



Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association

Kennisis Breeze

Plans for Summer 2023

Activities

Tree Planting Program

Please contact

Abbey Gardens

KLCOA Spring Meeting

May 24th

Virtual Meeting

7:00pm

Register at www.klcoa.org

Bugs in our Muck Webinar

May 31 st

7:00 pm- 8:00pm

Ladies Of The Lake Lunch

July 1st

Rain date: July 2nd

KLCOA Fireworks/CANADA DAY

Friday July 1st

Rain date: July 2nd

Shoreline Restoration Workshop

July 7th

Redstone Lake

Rock Bass Fishing Derby

July 8th

Art on the Dock

July 15th & 16th

Septic System Workshop

July 15th

10am -12:pm

Regatta

Aug. 5th

Sailing Regatta

Aug. 6th

Sailing Series

Date to be announced

KLCOA General Meeting

To Be Determined



156
Years
Old

Kennisis Lake Marina is preparing for a busy, exciting summer. With the addition of a new event tent, your Kennisis Lake Marina is fulfilling their vision to be a "go to" destination! Read the full story on page 5, which details the various events planned for the 2023 season.

What a great way to celebrate
Canada Day with the KLCOA Fireworks and the new Marina event tent!



A Message From Our President, Deb Wratschko

Spring is finally here and I am sure we are all getting excited for another summer of fun in the sun at the lake.

Your KLCOA Board, and a number of dedicated volunteers have been hard at work this past winter preparing for the start-up of some regular programs and initiatives as well as for the introduction of some new ones. We have been continuing our work on our bylaws, governance, practices and policies to bring them in line with the finally updated ONCA (Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act) regulations. Some of these will be presented at the Spring Meeting and the majority of them will be introduced at the Fall Annual Meeting.

Ladies of the Lake Luncheon, Fireworks, Art on the Dock, Rock Bass Fishing Derby, and Regatta are all on the calendar for this year. We will also be holding a new 'What's up Kennisis' webinar at the end of May titled "Bugs in Our Muck! - Benthic Biomonitoring on the Kennisis Lakes".

In 2021 the 'Kennisis All of Us' survey identified a number of programming activities that responders would like to see happening in the Community. The Kennisis Lake Marina has taken that info and created a summer of fun activities with the installation of its new Event Tent. Read the article in this newsletter that describes the exciting programs and events planned at the Marina this summer.

Attend the Spring Meeting and watch eblasts as well as our website for regular updates on all programs, initiatives and events.

The KLCOA programs, events and initiatives require many volunteers beyond the board of directors. Our new volunteer database is growing and we thank those of you who have added your names so that we have a list of volunteers at the ready when we need them. Whether you can volunteer to help with a specific event, join a committee or offer your professional expertise when requested we would appreciate hearing from you. You can sign up to the database from any eblast.

Adequate internet access will not be available in time for our Spring Meeting to allow us to do a combination in person and virtual event. To be able to include the maximum number of our members we have chosen to make this a virtual event. You can find the full agenda on our website at klcoa.org. Please remember that you must sign up online by May 22 in order to receive the link to join the meeting on May 24.

2023 is an election year for the KLCOA board of directors. If you are interested in finding out more about joining the board, please reach out to myself, our nomination director Joan Middleton or any board member.

My email box is always open! If you have comments, concerns or positive feedback to share with myself and the board please reach out to klcoa.president.2017@gmail.com

I look forward to seeing everyone on the lake summer!

Sincerely,

Deb Wratschko

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This year's summer program features approximately 224 courses, including more than 55 new classes to explore: Contemporary Rug Hooking, Jewellery – Casting Organics, Art as Activism, Sculptures with Light, Folk & Appalachian Old Time Music, Photography – Darkroom Basics B & W Analog, Making Comic Art & Selling Your Work, Forging – Damascus Steel Construction, Woodworking – Tool Making, Stained Glass Workshop, Basketry – Obelisk Lantern Workshop, Denim – Decorative Mending Workshop, plus many more to choose from.

Naomi Smith, HSAD faculty member
Trillium Bag



For more information,
and to register:

hsad.ca or
705.457.1680
866.353.6464 ext. 4

Exciting Programs and Events Planned at Kennisis Lake Marina This Summer!

With the installation of its new Event Tent, the Kennisis Lake Marina will be the go-to destination for music, events, and programs. Marina owners, Gary Bouwmeister, Jim Dale and Chad Burdon are installing a 40-foot by 60-foot tent, which should be ready this May. The tent is located right next to the Pickle Ball Courts and can accommodate up to 200 people. The tent is available to rent for community events and private functions.



The first musical event, "Sheer Heart Attack"- celebrating the music of Queen, was sold out in less than a day, with additional tickets being added for outdoor seating.

Sue Bin, a long-time Kennisis Lake cottager and teacher will be running **Camp Kennisis**, a day camp for kids 5-11 yrs. old. The 3-day-a-week camp will be run for 6 sessions, beginning the week of July 11th. The programs will include crafts, activities, and pickleball. For information and registration, please contact Sue at suecampk@gmail.com



Art classes and workshops will take place every Friday during July and August. Joyce Sumara, artist and Kennisis Lake cottager, along with local artist Harvey Walker will host a variety of programs for all levels. For details go to <http://artinthetent.corsizio.com/>



Local **Yoga** instructor Lorrie McCauley will be offering **yoga classes** Sundays to Thursdays. Sessions are available at both the advanced level (with modifications offered) as well as beginner/relaxing yoga. Classes will be offered in 8 class packages or pay as you go. Lorrie will also be offering **Yoga for Kids** and **Self Defense/Karate for Kids**. For information and registration, please contact Lorrie directly at athleticmeditation@gmail.com.



How do I find out more?

The following page lists the programs and events planned and confirmed as of time of writing. For the most up to date information, visit the Marina Website at www.kennisislakemarina.com and click on "Events".

Events and Programs will be announced on social media. You can follow the Marina on Instagram or check out Facebook posts on "Kennisis Lake is Better than Your Lake" or [Pickleball@The Lake](https://www.facebook.com/Pickleball@TheLake).

Live music @ Smoke on the Water- Every Friday and Saturday

Camp Kennisis: Tuesday-Thursday, Weeks of July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 15

Art- Open Studio and Classes-Fridays

Yoga - Sundays to Thursdays

June 24 - 9 am-noon: Pickleball Open House*

July 1 - KLCOA Fireworks*

July 8 - Kennisis Courts Under 30 Pickleball Tournament**

Sheer Heart Attack (Queen Tribute Band) -**Sold Out**

July 11- Euchre Tournament*

July 22- Poker Run*

July 29- Halloween in July*

August 5- KLCOA Regatta*

Comedy Night*

August 6- Storyteller- Bob Graham*

August 12- Corn Hole Tournament

August 15- Euchre Tournament*

August 19- Kennisis Courts Annual Pickleball Tournament**

August 23- Kennisis/Stanhope Pickleball Tournament**

August 26- Rock on the Dock @ the Bouwmeisters

September 2 -Comedy Night*

* **Details coming soon.**

****Members only-** Spectators and Cheerleaders welcomed! For Pickleball membership inquiries, please contact Lisa Dale at cottagecourts@gmail.com

How can I rent the tent?

For information on renting the Kennisis Event Tent, or if you are interested in running a program, please contact Sheelagh Lawrance and Liz Austin at kennisiseventtent@gmail.com



KLCOA Board of Director Elections 2023

At the Annual General Meeting of the KLCOA in September 2023, elections will be held for the new Board of Directors. All current directors wishing to run again must stand for re-election along with any new candidates.

The Board is a working board. Each Director is expected to take on at least one portfolio and/or major project. There are a **minimum** of six board meetings per year, in a combination of face-to-face meetings and conference calls. You must be a KLCOA member in good standing to be elected to the Board.

We are currently accepting nominations. We are especially looking for, but not limited to, new directors with skills in website administration, roads monitoring and maintenance as well as expertise or keen interest in government relations, building community and engaging our next generation.



If you are interested, please contact the Nomination Committee with any questions you may have. You will be required to submit the [nomination/consent to run form](#) as well as a 4 or 5 sentence paragraph about who you are, your skills set, why you want to run, and a cottage-themed photo of yourself, which will be published to the membership after July 31st, 2023.

Nomination Committee Chair: Joan Middleton, KLCOA VP jmiddletonlake@gmail.com

Deb Wratschko, KLCOA President klcoa.president.2017@gmail.com

Jacquie Geall, KLCOA Secretary jacandclay@icloud.com

Please submit nominations before July 31 in order to post them on the KLCOA website.

Watch for slate listing after July 31st in an eblast and on our website.



Kennisis Lake Snowmobile Club - 2022 Winter Update

Over the past 10 years since it was resurrected, the Kennisis Snowmobile Club has gathered much interest around the Kennisis Lake area. The purpose of our casual "club" is to support efforts of our 2 local OFSC clubs... ie; Tall Pines Snowmobile Club and Haliburton County Snowmobile Association/HCSA.

We offer support in measuring ice thickness prior to staking. Once safe, we have dedicated volunteers who install, remove and store the lake marking stakes.

We also lend support to improve access and safety on the marked lake trail which helps considerably with safe travel for all snowmobilers locally and those who travel through our area.

Snowmobiling is the largest single contributor to winter tourism in Haliburton County. Another major task which we tackle is the trail maintenance work on Tall Pines Trail 62 which leaves the Kennisis Dam heading north and many of the local portage trails from lake to lake. We have done much work over the past 10 years to widen, improve sight lines and overgrowth through considerable brushing and trimming.

We have also tackled the restructuring of the Buckhorn Creek Shelter. This was done through excellent volunteer help and fantastic fundraising efforts.

We attempt to host a yearly BBQ on the ice in mid March where a potluck lunch is enjoyed by all and fundraising through prize draws occurs and where we meet new people.

To date, in 10 years we have raised over \$15,000 to support all our initiatives to improve snowmobiling in the Kennisis Lake area. I encourage all snowmobilers to become involved and to stay informed of all activities.

I send out emails keeping everyone informed and current. If you wish to become part of my email list please simply contact me..... Graham Beach: graham_beach@hotmail.com

M: 905 806 5591



Better Fishing at the Home Show!

Brand New this year!

The C.H.A. has spent part of the winter developing a tip sheet with practical tips on improving fishing in your lake.

The tip sheet will be available to all at the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show - June 2-4th.

<https://www.haliburtonhomeandcottageshow.com/>

The show brings together over 130 vendors at the A.J. LaRue Arena & Haliburton Curling Club.

Pick up your Better Fishing Tip Sheets at the C.H.A. booth - Booth #201

We will also have tip sheets on handling guests & renters, keeping your septic system healthy, invasive species and much more. All free!

Let's get fishing!



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Are You Thinking About Shoreline Restoration?

The Haliburton County Master Growers suggest many options for you but here are 2 ideas that may work for you. For more ideas, visit

<https://www.haliburtonmastergardener.ca/>

for a detailed booklet on plants, shrubs and trees that are suitable for zone 4.

Common Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)



Habitat and Growing Conditions: Ninebark's ability to grow in harsh conditions makes it especially suitable for erosion control on banks. Drought tolerant. Effective also as hedge, screen or for erosion control on banks. Adaptable to a very wide range of soil and site conditions, from moist to dry, acid to alkaline, and gravelly to heavy clay; and can grow in partial shade to full sun. Deciduous shrub grows from 3 – 10 ft. high and 4 – 6 ft. wide. Attractive shrub with cascading branches. Leaves usually 3 lobed, toothed margins and are more than 3" long. Leaves are a lush green in summer. Fall color is yellowish to bronze. White to pinkish flowers in late spring-early summer. In autumn clustered dried capsules turn from reddish to brown and cling to plant throughout winter. Bark sheds or peels revealing different colours, hence the term "ninebark".

Environmental and Health Benefits: The flowers of the Ninebark are a valuable nectar and pollen source to many species of bees, wasps, flies, and butterflies. It is also the host plant to the colourful ninebark beetle and plays host to a variety of other larvae. Birds like to nest among its dense branches.

Tamarack (*Larix laricina*)



This hardy tree can be found throughout the region. Another name for the tree is Larch. In the autumn the needles turn a lovely golden yellow and drop. It is the only coniferous tree to do so. In the spring it gets new pale blueish green needles.

Habitat and Growing Conditions: Good for shorelands and upland areas as it can grow in a variety of soils and moisture conditions. In nature it is often pushed to wet marginal areas by more aggressive tree species, but it prefers drier soil. It does not tolerate shade and needs full sun. Height at maturity can be 20 metres. The trees have a high resin content that prevents rot and decay. If the tree is in standing water for too long the tree will die. Small yellow-brown cones have seeds which are eaten by chipmunks, grouse, snowshoe hare, birds, and other small animals.

Environmental and Health Benefits: Larix provides shelter and food for birds and small animals. The gummy sap that seeps from the tree has a very good flavour when chewed. The inner bark has many medicinal qualities. A compound in Larix shows promise for its role in the improvement of immune system and defense against pathogens in humans.

Loons and Lead

The sound of the loon is one of the most peaceful sounds on a lake, early in the morning or late at night. Many of us have watched loons dive for food or dive for pebbles which aid in their digestion. The worry for our loons is the ingestion of lead...from fishing sinkers or lures. A single lead sinker can kill a loon. We are asking our fishing folks to check their tackle boxes and remove any lead based tackle.

Ask for lead free fishing tackle when you are replacing or replenishing your fishing tackle.

According to the Government of website, "the ingestion of small lead fishing sinkers and jigs is a major cause of death in breeding Common Loons in Canada."

Canada.ca welcomes and encourages organizations to promote the concept of switching to lead free tackle.

Read about the Ontario Out Of Doors buy back program at www.oodmag.com/

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May 12, 2023

To Our Valued Community,

As you may have heard by now, the difficult decision was made by HHHS to bring all of our emergency and in-patient (acute) service together at the Haliburton site.

This means that **as of June 1, 2023, emergency services will no longer be available at the Minden site. Minden & the surrounding community will be able to access emergency services at the Haliburton site.** Anyone experiencing a medical emergency should continue to call 911.

Additional information is
available at

www.hhhs.ca/news.

Questions can be directed to
the office of the CEO at

mhenry@hhhs.ca or
705 457 2527

Eurasian Water-Milfoil

(*Myriophyllum spicatum*)

Eurasian water-milfoil is an invasive aquatic plant native to Europe, Asia and northern Africa. Introduced to North America in the 19th century, it is now one of the most widely distributed invasive aquatic plants on the continent. It may have been introduced through the aquarium trade or the ballast water of ships.



Feather-like green leaves circle the stem.
Photo: Dave Britton

Eurasian water-milfoil prefers shallow water one to three metres deep, but can root in up to 10 metres of water. A fast-growing perennial, it forms dense underwater mats that shade other aquatic plants. When large stands begin to die off in the fall, the decaying plants can reduce oxygen levels in the water.

The plant can interbreed with native milfoils, creating a more aggressive form of the invasive species. Because tiny plant pieces can develop into new plants, Eurasian water-milfoil is easily spread when water currents, boat propellers, trailers or fishing gear carry plant fragments to new areas.

Range

Eurasian water-milfoil was first discovered in Canada in Lake Erie in 1961. Since then it has spread to all the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence River, many inland lakes throughout southern and central Ontario, and much of the United States. Outside its native range, the plant has spread across every continent except Antarctica.

Impacts of Eurasian Water-Milfoil

- The plant reduces biodiversity by competing aggressively with native plants.
- Reduced oxygen levels in the water caused by decomposing plants can kill fish.
- Thick mats of Eurasian water-milfoil can hinder recreational activities such as swimming, boating and fishing.
- Dense stands can create stagnant water, which is ideal habitat for mosquitoes.



Leaves have 12 or more thread-like segments. Photo: OFAH

ontario.ca/invasivespecies

EURASIAN WATER-MILFOIL | 2



Eurasian water-milfoil line drawing.
Illustration courtesy of: IFAS Centre for Aquatic Plants,
University of Florida, Gainesville, 1990.

How to Identify Eurasian Water-Milfoil

- The plant is a perennial that grows under the water surface.
- Feather-like green leaves circle the stem in groups of four or five.
- Leaves have 12 or more thread-like segments.
- Tiny, reddish flowers grow on spikes five to 20 centimetres long that rise above the water.
- The plant blooms in late July and early August.

Eurasian water-milfoil looks similar to two other aquatic plants. The native northern water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum sibiricum*) has leaves with 11 or fewer leaf segments. The invasive parrotfeather (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*) has not been found in the wild in Ontario, but it is common in the aquarium trade. It has leaves that rise above the surface of the water, while only the terminal flower spike of Eurasian water-milfoil emerges from the water.

Right: Tiny reddish flowers emerge above the water surface in late July and early August.

Photo: John Hardy, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point
Department of Biology



Eurasian water-milfoil forms dense stands that affect recreational activities and create stagnant water. Photo: Chris Evans, River to River CWMA

What You Can Do

- Learn how to identify Eurasian water-milfoil and how to prevent accidentally spreading this plant with your watercraft or fishing equipment.
- Avoid infested areas or reduce your speed when travelling near Eurasian water-milfoil infestations. Your propeller can break off fragments and spread the pieces to new areas. New plants can grow from small pieces of the plant.
- Inspect your boat, trailer and equipment after each use. Remove all plants, animals and mud before moving to a new waterbody.
- Avoid planting Eurasian water-milfoil in your aquarium or water garden. Aquarium hobbyists and water gardeners should only use native or non-invasive plants and are encouraged to ask retailers for plants that are not invasive.
- Never release unwanted aquarium plants or pets. Return or donate unwanted plants to a garden centre or pet store, or put them in the garbage. Do not put them in the compost or discard them in natural areas. Discarded plants may produce seeds that can sprout.
- If you've seen Eurasian water-milfoil or other invasive species in the wild, please contact the toll-free Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711, or visit www.invadingspecies.com to report a sighting.



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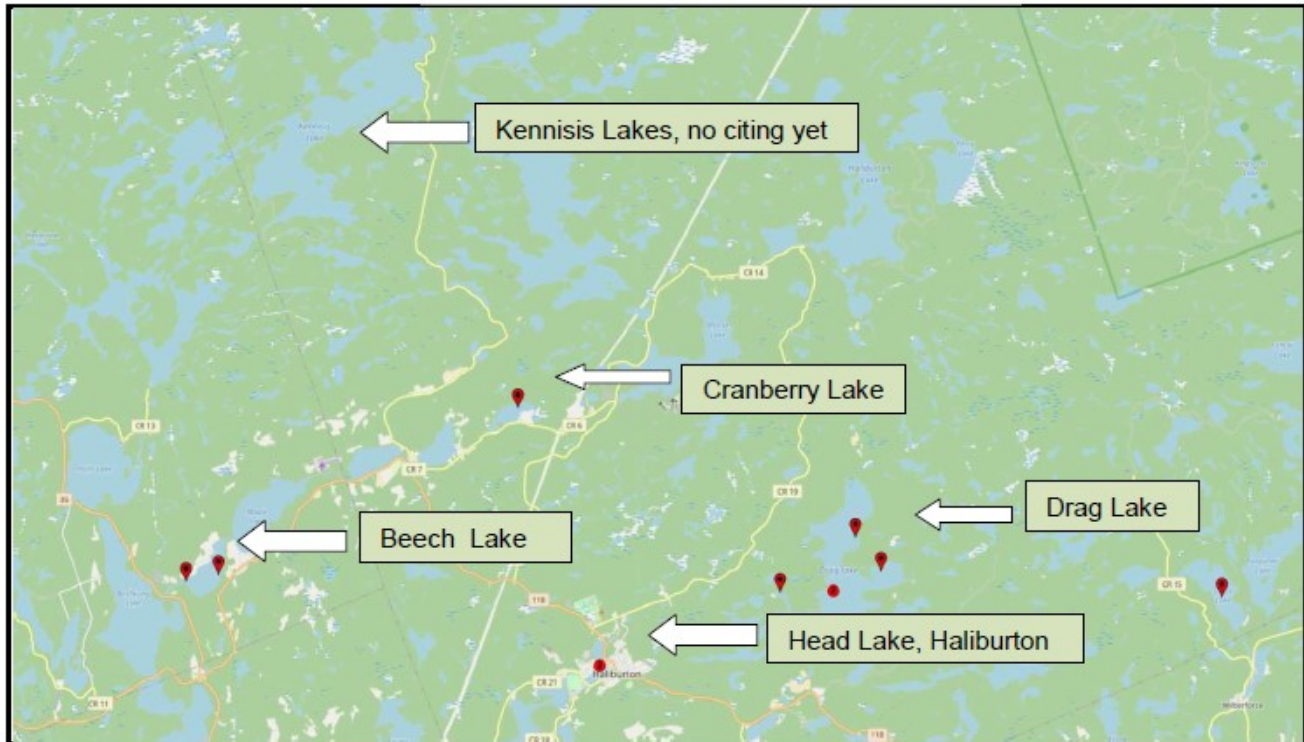
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For More Information:

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Eurasian Watermilfoil Has Reached Some Haliburton Lakes



For more details, visit:

EDDMapS. 2023. Early Detection & Distribution Mapping System.
The University of Georgia - Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health.

Available online at <http://www.eddmaps.org/>; last accessed April 28, 2023.

A New Video about the Community of Drag and Spruce Lakes

Since 2020 the property owners on Spruce and Drag Lakes have joined forces in an effort to learn about Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) and determine the best way to manage its presence in our lakes. With a grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, the Drag and Spruce Lakes Property Owners' Association (DSLPOA) engaged Brad Brown to produce a short video documenting our progress up to summer 2022.

To view the video click on this link: <https://vimeo.com/810673970>

If, after watching the video, you have questions about the DSLPOA EWM Program, send an email to DSLPOAEWM@gmail.com. Volunteer assignments are available from June through until the end of September. Donations to the EWM Fund can be made at any time - directions can be found at the top left of our website, www.dragandsprucelakes.ca

Jim Miners, Chair of the EWM Working Group



FOCA Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention & Monitoring Program

Tips for Boaters

Some aquatic species can survive more than two weeks out of water

Before you go

Visually inspect your boat, motor, trailer and all fishing gear. Look for aquatic debris that might be dried and still clinging to your equipment since the last outing. Washing and/or drying your equipment will kill harmful invasive species.

Watch out

While on the water, steer your boat or watercraft clear of areas known to have invasive species. Propellers can cut up plants; and oars or paddles can break stems, further spreading invasive species.



When you leave

At the boat launch, inspect your boating equipment: boat, motor, trailer, rollers, axles, anchors, centerboards and fishing gear and remove any zebra mussels and/or other animals and plant debris (stems/leaves) that are visible. Dispose of debris in the garbage, or compost on land - never near any water body. Prior to leaving the boat launch, drain water from the motor, live well, bilge, and transom wells, and leave your drain plug out while travelling.

Follow these Quick Tips:

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Clean, Drain	Clean, Drain, Dry	Clean, Drain, Disinfect
<p>CLEAN off all visible mud, vegetation and other debris</p> <p>Pull and store the DRAIN plug, lower your out-board to drain standing water and drain live wells before leaving the</p>	<p>In addition to cleaning and draining:</p> <p>DRY your boat and equipment in hot or sunny weather for 2-7 days before transporting them to another body of water</p>	<p>Use a pressure washer to spray off your boat and trailer (250psi) OR rinse off your boat and trailer with hot water (greater than 50°C)</p> <p>To prevent the spread of VHS, rinse live wells with 10% household bleach/ water solution (i.e. 100ml of bleach to 1L water). Rinse well with water to remove any residual chlorine.</p>

Found a suspected invasive species? Report it: 1-800-563-7711 or <http://www.eddmaps.org/ontario/>

Your KLCOA has acquired Soap Pond since the legal transfer from Dysart et al was completed. A workshop discussion was held in September 2022 to determine land use principles for the public given that the land must remain in its natural state, the access to the Lipsy Lake portage must be retained and for liability reasons, the rope swing must be removed and **no** ATV's or Dirt bikes are allowed. The following principles were established, agreed upon, and signage has been created to inform visitors to Soap Pond. Please respect these principles and enjoy your time at Soap Pond.



Soap Pond

Welcome !

*Please Enjoy the Use of Soap Pond
and the Soap Pond Lands*

While visiting, hiking or having a picnic, please remember the following simple guidelines for the use of this area which will help to ensure your personal safety, the preservation of Soap Pond and surrounding lands as well the continued enjoyment of others:

- Day Use Only - No Overnight Camping.
- No Campfires or Fireworks are Permitted.
- Do Not Litter or Leave Anything on the Property.
- Motorized Vehicles are Prohibited on the Soap Pond Lands.
Winter Access to Westshore Road by Snowmobile is Permitted.
- There are No Toilet Facilities – Please Do What You Need to Do Before or After You Access the Property.
- No Excessive Noise.
- Please Respect the Soap Pond Neighbours.
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A permanent resident of Kennisis Lake for 20 years, and seasonal resident for 50, owner/manager Lea Harper specializes in Kennisis and Redstone Lake cottages.

And it's hassle-free income! Kennisis Cottage Rentals handle everything from the ground up the cost of marketing, the careful screening of applicants, bookings, contracts and the processing of rental payments.

Kennisis Cottage Rentals Inc. is a trusted member of the Travel Industry Council of Ontario (Tico)

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The Kennisis Lake History Book Project

By Natalie Wood

The History of The Dam



Have you ever journeyed over the dam and down the Kennisis River? Has it ever occurred to you that the Kennisis River system is an old water route that can take you a very long way? Today, there still exists some remnants of the past as you travel down the river system. The Hawk Lake Log Chute is one of few remaining chutes that can be easily accessed to witness the power of the water flow and the marvel of human manipulation of nature.



Hawk Lake Log Chute

The land, lake and river routes of Ontario were once used for thousands of years by the First Nations People. The Lake Simcoe route to the Muskokas and Algonquin Park via the Burnt and Gull River systems was used extensively by the First Nations to access their traditional spring, summer and fall hunting, fishing and trapping lands. Before the construction of dams and the manipulation of the waterways, The First Nations people would have paddled and portaged to their ancestral hunting and trapping area. It is almost certain that the creation of the dams and the timber river drives changed the way they accessed their lands dramatically.

Prior to the first dam built at Kennisis, our lake would have had water levels more consistent with what we see with our current late fall level. Large old tree stumps can still be seen near some shorelines and islands around the lake. One can assume that long ago tall pines stood on land before humans controlled flooding of the lake. According to the coalition of Equitable Water Flow, normal water levels were 6 to 14 feet lower than they are today. Today's big lakes were smaller, small lakes were ponds, and rivers might have been no more than creeks prior to flooding and the re-facing of the aquatic landscape created after dam construction.

(https://cewf.typepad.com/CEWF_Info_sheet_2022_update.pdf)

In the 1800's, the waterways were the only source of transportation for the lumbermen to get their timber down to the mills at Bobcaygeon and Trenton. Kennisis Lake is the one of the most northern reservoir lakes within the Trent Severn watershed. In 1870, the lumbermen were forced to move further north to the Haliburton area in order to find more large pine to harvest. The main mode to transport these vast amounts of large timbers was via the waterways of the Gull and Burnt River systems. This area watershed drained a vast area of large lakes, rivers and marshes. According to James T Angus, in his book *A Respectable Ditch*, it could take up to two years for logs from the Haliburton area to reach the mills in Trenton. The building of dams and slides greatly improved the speed at which the logs could move downstream.

The Kennisis Lake dam, like all the other 44 dams in the County, was originally constructed by the loggers. These original dams were erected with no authority, nor were any environmental concerns taken under consideration when they were built. The only purpose of the dams was to move the logs as fast as

In 1870, Mossom Boyd purchased 1115 acres of land to harvest the timber. This is the area we now know as the Haliburton Forest. One of the first things Mr. Boyd had to organize was the construction of dams. The rivers and creeks had to be cleared of any debris that would hold up the timber logs. Any bottleneck in the rivers would need to be made navigable. In order to finance this task, Boyd came up with plan and negotiated a deal with the newly formed Canadian Land and Emmigration Company. It was far easier for new settlers to the area to secure an acreage that had been cleared of the extremely large trees. Boyd arranged that he would provide the manpower to harvest the pine along the Gull and Burnt River systems in return for a long -term lease on the timber clearing rights. (Timber Empire,84)

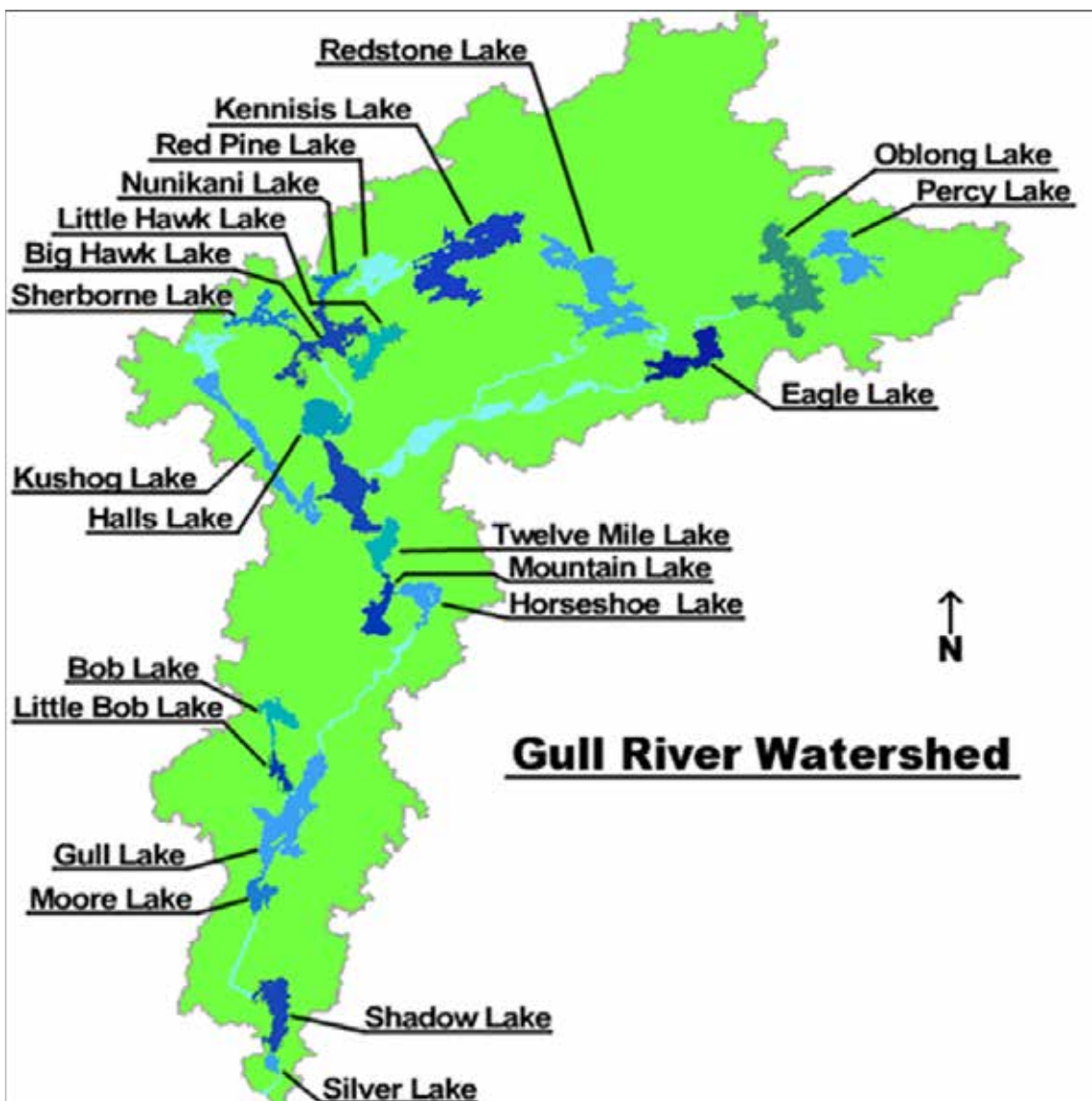
June of 1870, Mossom Boyd wrote in his notes that a “*4 foot dam at the foot of Kenisis Lake*” needed to be built. By 1873 a timber crib dam was built and ever since, there has always been a dam on Kennisis Lake. (Lumber Empire,99)

The need to create reservoir lakes for the timber became evident to Mossom Boyd in the spring of 1870, when a winter of little snowfall and an early thaw meant he could not get his timber booms downstream. (Timber Empire, 99). By 1873 the construction of a timber dam had been completed on Kennisis Lake hopefully ensuring the timber drives would continue successfully.

July 1, 1878, surveyor Alexander Niven sent a telegram to Mossom Boyd that stated “*stop logs are taken out of Oblong Lake and about to be taken out at Keneeses Dam*”

On August 22, 1879, Norman Barnhart (Boyd's Haliburton foreman) wrote to Boyd that even though the stop logs had been taken out of Kennisis Lake Dam, the water had not yet reached Fenelon Falls and therefore there was a hold-up of the logs. Boyd's timber was stranded because some dams were managed by lumbermen and some were starting to be managed by the Ontario government. There would have originally been “damkeepers” whose job was to keep an eye on the water levels and dam maintenance. They would have travelled by canoe to oversee the dams.

Since many different lumber companies were sending logs down the various river systems, and sometimes a company held up the logs of others on purpose, authority over the dams became the Federal Governments responsibility in 1905. The Dam structure is now owned and operated by the Parks Canada. The lake and riverbed are under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Natural Resources (Ontario). The current dam controls the water flowing out of the Kennisis Lake and into Red Pine Lake, then Nunikani Lake, to Big Hawk, Halls and into Boshkung Lake. The dam is used to maintain water in Kennisis Lake and ultimately serves to stabilize one of many water sources for the Trent Severn waterway.



The years of the great timber drives came to an abrupt halt with the last of the great white pine taken out of the Kennisis Lake area in 1886. Smaller logging companies took over from Boyd's large operation and logs could still be seen floating down the lake in the early cottaging history days.

The dam has been reconstructed many times over its history. A newspaper article from 1943, states that there was severe flooding in Minden. Since the Kennisis Lake dam was located in a "out of the way area" and was difficult to reach, due to lack of roads, concerns of it breaching or breaking were considerable.

In 1958, a very dry summer resulted in most of Haliburton's reservoir lakes to being drawn down to levels lower than anything previously experienced. Residents of many lakes were so outraged that a number of them gathered at the Red Umbrella Inn on Twelve Mile Lake and demanded that some kind of remedial action be taken to prevent similar occurrences in the future. As a result, The Haliburton Highlands Property Owners Council was formed in 1961 by delegates of 10 cottagers' associations from lakes in Haliburton County. These lakes all had a shared common concern of the annual drop in water levels - the annual drop in water level caused by its use for storage purposes by the Trent Canal Authority.

Early cottaging history reveals stories of "running the dam", hiding under the water flow of the dam, skiing the dam and all sorts of other fun activities. Unfortunately, a tragic accident put a sad end to all of the above. For years after, one could always walk across the dam and sit down and take in the views. The new dam no longer allows for anyone to walk across it. The new dam manages the water level flow more efficiently than previous dams and is said it will last for 80 years.

...a comic relief break

*- a creative look at the present,
inspired by the notorious black
flies!!!*

Black Flies

Oh black flies
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You and your bitey
ways,
Your flighty days.
You sneak behind my
ears
Gorge on my blood
With no fears
And creep under my
hair
To nip as you dare.
I'm itching and bitching
And can't smack you
enough.
I know I'm strong
But you are too tough,
And I'll have to go
netted
Until you are vetted
Or better yet
Dead-ed.

Shirley Turchet





Kennisis Lake Dam

In 2006, the Coalition for Equitable Waterflow was formed and this volunteer association represented the interests of shoreline property owners of the reservoir lakes within the Haliburton section of the Trent River watershed. Shoreline property owners concerned that low water levels on some of the reservoir lakes, coupled with rapid drops in the water levels in August and September, were resulting in a curtailed navigation season. There was concern that the fluctuating water level was causing significant ecological impacts, and that the deteriorating state of the TSW infrastructure was potentially a public safety issue.

<https://parks.canada.ca/> and <https://cewf.typepad.com/>

[CEWF Info sheet 2022 update.pdf](#)

With the growth of cottage development in the Haliburton Highlands, a different procedure for drawing water was derived. Water is now drawn from each of the lakes on an equal percentage basis according to the storage range established for each lake. For example, when a lake with a relatively large storage range of 3.0m is drawn down 50%, its level will be at 1.5m, while a lake with 1.0m of usable storage will be lowered to 0.5m. Several times a week, staff read water levels at dams and make the necessary log changes ensuring that the lowerings are proportional.

Over the years, Trent -Severn Watershed policies have evolved to include a complex number of factors: development in the reservoir areas, flood control, protection of lake trout spawn and hydro-electricity generation. Water is taken out of reservoir lakes from the May Long Weekend until Thanksgiving and results in an approximately 6- 8 foot drop in water levels .

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Kennisis Lake Dam

Timeline of the Dam

- 1870 first mention of a dam needing to be built
- 1877 rock filled crib dam replaces the timber dam
- 1884 dynamite brought in by a “cadged” road for dam reconstruction
- 1896 a retrofit
- 1933 a retrofit
- 1943 May 20th, concerns over high flood waters

- 1951 new dam constructed
- 1972 both ends of the dam were extended
- 1980 extended in height and at sides
- 2007 new wooden deck installed
- 2016 new dam installed

- **For more information about Mossom Boyd**

<https://www.theboydmuseum.com/image-gallery>

Timber Empire: The Exploits of The Boyds by Grace Barker

- **For Information about the Stanhope Log Chute**

Visit the Stanhope Museum <https://stanhopemuseum.on.ca/>

Visit Hawk Lake Log Chute; take HWY 35 North to Hawk Lake Road and follow the signs. There is a great outdoor interpretive panel and a picnic area.

- **For more information about the current dam and water levels**

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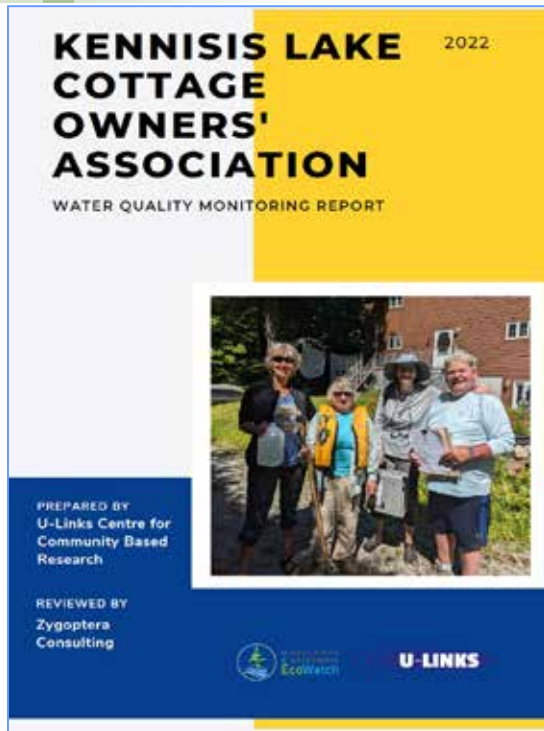
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Water samples were collected

- July 21st
- Sept. 9th and
- March 2023



Woodlands and Waterways EcoWatch (WWEW) developed a pilot water quality monitoring program to eventually expand to lakes across Haliburton County. In 2022, WWEW and Lake Association citizen scientists sampled water quality parameters from 35 sites on 24 lakes. This program represents a broadscale monitoring objective of having water quality data that is comparable across lakes within the County and with neighbouring regions. The goals of this pilot program are:

- to develop water monitoring protocols and practices specific to the aquatic health concerns in the region.
- to develop and grow a database of water quality measurements for long-term monitoring.

This information will be useful for decision-makers to understand key ecological uncertainties pertaining to water quality in efforts to protect the County's freshwater resources.

Stocking Lake, which is located ~6km North-West from Kennisis Lake (Figure 1), was used as a reference lake for this program; it was selected based on the absence of seasonal and permanent dwellings except for a small collection of cabins used for research. Motorized vehicles are not permitted on the water and shorelines have retained their natural state.

Several limnology experts were consulted during program development, with ongoing technical support from Zygoptera Consulting. This program has been funded in part by the County of Haliburton, Federal and Provincial Grants, Canoe FM, and the Haliburton County Development Corporation, and participating Lake Associations. Many thanks to the Lake Association volunteers who provided sampling support, boat transportation and coordination of association participants as citizen scientists.

Results for the July and Sept. water quality testing are reported on page 30.

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July and Sept. Water Quality Testing Results 2022

Within this project, information was gathered on lake health through in-field observation, the use of various instruments (DO, pH, conductivity), water test strips, and water samples sent to the lab for analysis. The results section will provide an overview of the chemical parameters measured and a brief interpretation. The Kennisis Lake results are listed in Table 2 with comparison to Stocking Lake results. Please note that several years of data is required to gain a good understanding of the "normal" state of these lakes.

Table 2: Results from Kennisis Lake in comparison to Stocking Lake and specific parameter limits.

	BIG K-2		BIG K-4		LITTLE K-1		LITTLE K-2		PADDY'S BAY		STOCKING-WQ
	July	Sept	July	Sept	July	Sept	July	Sept	July	Sept	Average
Alkalinity (mg/L)	10.0	30.0	30.0	15.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	30.0	40.0	27.5
Ammonia (mg/L)	0.0128	0.0077	0.0156	<0.0050	0.0146	<0.0050	0.0121	<0.0050	0.0136	<0.0050	0.0082
Conductivity (uS/cm)	24.5	18.9	25.1	20.3	24.3	18.5	31.9	16.8	22.7	17.7	14.0
Nitrite (mg/L)*	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010	<0.010
Nitrate (mg/L)*	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020
pH	8.20	7.60	8.05	7.36	7.94	7.27	8.60	7.14	8.34	7.60	7.62
Sulfate (mg/L)	3.01	2.67	3.02	2.64	2.25	2.41	2.25	2.06	2.3	2.27	2.28
Total Phosphorus (mg/L)	0.0021	0.0031	0.0022	0.0028	0.0032	0.0034	0.0039	0.0092	0.0041	0.0036	0.0032
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (mg/L)	0.202	0.200	0.213	0.176	0.288	0.259	0.280	0.258	0.302	0.263	0.216
Secchi Depth Average (m)	4.80	5.70	4.25	6.00	2.25	3.70	2.50	3.60	2.90	5.25	4.08

PARAMETER	LIMITS
Alkalinity (mg/L)	>10, <200
Ammonia (mg/L)	<0.019
Conductivity (uS/cm)	<200
Nitrates/Nitrites (mg/L)*	<1.0
pH	≥6.5 (acidic), ≤8.5 (basic)
Total Phosphorus (mg/L)	<0.01
Sulfate (mg/L)	<250

COLOUR	LEGEND
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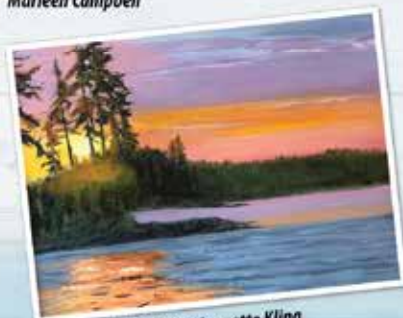
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Environmental Program Coordinator
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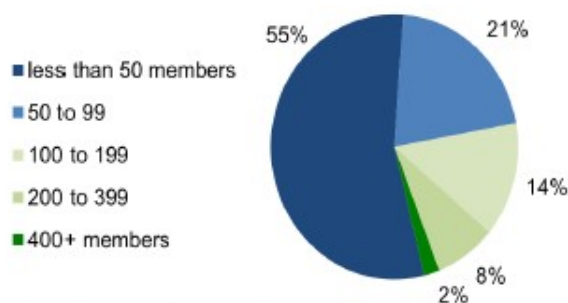


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Summer Hours

Remember that Dysart et al will be operating based on their summer hours until September 30th. Please respect the times for our landfill and if the landfill is closed, take your garbage home with you.

Volunteers worked hard on May 5 and 6 picking up roadside garbage thrown away during the winter. Please keep our community clean!




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Tuesday	Closed	9 to 1	Closed	Closed	8 to 5
Wednesday	8 to 5	Closed	10 to 5	10 to 5	Closed
Thursday	8 to 5	Closed	10 to 5	Closed	Closed
Friday	8 to 5	8 to 5	10 to 5	Closed	8 to 5
Saturday	8 to 5	10 to 5	10 to 5	10 to 5	8 to 5
Sunday	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6
Holiday Monday	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6	10 to 6



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KLCOA Roadside Clean-up

A heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers who cleaned up all our lakeside roads on May 5 & 6. It is sad we have to do it but thank goodness so many people come out to help. Please be mindful of our natural environment & take your garbage to the landfill.



Besides Our Protection from Bug Bites, Our Pets Need Protection Too!

Ticks and tick-borne diseases are now established in Ontario and it is important that people understand how to protect themselves and their pets from both ticks and fleas.

Although the past two months have been generally cold, **ticks** are still burrowing into our pets because of the recent fluctuating temperatures. Ticks begin to move and search for a host as soon as the temperature reaches 0 °C. Our changing climate means that we now need to be aware of tick prevention and the dangers of ticks year round.

Cats may have a tick attach on them but they do not develop Lyme disease, unlike people and dogs. Using prevention on your cat decreases the risk of live ticks falling off in your home and the potential exposure for your family, as well as preventing fleas.

Fleas are small, parasitic insects that feed by sucking blood from mammals and birds. Fleas can be picked up anywhere, including; dog parks, on trails, or anywhere an infected dog has been. Though adult fleas feed off the bodies of animals, they jump off to lay their eggs and can move easily from animal to animal.

Why Prevention Year Round now?

- **Ticks do not die under the ice and snow** – they are just lurking and waiting for the temperature to rise above 0 °C.
- We still had days at or above 0 °C during January and February this year! The warm weather not only increases the numbers of ticks, it also means fleas are back as soon as the temperatures reach 13 °C. Luckily, there are preventions that kill ticks and also will kill the pesky fleas!

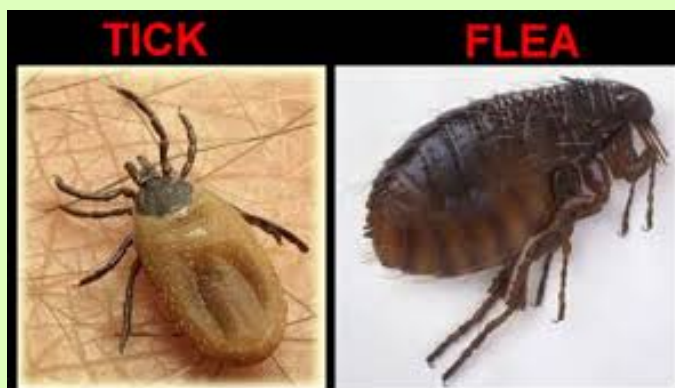
When to start Tick and Flea prevention?

NOW! if you haven't already, please begin as soon as possible.

What to use?

You have the option of chewable tablets, topical prevention, a combo of both or natural products. You decide what is best for your pet or consult with your veterinarian.

Check your pets regularly. Most common areas to find fleas or ticks are in the ears, around the eyes, around the collar area, between the toes, or on the belly.



KLCOA Navigational Hazard Marker Guidelines

About the Hazard Marker Program

The Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association operates a Navigational Hazard Marker program to help create a safer boating experience on our two lakes.

We have placed distinctive yellow floating marker buoys at the most hazardous rock and shoal locations on the lakes. These locations, as well as others to be marked in the future, are shown on the Navigational Hazards map found on the KLCOA website (www.klcoa.org).

A Parks Canada dam controls the water levels of the Kennisis Lakes, which typically vary up to six feet from Spring to Fall. This results in a continually changing pattern of navigational hazards. Navigational hazards that are safe at high water may not be safe as the levels drop.

As some rock formations are large, often extending far beyond the hazard markers, boaters are advised to give the markers a wide berth.

The buoys are placed in the lake annually in the spring and removed for the winter in the fall.

We welcome suggestions from cottagers about additional locations you deem hazardous to boating.

The KLCOA Hazard Marker Program will mark only some of the most dangerous lake hazards. The program does not guarantee or even suggest that unmarked rock locations can be safely navigated. The primary responsibility for a safe boating experience rests with the individual operator of a watercraft. Boat operators should follow the instructions on safe boating learned when preparing for and obtaining your Pleasure Craft Operators Card. As well, you should use common sense when travelling near shorelines, islands and areas displaying tell-tale signs of possible shallow water and/or underwater hazards, which may not be marked with buoys.

The KLCOA and its directors and officers take no responsibility for injury to boaters or damage to boats as a result of contact with navigational hazards.

We are indebted to the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) which has shared with us their considerable research of the regulatory and liability issues associated with this program.

Please stay safe and enjoy your boating experience on our beautiful Kennisis Lakes.

Reminder: Rules on the Water

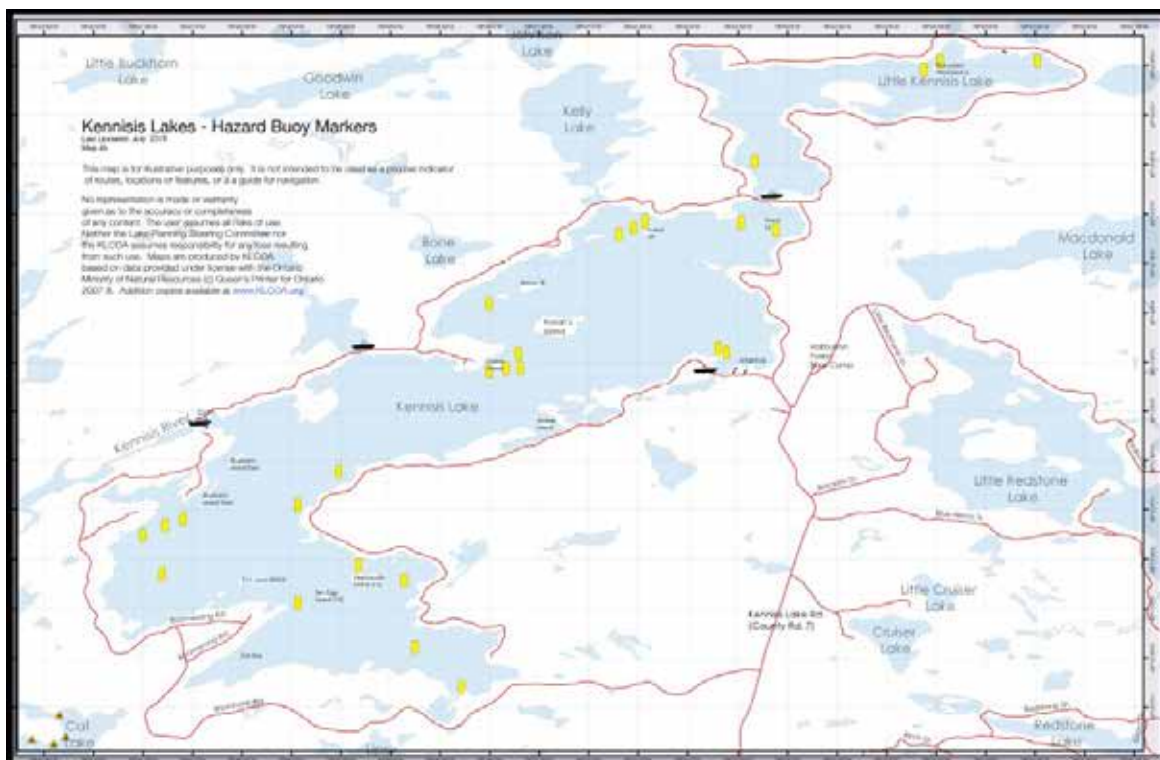
-It is mandatory to carry a Pleasure Craft Operator Card for anyone driving a motorized boat.

-Carry personal identification with you while driving a boat.

-Be ready to provide the license for any boat using a 10HP motor or more. Keep the license number posted on the both sides of the bow as close to the front of the boat as possible.

-There is a speed limit of 10km/hour within 30m from shore.

-Display a "No Wake" sign for your dock to remind boaters to slow down and be responsible.



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Update on the Highlands Corridor

Thursday, July 20 at 7:00pm at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.
Pre-registration required, registration will open in early June.

Through extensive research, the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) has identified a significant wildlife corridor covering over 100,000 hectares of unceded public and private land, rich with wetlands, forest, wildlife communities, species at risk and deep carbon deposits. Connecting 3 provincial parks, the corridor offers a nature-based solution to building climate change resilience, protecting lands and waters, and maintaining biodiversity. Join us to hear more about this corridor and learn about the Land Trust's strategy protect it.



Be Mindful of the Sun

May is Melanoma and skin cancer month. This is the time of the year to remember about sun safety and skin protection. Be diligent about protecting yourself and your family members.

- Limit the time in the sun and avoid sun exposure between 11:00am and 3:00pm
- Use sun screen with SPF of at least 30
- Cover up with a hat, sun-glasses and clothing that protects from the sun's rays
- Stay in the shade whenever possible.



Transport Canada Considers Making Life Jackets Mandatory On Recreational Boats

Currently, the Lifejackets for Life Act requires children under the age of 13 to wear a life jacket on board a moving vessel. Boaters 13 and over are required to have approved life jackets onboard, but not required to wear it. The OPP reports that last year there were 29 boating related fatalities. Of those 29 who lost their lives, 26 were **not wearing** life jackets.

Transport Canada is considering that wearing an approved life jacket will be mandatory for all on board a moving craft. Stay tuned for their final decision. However, setting a good example by wearing a life jacket, no matter your age, will contribute to safe boating for all.

Choosing a Flotation Device for Your Child.

Buy only Canadian-approved devices.



Have your child try on the device before you buy it.

It should fit snugly and not ride up over your child's chin or ears.

There should be less than 7.6 cm (3") between your child's shoulders and the device. Otherwise, the device is too big and could do more harm than good.

Look for these safety features:

- a large collar for head support
- waist ties or elastic gathers in front and back
- a safety strap that goes between the legs to prevent the device from slipping over your child's head
- buckles on safety straps and reflective tape

For more info, go to Transport Canada:

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KLCOA Honorable Mention Award

Ongoing communication with our membership over the last few years indicated that abandoned docks were becoming a hazard to boating and a negative impact on our environment. A committee was created to address the issue. Last year, the abandoned docks were gathered and dismantled and taken to the landfill by a large group of eager volunteers.

This year, according to many Facebook postings, there have been **many** "run away" docks. The committee is hopeful that all of these docks are found by their owners and taken back to their home and/or be dismantled by the owners.

We all need to be Stewards of our lakes.

As a result of the abandoned docks initiative, FOCA gave honorable mention to KLCOA as noted in the 2022 FOCA Achievement Award.

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1. Label each individual dock with your name and address – consider a phone number or email address. Several options are available including:
 - use a waterproof “bag tag” zip tied to a dock cleat
 - write on the dock with a permanent magic marker
 - attach a name plate to the dock
2. Retain your old docks in front of your own property – do not tow to a public area. If they are no longer needed, consider offering them on Facebook Marketplace or some other social media site.
3. Decommission your old docks on a timely basis – do not let them disintegrate on your shore and then become a Spring debris hazard. Hire a professional or your new dock company to dispose of your old dock.
4. Ensure any docks placed in a public area for winter storage are clearly tagged with your name and address.
5. If you leave unattended anchors or lines in the lake ensure they are clearly marked with a buoy to avoid being caught in a propeller.
6. If you find a dock, post pictures on social media and also send to KLCOA to post in an e-blast.
7. In addition to anchoring, connect floating docks securely to the shoreline with a strong rope in the fall to prevent “runaway docks” in the spring.





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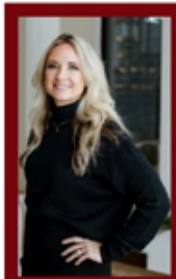
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