

Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association

Kennisis Breeze

Remaining Plans for Summer 2024 Activities

> 64th Annual Regatta

> > Aug. 3rd

Events posted at www.klcoa.org

Sailing Regatta

Aug. 4th

Norah's Island
Picnic
Aug. 5th

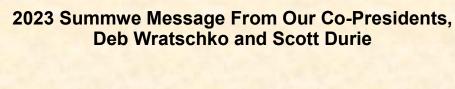
Dark Sky Event
Aug. 10th

Family Fun Day
Aug. 31st
Kennisis Lake
Marina Tent
Morning event

KLCOA started the 2024 season off with a BANG!!!! It was GREAT show!







Summer is well under way! It's amazing how fast time flies when you are having fun.

A number of our events are already completed with great success.

What's Up Kennisis Webinar – It's All About the Water Ladies of the Lake Lunch Fireworks
Rock Bass Fishing Derby
Children's Water Festival
Art on the Dock Sneak Peak
Art on the Dock

Coming up very shortly, we hope to see all of you at the 64th Annual KLCOA Regatta.

We also want to remind you about the Norah's Island Picnic on August 5th and the Dark Skies Night on August 12th. For more details check the Events Calendar at klcoa.org.

Our website refresh is well under way with a number of sections complete and the balance coming soon. Check out our website at klcoa.org.

Our KLCOA Survey: All About Fireworks is out for everyone to give input. This is your chance to give your board of directors some insight to help them decide on how to move forward. The deadline to complete the survey is August 5, 2024.

We look forward to wrapping up our season with our now annual Year End WrapUp – Family Fun event on the Saturday morning of August 31^{st.} Watch eblasts and our website for details as we get closer.

Looking forward, at our Annual Meeting in March 2025, it will be time to elect a new board of directors. If you have any interest in finding out more about the board please contact Scott Durie or <u>Deb Wratschko</u> to start a conversation.

As always, our door is open for feedback, comments and suggestions at klcoainfo@gmail.com

Deb Wratschko, KLCOA Co-President Scott Durie, KLCOA Co-President



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The KLCOA Board of Directors consists of 16 dedicated volunteers working for YOU. Our vision is to maintain a healthy and sustainable lake environment for generations of enjoyment.

We hold many well attended community events such as our Annual Regatta, Fireworks, Art on the Dock, Rock Bass Fishing Derby, Ladies of the Lake Luncheon and the Family Fun Day event at the end of summer to name a few.

In addition to social activities we are also involved or planning to become involved in many Stewardship initiative that support our vision. Some examples of these are water quality testing, loon nesting platforms, traditional rights of way, fire smart plan & education, invasive species education, abandoned dock program and community road clean up to name a few of the approximately 20 projects.

We can't do this important work without your financial support!

Please consider becoming part of our

Community Builder Recognition Program by contacting:

Susan Marlow

KLCOA Community Builder Coordinator

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647-866-4319.

Septic Education Videos: visit our website www.klcoa.org for details

KLCOA Septic Inspection Workshop (2023) In this webinar which is part of our What's Up Kennisis Webinar

series, our special guest speaker Mike Rahme from HomePro Inspection, describes the importance of Septic Systems Health as it relates to Lake Health.

https://youtu.be/QdIGjLuY74o

Poop Talk

Septic Systems are the single largest polluter of our lakes. All systems pollute, but the more efficiently your septic system operates, the less pollution goes into the environment.

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https://vimeo.com/63522168



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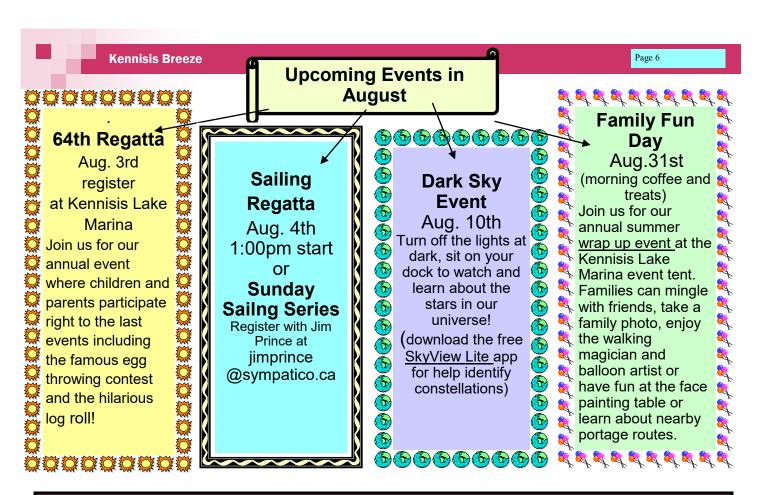
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Art on the Dock was another successful event on July 19th, 20th and 21st. We hope you had a chance to visit the talented artists. To do the event justice, many photos will be included in our next issue of Kennisis Breeze.

Stay tuned!





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 Three newsletters per year and a regularly updated website (<u>www.klcoa.org</u>) plus regular e-blast updates

- Two general meetings per year (May & September long weekends)
- Marker buoy program for safer boating
- Canada Day fireworks
- Rock Bass Fishing Derby
- Ladies of the Lake Luncheon
- Art on the Dock
- Annual Regatta (August long weekend)
- End of summer Family Fun Day
- Tree, plant and shrub education for shoreline preservation
- Snowmobile trails and portage routes
- Water Quality testing and water quality education to preserve our lakes
- membership in FOCA and CHA
- lobbying at the provincial and municipal levels for better roads, fire and police protection, 911 service, lower taxes and controlled waterfront development.
- Lake Plan management
- monitoring of lake trout spawning beds
- monitoring and lobbying for Trent-Severn water issues affecting our lake levels
- partnerships/communication with organizations pertinent to our lake's future (municipal, provincial and federal) e.g.
 WRAFT, CEWF
- management of the KLCOA Community
 Lands issues
- an active executive and committees working on your behalf

KLCOA Membership

We have paid 568 members in our Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association! Reminders:

- You can pay your dues online at www.klcoa.org
- 2024 stickers are available for pick up at the Marina.

WOODS

Where does my \$50.00

membership fee go?

Andrew Woods

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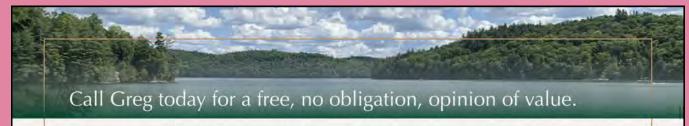
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Kennisis Lake Marina has planned another summer of musical tribute bands.

Information about purchasing tickets or other planned activities can be found at

https://www.facebook.com/people/ Kennisis-Lake-Marina-Stoage/100021207252450/

WOW! Enjoy your summer!





We said it was "coming soon". The bulletin boards have arrived!



Refreshing Our Communications Board

Many thanks to Jim Prince and his helpers who took their time to build and erect these bulletin boards for our lake community.

Thank you to the Kennisis Lake Marina for allowing Jim to build these new bulletin boards on the Marina store wall.

We strive to keep everyone informed of the events and activities planned for them as well as thank our business supporters who are happy to contribute to our vision.

Please take the time to read the material and stay updated with various planned events while enjoying a delicious ice cream cone!

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Bear Siting Photos Posted by Cottagers Remind Us to be "Bear Wise"

The following information is shared by:

<u>https://www.ontario.ca/page/prevent-bear-encounters-bear-wise</u>



Photo posted by Dennis Medved

At the Cottage

Most human-bear conflicts occur when bears are attracted by smells and rewarded with an easy meal. When bears pick up a scent with their keen noses, they will investigate it – even at your cottage. If bears are rewarded with feasts of bird food, garbage or pet food, they will return as long as the food source is available. It takes all cottagers working together to eliminate these attractants and to stop bear problems.

Whether you are closing the cottage for the season, or just between stays, you can take a few simple precautions to avoid problems with bears and other animals.

Here are some tips to help avoid these unwanted visitors:

- fill bird feeders only through the winter months
- keep your pets on a leash
- store garbage in a bear-resistant container with a tight-fitting lid, secure shed or garage
- do not store garbage in plywood boxes, old freezers or vehicles
- do not stockpile garbage take it to an approved waste disposal site regularly
- if you have garbage pickup, only put garbage out on garbage day, not the night before
- keep meat scraps in the freezer until garbage day
- remove grease and food residue from barbecue grills, including the grease trap, after each use
- do not use outdoor fridges or freezers, including beverage fridges, as these may attract bears to your property
- do not put meat, fish or sweet food (including fruit) in your outdoor composter
- pick all ripe fruit off trees, and remove vegetables and fallen fruit from the ground
- never purposely feed bears (or other wildlife) or try to approach them

Bear fact:

Bears need 20,000 calories a day to prepare for hibernation— that's 78 pounds of blueberries, 672 acorns, nearly 25,000 tent caterpillars or one seven-pound birdfeeder filled with black oil sunflower seed.



Photo posted by Kim Maly Resar

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More Tips from Bear Wise:

Before Leaving Your Cottage

When leaving your cottage make sure to:

- remove your garbage: take it home or drop it off at an approved waste disposal site on your way
- use a strong disinfectant to eliminate all odours from garbage and recycling containers and lids
- never discard cooking grease outside: place it in a container with a lid, transfer it to a plastic bag and include it with other properly stored garbage
- take your barbecue with you when you leave the cottage, or clean it and store it in a secure shed
- do not leave any food or food scraps outdoors for pets or other wildlife
- when packing up, remember to remove all the food from the inside of your cottage
- a box of pudding or fruit-flavoured dessert mix is all it takes to attract a bear
- do not leave scented products outside
- even non-food items like suntan lotion, insect repellent, soap and candles attract bears
- close and lock all windows and doors
- if you are away for an extended period of time, have someone you trust check in and look for signs of a bear visitor or break in

If You Own a Dog

Keep your dog on a leash when out in bear country. Be aware that unleashed dogs can cause defensive black bear attacks on people.

Unleashed dogs returning to their owners can cause a chase response that may lead a bear back to the owner. Take these precautions with your dog:

- leash your dog(s) to reduce the potential of dogs harassing a black bear or of being attacked by one
- check your yards for the presence of a black bear before letting your dogs out and keep an eye on them while they are in the yard
- manage your own safety first

if you encounter a bear, remove yourself and your pet from the area as soon as you can do so safely

Bear fact:

Unleashed dogs can surprise bears and cause a defensive attack on dogs and their owners. Always keep your dog on a leash. To avoid attracting bears, do not leave dog food outdoors or in screened-in areas of porches.



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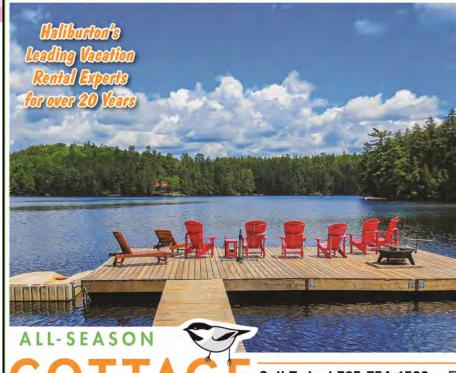
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Please Support Local Health Care Improvements

By Tayce Wakefield, Volunteer Chair, HHHSF Diagnostic Imaging Campaign, Little Kennisis Cottager

No one wants to go to the Emergency Room but I'll bet almost everyone on Kennisis has been there at least once with a family member or neighbour, whether we live here full-time or part-time.

We count on the ER having the equipment it needs to rapidly diagnose and treat us. A CT scan is frequently needed to determine the nature and extent of an injury or illness. But until July 10th, if you needed a CT scan in Haliburton, they'd put you in an ambulance for a bumpy ride down the backroads to Peterborough.

With the arrival and commissioning of the new CT equipment in Haliburton Hospital, diagnoses will be quicker and more accurate. That's great news for all of us!

One in 8 Canadian women will develop breast cancer and one in 38 will die from it. Early detection offers the best chance of survival. The Ontario Government is lowering the recommended starting age for regular screening to age 40 because breast cancer rates in younger women are on the rise.

In the fall, HHHS will install state-of-the-art CT mammography equipment that was just approved by Health Canada. It will take and stitch together 128 images in a 50 degree arc to see deep inside the breast (in a much shorter "squish period" than current technology). It will provide more accurate diagnoses and significantly reduce false positives and the anxiety that goes along with them.

The Ministry of Health pays operating costs but counts on the community to raise the necessary capital. The initial campaign goal was \$4.3 million for CT, Mammography, new ultrasound, and a digital imaging system to transmit diagnostic images and bone mineral densitometry.

X-ray is a basic diagnostic tool. The Canadian Association of Radiologists recommends that x-ray equipment be replaced every 5-10 years. Ours is now 12 years old. We need to replace it to give our doctors, nurses and technicians the proper tools to do their jobs. A new x-ray suite will cost an additional \$2.5 million

These technologies are an important step forward for health services in Haliburton County. We will benefit whether we're here part-time or full-time. Improving health care locally helps our property values, opens more options for retirement here, and supports the local workforce that supports us.

Please consider a donation. Go to www.hhhs.ca/foundation/give to donate on-line. Charitable receipts will be provided. Thank you!



It's Really Happening!
Thanks to the generous community,
the CT scan equipment was
purchased and equipment arrived
June 17th.

You are making a difference!!!



BUT let's not stop yet!

The campaign continues to strive for more dollars to purchase a new state of the art CT mammography equipment, new ultrasound, a digital imaging system to transmit diagnostic images and bone mineral densitometry and a new x-ray suite to replace the presently outdated equipment.

GIVING IS NOT JUST ABOUT MAKING A DONATION IT'S ABOUT MAKING a difference.



KLCOA Ladies of the Lake Luncheon Raises Almost

\$39, 000 for HHHSF Campaign

Press Release:

KENNISIS LAKE, ON – The Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association's 8th Ladies of the Lake Luncheon on Saturday, June 29th raised almost \$39,000 for the <u>Haliburton Highlands Health</u> <u>Services Foundation Here for You fundraising campaign.</u>

The annual event on the Canada Day weekend brings together 80-120 KLCOA members to kick off the summer. Half the participants bring food for a potluck lunch while half contribute to a local charity, which changes each year.

Kennisis resident Janis Parker offered to match contributions to the 2024 luncheon in memory of her mother, Carol Parker. This year, 55 participants donated \$13,948 with Parker's match bringing the total to \$27,896. Janis Parker has generously agreed to make a total donation of \$25,000 bringing the total donations from the Ladies of the Lake Luncheon event to \$38,948. Parker said, "My family has experienced the difficult two-hour ride in an ambulance to Peterborough for a CT scan in an emergency so I appreciate firsthand how important it is for this technology to be available locally."

Long-time organizers Liz Austin and Sheelagh Lawrance said the event has developed as a great way for old Kennisis friends to reconnect and for new property owners to meet their neighbours and get involved. There are sign-up sheets for various activities such as Kayak Club, Euchre Club and the Appetizer Club.

It has also become a positive way for the Kennisis community to support local charities and give back to the County. Past beneficiaries have included SIRCH and Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre (formerly known as the Abbey Retreat Centre).

This year, HHHSF Campaign Cabinet Chair Tayce Wakefield spoke briefly about how the new state-of-the-art CT scan and CT mammography will improve health services for both part-time and full-time residents. The Here for You Campaign is also aiming to raise enough funds to replace the current dated x-ray equipment with a new suite next year.

Wakefield said, "Since the province counts on the community to raise the necessary capital, fundraising events by community groups are important enablers of bringing new technologies and services to our area. We can't say thank you enough to the Kennisis ladies!"

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 Tayce Wakefield
 705-754-4039

Additional thank you to Julie Bramm, Lesley Lepine and Brenda Lobraico for their assistance on the organizing committee.

































Annual Rock Bass Fishing Derby

Thanks again to Mike and Kelly Neely for organizing this event on July 6th.

The 2024 Rock
Bass Derby was a
huge success
despite the weather.
Our participants
endured the rain
and caught a total
of 95.97 pounds of
Rock bass!

Congratulations to Wilson Butler in the 12 and under division catching a total of 9.10 pounds and to Stefan Campbell and Laura Neely in the 13 and over category catching a total of 17.7 pounds.

A special thanks to Brittany King from Ulinks and OFAH for educating us about the dangerous use of lead based fishing tackle on our environment and for providing the participants with new safe alternatives, information sheets and activities. Our loons suffer from lead tackle and is a major contributor to loon mortality.









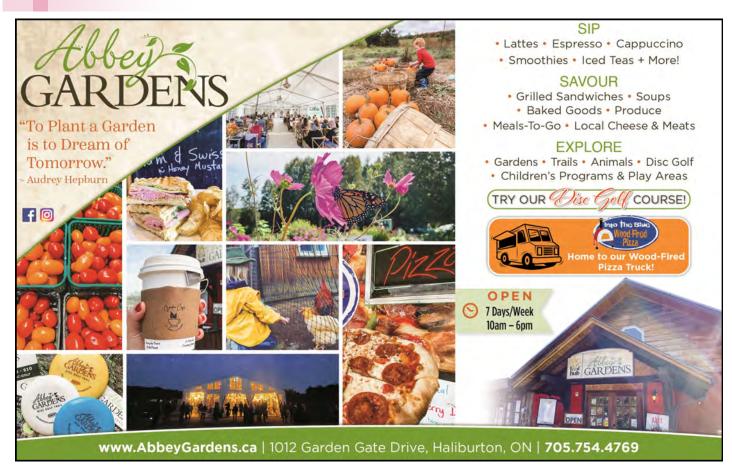
Well, What Did You Think?

KLCOA is interested in your opinion of our Fireworks display presented by Supernova. Watch for a survey in our eblasts. It will be available until August 5th.











The Kennisis Lake History Book Project: By Natalie Wood

SPECIAL K



Why Kennisis is Extra Special?

What makes Kennisis extra special? Is it the granite rock, the call of the loon, the clear lake water or is it the people? In researching for this lake history project, I have to say, it is the people who reside here and what and how they contribute that make our lake a little extra amazing.

Little Kennisis has a special such person, Mr. Gerry Phillips and his tug boat, Mini, make the summers priceless.

Cottager, Joan Middleton says "Love that boat - love to hear the toot toot" Sharon Howard:
"Thank you Mr Philips for
bringing so many smiles to
us over the years. Your toot
makes my heart sing"

"We were Very excited for him to see our kennisis tradition".

Mini, The Toot! Toot! **Tugboat**

Little Kennisis has a very special way to signify the much anticipated arrival of summer. A beloved addition to the lake since 1999, "Mini" and the "toot toot" of her iconic horn bring joy to all who eagerly await her first sail. She's somewhat of a celebrity on the lake and cottagers have been known to run down to the lake side or hop in a boat to go wave at Mini as she chugs by.

The "Mini" was built 75 years ago in Port Dover by a well-known fishing and tug boat builder named Jack Matthews. The boat is 24 feet long and still has its original 3-cylinder Lister motor.

In 1946, she began a 35- year career as a successful commercial fishing tug out of Port Dover. Around 1980 she started her second successful career at Snug Harbour, near Parry Sound where she towed barges around Georgian Bay Islands to various work sites for 20 years.



Mini in her element in Snug Harbour

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The Duckworth Family enjoying a visit from Gerry and Mini, summer 2021



Mini & Gerry escorting Maggie Childe and her wedding party on Little kennisis 2009. Maggie and Darryl Spector were married at the Little Kennisis Lodge on September 19th, 2009.

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Little Kennisis cottager and present owner of the tugboat, Gerry Phillips, said that he obsessed over owning a tug boat and spent much time looking for one. He declared that "for some irrational reason I had always wanted a small tug". In 1999, he found the semi-retired "Mini" in a Boat Trader advertisement. Mr. Phillips bought the tug and moved her to Little Kennisis for "a relaxed retirement", much to the joy of those who see her on the lake each summer.

'She has brought our family untold pleasure. We have had fishing trips, Grandkid rides, one briefly 'successful' water-ski behind her and infinite amounts of sunset cruises. We even had the honour of taking a beautiful bride to her wedding at the old Kennisis Lodge. The boat is tall so we can't get in Big Kennisis until at least early August. I hope the horn is not too loud, exclaims Mr. Phillips. The Phillip's family love boating around the lake and toot the horn of Mini to all who wave. Mr. Phillips says "we know she's happy to be on such a beautiful lake".



The Phillips Family & Their beloved Mini.

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Cyanobacteria: Blue-Green Algae (from KLCOA 2023 Water Quality Report) Download the entire report at

https://klcoa.org/2023-water-quality-report/

There is growing public concern over cyanobacteria, due to an increasing trend in the number of algal blooms in Ontario. These blooms cause an environmental hazard, impacting water quality, and also contain toxins harmful to humans and animals. Blooms mostly occur in late summer in warm shallow waters, but have also been recorded in deeper, cooler, oligotrophic lakes.

Measurements of chemical parameters such as dissolved oxygen and total phosphorus (TP) can provide insight into the probability of cyanobacteria blooms. By regularly measuring these parameters to define normal ranges for each lake, unnaturally high temperatures, low DO, and high TP can give early indication of cyanobacteria occurrence.

Anoxic waters can generate a chemical reaction in which phosphorus is released from sediments into the water column, potentially fuelling algal growth [11]. This nutrient loading would normally occur in the late summer/fall months. To anticipate these occurrences, DO/temperature profiles should be taken consistently in the fall to determine the "normal" state of the lake and to keep an eye out for unusual anoxic conditions. Kennisis Lake was sampled in September; we will monitor this data and consider moving the sampling date later into the fall.

Long-term climate warming is a potential contributing factor to recent blooms. The warming of the water column from longer ice-free periods and warmer atmospheric temperatures can provide ideal conditions for eutrophication and a rise in bloom occurrences.

Short-term climate variability has also been recognized as a trigger for cyanobacteria blooms. Unusually late ice-out, followed by above average air temperature and low wind speeds (for about 2 weeks) can produce rapid thermal stratification leading to a very short spring turnover period [12]. The resulting incomplete oxygen replenishment into the water column at the beginning of summer could lead to anoxia and phosphorus loading over the growing season.

It is important to take note of any unusual weather occurrences that could trigger cyanobacteria growth as well as making sure there are no anthropogenic sources of nutrient loading that could impact water quality. For more information on identifying and reporting blue-green algae blooms visit: ontario.ca/page/blue-green-algae



The first in a series of webinars called 'What's Up Kennisis?' was held on June 15. Our Water Quality & Blue Green Algae – What you need to know.

Dr. Elizabeth Favot presented us with details on what blue-green algae is, what causes it and what we can do to help prevent it. She explains the science around it and the research that is being done to better understand it and how it is impacting our Lakes

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIAf5TTGo7Q



Kennisis Breeze

How Can I Identify a Blue-Green Algae Bloom?

Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations

There has been a dramatic increase in blue green algae blooms in Ontario in recent years. As a result many lakefront property owners are very concerned when they see blooms or floating

masses which they think could be a bloom. To alleviate unnecessary concerns and to share important information The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations is providing this fact sheet on how to identify blue green algae blooms and what to do if you do suspect one (info on reverse of this page)

What is it? Info from MOECP

Blue-green algae are microscopic, plant-like organisms that occur naturally in ponds, rivers, lakes and streams. Although often blue-green, they can also be olive-green or red.

How to recognize it

Blue-green algae are not normally visible in the water, but populations can rapidly increase to form a large mass or scum called a bloom when conditions are favourable.

Blooms most commonly occur in late summer and early fall. They thrive in areas where the water is shallow, slow moving and warm, but they may be present in deeper, cooler water.

Dense blue-green algae blooms may make the water look bluish-green, or like green pea soup or turquoise paint. Very dense blooms may form solid-looking clumps.

Fresh blooms often smell like newly mown grass, while older blooms may smell like rotting garbage.

Blue-Green Algae: Get to Know its True Colours

Category 1

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Blue Green Algae Blooms

	Category I	Category 2	Category 3		
Appearance	The water appears cloudy, but you can still see through it Particle density can vary greatly in the water column	The water colour appears changed Algae may be in clusters or balls or flakes in the water, like a pea purée	This is a dense bloom; it may resemble a paint spill and the surface of the water may form a scum Algae is easily swept by the wind and deposited near the shore		
Precautions	It is unsafe to swim or to allow children to play in water with any dense algal bloom if you cannot see into the water. Wait until the bloom has subsided and the water is clear.	Do not swim in a Category 2 or 3 algal bloom, or any bloom which obscure your view into the water. Even if it is not blue-green algae, it is unsafe to swim or to allow children to play in any dense algal bloom, since you cannot see into the water. Wait 24 hours after the bloom has disappeared and the water is clear.			
Swimming	Health effects are not expected at this stage.	Individuals may develop mild symptoms of skin rash or eye irritation	Individuals may develop mild symptoms of skin rash or eye irritation		

What To Do If You Suspect a Blue Green Algae Bloom

- 1. Take pictures
- 2. Notify MOECP Spills Action Line at 1-866-663-8477 (line operates 24/7)
- 3. Notify your Lake Association so that your Association can let all the members on the lake know
- 4. Notify your municipal government
- 5. Tell your neighbours

Do Not

- A. Swim in the lake
- B. Let pets or any animals swim or drink from the lake
- C. Do Not allow water from the lake to enter your house/cottage
 - i. Most water treatment systems will not safely treat water with a blue green algae bloom
 - ii. Boiling or chlorinating the water can release toxins into the air
 - iii. Even UV filters will not safely treat water which contains a blue green algae bloom
- D. Stop using the water and seek medical attention if symptoms such as skin, eye or throat irritation, allergic reactions or breathing difficulties occur while in contact with untreated surface waters.

9. Do not eat fish caught in the water body.

Where to get more information:

- Ontario Ministry of Environment https://www.ontario.ca/page/blue-green-algae
- Haliburton Kawartha Health Unit -

http://www.hkpr.on.ca/Portals/0/PDF%20Files%20-%20Environ/pamphlet2.pdf



The Kennisis Lake Community is invited to visit Norah's Island on August 5, 2024. Learn about the Island and participate in a picnic by bringing your own edibles and leaving no trace of your visit. Contact jeff.pinkney@gmail.com

For more information.



KLCOA Offered the Children's Water Festival – It's All About the Water! (media release)

KENNISIS LAKE, ON – The Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA) hosted a Children's Water Festival on Saturday July 13 which was attended by lake residents and community members. This was run in partnership with the Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival (HMKCWF) which has for more than 15 years, been an outdoor Fall event that informs and inspires regional elementary school students to become water stewards in their homes, classrooms and communities. Dysart et al Lake Associations were invited to have families from their communities join KLCOA members for this adaptation exploring Lake Health.

Children attending the event had some fun visiting a variety of hands-on activity stations where they learned about all things water, while making ecological connections to the natural world around them. For this local water festival, some of the stations included 'Bugs in Mud', 'Stream Savers' and 'Stow-Away Guardians'. While completing the activities, the children learned about how invertebrate (benthic) critters in our lakes signal lake health, how natural shorelines keep our lakes and rivers clean and why it is important to clean, drain and dry our boats to avoid transporting invasive species to our lakes.

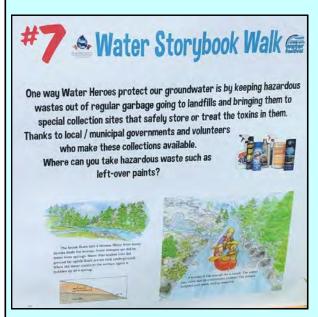
Kara Mitchell, coordinator of the festival said that "It was rejuvenating to share these learning activities with Lake Association families, thanks to dedicated KLCOA volunteers. There were plenty of connections grown between folk who care about the health of local Lake and shoreline ecosystems and ways we can give back to the waters that sustain us. We look forward to more of such partnerships in the future."

Representatives from the U-Links Centre for Community Based Research and the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA) supported two of the activity stations with equipment and expertise about water quality monitoring with hands on activities for the kids and information for the parents and caregivers.

Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival programs have been offered to the local school boards and now with community organizations, thanks to the generosity of volunteers, partner programs and sponsors. Please contact Kara at info@waterheroes.ca for more information or to get involved!

Learning In Context

Water covers 75 per cent of the planet, and also makes up about 75 per cent of a person's body weight. Water is essential for all life on Earth. Without it, nothing lives and nothing grows.





Participants discovered strange creatures living in the Benthic Zone, the bottom, as well as other levels of the Lake. They learned about some of these creatures' interesting adaptations and about identifying bugs as a part of 'citizen scientist' acts that help track the health of local waterways. (in partnership with **ULinks**)









Participants were introduced to the components that are necessary for riparian zone function, with a strong focus on plants. They understood how important a healthy. plant-filled riparian zone is to all watersheds. They saw the many plant and animal interactions amid the Ribbon of Life. Students were also introduced to the concept of stewardship and shoreline restoration so they can become great waterfront stewards themselves.



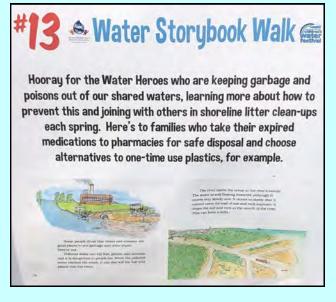


Participants
learned about
aquatic invasive
species that can
travel between
water bodies
attached to our
boats by
completing a
challenge that
includes the
steps involved in
successfully
cleaning them off
toy models.









Do You like Grasses on your Property? Let's Chose the Right One.... Master Gardiners of Haliburton state:



Grow only native grasses for northern regions. Many non-native species and some native grasses from southern regions are invasive and alter the ecosystem of our region. They may crowd out native plants. Animals, not being familiar with the foreign plants, frequently will not use them for food or even shelter and dense stands can block an animal's path. Seed or single plants are available for purchase. Sow seed in the fall, between Oct. 15th and Nov. 15th or in spring between April and May. Avoid the use of fertilizers as they wash into waterways and encourage weeds at the expense of the native plants Here are some samples:

Indiangrass (Sorghastrum nutans)







Habitat and Growing Conditions: Sun, part shade or shade. Prefers moist, rich, and well drained soils. Drought tolerant. Bunching, warm-season grass that grows 3-8 feet in height. Plume-like gold and purple sprays of flowers and seeds

in the fall. Best grown in open woods, fields, and dry slopes.

Environmental and Health Benefits: Provides structure for native bees, nesting materials, and seeds for birds and small mammals. Food source for the adult Pepper and Salt Skipper (*Amblyscirtes hegon*).



Poverty Oat Grass (Danthonia spicata)







Habitat and Growing Conditions: Sun, part shade, and shade. Prefers dry, non-fertile soil. Cool-season grass is clump-forming and bluish green in colour. Grows 1 – 3 feet tall. **Environmental and Health Benefits:** Attracts butterflies and is larval host to the Indian Skipper (*Hesperia sassacus*).



Prairie Dropseed (Sporobolus heterolepis)







Prairie Dropseed is fine-textured ornamental grass is favoured by landscapers for its tendency to grow in decorative bunches. Long, narrow arching leaves form attractive round tuffs that range in colour through the seasons from emerald-green to golden brown into fall and winter. It can be grown as a single specimen or in a mass planting when spaced 12" apart. This warm season grass emerges later in the spring when the soil heats up.

Habitat and Growing Conditions: Full sun, moist to dry soil. Tolerates a wide range of soils conditions, including clay but prefers dry, rocky soil making it perfect for borders, rock gardens or as groundcover. Hardy to zone 3, drought tolerant, requires little care. Grows 1-3 feet height and spreads 12". Clump

Environmental and Health Benefits: Provides food for ground foraging songbirds.



Sweet Grass (Hierochloe odorata L.)

forming, takes 2-3 seasons to fully establish. Deer resistant.







Sweet grass is also known as vanilla grass, manna grass and holy grass. It is an aromatic herb native to northern Eurasia and North America.

Habitat and Growing Conditions: Full sun, moist soil, open ground. Grows 10-24" in height. Flowers/seeds on pyramid -shaped clusters.

Identification: Spreads on slender, creeping rhizomes. Leaf clumps arise from dead foliage of previous year and wither soon after flowering.

Environmental and Health Benefits: This vanilla scented grass is brewed as tea for coughs and sore throats.

Comments: It is widely used and revered as a sacred plant. Among other uses, it is burned as incense or smudging in First Nations ceremonies.



Sedges (Sedge with wood sorrel)

Sedges are common in Haliburton County and appear as tidy clumps of grass and emerge green in early spring. As they develop and go to seed over the summer their look matures. They can work as a ground cover, edging or alternative to grass. They are tough and adaptable plants that feed the soil with organic matter and provide natural mulch that benefit nearby plants as well. You can distinguish sedge by its triangular stem. "sedges have edges".

Common Sedge Attributes:

- Dense, fibrous root systems wick up water and slow down runoff.
- No need to fertilize.
- Hundreds of native sedges, and many that are drought resistant.
- No need to mow.
- Provide cover, nesting sites and nesting material for birds and small mammals.
- Nectar and pollen source, larval host for some pollinators.
- Caterpillar larval is a critically important food source for bird fledglings.
- Many kinds of wildlife (including birds) eat the seeds.
- Green in early spring when other perennials are still dormant.
- Most require sun or part sun.
- Some have interesting seed heads.
- Deer do not eat them (though rabbits enjoy a few varieties).
- The nutlets of varieties like golden sedge are edible



Many thanks
to Haliburton
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Gardeners
for creating
this valuable
resource and
sharing it with
the
community.

The entire booklet, <u>Native Plants For Your Property including Shorelines</u>, can be downloaded at https://www.haliburtonmastergardener.ca/2024/02/native-plants-for-your-property-including-shorelines/

Kennisis Breeze



Late June UPDATE to the CONNECTIVITY Project

Bell has just informed us that Wilkinson Road is ready to sign up for 'Fibre to the Home'. Feedback from members who have signed up so far is very positive.

The entire North Shore including Paddy's Bay and all spur roads are now ready for people to sign up for service.

Customers may contact Bell at 1-866-310-2355 to make arrangements for installation at their property and to sign up for the service (or dial *611 from any Bell mobile device). More information on services, plans, bundles is available at bell.ca

West Shore will be awhile longer due to the requirement of specialized equipment. Bell will let us know when the West Shore becomes available.



Hosted by KLCOA:

First Aid/CPR presentation presented by **RESCUE 7** offered participants an opportunity to learn about dealing with wounds, heat stroke, allergic reactions using an epi-pen, hypothermia, cardiac emergencies. CPR and using a AED, and choking emergencies. Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) often strikes without warning. There's little time to react and no time to think. Good CPR paired with an AED can increase survival rate by 75% or more.









AED can be purchased at the following address until September 30th

https://forms.gle/2qLfQCgW4mQyKRZ79



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 to remind boaters to limit speed and reduce wake in these areas that are popular swimming and recreation locations.

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 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 Kennisis Community about additional locations you deem hazardous to boating.

NOT ALL HAZARDS ON THE KENNISIS LAKES ARE MARKED!

IT IS THE INDIVIDUAL BOAT OPERATOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO AVOID NAVIGATION HAZARDS!

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 Kennisis Lakes.



Reminder: KLCOA Guidelines for Dock Etiquette

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

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.

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.

Ensure any docks placed in a public area for winter storage are clearly tagged with your name and address. Download the entire document at www.klcoa.org

Boating Education

Watch the **E-learning modules** about proper boating skills, available on our website, www.klcoa.org.

There are a variety of topics under the "boating" tab. Take some time to review or learn about topics such as "departing or docking a boat", "night boating", towing skiers, boards or tubes", "use of personal water craft", and "boating law, safety and courtesy".

We are very thankful that these modules, prepared by Scott Ferguson and the Muskoka Lakes Association were willing to share them with us!

Kennisis Breeze

2024 WORK PLANNED for Kennisis Lake Roads

- Paving on Kennisis Lake Road from Paddy's Bay to the Dam (pending award by Council – not tendered yet)
- Mechanical patching of potholes on Watts Road.
- Dysart is trying to hold surface together long enough for Capital work in future years. The delay in complete reconstruction is because there is so much heavy truck traffic and logging trucks. They feel that if the road was to be completely redone now while truck traffic remains high, that the new road could conceivably be ruined again within two years. Therefore Dysart would like to see truck traffic reduced to justify this project.
- No brushing is scheduled.
- Pothole patching as needed

The KLCOA has sent a letter to Dysart expressing concern over the condition of Watts Road and the non-committal to restore it properly in a timely manner.

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NOTE:

If there is a major problem, Dysart et al wants concerned community members to go to their website, https://www.dysartetal.ca/ and click the "Roads" tab, then click on the "fill in our online form" to make a report.

This will create a record of your concern and your concern will be addressed in a que.

A Word from FOCA on INVASIVE SPECIES

Invasive species pose a significant threat to Ontario's economy and natural environment. Invasive species negatively affect the habitats they invade, displacing native species and causing a serious threat to biodiversity. Aquatic ecosystems are especially vulnerable to invasive species. Once established in an aquatic ecosystem, an invasive species is almost impossible to eliminate and control measures can be costly.

As a waterfront property owner, you are part of the ever changing environment and the threats and challenges it faces. You may have certain aspects of your property that you value, whether it be swimmable/ fishable water, supporting wildlife or just enjoying nature. Unfortunately, invasive species can affect all of this in various ways:

Water soldier is an invasive perennial aquatic plant. It is native to Europe and northwest Asia and is a popular ornamental plant used in water gardens. When a population of water soldier is established it forms dense mats of floating vegetation. Not only does this negatively impact native biodiversity, the aquatic plant can also hinder recreational activities such as swimming, boating and fishing. This aquatic plant also has sharp serrated leaf edges that can cut swimmers and individuals who handle the plants. So far water soldier has only been found in the wild within the Trent River and the Black River in Ontario. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Parks Canada and other partners are working collaboratively to prevent the spread of and eventually eradicate this invasive species. Water soldier is regulated in Ontario under the Invasive Species Act as a prohibited invasive species.



Eurasian water-milfoil is an invasive aquatic plant. It is native to Asia and northern Africa and was introduced to North America in the 19th century most likely from shipping ballast or aquarium release. This aquatic perennial grows very fast and creates dense underwater mats that shade other aquatic plants. Once a population is established the landscape of a waterfront will change very dramatically. Native aquatic plants are soon replaced by the invasive milfoil and as large stands die off the process of decomposition creates anoxic conditions that can result in fish kills. These stands can become so thick that they create areas of stagnant water, which

is an ideal habitat for mosquitos. Many lakes in Ontario have already seen the landscape and structures of their waterfront change drastically due to Eurasian water-milfoil invasions. In Ontario, this invasive aquatic plant can be found in the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence River and many inland lakes throughout southern and central Ontario.



Several Haliburton lakes have been impacted by Eurasian-Water Milfoil. Watch this video about the Drag and Spruce Lake's journey with invasive Eurasian-Water Milfoil https://vimeo.com/810673970









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