



# ***Smugglers Cove Boat Club***

## ***April 2023 Newsletter***



Good day Smugglers!

With spring slowly arriving, there is some light at the end of the tunnel.

Your Vice-Commodore Ops has been working hard to organize *Put-In* and will be updating you at our meeting this coming Wednesday. With that said we will be shifting over to in-person meetings for the rest of the season so one last zoom meeting to sit through this month.

Our July and August meetings will be mostly updates and to address any concerns or questions brought to the bridge. They may also be used to swear in new members that join the club instead of waiting until September. The dates for these meetings may also be changed to accommodate any social parties or events taking place. I will update you as we move forward.

Moving back to *Put-In*. Greg will be sending out invites for work parties and again he will be updating us with dates, times and tasks.

- ***Please keep an eye on your email inbox for work party invitations (we will also be trying out our new texting feature from Track It Forward).***
- ***Put-In will be all hands-on deck***
- ***Make sure you bring chest waders and an extra change of clothes.***
- ***If you find yourself standing around, please find a team lead to direct you***
- ***Lastly, I just want to remind everyone to be alert at all times, especially around the heavy equipment so we can complete this year's Put-In safely and efficiently.***

Have a great rest of your day!

Cheers

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## ***Message from Vice Commodore Operations – Greg Wardle***

As we bring this winter to an end, it's time to shift gears and get into the boating season. One big result of this milder than normal winter is there is almost no ice on the Great Lakes. That has been good news for our buildings floating in the river at the Queenston docks. With no ice to worry about, everyone wants to get on the river including the Jet Boats. They will be launching their boats on April 13th and need our buildings out of there before then.

**We will be moving our buildings down to our cove on Easter Monday, April 10.** This is not an all hands-on deck event. I have asked a small group of members to assist with this move. The objective is to get the buildings into place and secure them to shore. We will be putting in the walkways from shore to the Gatehouse and from the Gatehouse to the Clubhouse. This should take most of the day with the extra time it will take to bring our buildings down the river. If we have time, we will put a few decks on as well.

**The main Put-In will be on April 29.** We want to wait until the end of the month, so the water has a chance to warm up. The big concern is the water levels, they are already high and are predicted to rise another 7" in the next 30 days. *We may have to move Put-in to the 22nd if water levels rise faster than predicted.* I will give you as much notice as possible if we move it to the 22nd. ***This will be an all-members event and we look forward to seeing everyone out.***

One of the projects we worked on over the off season was ***rebuilding the Liz T***, our main work boat. The deck was rotten and needed to be replaced. Many hands touched this project, and it has turned out fantastic. A few people that need to be acknowledged are Peter Hartl, Dennis Angle, Bob Mennie, Chris Tufnell, Chris Begley, Reg Rodaro. We accomplished a lot in a short amount of time. We thought we had a couple of more weeks to work on it before Put-In.

Make sure you sign up for the work parties when you can. Smugglers is a self-help club and cannot function without everyone's involvement. I look forward to seeing everyone at the club.

Regards,

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