

On the Water with Rick Daniels

The Do's and Don's of Fishing

- DO have a fishing licence. Anyone over 18 or younger than 65 MUST have a licence (with them) to fish.
- DO practice catch and release whenever possible.
- DO be aware of the size and amount limits of the fish species in your area.
- DO dress in layers when on the water. You can't put on what you don't have.
- DON'T use game fish as bait – it's against the law.
- DO bring a spare rod in the boat. There is nothing worse than having your only rod break when you're in the middle of the lake.
- DO bring plenty of water, hat and sunglasses in the boat.
- DO be aware that the days are getting shorter and night's cooler now.
- DON'T fish from a boat under a bridge or tie off to a marker buoy. It's against the law to impede navigation.
- DO be a responsible angler and DON'T leave your garbage on shore or in the water.
- DO take children fishing but remember, especially in a small boat, they have a limited attention span.
- DO be aware of the mandatory safety gear you are required to carry in your boat. There are substantial penalties.
- DON'T be an irresponsible angler by fishing right on top of someone else's boat or space.
- DO have your camera ready if you're practicing catch and release so you're not fumbling around for it while the fish is suffocating on the bottom of the boat.
- DO freeze your plastic bottled water on hot days for a little longer lasting cooling.
- DO bring measuring tape fishing. Many fish species have length restrictions.
- DON'T use just any minnows for fishing, many are prohibited. It's best to buy from a licenced bait shop.
- DO remember; fish swim, where they were yesterday, may not be where they are today.
- DON'T stay in the same spot all day if the fish aren't biting; move around – the fish do.
- DO remember; fish have been eating other fish (minnows), worms and bugs for hundreds of thousands of years. So, they're a good start for bait.
- DO set your reel drag correctly. Incorrect drag setting, along with faulty line is a major cause of lost fish.
- DON'T handle you catch excessively; you can damage the fish's protective slime coating.
- DO remember as a general rule of thumb; in the spring and fall, fish are usually in the shallower water. In the middle of summer, they usually move to the deeper, cooler water.
- DON'T fish in brown, decaying weeds – they emit carbon dioxide. Look for green oxygen emitting weeds.
- DON'T be afraid to use all different kinds of lures but for best results; the line has to match the rod and reel and the rod and reel has to match the lure and, keep your terminal tackle to a minimum (except for Muskie).
- DON'T rely too heavily on your fish finder to find fish. Use it more as a guide to the different depths and structures in the lake.

Good Luck and Happy Fishing!

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Apsley Lions



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On July 1st, we had our fingers crossed for no rain and thunderstorms and the good news was we didn't get them but boy did Mother Nature prove she was once again the boss! It was **HOT, HOT, HOT!** Canada Day temperatures were in the 40's with the humidity! The Canada Day parade was once again a success and to those who braved the weather and participated in or watched the parade, you were amazing! It was so hot that people were happy when they were sprayed with water to cool down. The number of people in the park after the parade were way down unfortunately, but we had a good turnout for our fireworks display.

Last night, July 12th, we had our transfer night to move the items from the Lions Park over to the NKCC for our Annual Giant Indoor Flea Market that we will be holding on July 21st. **Huge thanks go out to the North Kawartha Fire Department for coming out and helping us move everything from the park, you guys were awesome!** The work will begin this coming week to get everything set up ready to sell. We would like to say thanks to everyone who donated to our largest fundraiser. We would also like to thank everyone who comes out and volunteers to help set up or work on the day of, without you, we would never be able to pull off an event of this size.

We will once again be frying up burgers, dogs and fries at the Jack Lake Regatta on August 5th and at the Jack Lake Film Festival on August 16, 17 and 18th.

Congratulations to Lions Merle Post and Lil McCauley for being named Lion of the Year; Peter Rohe and Wendy Clear for the "Lions Serving Lions" award and to Jim Empringham who was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

Have you ever thought you might like to become a Lion? *Just talk to a Lion ...* we would be happy to tell you about our Club.

Don't forget that you can come out and enjoy the fabulous and unpredictable game of **Bingo every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm at the NKCC!**