

Well it's finally here...spring!

It's time again to turn our thoughts towards a more relaxed life style and plan for this summer's boating season. As we move the marina forward, there will again be improvements made to the marina facilities. First, some exciting news!!

The Waskesiu Marina Adventure Centre is a finalist for Tourism Sask's Business of the Year Award. As well, we are very proud to announce that Natalie Matheson is a finalist for Tourism Employee of the Year, a well-deserved recognition of Natalie's skilled service!

We have submitted a detailed proposal to Parks Canada for a complete redesign of the Main Marina's parking, storage, and moorage facilities. Over the winter months, we have had a series of very positive discussions and are hopeful to have some good news very soon.

This spring we will be placing a large quantity of gravel in the storage compound to fill in the low spots and grade the area for runoff. As a result the compound will be emptied out and **closed until the work has been completed**. Those needing to use the compound will be required to park on the lawn in the interim.

New directional signage will be installed and exterior maintenance will be performed on the buildings at all three marina sites. The last moorage dock will be replaced at the Narrows Marina.

A new service offering this year is interior boat detailing. The price will vary depending on the size and condition of your boat. Please make arrangements for this service at the Main Marina.

In order to enhance the smooth operation of the Storage Compound, we will be charging a minimum fee of **\$40** to move trailers that are not in their proper site. Make sure your trailer has the proper tag and is parked in the proper site.

There will be another moorage and storage rate increase as we move towards a fair market value for these services. What follows is rate comparisons for similar marina services.

2014 Rates – Similar Marina Facilities within the province:

- Candle Lake Golf Course- \$950 per year; \$100 per year seasonal launch pass with no trailer storage
- Knobles Point, Candle Lake- \$650 to \$1000 moorage sites
- Sunset Bay -\$600 to \$950 for small moorage sites; \$1500 for large moorage sites; \$10 per day launch pass, no seasonal pass available
- Sask Landing -\$850 moorage sites but you must notify the harbor master when removing your boat for more than three days. They then rent out your site and when you return you may have to wait to get a site, possibly in some other spot.

2015 Rates – Waskesiu Marina

Large slips **\$1200**

Mid-size slips **\$925**

Regular slips **\$750**

Storage Boat on trailer **\$445**

Empty trailer **\$215**

Winter storage **\$99**

Enclosed please find your 2015 Renewal Form and our Release of Liability Form. You must complete, sign, and return both forms before April 30th with a cheque payable to:

Waskesiu Lake Marina
Box 123
Waskesiu Lake, SK S0J 2Y0

For those who wish, payment can be in the form of a credit card or two (2) cheques of equal amount, the first cheque dated no later than April 30th and the last cheque dated June 1st.

All those using marina facilities and moorage docks should be reminded that these facilities are reaching the end of their life cycle and are used at your own risk. Please always use caution.

To assure a seasonal site your Renewal Form must be returned no later than **April 30**. If your renewal forms is received before April 15th, you will be entered to win a \$125 marina gift certificate. If your forms are received by April 30th, you will be entered to win a \$75 gift certificate for the Grey Owl Centre in Waskesiu.

We understand that there may be those who do not see full value in these services and, therefore, no longer require them. Let us know and we will thank you for your past patronage with a free 2015 Seasonal Launch pass. We wish you well with your boating needs.

Don't forget to take advantage of Garden River Storage "Shrink Wrap" for your winter storage.

We are always willing to listen to those who have concerns about the operation of the marina; we encourage feedback as long as it is respectful of the staff and the business.

Our vision for a new way forward is not only to offer facilities fitting of our National Park but to have marina users who:

"Believe Prince Albert National Park is a special place to visit and enjoy; respect and support Parks Canada, the local administration, and marina management and staff; feel they are fortunate to have the opportunity to boat and enjoy the lakes in Prince Albert National Park."

If you have any questions, please call our winter office number at 306-763-1278, the marina office after May 1st at 306-663-1999 or contact us at waskesiumarina@sasktel.net.

Thank you for your continued support; have a safe and wonderful boating summer season.

Sincerely

Morris and Susan McLachlan