



THE KETTLES ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2009

*Creating a community,
maintaining traditions,
building memories*

Presidents Message—Stephen Morson

As Dickens wrote, “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times”. Well, after a long, drawn out winter and constant bombardment of bad news, it would seem that Dickens was half right. Fortunately, the summer is quickly approaching and your Kettles Association is preparing for the return of you and your family to Muskoka – the best of times.

As we have in the past, we continue to build on our successes and we have a great line up of programs, volunteers and staff for this year. Here are some quick highlights of some of our key upcoming events and programs below. Additional details are provided in the following pages of this newsletter.

Return membership renewal forms with annual membership dues	End of Apr
Kettles handbook mailed to all paid members –	Mid Jun
Junior program Registration 11 am to 1 pm at the	Jun 27
Session 1 Junior programs	Jun 29 to Jul 24
Annual General Meeting, BBQ & Silent Auction	Sat, July 4
Session 2 Junior programs	Jul 27 to Aug 21
62nd Annual Kettles Regatta	Sat, Aug 1
Volunteer	ANYTIME

The cost of our family membership continues, for the third year in a row, to be \$60 (excluding the cost of junior programs), which provides access to all our programs and events plus the “must have” Kettles’ Handbook and directory. We have attached a membership form with standard waiver, which we ask that you complete and send in right away so that we can update our records for inclusion in the Handbook. If you are aware of any new cottagers or cottagers who would like to be members, please refer them to our website, www.kettles.org, where they can print out a membership application and send it in.

Last year we undertook a timely and successful fundraiser for our dock fund that gave us needed funds to undertake work to some of our docks. We will continue to need to raise funds for our docks and would like to build up our reserves. To this end, and as an added incentive, we will waive membership fees for this year for any donations of \$250 or greater. All **donations** should be included with your form and made payable to the Kettles Church. All dona-



tion to the Church are tax deductible. All **membership fees** should be made payable to the Kettles Association and are not tax deductible.

We are always looking for Great Kettles and Muskoka oriented pictures to enrich our communications (the Handbook, the Newsletter, the Website). If you have any that you are willing to have published, please email them to atalor@etcinc.ca - send full size files where practical. As well, any interesting stories or articles are also welcome.

I would like to thank the Board, volunteers, staff, sponsors and members for making the Kettles a great and fun place to be. If you are interested in volunteering, sponsoring, working at the Kettles, becoming a member, or want to know more about us, please visit our website or contact me or any of the directors. We very much appreciate your feedback and help.

Looking forward to the best of times.

A hearty welcome to new members

The Amirault Family
The Blackwell Family
The Carragher Family
The Hall Family
The Perianayagam Family
The Platnick Family
The Schnarr Family
The Sharpe Family
The Thomson Family
Mike Vettes



NOTICE OF ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING, BBQ &
SILENT AUCTION
KETTLES DOCKS
SATURDAY, JULY 4TH.

**AGM @ 5:00 PM, BBQ
FOLLOWING. \$10/
PERSON; CHILDREN 7
AND UNDER EAT FREE**

Membership renewal—Cindy Cottrelle

Enclosed is your personalized membership renewal form. Returning membership renewals prior to the end of April is preferred, rather than processing at the BBQ or during the summer. Renewals received before mid May will receive the Kettles handbook. Please note that family membership covers single individuals *under* 30 years of age.

A new membership application was designed for this year and there have been a few changes.

DOCK FUND -

The donation specific sections have been eliminated so that our members, if they wish, can concentrate their generous contributions to our Dock Fund to help ensure maintenance of existing docks and the building of new docks. There is dock refurbishment and replacement scheduled in the next five years. We have asked you to indicate whether or not you would like to receive a receipt for dock fund donations and have included an incentive for those of

you wishing to donate \$250 or more. The benefit, aside from a tax receipt is that your membership fee will be waived.

COMMUNICATING WITH KETTLES ELECTRONICALLY -

We are doing our part to help "go green" and have asked you to consider receiving our newsletter and membership application via email. Thank you to all of our members who chose this option. If all has worked as planned, you are receiving this newsletter and renewal form electronically.

WAIVER -

We have moved the Waiver portion of our application to just below the member's current contact information. We urge you to sign the waiver as every member must sign before they or their families use the Kettles' facilities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding our new application form.



Junior Program Summer 2009—Troy Comish

A. SWIMMING PROGRAM



The Kettles is pleased to announce that for the 2009 Summer Swimming Program we will be offering the Royal Lifesaving Society Preschool (levels A-E), Swimmer (levels 1-6), Swim Patrol (Rookie, Ranger and Star), Bronze Star, Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross certification programs. Classes are 30 minutes to 60 minutes depending on the program and will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

B. SAILING PROGRAM



The Kettles offers three different sailing programs for a variety of age and ability levels:

Junior Sailing Program (7-10 years of age)
– Tuesday & Thursday mornings

Regular Sailing Program (10 years of age and up) – Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings

Advanced Racing Program (13 years of age and up & enrolled in regular sailing) – Tuesday & Thursday afternoons

C. CRAFTS PROGRAM



The Crafts program provides kids ages 5 to 11 with the opportunity to apply their artistic talents towards a wide variety of craft projects. Classes are seventy five minutes in length and class sizes are limited to twelve participants for each session. Two sessions are available each day to allow for age specific craft opportunities (5-7 year olds and 8-11 year olds).

More detailed program scheduling and program descriptions will be published in the Kettles Handbook mailed to members in mid June. Please visit the Kettles website at www.kettles.org to download application forms for all programs and to view the updated class schedules. If you require any additional information regarding the programs, please contact Troy Comish at 519-599-3861 (home), 762-5531 (cottage) or email at thecomish@sympatico.ca.

~~ WEEKLY SCHEDULE ~~

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Regular Sailing—9:00–12:00 Crafts—9:15– 10:30 or 10:30–11:45	Junior Sailing—9:00–11:30	Regular Sailing—9:00–12:00 Crafts—9:15– 10:30 or 10:30–11:45	Junior Sailing—9:00–11:30	Regular Sailing—9:00–12:00 Crafts—9:15– 10:30 or 10:30–11:45
Swimming- 1:00–4:15	Advanced Racing—1:00-4:00	Swimming- 1:00–4:15	Advanced Racing—1:00-4:00	Swimming- 1:00–4:15



REGISTRATION

June 27th 11 am to 1 am

SWIMMING & SAILING—SESSION 1

June 29 to July 24

SWIMMING & SAILING—SESSION 2

July 27 to August 21

CRAFTS (5 WEEKS ONLY)

June 29, July 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29

The Annual Regatta—2009—Debbie Sands, Commodore

We are well under way with plans for a fun and exciting 63rd Kettles Regatta. As always it will be held on the Saturday of the long August weekend – Saturday August 1st.

I want to say many thanks to all who volunteered at last year's regatta and an especially big THANK YOU to our Commodore, Paul Huyer. I will soon be confirming with all of our volunteers to ensure that they are on board and ready to help out this year or have found someone else to take over their duties.



We are still recruiting for the prestigious position of Vice-Commodore. It's a great way to get involved and get to know everyone and a lot of fun too. Please contact me—Debbie Sands—at debbie_a_sands@hotmail.com if you are interested in helping out in any way.

To all of you who won trophies last year – please make sure that your trophy is returned with your name plate on it – and in good condition. **The Kettles Association will reimburse you for any reasonable repairs.** For those winners that tied, we have ordered the additional plaques and you will be receiving them soon.

Mark the date and spread the word to all of your neighbours and friends. The Regatta is open to all members and guests, with a donation of \$10 per guest welcomed and encouraged. Better yet – get them to become a Kettles Member!

Rain or shine (last year's Regatta we had it all) – nothing can dampen our fun.

We're on the web—visit www.kettles.org

Many thanks to Pat Egan for taking over as our web-master. The Kettles website is under construction and will have a new look, more content and more fun soon.

PICTURES OF KETTLES AND MUSKOKA

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