



Pine River Boat Club

Spring 2023

General

Welcome, this newsletter is a summary of important 2023 boating season information, event dates and membership information. Please refer to the Boat Club website (<http://www.pineriverboatclub.ca>) for additional items of interest. A new member information sheet, gate keycard, 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.

Club dues

The on time dues for 2023 are \$300.

Membership dues need to arrive by March 31 in order to be on time. The Treasurer has arranged for dues to be paid by e-transfer. Use the email for the treasurer listed on the website or in this newsletter. The dues will be direct deposited into the club accounts.

payment@pineriverboatclub.ca

Payment can also be made by cheque mailed to Dan, however please **do not pay by cash**. Dan's address is later in this Newsletter.

Key Issues

At the beginning of the season the key cards of members who have paid their dues will be authorized. Members who have paid on time should have no problems using their current keycard when the gates are locked on May 1. Members who pay after March 31 may have a delay. Since the reset requires either Dan or Gord to go to the locks and authorize your keycard later payment of fees will require a delay in activation.

If you have an issue with your key see, Dan Sevcik at 62 Bell Drive, Lurgan Beach or Gord Cale at 663 Lakeside Trail. New paid up members get a keycard as part of their initiation fee. Replacement cost for a key is \$100.

From the Commodore

Happy New Year everyone, wishing you all health and happiness and a safe boating season in 2023.

We had near record low water levels in 2022, and 2023 is shaping up to be the same. Let's all hope for some ice and a good Spring flush to help clear the channel so the bigger boats can get out to the Lake.

We have all the necessary permits in place to clear the channel of sediment if the need arises. Be advised however, that access for sediment removal is limited from July 15th to September 15th under the regulations.

Thanks to all the helped out last year with the maintenance of the Boat Club properties with lawn cutting, weed whacking, marker positioning and to the volunteers that make up A special thank you goes out to the volunteer Harbour Masters that deal with the day to day activities for the entire boating season.

The Spring clean up date is yet to be determined, we will be looking for volunteers to make the work light.

We are all looking forward to a great boating season in 2023

Klaas Jorritsma

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Board of Directors

		Cottage	Home
Past Commodore	Doug Baier		519-395-3135
Commodore	Klaus Jorritsma	519-531-0277	519-887-6624
Vice Commodore	Mike McCourt	519-395-2826	519-356-2426
Rear Commodore	Darren Westman		519-998-0897
Fleet Captain	Maggie Steele		905-538-6541
Secretary	Gordon Cale		519-395-2291
Treasurer	Dan Sevcik		519-395-0331
Director	Howard Madill	519-395-5608	519-696-2111
Harbour master and Director South	Paul Buttinger	519-395-4300	519-579-5859
Harbour Master North	Hilary Childerhose	519-580-0210	519-579-5895
Directors at Large	Barry Cress	519-395-2657	519-747-2783
	Rob Kieswetter	519-395-0870	519-896-7063
	Bill Flesch		905-893-3906
	Parry Martin		519-497-7723
	Don Voll		519-395-3519

Important Dates

March 31, 2023	Date for on time payment of 2023 dues	
Sunday April 23, May 1	Board of Directors Meeting at the club house	9:30 am
Sunday May 21	Gate locks activated	
TBA	Spring General Meeting of members at the club house	10:30 am
June 25	Clean Up day on the property,	8:30 am
Saturday August 5	Docks should be in or Harbour Master told of delay	
Sunday Sept 3	BBQ and Corn Roast at the club house	5:30 pm
Sunday Sept 3	Directors Meeting at the clubhouse	9:00 am
Sunday Sept 3	Fall General Meeting at the clubhouse	10:30 am

The 2022 financial statements for the Pine River Boat Club appear in the copy of the newsletter distributed to members but will not appear on the website.



PRBC Pirates Picnic to Inverhuron Park 1969

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.

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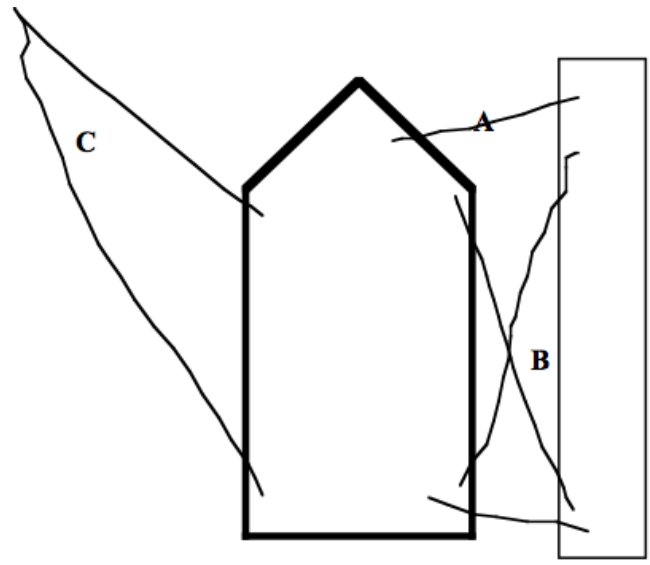
Tips for tying up

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

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.



Mail your 2023 dues and any updated information to:

**Dan Sevcik
62 Bell Drive, RR 8
Kincardine, ON
N2Z 0B3**

**Dues for 2023 are \$300 on time
\$350 late
Social \$20
payment by email to
payment@pineriverboatclub.ca**

Harbour Masters

Over the years the club has found a general increase in the size of the average member's boat. This has created issues for the Harbour Masters. The Harbour masters wish you to be reminded that dock assignments are their responsibility. Decisions are made in the best interest of the Boat Club taking into consideration tenure, boat type, dock style and proximity for access and not in the best interest of any one individual. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

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 \$20 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, friends, or relatives thus reducing the financial support of the club and discouraging membership.

Your Contact Information

Emails to members are always sent BCC unless it is a direct contact. The club tries to limit the number of emails we send but there are times we need to send you information. If your information has changed we do not know unless you tell us. Both the secretary and the treasurer need to be informed

Membership Limit

At the Fall 2021 meeting of the Club, at the recommendation of the Board, a motion was passed to limit the number of regular memberships to 145. The reason for the motion was to respond to a concern that the ramps and other facilities would not be able to handle a continued increase in members. In 2020 we had 122 members and in 2021 we had 132 members. In a normal year we see 10 to 15 new members and a similar number of resignations.

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A Little History



Much concern was raised last year that in late August the north side of the channel silted in with sand, leaving it quite shallow. So I bring to you a little bit of history to keep things in perspective.

I can remember that as a child each summer I was able to walk dry footed from Point Clark to the sands of Lurgan to play in the empty dunes. Unlike Clark Creek where there is often a small stream sneaking out the mouth in the summer, the Pine often went weeks without an opening. That is how the Pine River would be today without the boat club.

Len McDonald, whose cottage was near the mouth of the river, prior to the boat club would sometimes try to hand shovel the sand bar to drag his 16 foot boat into the lake. In 1959 he founded the Pine River Boat club with 6 other cottagers to try to use the river as a harbour. When the club was founded the majority of the boats were 14 or 16 feet in length and drew little water.

Efforts were made to try to reinforce the mouth of the river but even in the late sixties the issue of sand silting in the north side of the channel was a problem. In order to try to keep the channel open the club over the years has tried to reach further into the lake to deeper water to reduce the sand coming around into the channel in August. A comparison of the pictures from the 60's to more recent will demonstrate the efforts by the club.



We need to keep in mind that we are dealing with a natural river. Depending on the height of the river and the lake there are limits to what the river will provide for access. With luck a cold winter with a significant ice jam in the Spring will often give us a head start on a clear channel as the ice may flush the channel.

When the club was first organized there were very few restrictions on what we could do to maintain the channel. At one time if there was a concern a member with excavation equipment could just provide some depth. As the Commodore reminds us in his message, that is no longer the case. Today there are permit requirements from SVCA and the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, and Natural Resources. Even with the permits there are restrictions on when dredging can take place, and how to handle the dredged sand. This is the current reality. In addition, finding a company with the necessary equipment and the time to do the job each year seems to be more difficult.

The club has considered in the past whether we can extend the arm of the mouth further into the lake. The answer has been that it would be beyond our means. First we would need a Coastal Engineer to provide a plan which in itself would be expensive. The work itself would likely be beyond our means even if after presenting the plan we could get approvals from all the regulatory bodies.

I know that the club website and the masthead of this newsletter refers to 24 feet being the reasonable limit to the size of boat in the river. We have clearly moved beyond the days of the average boat being 16'. The club does not officially have a limit it only provides advice. Much of that is in reflection on the width of the river and the introduction of several shallow draft sailboats. My personal opinion is that the best boat for the river is no larger than 18' and draws no more than 18". In addition it is a good idea to be able to raise the propeller.

The Board of the club will do its best to ensure we are able to use the channel all season. The contents of this history are the responsibility of Gordon Cale, Secretary of the club.