

LAKELINE LODGE & MARINA

2017-2018

NEWSLETTER

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What a year; record rainfall, cool temperatures, floating islands.. the list goes on! Here is a brief overview of 2017 from our perspective on Charleston Lake.

G3 Boats & SunCatcher Pontoons by G3

Lakeline Lodge & Marina is very please to announce that we will be selling a new line of boats and pontoons for the 2018 season! Welcome to Charleston G3 Boats and SunCatcher Pontoons by G3 - a Yamaha Boat Company. www.g3boats.com www.suncatcherpontoons.com

We have ordered three pontoon boats and three family / fishing boats! All come pre rigged with a Four-Stroke Yamaha Outboard. Here are the layouts:



Guide V150T



Angler V17SF



SunCatcher V20C



SunCatcher V322RC

Newly Renovated Gathering Place

We have transformed Shawn's old service building into a reception area! On May 26th, 2017 we poured concrete out front and from there we created a little garden area with lots of gorgeous flowers. We created a gazebo area over to the left. When you step through the new patio door, you will step onto the new deck! Sept. 6th we put a vinyl floor in the space. It's been a great area for us to display our CRPlastic products, and for our guests to enjoy. On Sept. 9th we had a reception here at the marina. This area is available for rent for any occasion. Please speak to Irene about availability and cost. lakelinelodge@hotmail.com



Spring 2017

This fall and winter season were very mild with not very much snow fall. We were, again, unable to go on the lake as it wasn't safe for any activities. The ice ranged from none to 8" in some areas. A mild winter allowed us to get a head start on opening things for spring 2017, which was nice. We have our fingers crossed for lots of snow this winter season! We want to snowmobile the lake!!



A Loon sitting on its nest. Please be cautious when boating in the spring so as to not disturb nesting loons.

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The Flood of 2017

It was a record breaking year here at Charleston. The water level came up 16" from it's normal July level. On Monday, July 24th we received 8" of rain, and because Charleston is at the bottom of the bowl (so to speak) the surrounding lakes and streams flowed into it, causing it to rise about an inch, if not more, per day until we reached 16" above normal.

We are very grateful to those boaters who used caution, avoided tubing or skiing, and practiced using no wake while boating during the time of high water, and also to the quick response at The Outlet to get the water level under control as quickly as nature would allow. We are lucky that minimal damage was done on the lake to property and structures. Here at the marina, we were pumping gas in our bare feet as the water level was up on the "gas dock". It was quite the adventure, and we all have our fingers crossed for a very warm, and dry 2018 season!

"This is an update sent on July 26th 2017 on the situation on the Gananoque Watershed after historical heavy rains in an 18 hour period. Total amounts of precipitation around the area in the 18 hours were, Gananoque 121 mm, Lyn Gauge (west of Brockville) 159 mm, Chaffey's Locks 201 mm. There is less than 1% chance of receiving this amount of rain in such a short period of time. Forecast as of Sunday afternoon (July 23) was only for 15-20 mm and another 5- 10 mm Monday afternoon-evening, unfortunately this was not correct. Apparently and this is not confirmed yet, but we have another 1-100 year event."

As a result of the high water levels in Charleston, some took advantage of the Outlet being level with Charleston and flowing at a steady pace, by jumping on floating devices and riding the waves. Usually this would only happen in the spring of the year at the Outlet, when the water is too cold to enjoy the ride. July temperatures provided the ideal temperatures for a make shift white water rafting experience - Charleston style!

Lake-Friendly Products

We use hundreds of products daily, but do we think about the effects they may have on our beautiful lake? It is so important that you are conscious of the ingredients in the products that our entering our most important resource. A couple of examples: 1. Chlorine Bleach is toxic and is acutely toxic to fish. 2. Dishwasher Gels and Powders cause severe algae growth, choking our lakes and rivers. Taking small steps to change your daily routine can have a huge impact on the environment around and in the lake, including animals and humans. Let's "Preserve and Protect" our beautiful lake from harmful chemicals.

The Charleston Lake Association along with local marinas, including Lakeline, have began selling Nature Clean products as a solution to the pollution. Products available include: Laundry Care, Personal Care, Dish Care, Household Care, Produce Care.

Do your part to keep our lake beautiful and clean. www.naturecleanliving.com

Fishing Stories

Bass fishing stories are told over and over again, helping to remind us of our best fishing outing. Whether you fish pike, lake trout or bass, before long the memories of your trip begin to grow, and you and your friends will enjoy remembering these adventures. Just how big was that fish? Did the wind have a contributing factor? Did your trolling motor perform well and keep you positioned right on the edge of that rock ledge? Did your lucky chartreuse bomber crank bait prove to lure in the best caught of the day? Was that one that got away really just a snag on bottom? - Send us your fishing stories; we want to hear about your funniest, biggest, smallest and most interesting catches.



The Bogs

As a result of the high water levels, we had some "floating islands" on the lake. These bogs rose with the level, tearing them from where they were attached on shore, and floating them into the middle of the lake. Property owners would re-direct them from their docks and boathouses and because of the constant south west wind, they all arrived, eventually, in Moonfish Bay. They were a major safety concern for night boating, docks, boathouses, water pumps, etc. damage, yes. However one of these floating onto one of the two gas docks in the bay could have been an environmental disaster. We are very thankful to the Township of Athens and the Charleston Lake Association for working quickly with Tackaberry Construction to remove them from the Main Dock.



"Operation Bog Removal"

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2017 Fishing Stories

2018 FISHING SEASONS

Pike	2nd Saturday in May (12th)
Trout	4th Saturday in May (26th)
Bass	3rd Saturday in June (16th)

Awesome Pike Fishing This Season

This season has been an incredible one for catching monster pike! I've lost count of the number of fish that were 7 pounds and over! I was told that when the pike are biting it is a very good sign for the rest of the lake. Bait fish numbers will be up, and sport fish will be plentiful. We have seen quite a few lake trout this year around the 12 pound mark. Lots of bass, however their sizes seem to be smaller this year.

Please remember when bass are not in season, it is illegal to target them. Did you know; It takes about 8 years for lake trout to mature! Please keep this in mind when picking which one you bring home for supper! Good luck fishing in the 2018 season!

Summer at Charleston Lake by Katie Ross (CLA)

As fall arrives the Charleston Lake Association (CLA) is reflecting on another eventful summer at Charleston Lake. Locals, tourists, and cottagers supported CLA by stopping by the information centre. Summer 2017 was record breaking as we endured wild storms and extreme rainfalls. The CLA information centre opened weekends during May and June, and Thursday through Monday during the busy months of July and August. Summer student Katie Ross returned to the position of information centre manager again this year. New for 2017 were CLA hats and CLA golf shirts. The CLA is humbled to have received many new and returning memberships this year and will continue to preserve and enhance the lake thanks to the support from our members. A \$40 membership is a great investment. CLA Youth Programs were a blast again this year. Offered in July at Sand Bay County Park were nature, sports, and adventure themed camps; all of which were sold out! Leadership Camp was offered for our older campers who wish to learn valuable leadership skills. The annual CLA Family BBQ and Regatta celebrated fun times and Canada 150th featuring a Canada 150 cake. The 2017 CLEA "Doug Hale Memorial" Golf Tournament at Cedar Valley sold out with 72 golfers and over 100 people for lunch. The foremost topic of the summer has been the extreme rainfall and high water levels which affected everyone on the lake. Docks were submerged, boats floated away, and bogs roamed the lake. The CLA is optimistic

(Below) 33" Pike caught May 28th.



(Below) Tim's 8lb Pike July 11th.

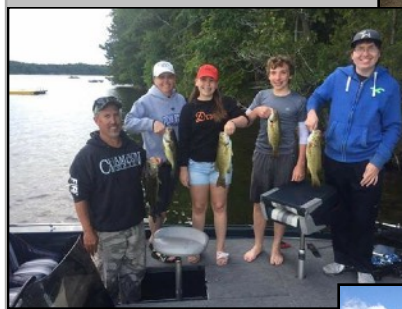


(Below) Mike's "Monster Pike" caught June 2nd.

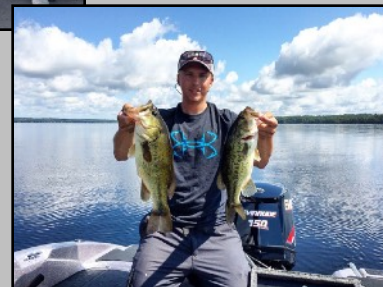


(Above) Bob's 12lb Lake Trout May 30th

(Below) Chris and his largies.



(Above) Lewis Family July 19th.



awe of the summer that a bog blocked the submerged Main Dock and the corner of Slack Road collapsed. Charleston Lake was enjoyed by many boaters, cottagers and visitors just the same.

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New Rental Cottages

Lakeline Lodge took on 2 more cottages for the 2017 season. Our Outlet Reach cottage and Webster Bay cottage. Outlet Reach, being the biggest cottage we rent, features 4 bedrooms, 2 bath rooms, 2 living room areas, multiple decks overlooking the bay, and a nice dock and swimming area. Webster Bay cottage features 3 bedrooms, one bath, large open concept living room and kitchen, large deck overlooking the bay and a large dock and swimming area. Check them out on our website and call or email to book today!



A beautiful sunset taken by one of our renters, Jason. Thank you for sharing!

How the Bays and Islands Were Named

We had a Facebook request wondering how the bays and islands of Charleston got their names. The Beautiful Charleston book features some history of the lake which includes many last names of current and previous families that correspond to bays and islands. Many are named after fish, trees and animals found around the area. There is a story in Beautiful Charleston about how Judgement Cove got its name. We were joking that many visitors and residents have come up with their own names for certain areas of the lake because of an experience they've had there. We would love for you to send in pictures of a place on Charleston that you have named! Beautiful Charleston by Edna Chant can be purchased here at the marina for \$21.00.

Facebook.com/lakinelodge

Over 900 "likes" on our page, thank you! Please encourage your friends and family to "like" our page so they can see Charleston throughout the year! Please let us know if you would like to see a specific area or would like any information! Feel free to post pictures!



New for 2018 - Bedding Changes

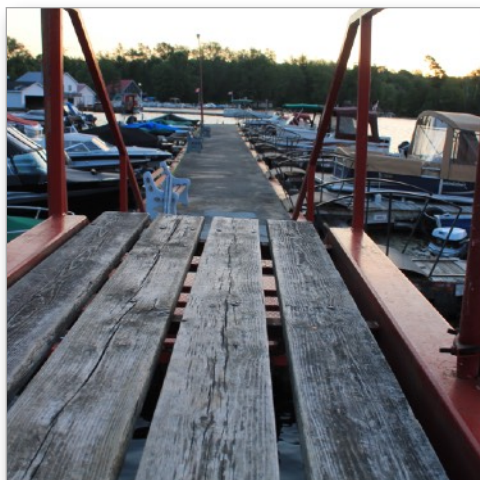
Cottage 1: One Double, One Queen
 Cottage 2 : Two Double
 Cottage 3 : Two Double
 Cottage 4 : Two Double
 Cottage 5 : One Double, Two Single
 Cottage 6 : Two Double
 Cottage 7 : One Double, Two Single
 Cottage 8 : Two Double
 Lakeview : Two Double

All Cottages have a double fold out couch as well in the living room area.

****We will supply pillows & pillow cases, comforters, and blankets. Please bring your own fitted and top sheets in 2018!****

New for 2018 - Pet Accommodation

\$35.00 per stay. One dog per room is preferred. It takes additional time and staff to vacuum up after pets!



Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! See you in 2018!

In Closing

1962-2017, this year we are celebrating 55 years of business in the Ireland family and working towards third generation ownership. Approximately 400 families and groups of friends visited Lakeline this season. Cottagers, seasonal dockers, guests at our island rentals, and boat renters, all creating memories at Charleston Lake. We shared so many great stories and smiles with old and new faces.

Charleston Lake has been said to be "the best kept secret," allowing us to get away from everyday life and just float around, relax and enjoy the little things in life. Fishermen think of "the big one" down there in the depths, with hopes he will be interested in what is offered on the other end of the line. "Bookworms" bask in the sun, enjoying the boat ride throughout the islands. Everyone enjoys the peacefulness that only Charleston can provide.

We look forward to sharing many years of wonderful experiences with your families and friends here at Lakeline. May the simple joys of the season bring you happiness now and always. Good wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Casting off...

The Irelands & Staff at Lakeline Lodge & Marina Charleston Lake, ON