

# The Memquisit News

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## *Welcome to our Twenty third-Newsletter.*

I must admit that I was pleasantly surprised by the response our last newsletter received. Having nothing to talk about generates a lot of interest and I want to personally thank everyone that has offered me some advice and some ideas for upcoming newsletters. I will however, have to do my homework and assure that your ideas are used. Some will require a little bit of research in the local history books. Even though I was born and raised in the area, the accurate recount of its history is a little vague to me. I know more of what is going on elsewhere in the world than I know what went in my own world. I do, however have some knowledge of the changes that have occurred since the day I was born and that I can translate back to you. However, I will not do so in this newsletter but will in future issues.

One comment that was con-

veyed back to me was that we should post pictures in our newsletters. I have to tell you that because our outgoing mail server limits us with the amount we can send at any one time and entire process is basically very labor intensive and time consuming for Charlene, we will not be able to do so in of our newsletter. We would love to post pictures, however at this time our system does not allow us this flexibility. We are, however working on posting our newsletters online which will allow us to post relevant pictures. Frank is currently working very hard on developing our new and improved website. Hopefully we will be able to begin this by the end of the season. If any of you have any idea on mass emailing effectively to a large audience, we would love to hear about it.

As promised in my last newsletter, here is the link for my personal website, <http://www.dalphotography.ca> . I have

just finished it, registered my domain name and posted it online. For anyone interested, please go and visit it. I would love to hear what you think.

Now let's talk about the lodge's business. Every week, mainly on Tuesdays, all four of us get together and make time for a meeting that begins at 9:00 am and is usually done by 12:00 noon. We discuss various issues that are relevant to the operation of the lodge. As part of this meeting's agenda, newsletter ideas has been added to the list to provide me with some insight on various subjects and issues that can be discussed in the newsletter relevant to what we do here at the lodge. Here are some of the items that we want to share with you.

As mentioned in past newsletters, it is imperative that if you did not provide us with

a deposit for your upcoming 2009 reservation, please do so as soon as you can. We want to assure that you are coming and when you get here, you will be assured that your cabin has been reserved for you. If you have not sent a deposit yet, please contact Charlene or Lisette as soon as you can.

time change when Saturday came around, the crew had only 4 hours to get 18 cabins ready for the next groups coming in. The time change will provide them with 5 hours to do the job. We hope you understand and support our decision. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

## What's New?

Also please take note of this important change for 2009 that affects all reservations. We are changing the check in time to 3:00 pm from 2:00 pm. This one-hour move will allow us with a little extra time to clean our cabins. We want to be totally ready when you get here and do not want anyone to have to wait to get in his or her respective cabins because it hasn't been cleaned yet. Most of you leave our cabins very clean when you leave and we want to thank you for this. It really helps our cleaning crew perform their work within the allotted time. Previous to this

The 2009 season will bring important changes to boating regulations and individual requirements for operating a pleasure craft. These changes are important as they affect everyone who will operate a boat and motor on Canadian waterways, so please take note of the following.

- The regulation will take effect on September 15th, 2009 and will affect all operators regardless of age and nationality. The regulations are already in effect for anyone born after

April the 1st, 1983. So please be aware that if you are born on or after this date you are required to provide proof of competency if you are going to operate a powered pleasure craft. All other operators will be included in this regulation as of September 15th, 2009. From that point on they will also have to provide proof of competency. Proof of competency can take one of three forms:

1. Proof of having successfully completed a boating safety course in Canada prior to April 1st, 1999
  2. A Pleasure Craft Operator Card issued following the successful completion of an accredited test.
  3. A completed rental boat safety checklist (for power-driven rental vessels)
- Proof of competency for all Canadian residents comes in the form of a Pleasure Craft Operator Card which can be obtained after the successful

completion of a National Boating Safety Course provided in many places within your local area or online through various websites such as the more commonly known site <http://www.boaterexam.com/canada/>

- For our US friends, this website allows you to get an operators card for the State you reside in. The website's URL is <http://www.boaterexam.com/usa/>. Even though you are not required to have Canadian Pleasure Craft Operator Card to operate a boat in Canada, you are required by law to provide proof of competency either through an operator card from your state or through a rental agreement if renting a boat. For anyone bringing their own pleasure craft you are required to obey and abide by all local navigational laws when operating your craft in Canadian waters.

- A Pleasure Craft Operator Card is required by all US and foreign citizens in order to operate your boat and motor on Canadian waterways if you

are to do so for more than 45 consecutive days. This can be in the form of the Canadian Pleasure Craft Operator Card or the equivalent issued by your own country or state.

- Frank is working on a new rental agreement for the lodge to use when renting one of our boats and motors to a non-resident or anyone born after April the 1st, 1983. This new rental agreement will outline all safety issues and regulations required under the law. The person renting and operating the boat will have to provide to local enforcement officers the rental agreement / contract if asked to do so.

- As mentioned above, the new rental agreement will outline and explain the safety gear required and supplied in the boat along with waterway regulations. You will be asked to initial beside each component of this new regulation proving that you understand and agree with each one of them. It is your responsibility to assure that you understand, respect and obey the regula-

tions and provide an officer of the law with the signed rental agreement if asked to do so. In the latter, it is imperative that you carry with you this agreement while operating our boats and motors.

- Please keep in mind and pay attention to the following Age-horsepower restriction table:

Less than 12 years old age and not directly supervised (which means accompanied and directly supervised in the boat by someone 16 years of age or over) Can operate a pleasure craft with no more than 10hp (7.5 kW)

Between 12, and under 16 years of age and not directly supervised (which means accompanied and directly supervised in the boat by someone 16 years of age or over) Can operate a pleasure craft with no more than 40 hp (30 kW)

Less than 16 years of age Not allowed to operate a PWC (personal water craft)

16 years of age or older No power restrictions

All of this sounds very scary, but it is not. We will provide you with any assistance with respect to these new regulations. Our boats and motors are all equipped with the statutory safety gear aside from a working watertight flashlight. Please take note that you have to provide your own.

If you have any questions on the above, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will assist you best we can. The entire regulations can be viewed online at [www.boatingsafety.gc.ca](http://www.boatingsafety.gc.ca)

## Lake Condition

The lake is still very well frozen but slowly melting away.

## The Guide Report

None for this newsletter

## The Fishing Report

None for this newsletter

## Weather Update

Signs of spring are in the air as some of the migratory birds have been spotted and the weather so ever slowly warms up. It is a good thing that this is a slow process. With all the snow that we had over the winter a quick thaw would spell disaster.

I am keeping this on the newsletter at least till we open up, so please take note.

Charlene is still in the process of collecting deposits for the 2009 season. If you did not get contacted and have a reservation with us for the upcoming season, please call us so that we may confirm your stay at the lodge.

If you have by chance any topics you would like to see or read about in upcoming newsletters, please let me know by writing me an email at the address below.

If you have any questions or comments, please drop us a line @ [info@memquisit.com](mailto:info@memquisit.com) or call us using our toll free number 1-888-898-5326. We will be happy to assist you as best as we can.

Thank you for your patronage.

**Quote of the month ; The greatest results in life are usually attained by simple means and the exercise of ordinary qualities. These may for the most part be summed in these two: common-sense and perseverance.**

Owen Feltham