



Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association

Kennisis Breeze

2026 Summer Activities

Dark Sky Event

Aug. 15th

10:00pm

Family Fun Day

Aug. 29th

Late morning

Kennisis Lake Marina
Tent

Full Disclosure:

An original script of this photo was written and shared with

<https://chatgpt.com/>

asking it to improve the original, using a poetic rhythm and undertone.

The description of the photo was the result of my original attempt at commenting on the photo.

This tool is very insightful!

T. Fagg

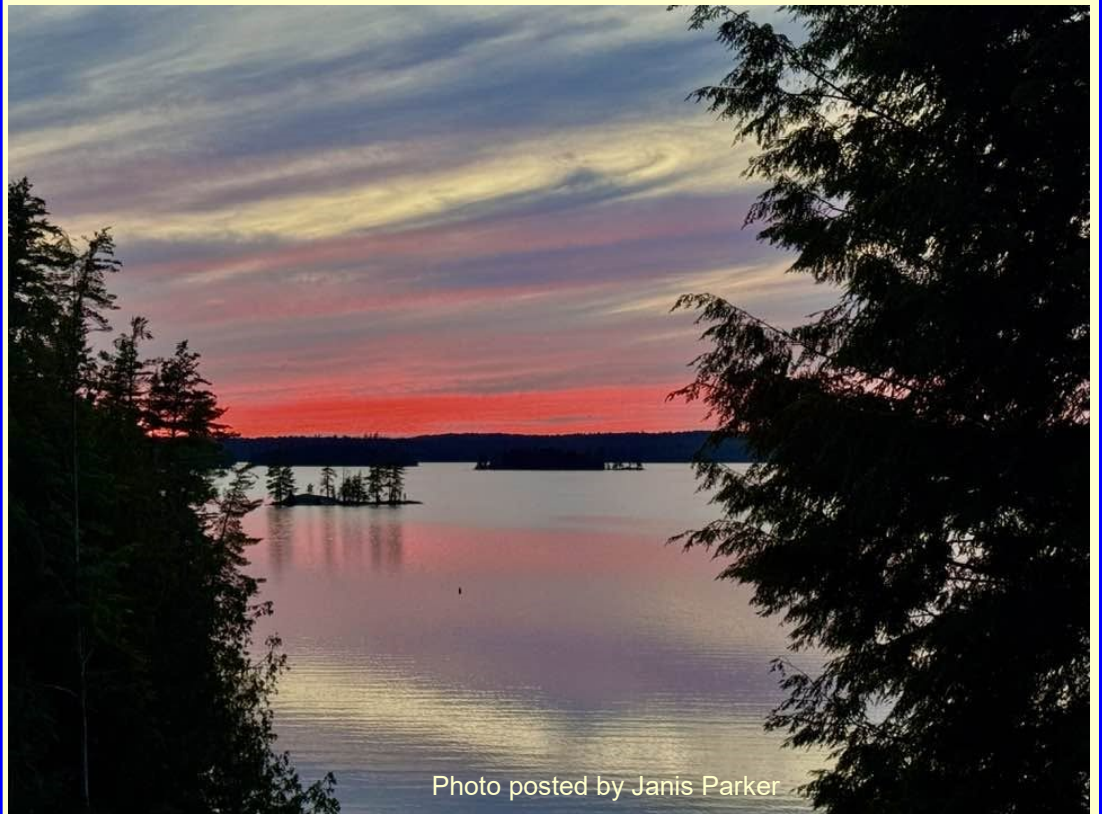


Photo posted by Janis Parker

WHAT DO YOU SEE IN A PHOTO?

Beyond the shimmering waters, beneath the towering pines, and under the ever-changing colours of our northern skies lies the true heart of Kennisis Lakes—its people. Ours is a community where creativity quietly flourishes, where passions become lifelong pursuits, and where neighbours generously share their talents, enriching us all.

This photograph by Janis Parker offers a glimpse of that spirit. It invites us to look a little closer and discover the artistry, dedication, and stories that surround us every day, often hidden in plain sight. These are the moments that remind us that the beauty of the Kennisis Lakes is found not only in its breathtaking landscape, but also in the remarkable people who call it home.

With each issue, *Kennisis Breeze* celebrates these moments, capturing the warmth, creativity, and sense of belonging that make our community so vibrant. Together, they form the tapestry of life at Kennisis Lakes—a place where nature inspires, people connect, and community thrives.



Summer Message from Our Co-Presidents

Scott Durie and Jacquie Geall



Summer has arrived at Kennisis Lake in full swing — and what a season it has been so far! The lake is buzzing with activity, sunshine, and all the things we love most about summer at Kennisis. From boat rides and beach days to catching up with friends at the dock (usually after saying “just one more minute” and staying for another hour), it has been wonderful to see our community coming together.

We’ve already enjoyed an incredible lineup of events, including the **What’s Up Kennisis Webinar – “Aquatic Plants in our Lakes! The Good, the Bad and the Beautiful,”** a spectacular fireworks display, the **Ladies of the Lake Cottage Social**, the **Rock Bass Fishing Derby**, and **Art on the Dock**. Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, and helped make these events such a success. It’s your enthusiasm and support that make Kennisis Lake such a vibrant and connected community.

There is still plenty of summer fun ahead, even though we have already presented the **66th Annual KLCOA Regatta** on Saturday, August 1st. Whether you were racing across the water, cheering from shore, or simply enjoying the excitement (and perhaps wondering how anyone manages to stay upright in a canoe), we hope you attended this much-loved Kennisis tradition. We also look forward to gathering under the stars for **Dark Skies Night on Saturday, August 15th**. Visit the KLCOA website for event details and updates.

As we enjoy these beautiful summer days, we kindly remind everyone that our lake and roads are at their busiest. Please continue to be respectful of one another by following boating safety guidelines, being mindful of shoreline activities, slowing down on our roads, and sharing the space with walkers, cyclists, and neighbours. Whether you’re cruising the lake, cruising the roads, or cruising slowly because you’re enjoying the view, a little courtesy helps keep Kennisis Lake safe and welcoming for everyone.

And before we know it, we’ll be wrapping up another amazing summer with our **“That’s a Wrap”, our Family Fun Event on Saturday morning, August 29th, 11:00am to 1:00pm!** This special end-of-summer celebration is the perfect way for **KLCOA members and their families** to come together, celebrate the season, and enjoy one more memorable morning at the lake before the docks get quieter and the “summer crew” starts packing up.

Bring the family, bring your summer stories, and come join us as we put a bow on another fantastic Kennisis Lake summer. Whether you're a full-time lake resident, a weekend warrior, or someone who measures summer by how many sunsets you've caught from the dock — this celebration is for you! Watch for more details through our eblasts and website as we get closer.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of our incredible volunteers. Your time, energy, and enthusiasm are what make these events possible and keep our community thriving. We truly couldn't do it without you.

We look forward to seeing everyone out on the water and at **That's a Wrap!**

See you on the lake,
Scott Durie and Jacquie Geall

In case you missed it... This webinar is available for viewing. Visit [KLCOA.org](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-MHcFM6FX6U&t=2158s) to obtain the link and learn about our aquatic plants or click on the link below..

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-MHcFM6FX6U&t=2158s>

KLCOA Webinar Series Kennisis Lakes - Aquatic Plant Inventory

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

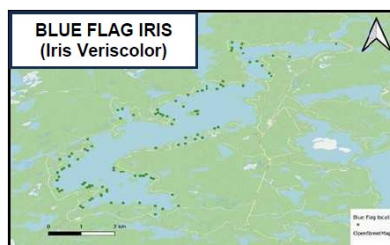
Wednesday June 10, 2026 - 7:00-8:00pm

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

**WHAT'S
UP
KENNISIS?**



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

Our Roads, Your Roads

On June 12th and June 13th, many Kennisis Lakes cottagers took to the roads to pick up garbage. These pictures reflect the numerous items that were collected by the volunteers.

Please remember that these roads belong to all of us and we all need to respect our environment by managing our wastes properly.



"To mitigate the health, environmental, financial, and reputational risks associated with illegal dumping, Dysart et al developed the By-law 2021-29 to Govern the Management of Waste, which came into force and effect on May 1, 2021, replacing the previous by-law from 2006.

Dysart has recently implemented a waste management by-law that addresses illegal dumping, including fines, one-time landfill passes for short-term renters, and an online form for reporting illegal dumping activities."

..from Sir Sandford Fleming report: <https://database.ulinks.ca/items/show/4917>



Thank you to Larry Harris and Natalie Wood and the team of volunteers who took the time to work the cottage roads on Saturday and/or Sunday and pick up garbage that accumulated in just one year!!!

Let's reduce this community mess by following the poster that clearly explains what goes where (see next page). If you are not sure, download the updated version of Haliburton County Waste Wizard app to learn how to dispose of your item.



CAUTION: Please note that there are changes to the waste management guide. Use this poster instead of the 3 posters provided in the past. Visit dysartetal.ca/waste for more information.



Waste Management Guide

Visit dysartetal.ca/waste for more information about waste management!

Recycling for Containers

Rinse all containers and ensure they are clean of liquids or food



Recycling for Papers (Fibres)



Garbage

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DONATIONS NOT ACCEPTED:

- Large, older TVs and stereos
- Pianos and organs
- Built-in appliances
- Printers
- Paint and hazardous materials
- Safety items (i.e. smoke detectors)
- Helmets
- Lifejackets
- Cribs, safety gates and strollers

Location: Thrift Warehouse Haliburton

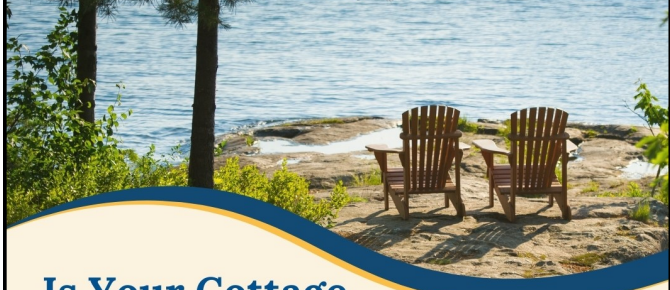
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✓ Propane and charcoal BBQs are permitted for food preparation only, but must be extinguished immediately after use.

Municipality of
Dysart et al

Instead of the Landfill:**The 4C's Food Bank and
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10:00am to 2:00 pm

DONATIONS ACCEPTED at
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The Coalition for Equitable Waterflow Summer Bulletin

Welcome! CEWF has been watching the water for you since 2006. We have 32 member associations in the counties of Haliburton and Peterborough and manage 40 dams.

Did you know that the water from our lakes feeds the 386km long Trent Severn Waterway that connects Lake Ontario to Georgian Bay? We're called "the reservoir lakes" because, since 1904, our water has been held in reserve to supply a variety of needs throughout the system.

Drawdown has begun! TSW has begun the annual drawdown due to a significant lack of rainfall in June. The drawdown is when TSW uses the water they have stored in our lakes for other mandated purposes. This means lake levels are starting to go down much earlier this year. TSW's weekly drawdown forecasts identify how much each lake will be reduced each week however, they should be considered a 'rolling forecast' as many factors affect the details, not the least of which is rain.

To get this info and future bulletins as soon as they're released, subscribe to our e-alerts at www.cewf.ca.

Let's Not Forget About the Sun Protection

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

What the evidence actually says about sun protection

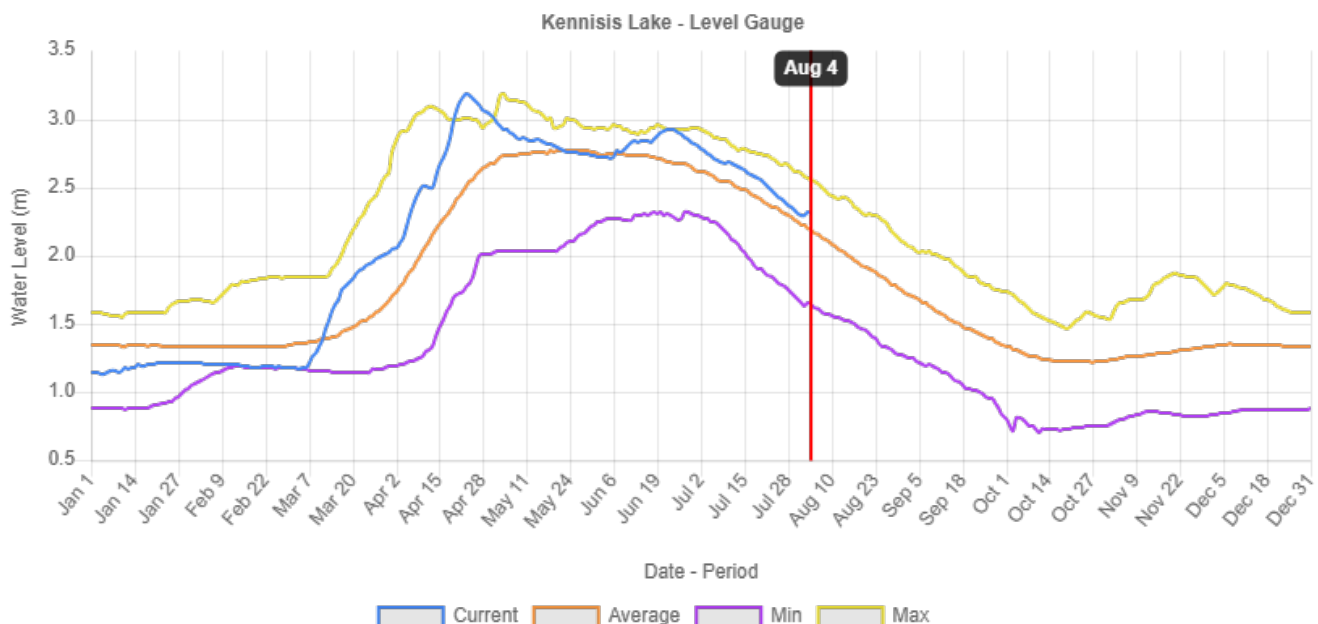
Here's the part that often surprises people: research says staying in the shade and covering up are more effective than sunscreen for reducing cancer risk. That means a wide-brimmed hat, UV-protective clothing, and finding a shady spot are your first line of defense and not an afterthought.

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.



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DARK SKY EVENT

August 15th, 10:00pm

Here's hoping for a clear, dark night in order to appreciate the wonders in our skies! We have had many clear nights this summer and the view has been spectacular!

We can also learn about the constellations, find the planets, identify satellites or even see the International Space Station using an app called **Sky View Lite**. Once it is downloaded on your device (it's free), open the app and hold it towards the sky. It will provide you with the ability to explore the universe!! Hold it towards the water and it will show you what is in the sky at a different location on Earth.

"You may also notice certain stars twinkling significantly more than others. Stars that are closer to the horizon appear to shimmer more intensely because their light must travel through a much thicker layer of the atmosphere"

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

The KLCOA asks cottagers to remember to shut off cottage lights and external lights if possible to give us a better view of the sky.

Summer 2026 Astronomical Events

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">  - June 21: Summer Solstice (Northern Hemisphere)  - June 29-30: Full Strawberry Moon  - July 6: Earth Aphelion (farthest distance from the Sun)  - July 12: Southern delta Aquariids begin  - July 14: New Moon  - July 17: Perseid Meteor Shower begins  - July 28-29: Full Buck Moon  - July 28-29: Southern delta Aquariids peak
(weak, visibility impaired by Full Moon)  - Aug 2: Mercury highest in eastern sky before sunrise | <ul style="list-style-type: none">  - Aug 12: New Moon  - Aug 12: Partial Solar Eclipse across Canada  - Aug 12-13: Perseid Meteor Shower peaks
(strong, ideal visibility with New Moon)  - Aug 15: Mercury-Jupiter conjunction  - Aug 24: Perseid Meteor Shower ends  - Aug 27-28: Full Sturgeon Moon  - Aug 27-28: Partial Lunar Eclipse  - Sept 11: New Moon  - Sept 22 - Fall Equinox (Northern Hemisphere) |
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Also referred to as Bishop's weed and snow on the mountain, this perennial groundcover tolerates a wide range of soil conditions. It is highly shade-tolerant and competitive once established, reproducing by seed and spreading by underground stems called rhizomes. It is most commonly found around shrubs in old gardens.

Plants grow about 30 cm high with green leaves that are divided into three leaflets. Some cultivars have variegated leaflets that are green near the centre but whitish around their margins. Umbrella-like white flowers appear in mid-summer.

INVASIVE



Goutweed
(*Aegopodium podagraria*)



L. J. Mehthoff

Garden use: groundcover for shade/partial light

Growing conditions: tolerant of wide light range, and dry to moist soils

Size and shape: 50 – 100 cm; forms large carpets

Flower and fruit: delicate flowers in white, violet or lavender; many flowers per plant

Leaves: heart-shaped large basal leaves (5 – 15 cm), with oval/lance-shaped gradually becoming smaller as they ascend the stem

Additional info: this aster is widespread in Ontario woodlands and edge habitats, and one of the first asters to bloom

ALTERNATIVE



Large-leaved Aster
(*Eurybia macrophylla*)



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

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 marked our **10th anniversary** with a fresh new twist.

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

The guests had fun, enjoying a wonderful social afternoon filled with inspiration, laughter, and a few special touches—including exciting draws and door prizes.

This year, we proudly 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

<https://www.pointintime.ca>



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Sheelagh Lawrance, Mary Sisson from
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Manojlovich and Lisa Wenger

Wine, Cheese & Effortless Summer Entertaining with Nik Manojlovich



"Umm.....I have to do what???"



"No I have never made a pie crust before"



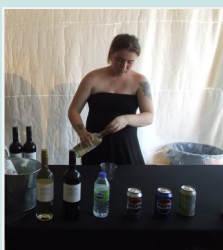
....."Hmmm, I think I know how to set cutlery, but not quite sure!"



"OMG!!! I made a bouquet!!!"



....where are those raffle tickets?



.....some of our happy guests



...red or white, Ma'am?



a lucky prize winner



Jacquie Geall, our co-President auctions Nik's strawberry rhubarb pie bringing a final bid of \$200!

Our thank you's...

Our Volunteers

A heartfelt thank you to our organizing committee—Julie Bramm, Jacquie Geall, Linda Kreaden, Lesley Lepine, and Lisa Wenger—who began planning this event back in early January. We also extend a big thank you to all of our volunteers who helped set up the tent (including washing down 150 chairs!) and assisted with the many day-of logistics. We couldn't have done it without you.

Nik Manojlovich – *Weekend at the Cottage*

A huge thank you to Nik for his entertaining and inspiring presentation. If you'd like to try some of his recipes or discover more of his entertaining ideas, visit his website:

<https://weekendatthecottage.com/>

You can also sign up for his regular newsletter :

<https://weekendatthecottage.com/newsletter/>

Mike Rae of Boshkung Smokehouse & Smoke on the Water

A big thank you to Mike Rae and his team for preparing the beautiful (and delicious!) cheese boards and for managing the bar throughout the event.

Raffle Prize Contributors

Thanks to all the local businesses who contributed prizes to our very successful raffle:

Kennisis Lake Cottagers: Artist, Marlene Campbell, and Agnes Szekely (Room to Breathe), Abbey Gardens, Glecoff's Family Store, Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, Home Hardware, Juna Italian Restaurant, Pine Reflections, Wind in the Willows, and of course, Weekend at the Cottage's Nik Manojlovich.

And Finally...

If you would like to volunteer on the organizing committee or have ideas for a presenter or theme for next year's event, we'd love to hear from you!

Please contact **Sheelagh Lawrance** at sheelaghlawrance@gmail.com.

Thank you again to everyone who attended, volunteered, and helped make this year's Cottage Social such a wonderful afternoon. We look forward to seeing you again next year!



Emergency Preparedness is essential on our Kennisis Lakes. It was not long ago that many of us experienced the F1 tornado in 1995. We have learned much from that experience, but sometimes, warm peaceful summer days keep us from preparing for the unexpected emergency. <https://www.canada.ca/> offers many resources to help us prepare emergency exits and plans for our lake dwellings. Take the time to be prepared.



- Hazardous weather may cause damage, disruption, or health impacts
- Impacts are moderate, localized and/or short-term
- Yellow alerts are the most common



- Severe weather is likely to cause significant damage, disruption, or health impacts
- Impacts are major, widespread and/or may last a few days
- Orange alerts are uncommon



- Very dangerous and possibly life-threatening weather will cause extreme damage and disruption
- Impacts are extensive, widespread, and prolonged
- Red alerts are rare

TORNADO SHELTERING OPTIONS

**IMMEDIATELY SEEK THE BEST AVAILABLE SHELTER
UNDER A TORNADO WARNING**

WORST OPTIONS

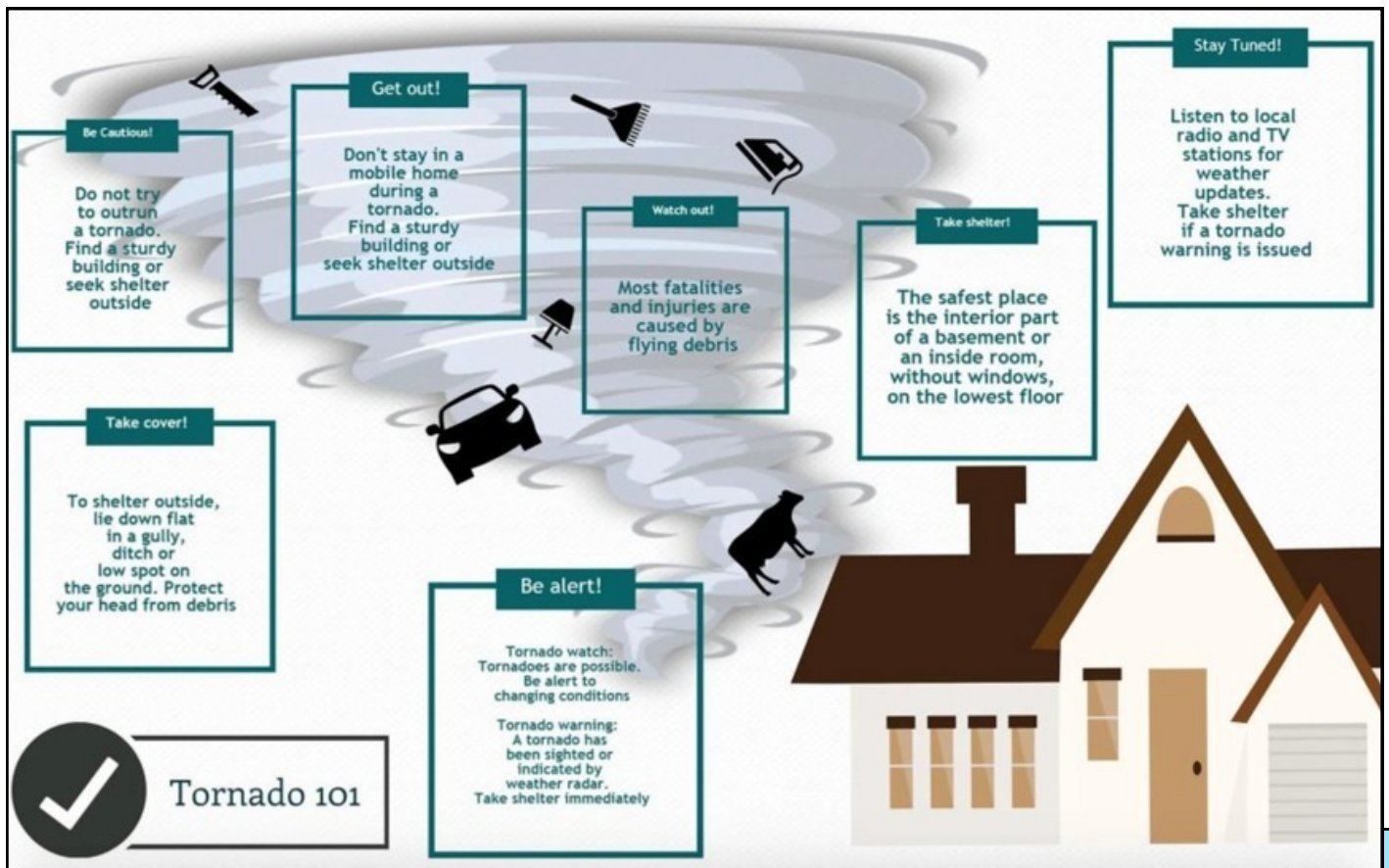
- Mobile homes, vehicles
- Under a highway overpass

BAD OPTIONS

- Large open rooms (warehouse, cafeteria)
 - Malls, theatres, gyms
- Low-lying ditch or ravine

GOOD OPTIONS

- Interior room of well-constructed home/building
 - Basement



Your best option during a tornado warning is to take shelter in a basement or a storm cellar.

If you don't have a basement, go to a small, windowless, interior room on the lowest floor of the building—such as a bathroom, a hallway, or a closet.

The goal of tornado safety is to put as many walls and barriers between you and flying debris as possible. Stay away from windows, doors, and exterior walls.

For more detailed information visit:

[The Weather Network: Weather forecasts, maps, news and videos](#)

Confirm You're on the Voter's List!

Planning to vote in the 2026 Municipal and School Board election?

Don't wait - confirm you're on the Voters List before August 12th, 2026.

Visit www.registertovoteon.ca today to confirm, update or add your information to the Voters List.

Dysart electors will be able to vote by internet or telephone for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election. **There will be no paper ballots.**

Eligible electors can cast their votes between October 16, 2026 and Election Day (October 26, 2026).

Voter Information Letters will be mailed to every eligible person shown on the Voters' List in the fall of 2026. Dates will be posted here as soon as they are confirmed.

For more information about important election dates and information for voters, click on the link below.

<https://www.dysartetal.ca/municipal-government/municipal-and-school-board-election>



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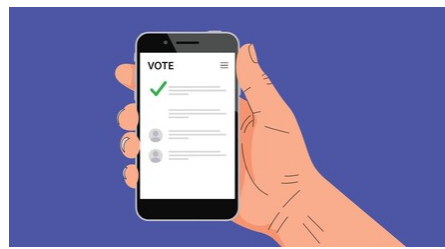
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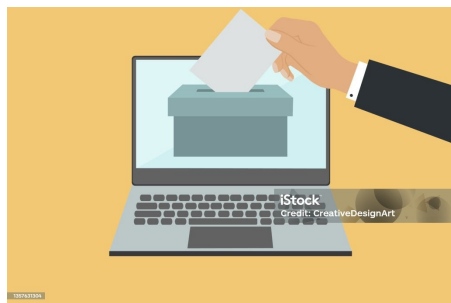
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Thank you to Karen Holmes MacDonald for her Facebook posting pictures from the water!



Thank you to Scott Gray and Shannon Cloer for their continued use of their property for the launch site and Kennisis Lake Marina for accommodating the large group of viewers. Kudos to the KLCOA fireworks committee as well.



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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Fortunately, there's a lot of advice to share on how to protect them ... and unusually for a tip sheet, most of this advice requires us NOT to do things – because when it comes to shorelines, **NATURAL** will always be **BETTER** than man-made.



3 SHORELINE MUST-KNOWS

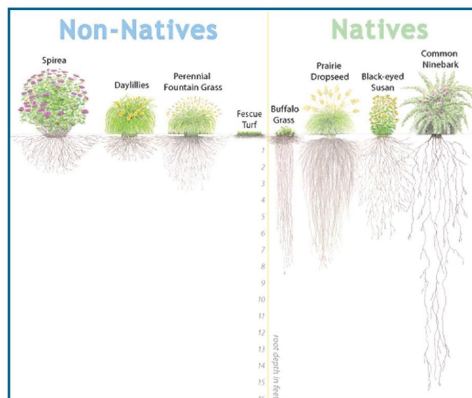
- a shoreline is much wider than just the point where land meets water. In fact, a shoreline starts up to 30 metres away from the water's edge.
- shorelines designed by nature take substantially better care of the water in your lake than anything we design and build.
- shorelines matter most when your property has a septic system. To protect our lakes, healthy septic systems are designed to work alongside healthy shorelines: both need our care.

HOW DO HEALTHY SHORELINES PROTECT US?

Think of a healthy shoreline as a giant absorbent filter between our properties, lakes and streams. When taken care of, they naturally filter out the effluent and unwelcome extra nutrients that are designed to flow out of our Septics. This filtering is critical for the health of our lakes and rivers.

Without it, waterways become 'flooded' with the pollutants that cause toxic blue-green algae blooms; and when those occur, wildlife is decimated, the water immediately becomes poisonous and unusable for drinking, swimming and fishing, and property values can drop by around 30%.

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WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

- WATCH the CHA's Ribbon of Life video at cohpoa.org/shoreline-health/ribbon-of-life
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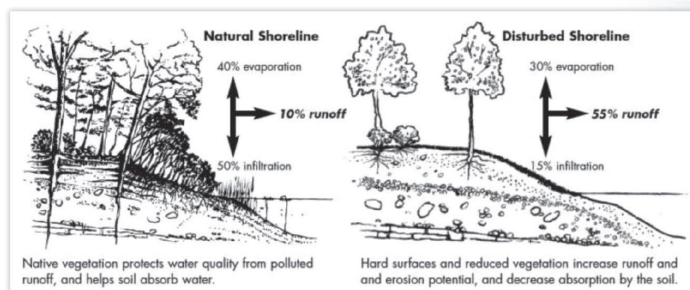
SHORELINE TIPS

WHAT SHOULD WE DO TO KEEP OUR SHORELINES HEALTHY?

This is the great thing: ideally, do as little as possible. Clear only what is needed to access your shoreline, prune trees rather than remove them, and then leave your shoreline as natural as possible.

Don't spend time and money replacing natural shorelines and vegetation with designs, lawns and plants that are more at home in our cities and suburbs. They can't do the filtering and absorbing jobs that our lakes and septs need them to do.

In fact, **'disturbed' or 'urbanized' shorelines** (think manicured lawns) **allow 55% of polluting run-off from your property and its septic to enter the water right in front of your property.** That compares with just 10% for natural shorelines. This is one of those times when less really is more.



IF YOU DO WANT TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP YOUR SHORELINE...

We'll say it again: if you don't need to do anything, then don't! Nature knows what shorelines need.

But here are some Tips for Maintaining and Improving those 30 metres of shoreline:

1. Prune trees on your property, rather than removing them. Their deep roots filter pollutants and prevent erosion
2. If you have a lawn, start a buffer zone and leave grass uncut along the water's edge. This will keep pooping geese at bay too
3. Make your shoreline better at filtering and absorbing run-off by planting native trees, shrubs, grasses
4. Replace solid docks with a pipe, cantilever or floating dock: solid additions to your shoreline lead to increased levels of erosion on either side of them
5. Leave woody debris in the lake and on your shore: the fish and amphibians will thank you
6. Keep a healthy septic system. For tips on how, visit cohpoa.org/septic-health
7. Join your local Lake Association and get shoreline advice from your Lake Steward

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SHORELINE TIPS

The Kennisis lakes History Book Project

By Natalie Wood



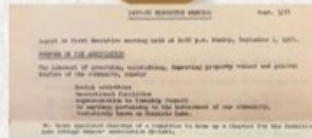
A Brief History of the KLCOA

The Early Days (1957-1960)

THE KLCOA HAS A RICH LEGACY OF ACTIVE VOLUNTEERISM AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SPANNING MORE THAN 69 YEARS. THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY, KLCOA'S DEDICATION TO FOSTERING A STRONG AND VIBRANT LAKE COMMUNITY HAS NEVER FALTERED. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE CONTRIBUTED HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEER HOURS TO BUILD A UNIQUE AND PROUD COMMUNITY.

The Origins of the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (1957-1958)

1957



The first general membership meeting of the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association took place on August 31, 1957. Mr. Fred Bigood was the first elected president. The first committees were water sports, game, fisheries & fire protection, entertainment, property, roads & general purpose. An initiation membership fee was set at \$5. The second meeting, held in October of 1957, focused on a charter and set of by-laws and to begin the process of legally registering the association.

March 1958, the plans for the first Regatta are drawn up and planned for July 1st. An association member met with the Department of Transport to discuss the issue of the fluctuating water levels of Kennisis. Fire safety at the lake was deemed as very important and protocols were quickly set up.

1958



Lee Donely photo.

In 1959, the KLCOA becomes official!

1959



The first general meeting of the KLCOA was held at Curry's Boat House on May 18, 1959. Plans are made to erect a community hall for member use, with an annual rental fee paid to Bill Curry. The creation of a Board of Directors marked the beginning of organized efforts to promote lake health and community events. Early initiatives included May 24 fireworks and actions to prevent the sale of land to a local camp. The KLCOA also contributed to the formation of the Haliburton Highlands Property Owners Association to address water level concerns.

The Kennisis Lake Cottagers Owners Association is official registered and received Letters of Patent on December 1st. The initial directors were listed as Howard Stickle Moody, Margaret McDonald, Kendall Harry Jones, George Robert Bishop, William Gibbens, William Harris, and Norman Robert Owen.



1960'S



"My parents, Murray and Yolande Wenger, were part of the original KLCOA, and we spent summers at Kennisis every year. We have wonderful memories of those summers with no phone, no hot water, no car, and just a plywood boat."
— Liz Wenger Boxall

That's A Wrap!

Our Family Fun Day

The KLCOA invites our members to a Family Fun Day on

August 29th,

11:00am to 1:00pm

to wrap up the summer and enjoy some time together with family and friends and recognize our volunteers.

The complimentary event hosted by KLCOA will be held at the event tent at the marina and will feature a photo booth, face painting and an interactive family safe Velcro axe throwing inflatable game.

More information will be included in our eblasts. Watch for more details about time and food available.

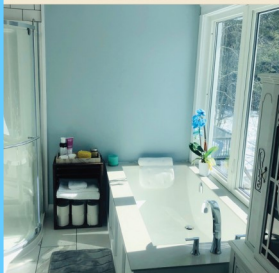


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"**Passengers** on boats in Ontario are prohibited from consuming alcohol while the boat is in motion. As a passenger, they still have to be below the legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit of 80 mg per 100 ml (0.08%)"

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Boaters can be subject to drug recognition techniques to establish their impairment status by law enforcement officials. They may also be asked to submit a blood, urine, or oral fluid sample for testing.

From; <https://myboatcard.com/>



2. White Pine Blister Rust

For white pines, [White Pine Blister Rust](https://www.ontario.ca/page/white-pine-blister-rust) (caused by the invasive fungus *Cronartium ribicola*) remains a lethal threat. It causes swelling cankers that ooze heavy white resin, eventually girdling the trunk and killing the tree. This fungus thrives in high humidity and moisture, frequently spreading from wild currant and gooseberry bushes (*Ribes* species) to already-weakened pines <https://www.ontario.ca/page/white-pine-blister-rust>

3. Diplodia Blight and Needle Diseases

Fungal pathogens like [Diplodia blight](https://tidcf.nrcan.gc.ca/en/diseases/factsheet/1000140) and various needle blights (such as brown spot needle blight) target both red and white pines. They cause shoot-tip dieback, stunt needles, and turn the crown a straw-brown or reddish color. While needle damage rarely kills a tree on its own, repeated seasonal infections severely weaken the pines, acting as chronic stress. <https://tidcf.nrcan.gc.ca/en/diseases/factsheet/1000140>

Have You Noticed Your White or Red Pines Dying?

The recent mortality and dieback of red and white pines in Haliburton County is driven by a combination of **severe extreme weather events, climate-related stress, and opportunistic diseases**. The widespread decline is caused by several compounding factors:

1. Severe Ice Storm Damage

A primary physical catalyst for the recent dieback was the **severe ice storm of late March 2025**. The southern Haliburton Highlands were hit exceptionally hard. According to the [Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources 2025 Forest Health Conditions Report](https://www.ontario.ca/page/white-pine-blister-rust), light-to-moderate ice damage extensively broke and heavily stressed eastern white pines and red pines across Haliburton County and the wider Minden-Parry Sound-Bracebridge district. Many plantation pines collapsed under the weight of the ice, snapping crowns and leaving behind broken trunks vulnerable to pests. <https://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca/2026/01/first-sighting-of-rare-species-at-dahl-forest-after-ice-storm>



4. Climate Change, Drought, and "Pine Pocket" Mortality

Hotter, drier summers brought on by climate change have created prolonged environmental stress across Ontario forests. In red pines specifically, this triggers "pocket mortality". When pines are drought-stressed, opportunistic root diseases like *Armillaria* root rot and bark beetles rapidly move in to finish off the weakened trees. <https://atrium.lib.uoguelph.ca/items/0ce3f897-73ef-4a08-8db6-1327cb6942ef>

Check with Haliburton Forest for more details or your local arborist who might have the answer to your situation.

5. Pine Tree "Winter Browning"

Extreme winter and spring temperature fluctuations cause severe winter drying (or winter browning). When a warm spell causes the needles to require water while the roots are still frozen in the ground, the foliage parches, turns completely red or brown, and dies back. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/winter-browning>

Visit Norah's Island to Find the 36 Birds Spotted by Tom Lambert



SPRING BIRD SURVEY ON NORAH'S ISLAND KENNISIS LAKE



American Black Duck



American Goldfinch



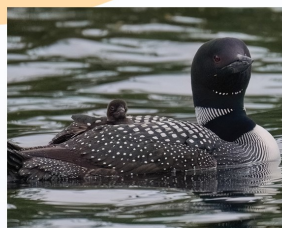
Black-and-white Warbler



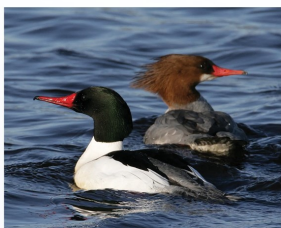
Black-throated Blue Warbler



Chestnut-sided Warbler



Common Loon



Common Merganser



Common Raven



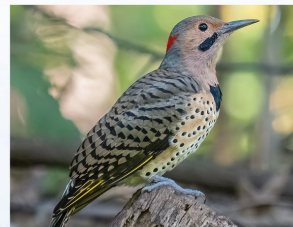
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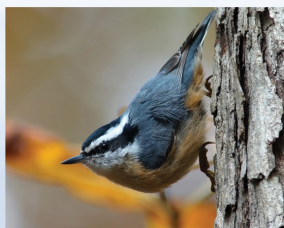
Magnolia Warbler



Nashville Warbler



Northern Flicker



Red-breasted Nuthatch



Red-eyed Vireo



Red-winged Blackbird



Scarlet Tanager



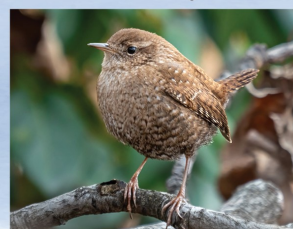
Swainson's Thrush



White-throated Sparrow



Wilson's Warbler



Winter Wren

While visiting Norah's Island, Haliburton Highlands Land Trust states: "please take only memories and leave only footprints! Dogs must be on a leash, so they don't disturb sensitive flora and fauna habitats. Please clean up after them, do not leave anything on the trails, and take dog waste bags home for disposal.

To learn more, <https://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca/> to visit the Trail Etiquette and Safety page.



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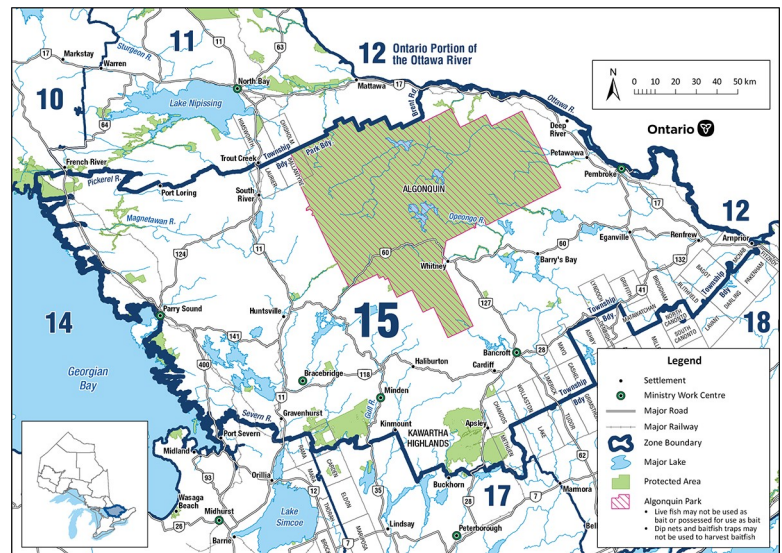


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[mnr-2026-fishing-regulations-summary-en-2025-12-08](https://www.ontario.ca/mnr-2026-fishing-regulations-summary-en-2025-12-08)

Generally, anyone between the ages of 18 and 64 require a valid Outdoors Card which can be purchased at <https://www.huntandfishontario.com/>



In addition, a fishing license for 18 to 64 year olds is also required and can be purchased at the same website. Both Outdoor Card and license need to be with you while fishing.

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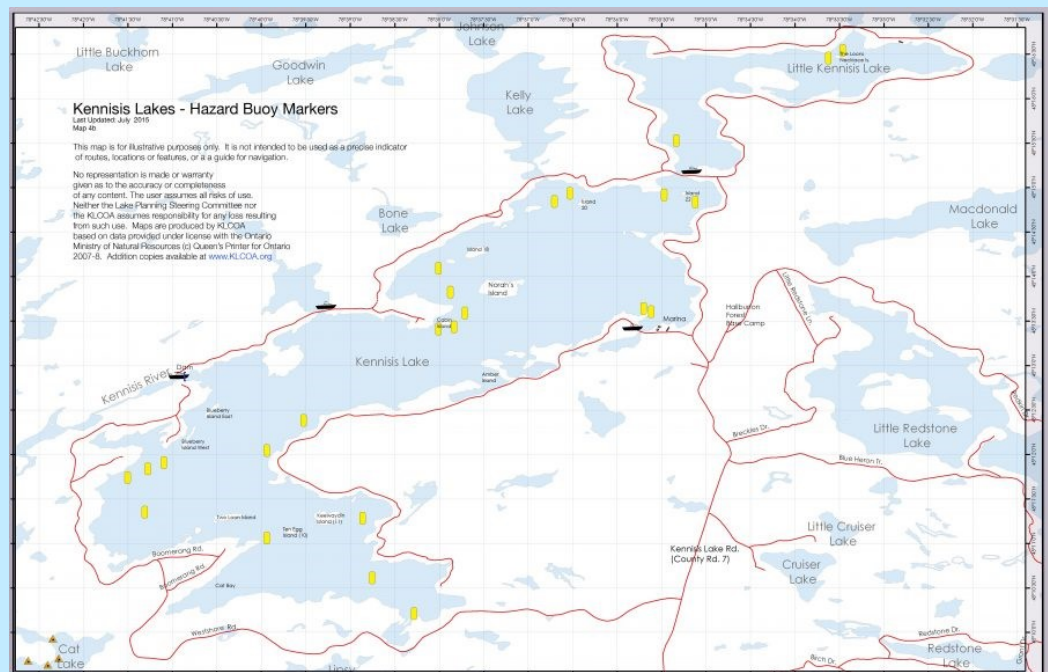
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Thank You to Our Volunteers

The KLCOA would like to thank long time Kenissis Lake cottager, Neil Pinkowski for volunteering to look after the buoy on the shoal just outside of Soap Pond.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Terry O'Connor for taking good care of this buoy for so many years. Thanks, Terry! We know you will still be keeping an eye on it for all of us in the future.



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Can
You
Help
Us?

Kennisis Lakes Safe Boating – Hazard and Navigation Markers



The KLCOA Hazard and Navigation Marker Program will continue in 2026 – Gino Ariano (KLCOA Director) will be coordinating the program.

Yellow Hazard Markers and No Wake Markers will be deployed in the Spring and removed in the Fall.

This year, reflective tape on our 27 Buoys will be replaced as necessary.

2026 – No Wake Marker Buoys

The KLCOA will continue to deploy “NO WAKE” markers in the Cabin Island and Blueberry Islands channels as well as the entrance to the Kennisis Dam to remind boaters to limit speed and reduce wake in these areas.

**NOT ALL HAZARDS ARE MARKED!
INDIVIDUAL BOATERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO AVOID
NAVIGATION HAZARDS!**

**Thanks to KLCOA Volunteers,
27 Hazard Markers and
10 No Wake Markers are deployed!**



Job Description:

We are looking for 1 or 2 volunteers to take care of 4 buoys that mark some hazards near Kelly Lake, (please see the map for a more for exact location). These buoys were handled by a volunteer who has left the lake. Two volunteers could work together to mark these hazard locations.

The new buoy tender(s) would be responsible for putting the buoys in the lake in the spring (May Long Weekend ideally) and removing them around Thanksgiving. We will provide the new volunteer(s) with an orientation session that would include placing the buoys in the Lake. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Gino Ariano if you are interested in helping out at Gino.ariano@hotmail.com



2026 Rock Bass Fishing Derby

The 2026 KLCOA Rock Bass Fishing Derby was held on July 4, the weekend when no fishing licenses are required in Ontario! The Rock Bass Derby helps to remove the invasive rock bass population in our lakes.



Results:

12 and Under Category Winners

Teddy and Ryan Brockie with 10.12 pounds of rock bass

13 and Over Category Winners

Matthew Cornish and Stefan Campbell with a catch of 19.1 pounds

Every participant received a fishing gear loot bag from Blacktusk Outdoors jumbo freezies, and participation ribbons.

Thank you to Coordinators - Mike and Kelly Neely

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