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Photo: Gary Campaigne

Lunch on the lawn at Windermere, UUMMT 22 on June 23, 2012



President's Letter • August 2012

What a wonderful summer for boating and floating in your Dispro!

My thanks to John and Mary Storey for organizing the very successful UUMMT tours – we are certainly being provided with some unique opportunities for adventure on our picturesque waterways. Some of us have had unique experiences in UUMMTs 22 and 23, provided to us courtesy of the vagaries of our Dispros! I must say that being towed by two Past Presidents is the ultimate experience for your President!

The ACBS Boat Show provided DOA with the opportunity to meet many people interested in learning about Dispros. The DOA tent and display in the Field of Dreams was organized by Mike McGarrell. DOA members who were on deck throughout the day had fun promoting our organization to visitors and talking with friends.

The August events include UUMMT 24, a tour of Kennesis Lake in Haliburton on August 11 and the ACBS cruise on August 18, celebrating the history of the Muskoka lakes with a re-enactment of the famous RMS Segwun 100 Mile Cruise. 100 wooden boats will be in attendance and I look forward to hearing from the members who are participating in their Dispros.

The regatta arrangements are in place for a wonderful time at the Delawana Inn on Georgian Bay from September 7th to 9th. Valerie and Bill Otton are arranging the Saturday and Sunday boating routes among the many islands and channels in protected waters, that are available to us near Delawana. Once again we will visit several interesting cottages and enjoy our shore lunch.

This year, there will be the Auction on Saturday evening. We're all looking forward to a great time – being amused not only by the unique and interesting items up for auction, but also by the antics of the auctioneers and bidders. It's really a fun event so bring in your interesting items and objects for your fellow members and friends to bid on!

I look forward to welcoming our new members who have joined DOA this year and to meeting with all of you during the Regatta.

Robert Clipsham

Let's Get There Safely — To Row Or Be Towed

During UUMMT 22 on Lake Rosseau 'Poonamalie' skippered by Pamela Gibson suddenly and unexpectedly became silent – dead in the water! After receiving advice from Ian Dickson, the crew adjusted the ignition and she started and we proceeded on the tour. After lunch she suffered a broken timing pin and George and Betty Piper took us under tow.

What I did not realize was the difficulties that may arise when towing a Dispro. We had the requisite 50 foot regulation tow rope on board, but it was not attached to the

bow of Poonamalie. We were not ready for George to quickly take our line. I learned more when we said thank you to George and Betty then changed tow boats to John and Mary Storey and crew, Ian and Barb Dickson. This change over caused more undisclosed problems that I had not foreseen – more learning on the water which resulted in additional entries into my Dispro diary!

Learning from this occurrence, we will now ensure that when we set out in Poonamalie, we have our tow rope attached to the bow and that we are ready to be towed.

We all need to consider how we should be prepared for situations that require us to be towed or when we are requested to tow another Dispro that has a problem. We need to have a plan on how to tie the tow line to our boat when it is passed to us.

Some of our members have the experience of towing another Dispro and I invite them to share their ideas, procedures and advice in articles to be published in future issues of the Device. Operating our Dispros safely should be a priority for all of us.

On our next tours we will have the opportunity to pair up with another Dispro and to ensure that we all have a mobile phone on board with the partners cell phone number for communication in situations requiring assistance.

*Prepared by 'The Crew' **Robert Clipsham***



Ah . . . Dispro bliss! Enjoy it while you can – there may be some Dispro misery ahead!



Photos: Mary Storey



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UUMMT' No 22
MINI MISERY TOUR

Lake Rosseau • June 23, 2012

Who has more fun than DOA members on a UUMMT? The sky was blue. The air was warm. And the water was calm. Saturday, June 23rd had all the elements of a blissful, carefree Dippy Adventure. The road to Skeleton Bay was replete with twists and turns and all the requisite smells and sights of the first days of summer in the woods. Apparently the motorcyclists love the road as well and it's not hard to see why.

The launch ramp is a beauty and about a dozen of us uneventfully slipped into the water and skittered off toward the main part of Lake Rosseau with Mary and John Storey in the lead. As we entered the lake proper, the boats seemed to scatter like pin balls into the many nooks and crannies available for exploring. All was perfect until Poonamalie (the President and Mrs. President's boat), that would be my boat, quit dead in the water and resisted coaxing to restart. But after much advice from Ian Dickson and a few false starts, we were off and dipping again.

Our eventual rendezvous was Windermere, that white and red beauty that was recreated to rise again after the devastating fire a decade or more ago. The familiar shape eventually came into view as we rounded a point and we prepared to search out a "parking spot" for the lunch hour. What is better than a picnic on the side of a shady hill overlooking the lake on a perfect summer day?

Somewhere along the way, two of the club's many Pauls (Gockel and Dodington) joined the ranks from their homes on Lake Joseph and the other end of Rosseau, along with their guests who 'came along for the ride'. Lots of "dippy conversation" ensued as we visited and laughed.

But, for me, a stronger magnet was pulling . . . Lake Rosseau beckoned me for a swim. Sometimes I'm lucky enough on these outings to find another 'water baby' in the group as well as my dutiful husband, and this day I hit pay dirt. Beth, Paul Gockel's dear friend said, "Wait for me", and we happily treaded water and chatted for half an hour in the near perfect water – perfect indeed!

What happened next happens on every dippy adventure of which I have been a part. Somebody . . . who knows who . . . gives a silent signal and there is a mighty scramble to be off. Within 10 minutes everyone is boating again, heading every which direction, and eventually back to Skeleton Bay.

The trip back took us on a different route – around T Island. It might have been fairly uneventful, had it not been for several quite typical Dippy happenings.

1. My sweet boat stopped suddenly again, this time having broken a timing pin, and the Pipers kindly threw us a line, no muss no fuss, and proceeded to drag us home – once again the President feeling rather sheepish. After an hour the Storeys took pity on the Pipers and we swapped tow boats. Isn't it nice to know that the members of this club will share the care of the lame ducks?! One thing about being towed – it's rather quiet and relaxing.

2. Upon our return to Skeleton Bay, we loaded up, helping each other as usual, and then noticed the extra unaccounted for car in the parking lot. Where were the Thomsons? Had anybody seen them? Surely they would call if they had a problem. Oh – they don't have the number? Yuk! Now what? We waited. We scratched our heads. We surmised. We offered reasons. I swam – again. Then John decided there was nothing for it but to go and find them. Off went John and Ian. Oh . . . wait . . . What's that we see coming around the corner on the horizon? Yep, it was the Thomsons. Happy was not happy. Happy and John had an unexpected tour of Lake Rosseau as they followed the Pauls when they departed the group and headed towards home.



Photos: Gary Campaigne

But, all is well that ends well and after a few good laughs the now complete bunch headed to Bracebridge for a relaxing dinner together. It was a charming day on a charming lake with charming friends. It doesn't get any better than that!

Pamela Gibson
(Mrs. President)

Six Mile Lake • July 21, 2012

Most Dispros can putt along at six miles an hour, so a trip on Six Mile Lake should take two hours for a round trip. Well, not so when you explore this lovely lake just north of Port Severn.

Eighteen Dispro and forty three people enjoyed a glorious day on July 21st cruising around the many bays and islands of Six Mile Lake. Five hours of boating still left a lot of unexplored shoreline. The staff at Six Mile Lake Marina was very helpful and accommodating to our members and we thank them.

The real mystery of this tour is how four boats (not to single out Ian D.) went the totally opposite direction than the map indicated. They ended up on the deck at the Brown's cottage on Kellcher Island for lunch. Just because the island is in South Hungry Bay doesn't cut it as a preferred lunch stop. Even Jim Onions on his first Mini Misery Tour found the real lunch location.

Several couples gathered for dinner at the nearby South Bay Marina restaurant to finish an enjoyable day.

A tranquil scene indeed as Jim Onions' Dispro reposes in still water among the lily pads and reeds.



Photo: Mary Storey

A spot of bother here when the Cooper's Dispro refuses to start. The experts are on hand and the problem solved.



Photo: Heather Cooper

The Regatta is Almost Here

Weekend of Sept. 7-9

Annual Regatta – Delawana Inn, Honey Harbour, Georgian Bay

All the plans are in place for a fun Regatta and many members and boats are registered. If you are not already registered you can contact Delawana Inn at 1888 335-2926 or email karen@delawana.com. The Saturday and Sunday boating tours have been planned among the beautiful islands in protected routes. This year our leaders, Valerie and Bill Otton, will be providing us with more detailed, coloured charts. This year is also **AUCTION** year so bring your 'stuff and things'. I am looking forward to seeing you all in your boats!

Robert Clipsham

Kennisis Lake • August 11, 2012

This summer we've really been spoiled by continuing hot and sunny days so when heavy rains finally fell, some boaters didn't want to get out their foul weather gear. Saturday, August 11 dawned with a suitable deluge that obviously deterred most, but 5 Dispros and 16 hardy people ignored the forecast and were rewarded with a wonderful cruise on Kennisis Lake.

There were patches of blue sky as the boats left the marina and headed for adjoining Little Kennisis Lake to explore the many bays and check out all the cottages. Many cottages were perched high atop cliffs and the cottagers' different solutions for getting down the rockface to the water left us all in awe, if not a little uneasy!

We headed back out into (big) Kennisis Lake to continue the cruise, but the sky ahead looked very dark and threatening, so we headed to the south shore to find a beach for our lunch stop. We observed the storm passing to the north. Or so we thought. During lunch, mighty claps of thunder boomed overhead and there was a brief but heavy downpour. Unfortunately, our cruise was cut short. There is a lot more of this big, beautiful lake to see and it will be worth revisiting on a later UUMMT.

Paul Jenner



Photo: Paul Jenner

Dippy Curiosities

There seem to be some curious things that happen on most dippy outings and this year's UUMMTs provided some humorous moments. Of course, when they're captured digitally, all the better. As Dippy owners, we never take ourselves too seriously and we can always see the funny side of situations – well, almost always.



Disprophysics – hoisting the mainsail will give a little extra speed while dipping your feet in the water will slow you down! Lake Rosseau UUMMT.



Don't even want to guess what's happening here! Six Mile Lake UUMMT.

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