



# Pine River Boat Club

## Spring 2024

### General

Welcome, this newsletter is a summary of important 2024 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 2024 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](mailto: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

Have a good new year and safe boating season let's hope for deep water if you have concerns about the boat club give me or any directors a call we are looking for help and more directors.

Howard Madill

### From the Secretary

The Fall General Meeting of the club had very low attendance. This is members opportunity to meet other members and/or express their concerns. It is also the meeting that elects the Board.

While the PRBC is a corporation, that status exists to ensure a proper disposal of assets should we dissolve. As a club we need an involved membership, and a healthy turnover of Bridge officers. Support for the BBQ and cleanup work days has been excellent but a hand full of members at an annual meeting is a warning sign. The PRBC is a club not a business that just takes your money for a service. Members involvement is important.

One issue we will be watching this Spring is the low water level of the Lake and the failure of the river to have a strong ice flush. Dredging time is limited.

Gordon Cale

**The On Time date for 2024 dues is March 31**

## Board of Directors

		Cottage	Home
Past Commodore	Klaus Jorritsma	519-531-0277	519-887-6624
Commodore	Howard Madill	519-395-5608	519-696-2111
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	Doug Baier		519-395-3135
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

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### Important Dates

March 31, 2024	Date for on time payment of 2024 dues	
<b>TBA</b>	Board of Directors Meeting at the club house	9:30 am
May 1	Gate locks activated	
<b>Sunday May 19</b>	Spring General Meeting of members at the club house	10:30 am
<b>TBA</b>	Clean Up day on the property,	8:30 am
June 23	Docks should be in or Harbour Master told of delay	
Saturday August 3	BBQ and Corn Roast at the club house	5:30 pm
Sunday Sept 1	Directors Meeting at the clubhouse	9:00 am
Sunday Sept 1	Fall General Meeting at the clubhouse	10:30 am

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The 2023 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.



Early BBQ on the south side before the clubhouse

### 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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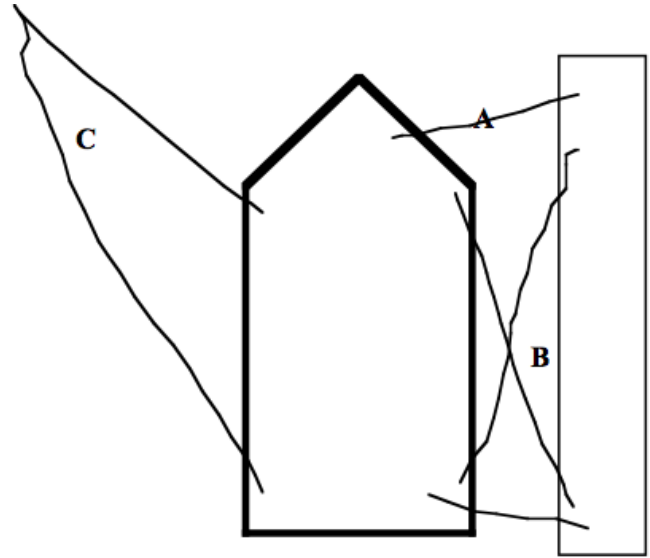
### Tips for tying up

**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.



### If mailing your 2024 dues and any updated information:

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

**Dues for 2024 are \$300 on time  
\$350 late  
Social \$20  
payment by email to  
[payment@pineriverboatclub.ca](mailto: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 2023 we had 136 members not including social members. In a normal year we see 10 to 15 new members and a similar number of resignations. Previous to the last 4 years our membership was around 100.

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