQ, corn roast and the ever in demand famous PRBC beans on the menu. Please contact John with your suggestions for involving the young either by an e-mail or your offers to help (johnwood@sympatico.ca) or phone John at **519-395-2721** at the cottage after May 1. Your input may help to get our "future members" more acquainted and involved with the benefits and what goes on in the Pine River Boat Club.

Pine River Watershed Improvement

The Boat Club is a participating member of the Pine River Watershed Improvement Committee of the Township. Our concerns with water quality on the lakefront are shared by many residents above the hill. The committee originally organized as a citizens group has become a standing committee of the Township. Much of the work done has been directed at improvements along the water ways to improve the quality of water entering the lake. Among other projects experimental nitrogen filters have been installed and water testing is taking place to determine their effectiveness. The club made a donation of \$250 to the committee's work last year. In addition as cottagers, residents and boaters we need to take individual responsibility to reduce our impact on the water quality. Phosphates are a known contributor to the algae blooms that contaminate the near shore. Avoid contributing to the problem.



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. Tests can be written by appointment by calling 395-2291 or by e-mailing to cales@hurontel.on.ca. The Canadian Power and Sail Squadron is authorized by the Canadian Coast Guard as a test provider.



Tickets Available

Law enforcement officials can issue tickets and fines for offenses under the Transport Canada Small Vessels Regulations or the Boating Restriction Regulations. Under this system you can plead guilty and pay your fine by mail, negating the need to appear in court where the infraction took place. (from web) Know your equipment requirements and have them on board.

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.

More Good Advice

Printed on your information sheet is a drawing of the way you should tie off your boat if you are leaving it overnight at your dock. Last year a seiche took out several docks when boats and current turned them over. It is your responsibility to properly secure your boat.

Southside Boat Club Dock Assignments

Dock Assignment:

Kindly review the Dock Assignment List and notify the South Harbour Master, Paul Buttinger if your name appears beside a dock number you do not plan to utilize this year. Last year several assigned dock spaces continued to be vacant for the whole season. This year, in an effort to remedy this problem, if you do not have a dock in place by June 29th or make previous arrangements with Paul, the space automatically will be reassigned to another party.

Dock Name Placement:

Please remember membership rules also stipulate that assigned docks must be labeled. Kindly ensure labels are placed on each side of the dock with the surname of its occupant. Labeling the docks clearly will facilitate contacting the owner(s) more quickly if damages or unforeseen events occur to their dock during the season.

We appreciate your participation in this process so that we may continue to provide dock spaces to members on our waiting list. Thank you in advance, have a safe boating season and see you on the south side!

Contact Paul Buttinger at 519-579-5859 or email at paul@midasontario.com

2007 Action & 2008 Plans

Done in 2007

The old pop cooler in the club house was replaced by a small freezer.
New signs posted on property
Purchased a Quickshade to provide cover at BBQ for cooks.
Appeared before Huron-Kinloss Council concerning beach and river mouth sludge
Donated \$250 each to the Lake Huron Fishing Club and the Pine River Watershed Initiative Network

Projects for 2008

Repair the bank east of the south ramp for erosion control and access
Repairs needed for the Club house windows including providing aluminum sheeting
Consideration given to planting bollards between dock sites
Action towards creating a solar source of power for the range lights.
Replacing gate keys.

Financial statement

A copy of the 2007 financial statement will be available to members at the Spring meeting.

Rules of the Road & The Pine River

Each year we seem to have a similar conversation about safety in the river and channel. The Boat Club **does not have any authority to legislate behavior on the water.** The law is the law and you ignore it at your peril.

The law gives the right of way to vessels going down stream. Our channel, that is beyond the mouth into the lake, is very narrow. It places both boats at risk of hitting rocks should two boats try to pass each other in the channel. Since it is reasonably safe for a boat in the river to wait in the river for a boat coming in from the lake we have encouraged anyone preparing to enter the lake to wait until the channel is clear.

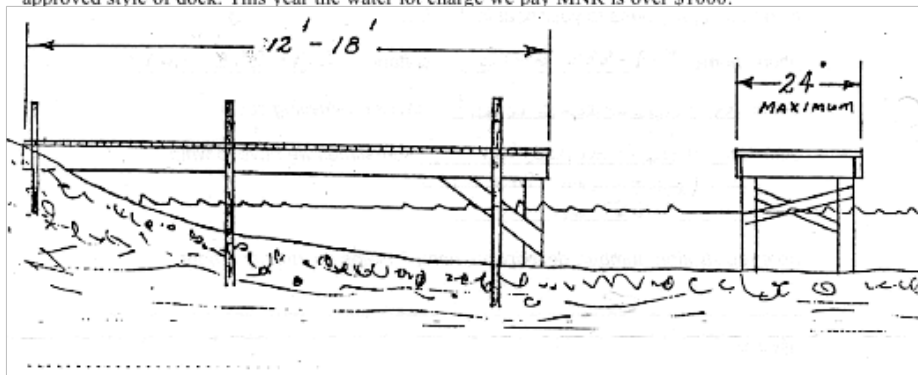
Some boaters are in the habit of coming in on plane. This has several advantages. There is more lateral control and the boat takes less water. There are regulations that govern speed close to shore however. In addition there have been several near misses with boats in the river. A boat operator is always responsible to be aware of the safety of others when under way.



The Pine River is narrow - there is no room for careless or rude boating. Please look out for one another. Have fun safely.



This diagram was used when the club arranged our "water lot rental". It provides an image of the approved style of dock. This year the water lot charge we pay MNR is over \$1000.

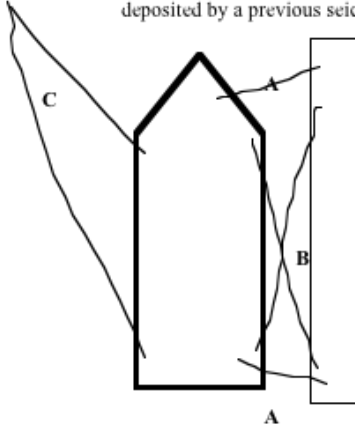


Return Your 2008 Dues To Pine River Boat Club
\$200.00 on time c/o Holly Perrault
\$250.00 late 826 Andrew Malcolm Drive
Kincardine, ON N2Z 1N4

**Due
March 1, 2008**



In less than 10 minutes the river can rise or fall like this. Seiche's have occurred with more than a metre of change. The material on this dock was deposited by a previous seiche rise earlier .



A these are the normal lines most use to tie up.

Tying these lines too tight is a common error.

A seiche can use these lines to pull the legs of the dock up out of the mud or turn over the dock.

B Spring lines keep the boat from moving out past the dock or onto the shore when bow & stern dock lines are left with slack.

C Lines from the boat to shore reduce the strain of the boat pushing against the dock or pulling on the dock as water surges in or out of the river