

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2016



Our Mission:

To promote and maintain a healthy lake environment, and to encourage the responsible use of Bay Lake for the enjoyment and benefit of our community today and for the future

Lake Steward Report

What a difference a year makes!! Last year at this time, ice-fishing was on, now you can fish off your dock or go for a canoe ride. This kind of weather makes for some great wildlife spotting. Mama and baby bear were seen at the East end of the lake, looking for food, no doubt. Two moose were observed swimming across the lake by the Meyer family. The loons are still on the lake and the Northern birds are starting to drop in on their way South.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry have removed our designation as a Lake Trout Lake. This has given us the opportunity to select a Committee to take care of re-stocking our lake with fish.

Wood Duck boxes have been placed around the lake and will be filled with wood shavings this winter. These birds tend to arrive early, so the boxes will be ready!

Important things to consider to promote Conservation of the lake:

- keep it natural
- protect shorelines
- minimize environmental disturbance
- spread the word!!

Message From Your Executive

This year is quickly coming to a close and we would like to thank the previous Executive, Members, and all the Volunteers for their participation and support throughout the year.

In 2016 your new Executive will rely on this continued support, if we are going to continue to successfully maintain a healthy lake and environment.

While we continue to encourage you to promote the benefits of being a member to your cottage neighbours and friends, we also encourage active participation in our Association, Events and Community.

We are blessed to have a clean and healthy lake. Let's keep it that way!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year!



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Annual Pancake Breakfast - May 22/2016**
- **Annual General Meeting - August 7/2016**
- **Pitch-in Day - April 30/2016**
- **Corn Roast - TBD**



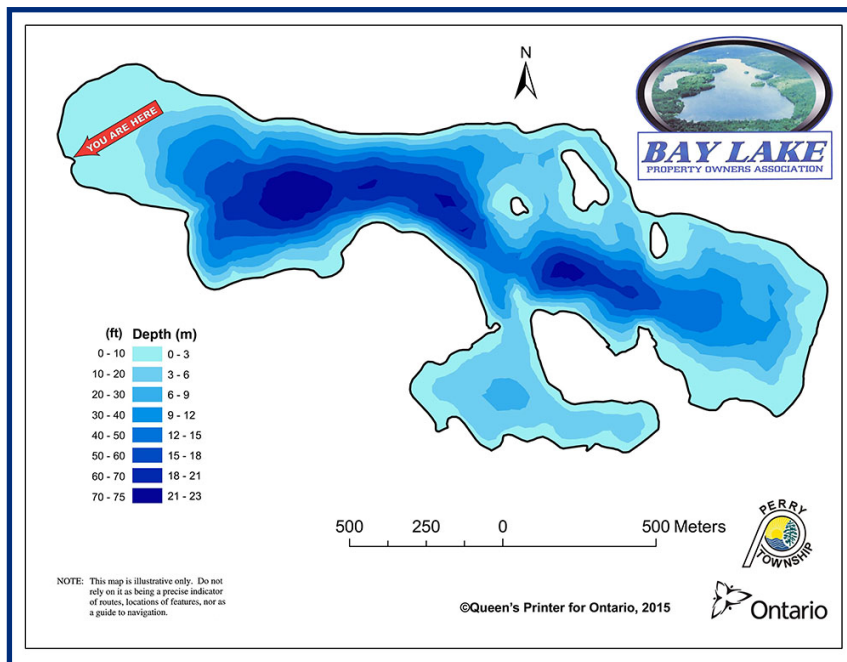
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Bay Lake Boat Launch Sign

Thanks to last year's Executive Committee, next spring we will be installing a 36" x 24" Bay Lake bathymetric sign at the boat launch. For those who would like a 11" x 17" laminated placemat style version of this sign, we will have them for sale at next years 'Pancake Breakfast' on the May 24th long weekend.



2015 Corn Roast

Our last event sponsored by the executive was the corn roast on September 19th. This fun event was well attended in spite of the rain. The corn was amazingly sweet and delicious -thank you to Scott & Pam Milton for providing it. We ran out of Chili - so we will need to put another pot on for next year. Thank you also to our gracious hosts Wayne & Kathy Cook whom have provided their lovely home the past 3 years for this event!!



Winter Ice Safety

We all know how enjoyable it can be to get out there on the ice, that special feeling of 'walking on water' in the winter months. Ice-fishing is a great winter activity, but please exercise caution and due diligence before you head out. Listen to local reports and follow Ministry guidelines to ensure that everyone is enjoying themselves in the safest way possible!

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Moose on the Loose!

This young lady has been spotted in areas all over the lake in the early to late fall. As majestic and peaceful as they seem from a distance though, it is always important to remember that these creatures are incredibly large, strong, and used to living in the wild. As much as they may offer a wonderful photo opportunity and are generally slow-moving and sedentary, moose can become aggressive and move quickly if angered or startled. Their mating season in the autumn can lead to spectacular fights between males competing for a female. Keep your distance!

Share Your Bay Lake Photos!!

Have some action shots, or memorable photos of your experiences on Bay Lake? Send them to vdarling@vianet.ca and we will try to feature them in our newsletter or on our website.

A few cottagers have enjoyed watching an otter swimming



around in the lake, no doubt trying to catch his next meal!!

Winter Landfill Hours

Sunday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Monday: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Tuesday: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Wednesday & Thursday: Closed

Friday: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

