



# "MUDDY WATERS"

KANAGIO YACHT CLUB — SEPTEMBER/  
OCTOBER EDITION

September is the time for the annual **Deck Jam** and **Pot Luck Supper**, always a member and guest favorite and this year was no exception. We have lost some of our musical members, however, long time favorite **Dave Taggart** and new member **Mark Newsom** put on a great show. October is the gloomy month when we have to take out the boats for winter storage—thanks again to the lift operators.



The **Third Annual Euchre Tournament** on Saturday September 3rd was a great success, thanks to the effort of the **Banman Family**. The top three point getters received monetary rewards, while pretty well everyone in attendance got some prize to take home.

This year, October weather was exceptional, however, it was a sad month as we lost a significant number of our mature shade trees to the Dutch Elm disease. Members are going to be looking for shade somewhere next year, hopefully under some new although smaller trees.



The September **General Members Meeting** was held on the last Sunday of September. Financially the club is in good condition, trees are gone, new ones being considered, couches coming and new members voted into the club, it was a good meeting all around.

October saw the docks lifted and the water etc. shut off for the winter, always a sad time of the year.

**SEPTEMBER WAS A SAD TIME AS WE LOST SHAWN "GIZMO" FITZMAURICE ONE OF OUR LONG TIME KYC DEDICATED MEMBERS. SEE "Muddy" ISSUE TWO FOR SEAN AND LIZA'S CLUB BIO AND PAGE 7 OF THIS ISSUE.**



DAVE TAGGART AND TONY MORGAN PLAY FOR THE CROWD AT THE ANNUAL "DECK JAM"

## NOTE

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## FROM THE BRIDGE



### COMMENTS FROM THE COMMODORE

It was a Great Experience, the last two years as Commodore and 2 years before that, as Vice Commodore.

I am looking forward to my new role as Past Commodore, working with the Advisory Committee and just lifting boats as a lift operator.

I am hoping new members and new faces will step up for Executive positions.

It is all our Club, which everybody should have input and move the Club forward into the future.

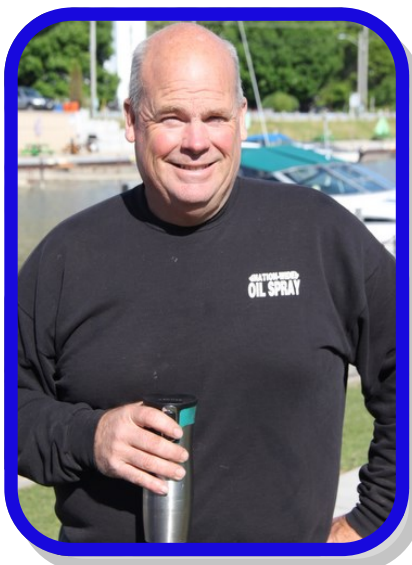
All the Best to our Club.

Thanks *Roy*



**1934 KANAGIO YACHT CLUB fleet in Port Stanley decked out in full colours**





**JON FOSKETT**

**Vice Commodore**



## COMMENTS FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

The Sea Cadets had an amazing time and want to thank everyone at Kanagio for thier support and involvement. We were able to get the kids out on the water on Sunday morning for an hour or so, where they spent some time learning navigation and water safety. Thanks to those who made this happen! The cadets are excited to further their involvement with Kanagio and look forward to next year.

Our final holiday went off without hitch. It was a great weekend as we held our 3rd annual euchre tournament on Saturday (thanks to Rick & Donna) and potluck dinner on Sunday. It was a great way to wrap up the summer with so many in attendance.

From our first bar-b-que in May that kicked off our year straight through until Labour Day, this has been a fantastic year. We had some great music on the event weekends; Ron Seaward - the one man band, Geoff Masse Band and Tony Morgan. They were all amazing!

Thanks to everyone that helped make all the events a success. This would not have happened without your help!! I hope your next Vice has as much help and support as we did.

***Jon Foskett***





**PAT MIGHTON**  
Secretary

### Thoughts from the KYC Secretary - Pat Mighton

Dennis and I have been KYC members since 1990, so when I was elected as secretary in November 2014 I thought I knew how the Club worked. Wrong! I had no idea of the work done by the Executive. Two years, nine general meetings, countless executive meetings, hundreds of emails and reams of paper later I cannot say I am sorry to give up the job, but I will certainly say that I am pleased to have had the opportunity to serve as KYC Secretary. Every KYC member should take a turn on the executive – not so much to spread the workload as to appreciate what a complex workload it is.

The role of the secretary is pretty straight forward – take notes at the minutes, try to keep the roster and seniority lists up-to-date, send lots of emails and write a few memos and letters on behalf of the Executive.

The other Executive positions are much more complex, involving a whole lot more work – work that many of us never see because Executive members toil away behind the scenes getting stuff done.

Trees are dying, furniture is wearing out, taps are leaking, the honey sucker needs attention – call the Rear Commodore. Smitty needs to be booked, a new member needs a dock, fall storage lines need to be marked – call the Fleet Captain. Parties and events need to be planned – leave it to the Vice Commodore (and his wife). Dues to collect, bills to pay, reports to present - the Treasurer has it covered. Bylaws to interpret? Ask the Advisory Board. Overseeing it all, and trying to keep peace in the ranks, is the Commodore! Then, as Rick Banman so eloquently put it at the September General Meeting, throw in a few unexpected issues and the job becomes more challenging and much less enjoyable.

KYC is a fun place to boat and a great place to spend relaxing summer days in large part because of the work done and many hours contributed not just by the executive but by all KYC members. Being involved is part of the enjoyment. It is only as secretary, however, that I have really come to appreciate the work done by the Executive. Thanks for this opportunity. *PAT*







**DAN HOPKINS**

**Rear Commodore**

### **From the desk of the out-going Rear Commodore.**

As 2016 and my position as Rear Commodore come to an end I would like to say it was an experience to be able to get to know all the people who work so hard to make the club as nice as it is.

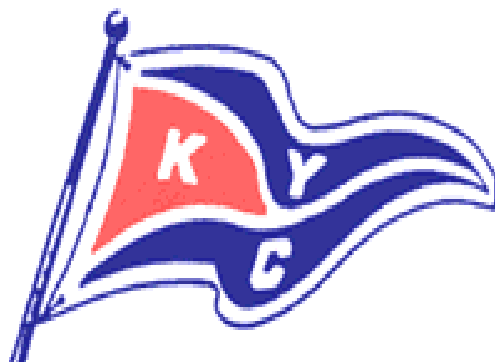
Every year the membership continues to upgrade the club and I am happy to have been a part of that. Hopefully in the future Kanagio will remain the best kept secret on the north shore of Lake Erie.

***DAN***



## **KYC SEASONAL REMINDERS**

- Make sure that your **name is on your trailer, stands and blocking** and don't lock your trailer as it may have to be moved
- **Remove all items from the storage area** that are not used for storage of your boat.
- Items allowed in the south storage area - **BOATS, TRAILERS, STANDS AND BLOCKING.**
- **Boat Insurance**—don't forget to provide insurance information to the Fleet Captain, **NO INFORMATION = NO LIFT IN or OUT OF THE WATER.**
- Don't forget if you see a **maintenance problem** small or large, report it to the **Rear Commodore** immediately so that it can be repaired or replaced.
- Obey the **Speed Limit** in the parking lot.
- Have your guests park in the **Visitor Parking Area**, front row parking for boat owners.
- Remember to **become familiar with the tractors, and in particular the "Honey Sucker"** before you take them out amongst the living.
- All **pets are to be on a 5-foot leash** at all times.
- If you are looking for **Work Hours**, please see me as time and jobs are running out.





**AL THIBERT**

**Fleet Captain**



As '*retirement*' fast approaches, and the busy haul out season begins, The Fleet Captain is working through the last flurry of activity. Once the boats and docks are 'on-the-hard', things will slow to a more normal pace.

For anyone thinking of taking on the position of Fleet Captain, I offer mentoring and advice.

A few things to keep in mind;

- 1 – Fleet Captain is a technical position not a political position.
- 2 – The Fleet Captain implements the direction and priorities as set out by the Membership and the Executive.
- 3 – It is the primary function of the Fleet Captain to make sure that everyone has a slip that fits their vessel. This may or may not be the slip they desire.
- 4 – The Fleet Captain ensures that all vessels are properly insured and that the procedures as they pertain to the 'Fleet', 'Lifting' and 'Winter Storage' protect our members interests and show that we are doing our 'Due Diligence' to prevent loss and injury.

Some of the criteria and required records are mentioned in the Executive Handbook. Some fall under the category of 'Common Sense'. Some is governed by external agencies such as Kettle Creek Conservation Authority, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Human Rights Code and so on...

The above is a summary of information not only from myself, but from a number of previous Fleet Captains. There is nothing new here.

The position is rewarding, and challenging. I have enjoyed my time as Fleet Captain and now look forward to life afterward!

*Al Thibert*





# IN MEMORY OF SHAWN "GIZMO" FITZMAURICE



**Shawn (Gizmo) and Lisa Fitzmaurice** occupy the fourth position in the club seniority list. Shawn had been a members of the Kanagio Yacht Club since May 1989, some 27 years. **GONE TO SOON**

January 25, 1958 - Saturday, September 24, 2016 Honouring his wishes, Robert Shawn Fitzmaurice died peacefully at home after his heroic battle with pancreatic cancer surrounded by his family and friends. Survived by his loving wife Lisa (nee Murray), daughters Kayla Emily and Stefanie Nova, his mother June, sister Sandra Carson (Brian), brother Stacey (Kelly), and grandchildren Thuya and Kye, mother-in-law Fran Murray, brother-in-law Mike (Annette), sister-in-law Janice (Tom) and his extended family





### GIZMO BY TYLER ROBERTSON



So one day this guy shows up at the end of the yacht club. We talk for a while and he sounds pretty neat. He has this 1963 Fiat Spider at home that has a partially seized engine. I say I can help you with that, I love the old stuff. So I'm out in a land he calls Paradise which is Glencoe and see the car..... SWEET. We work on it over the weekend and *NO PROBLEM.....DONE.*

Now I'm getting the tour and he's showing me STUFF..... all kinds of STUFF. I don't even know what it is so I say *"What's that Gizmo? What's this gizmo? Never heard of that gizmo what's it do?"* After a weekend of this I just said *"I AM GOING TO CALL YOU GIZMO."* That's 28 years ago and it stuck. He's been Gizmo ever since.

I had the chance to talk to a few of his workmates the other day. All of them knew him only as Robert. They agreed that Gizmo was a much more fitting name.

Over the years his wife Lisa, Shawn and I have made several trips to the Niagara wine region. We take the Fiat Spider and the other BABY car, a 1969 Triumph Spitfire.

Of course most people down here know him from boating and the yacht club. He's had 4 different boats there and all of them apparently needed considerable modification. This has become the term GIZMOED and will be one the main things that I will think about whenever his name is mentioned.





# SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The September KYC General Meeting was both a joyous time as the club is reported to be in an excellent financial position, and four probationary members were voted into the club as full members. A cheque was also presented to the London Sea Cadets after their weekend boating experience at the club, an association which it is hoped will continue to blossom at KYC and HMCS our neighbour to the west. The sad news of the untimely passing of long time member **Shawn "Gizmo" Fitzmaurice** was recognized with a moment of silence and the club's commitment to plant a tree on the grounds in memory of Shawn.

With warm weather and the end of the season in sight there was an excellent turn out of members for the meeting.



**Vice Commodore Jon Foskett** and **Commodore Roy McKinley** present a cheque in the amount of \$2,600 which was raised by Kanagio in support of the **London Branch of the Sea Cadets**. This was the first year the club undertook to support the Cadets, now in association with the HMCS navy yard to the west of the club. The first day was an opportunity to meet and greet and have fun, while several members took the cadets out on their boats the next day to experience hands on operation of a boat. We look forward to this being an annual association.



New members voted in and their first Mates from left to right — **Mike Blake, Dan Doyle, Kristi Metcalf and Jeff Wallace**

**Next General Meeting** and Election of Officers November 27th - which will also include review of club By-laws.

**Commodores Ball** - Saturday November 19th at the Kettle Creek Golf Course.



**London Branch of the Sea Cadets** visiting the Kanagio Yacht Club on the weekend of September 17.

KYC Members made available their boats providing hands on experience for the cadets and their leaders.

**John Fleischauer** (to the left) cruises out of the harbor with cadet crew at the ready.



**Steve Prentice** (above) with his crew heading back to the KYC club.



**Jon Foskett** (left) - heading out to the lake with his crew.





PHOTOS THANKS  
TO DEBBIE  
McKINLEY AND  
LYNN OLIVER



**SAD DAY**





I know I said *“for better or worse”* but why do I always have to snap all the canvas on the boat while Rick is off with the boys golfing or making the world a better place? Lynn





# THIRD ANNUAL "KYC" EUCHRE PARTY

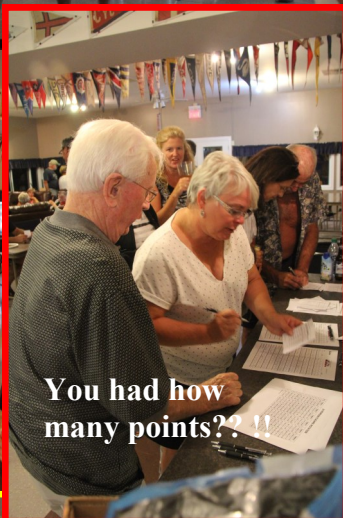
The Banman Family— Rick, Donna, Jason and Victoria organized the third annual KYC Euchre Party, which was another great evening of fun and comradeship among KYC members and guests. The top three point getters received monetary prizes, while everyone who participated took home some form of gift prize donated by a wide range of companies. Looking forward to next years event.



The "Banman" Family



THESE ARE THE RULES - GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN!



You had how many points?? !!



JOHN THIS LOOKS GOOD—WHAT DO YOU THINK LYNN. RICK SAYS I LIKE THIS ONE.





## INTRODUCING EXISTING AND NEW KYC MEMBERS

This month we introduce two long term couples of the club and recognize their support and contributions to the club over the years. In this issue we recognize — **JOHN AND DONNA FLEISCHAUER** and **BILL AND SALLY GRAVES**.

- **When did you first start boating and where?**

Other than with a canoe - 18 years ago at the Kanagio Yacht Club.

- **How did you learn about the Kanagio Yacht Club? When did you become a member of KYC?**

We live central to Sarnia, Grand Bend and Port Stanley, so we checked all three locations and Port Stanley and the KYC won both of our votes and we joined in 1998.

- **What do you like best about KYC?**

Being able to leave most of our problems at the top of the hill coming into Port Stanley. We have our own business and associated with mostly like minded people. The yacht club has given us the opportunity to associate with a diverse group of new friends.



**JOHN AND DONNA FLEISCHAUER**





- **What was your first boat? What type of boat do you have now?**

Other than the canoe our current is our first and only. It is a 1977 Trojan Tri-cabin, 36 feet and she is called "Millie B" after my aunt who remembered us in her will—Bless Her!

- **Does your wife or first mate have a Pleasure Craft Operators Card and does she like to drive the boat?**

The answer is YES and NO.

- **Are you a member of the Power Squadron?**

Yes, the London Power Squadron.

- **Do you have any pets that also come to the boat?**

No pets but our kids have dogs and unfortunately that often restricts them from visiting us at the boat.

- **Have you or your mate held any executive positions at the KYC?**

John was Rear Commodore twice and both Donna and John have served on the Advisory Board.

- **Have you travelled on the Great Lakes?**

Yes—we have traveled on the Erie Barge Canal, with Wayne and Sharon Garland (former members), Erieau a couple of times, Leamington and Pelee Island again with Wayne and Sharon and member Dave Taggart, and across the lake with Lynn and Ralph Oliver. All lovely trips; a couple of mishaps and a storm or two—all part of the experience—right!

*JOHN and DONNA*



**John and Donna participating in the “Sea Cadet” day at KYC and on the water.**

- **When did you first start boating and where?**

My family had a cottage on the Trent where I spent 2 months every summer from birth until I was 15. We had a couple wooden row boats and fishing was a daily event. Eventually I was upgraded to the out-board and ditched the oars! Basically I have always been a boater.

- **When did you become a member of KYC?**

1999



**BILL AND SALLY GRAVES**

- **How did you learn about KYC?**

While out in our Doral one day early in 1999, we spotted Ron Goodman's 1966 Chris Craft with a for sale sign .... We followed him into his dock and one week later, it was our dock and beautiful wooden Chris.

- **What do you like best about KYC?**

Park like setting. Access to facilities and equipment and freedom to maintain my own boat (some of us enjoy that part!). Generally a good group of people committed to the club.

- **What was your first boat?**

My first purchase was in 1994 and was a 1988 26' Doral Citation with a single I/O and a 350 Merc. First of two boats from Roszell-Warner in Grand Bend.

- **How many boats have you had over the years?**

In the years following the cottage on the Trent I frequented friends and family power and sail boats in the Niagara River and Eastern Lake Erie. I was also an active volunteer in the Fort Erie Fire Department and on the crew for river rescues in our 18' Avon Inflatable and 35 Hp Merc. I first purchased a boat in 1994 (26' Doral Citation) which I kept at Stan's until 1999 when I purchased a 36' 1966 Chris Craft from a KYC member. Next came my 365 Four Winns, now owned by Rear Commodore Dan Hopkins, and finally today's Silverton MY which we have enjoyed for 13 seasons at KYC.

- **What type of boat do you have now (manufacturer, length/beam, boat name).**

2002 Silverton Motor Yacht ..... *Nice Knots* ..... Registered Length of 39' translates to a LOA of 43' 7" and a 14' beam.

- **Does your wife or first mate have a Pleasure Craft Operator Card and does she like to drive the boat ?**

Yes ..... Sally can and has driven the boat with the exception of docking.

- **Are you a member of the Power Squadron?**

No



- **Do you have any pets that also come on the boat?** No
- **Have you or your mate held any executive positions at the KYC?**

Yes. Sally served on the Advisory Board for one season. I have been Vice twice, Secretary and Rear as well as 4 years (+/-) as Membership Chairman.

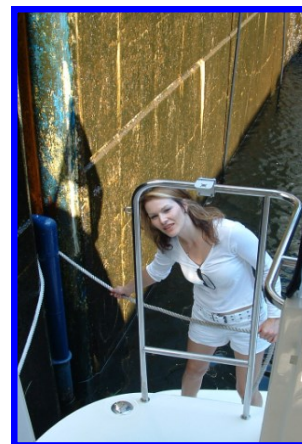
- **Have you travelled by boat on the Great Lakes? Any memorable trips or moments in those trips you would like to share?**

We have traveled almost annually to Port Colbourne's Sugarloaf Marina for family get together's. Over the years we have been in Buffalo, Erie, Chagrin Lagoons (a favourite) Ashtabula, Leamington, Port Dover, Turkey Point and many more. We had a great multi-port trip around 2002 with Joe and Joanne. Joe gets up hours before us and we never eat til after 8 but we made it work. Also memorable was a great trip to Leamington with Doug and Marilyn Crocker around 2004. I recall a huge platter of perch. The most story filled trip was bringing Nice Knots from Orillia to KYC ... plus/minus 540 miles, through the Severn locks including the Big Chute, around Tobermory, through Kincardine and Windsor. All with some beautiful scenery and great water but also heavy seas coming back into Lake Erie courtesy of hurricanes hitting the southern US. With the help of Sally and Mark Miller as crew ... we did survive! Great memories! Great boating.

- **\* Other comments -**

As the season comes to a close I would like to thank the 2016 Executive for giving their best effort for a generally thankless task running the business of our club. We all need to step back and remember we are all members, and all volunteers. The club could not run without the efforts of the executive..... Literally, the corporation of KYC would not exist without the extra effort of the elected board of directors. You are not just members you are shareholders. Let's work together for a stress free 2017 and support the incoming executive, and all promote comradery while enjoying boating.

### *Bill and Sally*





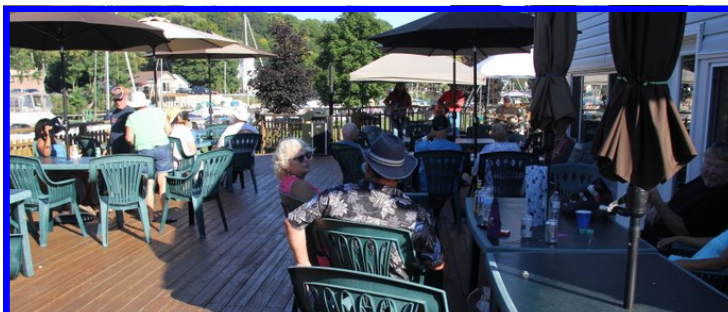
# DECK JAM 2016



Members **MARK NEWSOM** above and **DAVE TAGGART** to the left play along with the band.

The *Annual Deck Jam* was well received by the membership on a nice bright sunny day. Members and guests sat around and enjoyed "**Tony Morgan**" and his band.

Although the club has lost a number of its musician from the past, Dave and Mark held up the members end of the jam playing many favorites for the crowd.



Dinner was Pot-Luck and as usual it was a great feast to end the days festivities.





# MAX'S BUCKET LIST ADVENTURE

**Kanagio Yacht Club** member **Max Wood** had the pleasure of crewing on "*Hip Nautic*" a 30 foot sail boat from Blue Springs Marina, Ten Mile, Tennessee to Florida with friends Norm and Les. In this the second issue Max takes us from Mile Marker 501 on the Tennessee River through Chattanooga and on to Mile Marker 431 .

## October 23 - Day Three Mile 501 Lake Chickamauga

A cool morning start at the crack of dawn and we are off again. The coffee was served at the helm. The GPS did not like to work when it was cold and had to be coaxed into operation by some sunlight. No matter, we had charts and the river was marked and being as we were heading downstream, it was red to port and green to star-board ... or nuns to the left and cans to the right.



Just some of the small shacks along the river. We were well on our way to Chattanooga and after passing through Chickamauga Lock we picked up some speed due to the current. The scenery was quite beautiful along the shore line especially when we got south of Chattanooga and onto the Nickaback portion of the river.



No matter how fast we were going with the current, the trawlers could still pass us

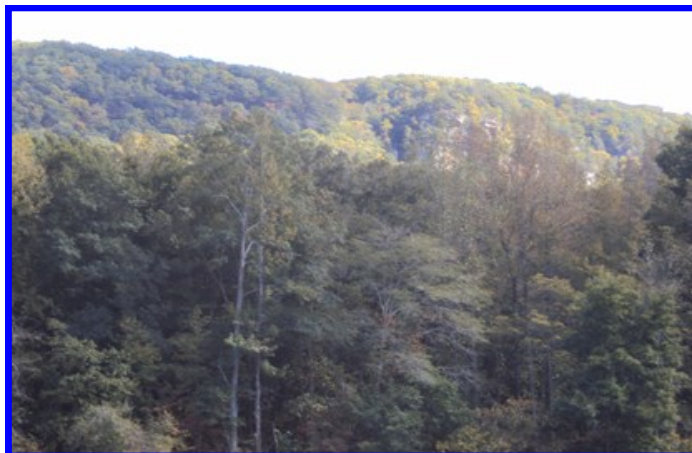


The river winds through this part with lots of hills. We are approaching *Raccoon Mountain* and will pass by such exotic places as *Suck Shoals*, *The Pot*, *The Kettle* and *The Pan*





## CHATTANOOGA



Our first glimpse of *Raccoon Mountain*. There is a lake on the top with the classy name of *The Raccoon Mountain Pumped Storage Dam*. This is the pumping discharge point for the upper lake and *Reservoir*.

It's just gone 5:00 PM and the helm has been abandoned, which means it's time for wine as we must be at anchor. A beautiful evening awaits at mile 431



### Copy of Ships Log from the Skipper's files:

Engine hours, beginning:		1736	Generator hours, beginning:		Date: 10/23/13
Fuel purchased	Gallons=		Price=3.889 prior purchase	From reserve	
Oil added to engine	Quarts=0		Oil added to generator:	Quarts=	
GPS track miles	Start=		End=	Traveled=	
River mile	501		431	70	
	Latitude:		Longitude:	Notes:	
Time:					
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Time:					
Anchorage location: Mile 431 across from Hales Bar					
Weather summary:					
Windy mid 50s					
Lockages completed:					
Chickamauga Dam					
Significant events: Repair to muffler did not work. Leak is routed to the main bilge.					
Repairs made:					
Repairs needed:					
Fuel gauge is erratic					
Supplies needed:					
Need replacement muffler					
Comments: Added 5 gallons from reserve					

To be continued in the next issue of Muddy Waters—January 2017

*MAX*





SHAWN'S  
TREE



JOHN FLEISCHAUER AND HIS  
SON-IN-LAW (JASON) PLANT-  
ING SEVEN REPLACEMENT  
MAPLE TREES INCLUDING  
"SHAWN'S"— GREAT JOB



END OF THE BOATING SEASON

