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Dear Pine Islanders,

On a recent October weekend, I had the opportunity to experience two different sides of Pine Island. On Saturday, I climbed up and over Mount Garfield, one of many hikes I have taken in my life – ranging from Bhutan to the woods behind our home – that were inspired by memories of Saddleback, Katahdin, the White Mountains and other trips taken as a camper years ago. In an era when we are increasingly tethered by electronic leashes, these moments away from it all make a lasting difference.

On Sunday, I joined an annual maintenance walkthrough of Pine Island to help plan the work that must be done during the off-season by staff, volunteers, and contractors to keep the boats, buildings, and tents on Pine Island in good physical shape. This combination of the spectacular and the mundane has kept Pine Island vital for more than a century. If we are careful (and lucky), it will do so for years to come.

A new addition to the maintenance walkthrough this year was Rhoads Miller, who re-joined the PIC staff this summer as Director of Operations. An experienced builder and long-time member of the Pine Island community, Rhoads represents our first step in a gradual transition of responsibility for the camp from Ben and Emily to a new generation of leadership.

I hope you will join me in thanking Ben, Emily, Rhoads, and the community of PIC staff and volunteers for their continued stewardship. I also hope you will be generous to Pine Island this season if you can be. Following the Swans' example, we are hard at work behind the scenes to keep Pine Island in step with the demands of the outside world at the same time as we strive to preserve camp's essence. We would be very grateful for your help.

Happy Holidays and Akka Lakka!

John Goodhue, President
Board Chair