



2022 Dock Drop

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June 21, 2022

Greetings All,

I would like to welcome you to this year's Dock Drop. While most of you have been skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, and doing other cold-weather activities there has been a dedicated group of individuals working in the background to prepare for a fantastic season at Muldrew. I would like to thank all the volunteers for their contribution as it is these individuals who have spearheaded much of the groundwork to make our summer activities fun and enjoyable. It looks like this year we will be able to get back to a more normal schedule of activities with Covid being manageable at this stage. As with prior years, we will monitor the evolution of the pandemic and change our plans in keeping with South Muskoka Health.

Lake Plan

Please review the special Lake Plan Update insert as we are proposing some updates to the existing 2006 Lake Plan that will help preserve the lake we all enjoy. This is perhaps the most important part of the Dock Drop as the updates may be in place for years to come. We need your feedback on the proposed updates by July 16th. You will also see increased information sharing regarding how to operate your boats to a) prevent wake damage to shoreline nesting sites, b) prevent damage to neighbouring docks, and c) to make the lake safe for all lake users.

Environmental activity

We continue to pursue activities like "Bugs in the Mud", the benthic water testing and monitoring for invasive species. In addition, lakes around us like Three Mile Lake suffer from blue-green algae and this is something we need to protect against to ensure a safe place to play, take water from for household uses and to preserve our property values.

Summer Events, Including the Water Ski Tournament

In addition to welcoming back the Swim and Canoe Regatta and the Sailing Regatta, we are also bringing back the Water Ski Tournament. There will be special sign-up procedures and costs so please see the insert for details and the full calendar of events.

Worship Services Workshop

Worship services have been going on for decades and a review is needed to make sure these provide an even the level of opportunity for all faiths as our community is becoming more diverse than ever. There is a worship services workshop on July 9th at Memorial Pines and I encourage anyone interested, regardless of your faith, to attend.

On behalf of the MLCA, I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer season.

Ted Alley,
MLCA President

MLCA Board of Directors to August 2022

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Objectives of the MLCA:

- The objective of the MLCA is to serve the Muldrew Lakes community as a whole.
- The MLCA acts in an advocacy role to various levels of government, agencies or other appropriate bodies to safeguard the interests of the community. Provides updates from our Mayor and Councilors.
- The MLCA owns and maintains four waterfront properties, specifically Indian and Peck's Landings, Memorial Pines and McLaughlin Point, for the use of anyone on the lake.
- The MLCA has a commitment to the health of our lake and strive to improve the water quality through education and advocacy.
- The MLCA promotes a courtesy code to encourage actions that let all cottagers and residents enjoy their time at the lake without impairing the enjoyment of others.

We facilitate a number of summer events for our members including:

Sunday Worship Services (non-denominational)

Sailing Regatta

Canoe Canada Day

Silent Auction & Picnic

Nature walk

Swim and Canoe Regatta

Canoe Lessons

Canada Day Fireworks

Bugs in the Mud

Loon paddle

Why Your Membership Is So Important

1. **Property Ownership:** The MLCA owns 4 properties (Memorial Pines, Indian Landing, Peck's Landing and McLaughlin Point). The vast majority of Muldrew Cottagers uses one of these properties at least twice a year (boat launching, docking, regatta, contractor access, meetings etc.). Significant costs are associated with these properties (taxes, maintenance, and insurance).
2. **Event Organization and/or Hosting:** This includes the regattas, fireworks display, Canoe Canada Day and other events you see on our calendar.
3. **Worship Services:** MLCA co-ordinates non-denominational services at Memorial Pines for the summer months.
4. **The Dock Drop:** This is a package delivered each June containing all the information we feel you need about summer events, registration information for programs, safety issues, the environment and the MLCA's annual report...and much more.
5. **Telephone Hotline, Newsletters and Website:** Communication with our members is key!
6. **Map of the Lake:** The MCLA provides (for \$10) a map of the lake.
7. **Liaison with Local Decision Makers:** The MLCA provides input into local politics in regard to important matters such as development, taxation, municipal services, water quality, etc.
8. **Volunteers to test the water quality on a regular basis**
9. **Courtesy Code:** The MLCA created a safety and courtesy code to help ease relationships between cottagers and to ensure we can all enjoy the lake.
10. **Representation on Various Larger Organizations:** The MLCA has representation on the Gravenhurst Area Lake Association (GALA), the Muskoka Lakes Association (MLA), and the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA).

Summer Calendar

Our summer calendar of events is back. We will be holding the following events: Canoe Canada Day, Fireworks, Worship Services, Bugs in the Mud, Canoe Lessons, Swim and Canoe Regatta, Waterski Slalom Tournament, Annual General Meeting, and the Sailing Regatta. A Nature Walk and Loon Paddle are in the planning stages; check the website for updates.

There are also two meetings planned in July. The first is regarding the Lake Plan; the second Worship Service Sustainability. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

We look forward to seeing you when we celebrate Canada Day Fireworks on Saturday, July 2.

Silent Auction Fundraiser for the Lake Plan

The Silent Auction will run on-line this year. There are some great items up for bids. The bidding will start on July 9 and continue until August 1 with new items added weekly. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please contact Wendy Campbell at info@muldrewlakes.ca. Ninety percent of the proceeds go to the Lake Plan Fund, with the remaining 10 percent going to Gravenhurst Against Poverty (G.A.P.).

Water Level and Management

The water level is maintained by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR). The dam is located on South Lake and the water flows from Muldrew Creek into Morrison Lake and then into the Severn River.

Fire Reporting

Did you know there is a daytime fire ban from April to October inclusive! Outdoor fires can travel both underground as well as fly between treetops at an incredibly fast rate. Be vigilant and report daytime fire burning if you see it to the Municipality by calling 705-687-3412 ext. 266 or dial ext. 241 to get to the by-law department in Gravenhurst. If you see a dangerous wildfire, call the emergency number 705-310-FIRE (3473). Information on the most current fire conditions, including if the fire ban has been lifted, can be found Online at www.Gravenhurst.ca/fire or by calling **705-687-3414**.

Town of Gravenhurst

The Mayor and our 2 Councilors are very accessible and encourage you to reach out to them with issues related to the Town of Gravenhurst.

Paul Kelly	Mayor	Town of Gravenhurst
Jo Morphy	Councilor	Ward 2 North/Middle
Steven Klinck	Councilor	Ward 3 South/Middle

To contact them, call the town office at 705-687-3412 or go to www.gravenhurst.ca. For profiles on each of these individuals, go to <https://www.gravenhurst.ca/en/town-hall/council-profiles.aspx>. From there, you can email any of them.

Courtesy Code

Muldrew Lake is a small body of water given the number of cottages, many of which are close to each other or a short distance across a narrow channel. So, it is important that we be respectful in our boating habits, noise creation (including barking dogs) and night-time lighting. Please post the courtesy code in your cottage and see that all that use your facilities are familiar with it.

Renters' Guide

For those who rent or lend out their cottage, please ask your guests to become familiar with the guide.

Garbage

For those of you that get garbage pick-up at the end of your driveway, please ensure that your containers are bear- and critter-proof. The dumpsters at North Lake Landing and on the South Muldrew Road are specifically for water access cottages or cottages on roads where there is no garbage pick-up who cannot make it to the Beiers Road Landfill. Please only drop off bagged garbage and recycling and deposit everything into the bins.

The landfill site on Beiers Road (Muskoka Rd 19) right off Highway 11 is open:

Mon-Fri 8 - 4:30 Saturday 9 - 4:30 Sunday 11- 8 (open late)

Two regular garbage bags free per week. On top of that, you may leave for free propane cylinders, electronics, tires, scrap metal and appliances. Tuesday, July 5 is the next Hazardous Disposal Day

Boating Close to Shore and Boat Wake

Large wakes damage shoreline, docks and boats tied to docks and is a threat to wildlife, such as loons, that nest close to shore. This is critical in areas such as South Lake this time of year when the Loons are on the nest. Please avoid speeds that create large wake, stay on plane or dead slow to minimize wake, especially when close to shore. Our lake is narrow and for the most part we boat close to shore where the larger wakes have the largest impact. When you see someone waving and pointing behind your boat please look at your wake and adjust accordingly. Your neighbours will thank you.

For everyone's safety please observe the speed limit of 10km/h (6 mph) within 30 meters (100 ft.) from shore. Be part of the new style of boating on Muldrew this summer called "Slow Boating". Give it a try, you may like it. While you are at it, offer a friendly wave to the boaters and dock sitters that you pass. Show your Muldrew Spirit. If you are looking for information on Safe Boating please go to the Safe Quiet Lakes Site, here is the link. <https://safequiet.ca/about-us/what-we-stand-for/>

Property Maintenance

Many properties we use are owned by the MLCA. Each year the elements take their toll on docks, roads and other sites. Association membership dollars help to offset costs to repair and preserve the North and South Lake Landings and roads as well as Memorial Pines. We rely on the honour system. If you use it, we hope you will help fund it. As well your donations go to help fund the taxes we pay on these properties. If you have not contributed to these sites but wish to during the season, please consider making a contribution when you pay your dues.

To renew membership, you can go to <http://www.muldrewlakes.ca/page-1775914> and download the form. If you are a new member, then you can go to <http://www.muldrewlakes.ca/join> and fill out the form. OR you can go the website and do everything on-line including paying via credit card. Here is the site for the on-line sign up. <https://mlc3a.wildapricot.org/On-Line-Membership-Renewal>

MLCA Property Taxes – 2021 Actual Taxes

Address	Property	\$	2021
745 Peninsula Road	Memorial Pines		2734.35
South Lake Docks & Parking	Pecks Landing		780.55
238 Middle Muldrew	McLaughlin Point		2,724.65
North Lake Landing & Parking	Indian Landing		407.25
Total Taxes		\$	6,646.80

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Memorial Pines on Saturday, August 13. At 9:30 a.m. will be an opportunity to hear from our Mayor and Councillors, followed by a presentation at 10:00 from the Safe Quiet Lakes group. The business part of the AGM will run 10:30 to noon. The Annual General Meeting Package is included in this Dock Drop.

Message from the Secretary – Barb Vandevalk

This has been a very busy year, not only continuing with the secretary position, but adding treasurer too. Fortunately I have a good relationship with the previous treasurer, Kate Hyland, and she has assisted me a lot.

One change we have made is to our email addresses. We now have more. Please check your spam/junk folders for messages. You can reach various board members at:

John Goshulak	vicepresident@muldrewlakes.ca
Deb Marcellus	membership@muldrewlakes.ca
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Ted Nixon safety@muldrewlakes.ca

If you have information you want to post, we have two places where members can post:

Website – <http://www.muldrewlakes.ca/page-1775920>

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/MuldrewLakes/>

Please contact us at secretary@muldrewlakes.ca or 705-687-4532 if you have questions or comments.

Volunteers Needed!

Community organizations like MLCA thrive when the volunteers, beyond just board roles, are plentiful. Many hands make light work, as they say. If there is something you are passionate about and want to volunteer, please let us know. Where do we need volunteers: delivering dock drops, assisting at the regattas, maintaining the association properties, putting in and taking out the docks at Peck's Landing and Memorial Pines, etc. Contact us at secretary@muldrewlakes.ca if you want to volunteer.

Message from Archivist – Barb Vandevalk

The MLCA archives contain maps, deeds, documents, articles, lists of members, minutes of meetings, pictures, and information on past issues on the lakes. We continue to add to our collection. Please think of the archives before you throw out that old book, newspaper clipping, or pictures you find in the back of the drawer or in the bottom of a box.

Cottagers on Muldrew have written about their time on the lake; taken pictures of the people, activities, and places around the lake; and created stories to entertain. The stories, articles, and pictures have been collected and *The History of Muldrew Lake, A Centennial Project* was produced in 1967; *The History of Muldrew Lake Volume II* was produced in 1971, and *The History of Muldrew Lake, Volume III, The Saga Continues* was produced in 2010.

If you have stories and pictures on the development of the peninsula, the building of the private roads, cottages that have stayed in families for generations, waterskiing over the years, evolution of watercraft – canoe to PWCs, we are still collecting them. Maybe there will be a Volume IV in the future. *The History of Muldrew Lake, Volume III, The Saga Continues* is still available for \$20 a copy. Email historybooks@muldrew.ca to get a copy, or if you have any items, stories, or pictures you want to contribute or donate.

Lake Properties for our use

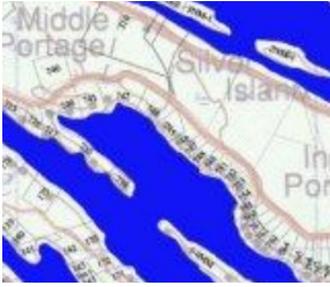
The Muldrew Lakes Cottagers' Association (MLCA) owns a number of properties around the lake:

Memorial Pines, Indian Landing, Peck's Landing, and McLaughlin Point.

These properties were purchased by or gifted to the Muldrew Lakes Cottagers Club (now the MLCA) for use by their members. The landings and parking areas were important to the early cottagers as there were no roads to access cottages.

When you use the properties please remember to take only pictures and leave only footprints.

W. A. Potter Memorial Pines – 745 Peninsula Road



A natural amphitheater located at the southern end of Middle Portage was gifted to the MLCC by the Potter Family as a permanent place for the church services and headquarters for the Regatta, and the annual picnic and the MLCC meetings.

Memorial Pines can be accessed from Peninsula Road by car and from Middle Lake by boat, or by Middle Portage from North Lake.

Indian Landing – Road



Located on North Lake across from Kerr Island, this was the first property acquired by the MLCC. It was given to the MLCC by Mr. and Mrs. J.H.S. Kerr in 1921.

The landing consists of the dock area to the west of the launching ramp as well as a water lot in front of the dock area, and the area where the six adjoined garages and the parking area are.

The launching ramp is owned by the Town of Gravenhurst.

McLaughlin Point – 238 Middle Muldrew Lake



Named in honour of the founder and first President of the MLCC, John Fletcher McLaughlin, a cottager from 1898-1932, McLaughlin Point is a permanent picnic ground for members. The MLCC purchased it in 1933 from the McLaughlin Estate.

McLaughlin Point is water access only and most enjoyed when approached by canoe or kayak as there is no docking provided.

Peck's Landing – 1156 South Muldrew Lake Road

(also known as South Lake Landing, Middle Lake Landing, McPhee's Landing, Middlebrook Landing)



This property is the largest of all the MLCA holdings. It consists of the launching area and roadway from the lake to the parking areas. It was purchased from members of the Middlebrook family in 1927.

The property was purchased to provide parking, docking, and access to the Lakes by members. The existing docks are jointly owned by the MLCA and the water access only cottagers in Middle and South Lakes.

Muldrew has several geographical points of interest you may wish to explore:

Pike's Peak

Three Sisters' Rock

Indian Portage

Middle Lake Portage

Lower Eagle Lake and Upper Eagle Lake

A detailed map of the lake showing points of interest and history is available from the MLCA for \$15.00 (plus a mailing charge if you ask us to mail it to you). Copies may be obtained from the Secretary at secretary@muldrewlakes.ca. Copies will also be available for sale at the Annual General Meeting in August.

Membership Committee

The membership committee are kicking off their drive on July 1. They could use your help if you know of any new cottagers to the lake or if you have a new neighbour please let us know. Contact Deb Marcellus at membership@mulderlakes.ca. Look for our Membership Letter elsewhere in the Dock Drop.

Let's Increase Road Safety on Private and Public Roads around Muldrew

Please encourage your family and friends to slow down and watch for turtles/walkers/joggers/bicyclist. Walkers using a roadway must walk facing the oncoming traffic. The vehicles have the right of way and walkers must move to the side of the roadway. Wear bright or light-coloured clothing or reflective strips, especially at dusk or when it's dark. Bicycles drive on the roadway in the same manner as any motorized vehicle, following the same laws of the road.

Update from MLCA Lake Steward

2021 Update on Water Quality

Our participation in the Lake Partner Program continues. However, last summer, due to the pandemic, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) asked that volunteers not gather or submit any samples (Phosphorous & Calcium) to the lab. MECP is currently assessing the best way to continue the program for 2022 while keeping volunteers and ministry staff safe. Volunteers may continue to collect secchi depth readings (water clarity) if they are up at the lake.

For those who are unfamiliar, the Lake Partner Program is a volunteer-based water-quality monitoring program for Ontario's inland lakes. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) coordinates the program from the Dorset Environmental Science Centre in partnership with the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA). The program examines phosphorous, calcium and water clarity for all participating lakes. The data is used by the public, partner agencies, government and academic researchers and private consultants to assess and report on water quality.

Phosphorous

Overall, phosphorous levels appear to have increased slightly across the lake at all three sampling points compared to data collected over the last several years. However, phosphorous levels in 2019 were still within the normal range of values catalogued since participating in the program. We must be careful not to draw conclusions on water quality from one year to the next, but to look at the overall long-term trends. As noted in last year's dock drop, in tea-stained lakes such as Muldrew, total phosphorous is not always linked to productivity and water clarity (or susceptibility to algal blooms). Overall, the results of testing for phosphorous in the Muldrew Lakes are considered to be low (less than 10 ug/L).

Calcium

Calcium levels appear to continue to remain stable at all three sampling points in the Muldrew Lakes (between 3.0 and 4.0 mg/L). However, the value reported at Kerr Island in 2019 was extremely high (17 mg/L) and likely represents an error in data entry, or that the sample was contaminated in some way.

Calcium is important to the survival of *Daphnia* (tiny crustaceans, a.k.a. water fleas) with a critical threshold of 2.5 milligrams per litre. When calcium levels drop below this value, *Daphnia* become stressed, leading to a cascade of effects up the food web. *Daphnia* are a keystone (very important) herbivore in freshwater ecosystems like the Muldrew Lakes. The 2018 Muskoka Watershed Report Card stated that both South and North Muldrew Lake are considered “not stressed” with respect to calcium.

Water Clarity (Secchi Depth)

In many lakes there is a relationship between water clarity and phosphorous levels, as increased phosphorous can lead to algal blooms which reduce water clarity. However, the Muldrew Lakes have high levels of dissolved organic carbon (resulting in a brown/yellow colour) and may have low clarity without high levels of phosphorous or algae. Tracking the long-term trends of water clarity in tea-stained lakes is still important however, as clarity could indicate other changes in lake health that could not otherwise be detected. Secchi disc readings from 2019 continue long-term trends which appear stable between 2.5 and 4.0 metres.

Benthic Data - a.k.a “Bugs in the Mud”

Bugs in the Mud is back for 2022. There are two locations: July 4 at 1286 Woodland Drive, and July 22 at 239 Middle Muldrew Lake.

Benthic macroinvertebrates are small bugs living in the bottoms of rivers and lakes. These species are important indicators of water quality because species have differing levels of tolerance to a variety of sources of pollution. For example, if a septic system is poorly maintained, a fish can swim away to find a healthier area of the lake to live in, but benthic macroinvertebrates are stuck in the mud! Therefore, only species which are tolerant of the pollution in that area will be able to survive. Polluted lakes generally have low species diversity, and low abundance. Benthic species are also important because they provide food to fish and dragonflies and help to decompose organic matter. The Muskoka Watershed Council classifies the results of benthic sampling as %EOT. This number indicates the percentage of pollution sensitive species found to be present in a lake. The higher the number, the greater the number of pollution-sensitive species are present – generally indicating a healthier lake. The Council then determined average values for each lake over a certain timeperiod and compared these values to an overall average for Muskoka.

In the 2018 Watershed Report Card, North Muldrew was classified as “atypical”, with a slightly higher than average number of pollution sensitive species found (23.26). South Muldrew was classified as “typical” with average levels of pollution sensitive species present (17.27). Overall, this is great news!

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please don't hesitate to contact me: lakesteward@muldrewlakes.ca.

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Boating Rules and Regulations

You are out on your boat when you see another boat approaching. Suddenly the flashing lights go on and you realize you are being stopped by the police. We often see the police on the roads, but it is less common to be stopped in your boat. Still, if you're not following the boating safety regulations and don't have all your gear in line, the fines can add up fast.

So, what do boaters most commonly get fined for? And more importantly, how can you avoid getting ticketed? We contacted the Ontario Provincial Police and Sgt. Byron Newell of the East Region S.A.V.E. Team in Snowmobile, ATV, and Vessel Enforcement to find out.

1. Personal flotation devices (PFDs) and life jackets are the first thing that police officers are looking for. There needs to be a PFD for every person on board, they have to fit properly, show no wear or be missing fasteners. They have to be readily accessible (if you're not actually wearing yours) and if it's an inflatable life vest, users must be age 16 or older and you must be wearing it. The fine applies to every person on board who is not in compliance. Typically, the fine for not having the right life jacket is \$240 in Ontario.
2. Having open liquor or cannabis on board will attract another fine. You are allowed to transport these items, but they have to be sealed, stowed, and out of sight. An open container of either liquor or cannabis is not allowed on board a boat. (The only times when you can "consume" on your boat is when you are moored or anchored and you have a permanent washroom, cooking and sleeping accommodations onboard.) Also, remember, people in kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, and other watercraft are covered under this regulation. The operator can be fined \$215 and everyone else onboard can also be charged \$125 per person.
3. The operator must have their valid Pleasure Craft Operator's Card (PCOC) with them in the boat and the fine is \$305 for not having the card onboard (even if you have one at home). It's also best to have your other ID with you too. The PCOC card does not have a photo and the other ID can help establish that you are the person who holds that PCOC card. Fine: \$305.
4. A spotter is required when using your boat for "towed sports" (water skiing, wake boarding, wake surfing, tubing, etc.) and that spotter must be considered reliable or competent. Obviously, you can't safely drive the boat and watch the skier at the same time. Another part of this regulation is that there must be an available seat in the boat for every person being towed in case you need to bring them into the boat. If you are towing with a personal watercraft, it will need to be a three-seater and you can only tow one person. You have a driver, spotter and one rider—that's three seats minimum. The fine is \$305.
5. Powered vessels require a Pleasure Craft License and the Transport Canada vessel license numbers are to be properly displayed on the bow of the vessel. You are also required to have the registration—on board—and the vessel's ownership (or copies) too. Not having the license registration earns you a fine of \$305.

...and more

Sgt. Newell noted that, especially with the high water this year, complaints about boaters breaking the speeding law—10 km/h when 30 meters from shore or speeding in speed restricted zones, is the most common call that the police are getting. The high water has damaged a lot of shoreline structures in Ontario and people are concerned about further damage from boat wakes.

If you are stopped, officers will usually check for the full range of required safety equipment and this is

clearly laid out in the **Transport Canada Boating Safety Guide**. And don't forget that when boating in larger bodies of water where you could be more than a mile (1.85 km) from shore, the police will be looking for distress flares and other safety equipment. There is, however, an easy and good way to check that your vessel is properly equipped. You can contact the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons for a **free vessel courtesy check**. They will check your boat for free... and if you have everything you need, you'll get a Safety Inspection Sticker. If you don't have everything their people will explain exactly what you should have on board.

Remember, the police are not looking to spoil your day. The regulations are there to **protect you and your passengers**, but fines are a strong incentive to follow the law.

They sure can (unfortunately). And they can drive loons off your lake permanently: If boat wake is constantly swamping or destroying nests, the loons may abandon the nesting site. That's why it's a good idea to steer clear of known nesting areas, plus boat slowly close to the shoreline—10 km/h or less within 30 metres of shore. This helps preserve other wildlife habitats, prevents erosion, and keeps your lake neighbours from getting irritated with you. (It's also the law on most Ontario lakes.)

But wait, let's not pick on the powerboats; other watercraft—PWCs, plus canoes or slow-moving small boats that access shallow water—can disturb loons and nests too. It's helpful to know the signs of a stressed-out loon, so you can back off, ASAP: For example, a loon vocalizing at you, or splashing across the water. This means "Get out of my face!"



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July

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 25 to July 2 Dock Drop Distribution					1	2 Fireworks
3 Worship Service Esther Ewing	4 Bugs in the Mud 1286 Woodland Drive	5	6	7	8	9 Lake Plan Town Hall Meeting Silent Auction Begins
10 Worship Service The Scovil Family	11	12	13	14	15	16 Worship Service Sustainability Workshop
17 Worship Service Rev. John McTavish	18 Canoe Lessons	19 Canoe Lessons	20 Canoe Lessons	21 Canoe Lessons	22 Bugs in the Mud 239 Middle Muldrew	23 Swim & Canoe Regatta
24 Worship Service Art Walker	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Worship Service The Hoicka Family						



MULDREW LAKES COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION



“Welcome to Summer” Fireworks



WHEN: Saturday, July 2nd, 2022

WHERE: Big Bay (On Lower Middle Lake)

TIME: 10:00pm

COME CELEBRATE SUMMER ON THE LAKE!

Please be mindful of safe boating practices while travelling to and from this event. Proper lighting, safe speed and keeping away from the shoreline are particularly important as so many boats are maneuvering en masse through the narrow channels

The MLCA provides the Fireworks Display for the members of Muldrew Lake to ensure that viewers are not injured nor lands damaged. The launching site is identified based on regulations, preparation, wind conditions, and distance to viewers. Volunteers ensure that all viewers (young and old) are kept at a safe distance. Cleanup of the site is carried out to prevent damage to our beautiful lake.

Muldrew Lakes Cottagers' Association

Invitation to the Muldrew Faith Community Re-Visioning July 16, 2022

Muldrew Cottagers Association Mission:

The Muldrew Lakes Cottagers' Association (MLCA) is committed to fostering a co-operative and mutually caring home for all our cottagers while paying special attention to the unique environment and ecosystem of our lakes.

How do the Muldrew Worship Services relate to that mission?

There has been a worshipping community on Muldrew Lake at least since 1906. The worship services have had a history of faith, exploration of current issues (like truth and reconciliation) and global climate change. Focuses such as how to approach living cooperatively and with compassion are not uncommon. This complements the MLCA mission.

It is worthwhile to mention that while the MLCA has supported the conducting of the worship services over the years and the worshipping community has many people in common with MLCA membership, it is not the MLCA per se. However, it is one of the many activities traditionally held on the lake.

What is it?

- A workshop/dialogue to examine the future of worship services on Muldrew Lake

When is it?

- July 16 from 9 am – noon, at Memorial Pines,

(rain location: Trinity United Church, 290 Muskoka Road North, Gravenhurst, Ontario)

Who should participate:

- Anyone who has attended and enjoyed a worship service on Muldrew Lake in the past or who currently attends
- Current and past worship leaders
- Anyone who is curious and would like to contribute their opinions
- People who have never participated in services – we have had a lot of turn over on the lake since COVID and new people may not know a lot about the programs available on Muldrew
- Anyone else who would like to come who is a cottager on Muldrew Lake or related to a Muldrew Lake cottager

Context:

- Participation in worship activities has been declining all over North America and our services at Memorial Pines are not immune to the trend
- In 2020 worship services were canceled due to COVID

- The MLCA Board has agreed to continue to fund the worship services (\$600 budget) for 2022 on the understanding that we will engage in a renewal/dialogue and come up with a proposal to the MLCA Board for November 2022

What The Process Is:

- Leading up to the July 16 session, there will be interviews and a survey of the MLCA membership to gather information about people's views of how they like to express their faith on Muldrew. See below for how to participate.
- Options to be considered may include:
 1. Continuation of worship services as are traditionally done
 2. No worship services – just discontinue them
 3. One worship service a year – at the beginning of the season to ensure the annual memorials are celebrated
 4. An expansion of the worshipping community activities to include social justice or community support activities for example, collecting food at the end of the summer to donate to the Gravenhurst food bank

Who is Leading this:

- Our guest facilitator is Jerry Hogeveen. He is highly skilled and is volunteering his services to us.
- We have a Steering Committee leading this process:

Esther Ewing, Barb Vandevalk, Carol Scovil, Stuart Campbell and Brent Coward
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What we need from you:

- Agree to be interviewed
- Fill out the survey
- Come on July 16 to help us discuss the issues (either in person or online)

How to participate:

1. Email Esther Ewing (ewingchange@gmail.com) and volunteer to be interviewed.
2. Fill out the survey which will come sometime before the end of June to your email from the MLCA.

Canoe Lessons

July 18th to 21st



Pre-Registration starting July 1 with Janet Allen – 647-554-0364

Registration forms are available at the member's section at www.muldrewlakes.ca. Registration Fee: \$20 per person

All Levels are welcome - At Stinson's Beach

Located on the north side of Pine Island (Island 3NM) on North Muldrew with Liz Stinson and Janet Allen.

Lessons go from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - followed by a swim.

Participants from Middle and South Lake will be escorted across the portage from Memorial Pines (Meet at the docks or road at 9:30 a.m.)

Wear your bathing suit, a hat and sunscreen. Bring your own paddle (paddle length should reach from your toes to your chin), a life jacket, a kneeling pad (optional but recommended), drinking water, a towel and your own canoe if possible.

The purpose of these lessons is to learn to feel safe and competent in a canoe and have fun.

Participants are encouraged to use their canoe as an enjoyable means of exploration and transportation around the Lake. Experienced Teenagers willing to help - please call Liz at 705-687-3797.

A donation will be made to Moorlands camp on Kawagama Lake, which provides an amazing summer experience for kids from low-income Toronto neighborhoods.

91st Annual Swim & Canoe Regatta

Saturday, July 23, 2022 -- Memorial Pines

Alternate Date: Sunday, July 24

Registration & Waiver 9am-10am (closes at 10am)

Pre-Registration will be available online @ www.muldrewlakes.ca

From July 1 to 22

1. Only MLCA members and immediate family members are eligible to win paddles.
2. Age is as of the day of the Regatta.
3. B.Y.O. canoes, kayaks, paddles, noodles, and PFDs.
4. Paddle points are awarded in registered age group only.
5. If tied, paddle winners will be decided by single canoe - order of finish.
6. In case of inclement weather, please check the HOT LINE 705-687-4532 or Facebook.
7. All participants must sign a waiver.
8. Cruiser – either 2 girls + 1 boy, 2 boys + 1 girl or 3 girls.
9. Races marked with an * are not eligible for paddle points.

Age Groups: Mini-Mite (7 & under), Junior or Jr. (10 & under), Intermediate or Int. (13 & under), Senior or Sr. (16 & under), Adult or Ad. (17+)

MORNING EVENTS: 10:30am start

1. Junior Boys Single Canoe
2. Senior Boys & Girls Swim across Bay
3. Junior Girls Single Canoe
4. Mini Mites Girls Kayak*
5. Intermediate Boys Single Canoe
6. Mini Mite Boys Kayak*
7. Intermediate Girls Single Canoe
8. Junior Boys Kayak
9. Senior Girls Single Canoe
10. Junior Girls Kayak
11. 2+2 Canoe (2 adults + 2, 13 & under)*
12. Mini Mites Noodle Swim (40m)*
13. Senior/Int. Cruiser Around Island
14. Adult Swim Across Bay*
15. Junior Boys Swim (40m)
16. Junior Girls Swim (40m)
17. All Ages In and Out Race*
18. Adult Triathlon* Swim across the bay,
Run (via road) to Smale's beach,
Canoe around buoys

AFTERNOON EVENTS: 1:00pm start

1. Senior Boys Single Canoe
2. All Ages Crab Race*
3. Mini Mite Cork Bob*
4. Intermediate Swim (75m) Boys/Girls
5. Junior Girls Double Canoe
6. Senior Girls Kayak
7. Junior Boys Double Canoe
8. Senior Boys Kayak
9. 4-person 14+ canoe around buoys*
10. Int. Girls Kayak
11. Senior Boys Double Canoe
12. Junior Cruiser
13. Int. Boys Kayak
14. Senior Girls Double Canoe
15. Men's Kayak*
16. Intermediate Boys Double Canoe
17. Women's Kayak*
18. Int. Girls Double Canoe
19. Maggie & Jiggs* (married couples)

Closing Ceremonies: Awarding of Ribbons & Paddles

Please plan to stay for a PICNIC LUNCH (approx. Noon) BBQ Hot dogs and cold drinks provided

For Hygiene and Safety reasons, please leave your dogs at home!

**Reminder: Only MLCA members and immediate family of MLCA members are eligible to win paddles
All participants must sign a waiver form. Waiver forms will be available online as well as the day of the race**

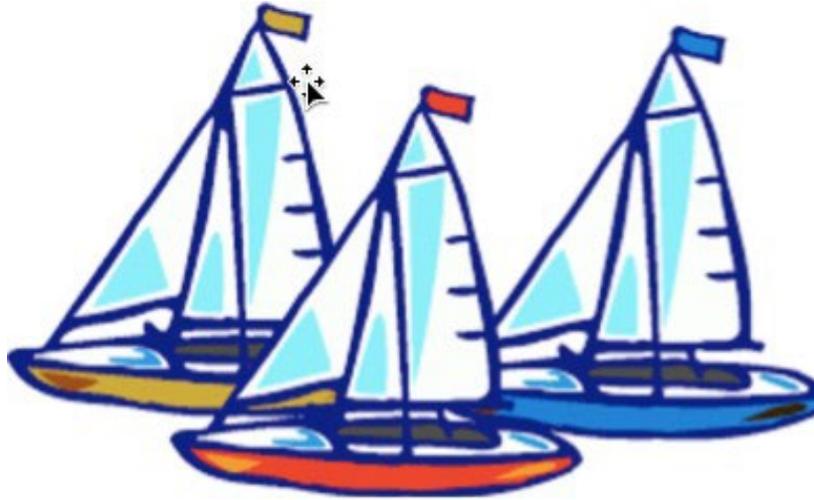
Questions please contact: Brent.Hughes54@gmail.com

August

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Silent Auction Ends	2	3	4	5	6
7 Worship Service Rev. David Kim-Cragg	8	9	10	11	12	13 Annual General Meeting
14 Worship Service Rev. Jeffrey Dale Waterski Competition	15	16	17	18	19	20 Sailing Regatta
21 Worship Service Rev. Dr. Susan Eagle	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Worship Service The Aberle Family	29	30	31			

Sailing Regatta



Sailing Regatta

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Registration: 12:30 pm

(Look for the race committee boat in the vicinity
of Hookery Island)

All Sailboats are Welcome!

If you have any questions or are willing to help officiate
or in any other way, volunteer, please contact Andrew
White at

smuldrew20@hotmail.com

Muldrew Lake Slalom Tournament (MLST) August 14, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.



For something new this summer, we will be holding a water ski slalom tournament, on a trial basis, later in the summer. The Muldrew Lake Slalom Tournament (MLST) will be held on August 14 at 10 a.m. at the course located in Woods Bay (where it's been for many years). We are working to reduce the impact to cottagers by using a specially designed ski boat with almost no wake. There will be two divisions, novice and advanced and competitors ages will be taken in consideration. We expect the tournament will last about 2-3 hours, depending on the amount of boat wakes we have to deal with. We are hoping to minimize boat traffic in Woods Bay at that time but of course anyone needing to boat may do so at any time. If possible, taking the route south of Kerr Island during the MLST would help us complete the event on time.

We welcome participants and viewers alike so hopefully the event can provide some unique entertainment for a variety of cottagers. If you'd like to watch the event from what is likely to be the best viewing perch, please email Elizabeth Robinson at muldrew_lifer@hotmail.com in advance to ensure she has room for all interested parties.

We now have a sign-up page for this event on the Muldrew lake website. There is a small registration fee to pay for the tournament expenses. We hope the MLST will add some excitement to our roster of summer events. Here's the link: <https://muldrewlakes.ca/MLCA-Slalom-Tournament>

As mentioned, this event is being run on a trial basis so please email comments or concerns to ted_nixon@hotmail.com either before or after the event.

For anyone interested but new to the slalom course, Ted is happy to provide some tips in advance of the tournament to help your progression through the various challenges that this sport entails.