

bridgeview marina

Review



celebrating another boating season!

spring 2014

facebook for
members & guests!



Interesting Facts: "At the end of January 2014, 1.23 billion users were active on the website every month" and Mark Zuckerberg always said "Facebook was started not just to be a company, but to fulfill a vision of connecting the world".

Well that he has certainly accomplished by helping members and guests of Bridgeview Marina stay connected by advising you of upcoming events, useful boating tips, photos of events & people enjoying the marine lifestyle.

Captured here are photos that some of our members and guests submitted in March.

"Like" us on Facebook to ensure you don't miss anything exciting at Bridgeview Marina!

www.facebook.com/bridgeviewyachtingcentre

bridge viewpoint

from
the
Manager

Welcome back! It has been a winter for the ages, hasn't it? With the sun climbing higher and the days getting longer, another boating season is finally here and not a moment too soon. At Bridgeview, we are committed to five-star service, a commitment that includes investing every year in better facilities and equipment. Among the ongoing capital improvements that members will find this season is the replacement of the 800 and 900 piers with 60 new slips, all with new electrical and water services. We've also upgraded our complimentary Wi-Fi service throughout the entire marina, which has become so indispensable in the era of smart phones, laptop and people working remotely. And at the entrance to the main marina piers, members will enter into a newly installed, controlled-access gate that provides convenience and improves security.

Another significant and very visible improvement for boaters comes courtesy of Mother Nature. Water levels on Lake Huron, which bottomed out at a record low in January 2013, have rebounded nicely. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports that the lake is 33 centimetres (13 inches) higher than it was at this time a year ago, and the spring forecast calls for the level to rise at least 15 more centimetres (6 inches). Happily, it seems those heavy winter snows and thick ice cover came with a silver lining.

You'll want to circle **August 16** on your calendars. That is the date for this year's Member Appreciation Barbecue, one of the most enjoyable and popular events of the summer. Another date to remember is the weekend of **August 8-10** when Bridgeview, along with Sarnia Bay Marina and Acheson Ventures, will once again be major sponsors of the thrilling Sarnia/Port Huron International Offshore Powerboat Races, with boats skimming across the St. Clair River at speeds approaching 210 km/h (130 mph). We are also planning a new event, a Parade of Lights (proposed date August 9th), where glowing boats will be shimmering across the waters. This promises to be an evening of great fun and major prizes, so look for details as they are confirmed.

It's always a special pleasure to announce the winners of our annual drawings. **Gail & Chuck Rea** took the prize in this year's "Win Your Slip" contest, while **Sharee & Ed Gotkowski** won the Heated Indoor Storage package for the winter of 2014-15. Congratulations to our winners!

By now you should have received your "**Membership Has Its Advantages**" discount cards for the 2014-15 season. If you did not receive yours in the mail, please let us know. The cards provide money saving discounts at many local businesses and restaurants.

Bridgeview Marina has grown into the third-largest full service marina on the Great Lakes. We'd like to think our success reflects a relentless commitment to five-star service and a willingness to continually invest in both our facilities and our people. We have the finest and best-trained staff anywhere on the Great Lakes. As important as those attributes are, we know the real secret to success is our members. Your passion for boating & your love of life on and near the water motivates and inspires us. It makes it all worthwhile.

Thank You and Safe Boating!

Dave



Bridgeview
Marina

NEWS

big changes to alternate grounds dockside restaurant



Operators Brian & Tammy Vickery are pleased to announce the addition of their new bar. Patrons will now be able to enjoy the double sided bar with one side overlooking the water and the other side situated out on the patio. A sliding glass door will open between the two sides of the bar for those perfect warm summer days. Additionally, they have implemented a rotating dinner menu where the items will change weekly starting every Monday. The variety of foods will be sure to please all connoisseurs! Upon availability, Bridgeview members are welcome to come by boat and enjoy 2 hours of courtesy docking at Sarnia Bay for those visiting the restaurant. Follow Alternate Grounds Dockside on Facebook daily.



great news for boaters!

As of early March this year, ice covered 91% of the great lakes, just below the record breaking year in 1979 when close to 95% of the lakes were covered in the deep freeze. This is great news for boaters as the ice has slowed down the evaporation of water. It is reported that the lake is 48 centimetres (16 inches) higher than it was at this time a year ago and it's expected the water levels will rise another 15 centimetres (6 inches) this Spring.

proud partnership
with OLG

Bridgeview Marina established an ongoing partnership with OLG Casino Point Edward. To allow our boaters an opportunity to visit this popular casino destination, the partnership offers special "Stay and Play" casino packages for our guests.

Furthermore, OLG is entertaining sponsoring an additional local event this coming boating season.

We honour our partnership provision with joint marketing and promotion.



5-Star Marinas



Another perk of being a Member of Bridgeview Marina is we provide you with exclusive value opportunities at our sister marinas in Port Huron. To experience a different milieu, just cross the St. Clair River and in minutes you're right at the heart of the best marinas in Port Huron! Here you'll have your choice to stay at Desmond or River Street marinas. Each offers five-star public marinas situated on the beautiful Black River. There are plenty of amenities for you to enjoy such as shopping and eating at many of the close by cafés and waterfront dining establishments plus parks & walking trails.



2014

calendar of Events

may

- 2 1st Fridays Downtown Arts & Entertainment Venues
- 2-11 Bluewater Anglers Salmon Derby
- 7-21 City of Sarnia 100th Celebrations
- 16-19 Victoria Day CDN Holiday Weekend
- 23-26 Memorial Day US Holiday Weekend

june

- 6 1st Fridays Downtown Arts & Entertainment Venues
- 7-8 Artwalk - Sarnia Downtown
- 21 Annual Boating Flea Market
- 27-30 Canada Day Holiday Weekend

july

- 1 Canada Day - Fireworks at the Bay
- 3-5 Wake Skate Event
- 4-6 Independence Day US Holiday Weekend
- 4 1st Fridays Downtown Arts & Entertainment Venues
- 11-13 Mackinac Race/Rock-Country Tribute Weekend
- 18 BrownStones Member Appreciation Party
- 18-19 Bluewater Annual Antique & Classic Boat Show
- 25-27 Lobsterfest Weekend

august

- 1-4 Canadian Civic Holiday Weekend
- 1 1st Fridays Downtown Arts & Entertainment Venues
- 7-10 Powerboat Racing Festival
- 16 Annual Member Appreciation Barbeque
- 16-17 Artzscape by the Bay
- 24 Pirates to Bluewater Fun Park
- 24 TBBA Fishing Qualifier
- 29-31 Labour Day Weekend
- 30 Festival of Good Things

september

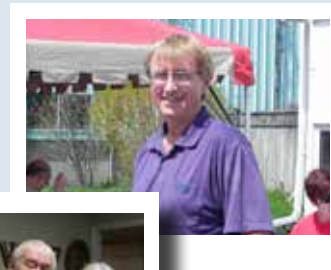
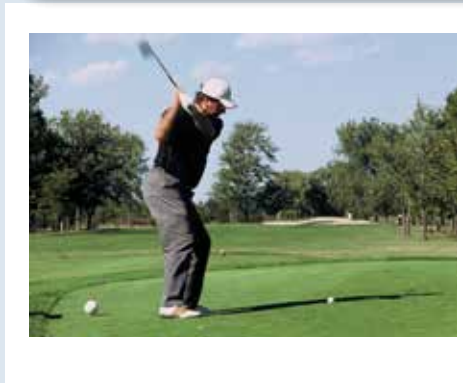
- 1 Labour Day
- 5 1st Fridays Downtown Arts & Entertainment Venues
- 19-20 Jazz in the Village - Downtown

Membership Has Its Advantages!

Being a member of Bridgeview Marina brings amazing discounts at our local Ambassador's establishments. Check out the savings you'll receive at Alternate Grounds Dockside Restaurant, a fantastic spa at The Glass & Pillar Spa, Stokes & Cravins restaurants as well as Shoppers Drug Mart on Exmouth St. Look for other special discounts available to you such as the Boarder Pass-Wake Board amenity, Iron Works Gym, Holiday Inn Golf Club, Holiday Inn, Harbourfront Inn & Best Western hotels. Additionally, Bridgeview offers a \$250.00 referral credit to be applied to the following years membership renewal. Complimentary Gin Pole is available for use for your masts and our American members receive a Nexus credit to cover the cost of obtaining the card. Another great advantage we offer our members is value opportunities at our River Street & Desmond Marinas in Port Huron if you're looking for a change of scenery. Please inquire at our office for further details on all of these special offers!

Annual Member Drawing Winners

We want to give back to you for giving to us! For your loyalty in mooring with us at Bridgeview, each year we select two lucky members to win two incredible prizes. We have the "Win Your Slip" prize which gives members free dockage for the season and we have the "Inside Heated Storage" prize allowing a fortunate member to store their boat with us for free over the winter. This year's winners were **Gail & Chuck Rea** for the free dockage and **Sharee & Ed Gotkowski** for the free heated storage. Congratulations to both winners!



partnership for a great cause

In partnership with the Inn of the Good Shepherd, Bridgeview and Sarnia Bay Marinas are pleased to support this fantastic organization and are helping those in need by having a Harley Davidson Dyna Street Bob FXDB raffle at our marina. By purchasing one of only 3000 tickets for \$20.00 you have a chance of winning the hog but better yet, you will be supporting disadvantaged people in our own community. The money raised will go toward programs to assist those in need help pay their rent and utilities; help send children to school with the necessary supplies, etc. We will have the Harley on display at Sarnia Bay on June 27th for you to see this amazing machine! The draw for the Harley will take place on July 1st at Sarnia Bay Marina



before the fireworks display over the Bay. In addition we will be selling tickets at Bridgeview & Sarnia Bay starting May 1st for you to purchase in advance. We have

also purchased and will be raffling off 50 tickets to our members during selected events at both marinas. For more information you can visit www.theinnsarnia.ca.

Annual Member Appreciation Day

A day to celebrate you! We appreciate your loyalty in making Bridgeview your summer home and we want to thank you! Mark your calendars for this amazing annual event which takes place this year on Saturday August 16th. Due to the overwhelming success of years past, our caterer Stokes have been invited back to provide you with their delectable feast. Chris will surely take care of your appetites! Doug Browne was our lucky winner of the Chicago Boat Show package which included entry in to the show along with Rail transportation- Amtrak from Port Huron to Chicago, accommodations for 2 nights at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, Dinner for 2 at Morton's Steakhouse and a \$100 Gift Certificate to shop at Water



Cadets Happy to Assist!



Having This Much Fun!



Life's Great With Balloon Animals!



Kids Activities



Registration



Sparky Pays Marina a Visit!



The Band



Happy to be Chilling!



Isn't This a Great Event!



Your Host Dave Brown!

Thank you to all our members & guests!

Tower Place in Chicago. This was Doug's first time to the Chicago Boat show. He invited his brother Tom Browne to enjoy the 'amazing package' as expressed by Browne, that Bridgeview so generously donated. They introduced themselves to the Sarnia Bay winners Val & Steve Berube at the train station in Sarnia, shared a ride to the hotel and took in the show together. There's nothing like a little camaraderie between boaters! Doug also mentioned having the accommodations right at the show was great. We will be drawing a member's name from Bridgeview marina to enjoy another grand prize during this year's Member Appreciation Barbecue on **August 16th**. Make sure you are there for your chance to win this or one of many other wonderful prizes!

You Dropped Your iPhone In the Water!

It can happen anywhere.

What to do first? Follow these steps to try and prevent water damage.

- Retrieve the phone out of the water asap and switch it off
- Dry the phone off with a towel or piece of fabric only
- Fill zipper bag with uncooked rice, fully immerse the phone & remove as much air as possible
- Let phone remain in rice 24-48 hours
- Before you turn your phone back on check the Liquid Contact Indicator (LCI). If it glows white or silver your phone should be ok. If it is red do not turn it on. Take your phone to the nearest phone service provider.



2013 photo gallery

boaters
in
action



A Day Out With the Family



This is the Life!



Powerboat Race - Wazup



Best Sunsets in the World!



Flying the Bridgeview Flag



Thanksgiving BBQ 2013 - A Dock



BrownStones
Sports Lounge & Restaurant



Powerboat Race Team



*It was a joint effort to achieve this much fun! The marinas supplied the shuttle and Brownstones supplied apps and live music. A great time had by all! We look forward to seeing you again for this year's gathering on **July 18th!***

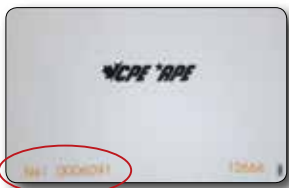
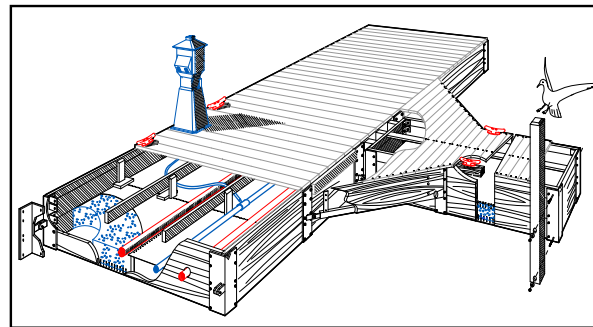
Chicago Boat, Sports & RV Show

For all outdoor enthusiasts, this is the perfect venue to attend to see what the newest trends are in the industry. During the annual 5 day show at the McCormick Place, patrons are encouraged to board the hundreds of boats and RVs and peruse the plethora of accessories available for purchase. Everything from fishing gear to information on lodges and resorts. There is something for everyone. A special attraction this year was a guest appearance by John Godwin, star of A&E's Duck Dynasty. Hands-on demo's included Docking, ASOS Nautic Boating Simulator and Line Handling & Throwing. Another fun attraction is the Be a Diver Pool. Guests 10 and over got a chance to obtain scuba lessons in a warm safe environment. Rock-in', Rollin', Bubbles was another hit for the family. Patrons walk on the water in a hamster type ball. Miss GEICO Racing Boat also graced everyone with her presence and the Huck Finn Trout Pond offered free fishing for children 12 and younger. There is plenty to do & see at the Chicago boat show!



New Developments for 2014!

Members will see some significant enhancements this year at Bridgeview. We're excited to inform you that we are replacing the 800 and 900 piers with 60 new slips, which includes new electrical and water services. We're also thrilled, and we know most of you will be as well, that we have upgraded our complementary Wi-Fi service. We think you'll be very pleased with the reception you receive as we have configured our systems for optimal coverage for the entire marina. In keeping with our commitment to invest in your marina and provide you with vital upgrades each year, we are pleased to advise you, as per your request, that we are installing new, controlled-access gates at the entrance to the main marina piers. This upgrade will improve security for boaters as there will be a full security gate as opposed to a sole arm, thus keeping intruders out of the marina. Finally we'd like to advise you that we have a new service to provide to our 26 - 32 foot boat owners interested in dry dockage. We have purchased a 15 tonne fork-lift to accommodate for such activity. As an added security measure and for your protection, we would like to update our records to ensure your name is associated with the number on the back of your security card. Please call Marina Services at 1-800-265-0330 or email kmartin@bridgeviewmarina.com. We appreciate your understanding of this matter.



annual boating flea market

Save the environment and get a great deal! Making excellent use of recycling used goods, our members from Bridgeview and Sarnia Bay scored by trading, buying and selling their unwanted boating articles. Last year's event was well received by our members with a good turnout and reasonable weather. Lots of friendly bantering and a number of items sold and purchased. The day was topped off as members were treated to Tim-bits and hot



coffee from Tim Hortons while they browsed

for their potential treasure.

Join us on Saturday, June 21 for another

successful day of buying and selling at the Guildwood site!

boarder pass - largest international wakeskate tour ever!

Boarder Pass will be hosting the Wakeskate Tour on July 3-5 at Sarnia Bay Marina. There are 4 stops for this competition, two stops in Florida, one in Texas and the first ever Canadian stop in Sarnia. This year's competition will be home to 60-100 competitors from around the world. Competitors will be attending from North America, Germany, Europe, Philippines and Thailand, proving the enormity of this event. As per Wake World, "The Wakeskate Tour will pay out over \$50,000 in cash and prizes over four stops throughout the U.S. and Canada. Plus, the top ten from this year's tour will be invited to spring training for two weeks in the Philippines courtesy of The Republic and CWC Wake Parks." Qualifying rounds "IN SARNIA" start on Thursday and continue on Friday. The top riders will vie for the final spots on Saturday. Come and join us in this incredible opportunity Boarder Pass has been awarded!



WELCOME 2013/2014 NEW MEMBERS!

Laurie & Fred Bade
Wayne Barnhardt
Ken Barrett
Carl Brooks
Randy Brown
Sandra & Steve Bugg
Cynthia & Vince Burlingham
Marilyn & Rick Burr
George Cairns
Christina Carovillano
Carol & Chuck Chrapko
Pat & Lou Cole
Daryl Cortese
Chris Cowley
Laura & Mark Crompton
Dave Dalrymple
Glen Dawson
Mike Deleersnyder
Deidre & Stephen Delong
Brittany Devereaux & Dustin Leneve
Kim & Adrian Dicocco
Danielle & Mike Dils
Lynda & Ted Dobbie
Angie & David Dobson
Janet Downie & Mike Blow
Tom Elliot
Lori Ennett & Ian Greenshields
Peter Fry

Richard Fuoco
Kim & Ken Gadson
Eva & Les Gombas
Dan Gromek
Jen Gulley & Mike Handy
Carly Hall & Dustin Jeffrey
Sandra & Bob Hamilton
Carol & Les Hartle
Jeremy Henderson
Kathy & Gary Higgins
Nancy & Doug Hiscox
Sandra & Nick Humber
Veronie Hutchings
Fran & Craig James
Dawn Lynn Johnston & Scott Goodmurphy
Ann & David Jones
Vijay Kentingal
Deena Layton & Dave Kew
Tim Kilbreath
Jerid Leclair
Doris MacKenzie & Gary Stephenson
Linda & Garth Malott
Derrick Martin
Mike McCoy
Keeley & Brett McMullin
Roberta & Paul McMurtrie
Sharon & Mike Mestancik

Chuck Mills
Monica & Cameron Mitchell
Amanda & Larry Morten
Valerie Neill & David Stevens
Danelle & Pat O'Hagan
Carla & Stu Pacheco
Melissa & Steve Penny
Heather Pitts & Dave Bailey
Bruno Plante
Melissa & Mike Pottruff
Mike Poulter
Allison Soroka & Jason Rawson
Tom Raymer
Carol Revie & Helmut Wagner
Kat & Ray Rogolino
Kathie & Bob Rozman
Carol & Martin Sanders
Josh Schenk
Norm Scott
Lorraine & James Scully
Rachel Shepard & Norm Williams
Bobby Simard
Barry Singleton
David Stoesser
Debra & Mark Sullivan
Ves Suvajac
Chris Thompson

Jenn & Kurt Vandenbroek
Laura & John VandenEynden
Chiquita & Dwayne Venema
Linda & Walter Ward
Linda & Glenn Wilcox
Nicole Williams & Mark Cambell
Cathy & Bob Wilson
John Barry
Jennifer & Tim Belanger
Janice & Ed Brennan
Mike Brown
Lori & Ron Chivers
Brett Columbo
Sonya Cooper & Marty Coughlan
Debra & Mark Darling
Donna & Tim Dey
Jason Douglas
Maureen & Brian Dunning
Lori & Aaron Evetts
Rose & Dave Fournie
Debbie & Terry Gray
Lorinda & Mike Hallam
Andrew Hall-Holland
Michelle & James Harradence
Steve Harrison
Nate & Howard Havers
Laurie & Bruce Haygarth
Mary & Ernie Herrington

Shelaine Heskin & Dave Wiliamson
Valerie Horvatic & Paul Hallett
Richard Jucker
Cindy & Murray Kemp
Joy & Stan Kita
Brad Loosley & Jay Loosley
Wendy & Ross McKay
Inderjit & Len McManus
Char & Mike Murray
Robin & Phil Parker
Seanna & Matt Pickard
Stacy & Gerry Quinn
Laura & Derek Samson
Lara Sazonov
Taylor Schmuck
Pam & Eric Schuldes
Andrew Service
Marcelle & Wayne Simonds
Andrew Stokley
Guy Taylor
Ilona Toth & Neil Enns
Kristin & Steve Vandenheuvel
Ria & Bob Van Steeg
Ellen & John Weintraub
Alison & Ed Rutkins
Alex Wheeler

mariner's coalition - helping to make cross border boating easier

The purpose of the Coalition is to provide clarity to boaters on both sides of the border, of the rules and regulations crossing international waterways. The Mariners Coalition's mission "is to continue the dialog between boaters and law enforcement agencies to advise and disseminate information to the boating community regarding changes in rules and regulations and the expectations of boaters and law enforcement personnel." Due to the ever-changing rules and regulations, it is suggested you visit their website often for updated information (<http://www.marinerscoalition.com>). Here you will get facts on:

- * Required documents for entering foreign waters
- * When reporting is required
- * How to report in, including correct phone numbers
- * User fee decal
- * Consequences of failing to report to customs



Custom Photo Packages For Your Boat

Fellow marina members, Robert & Charlotte Walicki will be providing our members with an opportunity to arrange for a custom photo package of their boat. Whether you are looking to advertise your boat for sale or simply want to add to your memory book, a professional photo package will be available to you. Watch for the ads that will be posted in the washroom event feature cases. As a special bonus for our members, one lucky boater will be selected each month (June through August 2014) to have a free location photo 11" x 14" of their boat. For examples of their work you can check out their website at www.crstudio.biz.



Celebrating 100 Years!

Sarnia officially became the Corporation of the City of Sarnia on May 7, 1914. The population of the city was recorded as 10,985.

As of 2011, there were 72,366 residents living in this great city. There are 116 Public Parks, 600 Kilometres of Trails, 22 Premium Golf Courses, 400 Annual Festivals & Events and 115 Kms of Waterfront

BOATING SAFETY

Boating is a privilege that many of us are fortunate to enjoy.

Please make sure your boating experience is a safe one. Check out the website below for safety concerns such as:

- Pleasure Craft Operator Card
 - Safety Equipment
- Skiing, Boarding & Tubing
- Alcohol Restrictions
- Speed Restrictions
 - Refueling

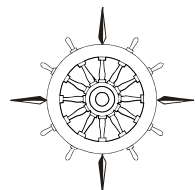
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Owner of the brokerage, Scott McMichael, was born and raised in "Canada's Prettiest Town", Goderich, Ontario. He finished High School at S.C.I.T.S. before graduating from Lambton College then off to the University of Western Ontario in London for his B.A. Sarnia remains very important to Scott as it is his old stomping ground and has family still living there today.

For assistance with all of your marine insurance needs, or even if you simply have a question, please do not hesitate to call and speak with any of the very welcoming staff!



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