



JUNE 2026

President's Message

Welcome to summer. We are looking forward to another fun and festive summer on the lake. We have several fun and informative events planned.

The worst of the flooding appears behind us, and water levels appear to be normalizing. I was out on the lake on the weekend, and there are still debris and material floating in the lake. The combination of the flooding in the spring and some recent storms have washed many things into the lake. Be careful when boating, and if you have docks/items etc. that have washed up on your shore, let us know and we can circulate communication on them.

This year the AGM will be on July 4 at The Pepper Mill Restaurant on Hwy 35. As per our standard commitment to you, the AGM will start at 9am sharp, and end by 11am sharp. We ask that members show up well before 9am so you have time to register, update your membership (\$25 cash or cheque, or e-transfer will be available), grab a coffee and snack, and find a seat by 9am.

We will have Minden Hills Mayor Bob Carter as a guest speaker again, to share his comments on the most pressing issues of the lake and our community. Bob will also be taking questions during his talk. If you would like to send us any questions in advance for Bob, or any other matter, please do.

I wanted to highlight the amazing work being done by Jim Colson and all the road captains. The Road Captain program is the lifeblood of how we connect directly with members. These volunteers are super important and work hard for you. Please see the full list on page 3. I ask that if you run into one, that you thank them for their work and dedication to our lakes and community.

The Ice Cream Flotilla will be the weekend following the AGM and a full list of events is on page 2. Please mark your calendars and the whole executive committee looks forward to seeing you at the AGM on July 4.

Wishing everyone a great summer ahead.
Kind regards,

Stu Smith, on behalf of the TMLB Executive

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TMLB MANDATE

Our mandate is to protect the interests of the property owners regarding environmental issues, identify safety issues, discuss issues in the community and to provide a collective voice, provide social opportunities, and communicate to members.

Your association works hard to ensure the sustainability and protection of your properties, property values and the quality of life on and within the lakes.

Our Continuing Objectives and Focus:

- grow membership with a target of 80% enrolment;
- maintain a strong financial organization;
- continue to run existing lake social events as well as add new events that enhance our lakes community;
- further educate and empower members on how to be environmentally aware;
- expand a membership reward program; and
- have a robust data sheet to manage membership and property numbers



Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, July 4, 9am** at The Pepper Mill Restaurant

Thanks to The Pepper Mill for hosting the AGM again this year.

[For additional information on The Pepper Mill visit their website.](#)

For takeout and pickup orders, call [705-489-1939](tel:705-489-1939)

Can't join us in person? Members can register for the meeting [here](#) and we'll send a link to join by Zoom.

TMLB 2026 Confirmed Events

Ice Cream! Our annual summer fav event – the **Ice Cream Flotilla** – please note this date change to **Saturday, July 11 from 2:00-3:30pm** Come find us on 12 Mile north of Red Umbrella's Bay, between the island and Hwy 35, and enjoy a complimentary ice cream cone!

Boat Parade Join our boats around the lake with your Canada and TMLB flags flying on **Saturday, August 3**, beginning at **12:00Noon**

Golf Tournament Mark your calendars to join us at Lakeside Golf Course **Saturday, September 12** for 9 holes of morning golf, lunch, prizes, and fun! Registration Opens July 5.

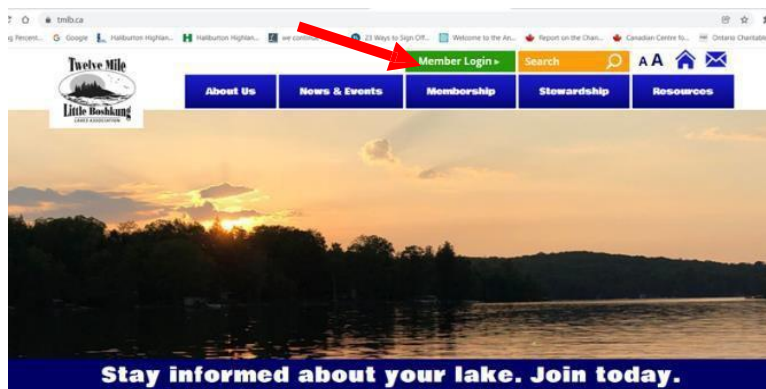


Membership

Still only \$25 per property – a great value to contribute toward a healthy lake association.

Use the membership form at the end of the newsletter to renew for one or more years. To access the members' section of the website, visit tmlb.ca and click on the exclusive [Member area](#). Here you'll find previous newsletters, AGM documents, and more, including member-only educational resources such as ***TMLB Presents: Cottage Boating and Safety Session.***

The Member Login is updated to **Member26**



Road Captains –

You can also contact your local TMLB Road Captain for information and membership renewal - wonder who is your local Road Captain? Here is a complete list of all Road Captains, indicating their covered sections, and a link to contact them. If you have made a recent change in your email address or cell phone number, please let your local Road Captain know. Note - there are 2 distinct sections (identified below) that are OPEN and need some Road Captain coverage - if you can help, please contact [Jim Colson](#)

On 12 Mile Lake roads:

1. 1021 to 1147 Shady Lane - [Martha Kerr](#)
2. Peterson Road From Turning Leaf - Legume - [Larry Tompkins](#)
3. Maebar and Pixie Road - [Pat Stiver](#)
4. 1034 - 1230 Chambers Road - [David Vivian](#)
5. 1004-1164 Red Umbrella Road and Minstrel Court - [Jonathan Ginou](#)
6. 1015-1092 Red Umbrella Road and Pleasant Point Road - [Greg Ludlow](#)
7. 14445-15527 Hwy 35 - NEED ROAD CAPTAIN(s)
8. Surf and Balaclava - [Jonathan Ginou](#)
9. Taylor Road, Moose Track, Memory Lane, Doe Trail, Calm Lane, 1336-1534 Twelve Mile Lake Road - [Ron Bilyk](#)
10. 1540-1652 Twelve Mile Lake Road - [Lexie Prokop](#)
11. Toboggan Trail - Brandon Linnard - call 416-795-7963
12. 1668-1826 Twelve Mile Lake Road, Medley Trail, Bruce Trail, Melba Court - [Jim Colson](#)
13. Mohican Trail, 1934-2063 Twelve Mile Lake Road - [James Iglesias](#)
14. Centennial, 2020-2128 Twelve Mike Lake Road - [Mark Slemon](#)
15. Spears, Mercedes, Marietta, Twin Bay Trail, 2142-2243 Twelve Mile Lake Road - [Stefan Pelkman](#)

On Little Boshkung Roads:

1. Crooked House Road, Blackberry, Mutual, 8626-14436 Hwy 118 - NEED ROAD CAPTAIN(s)
2. Ledgerstone, 1030-1242 Peterson Road - [Connie Walker](#)
3. Oakridge, Sage, Crest off of Peterson Road - [Hunter Obee](#)

We are very grateful to these volunteers for their hard work and commitment to TMLB!

Lake Health

Water Levels –

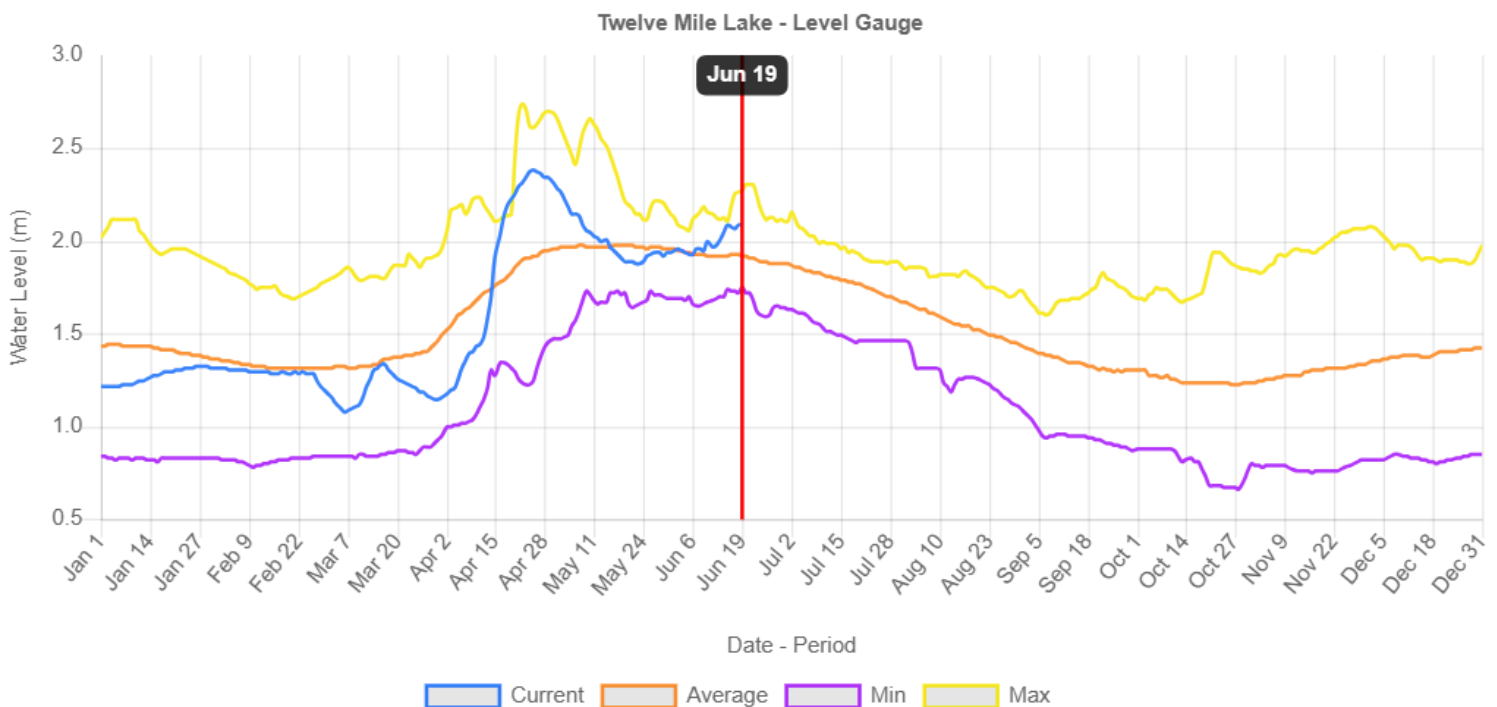
[Parks Canada - Parks Canada Water Levels \(pc.gc.ca\)](https://pc.gc.ca)

Clicking on the link above takes you directly to the Parks Canada site containing information on the water levels of the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) Reservoir lakes. You can click on the Twelve Mile Lake tab to get information related to the latest reading. The snapshot below shows water levels on June 16.

A couple of notes on using the website information:

- the Maximum, Minimum, and Average recorded levels for any given day of the year are based on the TSW historical records (typically going back 30-40 years)
- all these lines are interactive – hovering your pointer over any part of any of the lines will show the data for that date
- you have the opportunity to view the graph view (as per the example below), or a “table” view, which provides data for the most recent 30-day period by clicking on the “table” view

You can also visit the [Coalition for Equitable Water Flow \(CEWF\) website](#) for more information. This volunteer organization works to represent the interests of the more than 30,000 Ontario taxpayers who own residential shoreline property on 55 lakes that feed all the way down into the Trent Canal.



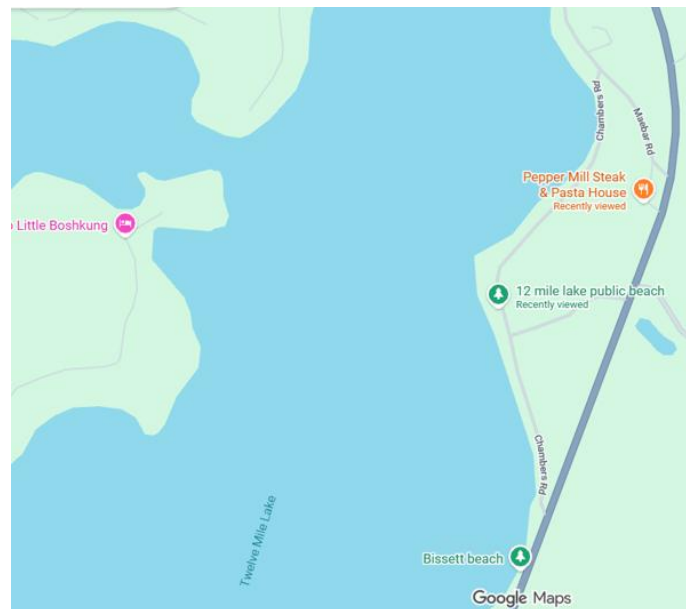
Water Testing – There continues to be multiple water testing programs in place and ongoing throughout the year, including Dissolved Oxygen and Water, as well as the Benthic testing biomonitoring to assess water quality. More updates on Lake Health to come at the AGM!

Septic Systems – Given that we are part of the Septic Re-Inspection program this year, it seems a good time to remind you of some information and education resources available about septic system best practices:

- The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association (CHA) has great resources, including a fun and informative video on how septic systems work and why proper maintenance is so important. Check it out [here](#)
- Find information on the Minden Hills septic re-inspection program [here](#)

Lakelands Public Health – Did you know? Lakelands Public Health (formerly known as the HKPR District Health Unit and Peterborough Public Health) now provides public health programs and services to residents in the City of Kawartha Lakes, the County of Haliburton, Northumberland County, and the City and County of Peterborough as one public health unit.

Beach water monitoring is among the many services provided, and very locally monitors the 2 public beaches on Twelve Mile Lake. Click on the image to go visit the website.



Swimmer's Itch - One of the most frequent questions sent to the association is on this topic – why? How to avoid it?

[This article by TMLB member Don Carr](#) is very informative, available on the member's section of the website.

Among other things to do to help reduce this issue – PLEASE DON'T FEED DUCKS OR GEESE!

Mystery Snails Program – Thanks to those volunteers who have been participating in this important initiative managed by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH). If you are a current volunteer, you will have received an email from Rob McGowan robert_mcgowan@ofah.org, with instructions for 2026. If you are a newly interested participant, you can contact Rob for more information. In his communication, Rob notes:

1. If you haven't been trained by us, you are REQUIRED to watch this training prior to removing snails: <https://youtu.be/EF-GPI8EyZs>
2. PRINT all documents in the file and keep them in a Ziploc bag with you while conducting mysterysnail removals;
3. As you know, the success of this program is based on the data we generate. EACH TIME you monitor and/or remove snails, please fill out a form here: <https://forms.gle/dqd8wegxaeyPBD6x9> More discussion at the AGM!

Municipal Matters

Below please find some updates on programs and policies that may impact you as a property owner in [Minden Hills](#)
Septic Re-Inspection Program – Find information [here](#)

Fire Burning Bylaw - Please be reminded: Night burning is only permitted from 7pm to 7am.
Daytime burning is not permitted from April 1 to October 31. [Learn more](#)
Wondering about **Fireworks**? Click [here](#) for more info.

Short Term Rentals Bylaw - This new bylaw is now in effect. Find out more information [here](#).

Garbage and Recycling – Minden Hills has updated its recycling program. Use this handy [online wizard tool](#) to help determine where recycling items go. Watch for your new **Landfill cards** (effective July 1), included in your June Final 2026 Tax Bills.

It's an election year! Find information about local candidates and voting process [on the website](#)

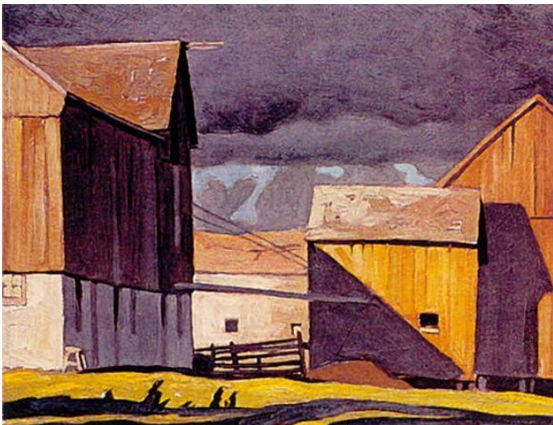
The County of Haliburton Community-wide Affordability and Governance Structure Study – The County has launched a Study to look at ways to simplify government process and provide better value. All are invited to participate in an online survey, attend an open house session and learn more about this project.
Get information [here](#)

Around our Lake Community

705 Rural Internet Project - Update

We look forward to some update discussion on this project at our AGM.

Preserving the History of 12 Mile and Little Boshkung Lakes!



This is Group of Seven artist A.J. Casson's renowned 1938 oil painting "Barns at Twelve Mile Lake"

The artist frequently cottaged in Haliburton County and used the local scenic views as inspiration for his iconic works of art, including 3 specifically situated in the Twelve Mile Lake area.

Was this painting inspired by barns on the old Taylor Farm at the south end of the lake? The Harrison farm at the north end? Another farm adjoining the lake? If you know, or have some thoughts, we'd love to hear from you.

Image: Art Country Canada

AND -we're still gathering stories, photos, and historical information to celebrate and document the rich history of our lakes to share with our members. If you have old pictures, special memories, or interesting facts, we'd love to include them. Email infoTMLB@gmail.com

Twelve Mile Little Boshkung Lakes Association Elected Executive 2025 – AGM 2027

If you're interested in getting more involved with YOUR association, please contact us to learn more

POSITION	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
President	Stuart Smith	437-996-7638	smcsmith@rogers.com
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Membership	Lorraine Gilmour	905-472-6782 C 416-540-3510	gilmourbl@rogers.com
Secretary	Karen Kirk	519-672-3019	ke_kirk@hotmail.com
CHA Rep/Lake Steward	Larry Tompkins	705-489-2266	thetompkins@sympatico.ca
Road Captain Lead	Jim Colson	309-397-8135	colsogeneva@hotmail.com

Information and Resources

The association works diligently to provide you with a variety of information sources:

Facebook – Follow us on [Facebook](#)!

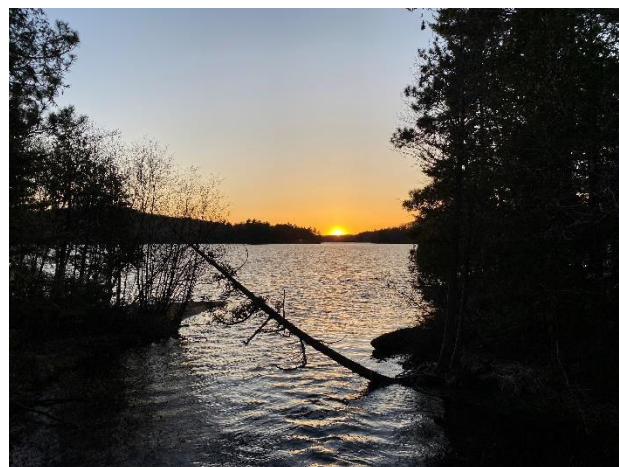
Website - Visit www.tmlb.ca as a resource for information on many important lake-living issues facing us on Twelve Mile/Little Boshkung Lakes, and throughout Haliburton County. Remember to visit the members' only section, where you will find previous AGM documents, copies of newsletters, and other important information for members.

CHA - TMLB is a member of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association (CHA). CHA is a member-driven group of over 50 property owners' associations, representing more than 100 waterbodies and 12,500 waterfront properties from across the geographical limits of Haliburton County. Visit www.cohpoa.ca for information on the organization and its many activities (or link to it through our website); you'll find it an excellent resource.

FOCA - The Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (FOCA) is a resource for cottagers, and our lake association. Visit their website www.foca.on.ca for great information.

CEWF - The Coalition for Equitable Water Flow seeks the implementation of an equitable water management policy for the Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW) among all stakeholders of the TSW system. Visit their website for lake level information www.cewf.ca

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2026 Membership Renewal and Update

It is time to renew your membership. We hope you will support your lake association.
 The dues for 2025 are the same as they have been for many years.
 Please forward your \$25.00 payable to Twelve Mile Little Boshkung Lakes Association (TMLB).
 To pay for multiple years please add \$25.00 per year.
 Please make note of any contact updates on this form to keep the database correct.

Information Update

Full Name(s):			
		Dues Paid:	
Cottage Address:		Paid 2025:	
		Paid 2026:	
Cell Phone:		Paid 2027:	
		Paid 2028:	
Cottage /Home Phone:		Paid 2029:	
		Paid 2030:	
Email Address:		Paid 2031:	

Membership Renewal

Membership renewal may be made by **cheque** or **Interac e-Transfer**.
 If you would like to pay for multiple years, please add \$25.00 per year, and indicate years paid above.

E-Transfer: Simply email your payment to tmlbmembership@gmail.com
 No need for a password, just include your cottage # and street name in the message box.

Cheque:	Enclosed is my cheque payable to TMLB covering membership dues	\$
Remit to:	Lorraine Gilmour – Membership Director Twelve Mile Little Boshkung Lake Owners' Association 197 Ramona Blvd. Markham, ON L3P 2L1	
Office Use	Membership Number:	