



Smugglers Cove Boat Club



May 2023 Newsletter

Good morning Smugglers!

Another month has passed, and most of our *Snowbird* members have now returned home.

The *Bridge* held our monthly executive meeting at the club on Saturday and everyone got to enjoy a nice BBQ and some beverages. The weather this week however is not forecast to be the greatest...but summer weather is only a few more weeks away!

That being said, our next ***meeting will be held at the club***. We will need to squeeze in to avoid having to stand outside in the damp weather!

Put In was another great success due to the help of all our dedicated members, along with the extensive planning, preparations, and leadership from our *Vice Commodore Operations - Greg Wardle*.

We still have several work projects to accomplish and *Greg* will continue to update us with these projects as we move forward.

The club is ready for boats. This year *Sheldon Randal* is the first member to bring his boat down followed by *Bob Mennie*. (Sorry *Chris* you weren't the first in this year!)

The *water level* is high and space on the beach is limited. If you require *beach parking* due to health-related concerns, please contact the bridge for a *2023 Beach Parking Pass*.

Availability is limited and is offered on a *first-come* basis.

- There will be ***no parking between the roadway and walkway on the beach***. This is dedicated to short term loading and unloading only.
- There will be ***no parking at the midway point***. This is required to allow room for vehicles to turn around, or move out of the way, from vehicles driving down.
- ***Keep the roadway clear at all times*** for emergency vehicles access, in the event of an emergency.

If you are unable to walk the *stairs*, consider asking a fellow member to drive your car up so we don't needlessly clog up the *beach area*. Let's all work together and not take advantage of this privilege.

Included along with the Newsletter this month is the finalized **2023 Cleaning Schedule** and the **Cleaning Program (task list)**. Please review and confirm your scheduled cleaning week and assigned duties.

The binder for record keeping is now located in the clubhouse for you to record and sign off the completion of your assigned cleaning tasks.

Here's to a safe and fun boating season. Looking forward to seeing you down at the club!

Cheers

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Message from Vice Commodore Operations – Greg Wardle

The boating season has officially started. We have boats in the slips and the club is fully functional.

That is not to say we don't have more work to do but we are off to a very good start!

Thank you everyone that made this unexpectedly early *Put-in* happen. As it turned out, the early weather was ideal for working down at the club and we had two very productive days.

At the last *Zoom* meeting I had mentioned that we would be using the time between the two *Put-In* dates to work on the *Gatehouse*. With the two dates being so close together, that didn't happen. The plan now is to work on the *Gatehouse* over the next couple of months, a little bit at a time. Before we get started on the *Gatehouse*, we will be working on the new *BBQ* deck.

Storing the building up in *Queenston at the Jet Boat docks* was for the most part a success. We have already discussed some of the challenges encountered moving the buildings up the river and we will make some changes before attempting that again.

Last winter we needed to reposition the buildings a couple of times. Once to move the *Gatehouse* into a more protected spot, and another to make it more accessible for the return trip this spring. We also had to adjust cables, dock lines and fenders throughout the winter numerous times. This was a lot more work than we normally have to contend with at *NOTLSC*. Bringing the buildings down the river, with the current, was uneventful and quite manageable. We had the perfect day with very light winds.

The consensus among members is that we got good value for our money storing the club in *Queenston* but we had to do a lot of work for it.

We will continue to explore all of our options for next year's winter storage.

I am happy to report that we finally got more paint and *Hillary and her team* were able to complete the *clubhouse ceiling*. It looks fantastic and this task was the last item on the *Building Committee's* list.

Thanks again to everyone involved in making our beautiful *Clubhouse* happen!

There is still lots of work to do so watch out for *Track It Forward* invitations and please sign up! For those of you who haven't put in any work hours yet, this is your time to shine.

Regards

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