**Anstruther Lake Cottagers’ Association Inc. (ALCA)**

**2020 Fall Newsletter**

Summer 2020 (COVID-19 Summer) has been in many ways been both unusual and yet fantastic. The weather co-operated and gave us those hot summer days to enjoy the Lake. We are so lucky to have our Cottages as respite from lockdown in the City. Yes, it was tough getting here before June and seemed totally unfair, but when the time came and the summer began activity was noticeably busy. Many were able to stay for extended periods and work from the Cottage.

Since COVID shut down our usual social activities like the 58th Annual Regatta and the Corn & Wiener Roast, Kudos go to Board Member, Chris Johnstone who organized “**Anstruther Lake Distance Regatta 2020”**. This involved a Fishing Contest, (Winners to be announced in a separate email from Chris), and Picture Collage (please keep sending your pics to Chris ([kurisu.jonsuton@gmail.com](mailto:kurisu.jonsuton@gmail.com)) to commemorate Anstruther 2020.

Thanks, go to Carmen D’Andrea and her Daughter, Bianca for jumping into action and creating **100 Grab Bags** that were distributed dock-to-dock to our young lake residents.

**Trent University Water Testing** continued in August with a team of graduate students from Dr. Paul Frost’s Lab collecting many water samples through the water column to the bottom (125’) measuring everything from Dissolved Oxygen (very important for Lake Trout populations), Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Temperatures, Water Clarity, Chlorophyll and Calcium. Please see **‘Anstruther Lake Water Quality Report 2015-2019’** under ‘Articles of Interest’ on the **ALCA website:** [**www.anstrutherlake.com**](http://www.anstrutherlake.com). Thank-you to Bob Burgis for continuing E-coli water testing at ten sites on the Lake. He does this at the end of July and the end of August. Those results are also posted under ‘Articles of Interest’ on the website. We are seeing some slight changes but everything is still very healthy for our Lake. As we all agree, Anstruther Lake’s Water Quality makes us the ‘Jewel’ in the Crown of the Kawartha’s.

**ALCA’s Website** is very informative. If you go to ‘More’ (top right) and click on ‘Resources’ you will find many Links that are extremely informative. A popular one is **‘Water Levels’** which tracks Anstruther’s real-time level (click on Water Levels, then go to Nogies Creek, Mississauga River and click on Anstruther). Other popular sites are **FOCA, North Kawartha Township, Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park, (**the Gate is being removed to allow the Township to do winter plowing of the parking area), **Hydro One Outages,** etc.

Thank-you to Mike Bates and his Team that keep the **Flashing Light System** running for nighttime navigation.

Your **ALCA Board** has had a busy summer dealing with issues keeping abreast of COVID protocols working with NK Council & Staff, Anstruther Marina issues, KHPP Superintendent & Wardens (the Park was incredibly busy), and MPP Dave Smith. Thanks to our Treasurer, Mary Colleen Shanahan, Secretary, Denyse Jeffrey-Janusc, Vicee-President, Doug Murray who works tirelessly on **‘Membership’** (if you haven’t PLEASE, renew your 2020 Membership. It is so important to maintain the vitality of your Lake Association). Past President, Paul Beamish and Director-at-Large, Iean Tait are great resources for their input on the issues.

I wish everyone the very best as we approach the winter months. Be safe and stay healthy. Please contact me directly at any time.

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