



Pointe au Baril Islanders' Association

Connections Update

August 24, 2011

Dear Ed,



About Beavers, Bullets and Bad Bounces!

Cottagers sometimes elect to have a small caliber rifle for added security. When asked, they tend to explain that a smaller gun, with a low velocity bullet, such as from a .22 caliber rifle, is a safe choice that still offers them the ability to eliminate local pests. But if they really understood the dynamics of low velocity bullets and the potential for a ricochet, they might elect to make a different choice -- as evidenced by the following true story.

A cottage window was recently discovered to have been hit by a bullet. Rumors flew wildly as to how and why. Fortunately, a very honest and embarrassed cottager, upon hearing of the damage, realized that he was responsible and took full accountability for the breakage. The end of this story could have been significantly worse!

After trying every other means available to him, our cottager used a .22 caliber rifle to shoot at the beaver who was creating major damage to his boat dock. The beaver was swimming in the water reportedly about 25 metres away when he fired; but unfortunately, the shot missed its mark. Instead, the beaver dove and the cottager saw his shot splash into the water within inches of the target. He was upset about missing the beaver, but believed, as most people would, that the low caliber bullet had simply penetrated the water and sunk. Only later did he learn that low caliber bullets can actually bounce off the water and refract at unpredictable angles - toward windows, or even people. [Click here](#) for further information.

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Pontiac Island - Report on Custodial Proposals

At the AGM, PaBIA asked for any serious candidates who wished to be considered as the lifetime custodian and steward of Pontiac Island's 100-year-old cottage and islands to submit a description of their experience and written proposals by August 21, 2011 in anticipation of the transfer of trusteeship

from PaBIA to GBLT by this October. With that deadline now passed, we wanted PaBIA members to know that we have had dozens of inquiries but only 4 serious candidates who have both provided their required experience and submitted a detailed written proposal to our committee for review and determination. As we continue toward the final transactions with GBLT, please contact [Terry Clark](#) should you have any questions.

PaBIA Sailing Races - Saturday August 27



- starts at 1400 hrs.
- Location: Lighthouse Bay
- Rendezvous at Ann & Dave Doritty (A207-1)

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

Looking for any Albacore, Laser and Flying Scot Trophies - contact Commodore [Reid Bowlby](#)

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On-The-Water Boat Maneuverability Coaching

These classes are held at 9:30 Wednesday mornings with Randy Johnson. Sign ups are encouraged at either the Ojibway or PaBIA Offices 24 hours in advance. Bring your own boat and go to the back bay dock.



Pleasure Craft Operator's Card - PCOC

Wednesday, August 24th @ 1:30 pm
Ojibway Club Lounge

The [Competency of Operators of Pleasure Craft Regulations](#) require all operators of pleasure craft fitted with any type of motor and used for recreational purposes to carry proof of competency on board.

Randy Johnson, PaBIA Chair and Power Squadron instructor, is certified to give the test and will administer it for those who sign up at the Ojibway or Marine Patrol Offices. The cost is \$80. Please give it to Randy on the day of the test.



Florence Universal Church Needs Our Help!

The Florence Universal Church was built in Byng Inlet. In the early 1900's it was dismantled and transported to Pointe au Baril where it was reconstructed. The Church is located across the channel from Desmasdon's Marina and accessible by both boat and car. It has been an integral part of the Pointe au Baril community, serving both cottagers and residents for over 80 years.

The Florence Universal Church needs help raising \$3,500 to restore and protect its beautiful stain glass windows. Please consider donating to help maintain this historical Church. All donations would be greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Please send to: Florence Universal Church, P.O. Box 219, Pointe au Baril, Ont., P0G 1K0.

Services are held at the Florence Universal Church every Sunday at 11am during the summer season. The Church is also available for weddings and funerals.

Advocating for the Islanders

Sincerely,

Your PaBIA Directors
Pointe au Baril Islanders' Association