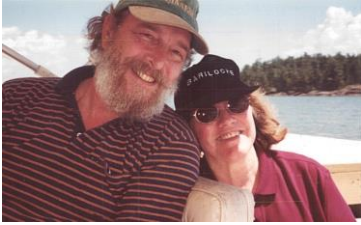


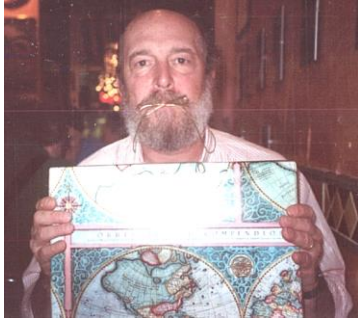
# Merry Christmas 2000...

## Greetings!

2000 was the year that we finally got to spend a good part of the warm(er) months at Matotee Lodge, our camp in Desbarats,



Ontario. We were graced with visits from many friends and relations. This was also the year that Ted (finally) turned 55,



two of our kids turned 30 (that was Katie's crew above) and Tazzie the cat turned 15. All in all, a pretty good year!



## Canada 2000: Rocks & Docks!

The water was so low in the North Channel of the St. Mary's River that Ted discovered rocks under the water that he had never seen before. The good news is that he didn't hit any of them. The bad news is that he again put a hole in the

side of our new (1999) boat by running into a



dock, just as he did last year. Guess we need either to get a stronger boat or to get Ted some

lessons in boat operation.

Actually, the water was so low that we had to abandon our floating docks and restore the fixed docks (until the ice comes to take them away) that the camp enjoyed before we took possession. Ted hired divers and a dredge to replace the supporting framework but built the decks with our friend and caretaker, Earl MacFarlane.



## Guests, guests, guests!

Our back-door neighbor Judy Polk came up with us in late June for the July 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations. Ted's son Tim's Mother-in-law, Lee,



came up with her friend Ann to join Tim and Carolyn for a week with us. Judy & Frank



Siebrecht came up for a few days of marathon bridge. In the fall, Marcia's Aunt Mildred and cousin Marian came up for a week

of *fall colour*. While up, Marian took the photo on our card. Ted's birthday present was the print of the ore boat you can see over the fireplace by our friend, area artist Doug Hook.

### **Travel!**

Desbarats aside, we went to Key West to thaw



out in March and were joined by Rae & Chris,



Katie & Matt and Beth & Jeff.



Judy & Frank Siebrecht also made the trip South.



Of course we had to take them to breakfast at Blue Heaven! Along the drive home we stopped to visit Mildred & Marian in Nashville. Just before Turkey Time we flew out to Connecticut to visit Beth & Jeff for a long weekend. They've been working like mad getting their home ready for the winter.

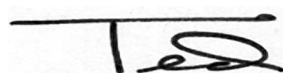
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*Y2K Plus One has almost begun! We wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas! May the New Year bring you happiness in every aspect of your life!*

*Love,*

Marcia 

***...And a Happy New Year to All!***