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Buck Lake News – June 2019

Kids' Happy Camping

The 15th Buck Lake Boatilla will be held on Saturday, 29 June, 2019, an annual event with two very worthwhile objectives,

- To send physically disabled children to Easter Seal's Camp Merrywood, and
- To bring together Buck Lake residents, vacationers, and their guests in a parade of boats and a community picnic, all in a very good cause.



Beginning in 2005, to date the Boatilla has raised \$249,086, enough money to send a total of 101 kids to Merrywood. Those kids, all with physical disabilities, would not otherwise have been able to enjoy the experience of summer camping with others like themselves in a safe and secure environment. Similarly, their parents and siblings would not have had a 10-day break from their care-giving responsibilities, secure in the knowledge that their vulnerable children were being well cared for, one-on-one, by well-trained camp counselors, backed up by an experienced medical and other caring staff.

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Camp Merrywood began in 1948 as a summer camp for kids with polio. It is situated on a thirty- acre peninsula on the Big Rideau Lake between Perth and Smith's Falls. It has three camper cabins, a dining room and lodge, other buildings for music, theatre, and nature programs, a "health hut", and a swimming pool. Its kids can sail, canoe, kayak, swim, fish, do archery and crafts, and participate in wheelchair basketball, sledge hockey, and all sort of other activities including canoe trips and white water rafting on the Owl River. A lot of ingenuity has gone into modification of the canoes, boats and other equipment needed for the kids to participate in all these activities.

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Easter Seals helps kids with physical disabilities and medical conditions including cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, spinal cord and brain injuries, and genetic abnormalities; happily polio no longer threatens kids in Canada. In addition to the all-important goal of helping them "just be kids", Easter Seals also provides funding for mobility and accessibility equipment, wheelchairs, walkers, lifts, ramps, and toileting and bathing aids for families who don't have sufficient financial resources to obtain them. Nearly 50% of families with a disabled child have total annual household incomes less than \$40,000 and 25% have less than \$20,000. Easter Seals is entirely funded by donations from individuals, service clubs, sponsors, and foundations.

The Boatilla was born out of what was Buck Lake's Community Watch, a program originally established to protect properties from break-ins and vandalism. The Watch proved, happily, not to be needed after its first few years. Casting around for something useful to do, the small group of volunteers, Ron Matthey, Rick Smith, Boyd Barr, and Ross Trudel, hit on the idea of working with Ross' wife Liz, an investment counselor with Toronto Dominion Bank, to raise money for Easter Seals. It seemed a perfect fit to enable disabled kids to enjoy for a little while at summer camp the same kind of pleasures Buck Lakers enjoy all summer and, for many, all year around.

That first year was a hoot. It was a beautifully sunny day but the wind and waves were high. They washed over the deck of Rick's eponymous pontoon boat where Ron was trying valiantly to keep some semblance of order and drenched Ross repeatedly as he maneuvered his runabout precariously among the assembled boats at the end of the parade in Christmas Bay collecting cash donations. The goal of raising enough to send one Kid to Camp, then \$2,000, was exceeded, yielding nearly enough for two. And it grew from there. In each of several recent years the Boatilla has raised enough to send 11 Kids to Camp. Currently the cost is \$2,500 for each camper, high because each of them requires one-on-one care to ensure their comfort, safety, and a risk-free really good time. Subsequent to that first year, Randy Ruttan volunteered the use of his campground for a wind-up BBQ/picnic where the Boatilla participants join with a number of campers from Camp Merrywood and their families, some of whom also participate in a tour of the lake on big, safe pontoon boats captained by experienced owners. A feature at the BBQ for the past several years has been a bake table with cookies and other goodies prepared by the Little Big Heart Gang, an enthusiastic group of Buck Lake children who provide hope and security for the Boatilla's future.

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From its outset, a cardinal rule of the Boatilla is that every last penny raised goes to Easter Seals and Camp Merrywood. All the food for the end-of-the-Boatilla BBQ is donated by local merchants; volunteers provide its set-up and take-down labour and canvass ahead of time the lake's residents, cottagers, and others for donations. This charity's administrative cost is zero.

We who live and vacation here on Buck Lake are truly blessed. Just think how great it would be if every lake in the Frontenacs were to have a Boatilla and shared that blessing with others less fortunate, disabled kids especially.

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Local Resident Inducted into the Kingston Sports Hall of Fame.



On May 3rd, **Gord McLellan** was inducted into the Kingston Sports Hall of Fame.

Gord coached football and track and field at Bayridge Secondary School and Sydenham High School from 1974 to 2003. Before that, he was a track and field athlete and played intercollegiate football for the University of Waterloo and for Queen's University.

In all, Gord's high school teams won eight Kingston Area Secondary Schools Athletic Association championships in football and 12 in track and field.

Gord and his wife Maureen have had a cottage on Buck Lake for many years and both contribute greatly to the Buck Lake Community. Maureen served on the BLA board leading the Social and Outreach committee for several years and Gord has worked on the committee that brings us the annual Rider Cup Golf Tournament each September.

Contratulations Gord!



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The Buck Lake Community Directory

Submitted by Cheryl Savery

In 2017, the Buck Lake Association created a community email and phone directory for cottagers and residents in the hopes of helping create a more connected and caring community. The directory has been circulated to those Buck Lakers who supplied their contact information for inclusion in the directory and is not to be used for solicitation or commercial purposes. An update was emailed out in May and we will continue to send out periodic updates as changes come in.



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www.bucklake.ca

Buck Lake
Community
Directory

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If you have not sent in your information and are interested in being in the Buck Lake Directory and getting a copy, just email your contact information (name, lake address and up to 2 email addresses and phone numbers) to bucklakeassoc@gmail.com



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Boating Tips – Rules of the Road

The “rules of the road” for Canada’s waterways help everyone avoid collisions on the water by setting out what every boater should do to avoid hitting or being hit by another vessel.

Some basic rules:

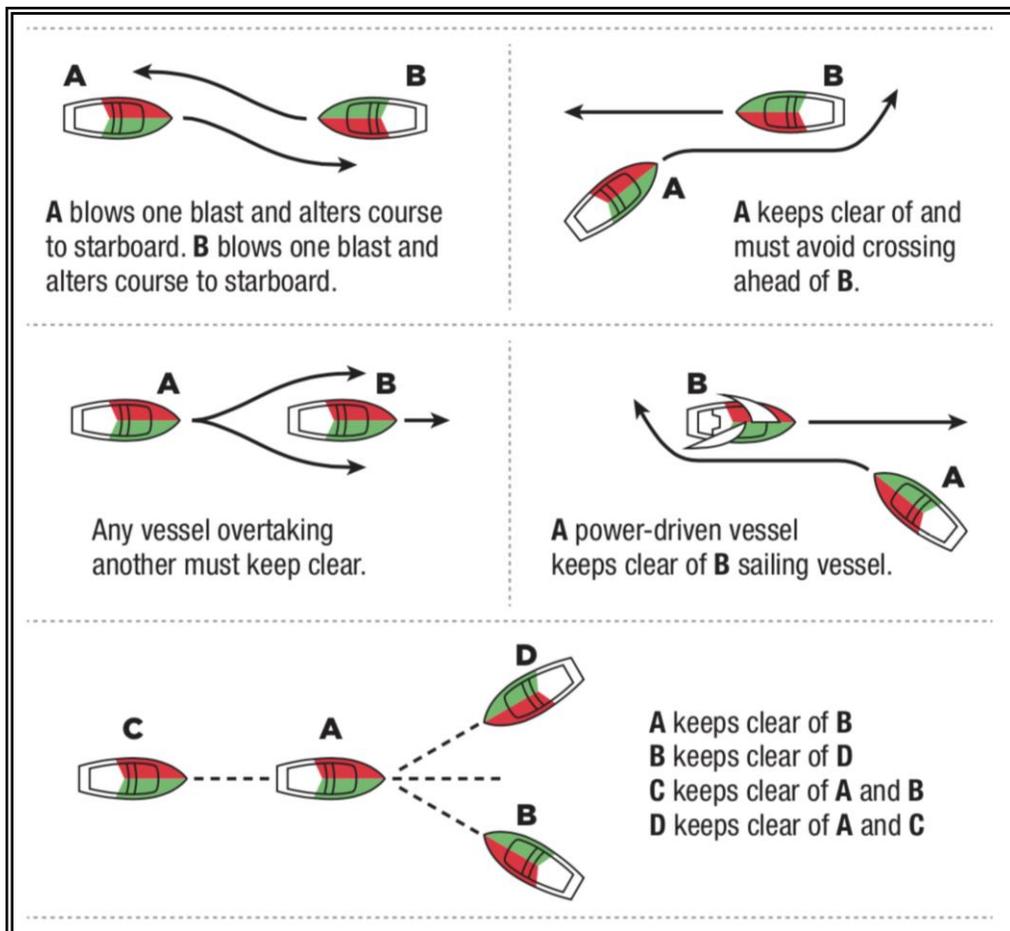
1. Power boats give way to sailboats and paddle craft
2. Sailboats give way to paddle craft
3. Sailboats under power are considered power boats and give way accordingly.



1. Port If a power-driven vessel approaches within this sector, maintain your course and speed with caution.

2. Starboard If a power-driven vessel approaches within this sector, take early and substantial action to avoid a collision by passing behind the approaching boat.

3. Stern If any vessel approaches this sector, maintain your course and speed with caution.



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Signs That Your Septic System Might be Failing

If you are experiencing any of the following signs or have doubts about the condition of your system, consider having it inspected:

- Slowing or backed up drains in your home
- Spongy spots on or near the leaching bed
- Sewage on the ground or near the bed
- Odour in the basement or outside
- Poor well or surface water quality

The inspection should identify the problem and identify the work necessary to repair your system.

If your septic system requires repair, help may be available. The Province of Ontario, through the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program under the Clean Water Act, has funded Early Actions programs at local conservation authorities. The Early Actions programs provide funds for upgrading or decommissioning septic systems that may be a threat to municipal drinking water sources. For more information on Early Actions funding, contact your local conservation authority.

Information Sources on Septic Systems

- Ministry of the Environment
ontario.ca/environment
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing
ontario.ca/buildingcode
- Ontario Rural Wastewater Centre
www.orwc.uoguelph.ca
- Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association
www.oowa.org
- Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services
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- Your local Conservation Authority, Health Unit or Building Department

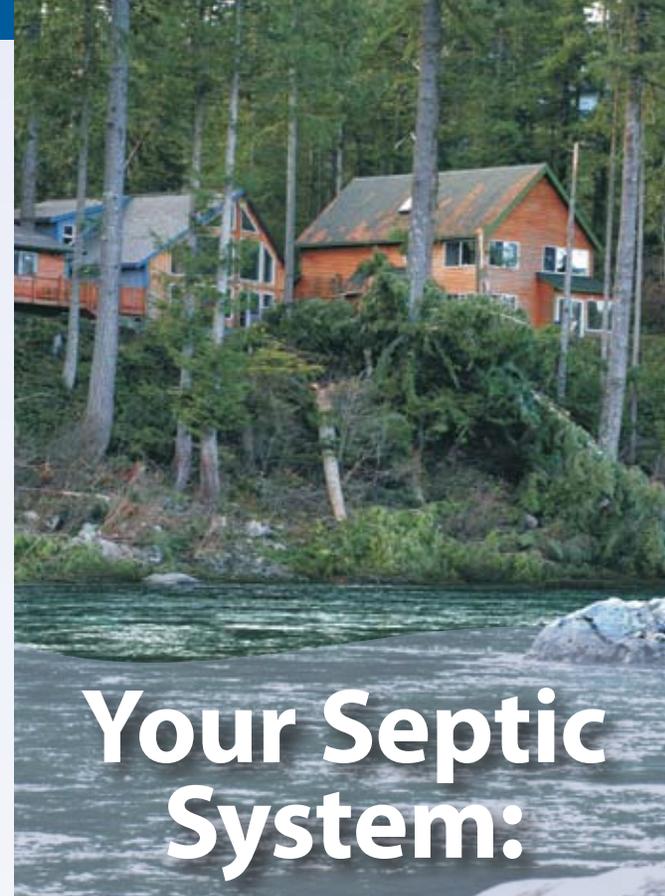


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Maintenance of Your Septic System

Most rural homes and cottages use a septic system - a sewage system that usually consists of a tank and a leaching bed, also sometimes called a tile bed. A septic system is privately owned, and by law you are responsible for its safe operation, maintenance and repair.

A septic system is like any other equipment in your house. If you operate and maintain the system responsibly, it will work well and should last a long time. A properly functioning septic system provides a safe, reliable way of treating your household wastewater.

If you don't maintain your septic system, you could be endangering your family's health, the integrity of the natural environment and nearby water sources. If something goes wrong with your septic system, the replacement cost can be up to \$25,000.

The Province of Ontario is committed to ensuring that Ontarians can enjoy safe and clean water for generations to come. The Province has taken steps such as the passing of the Clean Water Act, 2006 and making changes to the Building Code Act, 1992 to better ensure that septic systems in Ontario are well maintained to help protect the quality of water.

This pamphlet contains tips on how to responsibly operate and maintain your septic system, when to have your system inspected and how to tell if your system is not functioning properly.

Safe Operation of Your Septic System

Here are some things you can do to responsibly operate and maintain your septic system:

- Know the location of your tank and bed and have the tank contents pumped out when necessary (generally every 3 to 5 years).
- Avoid putting food, compost or grease down the drain.
- Conserve water and try to spread water use over the course of the week – including laundry.
- Avoid excessive use of anti-bacterial soaps, bleaches and harsh cleaning products.
- Protect your sewage system – avoid driving over it and do not construct anything (e.g. pools, driveways and sheds) on or near any part of the tank or bed.
- Avoid putting paints, solvents, pesticides and other toxic chemicals in your system; use recycling or hazardous waste collection programs for these substances.
- Keep trees and shrubs away from the leaching bed.
- A properly installed and maintained septic system should avoid contamination of nearby wells. A private well should be tested for bacteria at least 3 times per year.

Septic System Inspections

Regular inspections are important for the proper maintenance of your sewage system and can identify on-going or potential problems. Inspections can help to ensure a long, useful lifespan for your sewage system.

New or Replacement Septic Systems

- New and replacement septic systems require a building permit and must be approved and inspected by the local enforcement agency to ensure that it meets the requirements of the Building Code.
- Your municipality can tell you who enforces septic system requirements in your area.

Time of Sale Inspections

- Buyers, real estate agents and financial institutions commonly request that septic systems be inspected prior to finalizing a sale to protect against unexpected costs.
- A time of sale inspection might involve pumping the tank and examining the leaching bed for any signs of problems.
- This type of inspection may be conducted by a licensed septic system installer, a licensed sewage hauler or a professional engineer.

Re-inspection Programs

- Some municipalities have initiated reinspection programs of existing septic systems to address water quality concerns.
- These programs are conducted by the local enforcement agency to determine the integrity of the system.
- This type of inspection could involve assessing the condition of the tank, as well as examining the bed for signs of problems

The 2019 Buck Lake Boatilla

Celebrating 15 years of sending kids to Camp Merrywood

Saturday, June 29

2:00 P.M. Boats
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Coming Events:

Monday Golf

- Every Monday 9am
- Evergreen or Rideau Lakes Golf Course
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Cannonball Crush

- Saturday, June 8, 2019 9:30am
- Fort Henry

Buck Lake Boatilla

- Saturday. June 29, 2019 2pm
- Buck Lake / Hidden Valley Campground

Annual General Meeting

- Saturday. July 6, 2019 9am
- Perth Road Hall

Education Night

- Thursday July 25 at 7pm
- Perth Road Hall
- Free will offering for Sandy Pines at the door
- Speaker Janet Fenton
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