

## Wawa Needs A Yacht Club

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Wawa citizens are fortunate to be located near one of the largest fresh water bodies in the world. Today, Lake Superior is perhaps the only large body of fresh water in its virtual pristine wilderness state. Isolated streams provide unrivalled rainbow and speckled trout fishing. Massive cliffs, rearing from shimmering waters, beckon the adventurous. Isolated, bleak, and rocky terrains provide peaceful, rarely visited retreats.

Th challenge of the lake's beautiful scenery is a strong one. Yet violent storms and few harbours make unwary ventures hazardous, and the cost of a radio and radar equipped craft is prohibitive. Yet an organized yacht club can put Lake Superior well within the financial grasp of most citizens. To promote a yacht club, an organizational flow chart outlining the initiation and implementation stages, is suggested.

To initiate a yacht club, a select group of five to ten people must gather in a preliminary discussion meeting. At this meeting three decisions must be reached: 1. an initial constitution; 2. establishment of a limit for the craft's cost; 3. establishment of a research committee into types and costs of various boats. The second initiation stage is the report of the Funding Research Committee. Thereupon election of a Secretary-Treasurer, and settlement of a mutually agreeable funding arrangement is necessary. The third step is the establishment of a legal partnership, through a lawyer. At this time there must be settled a definitive constitution outlining periodical election of officials, and regulations for the craft's use, as well as a legalized funding agreement.

Now the implementation stage of the project is begun. Elected officials draw up an acceptable schedule for the boat's use. Then purchase of the craft is undertaken. The constitution is implemented and followed, clearly defining the craft's use, its maintenance, the schedule, and punishment for infractions.

Through this flow diagram, a twenty thousand dollar craft could be maintained and operated at a reasonable cost by a small number of individuals. A legalized partnership, democratic constitution and strict regulations would prevent hard feelings or abuses.

The challenge of Superior, beyond one man's grasp, could be accepted, and full use made of Algoma's majestic resources.