

NAVIGATIONAL AIDS REPORT

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Buoys Report from Dave Zimmerman

I had a balance of \$ 246.53 as of Dec. 3/20 and several smaller costs from March 16/21 to Aug/21. My C.A.L.A. account was enriched by \$ 1,000.00 on June 10/21. The final balance is not available as I have several purchases in progress, such as final costs of new 4 marker lights, stainless steel rope clamps, stainless steel cable, total gas consumption, and moderate time compensation as well as boat and equipment storage. A fair estimate is that my account will be all right until 2022.

As far as activities, I was very busy in May and June due to a local tourist camp operator not preventing or advising his guests to not tie up to the marker buoys and dislodge them.

Several of the old cylinder type markers are being rehabilitated to add our good stock of red, yellow and green ball markers.

Going into our 2022 season, the marker system will be in good shape and ready for another season.

Fishermen Tying up to Buoys

So on the note of tying up to the buoys, from what I am being told, it is not illegal on the Cassels/Rabbit water system. Everything has only been verbal at this time. Oceans and Fisheries Canada do not regulate the navigational aids on our water system this I am trying to get in writing but no one is responding, Our waters are governed by MNRF and HYDRO. CALA takes 100% responsibility for the navigational aids on our lakes, therefore **the only thing we can do is educate people and ask them not to tie up or move the buoys because they are there for everyone's safety.** OPP do not have any jurisdiction over the aids and using the word illegal could actually put us in a legal situation we would not want to be in if someone wanted to sue us. Now in saying all that, and like I said it was only verbal, if someone was to make calls they would probably get a different response, from ones that like to pass the buck and not take responsibility encase they have given wrong information which is why I am not able to get anything in writing.

I had attempted to work with a local printer to make flyers for distribution. This did not go as planned; she backed out of the job and it was pretty late in the summer. So for next year I would just like to order banners and information brochures from maybe vista print and get them out to all lodges and businesses to hand out.

We also did receive the \$4,000 once again from the Municipality this makes it much simpler for us being part of the budget. The buoys account should be in good standing for next year. I am sure we will be receiving an invoice from TBL for the storing of the markers for the winter season.

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