



Pointe au Baril Islanders' Association

Connections Update

June 17, 2015

Dear David,

As the weather warms, the icebergs melt and the eagle nests, so goes the beginning of the spring cottage season! For those of you who have had the privilege of spending time at the cottage, we hope you have enjoyed the glorious spring for the rest of us who have yet to arrive...

Channels Marked & Ready for the '15 Boating Season



For many PaBIA members Victoria Day weekend marked the beginning of the season and the first trip out to the cottage. Lots to do and lots to think about.

One thing that we didn't have to think about was the marking of the channels on our way out. Desmasdons had all the markers installed just as they were when we left last year. It's a big job for them to do in very little time and often in very cold conditions. This year time was exceptionally tight since Victoria Day weekend was early and the ice had only totally disappeared the week before.

As always, if you see any damage or if any markers have gone astray please send me an email with details. It's a big area to keep track of. Never assume someone else has seen it and reported it.

The Phragmites Challenge for Georgian Bay -

Phragmites, or Common Reed, is an alien invasive aquatic plant that has the potential to degrade wetlands. The Georgian Bay Association encourages removal of invasive Phragmites because of the threat it poses to the biodiversity of the Georgian Bay area...GBA



[Read the entire article](#), written by Sandy Boeckh, Chair of Environmental Portfolio

This is likely to be the first of many updates on one of Canada's nastiest invasive plant species. Although we have not identified it in Pointe au Baril to date, it is no doubt on our doorstep if it hasn't slipped under our radar and taken root already. GBA hosted an excellent workshop on invasive Phragmites in late April that was attended by

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several of us from PaBIA. We learned how folks in other parts of south-western Ontario and southern Georgian Bay have waged war on this recalcitrant weed. Although some of these areas have very different terrain than in Pointe au Baril, the common thread was the grass roots organization to battle this invasive. Please see the updated [Phragmites Fact Sheet](#).

Methods of Control:

Cutting and Removal of Seeds and Stolons (above the ground runners) and rhizomes (underground runners) are important elements for control and eventual eradication BEFORE this invasive plant takes over and make it very difficult to rid the area of it and retain our natural habitat.

The Disposal of the cut weed will not be so simple in our area - burning is the only option.

Tracking the spread of Phragmites in Ontario by downloading an App and submitting a photo!

[Map App](#) or
[Phragspotter](#) App

Stay tuned for future updates in PaBIA's summer eBlasts and keep your eyes open for invasive phragmites!

CPR Courses Filling Up -

In the May newsletter, we explained the situation with PaBERT not running this summer.



St. John Ambulance

So we ask the question: Would you know how to administer life saving CPR? It's one thing to be in the city where an ambulance is just a call away. But it is quite another to be on an island 20 minutes from the mainland with no help on the way. Either way, taking a few hours to learn how to do CPR could save the life of someone close to you. So PaBIA wants to encourage you to take a CPR course this summer and has solicited St. John Ambulance to offer two CPR level "A" courses, as well as an AED course.

The first CPR course in July has filled up already, **but the August 11 one is still open**. This morning course will be held in the Pointe au Baril Community Centre from 9:00 to noon. The one-morning course is \$75:00/person. Please note, however, that the course is limited to a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 15 candidates, ages 15 years and up. Therefore, we need to ask those seriously interested to sign up **IN ADVANCE** by contacting [Graham Smith](#), Director of Member Safety**NOW**. *Should there be enough interest, more courses may be offered, so please contact Graham should you have an interest.*

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Tune Up Race for Sailing Season Begins on



June 27th...2 pm...Be Ready and Join the Fun!

The fun begins in Ojibway Bay at 2 pm...with the Rendez Vous for SAILORS ONLY will be at Honsbergers after the race!

Questions...ask the new Commodore, [John Tremayne](#)

Junior Naturalist is EARLY this Year!



The Junior Naturalist Survivor, which was such a hit last year, returns this summer on Sunday, July 5th from 10 - 12 noon at the Movie Hut. Plan now to have your kids there!

PaBIA members' kids and grandkids 6-14 will work with a group to earn points and solve challenges including:

Deciphering/Decoding Messages

Shelter Building (including producing a take-away mini shelter

Edible Plant Scavenger Hunt!

Questions: Contact [Nancy Regan](#)

Dan & Jan's Educational Fact For 2015



We would like to point out one interesting fact a year so we all can become better sportsmen. Here is our 2015 interesting fact from the 2015 Regulations:

"It is illegal to attempt to catch fish for which the season is closed, even if you are

going to release them. Fish accidentally caught during the closed season must be immediately released back into the water. Closed

seasons protect fish at vulnerable times of the year, especially when they are spawning or protecting their young."



Kayak Found

This kayak was found near the Ojibway Island by the crew of Adamanda. Thanks Wendy for passing this along to PaBIA!

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In Memoriam

Ellen Gordon Roberts, A30 - 87 'Frog Bay' on Tonches Is., wife of the late H. Evan Roberts, mother of Ellen Langtree, Dan Roberts and Rob Roberts, sister of the late Ruth Gordon Noone, April 2015.

Advocating for the Islanders

'Til Next Time,

Your PaBIA Directors

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