

On the Water with Rick Daniels

You Don't Need a Boat ...

... to Catch a Boat Load of Fish! For whatever reason, if you don't fish from a boat, you're in luck as you don't need a boat to catch a boat load of fish!

There are numerous shore fishing locations in the Kawartha's and numerous more just a short drive away.

You can use most of the same presentations as you use in a boat, especially minnows and worms, with the same success.

The Trent Waterway is one of the best shore locations as usually there is a canal on one side of the locks for boats and rapids or a dam on the other side that flows into deep holding pools. These pools hold lots of bass, big perch and walleye who are feeding on the bait fish, who are in turn feeding on the rich nutrients being deposited in these pools.

On the other side of the coin, some of the canals hold some pretty big carp and catfish as well.

When fishing these waters some common sense comes into play here. In some locales, you can't fish from certain points and it is posted. Many anglers dawn chest or hip waders. That's great in a small stream or a shallow wide river but around here, one slip, and your waders can fill up with water. If you get caught in the current - you are a goner. And yes, it's happened before.

Government and municipal docks are a good bet where fishing is allowed but remember a boat isn't as manoeuvrable as a car. Make sure your rods and paraphernalia are out of the way *before* a boat arrives, not *while* they're trying to dock.

Look for access off the beaten track. For example, most road allowances that go to the water, (I'm not referring to boat launches), unless otherwise posted, are public property and you are allowed to fish.

Bridges and causeways are another alternative where parking and fishing is allowed. In most cases you're not allowed to

fish from on top of the bridge and if you caught a big fish, you would never land it anyway.

Public waterfront parks usually have fewer anglers but still provide good fishing. Private parks, private docks and businesses like marinas are simply that - private. You require permission to fish or you could face trespassing charges.

Remember, where everyone is fishing may not be the best place to fish. Try to ascertain the depth and structure you're casting into and don't be afraid to get away from the crowd.


A short drive south and you run into the waterways that feed Lake Ontario like The Ganaraska, Wilmot Creek and Oshawa Creek, just to name a few.

Some of these small waterways hold giant Steelhead and Trout during the fall spawning run. One could do a whole column or two on this type of fishing but many an angler has garnered success with light line, one or two split shot sinkers a small hook and a worm.

As you can see, shore fishing opportunities are almost endless.

Happy Fishing!

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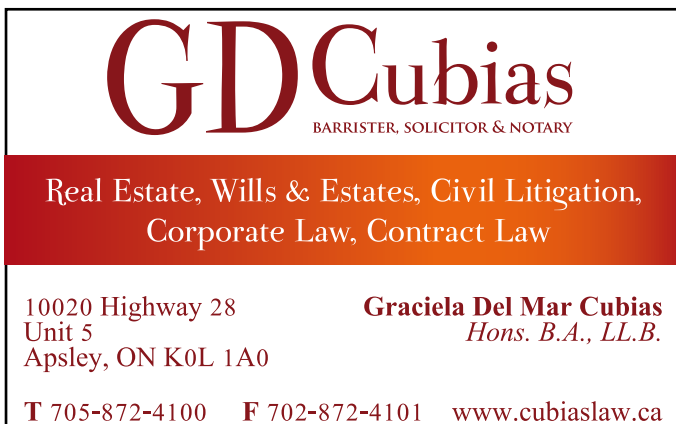
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