

POINTS OF CLARIFICATION re: OXTONGUE LAKE REGATTA

The Executive of the Oxtongue Lake Ratepayers Association (OLRA) wishes to clarify to all members of the Oxtongue Lake community the following points regarding the annual Oxtongue Lake Regatta.

1. The Oxtongue Lake Regatta is an annual community event sponsored by and run by the OLRA; the Regatta is not run by private business or for-profit personal enterprise.
2. As a not-for-profit fundraising event to benefit the community of Oxtongue Lake, The Oxtongue Lake Regatta combines the efforts of volunteers with contributed physical assets and financial support of local citizens, resorts and businesses, all working together in the name of the Community.
3. Anyone or any group(s) of individuals interested in organizing and implementing the Regatta must be paying members of the OLRA. Upon taking on the responsibility of the Regatta, they then become a sub-committee of the OLRA for as long as they organize and run the Regatta.
4. There is no set policy or limitation on how many years an individual or group of individuals may continue to organize and run the Regatta. In general, if the Regatta organizers have been successful one year and wish to plan and put on the Regatta the next, they are welcome and encouraged to do so by the OLRA, for the sake of continuity and efficiency.
5. All proceeds from the Regatta go to the OLRA, and the elected Executive sets policy as to where, when and how those funds are to be used.
6. As a member of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA), the OLRA purchases comprehensive liability insurance coverage for the Regatta each year. As insurance coverage and policies typically will change over the years, the OLRA will adapt the Regatta's events, equipment requirements, personnel, and rules to ensure that all activities are covered by that year's insurance policy.
7. Any suggested changes to the Regatta (e.g., the addition or modification of a Regatta event or activity) must be submitted in writing to the Executive of the OLRA by a paying member of the OLRA. After reviewing what, if any, impact the submitted

suggestion will have on the Regatta's liability insurance coverage, the elected Executive will vote on the suggestion.

8. The annual Oxtongue Lake Regatta is a shining example of what happens when a community's generosity and spirit combine to create a significant event. All who participate—full-time residents, seasonal cottagers, temporary vacationers, local resort and businesses owners—do so in the spirit of volunteerism and fun, giving back *to* this wonderful community some small percentage of what is received *from* it. We should feel proud of what we accomplish through our Regatta, as we strengthen our bonds, solidify our sense of community, raise funds for local projects and initiatives—*and have a great time!*