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### Boat docks for Tween Lakes

Tween Lakes Resort has applied to the B.C. government for approval to build two docks with 66 boat slips, with another dock and 16 slips proposed for the future.

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### B.C. laws

around the sale of locally produced wine, beer, ciders and spirits have been loosened up just a little bit more. Guests may now be served liquor other than the ones specifically made at the winery or distillery they are visiting.

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**THEY CALL THEMSELVES** The Saddle Bag Ladies and on this Wednesday night they ply their calming grooming techniques on the latest herd of nine rescued horses. The volunteers rehabilitate the horses at Tranquille Farms in Lake Country.

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## Flyers

- **Hometown**  
Kelowna
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- **Summit Tools**

## Formula 1 boat racer joins Don't Move a Mussel campaign

**KATHY MICHAELS**

As part of their on-going effort to get those who use the Okanagan's lakes and rivers onboard with behaviours that will stave off the invasion of zebra and quagga mussels, the Okanagan Basin

Water Board has enlisted the help of a Formula 1 Tunnel Boat Racing Team driver.

Racer Mike McLellan, of Kelowna, has joined the Don't Move A Mussel initiative in an effort to extend the reach of the educational pro-

gram.

His boat is now plastered with the Don't Move a Mussel logo and he'll be speaking with everyone he can about the fingernail-sized, freshwater mollusks that have become infamous for clogging the pipes

of water treatment and power plants and disrupting ecosystems.

"It's something we all have to be aware of and be concerned about," McLellan said.

"This is a really big issue. There is so much at stake. Okanagan Lake is

so beautiful, and as far as we know it's mussel-free, but we have to stay on top of this."

A recent Okanagan based poll by the water basin board indicated that around 70 per cent of area residents are aware of the campaign.

The campaign's success beyond local borders, remains to be seen.

McLellan says that there is an increasing level of awareness at the Formula 1 boat racing

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## news

## ▼ POWER BOATS

# Tween Lakes Resort's bid for more docks raises water quality issue

RICHARD ROLKE

Plans to expand a marina on Kalamalka Lake is generating considerable debate.

Oyama's Tween Lakes Resort has applied to the provincial government to construct two docks with 66 slips. A future second phase would lead to a third dock with another 16 boat slips.

"We want to replace

our existing slip, which is in poor shape," said Ed Thiessen, Tween Lakes dock committee chairperson.

"We want to meet the needs."

The resort had 40 slips until one dock was removed.

While the provincial government considers the proposal, the District of Lake Country is suggesting it be denied be-

cause of proximity to a water intake.

"I have had some concerns from residents," said Lake Country councillor Owen Dickie. "In Oyama, we are feeling the effect of boats on Wood and Kal lakes."

"We should look at a load study to see how many boats should be on the lakes."

The Tween Lakes plan will be discussed

at Coldstream council's committee of the whole meeting Tuesday.

"We want to look at it a little more closely," said Coldstream Mayor Jim Garlick. "There is the issue of water quality in Kal Lake. The water flows to the north in the lake."

Louise Christie, with the Society for the Protection of Kalamalka Lake, points out that

Kalamalka Lake is a main water source for much of Greater Vernon.

"Another 82 boats on the lake, we don't need that," she said.

However, Thiessen insists Tween Lakes has done its due diligence and the marina will generate little impact on the surroundings.

"It looks like a viable project from an environmental standpoint," he

said.

A consultant working for Tween Lakes look at the project and the potential impact on fish habitat.

"Existing habitat information and data, including observations made by an experienced aquatic biologist, indicate that the shoreline and lake bottom within the dock replacement location, provides poor habi-

tat conditions for kokanee and does not support habitat for critical life stages such as spawning or rearing," states the Tetra Tech EBA report.

It's not known when the government may make a decision on the application but Tween Lakes hopes to proceed with the marina in early spring.

Richard Rolke is a Black Press reporter in Vernon.

## ▼ ANGER MISMANAGEMENT

## Lake Country man run over in road rage confrontation

SAWYER KLASSEN

Kelowna RCMP are searching for a suspect following a hit and run on July 24 in Lake Country.

Shortly after 6 p.m. that evening, a Toyota Highlander was traveling south on Glenmore Road and was allegedly being tailgated by a white cube van.

The two drivers exchanged hand gestures, and at the intersection of Glenmore Road and John Hindle Drive, the 43 year-old driver of the Highlander left his vehicle and approached the van.

The van accelerated, striking the man and running him over with the rear duals of the van.

The Lake Country

man was taken to hospital with some fractures.

RCMP are looking for information in locating the driver of the van, who is described as male, in his early 20s and with dark hair.

Anyone with information or who may have seen the incident is asked to contact Const. Ron Miculik at 250-980-5353 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 if they wish to remain anonymous.

Corp. Joe Duncan added it isn't recommended to confront someone you don't know, as you don't know who you're dealing with or how they'll react.

Sawyer Klassen is a Black Press reporter in Kelowna.



MIKE MCLELLAN uses a spare boat part to show where inspectors would look for invasive mussels.

KATHY MICHAELS/BLACK PRESS

## ▼ INVASIVE SPECIES

## OBWB wants more inspections within B.C. at borders with Alberta and the U.S.

MUSSELS FROM A1

events he attends about the mussels and the risks they pose, but more could be used.

He also pointed out that he sees more inspection vehicles at boating events.

Increased inspection is something that members of the water board advocate for, with their focus being particularly keyed in on government funding.

OBWB chair Doug Findlater said there are five routes into B.C.

from Alberta, and he'd like to see those fitted with mussel inspection units.

B.C. is among only a few provinces and U.S. states that are still considered mussel-free, including Alberta, Saskatchewan, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon

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Mike McLellan

and Wyoming.

Findlater said that it's believed that if the mussels move into Okanagan Lake, the cost of keeping the lake maintained—with the floating ridge clear and water amenities usable—would be in the area of \$43 million.

For more information go to [www.DontMoveAMussel.ca](http://www.DontMoveAMussel.ca).

## ▼ B.C. LIQUOR SALES

## Liquor laws loosen up just a little more

JEFF NAGEL

Wineries, breweries, cideries and distilleries with licensed lounges can now sell patrons liquor they didn't produce.

Until now, a distillery couldn't sell anything other than the spirits it produces—a glass of B.C. wine was off limits—and a winery couldn't oblige if one guest at a table wanted

a beer instead of the local grape.

Those lines are erased under the latest change stemming from B.C.'s liquor policy review.

But there will be a limit—a maximum of 20 per cent of sales by a given producer can consist of liquor produced off-site.

That's intended to keep the focus on unique local offerings.

"We are doing away with B.C.'s archaic liquor rules," Attorney General Suzanne Anton said, adding the change will give more choice to consumers while supporting B.C. tourism and small businesses.

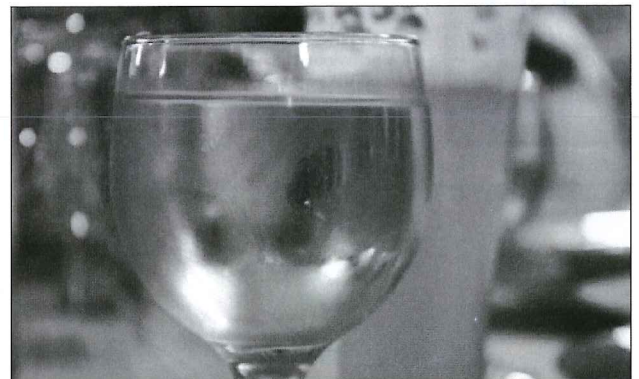
Craft Distillers Guild of B.C. president Tyler Dyck said the move opens the door for craft brewers, vintners and distillers to cross-pro-

mote each other.

The new rules also apply to special events, so a wedding or other event at a winery or other liquor producer will no longer have to get a special occasion licence to serve alcohol.

Anton indicated more reforms may be coming in areas where "further red tape can be cut."

Jeff Nagel is a Black Press reporter in Surrey.



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"WE ARE doing away with B.C.'s archaic liquor rules," said Attorney General Suzanne Anton announcing reforms to the province's retail liquor regulations.