**Boating, Safety and Emergencies Committee**

**Committee Mandate:**

* To investigate and advise the Board on new and emerging issues in the areas of boating, safety, emergencies, and related issues that may impact GBA associations and their members.
* Maintain our relationships with the OPP, Transport Canada, the recreational boating community and marina operators.
* Act as liaison with the boating community in general, and represent the GBA at various regulatory, industry or user groups committees or associations as may be appropriate.

**Accountabilities:**

* Conduct background research to clarify the dimensions and policy environment of issues concerning boating, safety, emergency services, fire safety, and issues involving interaction with the OPP, including snowmobiles, vehicles, vandalism, theft or law enforcement generally.
* Monitor the following areas:
* Local emergency response protocols (Fire, First Aid, Coast Guard, OPP alerts)
* Provincial and Federal safety regulations
* Provincial boat licensing
* Federal boat registration
* Marine pump-out stations
* Prepare a budget and work plan for Board approval at the beginning of the year and manage the activities of the Committee within that budget
* Present recommendations for Board decisions.
* Maintain the relevant pages on the GBA website so they are current and relevant.

**2020 Committee Members:**

Andrew Hurlbut (KRAA) – Chair
Jamie Drayton (Manitou)
Peter Frost (BNIA)
Freda Klassen (NGBA)
Jan Wishart (MadClub)

**Agencies, Representatives, and Key Participants:**

1. OPP, Dave Moffat
2. Transportation Canada, Dawn Colquhoun, the Boating Safety Officer, Ontario Regional Boating Advisory Committee (O-RBAC)
3. Transport Canada, Canadian Marine Advisory Council (CMAC)
4. Coast Guard (Parry Sound Base)
5. ORNGE
6. Boating Ontario (Rick Layzell)
7. Canadian Safe Boating Council
8. Safe Quiet Lakes (Francis Carmichael)
9. Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons (Doreen Hinksman, flare exchange)
10. Royal Life Saving Society (JP Molin)
11. Red Cross (Julie Evans)
12. Ontario Sailing Association (Melanie O’Brian)
13. Sail Canada (Mike Vollmer)