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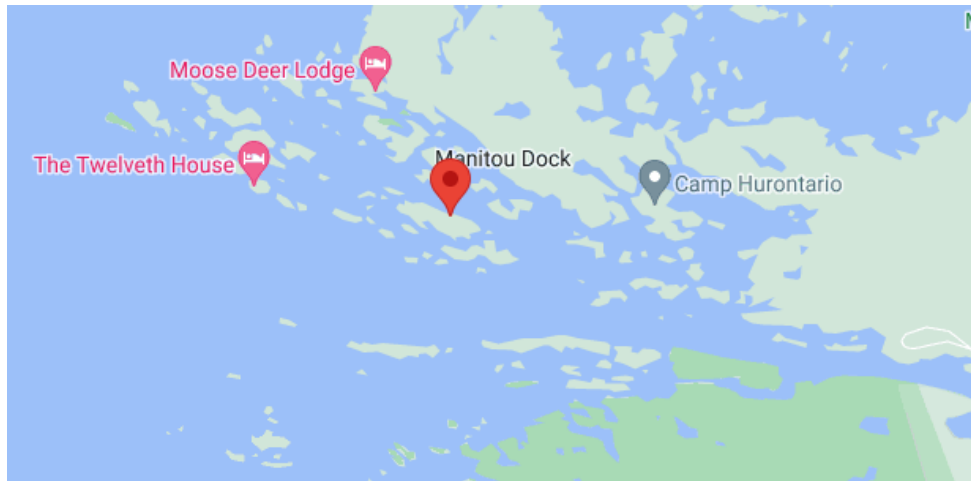
Dear Manitou Association Members,

I hope you all had a safe and healthy off season and have already had the opportunity to start enjoying cottaging on The Bay. We are happy to continue with in-person meetings for 2023 so mark your calendars with the following important dates:

- **The Manitou Association Annual General Meeting** will be held on Saturday, July 15th at Martin Island (B137-1) at 11am
 - Lunch & social to follow
 - Rough route below in from the main channel but, as the usual saying goes...."if you don't know...go slow" and feel free to contact me if you need help



- **The Manitou Association Regatta** will take place on Saturday, August 5th at Kah She Island (BG439) with a start time of 10:30am (Rain Date Sunday, August 6th)
 - Tremendous thanks and appreciation go out to the Baines who are once again graciously hosting at their beautiful property!
 - And.....congratulations to our 2022 champions – The Drayton Family – *will they be able to defend in 2023???*



This year is a voting year for our Manitou Board and we continue to have a vacant position for Vice President. We appreciate your consideration regarding this opportunity and are looking forward to electing our new VP at the 2023 AGM.

Current Manitou Board

- President: Hal Martin
- Vice President – vacant
- Chris Galberg, Past President & Webmaster
- Jenifer Martin, Treasurer
- Darin Buckland, Director

- Cathy Coles, Director
- Liz Drayton, Director
- Kristi Ellenzweig, Director

Proposed slate for nomination and voting at our AGM:

- Nominations required for multiple positions
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Director
 - Web Master

GBA Updates

Our Treasurer, Jenifer Martin, had the pleasure of attending the GBA's 2023 AGM. The Georgian Bay Association was founded in 1916 and is an umbrella organization for 19 cottage associations on the shores of Georgian Bay plus one inland lake. They represent over 34,000 people and advocate on our behalf with all levels of government and non-government entities to protect our interests – they are our voice on The Bay. Major initiatives and committees include:

- Coastal Protection
- Water Levels and Quality
- Boating Safety and Emergencies / Fire
- Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Healthy Lands, Forests and Habitats
- Guardians of the Bay initiatives (Dawn Drayton is a member of this Committee)
 - Please see the link below to see a series of short yet inspiring videos sharing the enthusiasm of our member associations in their commitment to preserve the unique habitat of the Georgian Bay
 - <https://georgianbay.ca/gba-member-association-videos/>
- First Nations Liaison Program

Jamie Drayton has represented Manitou Association as a Director on the GBA for many years and passed the torch in 2023. We would like to thank him for his dedication and commitment and are pleased to announce that Dawn Drayton has stepped up to represent Manitou Association and join the GBA Board of Directors in 2023.

2023 Dues

There will be a slight increase of \$10 for primary memberships & voting privileges: \$120 per property owner (\$60 to Manitou and \$60 (up from \$50) to GBA). Secondary memberships for additional families, couples or individuals who share a property have increased from \$50 to \$55 (\$25 to Manitou and \$30 (up from \$25) to GBA). The secondary membership provides the same benefits without voting privileges. Along with supporting the crucial work done by the GBA on our behalf, membership benefits include a listing in the Manitou directory, login access to www.manitouassociation.com, email updates and direct mailings from Manitou Association, Georgian Bay Association and Georgian Bay Forever. Dues can be paid in 2 ways at or before the AGM (with eTransfer being the preferred):

- **eTransfer to:** jemartin@shoppersdrugmart.ca
- **Mail cheque:** Jenifer Martin, 29 Edgewood Grove, Toronto, ON M4L 1X8

Manitou Website

As a reminder, if you have not already, check out the Manitou Website and don't forget to add it as a bookmark. As a member, once you've logged in, you can find the following valuable information. There is also a newly launched section for members to post classified advertisements & opportunities to buy/sell products and services.

- Membership Directory: <https://manitouassociation.com/roster/?py=yes&view=table&st=>
- Latest News: <https://manitouassociation.com/news-events>
- This Newsletter & Newsletter Archives: <https://manitouassociation.com/latest-message/>
- Emergency Info & Important Numbers: <https://manitouassociation.com/emergency-info/>
- Link to Transfer Station Info: <https://manitouassociation.com/transfer-station/>

A few additional topics that may be of interest

- **Near North Crime Stoppers**
 - It is a non-profit designed to enhance community safety across the districts of Nipissing and Parry Sound. Since inception in 1988 NNCS has received nearly 22,000 tips, contributing to the arrest of over 1700 individuals. They have recovered \$4.2M in property and seized over \$52M in drugs destined for our communities.
 - NNCS is having a fundraising golf tournament in June and a Gala in September. If anyone is interested please feel free to contact them at admin@nearthcrimestoppers.com or 705.497.5555 ext. 507.
- **New Tax: Underused Housing Tax Form for Non-Canadian Property Owners**
 - The federal government put forth this new 1% annual tax levied on the value of residential property that is vacant or considered underused. The intention of this tax is to make housing more affordable for Canadian residents by deterring non-residents from passively investing in Canadian real estate.
 - Link to UHT-2900 Form:
 - <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications/forms/uht-2900.html>
 - New tax applies to non-Canadian residents although in some situations it can apply to Canadian individuals and corporations. See link below for details on "affected owners":
 - https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications/publications/uhtn1/introduction-underused-housing-tax.html?utm_source=Canada_dot_ca&utm_medium=News_Item&utm_campaign=Minister+LPRAB+Other&utm_content=2023-03-27_0714#_Toc122681156
 - Non-Canadian residents must submit a UHT Tax Form (deadline was April 30, 2023 but given this is the first year, no penalties or interest will be applied for UHT returns and payments that the Canada Revenue Agency receives before November 1, 2023. See more details in the link below:
 - <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/newsroom/tax-tips/tax-tips-2023/underused-housing-tax-penalties-and-interest-waived.html>
- **Help Fellow Boaters for Sharing Your Accidental Immersion Stores**

- Have you or someone you know ever fallen overboard? The Canadian Safe Boating Council (CSBC) is looking for boaters who are interested in participating in a study regarding the importance of lifejacket wear in the event of falling overboard and accidental immersion.
- Sharing is learning and by creating a community of interest the CSBC can help boaters across Canada learn from other's stories and further their efforts to help you stay safe on the water.
- Get more information and share your stories via the link below:
 - <https://csbc.ca/en/csbc-safety-campaigns/boating-stories>

We are excited for the 2023 cottage season and looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming AGM!

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