



May 2010 News Letter

We Can All Help With Environmental Change

Most Ontario marinas and boaters are continuing to be very proactive in finding ways to protect our waterways for the future. Some Ontario marinas, like *Marina del Rey*, diligently participate in the *Clean Marine Environmental Program* by following established guidelines while constantly looking for new areas of improvement.

Highly unlikely that marinas or boaters would consciously pollute the waters they enjoy so much but...without being properly informed of the consequences, we may have adopted practices in the past that we deemed acceptable. Now that we realize our actions may be detrimental to good water quality, we must make changes to ensure future generations will enjoy the same pleasures out on the water. There are many small changes we can make in our daily routines that will make a difference.

Clean Marine Eco-Rated Marinas often identify themselves by flying the *Clean Marine* flag. Most sell products with the *Environmental Choice Logo* that are less harmful to the environment ie dish & laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, soaps and shampoo. We encourage the use of reusable bags (cotton, canvas, hemp), washing full loads of laundry and limited use of a generator. Please visit www.cleanmarine.ca for more tips on keeping our waters clean.

Cardboard Dumpster

As many of you know...cardboard can now be recycled into more products than ever before. To this end we now have a dumpster available exclusively for cardboard. For the sake of compactness please flatten or knock down cartons before putting them in the container. In an effort to make a landscaping improvement all dumpsters are going to be moved to another location on the property. There a notice advising of the new area.

Dog Owners Reminded Of Responsibilities

Keep the dog leashed

Keep them quiet.

- Clean up after them and deposit bagged contents in dumpster only.

A key element boaters look forward to while at the marina is *peace and quiet*. For this reason we don't operate the travelift, cut grass or do anything noisy...if possible on weekends. Pet owners, please be aware that barking, whining or wandering dogs can also be very disruptive.

VHF Channel 68

As we did last year, the marina office will be monitoring channel 68.

Garbage in Dumpsters Please

We have had a few incidences of bagged garbage being put in the washroom paper towel containers rather than taken to the dumpster. Some of this garbage emits really unpleasant odours. This activity is very discourteous to fellow boaters and marina staff alike.

Laundry & Washrooms – Block Building

As many are aware renovations are under way in the block building that houses the marina laundry and some washrooms. We thank those who have been inconvenienced for your patience. We are expecting completion of this work by May 21st.

Trent-Severn Waterway

We get several calls every year asking for information relative to the *Trent-Severn Waterway*. For those planning to use the system this year go to www.trent-severn.com. It is a good source of information before heading out on a holiday.

Information for our new boaters

The swimming pool and small launch ramp are locked at all time. This is to prevent their use by outsiders who are not clients of the marina. Custom numbered keys are available for either from the office for a twenty dollar refundable deposit each. Please understand that this is being done to ensure these amenities are available exclusively for marina customers use and are in the best condition possible. Please do not allow non key-holders access to these facilities.

Fire Pits

A nice fire at the end of the day is like the cherry on a special dessert...a perfect topping to a perfect day. But some fire pits don't look very inviting or safe some mornings...with bottles and cans etc. littering the area. Please remember, pick up everything before you go back to the boat.

The Season Opener – May 22nd BBQ

Don't forget to join with friends, neighbours and staff for a wienie roast on the 22nd in the office parking lot. Delicious BBQ'd hot dogs, hot coffee and donuts...a nice Saturday lunch to start the season. *It will be fun...don't miss it!!*

Labour Day Party Theme

We know how much some of you enjoy dressing up for the *Labour Day Theme Party*. And we hope the rest of you learn to like it. It can be a fun challenge. You can have a real giggle once you get started working on "Your Look". The key is start early...like thinking about it now! This year's theme is **SPACE**...so there is lots of choice in costumes.

Come as Darth Vader or ET...it doesn't matter. Get thinking...Get a little silly.

Life's too short just to sit there and watch the world go by.