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# Three Mile Lake Barnacle

## Your "In-Depth" Lake News

**Annual General Meeting Agenda**  
(Sunday, June 29 @ 10:00am)

- Water quality
- Three Mile Lake Community Events
- Update regarding local healthcare concerns
- Hot Dogs & Refreshments!

### Pay On-Line!

You can pay your annual Membership on-Line securely through PayPal / credit card on our web site, [www.3milelake.org](http://www.3milelake.org) ! Go to the 'Members' link...

Over the past year, we have averaged 1,458 visits each month (or roughly 49 visits per day) to our web site...let us know what you would like to see added...

**MAILING ADDRESS:** Three Mile Lake Community Club (TMLCC)  
Post Office Box 181, Katrine, ON P0A 1L0  
**Email:** [info@3milelake.org](mailto:info@3milelake.org) **Web:** [www.3milelake.org](http://www.3milelake.org)

## The Buoys Are Back In Town

After much research by our dedicated group of volunteers, we have recently purchased a set of new lake markers to warn boaters of the shoals and rocks that we are aware of. These markers are approved by the Ministry of Transportation (Ontario) and Transport Canada, and recommended for private lakes by the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA). We have had challenges over the years with markers breaking loose...we are hoping these new buoys stay put and are also more visible.



**Figure 1 - Where The Buoys Are**

As always, we remind you that you are navigating Three Mile Lake at your own risk and you always need to take care. The TMLCC marks known shallow shoals and rocks on a best-effort basis but

cannot guarantee that all potential hazards will be marked.

In Ontario in 2013, there were a total of 83 drowning deaths. On the rise in this statistic is the number of drowning deaths related directly to boating accidents. Everyone requires a Safe Boater's card ... there is no excuse for not knowing the safety rules.

There is also a level of "boating etiquette" required, since we all share the lake. Driving at excessive speeds and creating huge wakes close to shore is not only unsafe, it is really annoying. Not to mention the fact that it destroys natural habitat along the shorelines. Whether you're cruising, fishing, skiing, tubing, canoeing, kayaking, SeaDoo-ing...we all share this lake. Use common sense. Be safe. Be respectful. Enjoy without taking away someone else's enjoyment. And be sure to give your guests, visitors and renters the same message! We don't want to be in the news for any of the wrong reasons. Safe and happy boating!

## Upcoming Events!

### Annual General Meeting

Sunday, June 29, 2014 @ 10:00 am at the Katrine Community Centre. **This year for the first time - hot dogs & refreshments to follow!**

### Annual Picnic

Thanks to the generous offer of one of our members in lending us their property, the wildly successful Picnic / BBQ is back for another year!! But we need help – **please volunteer by contacting us at [info@3milelake.org](mailto:info@3milelake.org)** .

**Date & Time:** Saturday, August 2, 2014 @ 11:00am

**Location:** 39 Horizon Rd

### Annual Golf Tournament

Sunday, August 3, 2014. Shotgun start @ 8:30am at the Almaguin Highlands Golf Course in Katrine – [www.cottagegolf.ca](http://www.cottagegolf.ca)...\$30, including BBQ and prizes...what a deal!

For reservations or to donate prizes, email [danleonard97@gmail.com](mailto:danleonard97@gmail.com) or call 705-382-1602...

To reserve carts call 705-349-8337.

Payment will be available On-Line!

Email: [info@3milelake.org](mailto:info@3milelake.org)

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## Our Lake & Environment: Water Testing Results from 2013

### Contact Information to Keep Close-By...

**Emergency Services (Fire, Police, Ambulance)...911**

**Non-emergency local O.P.P. detachment (Almaguin / Burk's Falls)...705-382-2015**

**Armour Township (building permits, by-laws, local roads, snow removal, landfill, etc)...705-382-3332**

**Burk's Falls Landfill Site Summer Hours – 10am – 5pm Thursday through Tuesday (closed Wednesdays)**

**The Burk's Falls Towne Theatre ... schedule TBD as fund-raising continues**

**Burk's Falls Farmers' Market open every Tuesday throughout the summer behind the Burk's Falls Arena.**

**Burk's Falls Arena open for ice time throughout the summer! 705-382-3811**

### **Your TMLCC Executives and Directors:**

Rod Ward (President)  
Barb Leonard (Treasurer)  
Arlene Vujacic (Secretary)  
Arnie Pundsack (Steward)

### **Directors:**

Albert Bollenbach  
Jim Douey  
Steve Foster  
Gord Isbister  
Gary McFarlane  
Sharon Sheils  
Tim Taylor

If you see volunteers from the TMLCC or students from the University of Waterloo taking water samples throughout the year, don't be alarmed! Our Lake Steward, Arnie Pundsack, continues to organize on-going testing of E.coli, coliform, temperature, clarity, and phosphorus levels from May through September at five test points on the Lake. And our partnership with the University of Waterloo, started in 2012, will continue this year.

Our goal is to observe and report back on trends so that we have an early warning system should concerns arise. Fortunately, our trend remains stable, with all testing indicating acceptable levels compared against provincial standards. And our efforts extend well beyond water testing: continued partnerships with surrounding watershed and lake associations; on-going monitoring of local

planning standards; continued education for our lake residents. Our dedicated volunteers and your contributions to the TMLCC through its membership make this happen. For complete test results, see the 'Your Lake & Environment' link at [www.3milelake.org](http://www.3milelake.org). And if you see something that concerns you, please contact us through email at [info@3milelake.org](mailto:info@3milelake.org).

## Find Us On Facebook!

We are finding that one of the best ways to communicate among our Three Mile Lake residents and friends is through our group Facebook page. We have about 60 members in the group but we want more! This gives everyone a chance to share stories, provide updates and keep in touch. Simply click on the Facebook link on the main page of our web site [www.3milelake.org](http://www.3milelake.org).



## How Can You Help?

You don't have to join the TMLCC executive committee to help out around the Lake. And any help is greatly appreciated! Help us make sure our picnic is a success by volunteering to run games for the kids, set up the site, or gather the food we'll need. Go for a walk around the lake and clean up litter. And please help us continue to serve you through your small \$25 contribution to the TMLCC each year – it helps us pay for water testing, new shoal markers, social events, signage, and much more!

The more people are involved, the more our sense of community grows!

We continue the on-going efforts to return and expand healthcare services to the Almaguin region...see [www.almaguin-health.org](http://www.almaguin-health.org)

**Don't Forget to Visit [www.3milelake.org](http://www.3milelake.org) every day! Follow us on Twitter...join our Facebook page...get up-to-date news and information...take our informal polls...tell your kids!**

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