

FISHING

2015 seemed to be the year of the Northern. On all 10 lakes the guests were catching 30-40" Northern on a regular basis. On Douglas Lake itself there seemed to be unlimited Walleye. The trout fishing was excellent on Hatchet, Caribou, Page and Peterson.



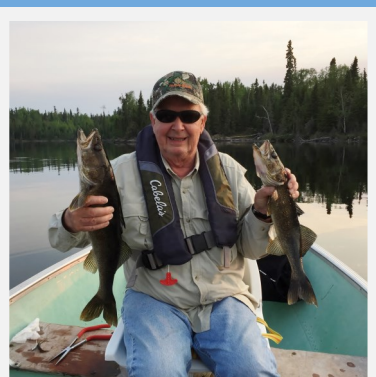
Dinah caught this Northern, Tom was kind enough to hold it up for her



Ryan caught his Northern on Hatchet Lake



Rusty caught his Northern in mid June



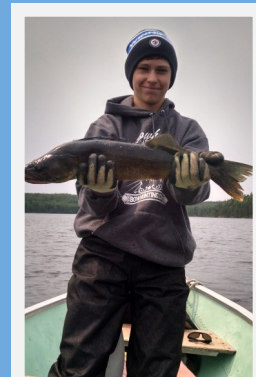
Larry's double hit



Frank and Tom catching dinner



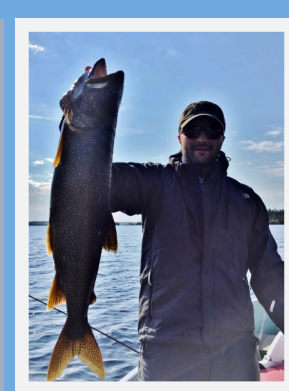
Mike having fun



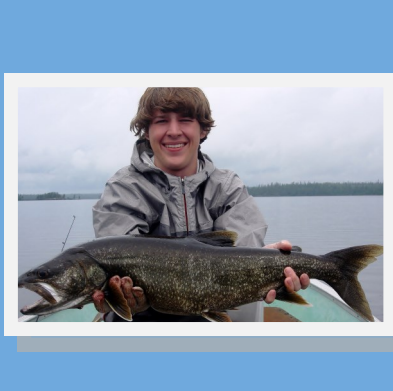
Nick and his walleye



Gary and his boys caught nice ones



Brett caught this trout on Caribou in May



Tom was happy to catch this trout

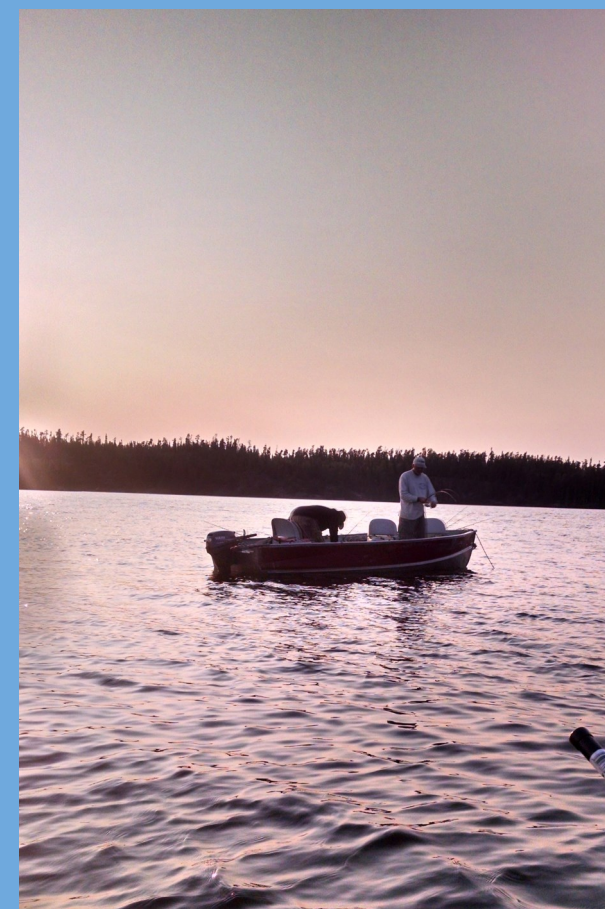


Herb caught quite a few trout this size



VIKING ISLAND

NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2015



Hello Everyone,

Our first summer was a success at Viking Island. We really enjoyed ourselves and were able to settle into the swing of things quickly.

We had heard how great the fishing was on Douglas, but the reality blew us away. Actually so many things were unexpected about Viking Island. The gorgeous sunsets we experienced almost every evening.... The wildlife everywhere..... The complete peace and quiet - even with all the cabins occupied.

This summer made us even more determined not to change anything about the Island, we will just continue with upgrades until everything is up to our satisfaction.

For 2016 we are re-evaluating the catch and release program—this means you can still enjoy our shore lunch stops and a fish fry in the evening, but we encourage you to grab a quick picture and then throw anything back that is over the allotted slot size. These larger fish are the breeding stock providing you with future generations of excellent fishing. We would like the fishing at Viking Island to stay as pristine as previous years, and this means bringing in sustainability. There will be no charge for your conservation licence.

Happy fishing

Vito & Dayle

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Not much snow left in March



Tandem sleighs with Koda keeping watch



Hauling in the docks took ingenuity, they balanced on 4 sleighs

WINTER AT VIKING ISLAND

Our first view of Viking Island was covered in about 2 feet of snow. It was quite overwhelming at first and it took us about a month to get our bearings and start on a plan of action. This plan included hauling in about 60000 lbs of lumber, kitchen cabinets, fridges, stoves, doors, woodstoves, fuel and propane. We became pretty proficient at this, Vito built a few custom sleighs for the snow machines and even started hauling them in tandem. Of course Koda came with us, and Vito found some time to go ice fishing with some friends.



Dayle shovelling the roofs off



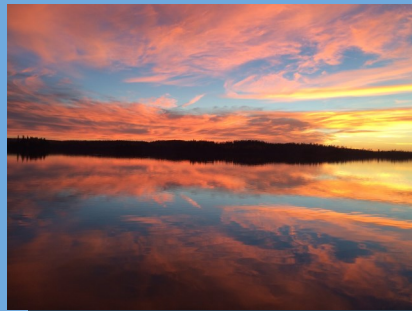
Enid and Hugh took a ride west May 2nd and found an ice free Douglas Lake; it opens up before Red Lake



Relaxing in front of the Hunters Cabin

SPRING AT VIKING ISLAND

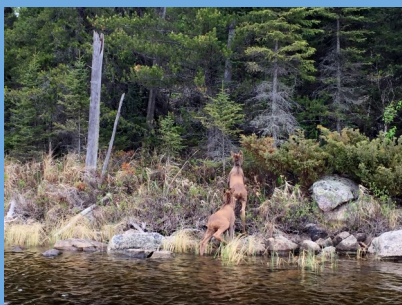
April 13th was Vito's last trip by snow machine to Douglas Lake and let's just say it wasn't a safe trip. The ice melted off Red Lake May 3rd and our first day back at VI was May 8th. Our only surprise was that the water tower fell down, but to be honest we weren't really surprised. Luckily it fell in such a way that it caused no damage.



Vito and Dayle spent all their weekends at VI

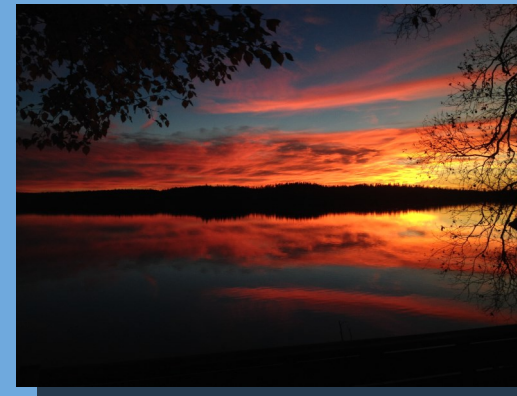


Our guests saw this cow moose taking her twins to the mainland for the first time. Moose usually give birth on an island and move to mainland after a couple weeks



UPGRADES

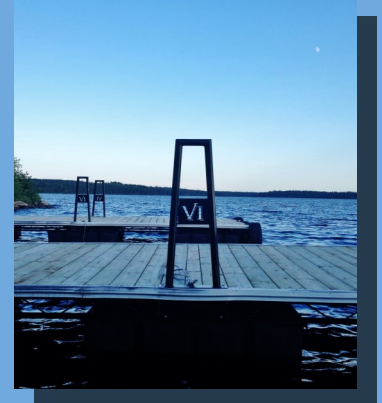
Vito and his crew did a lot of work this year. They ripped out the old docks and installed floating docks that Vito fabricates at his shop in town. They jacked and cribbed the cabins, tool shed and lodge. The carpenters put a full kitchen in the Eagles Nest. Vito has started replacing some of the rotten logs in the lodge. Dayle and the girls cleaned and organized everything, it was like going on a year long treasure hunt.



Sunset from the Miners Cabin



Ready for the finishing touches



Custom dock handles



Stage 1 of the docks finished!



Carving the new log



First log is in place!



The newly updated Eagle's Nest, complete with new cabinets, propane stove, fridge and bbq



Refurbished deck on the Fireside cabin