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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MARLIN HORST

**A**s I write this the leaves have begun to change colour and we are thinking of closing up after another fun filled summer. For a change, this summer was hot and sunny the majority of the time. I for one feel I did not spend enough time at the cottage.

The association had a very active summer. The BLA held its traditional “Welcome Back” get together on the May long weekend. Once again Birch Cliff Lodge generously provided the space and the event was very well attended. Light

snacks and beer and wine were available. Donations were good. They can always be better. Remember, we are here for the lake and you, as we are all stewards of the lake.

In early June, the BLA hosted the Hastings Highlands Interlake Group. This group is made up of the various lake associations in the Municipality of Hastings Highlands. The group gets together once a year (and has various discussions throughout the year) to discuss common issues, and in particular to coordinate the interaction with the municipal government. The hope is that if the various lake associations work together with the municipality, we can accomplish much more than if we work independently. I think we can see that this is starting to have a positive effect on the relationship with the municipality. In the past the issues confronting the lakes were, while not ignored, not necessarily top of mind for the municipality. I believe that now such issues are recognized and the Municipality is much more open to input from the lake associations. This group and the BLA will continue to work with the municipality to protect our lakes for future generations.

In addition to the Hastings Highlands Interlake Group there is also an annual meeting held in mid September of that group along with lake associations in Madawaska and surrounding areas. The purpose of this larger group is similar to the Hasting Highlands Interlake Group but concentrates more on how the various lake associations can help each other. By attending these meetings and participating in the discussions, the BLA is able to learn from other associations in the area and perhaps pass on some of our knowledge as well.

We held our AGM in early August. A small but engaged crowd attended on what was a

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beautiful August morning. Carol MacLennan, Treasurer of the BLA, presented the financial statements of the BLA to the meeting. We continue to be in a strong position financially. Terry Rees, the Executive Director of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations (FOCA), of which the BLA is a member, gave a brief talk on what FOCA does and how it can benefit the BLA and the individual members of the BLA. FOCA is a great resource for the BLA.

Many of the issues which arise in the BLA have been dealt with by other lake associations and FOCA has a large archive of research on various issues. We will make more use of the resources FOCA has to offer going forward. Councillors Nancy Matheson and Greg Roberts also attended the meeting (unfortunately Mayor Bloom had to cancel at the last minute) and briefly spoke about what the municipality has been doing and the plans for the future. The most immediate issue which is dear to all of our hearts (taxation), relates to the increased costs to the municipality for the OPP. The costs are set to skyrocket and the municipality will have no choice but to increase taxes to cover policing costs. I am pleased to report that all of the directors agreed to stand for another year and were unanimously elected to serve for this year. Thank you to David Milne and the staff at Birch Cliff Lodge for allowing us to use their facilities, it is much appreciated.

On a beautiful Labour Day weekend, the BLA held its Closing Event at Camp Ponacka. The turnout was great. We held our usual corn roast, grilled hot dogs and beer, wine and soft drink options. We managed to run out of the food

but the beer and wine lasted until the end. The corn was excellent. This event is a great time to catch up with other people on the lake. Thank you to Camp Ponacka for providing the venue (and so much more). Thank you also to all those who made donations which helped greatly to offset the costs.

In addition to social activities, the BLA continues to work towards implementing the Lake Plan. David Hawkes has been tireless in organizing this as Lake Plan Implementation

Coordinator. The Lake Plan is a living document and we must continue to build on, and

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# DARK SUNRISE: MOVIE MAKING COMES TO BAPTISTE LAKE

By Margot Currie



**W**hen Hilary Phillips and her husband Greg Gibbons purchased Sunrise Cottages in 2003, Hilary's first thought was what a great place to film a slasher film. After recently moving to Toronto from Peterborough, a dinner at a local east end neighbourhood pub set the wheels in motion to create such a film. Hilary points out that the name of the pub is Murphy's Law.

Both Hilary and Greg have had long careers in the film industry; for a number of years they worked in Los Angeles. They moved back north for family and lifestyle reasons. Greg is quite active in the Indie film business in Toronto, and has an extensive background in the field of animation.

I sat down with Hilary one day this summer, and she explained to me the process of what it takes to create a concept, and then turn it into a screenplay, and then make it into a movie. It is a long and tedious process. Much of it is like writing a novel. First off, you need to have the whole movie summarized in one sentence – What is it? To create the screenplay you want a beginning, middle and end – a very brief narrative.

According to Hilary, the dialogue was the hardest part. Every spoken word has to move the movie forward. They received lots of input from friends and colleagues in the industry. There were, according to Hilary, several rewrites.

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# DIVING IN BAPTISTE LAKE

By Adrian Hill

**I**t's September and the water temperature is down to 16°C. Most days I am under the surface of Baptiste Lake looking for fish, plants and mollusks, and for any item of archaeological interest.

Yesterday, I found three golf balls and the windshield to a motorboat.

Last year I did a series of dives near the Herschel fishing club islands and discovered an underwater garbage dump where there were more than a dozen bottles ranging in age from 60 to 100 years. This photograph shows some of the more interesting bottles and you may be able to recognize some of the original contents.

Over the course of the last four months, I have found some items of much greater interest.

First, there is a wreck of the lumber tug barge, probably "The Beaver" which was likely built 100 years ago and probably sank in the 1950s. It was owned and operated by The Bailey Jennings Lumber Company operating on the lake, collecting hardwoods and milling and shipping boards by train at Hughes Landing.

The barge measures about 20'x60' and it was steam powered. The wreck still shows structural members at the bow and stern and hull planks along the starboard. Several metal parts including a fair sized cylinder warrant further study.

As an underwater archeologist, this sort of find is very exciting. Ontario law and common sense tell us that nothing should be removed, and

indeed, we should refrain from even touching such treasures.

In several parts of Baptiste, I find parts of logging booms, squared timbers of huge proportion, often with rusted metal fittings once used to join the timbers and secure massive loads of valuable logs.

There are countless logs from those industry days on the bottom, sometimes solitary, other times jumbled in a heap.

It is a good reminder that serious care must be taken by any scuba diver to avoid entanglement what with logs, cables, fishing tackle, and the same two great fears of river canoeists - strainers and sweepers: downed tree

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# BAPTISTE LAKE TO BANCROFT; CANOE AND KAYAK MARATHON 2015

By Wallace McColl

One of the water events, part of the Water, Wheels and Wings Weekend in Bancroft, has been the canoe and kayak marathon race from Birch Cliff Lodge on Baptiste Lake, to the sports park on the York River in Bancroft. The route flows eastward on Baptiste Lake to Blueberry Island and Deer Island to the narrows at the 'old dam', and on to High Falls, approximately 8.5 km. At this point, several portages totalling just over 1km, are required to bypass various sets of rapids. One longer portage is an option. Below the rapids the paddlers are on the York River for several km, passing under the South Baptiste Lake Road Bridge, and another 12 km to Bancroft. The total paddling distance is listed as 22km.

The founding sponsor of this event was the Trips and Trails sports store in Bancroft. I first became interested in the excitement of the event at this time, and would cheer on the participants as they passed our dock, with the leaders setting a pace far faster than your average paddler and, I imagined, impossible to sustain. Secretly, I longed to be part of the event but knew I lacked the stamina to paddle the 22 km, never mind the speed.

This year I have been inspired by a friend, who although battling cancer, tackled the challenge of climbing her favourite Sauk Mountain in Wa. Hours later, several thousand

feet of elevation, and seemingly endless switchbacks, she gained the summit. Her photo freezes a crystal clear blue sky, a snow capped Mount Baker in the background, and the elation in my friend's smile. If she could climb mountains, why could I not try to get in condition for the marathon paddle?



I began a morning routine of paddling my kayak without divulging my imagined goal. I soon discovered that Baptiste Lake as the sun begins to burn away the morning mist is breathtaking; each bay a unique beauty and each day new vistas. My morning paddle quickly became captivating, fun, and, maybe even a bit addictive. Who remembered the training goal? Not long into my training regime, and feeling stronger, I decided to test my endurance with a round trip to High Falls – roughly 17 Km. For a scenic breakfast at the falls, I had a coffee, a western sandwich and an apple. An endurance should not mean hardship! My total paddling time was about three hours; an hour and a half each way. My muscles did not cry out. With a little more conditioning I knew I could make it, and it would take me about 4 ½ to 5 hours.

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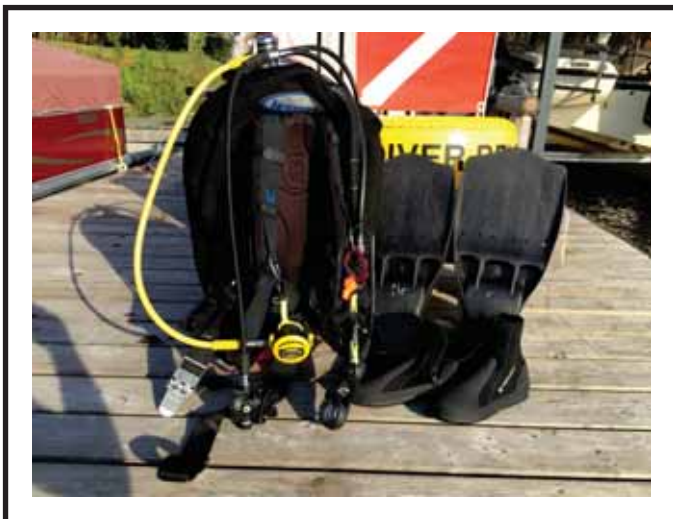
branches and roots. Diving in our lakes requires more care and planning than open ocean diving in the Caribbean. I do both often every year and I give our cold water lakes the caution and respect they deserve!

Some people ask me if there's anything they can do to help make it safer for divers in our local lakes. Below you will see a photograph of a yellow divers' buoy and a red dive flag. The important thing to remember is that Ontario and Canadian law prohibits any vessel from approaching closer than 500 feet or 150 m to a dive flag or a divers' buoy.

Bringing your motor boat in for a closer look can endanger the safety and the lives of divers below the surface. And remember, if the OPP spots you encroaching on the safety zone, you can be charged and your conviction will have serious repercussions on your auto driver's license and your insurance rates for your car.

Looking out from my deck in Baptiste Village, I can see the open body of the lake which once featured huge log booms. The logs were stockpiled in the bays awaiting spring.

There was once a wooden dam used by the loggers and it was in service until the early 1930's. Huge log palisades were secured by steel bands and fittings to make massive double walls to hold back a mountain of water to allow the loggers to flush thousands of logs down the York River every spring. These palisades lie on the bottom in piles, reminding us of lives and skills long forgotten and they record the passing of an era for Baptiste and its hardwood forests.



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I then discovered that the event would not be sponsored locally. The new sponsor (OMCKRA – The Ontario Marathon Canoe & Kayak Racing Association) provided promotional information and it was intimidating. The webpage captured an athletic paddler in a kayak no wider than his hips, with GPS on the cowling! The schedule listed a 10:00 a.m. start, with the barbeque and prize ceremony starting at 1:00 p.m. What, only three hours estimated for the race? And, starting in the heat of the day! If I paddled the course, race officials and safety crew personnel would be delayed an hour and a half minimum. Maybe I should rethink this plan and act my age.

Saturday, the day before the race, I was still torn. I could put off registration until shortly before the race, and Sunday's forecast called for the hottest day yet of the summer. Paddling in the heat totally saps my strength. Then I found a solution. I would paddle the race without registering, but for a personal time. I would start early in the morning. My race would start at 5:30 a.m.

With the sun just peeking above the horizon, the air fresh and cool and the lake glassy calm, I arrived at High Falls at 8:53 a.m., putting me seven minutes ahead of my estimated time of arrival. Wow, seven minutes put me a long way ahead of my imagined competition! The time to assemble my portage wheels cost me those hard earned seven minutes. I wobbled down the portage route to what was obviously the entry point below the rapids and wasted another seven minutes dealing with the wheels!

Now I am seven minutes behind, but the launch was smooth and I am away down the York River; sloth with a hint of a helpful current. Then, the first turn! What, another set of rapids? Ahead of me there seemed to be only white water and rocks. I am searching for another portage point. There isn't one. Well, I think, I must be able to run the rapids. There does seem to be an opening with clear white water stacks. I am doing OK, but ahead I have to hook hard left into an eddy to navigate the next tier. Strangely, my only fear was breaking my wife's fancy new carbon fibre paddle, only slightly heavier than air. I did

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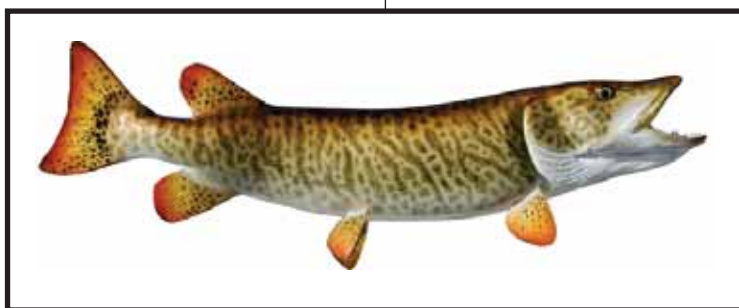
By Ted Clements

**T**his trip took place in the fall of 1992, and it is now 2015. Although some of the exact details may have faded with the passing years, many of these memories are as real and vivid as if they had happened only yesterday.

I'd been hearing Stan Howell tell muskie fishing stories during break times at work for quite some time. Finally, in the summer of 1992,

Stan asked me to go along. We'd be leaving in September. Three of us, Stan, myself, and Ron Metzger would be fishing out of Stan's boat. I'd have to admit, at first I was a little apprehensive about making the trip. I'd had a heart attack and bypass surgery the year before, and Canada sounded like a long way from home. However, the thought of going to Canada for the first time, and a chance to catch a muskie soon had me agreeing to go.

Since I'd never fished for muskie, I didn't have the proper gear or baits I would be needing. I soon found out that wasn't a problem. Stan had enough muskie gear to supply a small sporting goods store. As the next few weeks passed, there were more fishing stories told and plans to be made. Things like menus, food and a list of items I would have to take along. This entire time was both exciting and filled with anticipation. Anyone who has ever planned a trip like this knows that planning and preparation are nearly as exciting as the trip itself.



Well, the time to depart finally arrived. We'd be leaving on a Friday night. We would drive 500 miles north to our destination of Lake Baptiste, Ontario. We drove all night and reached Bancroft, Ontario on Saturday morning. We bought our fishing licenses, then proceeded to our cabin on the lake.

On the drive north, we crossed the bridge into Canada at Detroit. Passports weren't required at that time. We proceeded north and east on Highway 401. 401 wasn't quite as nice then as it is now. There wasn't as much traffic in the middle of the night and there were a lot of long dark stretches of road. During the drive Stan and Ron told many fishing stories. This only helped to intensify my anticipation. During one of the legs

that I was driving we had a little excitement. I was driving down hill, on a curve, in the fog, a little too fast, in one of those dark stretches and oh yea, while passing a semi. When the front tires of the

pickup hit the seam where the road and bridge joined together there was a rather loud bang that could be heard and felt. Ron, who had been sleeping in the back, popped up with a look of, "What the heck?" on his face. Needless to say, after that little incident, I was wide awake for quite awhile. One more thing happened that night. We stopped along the 401 for a short pit stop. We had just finished our little break, when someone looked back and saw someone or something walking towards us. Now I'm here to tell you, that dude looked big. The headlights

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that glowed from behind him showed an eerie picture of a man with long hair and a long coat walking towards us. His coat and hair were billowing in the wind. We weren't sure where he came from, but we already had three men fishing out of Stan's boat and there wasn't room for four. So we beat it!

When we arrived at the lake, we launched the boat. Stan drove the boat to the cabin, while Ron and I took the truck and trailer. When we met Stan at the dock, I still recall the tea stained water, the blue sky with the white fluffy clouds, and the freshness of the air. The cabin we called home for a week didn't look like much. It was up on the side of a hill tucked under a mixture of various types of shade trees. From inside the cabin we were able to look out over the lake. It turned out that small and unassuming cabin would become a very special place for years to come.

The cabin was owned by a quiet, soft spoken gentleman by the name of Howard Gabriel. A finer man you'll never find. We had Howard down for one of our evening meals. Howard was in his eighties and had lived in that little cove on the lake, since he was just a baby. Howard never married and had retired from the railroad. He told us many interesting facts about the lake. I

particularly enjoyed the stories about how things had changed during his lifetime. I felt very fortunate to have met this man.

After unpacking food and gear, we stowed everything in the cabin. We changed clothes and decided to eat lunch before going fishing. You may have noticed I haven't mentioned sleep. That's because I'm sure I got very little from Friday morning until Saturday noon. There was no time for a nap after lunch, we had fish to catch. Before we ate, Stan being a godly man, asked if he could say grace. He started by thanking god for a safe trip up and asked that He watch over our families while we were gone. He ended his prayer with, and I quote, "Lord, I pray that you let Ron and Ted catch

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a big muskie, and me an even bigger one, Amen.”

When you're the rookie and it's your first experience at something new, it's amazing how smart the veterans are, or at least seem to be. While eating lunch, Stan pointed out the window and said, “See that white birch tree leaning out over the water? I think we'll go over there after lunch and catch a muskie.” I wish I could tell you we did, but we didn't. However, I did see my first follower. To see that 35”-40” fish come up from the depths and follow your bait to the boat, was truly awesome. By the way, it was exactly as Stan

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The movie took a total of 17 days to film. Much preparation went into to casting the film. As much as they could, Hilary and Greg tried to cast locally. Hilary was quite thrilled to find an older Scottish couple for the film. A problem arose when the Scottish couple read their lines. In a lovely Scottish brogue they regretted that they could not be part of the film because they could not possibly utter the word s\*\*t out loud. FYI – Hilary and Greg have written the film to achieve a G rating. So, replacements had to be found.

The movie plot revolves around a divorced father, Dan (played by Greg) who is trying to reconnect with his daughter. The film opens in black and white and the period is the 1960's. A horrific act unfolds in the opening scene that sets the tone for the rest of the movie. Fast forward to present day. Dan has brought his daughter back to the resort they used to go to every summer as a family. Most of the characters have been returning to the resort year after year, so Dan and his daughter are familiar to most of the other guests.



This was a family affair. Hilary and Greg's son and daughter also have roles in the film; their son Kyle was far more reluctant than his sister Erin. Cast and crew all stayed on site, and all scenes were shot locally. Hilary said she learned very quickly the need to be flexible with a tight filming schedule. Many of the scenes took place around the camp fire. Scenes could not be filmed in the pouring rain, so adjustments had to be made to the schedule. As well, some actors had commitments elsewhere and their schedules had to be accommodated. On top of everything, filming took place during the height of bug season.

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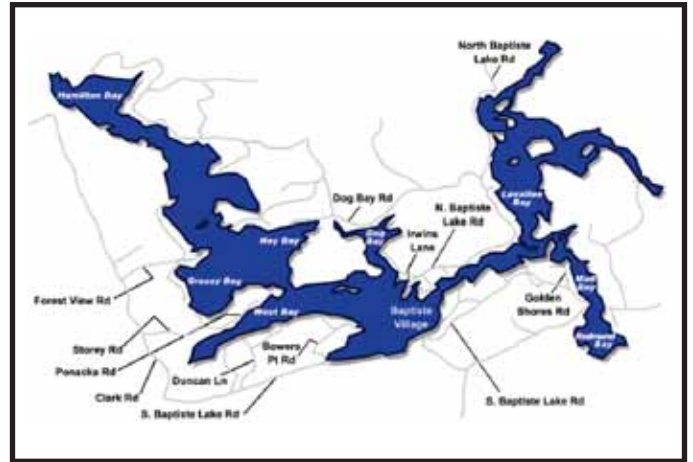
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and Ron had described it.

During the week in muskie camp, there were basically four things to do, eat, sleep, fish, and talk about fishing. Early in the week I had my first muskie on. The whole fight lasted about twenty seconds, then he was gone. The excitement of the strike and the short battle that followed was all that I'd expected. However, the disappointment of losing that first fish was a real bummer. Prior to leaving on our trip, I had debated whether or not I could fish all week for muskie and maybe not catch one. I decided to take some bass fishing gear along, just in case I couldn't. Well, I am going to tell you, after having my first skirmish with a muskie, that bass gear never left the truck.

As the week went on, Ron and Stan both caught muskie. I still hadn't caught any, but I did have a couple of hard hits and saw a few followers. Besides fishing, one afternoon we did take a trip into town. We drove up to Eagle's Nest lookout, where we were able to lookout over the town of Bancroft and the York River, which meanders through it. The colorful foliage of the hardwoods

mixed with the evergreens was magnificent.

While fishing, I got to hear many stories of places like Dog Bay, West Bay, the River, the Dam, Elephant Lake, the River going to Elephant and the most famous spot; Muskie Cove on Lake Baptiste. I heard stories of how Stan and Ron had made the long trek from Elephant Lake to that small cove on Lake Baptiste. I got to listen to



stories of all the fish they had caught over the years. That spot had been so hot, the guys would pull up outside the cove, eat their lunch and wait for eleven o'clock. That seemed to be the time of day when the fish really turned on. Unfortunately, the magic didn't return the week we were there. Muskie Cove, like almost every other cove and bay on the lake, was filled with areas of sunken logs. These were prime places to cast for muskie. On one particularly calm and clear day, while passing over those logs, I recall looking over the side of the boat and spotting a large muskie. The logs were perfect camouflage for the motionless fish.

While we were fishing, the stories of past trips, kept pouring out. It seemed that these two men had either seen, missed, or caught a muskie on nearly every likely looking spot we came across. They say that, "Muskie are the fish of 10,000 casts." Well, I could have sworn that these two men must have caught a couple thousand muskie each. After listening to story after story, and seeing Ron and Stan each catch fish, and I might add after missing my first fish, I needed to catch a muskiebad!

We made a trip to Elephant Lake on one particular day. We ate lunch at the lodge. This place was just as you might have pictured it. It was

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a large log building with windows that looked out over the lake. It had a rustic looking bar with a wood burning fireplace. The smell of wood smoke filled the room. There was a large dining room filled with tables. People could come in and eat, drink, and tell fish stories at their leisure. There were plenty of fish mounts hanging from the walls. There were bass, both large and smallmouth, walleye, perch, and of course muskie. The most impressive fish on the wall was a 50", 30 lb monster of a muskie. It just so happened, that fish was caught by Ron a few years before.

On our way to the lodge, we fished the York River that connects Lake Baptiste to Elephant. The river was only three to four feet deep and filled with stick-ups and submerged logs. There weren't many weeds at that time, so we were making casts close to the shore. We came to a place where there were many dead cedars, that either laid out above or into the water.

I had mentioned earlier about Stan making a prediction on where we might catch a fish. Well, he made another one. He said to me, "Ted, see that big log floating there by that overhanging tree? Throw right behind that log. There's a big one just waiting back there." So I cast a silver and black Meppsmuskie killer right where he had pointed to. That lure smacked the water and within two cranks of my reel, the largest muskie I had seen all week, exploded out from behind that log. He came out tail walking, with his gills flared and shaking his huge head. Unfortunately, the next thing I saw was that buck tail being thrown from his mouth. I'm sure that if the guys would have had a stick, they could have knocked my eyeballs off with it. The whole scene unfolded in seconds. Yet, today I can still close my eyes and relive that experience, just like it happened yesterday. I'm sure, that missed fish, with all the excitement surrounding it, was the defining moment of when I became obsessed with catching a muskie.

We continued fishing that week. We kept seeing fish, but didn't have many takers. Finally, towards the middle of the week, we went back into the little cove where I had missed my first attempt at catching a muskie. I was still throwing that

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According to Hilary, they were voracious, and she is sure they went through at least 6 cans of OFF!



When I asked what stage the film was currently at, Hilary said it was in post-production, and that it could be over a year before there is a release date. Much editing is required; extra shooting might be required for continuity purposes; and, many other small details that make up the whole process. Hilary is very pleased with the music. It is all original, and the talent was local.

To help offset costs, Hilary and Greg have applied for grants and various financing options for film makers. Sheridan College, Hilary's Alma Mater, is helping her with the application process for a grant that supports female directors of feature films.

When the film is ready, they are hoping to premier it locally. The aim is for it to go straight to TV, possibly on a channel like Showcase, or through Netflix. And, stay tuned as Dark Sunrise is just the first film in a trilogy of horror/fantasy genre.

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silver and black bucktail. On one of my casts a muskie slammed the lure. I set the hook hard and the battle was on. I got to use the two words every muskie fisherman longs to hear, "Got one" quickly followed by "Get the net". I remember those silvery sides of the fish, flashing in the sun lit water. The water was clean enough to watch the fish try to make a couple runs under the boat. As I recall the battle didn't last all that long. I'm sure I horsed that fish to the boat as quickly as I could. I wanted that fish in the net, "Bad"! The guys got him netted and I couldn't have been happier. I admired that fish the entire time we measured, weighed, and took pictures. We released the fish back into the lake unscathed. That first muskie was no monster. He was probably about thirty five inches and nine pounds. He was not considered large, as muskies go. But, we like to ask the question, "What do you call a small muskie?" The answer is "A muskie". I now had my first. I was now a "Muskie Fisherman" and not just a "Muskie Hunter."

Thanks to Stan and Ron that entire week of fishing was an experience I'll never forget. I've gone back once or usually twice every year since that first trip up North. I will always look forward to that trek, to that small unassuming cabin on Lake Baptiste, just like it was my first time.

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appropriate it for the event. Fortunately, I did not break the paddle or crash the kayak. And, I now have a bit of adrenalin to speed through the next few Km. I slip under the bridge at 7:55 a.m. If my two hour estimate to Bancroft is correct, I will make it five minutes ahead of schedule.

The last few kilometers into town on the York River meander to form a classic oxbow, with too many switchbacks! Knowing that the finish line was close, and in a direct line, made the switchbacks mentally tough. My muscles ached; my throat was dry; and, an endless line of small aircraft distracted my concentration as they navigated the approach around Eagles Nest to land for the fly-in breakfast.

At last! Around the turn the Station Street Bridge comes into view. I arrive at the dock at 9:57 a.m., three minutes ahead of my competitor – me! I beat my estimated time. My



family is there to greet me with congratulations and probably relief. We actually rush back to our cottage in time to catch the real competitors slice past our dock. The leaders have the very narrow 18 ft kayaks. At the back of the group a young

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## NOTICE

### **2016 Septic Pump-out for Water Access Cottages on Baptiste Lake**

Pauline Hawkes is organizing a septic pump-out for water access cottagers for late June, or early July 2016. Please advise Pauline if you are interested in a pump-out.

Pauline can be reached by telephone in Ottawa at 1-613-216-2182, or at the lake at 613-332-4736. You can also reach Pauline by e-mail at [Pauline.hawkes@bell.net](mailto:Pauline.hawkes@bell.net).

Please provide Pauline with the following coordinates:

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- Your 911# on your cottage lot
- A description of where your cottage is from a water view

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woman paddles what I estimate is a 14 ft kayak, but she too is setting a pace that I have yet to achieve.

Of course I had to go back into town to catch the finish, and I arrived just before 1:00 p.m. I could not believe it. Most of the field had already completed the distance. The winning time only 2 hours and twenty two minutes. How is that possible? The young woman in the 14 ft kayak arrived amid cheers in three hours and thirty minutes. She shut me down by some fifty seven minutes. Humbling!

After the race I chatted with several club members who were all still at the park. All were gracious in their compliments of my completing

the course without any comment on my time. However, there was the suggestion that I should join their club, but I would need a better kayak more marathon trips, a 16 ft minimum, and preferably an 18 ft.

My 12 ft kayak had to go if I wanted to be competitive. Hey, it would mean that the young woman in the 14 ft kayak would never come last again! There was an offer to loan me an 18 ft kayak for a future event. Nice gesture I thought, and they seemed to ignore that I was a little older than any of them. I walked away a little lighter in step, and a few years younger. A new inspiration for next year? Possibly.



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