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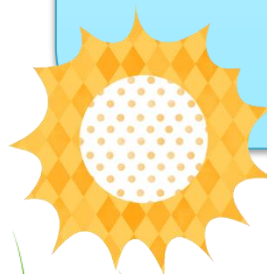
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Cordova Lake Cottage Association



Presidents Message Summer 2018

It was with great delight that I watched the last of the ice go out of the lake knowing that it heralds the start of a wonderful cottaging season for us all. Along with many of you, I can hardly wait to get the boat in the lake, put out the lawn furniture and take time to linger with friends and family during the long summer days.

Your CLCA Executive, composed of Clare, Peter, Sandy and I, has been busy throughout the year. We meet monthly and are accomplishing lots of things. At the end of each meeting, I come away thinking how pleased I am to be associated with such fine, hard-working people.

Should you have any concerns or suggestions of things we should consider at our meetings, you are welcome to contact any member of the executive and we will do just that. Please just jot your thoughts down in writing and send off an email to any one of the four of us. Our contact information can be found below.

We are in the process of streamlining the CLCA constitution with a view to making it more straight forward and easier to understand. Any changes require the approval of the membership at the Annual General Meeting. You may have already received an email outlining the suggested modifications. Please take a little time to consider our recommendations prior to voting at the AGM which, this year, will take place on Sunday, July 15 at 10:00a.m. in the Cordova Mines Community Hall. We encourage all members to come out to this special meeting.



Cordova Lake Cottage Association

Guests this year will include members of the HBM council and Kathleen Shepherd from the City Health Unit in Peterborough County.

In these days of confidential information, it can be hard for us to find out when properties change ownership and who the new owners may be. Should you have new neighbours, we would so appreciate you passing Clare's contact information on to them so that they can join our association. The personal touch makes all the difference!

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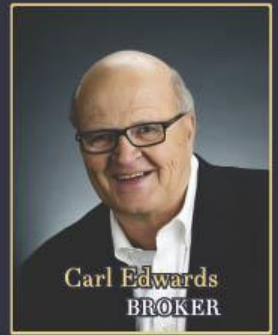
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- Turn on the grill controls or heat settings.
- Take a step back.
- Push the igniter button.
- If there is no igniter button, insert a long match or BBQ lighter through the side burner hole first, then turn on the heat control knob.
- If the burner does not ignite right away, turn the gas off and wait five minutes, keeping the hood open, before repeating the procedure.

At the start of the BBQ season, do this **THREE-STEP SAFETY CHECK** of your BBQ:

- 1 CLEAN** Use a pipe cleaner or wire to ensure burner ports are free of rust, dirt, spider webs or other debris.
- 2 CHECK** Examine the hose leading from the tank to the burners. Replace it if cracked or damaged.
- 3 TEST** Find leaks by applying a 50/50 solution of water and dish soap to propane cylinder connections and hoses. If bubbles appear, tighten the connection and/or replace the damaged parts and retest.

Stay Fire Safe!

Never leave the BBQ unattended when in use.

Make sure grease does not build up on the burners or at the base of the BBQ. This could cause a grease fire.

Never throw water on a grease fire – this will only spread the flame.

DO NOT place the BBQ close to wooden fences or walls, vinyl siding, or anything that can burn. The area behind your BBQ must be free of anything that can ignite – this is where hot gases escape.

Keep loose clothing away from a hot BBQ.

Keep children and pets at least one metre (three feet) away from a hot BBQ.

When finished barbecuing, turn the gas valve off first, then turn off the burner controls so no gas is left in the connecting hose.

Allow the BBQ to cool completely before closing the cover.

If you live in an apartment or condo building, check with the building owner or property manager, or the Condominium Act of your building, regarding the use of BBQs on your building's balconies.

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What type of dock is right for your shoreline?

By Cottage Life

It's a scene that's ubiquitous with cottage country; enjoying a cool drink under the hot summer sun, sitting on your dock surrounded by family and friends. There's no doubt that docks are as integral to cottage life as campfires and boats rides—which is why it's important to carefully consider the best one for your property.

“No two shorelines are created equal and the ability to adapt to the various conditions is what makes the difference between a good-looking dock and something you most likely won't be happy with,” explains Rick Hickson, the founder of R & J Machine. In addition, no two lakes are the same, nor are the needs of cottage owners.

Rick Hickson, founder of R & J Machine spoke with CottageLife.com about how to choose the right dock for your needs, regardless of whether you plan to use it as mooring point for your boat, a launching pad for your kids' diving competitions, or simply as an entertaining spot for late-night stargazing sessions.

What types of docks are available to cottagers and what are the specific applications?

The main types of docks available are permanent docks, pipe dock, floating docks and lift up docks:

- The permanent dock is a good choice for someone who doesn't want to have to do anything with their dock. They're very stable and constructed using steels pilings, which are drilled or vibrated into the

lake bottom. A steel framework on top is then covered in one of the many decking options. Available in a wide variety of sizes, permanent docks are ideal for lakes where the water level remains reasonably stable. However, they're not suited to areas where there can be a lot of ice, as the force of the ice flow can damage them. Due to the nature of their construction, they are the most costly of all the docks available.

- The pipe dock stands on legs and is generally good for people who don't mind taking their dock out in the fall in order to prevent ice damage. Most pipe docks on the market are built using an aluminum frame with removable decking. Available in various straight lengths (12', 16', 20' and 24'), they can also be made into practically any shape you want, such as L's, T's and U's. Pipe docks work well in up to 8' of water, preferably where the water level stays fairly constant throughout the season (unless you plan on lowering it). They are the most economical type of dock going, but require the lake bottom to be relatively firm.
- The lift up dock is a good option for people on a lake where the ice piles up a little bit on the shore. They are also relatively easy to raise and store for the winter. Lift up docks stand on legs and are lifted out by simply hooking up a winch, cranking it and raising up the dock for the wintertime. (It is also advisable to remove the decking in order to reduce the addition of ice and snow load.) If someone is in an area where there is ice movement, a step lift dock can be used, which places the hinge point behind the shoreline. A suitable shoreline is also required; otherwise an anchor base for the hinge point will also be needed. Lift docks are available in various straight lengths up to 48' and can also be made into L and T formations. They work well in up to 15' of water, where the lake bottom is reasonably firm. Again, if the shoreline is not quite suitable, an anchor point for the winch and hinge point will also be required.
- Floating docks are ideally suited to lakes where there is a mud bottom, fluctuating water levels or very water deep—but not where there is extreme wave action. They can be left in the water during winter, provided that they are detached from the shore and towed to a protected area, such as a bay or the leeward side of an island. Made using foam-filled plastic billets or commercial steel tube floats, this

type of dock is available in a variety of widths and shapes but its stability (which is determined by its length and width) must be taken into account. For example, in an area with lots of waves or boat wake, a wider dock would be required. The weight of a commercial steel tube float would also be beneficial to use in these conditions as their weight and rigidity help to keep them from bouncing around. In addition, it's best to avoid the Styrofoam-filled billets (unless they are fully encased) as the muskrats and mink love to nest in them. (Also avoid using any floatation that is not foam-filled as even a small hole could cause your dock to sink.) Floating docks, when properly constructed, are normally more costly than pipe docks.

What are the different shoreline considerations that might affect a dock-purchasing decision?

With a bit of work most types of docks can be adapted to suit a wide variety of shorelines. Personally, I find a shoreline with a nice armor stonewall to be the easiest to work with. The stone can be drilled and a steel base plate easily attached, to which the dock can then be fastened.

A nice gently sloping sand beach would mean that your ramp (which connects the shoreline to the dock) can simply rest on the beach. If a lift dock is your choice then a crib, concrete anchor or piling mount would also be required to attach the dock hinge onto. Where the shoreline is bare rock a mount plate (similar to that used on an armor stone wall) could also be used.

The most difficult shoreline to work with is one that has a series of boulders, small stones or over-burden. In this case either a custom baseplate could be fabricated on site or a ramp to go over the rubble could be used.

If your shoreline is very shallow, the wheel-in option—which is basically a pipe dock with wheels—is a good alternative to a standard dock. As long as your lake bottom is relatively firm, this option allows you to wheel the dock out into deeper water and then bring it back to shore again as necessary.

Are docks available in different shapes? What type of dock suits what type of shape best?

Pipe and floating docks can be configured in a variety of shapes to provide boat slips and large seating areas, if desired. But keep in mind that if they have to be removed for the winter, so linking sections that are of manageable size which attach together are the best option.

Lift docks can go straight out, make a U formation or have a T or an L at the end. If your lakefront property has a large cliff behind it, a larger-sized deck area at either the shore end or the water end can provide your family with a nice place to congregate and enjoy the view.

Water depletion in many cottage regions is a major concern. What special dock considerations apply on lakes that rise and fall a great deal?

If you're in an area where the water rises and falls, you pretty much have to go with either a pipe dock (with a wheel kit) or a floating dock. If your beach area is also shallow, it is possible to combine a pipe dock followed by a ramp, then a floating dock. The only thing to consider with this configuration is that the ramp must be long enough to accommodate the drop in the water level so that the angle of the ramp is not too steep to walk on.

Are there any environmental considerations cottagers should be aware of when choosing a dock?

There aren't too many environmental considerations. Although the old-style crib docks weren't looked upon favourably, these days most docks are much more environmentally friendly.

The only thing that cottagers really need to be concerned about is the type of materials they build their dock out of. Pressure-treated decking is not recommended for water contact situations. Cedar, aluminum or PCV decking is considered to be the best.

Finally, if you're building a floating dock, avoid using barrels for flotation unless you are able to verify that their original contents were not hazardous to a waterfront environment.

What about government regulations? Are there any laws or bylaws cottagers should be aware of before they install or replace a dock?

The location of your cottage dictates what regulations and permits are obligatory. In some areas, the Municipal regulations require you to get a building permit for a dock, as well as a Ministry of Natural Resources permit.

A lot of docks fall under the MNR's "free use" policy, which dictates how close you can build to your property line and what quantity of lake bottom contact you can have. But if you are on an MNR-controlled property, there will be extra criteria. For example, your dock can occupy no more than 25 per cent of your lot width. Typically the MRN prefers pipe docks, cantilever docks and floating docks.

If you are in an area covered by the Trent Seven Waterway or Rideau Canal you should have a permit from Parks Canada before you start any sort of construction, whether it be a dock, railway or a boatlift. In some cases, you will have to allow between three to four months for these to be approved.



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Every encounter with a black bear is unique. Experts recommend the following tips and advice. There is no guarantee that what works in one instance will work in another.

Avoid encounters:

- Make noise as you move through wooded areas – especially in areas where visibility is restricted or where background noise is high, such as near streams and waterfalls. Singing, whistling or talking will alert bears to your presence, giving them a chance to avoid you.
- While outdoors, keep your eyes and ears open:
 - Do not wear music headphones.
 - Watch for signs of bear activity, like tracks, claw marks on trees, flipped-over rocks or fresh bear droppings.
 - If you are out with a dog, leash it. Uncontrolled, untrained dogs may actually lead a bear to you.
 - Pay attention, especially if you are undertaking activities like working, gardening or berry picking. Occasionally scan your surroundings to check for bears. Rise slowly from your crouched position so you don't startle any nearby bears. They may not recognize you as a human when you are in a crouched position.

Think about safety:

- Carry and have readily accessible a whistle or an air horn.
- Learn how to carry and use bear spray. Know its limitations.
- If you are in "back country" consider carrying a long-handled axe.

Whenever you spot or encounter a black bear:

- Stop. Do not panic. Remain calm.
- Do not try to get closer to the bear for a better look or picture. Never feed a bear.
- Do not run, climb a tree or swim.
- Quickly assess the situation and try to determine which type of an encounter this might be – sighting, surprise or close encounter.
- Always watch the bear. While watching the bear, slowly back away until the bear is out of sight.
- If you are near a building or vehicle get inside as a precaution.
- If you are berry picking, or enjoying other outdoor activities like hiking, jogging cycling or camping leave the area.
- Tell others about bear activity in the area.

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Know the language of black bears:

If you by chance encounter a black bear it may:

- Stand on its hind legs to get a better look at you.
- Salivate excessively, exhale loudly, and make huffing, moaning, clacking and popping sounds with its mouth, teeth and jaws.
- Lower its head with its ears drawn back while facing you.
- Charge forward, and/or swat the ground with its paws. This is also known as a bluff charge.

Generally, the noisier the bear is, the less dangerous it is provided you don't approach the bear. These are all warning signals bears give to let you know you are too close. When bears are caught off guard, they are stressed, and usually just want to flee.

What to do – Surprise and Close Encounters:

- Remain calm. Do not run. Stand still and talk to the bear in a calm voice.
- Arm your bear spray.
- Do not try to get closer to the bear.
- If the bear does not get closer to you, slowly back away, talking to the bear in a quiet, monotone voice. Do not scream, turn your back on the bear, run, kneel down or make direct eye contact.
- Watch the bear and wait for it to leave.
- If the bear does not leave or approaches you, yell and wave your arms to make yourself look bigger. Throw objects, blow a whistle or an air horn. The idea is to persuade the bear to leave.
- If you are with others, stay together and act as a group. Make sure the bear has a clear escape route.
- If the bear keeps advancing, and is getting close, stand your ground. Use your bear spray (if the bear is within seven metres) or anything else you can find or use to threaten or distract the bear.
- Do not run or climb a tree.

About attacks:

Black bear attacks are extremely rare. A black bear may attack if:

- It perceives you to be a threat to it, its cubs or it may be defending food. This is a defensive bear that wants more space between you and it. Such attacks are exceedingly rare although a bear's aggressive display may seem to suggest otherwise.
- It is a predatory bear. These bears are also very rare. Predatory attacks usually occur in rural or in remote areas. Predatory bears approach silently, and may continue to approach regardless of your attempts to deter them by yelling or throwing rocks.

What to do if an encounter results in an attack:

- Use your bear spray.
- Fight back with everything you have.
- Do not play dead except in the rare instance when you are sure a mother bear is attacking you in defense of cubs.

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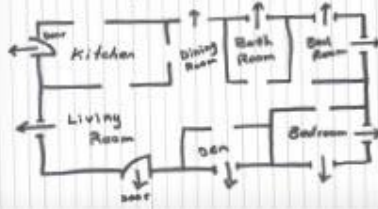
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Loon Study - Frequently Asked Questions

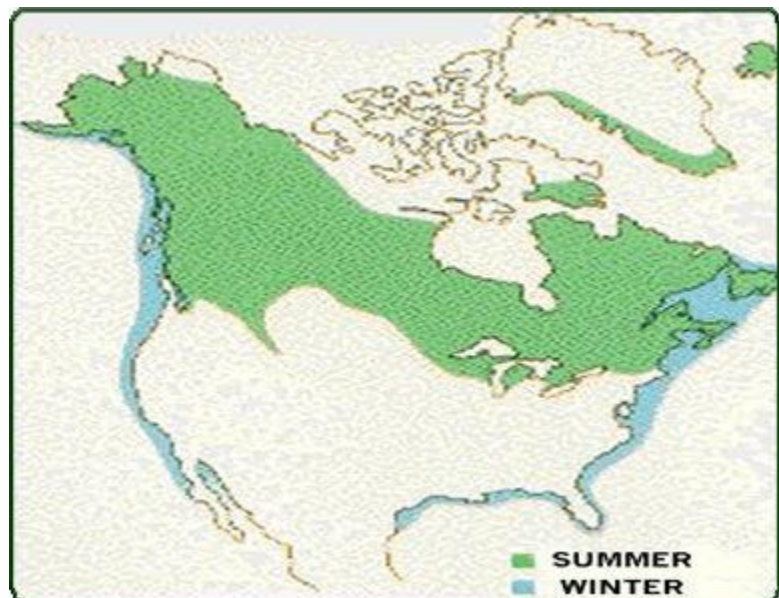
Which state has the most common loons?

In the continental U.S., surveys indicate Minnesota has the largest population of common loons with more than 10,000 adults. Wisconsin has an estimated summer population of about 4,000 adults. Additionally, states with breeding populations include Maine with approximately 4,100 adults, New York with more than 800 adults, and New Hampshire with about 500 adult common loons.

How long each year do common loons stay within their summer (breeding) range?

Loons return to northern forested lakes and rivers in the springtime, usually in April or early May. The breeding range includes Alaska and much of Canada south to portions of Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine.

Breeding loons, like those radiomarked in this study, leave breeding areas in late October to early November.



Loons spend the winter season along the Atlantic, Pacific, and Gulf of Mexico coasts. Some loons winter on inland reservoirs.

How far can common loons fly in one day?

In one documented case, a loon traveled 670 miles within a 24-hr period. In another case, a loon traveled distances of 360 and 505 miles during two consecutive days. All of these flights were likely single movements.

What is the farthest a common loon has flown in one migration?

The distance between breeding and wintering grounds of the loons we monitored in Minnesota and Wisconsin ranged from 1,170 to 1,570 miles

Do common loons return to the same place to nest where they were hatched and raised as chicks?

Extensive banding and observation of marked loons in northern Wisconsin has shown that loons first return to the breeding grounds at age 2-5 years, with males tending to return nearer to their natal territory than females. Both sexes tend to wander and use many different lakes as "floaters" for 2 to 3 years before settling. Males and females both show a



striking age-dependent pattern in the means they use to gain a territory: when 4-5 years old, they usually settle in a vacant territory with a mate and thus found a new territory. If they have not acquired a territory by 6-8 years of age, however, they usually attempt to seize a territory from an established owner after a violent and prolonged territorial battle. Such battles can be dangerous. In fact, about one-third of all territorial takeovers among males result in the death of the displaced male owner.

For additional information on common loon territorial behavior, visit [The Loon Project](#) website provided by Dr. Walter Piper at Chapman University.

Where do common loon's nest?

Loon nests are usually situated on a low mass of vegetation near water, often on an island and usually contain two olive-brown, lightly spotted eggs. Both adults incubate the eggs and share in care of the young.

What is the difference in appearance between a male and female common loon?

Male and female loons are similar in appearance. Males are generally larger than their mates.

Seasonally, the adult common loon's plumage changes dramatically between the breeding and non-breeding seasons. The photo above which shows an adult on its nest is indicative of the loon's breeding (summer) appearance.

**Why does the common loon chick ride on its parent's back?
How long does the loon chick ride on the parent's back?**

Biologists suspect there are two primary reasons for back riding:

1. Back riding may serve to warm the chick.
2. Back riding may reduce predation. During the first week after hatching a chick may spend more than half its time on adults. After a week there is a sharp drop in back-riding.



How long do common loons live?

Loons are a long-lived bird. The oldest known common loon lived 25 years but their lifespan may be up to 30+ years.

What do common loons eat?

Common loons feed primarily on fish, but also consume aquatic invertebrates (including crayfish and aquatic insects).

Why do common loons make calling noises at night?

Loon calls are used to communicate among family members and to maintain territories during the breeding season. Adult loons have four basic types of vocalizations; the yodel, hoot, wail, and tremelo.

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How many different kinds of loons are there?

There are five recognized species of loons (family Gaviidae):

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- Pacific Loon
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8 rookie boating mistakes to avoid this summer

By Sara Laux

Whether you're cruising around the lake or using your boat for some serious travel, here are some common mistakes you might want to avoid. You'll save your craft and your reputation as a boater.

1. Being underprepared for emergencies

If you're going out, make sure you let someone know where you're planning to be (this is called a float plan) so if something happens, rescue will be quick. Ensure you and your passengers know what to do if someone falls in the water, and check your communication equipment before you leave the dock. Finally—and do we even need to say this?—make sure every passenger is wearing a life jacket at all times.

2. Drinking and boating

Operating a boat while over a blood alcohol concentration of 80 mg is a criminal offence—and in some provinces, the maximum penalty is exactly the same as if you'd been caught drinking and driving. You *can* drink on your boat, but it needs to have permanent cooking facilities, permanent places to sleep, and it has to be secured alongside a dock. Sorry, but cracking open a beer on your dingy while you're fishing just is not legal.

3. Forgetting to put in the boat drain plug

You'd better believe this happens—and not always to rookies. Make sure you double check (and then check again) to ensure those plugs are in—otherwise, prepare for a boat full of water and some very surprised passengers.



4. Running aground

Again, this isn't just a rookie mistake—it's something that happens if you haven't spent enough time with the nautical charts for the lake you're on. Buoys and markers can only do so much! Make sure you have good, up-to-date intel about shallows and hazards wherever you're boating. If you need to get around a marker, slow down—hitting a hidden rock at top speed is never a good experience.

5. Wrapping fishing line around the motor

You may think that a line-wrapped propeller is OK as long as it still spins, but that's not the case. Fishing line can cut into the seal around the prop, letting water in and oil out. That's a big problem. If you notice a tangle, kill the motor and take care of the snarl immediately. (You do have a knife or a pair of scissors in your tackle box, right?)

6. Not having enough line for your anchor

Nothing's more frustrating than thinking you've anchored right over the perfect fishing spot only to realize you're steadily floating away from it. The amount of line you'll need to anchor (which is known as the scope) is about five to seven times the depth of the water in calm weather, plus the amount needed to get to where the rope is tied to the boat. If the water is choppy, your scope should be about 10 times the depth of the water.

7. Spilling fuel

Spilling fuel is bad for the water, it's bad for the fish, and it's bad for your wallet. Make sure you've got appropriate funnels or collars, watch your bilge water (there are absorbent bilge socks that help skim off gunky oil) and—most importantly—pay attention while you're fuelling. And if you spill? The Canadian Coast Guard operates 24-hour hotlines you can call to report marine pollution incidents.

8. Slamming the dock

While weather and wind conditions can make docking challenging, there are some tactics you can use to avoid ramming. First of all, slow down. Never approach the dock faster than you're willing to hit it—but don't slow down too much, or you'll fall short of your target (it's a delicate balancing act). Short bursts of power will allow you to maneuver without building up too much momentum. Really, it's a skill that will come with practice—so don't be afraid to approach the dock a couple of times to get your positioning just right





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Opening-weekend checklist for your cottage

By Colin Field

It's time to open the cottage, making May Two-Four one of the most chore-filled weekends of the year up here. But there's no reason it has to be all busywork and no beach.

Sure, there are things that absolutely need to be looked after, but not everything is urgent. So to make sure you have time this weekend to relax on the deck, Corona in hand, we've compiled a simple checklist of tasks you absolutely need to do so you can make the most of your long weekend.

Before you go

There's nothing worse than arriving at the cottage to realize you've forgotten something. Sure, you'll always need to make one more trip to the hardware store, but the better prepared you are, the more quickly you'll be able to kick back and relax.

- Make sure your electricity is turned on. And be sure to phone whatever other services you'll need before heading up. Its always best to do this before the weekend to be sure someone can help you.
- Be sure that everything is insured and you know where the documents are. This includes boat, trailer, and cottage insurance. And if you're pulling a trailer, be sure to test all the lights and connections before your family is loaded into the car.
- Try to remember all and any keys you'll need. Track them down and make sure you bring them with you.
- Put a tool kit together. You *will* need tools this weekend. Figure out which ones you're going to need and pack them. And don't forget the duct tape!

- Gather some cleaning supplies. You're definitely going to need to do a little bit of cleaning this weekend. Even if all you do is wipe off the deck chair, you'll need to have the right equipment to do it!
- If you're going to need filters or batteries, then charge them and pack them. And obviously you'll need clothes, water and food.

On arrival

After this year's dramatic spring, there's no telling what could be waiting for you when you arrive at your cottage property, especially if you haven't been there all winter. The first thing you'll want to do is look around for any outdoor or indoor issues that need to be fixed.

- Check for any damage to power lines, phone lines, the chimney, the deck, the dock, windows, screens, and under the cottage at the posts, pads, and beams.
- After surveying your property, head inside and check cupboards and counter tops for signs of mice or other animals, and look for any water damage that may have occurred over the winter.

Tuning up

Before the relaxation begins, start the cottage season off right with a few minor chores that will make sure everyone is safe and sound for the summer.

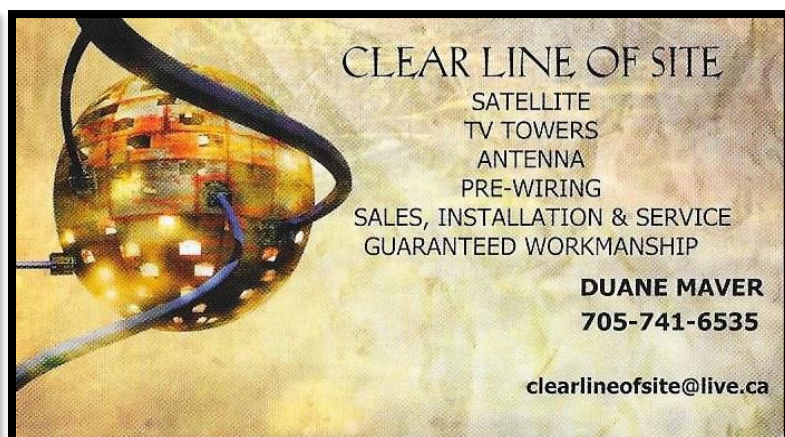
- Replace batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Make sure your fire extinguishers are charged.
- Replace batteries in any flashlights.
- Clean the eaves troughs.
- Clear any large branches off the building and trim any that may have become too close to your cottage over the winter.
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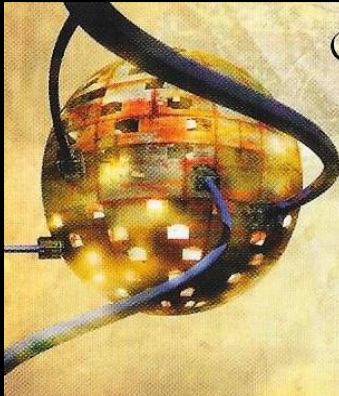




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Turning on the taps

Perhaps the most involved part of opening the cottage is getting your water system going. If you have a pump that draws directly from the lake, here are the steps to get it up and running.

- Inspect all lines for signs of damage.
- Replace the pump's filter.
- Prime the pump.
- Open a cold-water tap in your cottage, and be sure the cold-water valve to your hot water tanks is closed.
- Switch on the water pump at the panel box.
- Open all valves between the pump and your cottage.
- Open all cold water taps to remove air from the system.
- Close all the taps and look for leaks and hissing.

Turning on the hot water

Once your water's running, you need to fill your hot water tank with water before turning it on. It's pretty simple, really, but there are a number of steps you should follow to ensure you do it right.

- Be sure the hot water tank is off and all your taps are closed.
- Connect a hose to the drainage valve and run it outside. Open that tap.
- Open a hot-water tap.
- Close the drainage valve.
- Turn on the cold water intake to fill the tank.
- Watch the open hot-water tap. Once water is flowing through it, the tanks is full.
- Turn on the hot water tank, and watch for leaks.

That's it! You've got water, hot water, a shelter, and electricity. What else do you need? You remembered cold beer, right?

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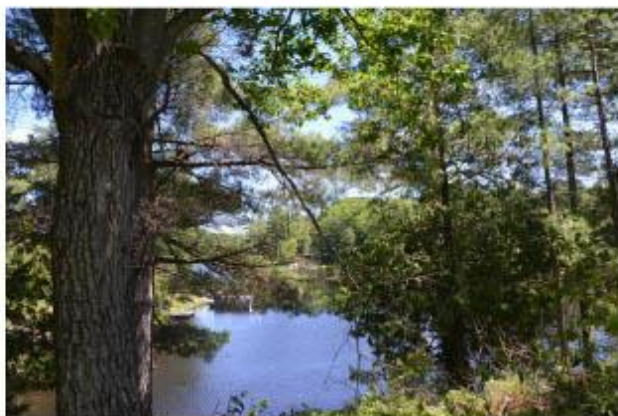
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8 drinks that will make your morning on the dock even better

By Tammy Burns

One of the greatest summertime pleasures is sitting dockside in the early morning hours, before the lake gets busy and the sun gets high in the sky. Anyone who's wandered down to the water's edge while the rest of the lake is asleep knows what a perfect moment it really is.

Well, *almost* perfect. How to make it better? With a drink in hand, of course! Time stands still when you're at the cottage, so there's no rule you have to wait until noon—and we've got a list of the best cocktails for a morning spent lounging on the dock.

(Just remember to take it easy. A single cocktail with breakfast is fine, but too many and you risk ending up with a hangover by midday.)

Caesar

Canada's classic cocktail is the (tastier) sister to the Bloody Mary. Instead of the tomato juice preferred by Americans, here in the North we opt for Clamato juice—a blend of tomatoes, spices, and clam broth that sounds gross to the uninitiated, but is a refreshing favourite to those in the know.

Why it's a morning favourite: It's got tomatoes and celery (and a lime or cucumber or pickled bean or whatever your choice of garnish is), so you could argue it's your fruit and vegetable intake for the morning. It's also got some kick—throw in a heap of horseradish or a few extra splashes of Tabasco, and you've got a beverage that will wake you up better than a cup of coffee.

How to make it:

- 1 oz vodka
- 2-4 dashes Worcestershire sauce (depending on your preferred level of tang)
- 1-2 dashes Tabasco sauce (or your hot sauce of choice)
- 4 oz Mott's Clamato Original Cocktail

Rim glass with celery salt and add a celery stick and lime wedge as garnish.

Beermosa

If beer is your preference over sparkling wine, this so-called “hillbilly mimosa” may be more your speed. Just as refreshing as its Champagne counterpart, the beermosa takes that cottage staple and turns it into a brunch-worthy cocktail.

Why it’s a morning favourite: Yes, beer really can be for breakfast, thanks to a hit of citrus. With beer’s lower alcohol content than hard liquor, this drink is light enough that you may even be able to have a couple before noon.

How to make it:

- 8 oz beer (opt for a white IPA, citrus saison, or another light, fruity beer)
- 4 oz orange juice

Serve in chilled glass garnished with an orange wedge.

Mimosa

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The preferred beverage of brunch-goers everywhere, the mimosa gives your morning a bit of upscale pizzazz. Pop open a bottle of Champagne or sparkling wine (or use up leftovers from last night) and mix with your fruit juice of choice—orange is the most popular, but pineapple, cranberry, and grapefruit are also good options.

Why it’s a morning favourite: Again, you’ve got your morning dose of fruit, just kicked up with some boozy bubbles, of course. But, most importantly, it’s light, crisp, and refreshing—and pairs perfectly with a side of bacon and eggs.

How to make it:

- 2 oz Champagne, Prosecco or other dry sparkling wine
- 2 oz orange juice or other fruit juice
- 1/2 oz Grand Marnier or Triple Sec (optional)

Serve in champagne flute and garnish with a strawberry or orange peel.

Greyhound

The Screwdriver (vodka and orange juice) tends to get most of the attention when it comes to citrus cocktails, but the Greyhound has just a bit more oomph—and, I would

argue, grapefruit actually pairs better with alcohol. It's also a truly classic cocktail, reminiscent of the *Mad Men* era (just without the cigarettes).

Why it's a morning favourite: Admittedly, not everyone loves grapefruit juice, but if you're a fan of the tart taste, this is a pucker-perfect switch from your regular morning OJ.

How to make it:

- 2 oz vodka or gin
- 5 oz pink grapefruit juice

Serve over ice and garnish with a rosemary sprig.

Irish Coffee

Arguably the most famous of the coffee cocktails, Irish coffee really did get its start in Ireland. There are many versions of its origins, the most common of which is that it was first served by a chef in County Limerick to a group of American tourists who needed some warming up on a cold, winter evening. An alternate option to the recipe below is to just mix an ounce of Irish cream, such as Baileys, with black coffee.

Why it's a morning favourite: Coffee is, of course, the most popular of breakfast beverages, but who says you have to keep it to the same old double-double when you're dockside? Take advantage of being far, far away from your morning commute with the vacation version of a morning joe.

How to make it:

- 6 oz black coffee
- 1 oz Irish whiskey
- 1 tsp sugar
- thick cream

Mix the coffee, whisky and sugar in a tall glass mug until the sugar has dissolved. Carefully pour the cream over the back of a spoon held just above the coffee's surface. The cream should float atop the coffee without mixing—don't stir, just sip through the cream.

Carajillo (Spanish Coffee)

If whiskey isn't your alcohol of choice, maybe brandy will do the trick. Much like its Irish sister, this cocktail has an uncertain history, some sourcing it back to Spanish troops during the occupation of Cuba, while others say it was created in Barcelona. Either way, it's guaranteed to warm your insides on a cool morning.

Why it's a morning favourite: See above.

How to make it:

- 6 oz black coffee
- 1 oz brandy
- 3/4 oz Cointreau

Rim a tall glass mug with sugar and garnish with a lemon wedge and cinnamon stick.

Sangria

There are as many variations on sangria as there are cottages in the Muskokas, but they all have one thing in common: wine and a whole lot of fruit. This cocktail is most easily made as a pitcher rather than by the glass, so save it for when your cottage is full of guests on a long weekend.

Why it's a morning favourite: Sangria is basically fruit salad in a glass—you're getting your morning dose of vitamins, right? And while traditionally, it's more of an afternoon drink, sangria also makes a nice late-morning alternate for when you've had enough mimosas.

How to make it:

- 1 bottle of red wine
- 4 cups ginger ale or club soda
- Splash of orange juice or lemonade
- 2 oz triple sec or brandy (optional)
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 1 lemon cut into wedges
- 1 orange cut into wedges

Mix it all together and, in addition to the lemon and orange, toss in whatever other fruit you like, from berries to apple slices to chunks of mango. Experiment with a different fruit combination every time!

Blueberry Tea

Perfect for a chilly morning on the lake, this “blueberry” tea really doesn’t have any blueberries at all. Rather, it’s a mix of orange and almond flavours that, when combined, bring out a taste similar to blueberries.

Why it’s a morning favourite: On those days when the weather is cooler, this take on tea will warm your insides. Grab a blanket and get cozy as you watch the mist start to burn off the water.

How to make it:

- 1 oz Amaretto
- 1 oz Grand Marnier
- 4 oz orange pekoe tea

Serve in a snifter glass.



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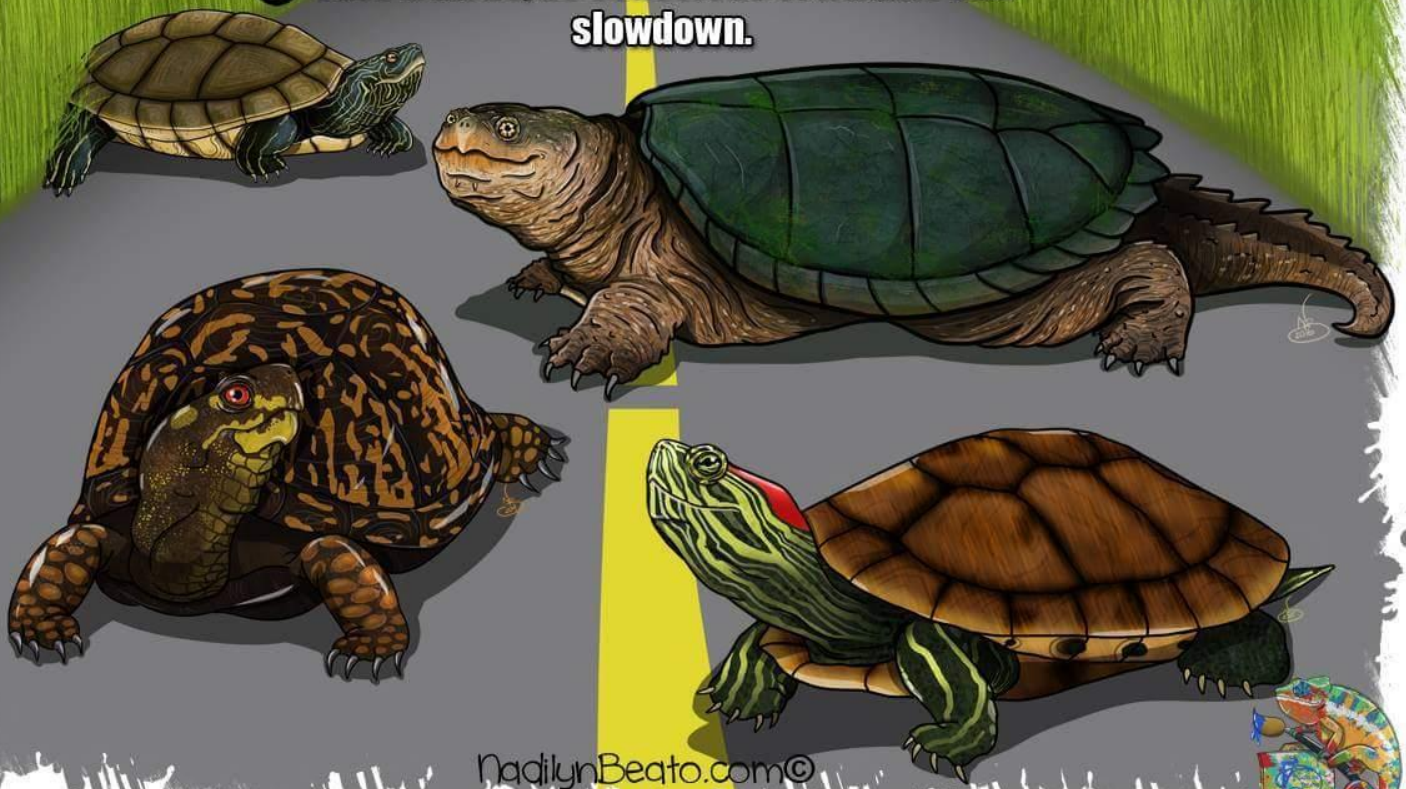
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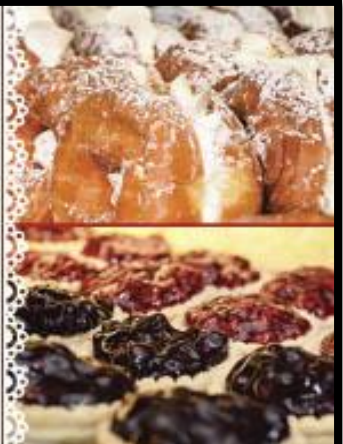
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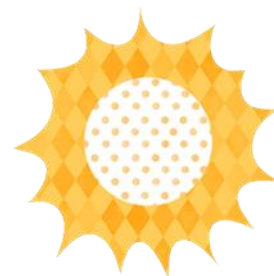
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CLCA Annual General Meeting:

Sunday, July 15th at 10:00 in the Cordova Mines Community Centre. Please note that this is a week later than usual because the hall was already booked.