

Duck Lake Cottagers' Association

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Winter 2026 Newsletter

13th issue



What a Snowy Dreamland!

Our favourite season is upon us and we are loving it. With all the snowfall, the groomed trails are EPIC and in great condition. Shout out to the volunteers of the Argyle Rider's Snowmobile Club. In the eight winters that we have lived on Duck Lake this is the most beautiful.

A steady stream of family and friends over the past month has allowed us to show off our little piece of heaven. We have enjoyed snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, tobogganing, skating on Duck Lake and at the rink at the Community Centre. It was such a thrill cheering on the Canadian Olympians over the past two weeks and then watching our kids take to the ice on the outdoor rink like they were the next McDavid, Crosby or Philip-Poulin.

We attended the Argyle Rider's Poker Run on Valentine's Day. It was well organized and there was live music, food, prizes and a great turn out at the Legion.

We would like to encourage people to come out to this fundraiser. It's a great community event!

We have recently learned that our beloved The Port Shores will be closing. We would like to send a heartfelt thanks to Tom, Ruthann and staff for their hard work and all the amazing memories over the years.

Make sure that you mark your calendars for our annual boat decorating contest and parade. As well, please join us for our annual Duck Lake Fishing Derby. All dates and locations are included later in the newsletter.

There is still lots of winter left and we hope to see you on the trails. Enjoy your winter and we'll see you in the spring! Have 'snow' much fun!

- Jody Dugas

What's Inside this newsletter:

President's corner

Directors' contact information

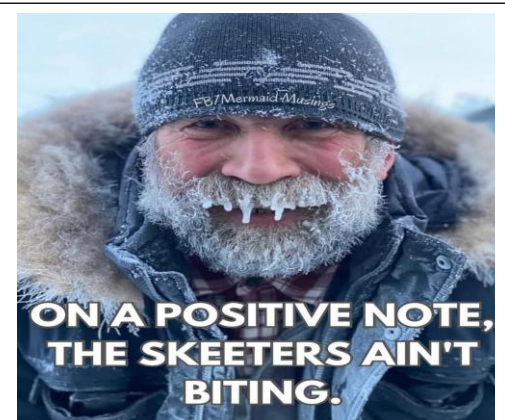
FOCA information

Offer from Cottage Life Magazine

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Summer Association events 2025:



Youth Fishing Derby winners



Adult Fishing Derby winners



2025 Boat decorating contest First Place Winning entry



Duck Lake Summer Picnic Group Photo 2025

Duck Lake Cottagers' Association Directors 2025-2026

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Position presently vacant

Director/ Community Liaison:

Position presently vacant

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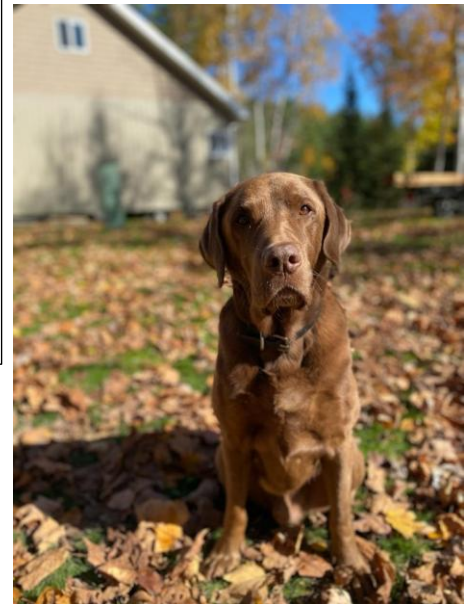
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The Faces of Duck Lake:



Remembering - Harley
Tom & Deb's fur baby - gone,
but forever a part of our Duck
lake memories.

Remember your FOCA membership is included with your DLCA annual dues.

We have a shared responsibility as boaters to keep our waterways safe and clean. We are lucky to have thousands of beautiful lakes and rivers to enjoy in Ontario, and boating is an important part of our heritage and history. Boating allows for an appreciation of our natural areas, and can be a great family activity.

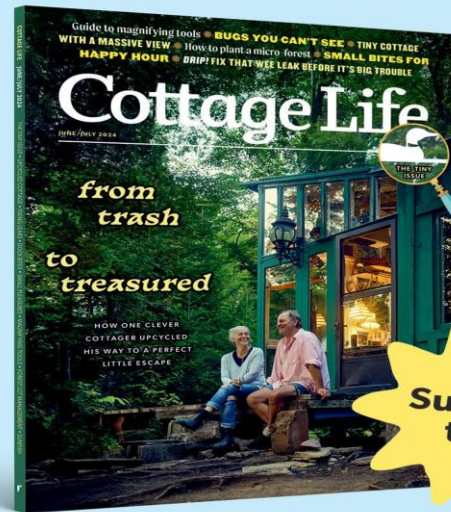
Update January 6, 2026 – Small Vessel Licensing Regulations: Transport Canada (TC) has implemented a new 5-year license period for pleasure craft licenses (PCL) with a \$24 service fee to process new, renewed, or transferred PCL applications. There are new requirements to notify TC of changes in boat information or ownership within 30 (not 90) days.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This is different than the 'Pleasure Craft Operator Card' that is issued in your name; this is for your boat(s). A copy of the PCL must be carried on board at all times. If you have a boat that was licensed in 1974 or earlier, you must 'renew' by March 31st this year, or face fines. If licensed between 1975 and 1985, you have until the end of 2026, etc. Get all the details – including a renewal deadline chart by boat license date – from [our colleagues at CanBoat](#).

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When you become a member of the **Duck Lake Cottagers' Association**, you're helping protect our lake, support community programs, and keep cottage life thriving for years to come.

Did you know Cottage Life offers cottage owners a **complimentary 3-issue subscription to Cottage Life magazine?** That's expert tips, inspiring cottage stories, and plenty of ideas to make the most of your time at the lake — delivered right to your door. **Current subscribers will have their 3 free issues added to the end of their current subscription.** As well, cottagers who sign up for the 3-issue subscription will automatically receive **one (1) free ticket to the upcoming Cottage Life Show.**

It's easy! Sign up here <https://cottagelife.typeform.com/clm3issuepromo>

Dates to Remember - Summer 2026

2026 Canada Day Boat Decorating Contest & Flotilla

Saturday July 4th (rain date July 5th). Meet at the Duck Lake docks for 2pm for the judging and awarding of prizes. Followed by the parade of boats around Duck Lake and Pigeon Bay.

2026 Summerfest Picnic:

Saturday July 25, 2 - 7 pm., eat at 5- ish
(Rain date July 26, noon -5 ish.)

Bring: a dish to share (salad or desert).

Cold drinks and BBQ options will be supplied. BYOB.

Location To Be Determined !!!

We need a **VOLUNTEER** to host this (as Tom & Deb are expecting grandbaby #3 around this time and have another family commitment as well). The committee will arrange the food purchases and help with set up, clean up, etc. We just need a location.

2026 AGM

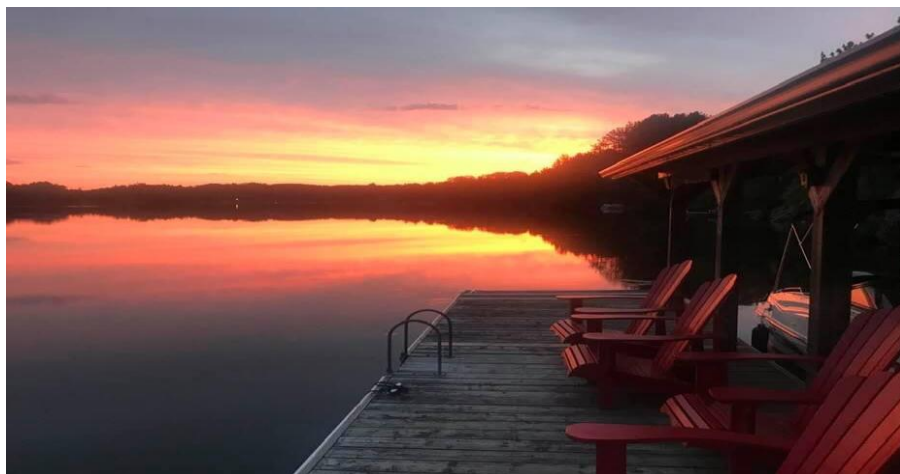
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Fishing Derby

Saturday August 1st, 2026. Start and end at Evann & Lisa Seney's cottage. More details will be coming.

Thanksgiving Weekend

Main docks to be removed for Winter storage immediately after this date.



LAKE ASSOCIATION DUES

REMINDER:

2026 Duck Lake Cottagers' Association dues of \$100.00 were due in January. If you have not already done so - here's how:

To Pay:

Etransfer your funds to:
ducklakecottagers1@gmail.com

or

send your cheque to the treasurer -

Tom Howell
610 Lumberton Cres.
Mississauga, ON L4Z 3Z6
CANADA

Members will receive their 2026 placards once dues are paid.

Submissions Wanted

Please consider contributing items for our website and/or upcoming newsletters. Photos, original artwork, articles, stories, jokes and poems, etc. Send items to be considered to Deb Hart at:

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Or

Text to: 416-873-5323