

Attention: CLPOA Board

The THIRD ANNUAL FIREWORKS SHOW was held on Saturday August 3, 2019 at Chandos Beach. What a spectacular show it was!!!! Once again an extremely well attended event, with spectators at the west end of the beach, the boat launch, in cottages in close proximity to the beach (Steve Tucker probably set a record of 90 people at his cottage) and about 230 boats south of the beach, with boaters singing and enjoying the ambience. We were once again fortunate to have ideal weather conditions for the evening. The event was not only for the cottagers but also residents of North Kawartha. This is the CLPOA most attended event with the President, David Cooper estimating some 3000 spectators.

The show was staged by a Montreal based pyrotechnical company, BEM which sent 2 pyrotechnicians for the third time, David and Gaston who started the setup of fireworks at 1:30. Beach goers were most co-operative. respecting the safe perimeter that was established for the event. The show lasted about 15 minutes with no end to the variety of fireworks, especially toward the end when fireworks were launched into the water which looked like duds when in fact after several seconds the fireworks shot upwards from the water.

We realize that the show is noisy and impacts the environment and cottagers. However, with one major show on the lake for the enjoyment of all, CLPOA is continually encouraging cottagers to cancel private fireworks and instead consider donating the money saved from not staging a private show to the CLPOA to help offset the cost of the show. In fact, we have had a number of cottagers informing us that they donated to CLPOA for this very reason. There have been discussions about silent fireworks at our Board meetings and the pros and cons will be reviewed at a future Board meeting.

The Fireworks Committee (Eugene Telka, Director; Jim Franks and Clark Breuls) would like to thank the following for their assistance in making the night such a success:

1. Alex Anastasiou of North Kawartha Parks and Recreation along with his wife, Maria and son Lucas for spending most of the afternoon putting up barriers and helping secure the perimeter well into the evening and at the end of the show, helping with the beach clean up.
2. North Kawartha Township for granting permission for the event.
3. Tom Forsythe and his team for providing parking on their farm and transporting spectators from the parking lot to the beach.
4. David Cooper and Chris Darwen for stopping traffic on hwy 620. No OPP officers signed up for paid duty services.
5. Jessie Lamb, Fire Chief, Ryan Lye, Deputy Fire Chief and 2 fire department volunteers, with a pumper truck available to deal with emergencies.
6. Rick Woodcock and Ian Gorman for patrolling the water perimeter to keep boats 200 meters from the beach.
7. Rob Telka for launching a drone to count boats and helping with beach cleanup.
8. Jim O'Shea, Paul Port and Paul Macklin, photographers who captured the magic of the evening with photographs.

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FOURTH ANNUAL FIREWORKS SHOW were scheduled for Saturday August 1, 2020 but have been cancelled for that date because of COVID 19. We are however, keeping the option open of having the Fireworks Show on Saturday September 5, 2020 on the occasion of the Corn and Wiener Roast, if the government sanctions have been lifted. Notice of plans for that weekend will be posted on the CLPOA website well in advance of the Labour Day weekend.

Submitted by: Eugene Telka
Director of CLPOA Fireworks