

TROUT LAKE TIMES



Companionship, Safety, Conservation

Welcome to the first edition of the Trout Lake Times monthly newsletter! Our objective is to provide some interesting news, and content on a monthly basis (during the summer season) to our Trout Lake community. We currently issue the bulletin three times a season, but sometimes the news needs to travel a little quicker - yes, even in the relaxed environment of the lake.

Help make this your community newsletter by providing interesting happenings, news, and events of interest to our friends and neighbours. Pictures are especially welcome.

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Please SLOW DOWN - It's the Law!

Complaints continue to come in about people speeding by too fast, too close to the shoreline.

We are having issues with people coming so close and the wake can cause damage. It has been unreal so far this year and it has just started. Maybe if people know they can be charged it may help???

In Canada, there is a shoreline speed zone which restricts all power-driven vessels to 10 km/hr (6 mph) or less within 30 metres (100 feet) of shore

Come on Trout Lakers, do your bit to protect our shorelines. Approximately 6 boat-lengths from shore is a no wake zone. It's not that hard.

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Forrest fires are the last thing anyone wants to think about when at the lake. Mother Nature might be responsible for some of the fires but you can do your part to keep us all safe this season. Here are a few fire safety tips.

Outside the cottage

1. Store fuel, firewood, and other combustible materials at least 10 metres from the cottage.
2. Keep roof and rain gutters free of dried leaves and pine needles. Install a screened cap on your chimney.
3. Keep firefighting tools (a bucket of water or sand, shovels, and a garden hose) handy when you're having a bonfire or burning brush.
4. Keep barbecues clean, and be on hand when you're using the stove or the grill. Cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the province, and often that's unattended cooking.
5. If you allow smoking at the cottage, establish a safe smoking area with a sand- or water-filled can for butts. Ask visitors to use the area and stub the butts out in the can.

Inside the cottage

6. Learn how your smoke alarms work and test them at least monthly. Ontario's Fire Code requires them on every storey and outside all sleeping areas. Regularly replace the batteries and replace the alarm itself every eight years. If you have an appliance fired by wood or fossil fuel, or an attached garage, install a carbon-monoxide detector.
7. Develop a fire escape plan. Designate family members who are responsible to help guests, people who may have trouble getting out on their own, and pets. Keep keys and cellphones in a handy place, so they can be found during a hasty exit. Once everyone is out and accounted for at a meeting place, call 911 or your local emergency number and report the fire.
8. Keep the local emergency number and directions to the cottage handy at a designated spot and saved on your mobile phone. Make sure guests know where to find them.
9. Clean and check your chimney regularly. Maintain fuel burning appliances.



10. Know your exits. We need to take a page from the air-lines: here’s where the exits are. Once outside, move to a spot where arriving neighbours and firefighters can see you. You want to make sure they know everyone is accounted for, so they don’t have to put themselves at risk to rescue you.

11. Install fire extinguishers in the kitchen, garage, and boathouse, and in any powerboats, and learn how to use them. Ensure they’re maintained and pressurized as per the manufacturer’s instructions. (When fighting a fire with an extinguisher, always keep an escape route behind you.)

12. Ensure your address number is visible from the road. Consider ways to make your lane easier to navigate for large fire vehicles.

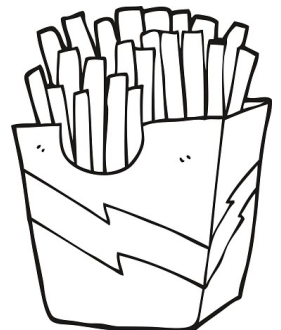

13. Properly dispose of ashes from wood-burning appliances. Put ashes in sand or in mineral soil in a steel bucket (but don’t leave the hot bucket on the wood deck), then spread and bury them, or treat them like a campfire and put water or snow on top.



French Fry Fridays are back! Starting June 30th

Join us at the Tiki Hut every Friday from 3pm until they’re gone!

Annual corn roast and BBQ – Sept 3

POACHING: The taking of game or fish illegally.

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Trout Lakers - Show us your pictures!



Send your pictures of good times at Trout Lake and we'll print them in the July issue.

Send to Peter Stewart - Michelle_peter@mac.com



PICNIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The Association is starting planning for the annual picnic on August 6, 2023. We are seeking the assistance of members for the following tasks:

- Running the canoe races and swim races
- Running the kids' foot races
- Running the horseshoe tournament
- Purchasing prizes for the fish pond and towels for race prizes
- Approaching businesses or individuals to donate prizes for the membership draws

If you are interested in assisting with any of these things, or something else, please get in touch with Linda. We need your help to get this large event organized. Thanks very much!

Dates to Remember

Annual General Meeting

Sunday July 9th, 10am Silvery Moon Lodge

Directors up for re-election - Vice President, Bulletin, Membership, All directors without portfolio. Come see your board in action!

Annual Trout Lake Picnic

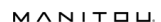
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Come join us at this annual event!

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May 16 – July 12, 2023: Have your say on new proposed vessel licensing regulations – A pleasure craft licence (PCL) is a document issued by Transport Canada which contains a unique licence number used to identify a vessel. This number allows authorities to access important information in an emergency and to maintain compliance with safety and environmental regulations.

Transport Canada (TC) is proposing changes to the Small Vessel Regulations for **licensing pleasure craft** that include:

- establishing a 5-year term for all pleasure craft licences
- introducing a \$24 fee for an initial (new), renewal, transfer, or a replacement pleasure craft licence
- requiring licence holders to provide a change of information (i.e. name or address) within 30 days
- requiring new owners to transfer a pleasure craft licence upon purchase
- expanding PCL requirements to include wind-powered craft over 6 metres in length.
- providing the Minister of Transport with the ability to cancel a PCL for non-compliance

Public input can be provided to TC (use the address below) until July 12, 2023.

<https://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2023/2023-05-13/html/reg2-eng.html>