

KLCA BOATHOUSE SURVEY

KLCA conducted an email survey from Wed January 13 to Wed Jan 27 to assess current attitude of members to boathouses on the lake. This was done to update the survey conducted as part of the Lake Plan initiation in 2004. We sent out 492 emails, and received 220 replies (45% response), which gives a good indication of sentiments. Replies by township were: Algonquin Highlands 184 (84%), Dysart 29 (13%), and the other 7 (3%) didn't know their township.

The results of the survey are as follows:

Those in favour of Wet Slip Boathouses:

	Yes	No	Total
Dysart	1 = 3%	28 = 97%	29
Algonquin Highlands	32 = 17%	153 = 83%	185
Total	33 = 18%	181 = 85%	214
No reply			6
			220

Those in favour of Dry Land Boathouses:

	Yes	No	Total
Dysart	6 = 21%	23 = 79%	29
Algonquin Highlands	85 = 45%	102 = 55%	187
Total	91 = 42%	125 = 58%	216
No reply			4
			220

Those in favour of Boat Ports:

	Yes	No	Total
Dysart	3 = 10%	26 = 90%	29
Algonquin Highlands	58 = 32%	124 = 68%	182
Total	61 = 29%	150 = 71%	211
No reply			9
			220

The survey results and write-in comments carry the following messages:

- cottagers want to maintain natural shorelines...in every case the majority are opposed to Boathouses, be they wet slip, dry slip or boat ports.
- the strongest opposition is to wet slip boathouses, especially in Dysart – cottagers consider they have the most adverse effect on the natural beauty of the lake.
- dry land boathouses are more acceptable, but with the majority opposed to them also, Dysart should only permit them with great discretion.
- Algonquin Highlands should reconsider their standing approval of wet slip boathouses, and approve them only after consideration of dry land boathouses or boat ports.