

Dear Friends:

April 12, 2021

Hopefully you have had an opportunity to enjoy these wonderful early spring days. The moderate snow pack and gentle spring melt has provided a very safe winter runoff throughout our local waterways. Thankfully, local residents have one thing off their list of concerns this year! The Trent-Severn Waterway is preparing the Kirkfield Lift Lock for its upcoming operating season, which means, the Kawartha Voyageur will be floated out of the “dry dock” within the next week! We are optimistic she will be welcoming you soon!

Over the last few months our family has been watching and listening carefully, as our world struggles with the affects of Covid-19. Rules respecting public and social activity have been evolving at a rapid rate while Regulators try to keep up with the pressures of the Pandemic. As we prepare to welcome guests back aboard the Kawartha Voyageur, one thing we will all need to appreciate, is the requirement to keep each other as safe as possible.

We have taken this winter to institute a few structural changes to the ship. Additional HVAC equipment has been installed with UVC lights and HEPA filtration in our ductwork. ERV equipment has also been added to facilitate a complete change of inside air several times an hour. This will address best practices for internal air treatment and exchange. Our dining room tables have been transitioned from 6 tables of 8, to 8 tables of 6 with available “plexiglass” partitions separating every 2 place settings at mealtimes. After each cruise, passenger cabins will be carefully cleaned as usual and then disinfected with an electrostatic sprayer using Clorox Total 360. Unlike “foggers”, there is no aerosolized residue left in the air, so cabins are safe for immediate re-entry.

We are also working with our many levels of Government on a “Return to Cruising” procedure which will no doubt evolve through the summer months as we continue to learn more about safely living and working through these times. Effective immediately, Ontario Waterway Cruises has instituted the following changes for 2021.

- 1 All Passengers and Crew, must show proof of their first vaccination **or** a negative COVID test (PCR or Antigen) taken within 72 hours of boarding.
- 2 All Passengers and Crew, must answer a Covid Screening Questionnaire prior to boarding
- 3 All Passengers and Crew, including those who have had their first vaccination must be willing to take a COVID rapid test before boarding and/or during the cruise at the discretion of Ontario Waterway Cruises Inc. or any governing health authority.
- 4 Appropriate Mask use as dictated by Ontario (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/face-coverings-and-face-masks>), will be mandatory on board our chartered bus and everywhere on board ship except:

- * **when seated** in the dining room **to eat**

- * **when seated** on the top or front deck at least six feet away from anyone other than your cabin mate.

- * **when in your cabin.**

Appropriate “Face Mask” use as defined by the Province of Ontario includes both the nose and mouth covered. There will be times when social distancing on the top deck or front deck is not possible, at which point you must wear your mask even when seated.

Prior to the latest “Ontario-Stay-at-Home” order, we took measures to delay the start of our 2021 operating season, until June 09. All passengers on the affected cruises have already been notified. For all passengers booked from July 08 to the end of 2021, your dates have not been affected. For those wishing to sign up for a cruise this summer, please check out our **revised schedule on the back side of this page**. Our website also shows the revised “cruise dates”. <https://ontariowaterwaycruises.com/cruise-dates/>

Since 2011, we have presented a series of one-hour travel shows during the month of March in various locales across Ontario. This year we are offering this program virtually! Please take a break from the news of the day, grab some popcorn and sit down to watch “Captain Marc” describe our journeys in a 45 minute “you tube”. This presentation is available on the front page of our website by clicking the button “View our 2021 Travel Show Schedule” <https://ontariowaterwaycruises.com/travelpresentations/>

We have put these, and other plans in place to keep our Passengers and Crew safe. Our family is committed to developing and improving our policies and procedures regarding COVID-19, and we will continue to refine and update them as appropriate. Stay safe, and believe as we do that the “green light” is beginning to shine a little more clearly with every successful vaccination recorded! Hope to see you aboard soon!

We are still here!

Marc, Robin, John and Joy

Plan your cruise now for 2021

DATES		ROUTE
June	09-14	Big Chute to Peterborough (parking in Peterborough)
	14-19	Peterborough to Kingston
	19-25	Kingston to Ottawa (6 nights) this cruise continues thru Hartwell Locks on into Ottawa, down and back up the flight of 8 locks and then back to Hartwell Locks
	25-01	Ottawa to Gananoque (6 nights) (parking in Kingston)
July	01-07	Gananoque to Peterborough (6 nights)
<i>Cruise Schedule below has not been changed</i>		
July	08-13	Peterborough to Big Chute
	13-18	Big Chute to Peterborough
	18-23	Peterborough to Kingston
	23-28	Kingston to Ottawa
	28-02	Ottawa to Kingston
Aug	02-07	Kingston to Ottawa
	07-12	Ottawa to Kingston
	12-17	Kingston to Peterborough
	17-22	Peterborough to Big Chute
	22-27	Big Chute to Peterborough
Sept	27-01	Peterborough to Big Chute
	01-06	Big Chute to Peterborough
	06-11	Peterborough to Kingston
	11-16	Kingston to Ottawa
	16-21	Ottawa to Kingston
Oct	21-26	Kingston to Ottawa
	26-01	Ottawa to Kingston
	01-06	Kingston to Peterborough
	06-11	Peterborough to Big Chute
	11-16	Big Chute to Peterborough

		<i>RATE</i>
<i>Per Person</i>	<i>(double occupancy)</i>	
<i>Cdn Funds</i>		
<i>Fare</i>		2,064
<i>Cancellation Refund Plan</i>		96
<i>Taxes</i>		276
	<i>Total</i>	2,436

The total fare paid less the cancellation refund plan premium of \$96. will be refunded if you must cancel prior to boarding due to a physical illness or injury, death of a family member, a disaster which renders your principal residence uninhabitable or jury/witness duty. Details with confirmation of booking.

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A deposit of \$200. per person/cruise is required to confirm your reservation.

Thank you for your interest in our cruises.

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