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Buck Lake News – 2013 December

President's Message

I am afraid that I have been remiss of late in contributing to our newsletter. Some find that a relief but some, the more astute among you, miss my pithy comments and profound observations. So, I am back. Some of you may know that I am in my third year as the president of the Buck Lake Association when most who preceded me served only two. I have no aspirations to be president-for-life so will be working especially hard in the coming months to be replaced. The current vice president is Mark Nichol who is a not a permanent fixture on the lake but is one who visits on a regular basis from Toronto where he works. Mark is everything I am not you will be happy to read. He is young and open to new ideas while being abreast of current technology. He will breathe new life into the BLA to the benefit of us all. Mark will help us deal with a new challenge that has arisen from our efforts at stewardship of Buck Lake. There is an opportunity to have the shoreline of our lake "assessed". The process, in very simple terms, involves having the shoreline photographed from the water and then analyzed to detect areas where remedial action should/could be taken. We are assured that great pains will be taken to ensure confidentiality of the results and that the recommendations, if any, would be voluntary. The subject was discussed at length at the AGM in July and we must now deal with the next step, which is to inform residents and property owners of the details of the process with the hope of getting buy in. We are quite aware that some may see this action as invasive or reeking of protectionism so we will take every step necessary to ensure the process is more fact finding than fault finding in spirit. Of course, at the end of the day, we all want a healthy lake that our grandchildren and we can enjoy. I suppose it will boil down to those of us who love our lake will continue to do things that keep it healthy while another camp will continue to pollute and dump because that is what they always did. For example, I foresee being asked to do more with my shoreline to render it natural (there was a concrete wall that retained a lawn area) and look forward to buying the proper plants to make that a reality. Enough about serious stuff for now. Many of you will have seen and bought copies of the 2014 Buck Lake calendar. It is a beauty with twelve superb photos of our lake submitted by Buck Lakers. It makes a great stocking stuffer and will remind our kids why it is worth the trek to Buck Lake with the grand kids in tow. Kudos to Donna Neumann and Anna Fummerton for their efforts in putting this together on time and within budget. The calendars were available at the Perth Road store.

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In conclusion I would like to wish all of you a wonderful Christmas season shared with family and friends. As I do every year I encourage everyone to consider how fortunate we are to live in such a wonderful country where we can enjoy the pleasures of our lake and the many amenities offered by Kingston. There are, of course, too many people in the world who can only think of where they can get their next meal. So let us be grateful and make the very best of our good fortune while sharing to the extent possible with those less fortunate.

Best wishes,
Peter Dawe

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So, what is "The Buck Lake Plan"?

Basically it is a plan to keep Buck Lake healthy and beautiful for our grandchildren.



A healthy lake means excellent water quality
And excellent water quality means fish and wildlife prosper.



Fishing, did you mention fishing?



Did you know that if you clear your shoreline of all of the fallen branches and logs in the water, a healthy perch population adjacent to your property can disappear in just 2 years?

To read the complete Lake Plan, go to the Buck Lake Association (BLA) website at www.bucklake.ca and click on the Buck Lake Plan. You can order a hard copy for \$30 by emailing Margaret Fisher at margaretfisher5@gmail.com.

The Plan is also available at the libraries in: Westport, Sydenham and Kingston.



The Lake Plan is intended to be a living document which will be reviewed and updated periodically as new information, research and issues are identified. The plan

- explains the objectives of lake planning
- presents the geography and social history of the area
- includes findings from scientific and social research undertaken by the BLA and/or provincial ministries
- identifies future challenges
- recommends strategies for landowners, the BLA, and the Township of South Frontenac.

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Did you know that Buck Lake is designated as a 'Lake Trout Lake'? Lake trout need special levels of temperature and oxygen to survive.



I didn't know that!



What can we do to ensure that Buck Lake, its fish and wildlife stay healthy?



There are very important actions that we can take:

1. Check our septic systems
2. Naturalize our shoreline
3. Use a 4-stroke engine
4. Limit our use of herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers
5. Limit fuel spillage
6. Follow the speed limit on the lake to prevent shore erosion.

Altering the water quality

If too many nutrients go into the lake it takes up more oxygen and that means there is less oxygen for the lake trout and other fish. Nutrients are naturally entering the lake every day; but increased development on the lake means more people using the lake, and that means an increase in nutrients entering the lake.

What are some of the most common causes of an increase in nutrients? Faulty septic systems and run-off with lawn fertilizers.

Small changes in our daily habits can make the difference for the future of the lake and its inhabitants.

To join the Buck Lake Association (BLA), please fill in your contact information and return this form and your cheque for \$25 to:

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I want to volunteer on the Friends of the Lake Committee - a sub-committee of the BLA.

Some of the Friends' future lake projects include: planning field trips; doing a wildlife and plant inventory; planning summer educational events.

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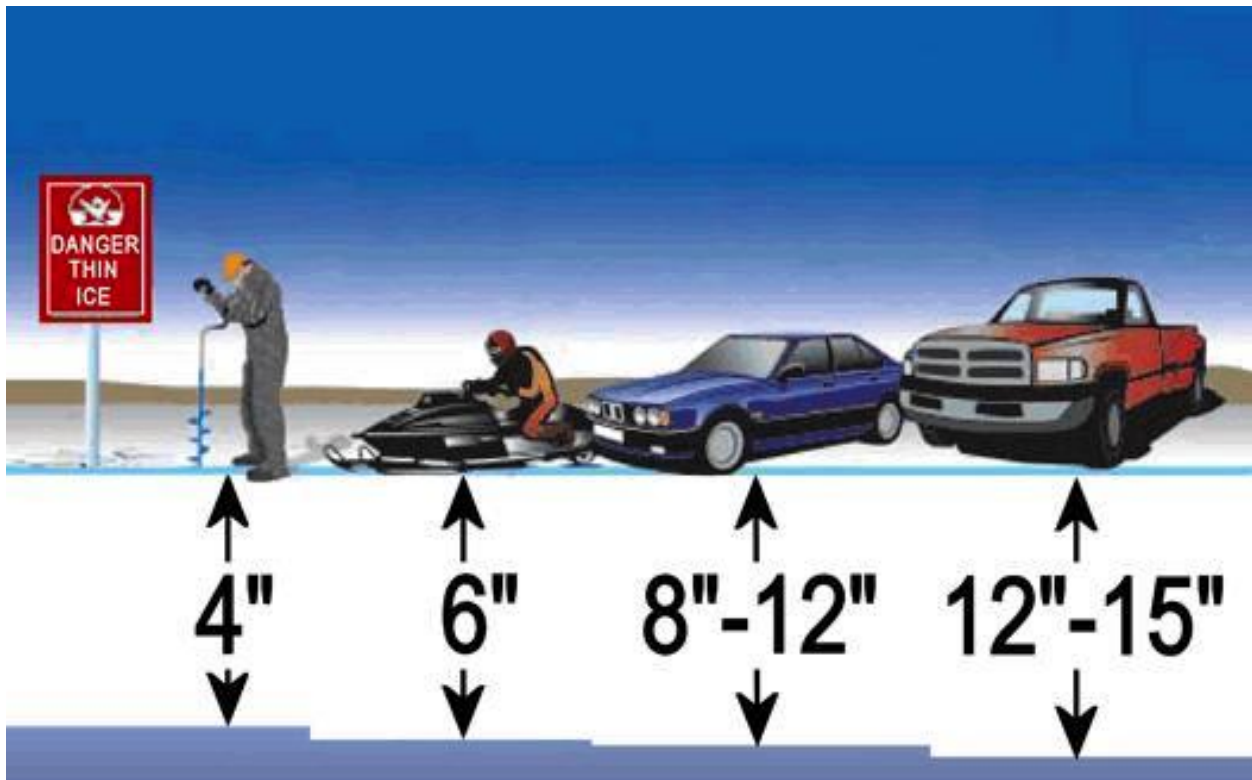
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The South Bay, South of the narrows is currently frozen with more than 6 inches of ice. From talking with other people, I hear that other parts of the lake are still open. Please be careful on the ice this year. It may appear frozen solid but it may also be very thin.

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Some skating fun November 30, 2013

In order to promote the spirit of Buck Lake People, we invite your comments and suggestions for newsletter articles or announcements. Mail to: info@bucklake.ca

Lake Plan link:

http://www.bucklake.ca/lakeplan/BUCK_LAKE_PLAN_Web_version_%202012_June_26

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