



# Pine River Boat Club

## Spring 2017 Newsletter

### General

Welcome to the 2017 boating season. This newsletter is a summary of important 2017 boating season information, event dates and membership information. Please refer to the Boat Club web site <http://www.pineriverboatclub.ca/> for additional items of interest. A new member information sheet, gate key, and a pennant will be provided to all new members. Please inform your Harbour Master if there will be a delay or if you are not putting your dock in this year. Twenty-four foot boats are the reasonable limit acceptable for our river. Channel depth varies over the season.

### Key Issues

**The keys will be changed this year.** With the locks scheduled to go up by May 1 if you need a key before the Spring Annual meeting see **Dan Sevcik** for a key exchange at 62 Bell Drive, Lurgan Beach. You will need to be a paid up member with your old key for exchange. New paid up members get a key as part of their initiation fee. Replacement cost for a key is \$100. Key exchange will be available at the Spring AGM.

### Loaning your Key harms the club

The gate key issued to members is for the exclusive use of the member. The club has set a fee of \$15 per day when a member permits a guest access to the key. The member takes the responsibility for the guest and is expected to collect the fee and submit it to the club treasurer. The key is not a community asset to be shared with neighbours thus reducing the financial support of the club and discouraging membership.

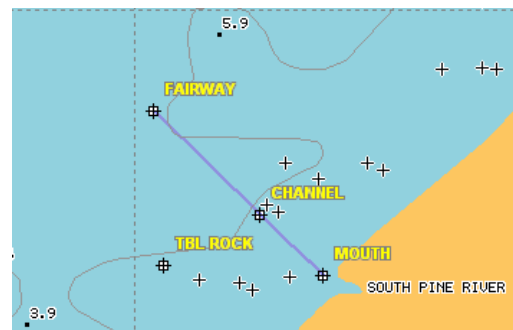
The meeting recognized that the loaning of a gate key to a non member without collection of the daily fee falls under Article 27 of the Bylaws, Discipline. The Board has identified its responsibility and will rule on complaints brought before it. Membership dues provide us with the resources to keep the harbour open for boating.

### Commodore's Welcome

The summer of 2016 was a good boating season. We also accomplished some repairs, including plumbing repairs in the clubhouse, a new hot water heater, dredging of the channel and well needed repairs to the North and South breakwalls that, according to our Secretary Gord Cale, have not seen repairs for many years. I would like to thank all the Board Members that participated in the maintenance and repair of the club. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Spring Meeting. Don Voll

### Change for On Time Dues Payment

The Fall General Meeting, September 4, 2016 passed a motion to change the on time date for the payment of dues for the 2017 boating season to March 31 from the previous due date of March 1.



**The On Time date for 2017 dues is March 31**

### Board of Directors

		Cottage	Home
Commodore	Don Voll	519-741-7405	519-395-3519
Vice-Commodore	Bill Johnson		519-395-4886
Rear Commodore	Doug Baier	519-395-3235	519-634-8135
Fleet Captain	Marty Wills		519-281-5970
Past Commodore	Mike McCourt	519-395-2826	519-356-2426
Secretary	Gordon Cale		519-395-2291
Treasurer	Dan Sevcik	519-395-0331	519-748-1230
Director	Klaus Jorritsma	519-531-0277	519-887-6624
Harbour master and Director South	Paul Buttinger	519-395-4300	519-579-5859
Harbour Master and Director North	Howard Madill	519-395-5608	519-696-2111
Webmaster	Barry Cress	519-395-2657	519-747-2783
Director at Large	Rob Kieswetter	519-395-0870	519-896-7063

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### Important Dates

March 31, 2017	Date for on time payment of 2015 dues	
Saturday, May 6, May 1	Board of Directors Meeting at the club house	10:00 am
<b>Sunday May 21</b>	Gate locks installed	
June 30	Spring Annual Meeting of members at the club house	10:30 am
Saturday August 5	Docks should be in or Harbour Master told of delay	
Sunday August 27	BBQ and Corn Roast at the club house	6:00 pm
Sunday September 3	Directors Meeting at the clubhouse	10:00 am
	Fall General Meeting at the clubhouse	10:30 am

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Recent high water threatened the arms of the channel until the club reinforced both arms with large clean rock.



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**PINE RIVER BOAT CLUB INC**  
**Income Statement 01/01/16 to 12/31/16**

**REVENUE**

**General Revenue**

Memberships- RENEWAL	14,700.00
Memberships-NEW	5,700.00
Memberships-SOCIAL	180.00
Memberships-LATE FEES	1,150.00
Docking Fees	140.00
Wiener Roast	649.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,599.33</b>

**EXPENSE**

**General & Administrative Expe..**

Honorarium	200.00
Insurance	1,452.60
Interest & Bank Charges	62.95
Property Taxes	5,866.22
Donations	100.00
Land Rental-MNR	1,554.25
Repair & Maintenance	14,941.56
Website	270.48
Dredging	2175.25
Hydro South Side-MacDonald	300.00
Utilities	1,220.37
<b>Total General &amp; Admin. Expen..</b>	<b>27,843.68</b>

**NET INCOME** **-5244.35**

**Be a good neighbour**

Members are reminded that not all the waterfront that docks join belongs to the club. There are places on club property to store docks when removed. Several neighbours permit access through their property but do so out of courtesy. Members are expected to show courtesy or face the loss of access.

**Mail your 2015 dues and any updated information to:**

**Dan Sevcik**                      \$200 on time  
**180 Oldfield Dr.,**            \$250 late  
**Kitchener, ON**                Social \$20  
**N2A 3S5**

**Fee Motion for Fall 2017 General Meeting**

The Board has passed a motion of notice to the Fall 2017 Annual General Meeting requesting an increase in the On-Time dues for 2018 from the current \$200 to \$250. This is in response to the negative balance for the past two years and the expectation that there will be a greater demand for dredging of the mouth of the channel as a result of the current high water.

**Channel Issues**

Depending on the quality of the Spring flush a Spring channel dredge may not be necessary. The Board is watching the situation and will respond if circumstances change. So far the lake levels remain high after years at low levels.



Arial View of the mouth of the river in the early 70's when high water induced silting in of the mouth of the channel. Note that at that time the north arm had not been constructed.

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## Report of the Constitution Committee

After a review of the current Constitution and Bylaws of the Pine River Boat Club notice is given for the following motions to be addressed at the Fall General Meeting 2017.

**01 Be It Resolved** That the motions be dwelt with onBlock.

**02 BIRT** Any reference to the Township of Huron be amended to read Township of Huron-Kinloss.

**03 BIRT** By-Law 3 be amended by substituting "Fall" for first before the words annual meeting.

**04 BIRT** By-Law 5 and 7 be amended by substituting "Commodore" for President and "Vice-Commodore" for Vice-President where they appear.

**05 BIRT** By-law 10 be amended by the addition of "Rear-Commodore, Fleet Captain" after Vice-Commodore in the third sentence.

**06 BIRT** By-law 10 be amended by the addition of the word "Fall" between the words "annual" and "election".

**07 BIRT** By-law 11 be amended by the deletion in the third sentence of the words "Commander with the".

**08 BIRT** By-law 12 be amended by the deletion of "attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and"

**09 BIRT** By-law 15 be amended by the deletion of "and by the Secretary" following or Vice-Commodore.

**10 BIRT** By-law 15 be amended by the deletion in the second sentence of "Vice-Commodore, Treasurer, Secretary" after the words "Corporation by the Commodore".

**11 BIRT** By-law 15 be amended in the third sentence by the deletion of the words "Commodore, Vice-Commodore, the directors, Secretary or the" before the word "Treasurer".

**12 BIRT** By-law 17 be amended by substitution to read "Application for membership will be made to the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall report applications to the Board of Directors." and maintain **Classes of Membership** subject to further amendment.

**13 BIRT Classes of Membership** be amended by substitution of "Only Class A members shall have voting rights." for the words "Both Class A and B members shall have voting rights."

**14 BIRT Classes of Membership** be amended by deletion of the words "or class C" after the words "to a Class B" and before "membership".

**15 BIRT Classes of Membership be amended by the deletion of the words "or snowmobiling".**

**16 BIRT Classes of Membership** by the addition of the words "but may be continued by the child of a member" after the the words "No membership shall be transferable"

**17 BIRT** Class A Member (active boating) be amended by deleting the words "or snowmobile member" as they follow "boating".

**18 BIRT** Class B be amended by substitution to read "Associate or social member (no voting rights)."

**19 BIRT** Class C (honorary) be amended by substitution to read "The Board or general membership may recognize the contributions of a long serving member with an honorary life membership. Honorary members shall have the same rights as a social membership."

**20 BIRT** Class E, Class F and Class G membership categories and the related descriptions be deleted.

**21 BIRT 18 Right to Vote** be amended by substitution of subsections 1, 2, 3 with the following "Class "A" members shall include a vote at meetings of the corporation and shall be entitled to the entire privileges of the corporation."

**22 BIRT 19. Quorum For Membership Meeting** be amended by substitution to read "The only persons entitled to attend any meeting of the corporation shall be Class "A, B, and C" members and any persons admitted on the invitation, consent of the meeting. A quorum will constitute Class "A" members of the Corporation present at a meeting given proper notice of the meeting which shall be a minimum period of two weeks by email. The Commodore or in his/her absence, the Vice-Commodore, or in his/her absence, the Rear Commodore shall take the chair and preside at all meetings of the club."

**23 BIRT By-law 25 Standing Committees** be amended by the substitution of "may" for "shall".

**24 BIRT By-law 26 Membership Default** subsections 1, 2, 3, be amended by substitution to read "Only fully paid members are in good standing. The Board of Directors shall establish penalties for delinquent memberships. New members are exempt from late fees.

**25 BIRT By-law 27 Discipline** be amended in the last sentence to read "The Directors will report to a general meeting of the membership of the Corporation for consideration of the case at which time the decision of the Board of Directors can only be reversed by a majority vote in excess of two-thirds of the membership of the Corporation present and voting.

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26 **BIRT By-law 28** be amended to read “There shall not be “ to replace the first 4 words “There shall be not”.

27 **BIRT By-law 29** second sentence be amended by substitution to read “At the annual Fall meeting, in addition to any other business that may be transacted, the report of the Directors, the financial statements, and any report of the auditors shall be presented, and a Board of Directors elected and auditors appointed from the general membership who are so qualified, for the ensuing year.”

28 **BIRT Bylaw 29** be amended by deleting “prepaid mail or telegraph, 10 days in the last sentence and replacing the deletion with “email, 14 days”.

29 **BIRT By-law 33** shall be amended by deleting subsections 1, 2, 3 and substituting “The signing authority for all cheques, bills of exchange or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issues in the name of the Corporation, shall be the Commodore, the Secretary, or the Treasurer.”

30 **BIRT By-law 35 Notice** be amended by substitution to read “Whenever under provisions of the by-laws of the Corporation, notice is required to be given, such notice may be given personally or emailed to the Secretary of the Corporation. A notice or other document so sent by post shall be held to be sent at the time when the same was deposited in a post office or public letter-box. For the purpose of sending any notice the address of any member, Director or officer shall be his/her last address as recorded on the books of the Corporation.

31 **BIRT By-law 38 Special Duties Of The Treasurer** be amended by substitution to read In addition to the duties hereinbefore set out, the Treasurer shall maintain a membership role to include the names of members and such other and pertinent information as the Corporation may require. The Treasurer shall also process all applications for membership and report them to the Board of Directors. In addition the Treasurer shall also maintain a list of watercraft owned by members of the Corporation and be responsible to keep full and accurate books of accounts in which shall be recorded all receipts and disbursements of the Corporation and under the direction of the Board of Directors. In addition he/she shall be responsible for the safekeeping of securities that he/she shall render to the Board of Directors at each meeting or whenever required, an account of all transactions and of the financial position of the Corporation. In that regard the Treasurer shall arrange to have his/her accounts submitted annually for audit.

32 **BIRT By-law 40 Elections** be amended by substituting Secretary for Past-Commander before the words “usually takes the chair for the elections.”

33 **BIRT Bylaw 41 Addendum \*Fleet Captain** be amended to delete the number “four”.

34 **BIRT By-law 41 Addendum \*Rear Commodore** be amended by the deletion of the number “four”.

35 **BIRT By-law 41 Addendum \*Harbour Masters** be amended by substitution to read “Harbour Masters are to be in charge of marking out dock spaces to members. They are to check the river on Thanksgiving weekend to ensure all docks and stakes are removed, and if not, are required to notify said members of the requirement to remove all docks and stakes, on shoreline and in the water, and that any liability for resulting damage will be charged back to the offending member. They also have the authority to remove them (with assistance) and bill the offending members.”

**Procedure for amending.** The Block motion will be moved. Members present will be able to request any motion they want discussed and voted on separately removed from the block. The block will be discussed then a vote taken. Any motions removed from the block will be moved, discussed, amended if necessary and put to a vote.



### Range Lights Repaired

The range lights were none functioning for some time last summer. After inspection it was discovered that there had been a short in the wiring. The short was repaired. A spare battery was obtained. In addition with the cooperation of neighbours two large trees that may have created shade on the sole collectors were removed.

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