

WHAT'S "NEWS"

.....at The Harbour.....



Today is September 17th and the end of the season is fast approaching

I think most of you would agree that we've had a great summer for boating. Although the weather is a little cooler these days, with any luck there will be a few more opportunities to get out on the bay and enjoy some fall boating.

Docks

Finishing the east wall did not happen this season, however we are experimenting with new wooden docks to cover the existing metal ones which will clean up the look and which provides for a wider walking platform. The plan is to replace the steel posts as we make this change to the docks and hopefully the longer posts will help prevent them from lifting over the winter. Trial and error.

Weeds...Weeds...and more Weeds

Another exciting season of weeds! This spring we contracted with a company out of Orangeville to obtain a permit to spray for weeds. Who would have believed it would take so long to satisfy the powers that be. No...wait...we still have not received permission and the season is just about over.

The young lady from the Ministry of the Environment who came to take the necessary pictures and do a walk-about was on contract with MOE which has since ended, however her advice is to carry on with the application so that next season MNR (Ministry of Natural Resources) and DFO (Department of Fisheries and Oceans) will have us on file. We are awaiting responses from both of these agencies. Apparently, this is the first time anyone from Bayview has applied for such a permit and I am advised that this is the reason for the lengthy time frame.

Clean Marine Program

To reiterate, boaters play an important part in making the Clean Marine Program successful.

Once again a "big thank-you" to those who make an effort to recycle.

For those who are not maybe next year it will be your turn to make more of an effort to participate in this program.

Dan St. Gelais had the barrels in place again for the collection of cans and bottles as a fund raiser for a local club. Hopefully everyone has done their part to help with this project. Although Dan has moved on to Fin and Feather where he is the proud owner of a trailer perhaps he will continue to supply barrels for this worthy cause.

Landscaping

This year we made a huge effort to get some of the landscaping looking better. We cleaned up the east side of the lake entrance and will have a new sign and flag to go up in the spring. We put a flower bed in between the shed and store and filled it with hostas for a start. I'm sure you also noticed the clean up between the fence and the washroom. A project still to be finished but we have a few months left.

Stephanie resurrected the flags and installed them on the hill. What a nice touch as you enter the marina. I will look into obtaining a Bayview Harbour Marina flag for next season. Flag Shop here I come.

New signs are also on the list for the entrance from the highway.

Dockage Contracts

It's that time of year when contracts for next year's dockage need to be signed in order to secure a slip. These contracts are available at the store/office and should be on the web site shortly.

Please complete and return to the office on or before the 30th of September in order to take advantage of the fall rate. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to phone Stephanie at the marina or myself at Harbour Lights.

Books, books and more books

A couple of the boaters have approached me about having a book exchange at the marina for all the avid readers looking for new material. Great idea and one we have in place at Harbour Lights. We will provide a space at the store for boaters to bring in the books they have read for the third or fourth time and pick up something new, perhaps an author you have never read before or a subject you would like more information about. Watch for information posted on the bulletin boards or in the washrooms about this new project.

And finally.....the Summer Finale..... Fall Corn Roast & Barbeque

Once again Bayview Harbour hosted a fall barbeque and corn roast. It's only ever a success with your participation and so I thank all those that came out to share the evening with us. A lot of great salads and desserts brought by everyone. We managed to run out of hamburgers and hotdogs but not the beer or the wine!!! I think you need more practice!!!!

Have a safe, warm winter and hope to see you all back next spring for another great summer on the inner bay.

For now.....Julia

***“Happiness is like your shadow.....
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but keep your face to the sun and it will follow you.”***