

Cordova Lake Cottage Association Survey Results

2018

99 Respondents

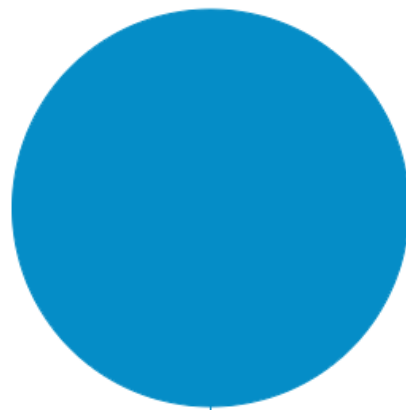
88 Respondents – Completed the survey

11 – Did not complete the survey

Survey Questions & Responses

1. Are you a member of the Cordova Lake Cottage Association?

Number of responses: 94

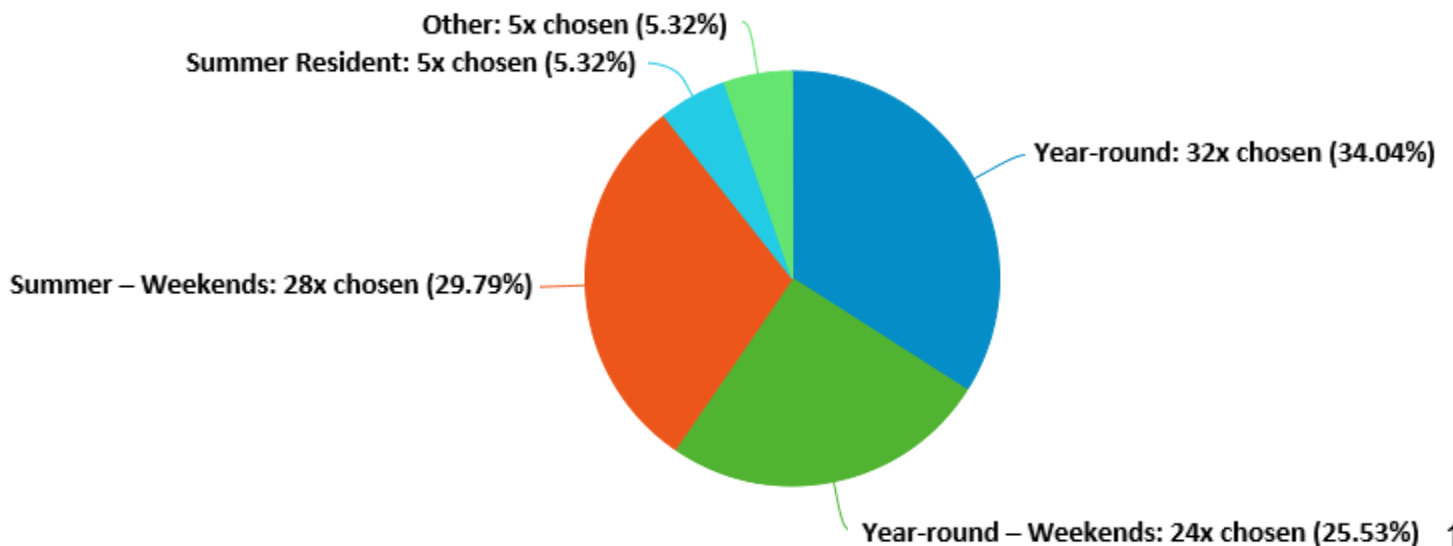


Yes: 94x chosen (100.00%)

- 94 respondents identified themselves as a member of the Cordova Lake Cottage Association.
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2. When are you most likely to use your cottage/residence?

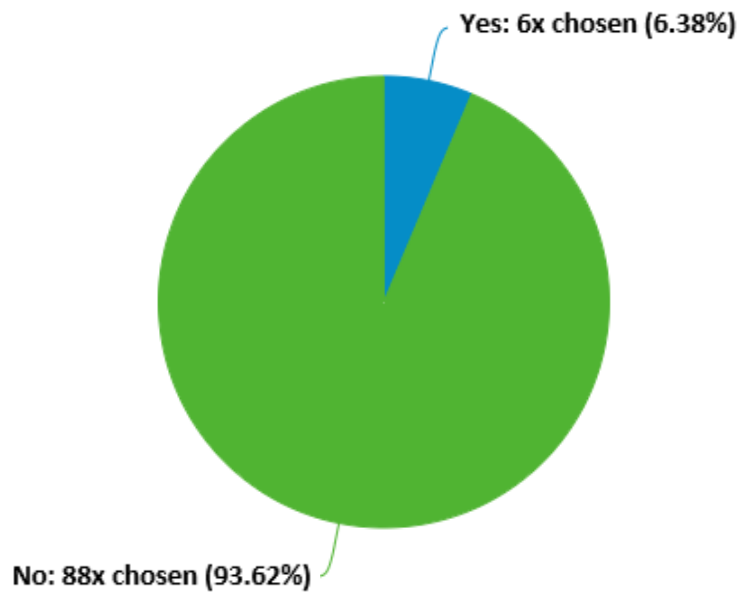
Number of responses: 94



Answer Choices	Responses
Summer Resident	5 (5.32%)
Summer – Weekends	28 (29.79%)
Year-round	32 (34.04%)
Year-round – Weekends	24 (25.53%)
Other	5 (5.32%)

3. Do you rent out your cottage?

Number of responses: 94



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	6 (6.38%)
No	88 (93.62%)

If you answered 'yes', how often do you rent out your cottage?

Comments
Summer
Why?
July & August
4 weeks
14 weeks
5 weeks or so

4. The CLCA Executive and our members are involved in many activities. Please rate how important each of the following is to you.

Number of responses: 93

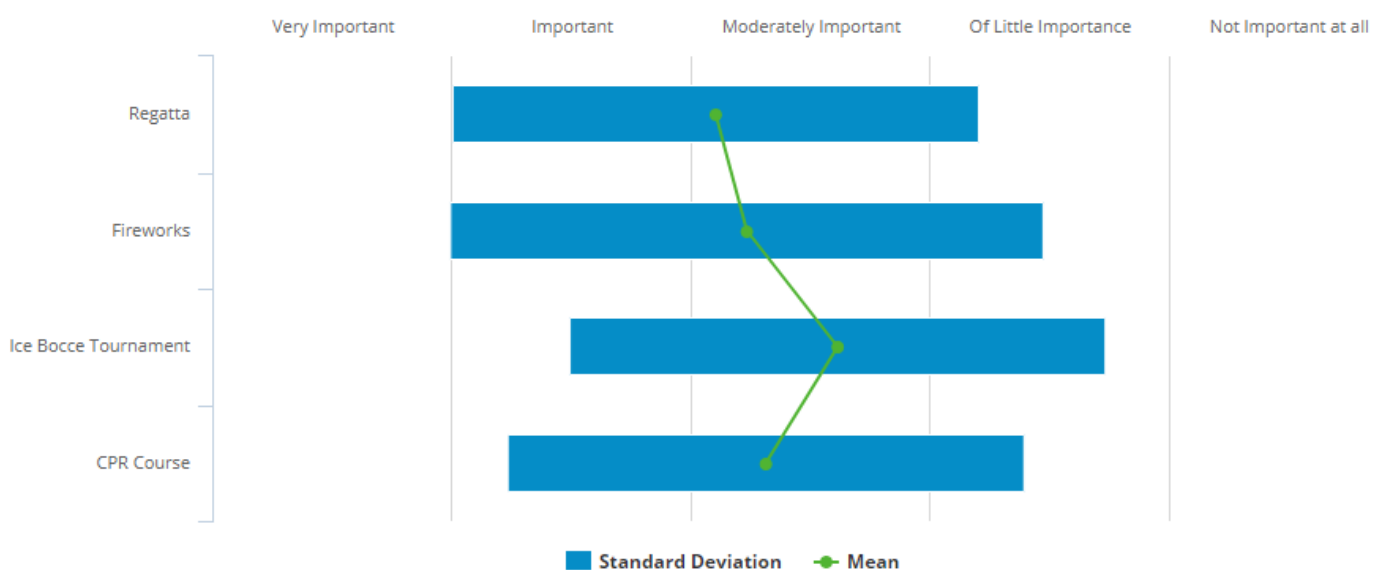


Answer Choices	Average Importance
Securing access and parking for water access property owners at the South End launch site	Moderately Important (2)
Maintaining a close relationship with HBM Township to work with them on issues such as taxation	Important (2)
Providing an avenue to local businesses, contractors and other resources	Moderately Important (1)
Ensuring a positive working relationship with various government agencies and property owner associations such as FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association) and HBMLA (Havelock Belmont Methuen Lake Association)	Important (6)
Conducting an Annual Meeting that provides members with up to date information regarding current local issues, financial information and association business	Important (4)
Supporting communications through the Cordova Lake website	Important (3)
Publishing Spring and Fall Newsletters focusing on issues affecting property owners	Important (5)
Conducting Lake water quality sampling through the Ontario Ministry of Environment Lake Partner Program (measuring lake health indicators like phosphorous and clarity)	Very Important (2)
Conducting independent lake water quality sampling to test for E. coli	Very Important (1)
Providing a communications network, through the CLCA secretary, for our members.	Important (1)

Comments
Put notices on all abandoned boats, cars, trailers etc. that they need to be removed in 90 days or they will be removed at property owner's expense.
Thank you for all of your hard work!
Is it possible to for the association to talk to the powers that be to push for better cell reception and high speed internet in this area? Still using dial-up can't get signal because we live on east side of the lake.
Interested in the wetlands protection north end of the lake & protection of the endangered turtle population.
You are doing a commendable job.
Newsletter contains a lot of important information, but it is becoming too long. Don't need recipes – we have the internet for that!

5. How important are each of the following activities?

Number of responses: 93



Answer Choices	Average Importance
Regatta	Moderately Important (1)
Fireworks	Moderately Important (2)
Ice Bocce Tournament	Moderately Important (4)
CPR Course	Moderately Important (3)

Comments
Other events would be great too, instead of fireworks, do a boat parade. Men do the golf tournament (I know not planned by CLCA), but we could host an activities day where you sign up

and do canvas painting, folk art painting, kayaking, yoga, all at different stations/docks on the lake. Perhaps an event committee?
I enjoy all of the events you asked about and participate in all of them, however I put moderately important as they are not the vital existence of my cottaging.
People choose to go to their cottage for a number of reasons, some like to seek out the company of others and to socialize. In our case we enjoy the peace and tranquility that the cottage offers. During our working years we had high pressure jobs with much interaction with the public, the cottage provided a private and quiet opportunity to unwind and regroup. In the old days, our cell phone didn't work and we had no Bell service, this suited us at that time. I see the role of the CLCA as one of stewardship and management of the lake and its resources not one of providing entertainment, people can do that on their own if that is what they are looking for. I do feel First Aid and CPR courses are useful but individuals can do that in their home communities if they chose as we have. I have strongly felt that the Regatta was only targeted to one end of the lake and I would rather pay higher association dues than be bothered. Actually we often chose to stay home on the holiday weekends as the lake is busy, noisy and difficult to find parking. I feel the money from the CLCA should not be spent on fireworks as it is for lake improvement and management. There are many articles written about the effects of fireworks on wildlife and the terror the animals feel. If we chose to go to fireworks, we can go to a display in a nearby community, Cordova Lake, Hastings etc. Even our pets are terrified of the fireworks. Recently on weekends, people have been letting off fireworks and also having campfires despite very dry conditions. I feel the association should have signage when there is a burn ban effect so that those arriving will be aware.
Most activities are in the north end making it somewhat challenging to get to from the south end.
The Committee do an amazing job - and probably very little thanks or appreciation ... so, THANK YOU< for all you do manage to do
There is a lot of money in the bank and there will be increases to that amount through dues, the regatta etc. What is it that the Exec is going to do with that money?
If we are not going to spend the proceeds of the Regatta then why do we try and make money? Maybe give back to the membership?
We have been to the Ice Bocce one time it was great. But we do go south in Feb most times.
My family is older with grandchildren in their 20's-we entertain ourselves.
CPR training does not have to cost the association--participants can pay their fee to attend training.
The Ice Bocce is not a CLCA sponsored event.
Not at lake often enough.
Fire Rd 18 formerly Fish Hatchery Rd is a public road not a private road as are all other Fire Roads in the province. Either the county or the province should pay for the maintenance of this road.

6. What are the priorities that you would like your Executive to invest time and resources into?

Number of responses: 47

Comments
Lake levels constantly increasing. Every year higher yet no news on this.
Maintaining constant contact with members to keep the lake more of a community. Also having the owners aware of boating safety and keeping the lake safe.
Boating and water safety
I see the liaison between the CLCA and the municipality as key to advocate for us. We pay a great deal of money in taxes and get very little for them. They need to take some responsibility for our roads and the services they offer. They certainly don't hesitate to collect our taxes. My cottage is classified as water access only, seasonal and we pay a great deal for school taxes. If we had a school age child we would be hard pressed to get that child there. The quality of the water at the lake is key and needs to be a priority of the association. I do believe in supporting the local stores and services in the area but wonder if we all were to boycott them for a couple of months whether that would get the municipalities attention. We are certainly cash cow for them.
Road maintenance and water safety - markers, etc.
Working with municipalities to arrange garbage pickup services or review dump hours and accessibility.
Even though we are not boat access, I think some focus on the south parking lot and boat launch is of higher priority.
Try to minimize or keep under control the proliferation of commercial advertisers who use our FR and trees to advertise. They can pay for space.
Enforcing cleanup order for abandoned boats etc.
Water etiquette for power boaters
Communication, as it is currently
North end boat launch.
Water quality and safety (lake markers), bonfire safety and courtesy, improving cell and internet signals
Any policy or preventative means to keep our property values in a positive state
Ongoing water quality issues and other relevant problem, ie control geese population as it relates to lake water safety
The Health of the lake, quality of water and wildlife in and around it
Enhancement of the south end parking area and boat launch as well as lighting for the south end parking area which has been talked about for approximately the last 15-20 years.
Bringing the lake together for different functions
Environmental
South end launch site and boat clean-up in that area; "boaters code" marketing material for all lake and rental properties
Water quality, boat launches (perhaps an additional one,)
Those marked as very important.
Keep up the excellent work
Spend more time enjoying the lake and less time on administration. The more complex you make it, the harder it will be to find people to take it over. Keep it simple :)
Lake Water Quality, Markers, Fish stock, Water level control, Government representation and fair distribution of Taxation,

They are doing a great job and I agree with their priorities. Although I am in the north part of the lake and rarely use the south end facilities I really like the attention being paid to their needs. The needs of the south end cottagers.
Parking, visitor information, signage, safety measures
South end landing and parking
Improvement of south end boat ramp area
Geese controlled coli testing..., south end repair, van sickle road repair especially north end bend through pressuring HBM...
Taxation
Getting internet and phone signals at north end of lake
To work with all levels of government to make sure all cottagers are treated fairly when applying for permits. there is a level of abuse by some inspectors that should be challenged,
Environmental issues, possibly spraying for caterpillars next year if we think they there will be a risk to our trees--it has been two years in row we have to deal with them, this year impacted foliage greatly. Suggest collecting money from cottagers to spray and protect our trees.
Parking lot and boat ramp. Water markers
Water quality (septic compliance)
Lake safety (markers & water testing) Signs re 1 way traffic when entering parking lot area at south end.
Water safety and clean water.
Improving parking lot and sharing of road maintenance costs as well as informing all new owners to be members of all associations affiliated with Cordova lake. Also reducing taxes since there are no services provided.
All of the above
Roads
Better boat launch
Continue to get information out to members. Streamline the newsletter and provide information on safe boating, reducing speeds in channels, as discussed at the meeting.
Water quality
Events that bring people together and create a sense of community.
Just what they are doing
South end "fire road 18" (aka the Fish Hatchery road) is used by the public but maintained by residents at a cost of over \$10,000. It's time to fix this!!!

7. Do you feel that any changes or enhancements are necessary for the information on the CLCA website (<http://www.cordovaalake.ca>)?

Number of responses: 42

Comments
No updates required x 25 respondents
Didn't know there was one
Up to date event info... perhaps a section for renters talking about garbage, firebans, etc.

Live webcam - to see weather conditions
No, just keep the information about contacts current.
Keep up the great work, best it has ever been
Don't use the website often.
We did have a concern and tried to get some answers on property development but no answers were given so gave up. Do feel that most are doing a great job and their efforts are greatly appreciated.
For the size of our lake, I'm amazed and delighted we do have any website ... There are a lot of businesses advertising on the website. I assume that they pay to have their business advertised. If they do, their services are a tad hidden, as the tab is off the main page - It would be nice to recognize these sponsors, perhaps by having their names 'business info scroll across the top/bottom of the page ... it may encourage them to spend more (perhaps offer this as a premium advert ??
Use multiple platforms for communication i.e. website and Facebook
Would love updates in winter as to ice and snow conditions. Maybe even a weekly picture.
Drive traffic to the website. Instead of sending out garage sale notices and items for sale maybe an e-mail telling the membership that a new item has been posted (provide basic info only i.e. windows, doors, patio set etc.) and put a link for the details, pictures on the website
Maybe a dock at the lower lake for all the boats.
I think you do a very good job and communication well done!!! I feel connected with the lake even when i am not there.
Open to any ideas
Fine the way it is
I think it looks great the way it is.

8. Do you have any comments or suggestions for the CLCA Executive to consider?

Number of responses: 41

Comments
No x 12 respondents
Thank you for all the work you do!
None, they are a group of volunteers doing the best than can and they are rocking it.
I think I have pretty well covered my suggestions. I look forward to reading a summary of this survey and I thank you for providing the opportunity for input. It is not easy to take on a position in an Executive such as the CLCA and I appreciate the work that you do on our behalf, thank you.
Not everyone lives here, nor wants to. This is COTTAGE country, just relax, it's not the city lol. Although many may think it is....
Just keep up the great work.
You all are great!

I'm concerned about proposed new trailer park at north end. Would need to be informed on all aspects.
Summer dusty road conditions. Limiting speeds of trucks, cars, ATV's, scooters up and down FR59 all weekend long.
We should use a consensus of the CLCA (and possible other cottage assoc.) members to influence HBM to work on government issues that affect our lake.
Improve fishing in the lake
Restocking the lake with fish
Create a guideline for all properties with RV trailers - locations away from the water; sewage pump-out suppliers; clean water suppliers; garbage disposals etc.
Difficult for new owners to get to know people. Perhaps a social committee to organize more activities to encourage people to get to know one another.
Doing wonderful
What is the plan to spend the money in hand?
I'm very pleased with the work you all do, I know how hard it is to do this type of work on a volunteer basis. Thank you.
Less buy & sell of personal items more communication of items in 6 above
Excellent working group
Great job and very appreciated
No - I think they're doing a great job
Maybe activities on the water such as blow-up climb up mountains and blow-up slides fun park on the water for the day. As the regatta only seems to have activities for very young children 6 and under. And this would be something that all could participate in.
Getting internet and phone signals at north end of lake!!!!
You're doing a great job. Great transparency
I know you have tried to limit access to boat launch in the past but keep trying.
South end parking lot is a big issue when trailers take up value parking spots and remind people fishing 10' from a private dock is not respectful as there are many uninhabited islands on our lake which would be more suited to satisfy their passion for fishing
Open to any ideas
No very informative for my needs
Just the road issues.
Thank you for your time and commitment.