

June Newsletter



Toronto
Island Canoe Club

Commodore's Message

This season the Island has received much attention in the media due to high water conditions. Rest assured local residents, businesses, ferry service, the Conservation Authority and the City of Toronto are much better prepared than in 2017. Pumps keep rising groundwater at bay pumping back into the Bay continuously. Volunteers continue sandbagging daily and watching for breaches.

How does this affect TICC?

Our shore access is under water, you may want to bring your boots since fire ants are also seeking high ground and apt to crawl up your legs/paddle/boat. The clubhouse is protected by sandbags along the road way.

How can we help the Island Community?

Sandbaggers are always welcome; piles of sand, bags and shovels are located at Wards and Algonquin. Fill a bag and repeat. Even tourists have been pitching in. It's strenuous work, but very productive and helpful. There is no schedule, just show up and shovel.

Through the waters to friendship/per aquas ad fraternitatem,

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On The Horizon

A quick timeline of events for TICC members.

Ongoing: Good news the website has been updated and registration is **now available online!** We have also made some changes to the site we are very excited for you to check it out. Our club newsletters will be posted on the site. We encourage our members to get involved submitting photos, stories, or letting us know about upcoming events. <http://torontoislandcanoecub.org>

Ongoing: Starting May 18th members have been teaming up for our *Weekly Saturday Social Paddle*. Please be aware early on in the season that cold water policy is in effect. Bring proper clothing and paddling gear appropriate to the weather conditions.

June 8th: The Mississauga Canoe Club regatta is the first formal regatta of the season for the Western Ontario Division, open and masters races available.

June 9th: Toronto Island Canoe Club board meeting. If you have questions or concerns that you want addressed at the board meeting please bring them forward to a board member.

June 23rd: South Niagara Canoe Club hosts the 2nd masters time trials of the season, this is a great opportunity to learn how to race, and spend some time in wine country.

July 1st: Come be part of one of the oldest regattas ongoing on the Island, we will need volunteers and racers to help take part of this long time tradition. Please let us know in advance as we will have to put in formal entries and volunteers. www.ddra.ca

July 2nd: Toronto Island Canoe Club starts up its summer camp season. These full day camp programs run as one week sessions for more information please contact torontoislandcanoecub@yahoo.ca or check out our website for more information.

July 13th: Pickering Rouge/Balmy Beach regatta will be held in at rouge beach this is a long distance race and is sanctioned by the Western Ontario Division, open and masters races available.

July 14th: Burloak canoe club hosts the 3rd masters time trials of the season, this is a great opportunity to refine your racing skills.

July 20, 21st: Balmy Beach/Burloak cohost a regatta in Welland. This is a formal 2 day regatta for the Western Ontario Division, open and masters races available.

Racing

If you are interested in attending any of the races throughout the season please let us know well in advance. It takes time to submit entries, collect race fees, and recruit volunteers. We will do our best to coordinate with other clubs for access to boats on race day. Toronto Island Canoe Club will not be sending a trailer to these events. Members are eligible to race in either open categories at races or if above 25 the masters category.

Dominion Day Regatta on Toronto Island is coming up on July 1st. If you are interested in racing Toronto Island Canoe Club entries will be due by June 15th. This regatta has a full slate of races in single doubles and fours. There are two race distances 500m and 250m.

Volunteers will also be required especially safety boat drivers (Toronto Harbour licence and Pleasure Craft Operator Certificate required) and line judges.

For racing please contact Ian Ramsay ian.ramsay@yahoo.ca (TICC sprint rep).

For volunteering please contact James Pasley kanucub@gmail.com (TICC volunteer coordinator)



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Safety First



Lightening Safety 30-30 Rule

When you can count 30 seconds or less between lightning and thunder, head for safe shelter. Remain sheltered for 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder.

To help you remember the 30-30 rule and these important safety tips, as well as to help protect yourself from wind chill, Environment Canada and SIRC have created wallet-sized business cards that you can print out and distribute.

https://sirc.ca/sites/default/files/content/docs/pdf/lightning_card_e.pdf

Toronto Island Canoe Club Spring Fundraiser

Thank you to all the members who were able to make it out today. The first annual plant sale and open house was a great success. We raised approximately \$800.00. Members showed up bright and early to dust off the club, and give it a fresh look for the Spring. By Noon the sales tables were going full steam ahead as the Island residents came out to support their club; buying plants, and baked goods. We learned some lessons... People on the Island really like their plants! Good to know for next year.

We gained some new members and are very excited to welcome them aboard. We hope that members were able to spend this time to build friendships, and plan some fun paddling adventures for the year.



COMING SOON !

We are working on a shared calendar for our members which will soon be available on our website: www.torontoislandcanoecub.org

This could be a great way to meet up with other members and go for a paddle, have a snack/potluck, and take advantage of being on the Island.



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Canoe Kayak Ontario Sprint (CKOS) is looking for new Board Members. - contact Joanne Bryant at joanne.i.bryant@gmail.com

To learn more about CKOS check out their new website:

<http://www.ckosprint.ca>