



**THE TOWN OF GEORGINA**  
**WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA**

Monday, March 13, 2017  
6:30 PM  
The LINK

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2. ROLL CALL
3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
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6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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- (1) Motion to Adjourn

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**WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

Monday, February 13, 2017  
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

The following Committee members were in attendance:

Councillor Frank Sebo, Chair  
Mayor Margaret Quirk (Ex-Officio)  
Scott Davidson  
Jerry Kucharchuk  
Michele Potter

The following Committee members were absent with regrets:

Councillor Dan Fellini  
David Goldstein, Vice Chair  
Natasha Charles

The following presenter was in attendance

Janet O'Connell, Boating Ontario

The following staff members were present:

Karyn Stone, Manager of Economic Development and Tourism  
Sean Columbus, Economic Development Officer  
Sarah Brislin, Committee Services Coordinator

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEMS

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Scott Davidson, Seconded by Jerry Kucharchuk

**RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2017-0001**

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee approve the February 13, 2017, agenda as presented.

**Carried.**

5. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF - *None*
6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(1) Minutes of the GWAC meeting held on November 15, 2016.

Moved by Jerry Kucharchuk, Seconded by Michele Potter

**RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2017-0002**

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee adopt the meeting minutes of November 15, 2016.

**Carried.**

7. DELEGATIONS/SPEAKERS - *None*
8. PRESENTATIONS

(1) Janet O'Connell from Boating Ontario

Janet O'Connell, CEO of Boating Ontario, provided a presentation to the Committee, explaining the purpose and activities of Boating Ontario. The primary focus of the organization is to seek to increase boating participation in Ontario.

One of Boating Ontario's initiatives was establishing a 'best practices' for marinas. The aim of the best practices is to preserve and restore the health of the navigable waterways. Marinas who participate in the program are re-assessed every for 4 years to ensure they comply. Boating Ontario encourages boaters to use marinas that participate in the program. Boating Ontario is currently working on a 'best practices' for boaters.

Janet O'Connell provided statistics which illustrate the popularity of boating in Ontario, and the impact boaters have on the economy. She also pointed out that 80% of Canadians live less than an hour from a navigable waterway. The Committee was advised the boaters in Georgina are:

- Cottagers,

- Day Boaters,
- Larger Boats – long haul boaters, cruising (overnight stops).
- Cruisers (2-3 day trippers) – opportunity for the Town to attract tourists.

It is forecasted that there will be increased boating traffic this summer because the Trent Severn lockage is supplying free passes in honor of Canada's 150 anniversary.

The Friday Harbour Development will provide another opportunity for Georgina to attract tourists with the installation of 1000 slips. Innisfil Boaters will be looking for nearby destinations.

The Committee was asked if they have any plans for Canada 150 and hosting events on the water. Janet O'Connell advised the splash festival (held in Georgina a couple years ago) was very popular, and she is often asked if another one will be held.

Moved by Michele Potter, Seconded by Scott Davidson

#### **RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2017-0003**

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee receive the presentation given by Janet O'Connell from Boating Ontario.

#### **Carried.**

(2) Sean Columbus, Economic Development Officer,

A. The Boat Show and the promotion of Georgina.

Sean Columbus, Economic Development Officer, advised that this year's Toronto Boat Show was the best attended since 2008. Mr. Columbus attended the Boat Show to promote Georgina as a tourist destination for boaters visitors were provided with Georgina Swag, information leaflets and flyers and Georgina tote bags. Georgina shared a booth with the Trent Severn Waterways group.

B. NMMA (National Marine Manufacturers Association) Canadian Recreational Boating Industry Breakfast.

Sean Columbus advised the breakfast started with a global economic outlook. The attendees were advised that 2016 has been the bleakest year for the global economy since 2009. The health of the economy relates to whether or not Canadians have disposable income to buy boats. Sean Columbus advised there are 59 000 people employed by boating type organizations. The Committee was

also informed that dining was ranked as the top activity followed by retail shopping for boaters, going to the beach is also a popular activity for boating tourists. Sean Columbus advised there was useful information on the website [discoverboating.ca](http://discoverboating.ca).

Moved by Jerry Kucharchuk, Seconded by Mayor Margaret Quirk

#### **RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2017-0004**

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee receive the presentations given by Sean Columbus on The Boat Show and National Marine Manufacturers Association Canadian Recreational Boating Industry Breakfast.

**Carried.**

#### 9. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS ON THE AGENDA - *None*

#### 10. COMMUNICATIONS

##### (1) Budget Request Resolution GWAC

Moved by Scott Davidson, Seconded by Michele Potter

#### **RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2017-0005**

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee receive the Budget Request Resolution.

**Carried.**

##### (2) Custom Cedar-Planked Vintage Canadian Passenger Vessel Ad on Kijiji

Councillor Sebo presented an idea he is working on for future consideration of a recommendation to Council by the Committee. The idea would be to acquire (possibly with partnerships) the boat in the advertisement or another similar sized boat. He suggested the function of the boat would be to take people out for tours. He advised more information is needed before the idea will come back to Committee.

Moved by Michele Potter, Seconded by Scott Davidson

#### **RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2017-0006**

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee receive Custom Cedar-Planked Vintage Canadian Passenger Vessel advertisement.

**Carried.**

(3) Comments from the Aquatic Plant & Weed Information Session

The Committee noted that the comments indicate weeds are a primary concern for residents. It was highlighted during the Aquatic Plant and Weed Information Session that weed growth is an indicator of a healthy lake.

The Committee advised they plan to have more information sessions in the future.

Moved by Mayor Margaret Quirk, Seconded by Scott Davidson

**RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2017-0007**

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee receive the public comments from the Aquatic Plant & Weed Information Session.

**Carried.**

(4) Road salt makes 12 acres of Experimental Farm unusable to scientists (<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/road-salt-experimental-farm-1.3875766>)

The Committee discussed the concerns about road salt running off into the waterways. It was also noted that some municipalities are retrofitting parking lots to prevent salt from draining into the lake. Low-impact parking lots are expensive but help keep salt from watercourses.

Moved by Jerry Kucharchuk, Seconded by Scott Davidson

**RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2017-0008**

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee receive the article, *Road Salt Makes 12 acres of Experimental Farm Unusable to Scientists*.

**Carried.**

11. OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Recognition of Regional Councillor Danny Wheeler request.

Committee members were given the late Regional Councillor Wheeler's background and asked to consider ways in which the Councillor could be honored. Examples of the types of projects that have been suggested were provided. The Committee was advised that Mossington is an important area to Danny's family.

Committee members and members of the public asked to forward their ideas if they have any by March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Scott Davidson, Seconded by Michele Potter

#### **RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2017-0009**

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee receive the request Recognition of Regional Councillor Danny Wheeler.

**Carried.**

#### **(2) Ports and Cruising Guide**

The Committee was provided with blurbs for the different areas (Keswick, Willow Beach, Jackson's Point, Sibbald Point, and Virginia Beach) and were asked to review and make suggestions for updates, which will be discussed at the next meeting. It was noted there is a set printing cycle, but improvements could be made online instantly.

Moved by Scott Davidson, Seconded by Jerry Kucharchuk

#### **RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2017-0010**

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee waive rules of procedure to let Steve Jacobson, a member of the audience, address the Committee regarding the Ports and Cruising Guide. He advised that the guide could attract people to the docks and could and promote businesses that will deliver to the docks.

**Carried.**

Committee members were asked to take home and consider material amendments for the next meeting.

Moved by Jerry Kucharchuk, Seconded by Michele Potter

#### **RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2017-0011**



That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee receive the information regarding the Ports and Cruising Guide.

**Carried.**

(3) Snowbirds coming to Barrie June 28<sup>th</sup>

The Committee was advised that the 'Snowbirds' will be flying over Barrie on June 28<sup>th</sup>, a good place to view the 'Snowbirds' from will be out on the lake.

(4) Waterfront Strategy

The town is actively working on a waterfront strategy which will be coming back to Council in the near future.

12. CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED - *None*

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

(1) Motion to Adjourn

Next meeting: March 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, the LINK

Moved by Scott Davidson, Seconded by Jerry Kucharchuk

**RESOLUTION NO. GWAC-2017-0012**

That the Georgina Waterways Advisory Committee February 13, 2017, meeting be adjourned at 8:05 PM.

**Carried.**

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Councillor Frank Sebo, Chair

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C. Sarah A. Brislin, Committee  
Services Coordinator



## THE SOUTHEAST END OF COOK'S BAY

**Naked No More** (416-986-7829) is a custom boat top and upholstery shop located in one of the canals at Beverley Isles. Anything that you want covered on a boat, can be covered. They will even provide you with custom fender covers to match the graphics on your boat. The facility has a service dock, which can accommodate boats up to 34 feet (call to make arrangements). Emergency service is available and pickup and delivery can be arranged.

**Pasadena Marina** (905-476-1077), noted on the chart with a marina symbol at Miami Beach, is identified by the blue roof on the white building. The marina has seasonal dockage only for boats up to 25 feet on fixed 20- to 30-foot wooden docks; there are no transient slips. Depth in the marina is 6 feet (4 feet by the end of the summer), but entrance to the marina is restricted to boats with a 3-foot draft because of the shallow water on the lake.

Haulout for powerboats up to 35 feet using a hydraulic trailer is available, as is winter storage. All types of gas engines are repaired on site and propeller and canvas repair can be arranged.

On the premises is King Dragon Restaurant, which serves Chinese food and offers dine-in, takeout or delivery to your boat. Open lunch and dinner; outdoor patio; licensed; no reservations; 905-476-0551.

**Facilities:** 15-amp power at the slips, water, washrooms, showers, ice, children's play area, gas barbecue, launch ramp, vehicle/trailer parking.

## KESWICK

The marinas in Keswick are prominent and this is where a large number of Lake Simcoe boats can be found. You will notice that the marinas are all found on the inset marked Maskinonge River Entrance, not in the spot marked Keswick on the chart (north of the Maskinonge River).

There is no longer a marina at the marina symbol located in the bay south of Ferguson Point, where "Keswick" is marked on the chart.

**Orchard Beach Lakefront Bar & Grill** (905-989-0701) has a small dock for restaurant guests and can accommodate boats up to 30 feet in 5 feet of water (no overnight docking allowed; if you are staying at one of the marinas in Keswick, it's a short taxi ride to get here). The restaurant is located about 1.2 kilometres (3/4 mile) south of Roches Point (at Orchard Beach). Look for the open space on shore or call the restaurant for directions to its dock. The restaurant, popular with Keswick boaters, has a bit of everything from family dining to the big screen TV in its sports bar to the large patio overlooking the water. The menu also has a bit of everything from steak to sandwiches, salads, pastas, seafood including calamari and daily specials. The prime rib feast on weekends is very popular. Takeout available. Open breakfast Saturday, Sunday and Holiday Mondays only; open lunch and dinner daily; licensed; no reservations.





*Paradise Beach: The marina here was out of business as of our press time (2016).*

## LEAVING COOK'S BAY AND HEADING EAST

Continuing your circumnavigation of Lake Simcoe, as you exit from Cook's Bay, leave the quick flashing red light of Cook's Bay Shoal to port. Your course should pass between Snake Island and Fox Island. The channel south of Snake Island is very shallow in places, 3 to 4 feet, and should only be used by those with local knowledge.

Be sure to avoid the shoals north of Snake Island and east of Fox Island. Remember that on leaving Cook's Bay you're now keeping green markers to starboard and red to port, except when returning to harbour.

Once past Snake and Fox islands, most cruisers bypass Island Grove and Paradise Beach and head directly for Jackson's Point (see page 174).

### ISLAND GROVE

There is a government dock at Island Grove on the mainland south of Snake Island, but the approach is shallow and, as noted above, the water south of Snake is only recommended to boaters with shallow-draft vessels and local knowledge.

**Island Grove Marina** (905-476-7600; [www.islandgrovemarina.com](http://www.islandgrovemarina.com)) is also tucked into the shallows south of Snake Island at the marina symbol. The marina has 18 slips rented seasonally and has short-term docking in about 4 to 5 feet of water for those visiting its busy store. The weekends are especially busy with cottag-

ers coming to get gas, worms and snacks. The store also stocks very basic groceries and has a propane exchange.

**Facilities:** gas.

**D.C. Marine** (905-722-1444; [www.dcmarine-services.com](http://www.dcmarine-services.com)) is located inland close to Island Grove Marina. A full range of repair services are offered including fibreglass, engine (outboard, inboard, sterndrive), propeller, canvas and electrical work. A marine store carries engine parts, accessories, water toys and tackle. Secured on-site winter storage is available and hauling of boats to the shop can be arranged.

### PARADISE BEACH

**Paradise Marine** (905-476-3341), a dryland facility, repairs inboard gas engines. Mobile and emergency services are available six days a week and prop repair can be arranged. Boats up to 21 feet can be hauled back to the shop for repairs.

### WILLOW BEACH

There are lovely beaches in Willow Beach and a few municipal parks allow public access. The first, Willow Beach Park, you'll find it to the east of the public dock at Willow Beach, is a day-use park. White barrels mark the swimming area and boating visitors must anchor offshore of the barrels. Since there isn't a dock and no dinghies are allowed on the beach, you would have to swim in if you wanted to sunbathe on the beach, take the kids to the playground or

have a picnic.

The public dock at Willow Beach has depths of 4 feet on the south side, but offers poor protection. Willow Wharf Park located here has a small beach and a portable toilet. A convenience store selling fast food is found across the street. Another convenience store and a post office are within walking distance.

### JACKSON'S POINT

With its 55-slip harbour and nearby restaurants and shops, Jackson's Point is an relaxing destination for cruisers (see page 174).

To head directly for Jackson's Point from between Snake and Fox islands, steer a course of 85° for about 8 kilometres (5 miles) to the green buoy (SJ1) marking Townline Shoal. Depth is 5 feet. Leave the buoy to starboard and look for a flashing yellow light on the south end of the breakwater that marks the entrance to the harbour. The light is obscured if you're approaching from the west.

### SIBBALD POINT

From Jackson's Point, it is about 3.2 kilometres (2 miles) to Sibbald Point, the location of one of the busiest provincial parks in Ontario. The park is only about an hour's drive from Toronto, which helps account for its popularity, but it's also a popular stop for boaters. There are also two municipal beaches and parks in this stretch

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# KESWICK

**CHARTS:** 2028, sheet 3 (Cook's Bay and Holland River)

## GPS:

WAYPOINT # \_\_\_\_\_ 0.4 kilometre (¼ mile) N of entrance to Maskinonge R.: 44°13.55'N;  
79°28.75'W



*Chart 2028: Krates Marina, a 500-slip facility sits on a 40-acre complex at the mouth of the Maskinonge River.*

Keswick, stretches 9 kilometres (5-1/2 miles) along the east shore of Cook's Bay and was formerly a small cottage community. It now has a population of about 25,000 with residential subdivisions and commercial properties. The main focus for boaters is the Maskinonge River, where the marinas are concentrated.

## GETTING THERE

The entrance to the Maskinonge River (a.k.a. the Jersey River) on the east side of Cook's Bay is well marked and you can't miss the prominent marina buildings on the Krates Marina property

as well as the marina's large outer basin protected by rock breakwalls; there's a quick flashing yellow light on the north breakwall.

## MARINAS AND MOORINGS

**Krates Marina** (formerly Crate Marine Sales) sits on a 40-acre complex at the mouth of the Maskinonge River, making it one of the largest marine facilities on Lake Simcoe. Passing through the well-marked entrance channel, you'll see the outer harbour to starboard. As you continue past the outer harbour (there's even a waterfall on the breakwall to add inter-

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Police (York Regional Police; non-emergency) . . . . . 905-895-1221  
Georgina Chamber of Commerce . . . . . 905-476-7870;  
888-436-7446

Coves of Keswick . . . . . 905-476-2919  
Krates Marina . . . . . 905-476-4552  
Harry's Riverside Sports & Bait . . . . . 905-476-0441  
Keswick Marine . . . . . 905-476-4343  
Pioneer Gas Bar . . . . . 905-476-7432

## on the web

Krates Marina . . . . . [www.kratesmarina.com](http://www.kratesmarina.com)  
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est), the full service gas dock is to starboard, which is where visitors should check in upon arrival; the marina monitors VHF 68. (To continue upriver, you would turn to port here.) With permanent dockage for 500 boats in covered and open slips, transient boaters can be accommodated. Boats of any length can be handled, either in a slip or along the long gas-dock wall; maximum draft is 5 feet.

Krates has extensive service facilities and offers fibreglass and wood hull repair (plus osmosis repair), complete gas and diesel engine repair, electronics installation and repair, custom fabricating, custom cabinetry, painting as well as canvas and upholstery work. Boats up to 35



tons can be hauled out using Marine Travelifts, hydraulic trailers and a forklift; winter storage is available. There is also a small store at the gas dock.

**Facilities:** gas, diesel, pumpout, 30-amp power and water at all slips (some 50-amp), Wi-Fi, washrooms, showers and laundry facilities, club house, ice, two swimming pools, children's play area, dog run, picnic tables, vehicle parking (secure, gated facility).

**Keswick Marine** is to port just before the highway bridge. Watch for the large sign with the marina name (and the single marina symbol on the chart). It has more than 100 slips, mostly covered, with 6 feet of depth, and can accommodate transient boats when seasonal slipholders are out (call ahead to check); maximum boat length is 36 feet. The marina repairs all makes of gas engines, repairs props and operates a marine store that carries engine parts, cleaning supplies, rope and a full range of accessories.

**Facilities:** pumpout, 30-amp power and water at the slips, washrooms, showers, ice, picnic tables, barbecues.

**Pioneer Gas Bar**, on the starboard side of the river just before the bridge, has a gas dock with 8-foot depths that can accommodate boats up to 53 feet in length. Pioneer has about 14 slips and offers some overnight dockage (check at the gas dock for availability). A convenience store with ATM is on site.

**Facilities:** gas, pumpout, 30-amp power and water at the slips, propane refills, washrooms, ice and picnic tables.

Under the highway bridge, which has a clearance of only 6 feet, are two marinas catering to small boats that can make it underneath. Those passing under the bridge should be aware that an underwater obstruction extends 4 feet into the river from each abutment; the depth over these obstructions is only 2 feet.

**Harry's Riverside Sports & Bait**, just upriver of the bridge on the port side (marina symbol) with offices underneath Riveredge Restaurant,

has in-water slips as well as a locked compound where boats are stored on trailers. Harry's rents fishing boats, offers boat cruises and charters, and sells fishing tackle and live bait, as well as accessories.

**Coves of Keswick**, further upriver on the port side, has covered and open slips, but offers no transient dockage. It specializes in parts and service for outboard and inboard engines.

## ESSENTIALS

The few stores and restaurants easily accessible by boaters are found along 1.6 kilometre- (a mile-) long stretch of The Queensway, a fairly busy road.

**The Queensway Marketplace** (905-989-9909) is a well-stocked grocery store two blocks north of the bridge on The Queensway. (Krates Marina and most of the other marine facilities are right off The Queensway.) It has an excellent butcher counter, a good selection of fresh produce, fresh bread and baked goods every day and a good range of specialty foods. It's open seven days a week in summer and will deliver if staff are available.

You'll also find several convenience stores (with ATMs) within walking distance on The Queensway, but most other essentials (including the beer, liquor and hardware stores) are scattered north, south and inland of the marinas and are a short taxi ride away.

Only 911 medical assistance is available and the nearest hospital is in Newmarket, 24 kilometres (15 miles) away.

## EATING OUT

You'll have no trouble finding pizza, sandwich, Chinese and fast-food places (including some of the popular chains) on The Queensway within walking distance of the marinas, but there are few restaurants.

A **Boston Pizza** restaurant is located across the street from the Pioneer Gas Bar; nearby are

**Mr. Sub** and **Wild Wing**. Across from Krates Marina are a pizza and two sushi restaurants.

North of the bridge, just before Queensway Marketplace, you'll find pizza, Chinese restaurants and **Sammy's Chicken Coop**.

Some boaters also take a taxi from the marinas to visit **Orchard Beach Lakefront Bar & Grill**, on the water about 4 kilometres (2-1/2 miles) north.

## THINGS TO DO

**Stephen Leacock Theatre**, on The Queensway (at Gwendolyn Blvd.) about 2.4 kilometres (1-1/2 miles) north of the marinas, offers live theatre and other professional entertainment. Call the box office at 905-476-0193 to find out what's on during your visit or check the website at [www.stephenleacocktheatre.ca](http://www.stephenleacocktheatre.ca).

There are several beaches nearby; the closest, Claredon, is about 1.2 kilometres (3/4 mile) north.

## TRANSPORTATION

Local taxi service is available and A GO Transit bus (888-438-6646; [www.gotransit.com](http://www.gotransit.com)) to Toronto stops in Keswick (check with GO for the location and times).

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*Sibbald Point Provincial Park: A very popular spot – and not a lot of depth at the docks.*

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for those who would like to anchor off and go in for a swim without trespassing on private property.

**Sibbald Point Provincial Park** (905-722-8061; [www.ontarioparks.com](http://www.ontarioparks.com)) is located on the east side of Sibbald Point. As you round the point, you'll see the park's pier and breakwall and the building that houses the Ministry of Natural Resources Fisheries Assessment Unit.

The park has four sets of docks, the two most southerly ones designated for overnight use. You'll need to buy a permit to stay overnight. To reserve a campsite and/or reserve a slip for the night, call Ontario Parks at 888-668-7275. Those who arrive without reservations are accommodated on a first-come, first-serve basis and are asked to tie up to an empty dock and go to the registration office. The other two docks are on either side of the boat launch and are busy with boat-launching traffic. The boat launch here is the busiest one on Lake Simcoe. Although the docks are 75 to 100 feet long, they're not suitable for larger boats because of their depth, which ranges from a maximum of 4 feet at the outer end to 2 feet closer to shore. Most boats that use the docks are no longer than 23 or 24 feet. There are no facilities on the docks. See the box for information on what the park has to offer.

## SIBBALD POINT TO PEPPERLAW

To get to Pefferlaw and Virginia Beach from Jackson's Point or Sibbald Point, you'll need to head north to pass around the north side of Georgina Island. The water south of Georgina Island is extremely shallow off the Sand Islands. Since there is no buoyed channel, this route is unsafe without local knowledge. There are buoys marking a channel for a car ferry from Virginia Beach to the southwest corner of Georgina; don't let these buoys confuse you into thinking there is a channel from west to east.

As you round Georgina's Blackbird Point and work down the east side of the island, take care to avoid the 2-foot depths of Big Shoal and Bald Shoal.

Once past Big Shoal, you can carry on to Virginia Beach, passing between Bald Shoal and Bald Point on the southeast tip of Georgina.

## VIRGINIA BEACH

**Virginia Beach Marina and Mnookmi Restaurant** (705-437-2533), south of Georgina Island, is owned by the Chippewas of Georgina Island. Near the marina's large yellow aluminum buildings (well lit at night) are 113 slips on fixed docks. Transient space is available when seasonal slips are vacant; visitors are advised to call ahead. Depth at the docks is about 6 feet.

A hydraulic trailer can haul out boats up to 34 feet and gas and diesel engines can be repaired on site. A small store sells boating accessories including some parts, ice, bait and tackle. Propane refills are available.

**Facilities:** gas, pumpout, 20-amp power at the

## SIBBALD POINT PROVINCIAL PARK

Even in the semi-decent weather, the park is a beehive of activity – it's positively hectic on weekends – and you'll find the beach crowded with swimmers and board-sailors. There are picnic areas, campsites, grocery store, snack bar, washrooms and showers, and a self-guided nature trail. Park naturalists also conduct nature tours, and there are other organized activities for both kids and adults. For details on park activities, call 905-722-8061.

The park was originally the pioneer estate of the Sibbald family, occupied by Susan Sibbald and four generations of her family from 1836 to 1951. The estate was then purchased by the County of York, which made it into a park and turned it over to the province in 1956. The estate house, Eildon Hall, has a museum that reflects life in Ontario during the 19th and early 20th centuries. The museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, for a few hours each day.

Sibbald Point is also the site of St. George's Anglican Church, built by the Sibbald family after Susan Sibbald's death in 1866. The church stands just outside the park grounds, and in its cemetery you'll find headstones for writers Stephen Leacock and Mazo de la Roche.

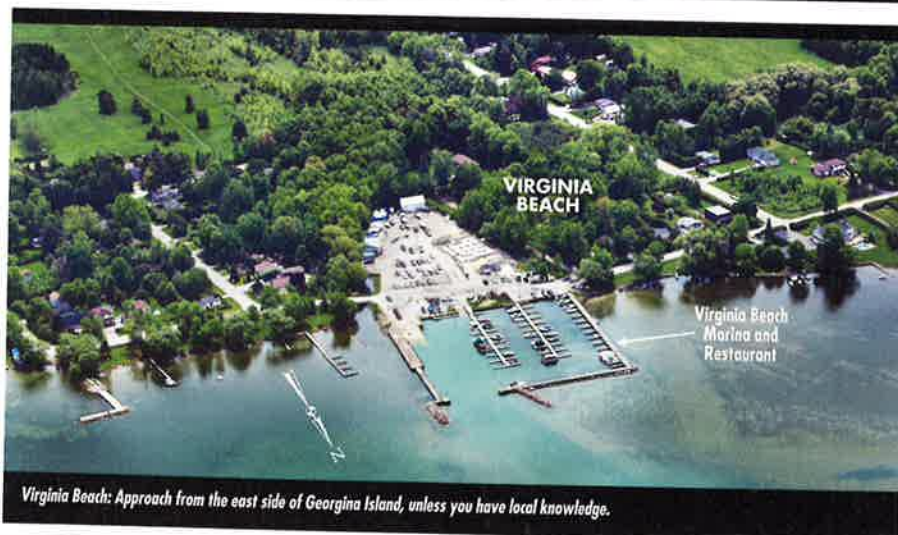




The first two marinas and the resort have overnight dockage. Quinn's offers service only, no dockage.



Peninsula Resort & Restaurant offers two hours of free docking to patrons. Flying Bridge and Everglades marinas both welcome transient boaters.



Virginia Beach: Approach from the east side of Georgina Island, unless you have local knowledge.

docks, water (at the fuel dock), washrooms (available during restaurant hours only), ice, launch ramp, vehicle/trailer parking.

### PEFFERLAW AND PEFFERLAW BROOK

Pefferlaw Brook, 4.8 kilometres (3 miles) south-east of Georgina Island, used to be the home port of many commercial fishermen on Lake Simcoe until commercial fishing was stopped. Now the old fishermen's docks have been replaced by recreational facilities. Two breakwaters extend out into the lake from the mouth of Pefferlaw Brook. There's a quick flashing yellow light on the easternmost pier.

Before heading into Pefferlaw, you might want to stop at the sand beach at Holmes Point Park, a municipal park on the Lake Simcoe side of the peninsula that is home to Peninsula Resort. It is very shallow, so you'll want to stay well off shore to anchor.

**Peninsula Resort & Restaurant** (705-437-1890, 800-565-5253; [www.peninsulareort.net](http://www.peninsulareort.net)) is to starboard around the bend just inside the breakwaters at the marina symbol. Its restaurant hangs out over the river and has an outdoor deck. There is about 600 feet of wooden shore wall available for overnight docking in a park-like setting, with depths of about 7 feet alongside. Because it has a service dog that keeps the geese away, no dogs are allowed anywhere on the property.

This is a good place to stop for a quick snack or dinner in the family-style restaurant that serves everything from burgers to steaks and daily specials. Open for lunch and dinner





## FISHING ON LAKE SIMCOE

Lake Simcoe is a prime fishing spot because of its variety of depths and bottom cover. The lake is particularly well known for its opportunities to boat lake trout, smallmouth bass and perch.

Troll deep for lake trout with downriggers, if you have them, on the lake's western side and up into Kempenfelt Bay. Local experts, who bring in lunkers weighing 11 kilograms (25 pounds) or more, find success with spoons like the Williams Wobbler, or large Rapalas fished just off bottom in 90 to 120 feet of water.

Rocky shoals and shorelines are where you'll find smallmouth bass, Mepps spinners, Rapalas, jigs, surface lures or live baits like crayfish are the most effective offerings.

Largemouth bass are found primarily near the entrance to the Holland River. Troll or drift-fish for pike in deep channels adjacent to weeds, such as The Narrows.

There are numerous fishing competitions on Lake Simcoe. For more information, ask a local marina or tackle shop.

(closed Monday except holiday Mondays then closed Tuesday); two hours' free dockage while eating; licensed; dinner reservations required.

**Facilities:** washrooms, ice, picnic tables, Wi-Fi, beach, public launch ramp, vehicle/trailer parking at resort.

**Flying Bridge Marina** (705-437-2373; [www.flyingbridgemarina.ca](http://www.flyingbridgemarina.ca)) is to port of the Peninsula Resort, the first marina as you come in off the lake. Flying Bridge has 100, mostly covered slips, and will always find space for transient boaters. Depth is 6 feet, and boats up to 50 feet long can be accommodated.

The marina offers engine repairs (outboard, inboard, I/O), with a mechanic on duty seven days a week. Mobile service on the lake is also available. Props are sent out for repair, and canvas repairs can be arranged. The marina has a 30-ton Travelift.

Visitors often go to Peninsula Resort for a meal.

**Facilities:** pumpout, 20- and 30-amp power and water on the docks, washrooms, showers, swimming pool, basketball court, launch ramp, vehicle/trailer parking.

**Everglades Marina** (705-437-1340; [www.evergladesmarina.ca](http://www.evergladesmarina.ca)) is the next facility on the port side as you head upstream (at the marina symbol). It's impossible to miss this 284-slip facility as about half the slips are covered, some of them with blue roofs. The owner will always

find space for transient boaters and visitors are asked to telephone ahead. Depth is a minimum of 6 feet, but at most times of year it's closer to 7 feet; boats up to 42 feet long can be accommodated. The marina does engine repair (all types) and can haul out boats up to 70 feet long; winter storage is available. A marine store on the premises carries accessories and parts. A couple of restaurants are nearby.

**Facilities:** gas, pumpout, 15-, 30- and 50-amp power and water at the slips, washrooms, showers, ice, children's playground, picnic tables, launch ramp, vehicle/trailer parking.

**Quinn's Marina** (705-437-1122; [www.quinnsmarina.com](http://www.quinnsmarina.com)), on the west side of the river south of the bridge (there's a marina symbol), is a service and sales facility only. The marina's docks are used only for boats that are being serviced. Engine repair, fibreglass work and haulout (for boats up to 35 feet) are available. Props are sent out for repair and canvas repairs can be arranged. Quinn's large marine store carries engine parts, electronics, hardware and accessories.

The community of Pefferlaw is about 2.4 kilometres (1-1/2 miles) away, beyond the navigable portion of the river. It has a grocery store, a liquor and beer store, a bank with ATM, a library and several restaurants.

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# JACKSON'S POINT

**CHARTS:** 2028, sheet 1 (Lake Simcoe)

## GPS:

WAYPOINT # \_\_\_\_\_ 0.8 kilometre (1/2 mile) N of entrance: 44°20.20'N; 79°21.96'W

With its history as a marine hub, Jackson's Point Harbour continues the tradition of providing a safe and friendly haven for boaters on Lake Simcoe. In 2010, a fire gutted the Red Barn Theatre, Ontario's oldest summer theatre and a popular tourist attraction for Jackson's Point. Even without the theatre, it is a pleasant town in a rural setting to visit, although there's no gas available for sail boaters, unless they carry a can.

## MARINAS AND MOORINGS

**Jackson's Point Harbour** is located behind a three-section stone breakwall on the south side of the point. A flashing yellow light at the end of the breakwall marks the entrance to the harbour. Depth in the entrance is 10 to 15 feet, with depths of 5 to 10 feet in the overnight

slips. The harbour has 55 slips, 10 of them for transient boaters. On arrival, tie up at the main dock and register at the office or call the harbourmaster at 905-722-9717. (Reservations can be made ahead.) Slips can accommodate boats up to 40 feet long, while longer boats are handled on the main dock. The harbourmaster monitors VHF 68.

The harbour is located right at Jackson's Point Park, where there are picnic tables, a children's playground and a beach.

**Facilities:** water, keyed-access washrooms and showers.

**Sail Georgina** is an active racing and cruising club whose members keep their boats at Jackson's Point Harbour. There is limited dockage for members of reciprocal yacht clubs.

Area code (required even for local calls) . . . . .905  
Emergency . . . . .911  
Police (York Regional Police, non-emergency) . . . . .905-895-1221  
Georgina Chamber of Commerce . . . . .888-436-7446

Bonnie Boats . . . . .905-722-3862  
Jackson's Point Harbour . . . . .905-722-9717  
Sail Georgina . . . . .877-977-SAIL(7245)

## on the web

Georgina Chamber of Commerce . . . . .www.georginachamber.com  
Bonnie Boats . . . . .www.bonnieboats.ca  
Jackson's Point Harbour . . . . .www.georgina.ca  
Sail Georgina . . . . .www.sailgeorgina.ca  
Town of Georgina . . . . .www.georgina.ca  
York Regional Police . . . . .www.yrp.ca

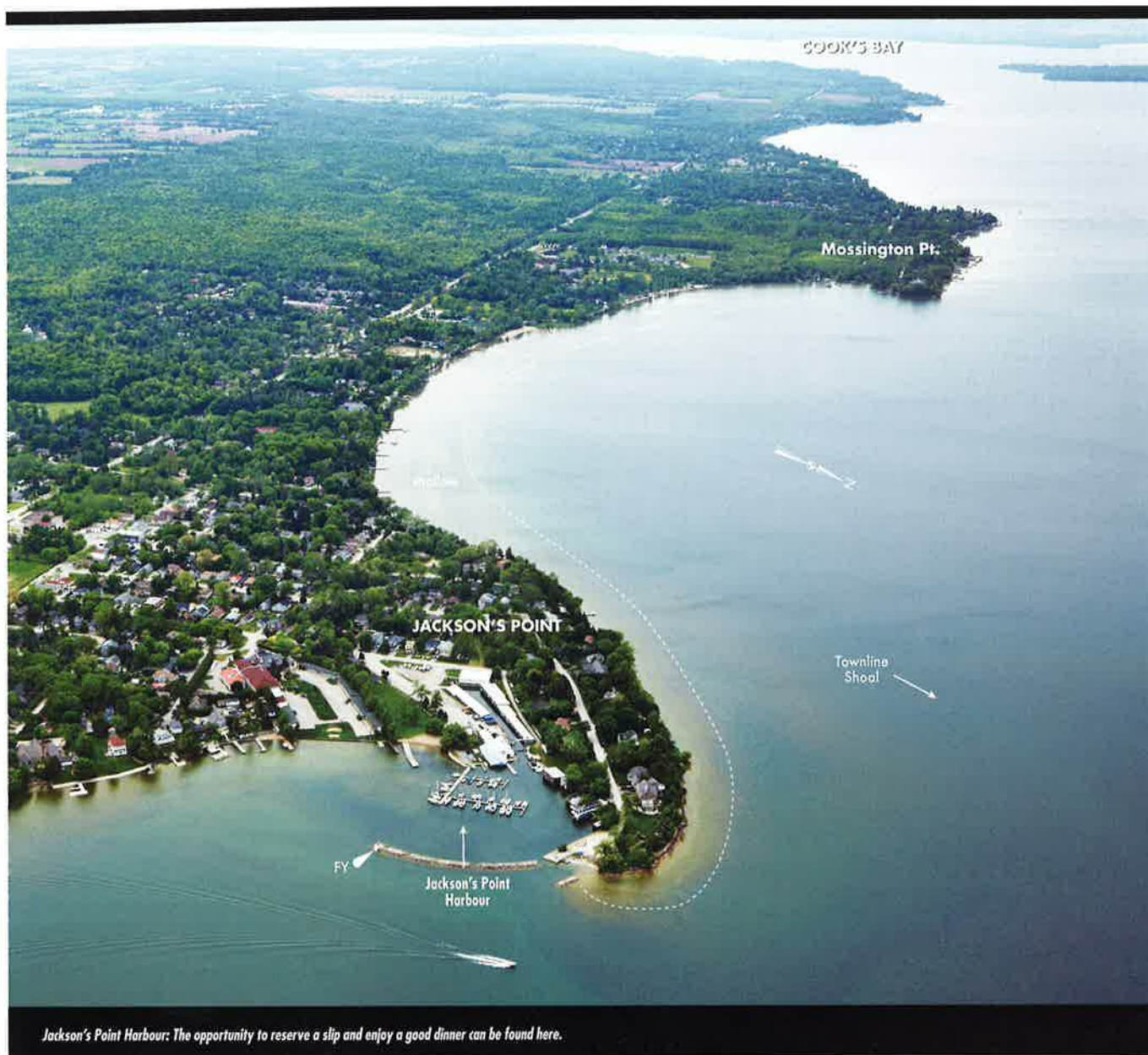
**Bonnie Boats**, tucked into the west corner behind the Jackson's Point Harbour slips, has seasonal dockage for 60 boats (in both open and covered slips), but no transient space. (Transient boaters are directed to the Jackson's Point Harbour slips.)

If you need marine services in Jackson's Point, Bonnie Boats is the place to go. Depth



*Jackson's Point Harbour: Reserve a slip and plan dinner out.*





*Jackson's Point Harbour: The opportunity to reserve a slip and enjoy a good dinner can be found here.*

at the gas dock is 5 feet, but the marina is accessible only to powerboats, since there is a bridge with 12-foot clearance at its entrance. Bonnie Boats repairs fibreglass, outboard and sterndrive engines and props. A marine store carries parts and accessories, as well as cleaning supplies, charts and bait and tackle.

**Facilities:** gas, pumpout, 20-amp power and water at the slips; washrooms, showers, ice, picnic tables, beach, Wi-Fi, launch ramp.

## ESSENTIALS

A Sobeys' supermarket is a little over 1.6 kilometre (a mile) from the harbour on Dalton Rd. A hardware store and a beer store are farther along Dalton Rd., about 2 kilometres (1-1/4 miles) from the harbour, while the closest liquor store is in Sutton, almost 3.2 kilometres (2 miles) away. A pharmacy is a five-minute walk from the harbour on Dalton Rd. and a coin laundry is also a five-minute walk on Lake Dr.

Internet access is available at the public library, located just past the supermarket.

Only 911 emergency medical service is available and the nearest hospital is in Newmarket, 40 kilometres (25 miles) away.

## EATING OUT

**Lake Simcoe Arms**, at the corner of Dalton Rd. and Metro Rd. five minutes from the harbour, is a friendly, British-style pub and restaurant. It serves traditional pub food, such as fish and chips and shepherd's pie. An assortment of British beers is on tap. The restaurant has a patio and a toy chest and colouring sheets to keep the kids entertained. Open for lunch and dinner; licensed; takeout; reservations recommended; 705-722-5999.

**The Briars** ([www.briars.ca](http://www.briars.ca)) is a world-class resort on a 200-acre historic property at Jackson's Point, about 0.8 kilometre (1/2 mile) from

the harbour. The resort is known for its excellent food, and its dining room (fine dining) and Drinkwaters Lounge (casual dining) which are open to the public. Saturday nights feature a candlelit dinner/dance. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner; casual dress for Drinkwaters, smart casual for dinner in the dining room; licensed; reservations recommended for the dining room (905-722-3271; 800-465-2376).

If you're tempted by a stay ashore, The Briars offers weekend and longer summer packages, with an 18-hole championship golf course, heated pools, tennis courts and many other recreation facilities. A full-service spa is available for anyone who would like to be pampered, guest of the resort or not. Reservations are required.

## TRANSPORTATION

The nearest taxi service is in Sutton West. There is no other public transportation.

## Issues

1. Weeds
  - a. Collection of weeds
  - b. Who will pay for it
  - c. Getting all the stakeholders together
2. Litter/Garbage
3. Upper York Sewage system
4. Economic
5. Planning and Development
  - a. If it would impact the lake
6. Water Quality
7. Improving Beaches
8. Promotion
  - a. 52 km of Shoreline
  - b. Better signage
  - c. Lighthouses
  - d. Ec. Dev. strategy
  - e. No comparative advantages.
  - f. Events/tradeshows – Chicken Bay
  - g. Other municipalities efforts ex. Friday Harbour
  - h. Partnership opportunities
  - i. Stakeholder meeting
  - j. Waterfront study
9. Safety – best boating practices
  - a. Shared usage -
  - b. Lifeguards
  - c. YRP Marine unit – actively looking for location for head quarters
  - d. Boats to close to shore
  - e. Speed restricted zones

## Stakeholders

1. MNR
2. DFO
3. MOE
4. Municipalities
5. OMOA
6. Safe Boating Association
7. LSRCA
8. Chippewa's of Georgina
9. Save the Maskinonge river
10. Water Walkers
11. Beach Association
12. BIA
13. National Waterways Advisory Committee

14. Waterways Committee (Ramara)
15. MPP
16. MP
17. YRP
18. Boating Ontario