



Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association

Kennisis Breeze

**2026 Summer Activities**

**Aquatic Plant Inventory webinar**

June 10th, 7:00pm

**Roadside Clean Up**

June 12th, 13th

**KLCOA Fireworks/**

**CANADA DAY**

Saturday June 27th

9:45pm

**Ladies Of The Lake Wine and Cheese**

June 28th

3:00pm to 5:30pm

Kennisis Lake Marina Tent

**Rock Bass Fishing Derby**

July 4th

**Art on the Dock**

July 18th & 19th

(at cottage locations)

**66th Annual Regatta**

Aug. 1st

**Sailing Regatta**

Aug. 2nd

**Dark Sky Event**

Aug. 15th

9:00pm

**Family Fun Day**

Aug.29th

Late morning

Kennisis Lake Marina Tent



Finally, the view we have all been waiting for! Thank you to Cathy Pw who posted this picture for us. Not many of us were able to stand on our docks April 26th and enjoy the beautiful view and breathe the fresh lake air that Kennisis Lakes offer.

The Kennisis Lake Community has already told us that the water quality of our lake is very important. Along with enjoying the calm and relaxing view, lets all do our part in preserving the water quality by embracing the recommendations and advice from the experts!

**Every individual matters.**  
Every individual has a role to play.  
Every individual makes a difference.  
- Jane Goodall



**Message from Our Co-Presidents,  
Scott Durie and Jacquie Geall**



First things first—a huge shout out and heartfelt thank you to Deb Wratschko for her incredible leadership since 2017 as President and Co-President! While she’s stepping back into a newly defined “Past President” role, we’re thrilled she’s still part of the Board. When you see her, be sure to thank her for all the time, energy, and passion she’s given to our community over the years.

Spring has officially arrived, and you can feel the excitement building for another amazing summer at the lake! Behind the scenes, your KLCOA Board and a fantastic group of dedicated volunteers have been busy all winter long planning a season packed with fun, connection, and great initiatives.

We’re also growing our community—there’s a membership drive underway, so if you haven’t joined yet, now’s the time! You won’t want to miss out on all the events, activities, and the great work KLCOA brings to the lake.

And speaking of events... get your calendars ready because summer 2026 is shaping up to be one to remember! We’ve got a full lineup including Fireworks, Ladies of the Lake Cottage Social, the Rock Bass Fishing Derby, Art on the Dock, the Regatta, Sailing Regatta, Dark Sky Event, and our Family End-of-Year Wrap-Up. There’s truly something for everyone, and we hope to see you out enjoying it all.

**2026 Save the Date – Events Calendar**



- **Webinar – Aquatic Plant Inventory/Invasive Aquatic Species – June 10, 2026**
- **Roadside Cleanup – June 12/13, 2026**
- **Ladies of the Lake – Cottage Wine and Cheese Social – June 28, 2026**
- **KLCOA Fireworks – June 27, 2026 (Assuming no weather or fire ban restrictions)**
- **Rock Bass Fishing Derby – July 4, 2026**
- **Art on the Dock – July 18-19, 2026**
- **Annual Regatta – August 1, 2026**
- **Annual Sailing Regatta – August 2, 2026**
- **Dark Sky Event – August 15, 2026**
- **Family Year End Wrap up Event – August 29, 2026**
- **Dysart Council Candidate Virtual Town Hall - TBD**



**Watch for eblasts and check [www.klcoa.org](http://www.klcoa.org) for more details.**

Stay in the loop by signing up for our e-Blasts and checking out [www.klcoa.org](http://www.klcoa.org) for the latest updates. Plus, keep an eye on the marina bulletin board—it's a great hub for all the latest news and happenings.

In case you missed it, we held our Annual Meeting virtually on March 17th, where we reviewed 2025 financials, shared our 2026 budget, and welcomed new Board members Kerin Harding and Janis Parker. We also extended our thanks to Debi Musselman and Susan Marlow for their contributions as they move on to new adventures. We've also held our in-person Spring Special Members' Meeting May 16th at Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve.

As always, everything we do is powered by volunteers - and we can always use more helping hands! Whether it's pitching in at an event, joining a committee, or sharing your expertise, every bit of support makes a difference.

We can't wait to see you back at the lake for what's sure to be a fantastic summer!

**See you on the water,**  
Scott Durie and Jacquie Geall

**Our Aquatic Plants**

As part of our ongoing priority to keep our lake community informed and to support the community's feedback for healthy lakes, a new webinar is scheduled for June 10th at 7:00pm.

Besides enjoying their beauty, we need plants to create oxygen for fish to breathe and to keep shoreline soil from eroding.

Find out what grows in our lakes.

**KLCOA Webinar Series  
Kennisis Lakes - Aquatic Plant Inventory**

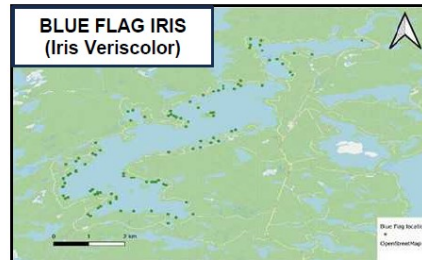
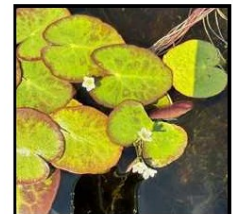
**Aquatic Plants in Our Lakes!  
The Good, the Bad and the Beautiful!**

**Wednesday June 10, 2026 - 7:00-8:00pm**

Learn about the native and invasive plants in the Haliburton Lakes and the results of our 2025 Kennisis Lakes Aquatic Plant Inventory Project.

**Frank Figuli, U-Links Environmental Program Manager**

**Nick Weissflog, Haliburton Highlands Land Trust**



**Check the KLCOA E-Blast and Website for registration and future updates**

# Presenting....

## 2026/2027 KLCOA Board of Directors



### Executive



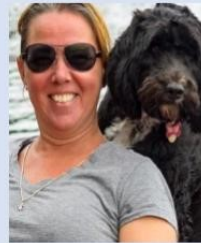
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Deb Wratschko - Past-President

Due to various circumstances, Debi Musselman and Susan Marlow had to say goodbye as directors of the KLCOA. We thank both ladies for the valuable contributions they were able to make in order to support the KLCOA community and wish them well as they move on to other opportunities.

We also welcome Janis Parker and Kerin Harding to the KLCOA Board of Directors who are experienced contributors to the KLCOA.

Deb Wratschko will now act as our past-president while Jacquie Geall will become Co-President with Scott Durie and Lynn Larson will be our Secretary.

The Board looks forward to working with our new members on behalf of the Kennisis Lake community. All members have a great deal to offer the membership to provide for and achieve our social and educational goals.

THE GOAL:

- 100% of cottage roads covered
- Entire portion of the KLCOA "Adopt a Road" County Road 7 covered

REMINDERS

- Secure garbage if transporting in an open vehicle
- Make sure renters know where and when to take garbage

EVENT #1

WHEN:

Friday June 12th – 1pm

ROAD:

KLCOA Adopt-a-Road (KLR)

MEET:

Hydro sub-station at Westshore/KLR

# KLCOA ROADSIDE CLEAN UP



## Friday June 12 & Saturday June 13



### CALL for VOLUNTEERS

Every year the Kennisis community puts on their rubber boots & work gloves and comes together to keep our lake roadsides litter free.

- Friday June 12th, 1pm- Kennisis Lake Road
- Saturday June 13th, 10am -All Lake roads



Contact Larry Harris  
[lharris56@icloud.com](mailto:lharris56@icloud.com)

EVENT #2

WHEN: Saturday June 13th – 10:00am

ROAD: all cottage roads



“After many decades, Canada Day gets a new logo. Inspired by the National Flag of Canada and its history, the maple leaf appears at its most iconic — in a magnificent display of warm colours. Within the logo, the veins create images, notably those of fresh buds emerging with renewed life. The paths they travel and the points where they connect shape our vision for a greater future.”

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/canada-day/about.html>

Join us on June 27th at approximately 9:45pm for the KLCOA fireworks display to celebrate Canada’s 159th birthday. The event will be viewed from the Kennisis Lake Marina again this year, presented by Supernova Fireworks.



Photo by Janis Rhodes-Cochran 2025

Thank you to:

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## Night Burning Only

### April 1 to October 31

⚠️ Campfires, bonfires, outdoor candles and lanterns, Tiki torches, propane fire pits, chimineas and the burning of leaves or brush are **ONLY permitted between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.**

✅ Propane and charcoal BBQs are permitted for food preparation only, but must be extinguished immediately after use.

### Carbon Monoxide Alarms

As of Jan. 1st 2026, under Ontario law, if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, (like a furnace, water heater, or stove that uses natural gas, propane, oil, or wood), or you have an attached garage, or heat your home with air that comes from a fuel-burning appliance not contained within the home (e.g. an appliance in a utility shed), you must install working carbon monoxide (CO) alarms adjacent to all sleeping areas and **on every single storey** of your home .

- **Every Storey:** You must place a CO alarm on every floor of your home, even on storeys without bedrooms.
- **Sleeping Areas:** On floors with bedrooms, the alarm must be placed in the immediate hallway or area right outside the sleeping quarters. from Fire Code:

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/070213>

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### Do You Own a Cottage on Kennisis or Redstone Lake?

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## KLCOA

### Membership

As of May 18th, we have **610** paid members in our Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association! Thank you to the members who have already registered for the 2026 season.

#### Reminders:

- You can pay your dues online at [www.klcoa.org](http://www.klcoa.org)

- 2026 stickers are available for pick up at Kennisis Lake Marina

**On average, 65% of Property Owners on Kennisis Lakes are KLCOA members. Encourage your neighbours to join the KLCOA!**

**2026**

## Let's Not Forget About the Sun Protection

(from <https://www.mcmasteroptimalaging.org/> )

### What the evidence actually says about sun protection

Here's the part that often surprises people: research says staying in the shade and covering up are more effective than sunscreen for reducing cancer risk. That means a wide-brimmed hat, UV-protective clothing, and finding a shady spot are your first line of defence and not an afterthought.

That doesn't mean you should skip the sunscreen. When you do need it, choose a water-resistant, broad-spectrum SPF 30 or higher, and reapply regularly. But think of it as your backup and not your whole strategy.

### Here are a few more evidence-based tips to protect your skin this season:

- **Check the UV index daily.** If it's 3 or higher, take extra precautions. For much of Canada, that can mean a good portion of the spring and summer.
- **Avoid peak sun hours.** UV exposure is highest between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Try to plan outdoor activities for earlier in the morning or later in the afternoon.
- **Don't be fooled by cool or cloudy days.** You can get significant UV exposure even when it doesn't feel hot. Overcast skies don't block UV rays as much as people assume.

**Be extra careful near water and sand.** These surfaces reflect UV rays and can intensify your exposure.

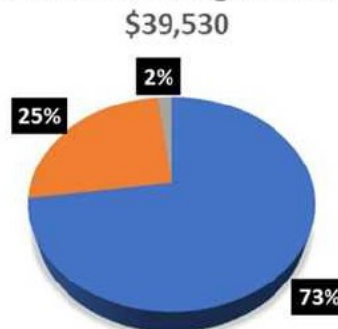
The KLCOA operating budget for 2026 is \$39 530. Without our paid members, we could not offer the wide variety of activities for the KLCOA community.

Please remember to renew your membership for 2026 so that we can continue to offer events like the regatta, fireworks, sailing regatta, the fishing derby, the end of summer family fun day and all of the stewardship activities that help keep Kennisis Lake such a special and unique place.

We also value our sponsors who recognize that their support contributes to the team effort and partnerships at our Kennisis Lakes.

## How is our KLCOA Revenue Generated?

### 2026 KLCOA Budget Revenue



■ Memberships   ■ Sponsorships   ■ Interest on Reserve GICs

# WHAT'S UP KENNISIS?

## Purpose?

The goal of a webinar is to educate, demonstrate, instruct and deliver information that is of interest to our community members as was stated in our survey, **What's Up Kennisis?**

Your KLCOA stewardship committee reminds members that our YouTube channel offers 4 KLCOA webinars for your viewing based on your feedback from the 2021 survey **"KENNISIS ALL OF US"**.

### Bugs in the Muck:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsc4AsgWzfE&t=141s>

### Our Water Quality and Blue Green Algae - What You Need to Know

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIAf5TTGo7Q&t=329s>

### Healthy Septic Systems

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdIGjLuY74o&t=15s>

### Water Quality Monitoring on Kennisis Lake

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BpoQZTE7E6c>

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CHA offers a helpful plant search tool to assist in finding native plants when restoring our shorelines.

<https://www.cohpoa.org/shoreline-health/shoreline-plant-search/>



Do you think you are a lucky cottager who has these bright yellow flowers going on the shoreline? Did you know that:

The **yellow flag iris** (*Iris pseudacorus*) is an invasive plant in Ontario that can pose a significant threat to natural wetlands and shorelines, forming dense, mat-like stands that displace native species. It was introduced from Eurasia and North Africa as an ornamental plant but has since escaped cultivation, spreading via floating seeds and underground rhizomes. Control methods include **manual removal of the entire rhizome system, disposal of all plant parts, and containment**, but herbicides are generally not recommended in aquatic environments.

**Cardinal Flower** is a striking red alternative plant to the invasive yellow flag iris.



### Cardinal Flower

Scientific Name: *Lobelia cardinalis*

Height: 60 to 120 cm

Bloom Colour: red

Bloom Time: July to Sept Spread: 30 to 60 cm

Spacing: 45 cm

Water thoroughly for the first year until the plant is established - at least one to three inches of water every week, from the time of planting until the fall. If it is a dry season, water thoroughly and more frequently. You may wish to water during drought years to help reduce stress

Cardinal flower is a bright red must-have for moist shorelines! Not only is this plant beautiful, but it is used by butterflies, pollinators, hummingbirds and bats. It is an important nectar source for hummingbirds and Swallowtail butterflies, in particular.

*(from CHA shoreline plant search)*

At our Spring Meeting, Jim Prince shared some available plant suppliers and shoreline designers who are willing to help us with our shoreline restoration. Remember that septic inspections conducted by Dysart et al staff, will also consist of a complimentary Lake Health Shoreline Assessment in 2027.

## Shoreline Health on Kennisis Lakes



### Healthy Shoreline Design and Restoration

**Grounded – Simon Payn**

<https://groundedgardens.ca/>

**Haliburton County Master Gardeners**

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

**Meadowsweet Naturescapes – Cara Steele**

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

### Native Plant Suppliers

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**Pine Needle Farms**

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**Grow Wild Native Plant Nursery**

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

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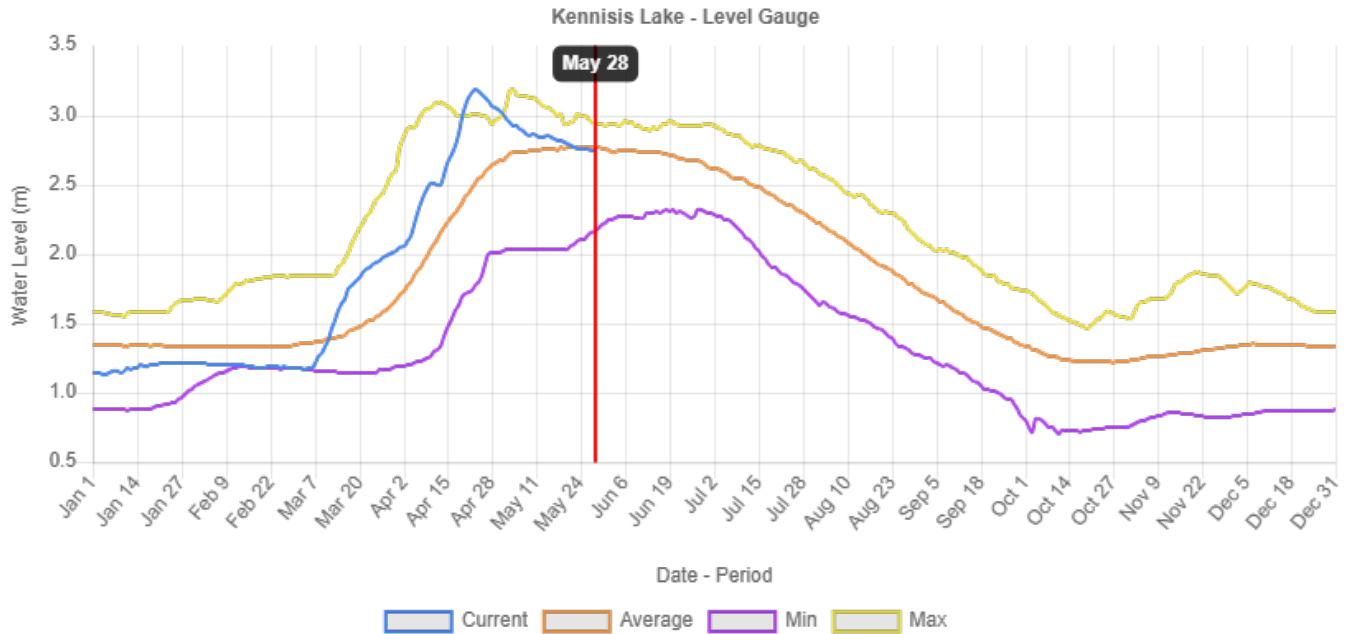


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<https://www.pc.gc.ca/apps/WaterLevels/donnees-data?Id=1&lang=en&siteId=100419>



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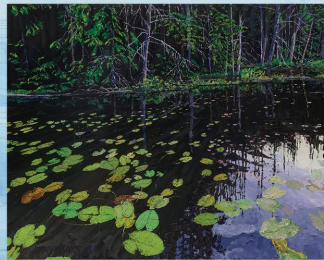
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Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> • 10am – 5pm  
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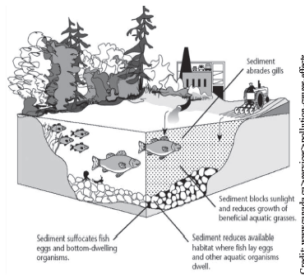
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## EROSION – A PROBLEM FOR FISH

*The effects of soil erosion go beyond the loss of land. It has led to increased pollution and sedimentation in streams and rivers, clogging these waterways and causing declines in fish and other species*

– Credit: WWF

Suspended sediment in high concentrations irritates the gills of fish, and can cause death. Sediment can destroy the protective mucous covering the eyes and scales of fish, making them more susceptible to infection and disease.



Credit: www.nanab.ca-services-pollution-cause-effects



Your neighbour's retaining wall causes erosion on your property, damages fish health and habitat! Watch the video on YouTube on how wave flanking causes erosion on neighbouring properties, simply point your smartphone's camera at the QR code to be directed to the webpage.

### THE GOOD NEWS – YOU CAN DEAL WITH EROSION AND KEEP FISH HEALTHY

- Step # 1 Check out the Erosion Guide on the C.H.A. website: [www.cohpoa.org](http://www.cohpoa.org)
- Step # 2 Watch the webinar Bioengineering for Healthier Shorelines: 2023 Ice Breaker Speaker Series [www.watershedcouncil.org/pastevents.html](http://www.watershedcouncil.org/pastevents.html)

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EROSION CONTROL

## CHA supports Haliburton Cottage Owners

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (CHA) is a group of approximately 50 property owners' associations, representing more than 100 waterbodies and 17,000 shoreline properties from across the geographical limits of Haliburton County in Ontario, Canada.

Their priority focus is “Protecting and Enhancing Lake Health through 2 issues – Septic Health & Natural Shorelines”

Many Tip Sheets are available to you!

Visit

<https://www.cohpoa.org/>

for more valuable information to support our Haliburton community.

# 2026 Spring Special Meeting



Our Spring Special Meeting was held on May 16th this year, a bit early because the Victoria Day weekend fell on the Monday preceding May 24th.

We met at the Haliburton Forest seminar room (thank you Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve).

Scott Durie and our new Co-President, Jacquie Geall, welcomed guests, introduced speakers and reviewed our summer list of events.



Jim Prince, our KLCOA Vice President and Stewardship director, reviewed many topics such as lake health, Dysart et al's site alteration bylaw, shoreline structure bylaw and septic timelines for septic system inspections. Water quality monitoring, invasive species and KLCOA U-Links projects were also reviewed. He also reminded members and guests to visit and enjoy our KLCOA parcel of lands, obtained for community use.



Deputy Mayor Walt McKechnie and Councillor Carm Sawyer were able to update us on short term rentals, shoreline structures and a roads report.



Lisa Dale, Jim Dale and Gary Bouwmeister updated us about the pickle ball courts, the upcoming concerts and the upgrades to the Marina landscape as well as the other social events planned for the summer.

Tegan from Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve updated us with various forest events, including "Dining with the Wolves" and exciting upgrades to the Wolf Centre.

Mike Rae, from Smoke on the Water, also updated us with his plan to have Friday night movies at the Marina as well as Montreal bagels being offered on Wednesdays and Thursdays this season.



And still there was time to talk with friends and neighbours, reconnect with our wonderful Kennisis Lake Community and ask questions.

Thank you to all who were able to join us!



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- The Blueberry Islands
- Bullfrog Bay Lands (3 Parcels)
- Two Loon Island (Island C)
- Soap Pond Lands

### Norah's Island:

Owned by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. KLCOA supports the management and protection of the island through the Norah's Island Management Committee.



The KLCOA Lands Committee continues to work on protecting lands for public use around our lakes. If you are interested in participating in land protection for our lakes, please contact our KLCOA President at [klcoainfo@gmail.com](mailto:klcoainfo@gmail.com)



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Sunday, June 28,  
3 pm- 5:30 pm  
Kennisis Event Tent  
@ The Kennisis Lake  
Marina

For more information go to [KLCOA.org/events](http://KLCOA.org/events)



Gather your besties and join TV personality, food and lifestyle expert Nik Monojlovich of “Weekend at the Cottage” for a fresh take on cottage entertaining. Nik will demonstrate some easy breezy summer recipes and dish on great entertaining tips.



**KLCOA Ladies of the Lake Presents  
Wine, Cheese & Effortless Summer Entertaining with Nik Manojlovich**

**Sunday, June 28 | 3:00 – 5:30 PM**  
Kennisis Lake Marina Event Tent

For nearly a decade, Ladies of the Lake has been a favourite way to kick off the season—bringing women together to reconnect, share stories, and celebrate our incredible lake community.

This year, we're marking our **10th anniversary** with a fresh new twist.

Join us for a relaxed late-afternoon gathering featuring wine, cheese, and plenty of time to mingle with friends—old and new. Then settle in for a lively and inspiring presentation from Nik Manojlovich, the creative force behind *Weekend at the Cottage*.

A familiar face on Breakfast Television and The Good Stuff with Mary Berg, Nik is known for his warm, engaging style and his passion for bringing people together over great food. He'll share fresh, easy ideas for effortless cottage entertaining - along with delicious recipes you'll want to try all summer long.

Expect a fun, social afternoon filled with inspiration, laughter, and a few special touches—including exciting draws and door prizes.

This year, we're proud to support **Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents**, a local organization dedicated to helping children, youth, and families in Haliburton County thrive. For more information about Point In Time, go to [pointin-time.ca](http://pointin-time.ca)

**Tickets:**

\$25 – KLCOA Members

\$30 – Non-Members



[Tickets are available here.](#)

Gather your friends and join us—this is one summer afternoon you won't want to miss.

### Water Quality Results ..a Snippet of 2025 testing

Most WQ results show excellent to good results when compared to Stocking Lake in Haliburton Forest - (the Reference Lake)

Total Phosphorus in Little Kennisis at 2 locations is trending lower! This is good news!!!

Water clarity in our lakes is declining over time..

The entire Water Quality Report was issued in May 2026 and can be found at [www.klcoa.org](http://www.klcoa.org)

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**Kennisis Lake Snowmobile Club Update** by *Graham Beach*

The winter of 2026 brought much snow and was one of the better snowmobile seasons in many years and rekindled much energy in the sport overall in Southern Ontario. Unfortunately the trails in our local area had a significant melt and deterioration early March leading to early trail closure.

Over the past 16 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 fall & winter trail maintenance work on Tall Pines Trail 62 which leaves the Kennisis Dam heading north towards Dorset Kawagama Lake and most of the local portage trails from Kennisis to Big Hawk Lake. We have done much work over the past 16 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.

To date in 16 years we have raised over \$222,000 to support all our initiatives to improve snowmobiling in the Kennisis Lake area. Most recently in 2026 we raised funds for the new 'Outhouse' at our Buckhorn Creek Shelter Cabin.

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..... GrahamBeach: [graham\\_beach@hotmail.com](mailto:graham_beach@hotmail.com) M: 905 806 5591



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# Dysart Septic System Inspection Program - Update

## Background:

Dysart Implemented a Mandatory Septic System Inspection Program in 2018: The Kennisis Lakes (Area 1) were the first inspections in Dysart: The inspection process was completed in 2018 and 2019. For those owners who did not have their septic inspected, an “Order to Comply” was issued and inspections completed in 2020.

## 2026 Plan

Dysart will be focusing on Short Term Rental compliance inspections in 2026.

The Dysart Septic System Inspection Program will resume in 2027 and the Kennisis Lakes (Area 1) will likely be the first area to be scheduled. *(From: Dysart Septic Inspection Program Administrator May 2026)*

Reminder: check our KLCOA Website for Update on:

Septic System Tip Sheets – NEW 2025!  
Updated CHA Tip Sheets  
Septic System Health – Updates 2025!  
Septic System Education – Videos Added!



In addition:

## Dysart et al Adds a New Assessment to the Septic inspection Program

Dysart et al has included a new initiative in addition to the septic inspection program. As stated on the Dysart et al website, “Septic Inspections will include a complimentary Lake Health Assessments. This will include a brief review of the shoreline, as well as the remaining 30m setback. Staff will be looking for natural or mostly natural shorelines and will be providing informational feedback to property owners on how to improve their property.

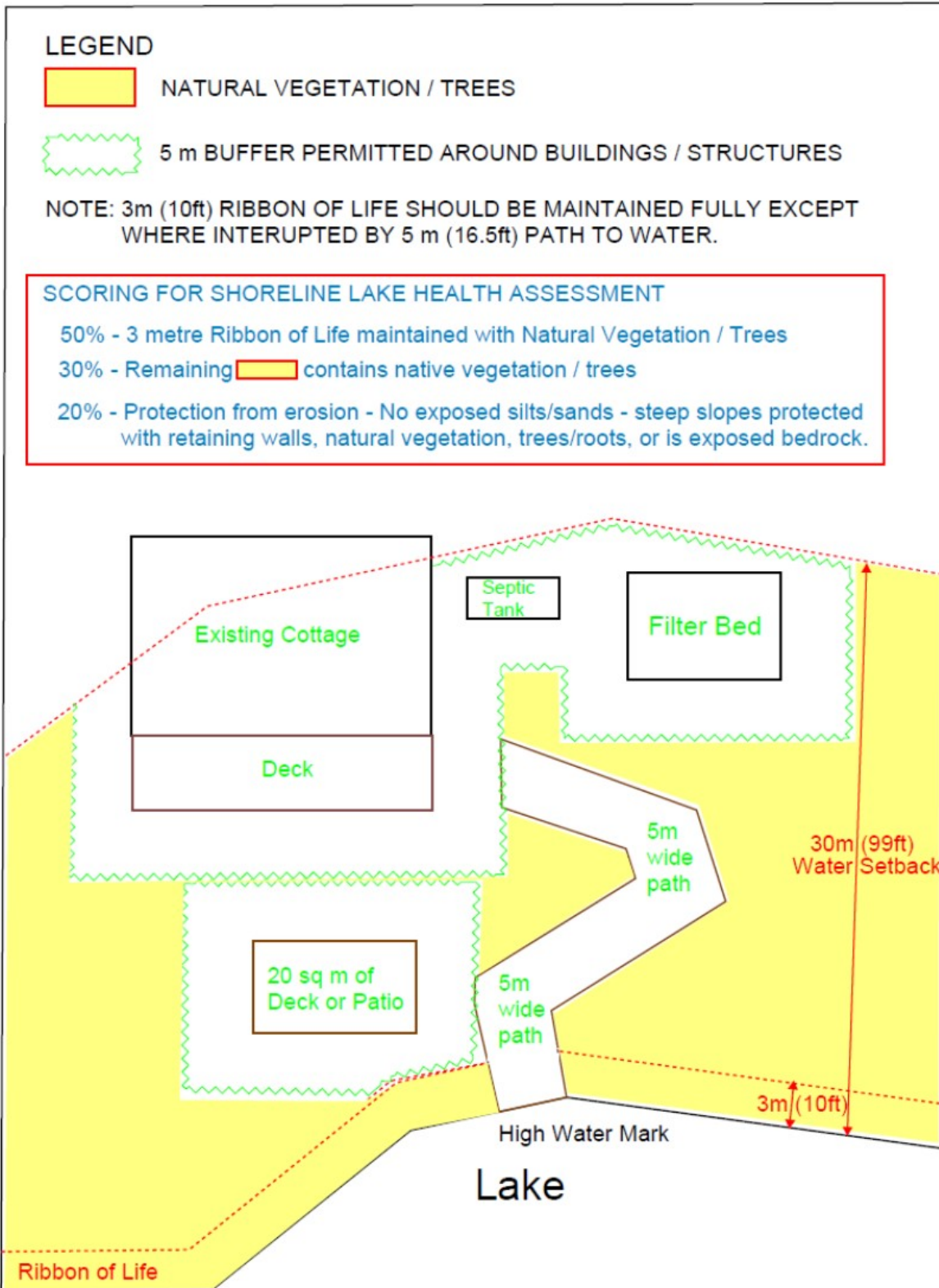
Following the septic inspection, property owners will be provided a score out of 100 along with detailed resources on how to make improvements should they desire. This assessment will not result in enforcement as the **Site Alteration By-Law** is a complaint based and this assessment is designed to be an added effort to promote lake health.

Staff will be referencing our **Site Alteration Sample Site Plan** when assessing and scoring properties.”

*(the following page illustrates the site alteration plan).....*

# Municipality of Dysart et al

## Site Alteration Example Site Plan - Developed Lot



In Addition, Dysart et al reports:

After a public survey and public consultation and open meetings, Dysart et al amended the Zoning bylaw and the Official Plan to permit some structures in the shoreline set back.

Section 3 General Provisions, is amended as follows

“decks and patios that are not attached to a main building, and a maximum of one (1) accessory building may be located within a minimum water setback area abutting a shoreline or high water mark, restricted to a total combined gross floor area not exceeding 20 square metres, subject to the following:

- a) the accessory building is restricted to a gazebo, or storage shed;
- b) storage sheds shall only be permitted on lots that have a minimum slope of 15% measured over a horizontal distance inland 30 metres from the high water mark;
- c) the maximum ground floor area of the accessory building is 10 square metres;
- d) the maximum structure height for the accessory building is 3.5 metres;
- e) the minimum water setback for the accessory building is 5 metres;
- f) all structures shall be located above the high water mark;
- g) all structures shall comply with the minimum side lot line setback for the main building.
- h) the storage of vehicles is not permitted in storage sheds;
- i) the accessory building is not permitted on a shore road allowance unless the shore road allowance is held in the same ownership as the abutting, upland lot;
- j) prior to the construction of the accessory building, the shoreline vegetation buffer shall be repaired to a natural state, with the exception of a 1 metre buffer, which may be cleared around the accessory building to provide access and a limited view;
- k) prior to the construction of the accessory building, the applicants shall enter into a site plan agreement with the Municipality.



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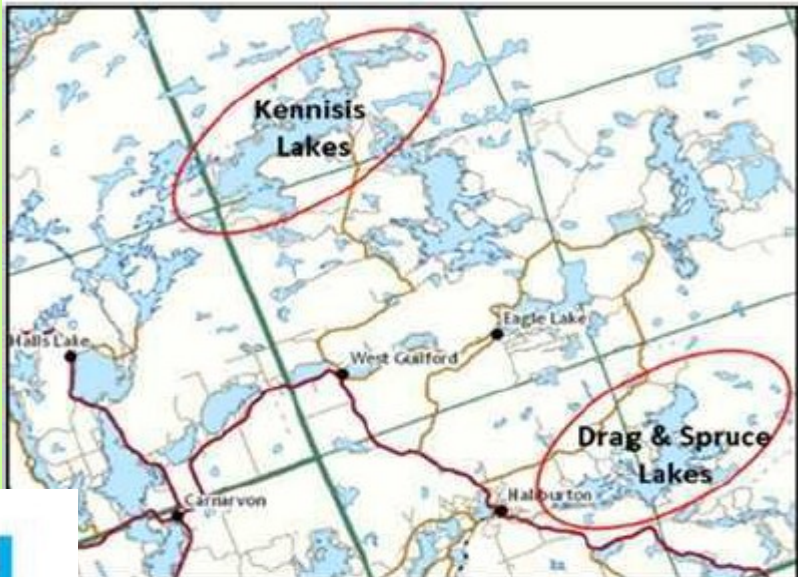


### Eurasian Watermilfoil

Drag and Spruce Lakes have had an invasive aquatic plant proliferate in their lake - Eurasian Watermilfoil. (EWM)

We have many locations on the Kennisis Lakes that would sustain EWM. Please do your part as well as your friends and guests to inspect the boats entering our lakes to check for this invasive aquatic plant.

It is almost impossible to get rid of this weed and will greatly affect our lake and lake activities.



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*A bit of nostalgia....:*

“Many years ago, the late Shelley Beach and I embarked on a collaborative exhibition at the Rails End Gallery featuring her paintings and my poetry.

“**Lake of Many Winds**” was a tribute to Kennisis Lake.”

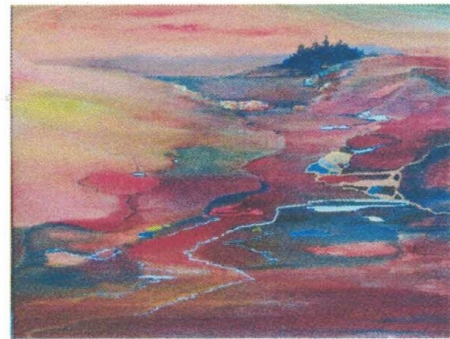
The original flyer, features **Birth Made Us All Mariners** and one of the late Shelley Beach’s water colours.



# Lake of Many Winds

August 7 to September 18, 2010  
Opening reception Saturday August 7 2-4 pm

## Shelley Beach Lea Harper



Shelley Beach

Birth made us all mariners  
and from these aquatic beginnings,  
tadpole to human,  
our vestigial gills keep breathing us back  
to river, lake, and sea,  
water, the first element.


In the flow of time  
our lives are quicksilver  
carried on unseen currents,  
each breath a rising, falling wave.

At the end of our tumultuous days  
we'll surface from the weight of history  
to this sundrunk chalice of lake,

emerge anew

Lea Harper

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# THE GIFT OF KENNISIS

*By Natalie Wood*

## THE GIFT



Sunset photo by Peter Smith

The hot sizzling summer cottage days, the rainy days, the crisp cold winter nights, the quiet weekday sunrise, the songs sung around the campfire, a surprise bear sighting, and the freedom a tin boat brings all contribute to what Kennisis Lakers love about cottage life.

While working on the history of the lake, I asked cottagers to share what gift the lake has given them.

*Debbie Karin: "Cottaging at Kennisis lake has given me the gift of a deep appreciation for so many aspects of nature, observing the beauty that every season offers, and the quiet, dark starry skies of a nighttime summer at the lake."*



*Beth DeMarsh: "Kennisis has been the place to grow up as a family in nature and adventure and to develop wonderful friendships over the years."*

**KE DOUBLE N-I  
S-I-S SPELLS KENNISIS  
WE ARE THE LAND OF THE MOSTST  
ALL THE OTHER LAKES, THEY TOAST US!  
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THAT'S US!!**

This song was made up by The Kleinschmidt's and the Varik's in the mid 1950s. The song has been sung around many fires since. It is sung to the tune of George M. Cohan's "Harrigan".

*Courtney Teahan: "I met Chris, my now husband, and brought him to the lake when we were just 16 and I have a picture of us on Westshore at "hangman tree" before any cottages were built there. It all feels like yesterday, our lake holds so many stories of love, life, and learning. Today, we still enjoy the lake life, and our son loves it too."*





Kennisis has my Heart.  
Photo Karen Holmes  
MacDonald

Jodi Labelle: "The best gift Kennisis has given me has been the years with my children. Watching them grow up at the lake, our summers at the cottage have been the best of my life."



Kennisis is a tremendous place to experience every season in its finest. The essence of Narina that the winter brings, where Blue Jays and Gros Beaks chirp their appreciation at cottage feeders, where ice fishing rewards the skilled angler with a large trout and the hum of snowmobiles echo throughout the lake. Spring brings forth the trilliums in a blanket of white and deep maroon, lake levels are scrutinized by all, and the arrival of the black flies are met with slaps of displeasure by cottagers while the bears wake from their winter slumber. The lake comes alive in the summer with the early morning raven's crow and the barred owls hoot, sounds of splashes and squeals of delight as the first swim of many begins, and the call of loons beckoning all to stop, listen and enjoy. Fall at the lake is a vibrant splash of reds, yellows and oranges and the crisp cool mornings bring the quiet sigh of cottagers as they put summer fun to bed for another year.

The lake has seen extremes - extreme joy, extreme love, extreme sadness and for some, extreme heartbreak. Like the violent storms that have come and gone leaving destruction and then renewal... we ground ourselves to the granite base and grow like the mighty pine. We send our wishes to the stars, our dreams to the sunrise and heal our sorrows in the sunsets. Kennisis is the touchstone. Everyone's story is significant and a cherished part of the collective lake history.



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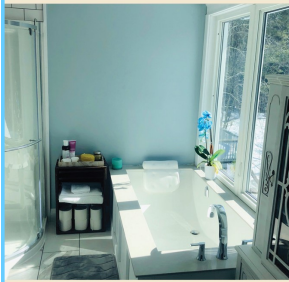
Michelle Firth-Peddle "The continued legacy and love instilled in me by Nana and Papa, Charlie, and Betty Wannan and the sunsets and family memories of more than 50 years spent at the lake."

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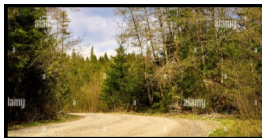
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Starting December 31, 2025, **pleasure craft licences (PCLs)** will need to be renewed every five years.

A **Pleasure Craft Licence (PCL)** works a lot like a licence plate for your boat. It's a unique number issued to owners of recreational boats that have at least one engine with a combined power of **10 horsepower or more**.



**Recent changes:**

- All new, transferred and renewed Pleasure Craft Licences are **valid for 5 years**
- Licences without an expiry date now have an expiry date
- A \$24.41 fee to apply for a new, renewed, transferred or duplicate Pleasure Craft Licence
- You must update your licence information within 30 days (there is no fee to update)
- Starting December 31, 2027, wind-powered pleasure craft over 6 metres long will need a Pleasure Craft Licence

A new or transferred Pleasure Craft Licence is valid for 5 years before it needs to be renewed. You can check your licence expiry date using your Pleasure Craft Licence number.

Older licences without an expiry date now have an expiry date as shown in this table.

**Expiry dates for licences without an expiry date**

Licence issue date	Licence expiry date
December 31, 1974 or earlier	March 31, 2026
January 1, 1975 to December 31, 1985	December 31, 2026
January 1, 1986 to December 31, 1995	December 31, 2027
January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1999	December 31, 2028
January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2005	December 31, 2029
January 1, 2006 to April 28, 2010	December 31, 2030

To be sure, check your licence expiry date at this address

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Transport Canada provides a list of approved courses, making it easy and convenient for you to choose one that meets your needs and fits your schedule.

<https://tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/preparing-operate-your-vessel/pleasure-craft-operator-card-pcoc>

**You need to have this card with you while boating. Transport Canada states that "A paper or electronic copy of a PCOC is NOT acceptable."**



**WATER SAFETY TIP:**

If someone on your boat goes overboard, it can be very hard to pull them back up by hand. Tying a rope like this gives the person in the water a foothold and lessens the vertical force needed to pull them out of the water.



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*from FOCA*

*(2025 LAKE STEWARDS MAGAZINE )*

### Campfires

Help us reduce the risk of wildland fires this season by keeping safe campfire practices in mind. Whether you're planning to roast marshmallows in the back yard, prepare a shore lunch, or simply stay warm on an overnight trip, follow these tips:

- Build the fire on bare soil or rock in a location sheltered from the wind.
- Make sure the fire is a safe distance from all flammable material, including overhanging branches.
- Keep the fire small and never leave it unattended.
- Put out the fire when you are done. Soak it with water, stir the ashes and soak it again. Repeat until the ashes are cold to the touch.

*from FOCA*

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# WILDFIRES IN COTTAGE COUNTRY

## A REAL AND PRESENT THREAT



Each year, Canada sees more properties destroyed by wildfires. The smell of smoke, all-day red and orange skies and the hazy sunshine of recent summers are tell-tale signs of change.

In 2025, wildfires in Haliburton County burnt an area the equivalent of about 150 hockey rinks. That's 2.5 million square feet...burned. **Prevention is your best protection.**

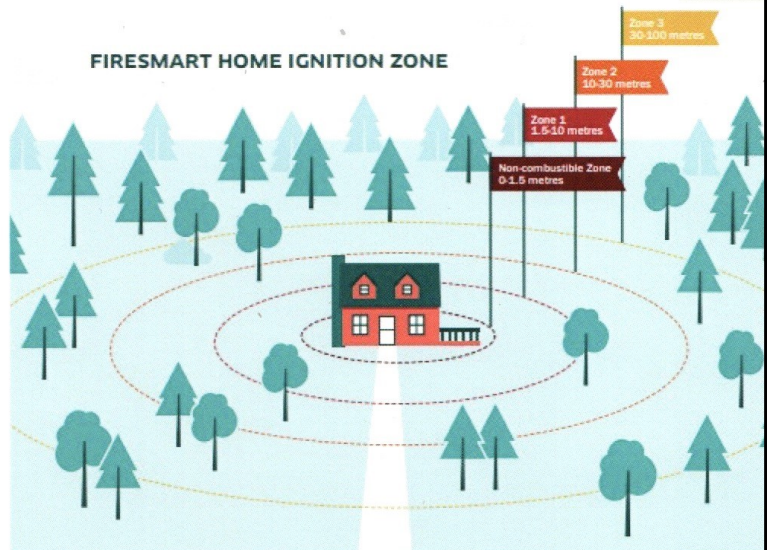
## THE PROPERTY PROTECTION RINGS OF FIRE

### 10 METRES AROUND YOUR DWELLING

- Remove needles, leaves and other burnable debris: don't forget to clear your eavestroughs
- Remove all combustible ground cover, including mulches
- Remove combustible plants/trees (eg pines and spruces) or prune them regularly
- Keep trailers, RVs, sheds and firewood out of this zone
- Add a non-combustible screen to all vents, except dryer vents

### 30+ METRES AROUND YOUR DWELLING

Try to space trees at least 3 metres (9 ft) apart and clean up fallen branches, dried grass and needles regularly

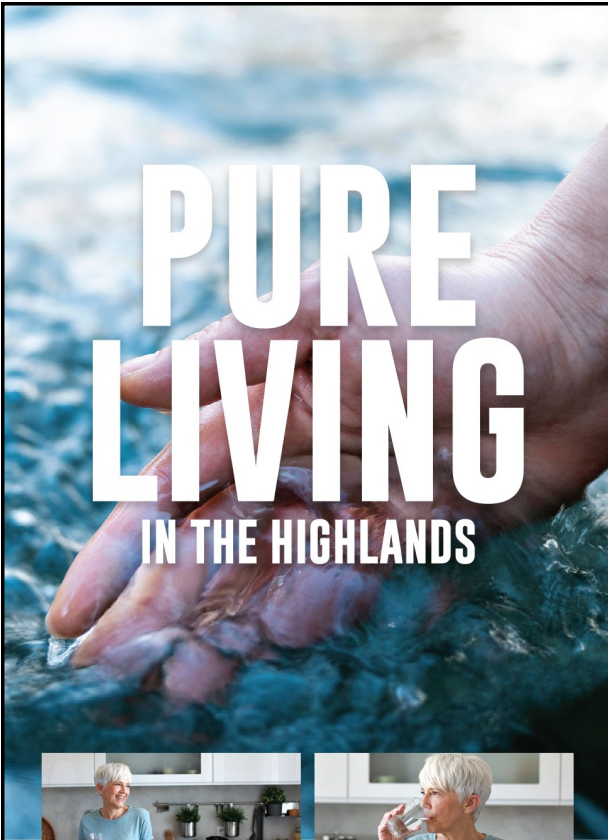


### 30 METRES AROUND YOUR DWELLING

- Prune the lower branches of pines and spruces to create 2 metres (6 ft) of clearance from the ground
- Keep grass cut below 10 cm (4 in)
- Plant less-combustible, deciduous trees: Poplar, Birch, Maple and Aspen

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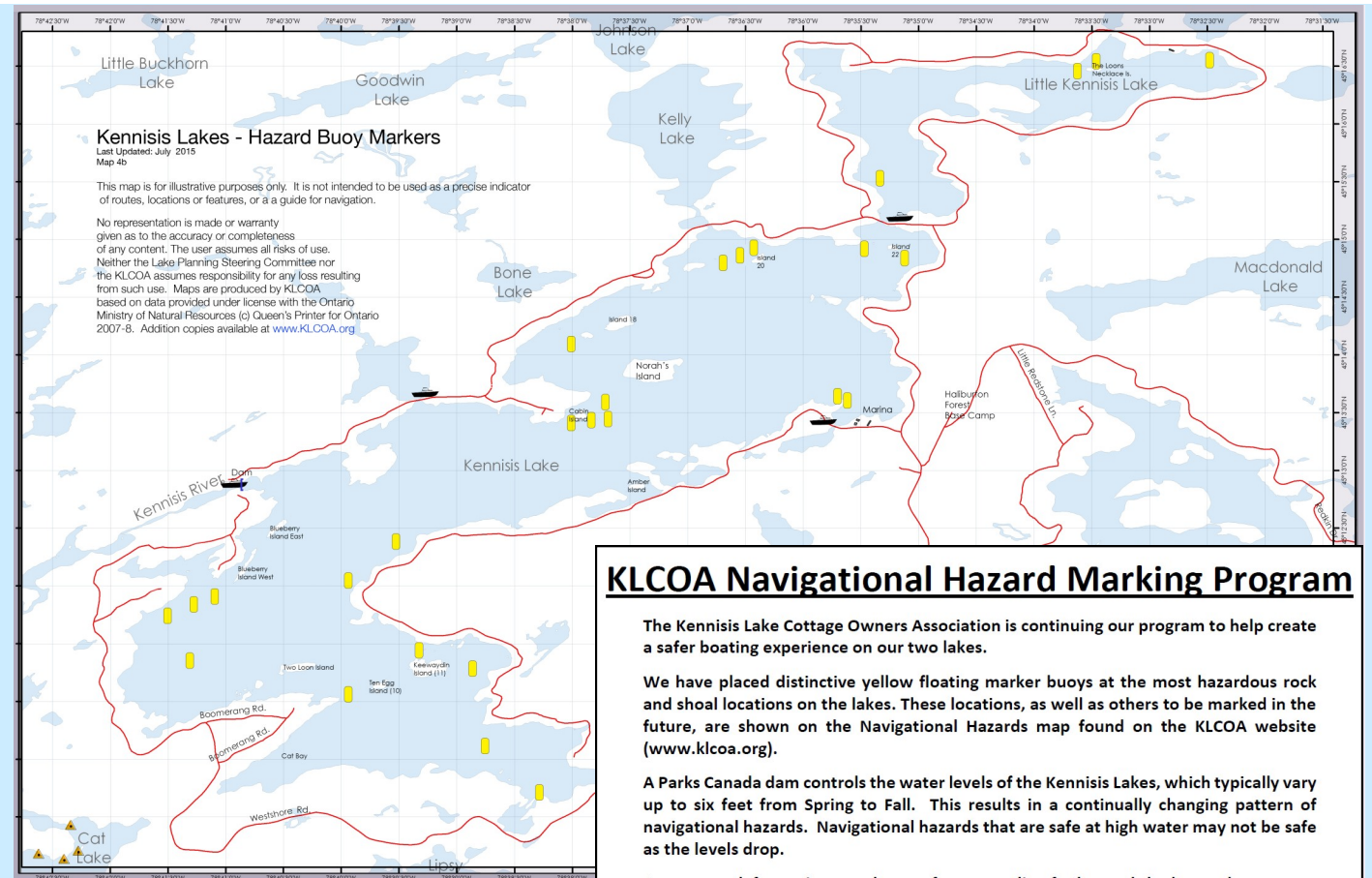
Flying drones or UAV around forest fires is dangerous and illegal. When you fly a drone near a forest fire, you can put the lives of pilots, firefighters and other emergency service personnel at risk. The 'no drone zone' is any area within nine kilometres of any forest fire. Before you fly your drone, make sure you understand the rules and regulations. Drone pilots must follow the rules in the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs). Visit Transport Canada's drone safety site

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to learn about: • drone safety • legal requirements • regulations • penalties.  
Remember, you are the pilot of your drone. Be safe and stay clear of forest fires.

from FOCA, 2025 LAKE STEWARDS MAGAZINE





**Kennisis Lakes - Hazard Buoy Markers**

Last Updated: July 2015  
Map 4b

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**KLCOA Navigational Hazard Marking Program**

The Kennis Lake Cottage Owners Association is continuing our 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](http://www.klcoa.org)).

A Parks Canada dam controls the water levels of the Kennis 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 buoys, boaters are advised to give the buoys a wide berth.

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

We would welcome suggestions from the Kennis Community about additional locations you deem hazardous to boating.

**NOT ALL HAZARDS ON THE KENNIS LAKES ARE MARKED!**  
**IT IS THE INDIVIDUAL BOAT OPERATOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO AVOID NAVIGATION HAZARDS!**

**Additional Marker Buoys**

Additional locations for markers are identified by community members on an ongoing basis. The KLCOA Hazard Marker committee determines whether to deploy new markers based on the KLCOA Navigational Marker Guidelines.

**No Wake Marker Buoys**

The KLCOA also coordinates the deployment of "NO WAKE" markers in some of the narrow channels such as the Cabin Island and Blueberry Islands channels and the entrance to Kennis Dam to remind boaters to limit speed and reduce wake in these areas that are popular swimming and recreation locations. Reflective tape and identification tags have been added to all 27 buoys.

For more info: contact Gino Ariano at [gino.ariano@hotmail.com](mailto:gino.ariano@hotmail.com)



The program does not guarantee or even suggest that unmarked hazard 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 their Pleasure Craft Operators Card. All boaters 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 Ontario of 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 Kennis Lakes.

### The 2026 Rock Bass Fishing Derby

This year, the rock bass fishing derby is organized again by Mike and Kelly Neely on July 4th. They will reinforce the need to use **Lead-Free Fishing Tackle** as lead fishing tackle is a major contributor to loon mortality.

A lead tackle drop off location will be shared at the derby. Help decrease the invasive rock bass population in our Lakes and

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*....a note from the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer*

Good afternoon,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing on behalf of the Municipality of Dysart et al By-law Department to address the matter of unauthorized encroachments of private docks on our public beaches and boat launch areas during the winter months.

According to the Dysart Et Al Encroachment By-law, it is prohibited for any private installations such as docks to be placed on public lands without proper authorization. This includes but is not limited to public beaches and boat launch areas, which are meant to be accessible to all residents and visitors alike year round.

This issue was discussed during the October 2024 Council Meeting, where it was agreed that steps must be taken to preserve the accessibility and natural beauty of our shared spaces during all seasons. The Council emphasized the importance of voluntary compliance with the By-law to prevent encroachments that inhibit public use and enjoyment of these areas.

To facilitate the dissemination of this information, we are reaching out to lake associations with the aim of encouraging communication with their members. We ask for your cooperation in informing individuals and property owners about the restrictions on placing private docks on public lands.

Our goal is to ensure compliance through education and clear communication rather than resorting to enforcement measures. However, please be advised that enforcement actions will be actively pursued this year for any continued non-compliance with the By-law.

We strongly urge all members and property owners to review the Encroachment By-law and respect public spaces by ensuring any personal property is removed from these areas promptly. Your cooperation in this matter is vital to maintaining the integrity and shared enjoyment of our natural resources.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for working with us to uphold the standards and regulations that benefit our community as a whole.

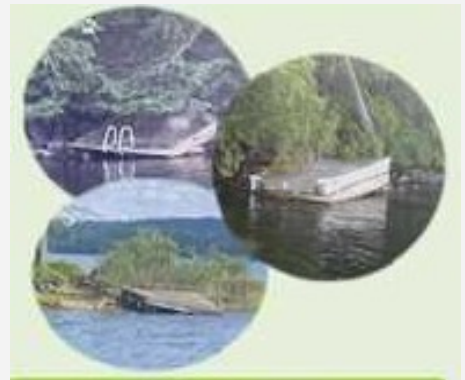
Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Please ensure that this communication is circulated among relevant parties within your association.**

Thank you,

**Abby Roberts**

*Municipal Law Enforcement Officer* Tel: (705) 457-1740 X 634  
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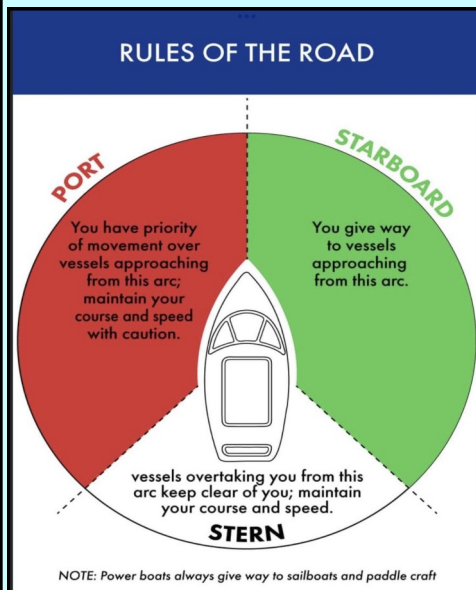


## More About SAFETY ON THE WATER

- Pleasure Craft Operating Card (PCOC) is mandatory when operating a vessel.
- You are responsible for your actions and reactions.
- Be aware of your surroundings when towing a tube/skier – you must have a spotter.
- Enjoy your water activity in the large parts of the lake.
- Reduce wake near shorelines and dock area - waves cause shoreline erosion, extreme wear on dock systems and damage to boats tied to docks.
- Reduce speed when canoes, kayaks, paddle boards and swimmers are visible.
- Wear your PFD.
- Have your safety kit with you.
- Know where you are!
- Swimmers: Swim near a shoreline unless you have a spotter beside you.
- Stay clear of boats fishing as they may have lines extending well past the stern of the boat.
- Stay clear of hazard markers and obey navigational markers :

**THEY'RE THERE FOR A REASON**

Keep this visual in your mind or take a snap shot with your phone so the “rules of the road” will come naturally when driving your vessel.



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KLCOA thanks our sponsors who have supported us for the 2026 season!

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