

Maps and Markers Spring 2010 Report

As I write this report in early March I have been informed that Payne marine has boats in the water and there is open water from there out past Brignall Banks. Boating season is not far off. Water levels may be lower than last summer due to less snow this winter than normal. The Bay frozen over well out past the Limestone Islands so there was not a lot of evaporation. Caution will be needed in the small narrow channels such as Hemlock, Ugo Igo, down past Divided Island and through Little Winona and the Sand Bar area. Boaters should navigate these waters slowly anyways. Markers should be in place by the May holiday weekend weather permitting. We will be adding more markers to the route out Empress Channel and south to Hemlock Channel to make the channel more visible. The Marine Patrol will continue to report missing or broken markers to both myself or to Desmasdons Marine but if you come across missing or broken markers please report them to me at Jingwatic Island (directly south of the west end of Ojibway Island) or to Desmasdons Marine.

I have spent considerable time this winter correcting and producing a new map for the area. There have been many changes to this map. We have had to reduce the size of the map but have been able to leave all of Pointe au Baril intact at the current scale. The new map will be available in early summer from Kenlea Camp, Desmasdons Marine, C.C. Kennedys, Beacon Marine, Payne Marine, The Pointe, the Chamber of Commerce, the Marine Patrol house.