



Wright's Marina Ltd



Spring 2010 Welcome Back!

To all the new boaters and cottagers at Wright's Marina Limited, I welcome you to the best marina on Georgian Bay. We will love to have you join our **'Meet and Greet'** on Saturday **June 19th** at 7pm in the Upper Deck. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. It will be great meeting the new and mingling with our old patrons. Mark it on your calendar and remember to bring your own refreshments. A lucky winner will win the draw for free ice for the summer. Our **Customer Appreciation Day** will return this year. Please circle this date on your calendar too. **Sunday, August 29th, 2-4pm.**

Wright's Marina Limited is celebrating our **60th Anniversary**. In 1950, Elaine Wright established the marina while George continued to commercial fish the Georgian Bay. In 1971 Doreen and Doug joined with George, bringing new ideas to the marina. Under Doreen and Doug the marina grew adding a mechanic, boat storage, a small forklift, new washrooms, the Upper Deck, more grassy areas, more dockage with hydro for larger vessels and construction. In 2000, the third generation joined. New equipment, washroom and shower expansion, garbage and recycling disposal, deck areas, water systems, parking and storage areas, trained mechanics and more carpenters are some of the items that have been addressed. We are proud to carry on the tradition of good reliable service. We are committed to improving your stay with us.

Accompanying the newsletter is our April statement. You will notice the change in the fees. It is with a heavy heart that we have to raise our **rates** considerably (8-20%). Unfortunately, growing expenses dictate the situation. Rates will increase next year by 8-15%. Comparatively, we are still below the Georgian Bay rates. Anyone wishing to discuss the increase may speak with or email Karrie in accounts. karrie@wrightsmarina.on.ca.

The birds are singing and the shop is humming with activity as the spring launch begins. Our mechanics and servicemen open the season with Mother Nature cooperating. Kelly, David and Bill are ready to assist you with reliable service and repair of your vessel for your summer enjoyment. Please make arrangements for your spring launch a week in advance. Wayne, Dennis, Gord and Shawn will clean, polish, or paint prior to your arrival for your immediate relaxation. Construction on the bay is lead by Bruce, Murray, Raymond and Dave for any renovation or new builds you may need addressed.

You will see a new face in the store to accompany our service clerks and dockhands. Jessica will be joining the staff in mid May. Returning to offer you friendly service is: Mary Ann, Stacey, Justin, Matthew and Carson. Many of our employees participate in continuing education in the off season to better serve you. ESSO brand fuel will continue to be offered. Mike at Paul Lizotte Fuels, our direct ESSO supplier, stated they are one of the few depots remaining with non-ethanol fuel. He is unable to make any predictions when the change to the ethanol additives will occur. We have been assured that management will be notified in advance when the ethanol will be added to the fuel and will be the only option available at our marina.

Clean Marine Program - (CMP) The clean marine audit program was developed in 2002 by the Ontario Marina Operators Association et al. The OMOA is the largest recreational boating trade association in Canada. Not only does the association represent 650 members throughout Ontario, it also presents a powerful voice for recreational boaters in all matters relating to boating. It represents boaters on important issues such as taxes, boarder crossings, safety requirements, the environment, security and policing matters, lockage, boater's licenses, import and export duties, water levels, and the list goes on. The Clean Marine Program developed by the OMOA is world renowned for its lead in marine environmental best management practices, to lessen the impact of boating and boaters on the environment. CM Packages are given to new patrons to read, sign and return. Wright's Marina Limited immediately joined the audit program in 2002. The first year we attained 2 of the possible 5 anchors. Since then we have continued to promote and practice the program principles to help make Georgian Bay the best boating destination worldwide for future generations. Through our continued improvements we have now attained a 5 Anchor Clean Marine rating. We will continue our efforts to promote programs to enhance our environment.

Six years ago we introduced the **recycling program**. The large bin for glass, aluminum, and some plastics has diverted much from the local dump site. No bags should be placed in this large bin, only loose recyclables. The large gray box on the west side of the parts and service-the shop- has encouraged patrons to place their rubbish or scrap items inside to reduce their unsightliness. The bear proof garbage bins have been a welcome addition. Bear presence on the premises have almost been eliminated since their introduction. Various bin sizes are available through Wright's Marina. A reminder that ONLY bagged household garbage should be placed in these bins. The Britt Lions Club benefits from the collection of pop cans, beer cans and returnable LCBO bottles. Please place these items in the blue barrels at the recycling bin. Money received by the Lions club goes directly to the local Club's charitable causes. Please see the shop staff for the disposal of batteries, oils, fuel filters, antifreeze etc. for recycling.

Do you know that using eco-friendly soaps and detergents will decrease weed growth? Emptying your bilge away from the dock areas in deeper water will also result in less weed growth. **Eco-friendly products** are available at the waterfront store. Check out the eco-friendly cleaning tips in the store near the eco-friendly products, or in the Upper Deck in the Clean Marine Binder.

Cottagers - Looking for added income? Ever consider renting your cottage? Over the years inquiries have grown for cottage rentals on our beautiful portion of Georgian Bay. If you think you may be interested, leave your contact information (name, email and mailing address, telephone #'s) with Karrie or Graham. Any inquiries can be forwarded to you directly.

With the limited amount of precipitation this winter and spring, the water levels appear to be lower than last summer. Care should be taken when venturing into new waters. The south inside cottage channel is a guideline only. Markers move with the motion of the waves, and ice can dislodge the markers. Care must be taken to navigate the shallow waters. A reminder for all to wear your polarized sunglasses for UV protection and to help spot shoals and other obstacles. For the avid fisherman the polarized sunglasses are a must for spotting bass in the depths. They are wonderful fish finders. Trust me!

As long as we can recall, Wright's Marina Limited has been supplying water dockside. Over the years the number of water systems has increased from one to three. Water quality is preformed daily on site and tested monthly offsite by Coalab. Every attempt is made to provide you with potable water on the premises. Dock 10 on the east, Gas docks, dock 2-6 off the main dock and the washroom building are the potable water sites. Water in the shop and near the flower beds are untreated Inlet water.

BIG BRITT WALK - Last but certainly not least, our daughter Madison is planning the 2nd Big Britt Walk (BBW) for the Britt and Area Nursing Station (BANS) on Saturday August 28th at 10 am. Participants will start at the Nursing Station and walk to Wright's Marina and return to the Nursing Station (6km in total). Each participant is asked to collect a minimum of \$50.00 in pledges by August 14th to receive a t-shirt at the walk. The Nursing Station plays a vital role in our community. Please consider pledging or participating to bring the new building to reality. More information is available on our website, www.wrightsmarina.on.ca or you may contact Madison at madi.bbwofforbans@hotmail.com

We Want To Hear From You - Any suggestions or ideas for improvement on how we can better our service for you are appreciated. We also need to hear any complaints to help improve. Contact info@wrightsmarina.on.ca or place your suggestion in the 'Suggestion Box' on the book shelf located in the Upper Deck.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer! See you soon.

