

KLCA Newsletter - August 2021  
"Preserve the Heritage"



## #WakeAware

Boaters need to be #WakeAware to ensure ALL lake or river users are able to enjoy the water safely and sustainably. Any wake near shore can cause issues for loons, docks, shorelines, swimmers and other small craft users.

Large wake users are encouraged to take their fun to the middle of large lakes. Avoid narrow, shallow or near-shore areas, and watch behind you to understand your wake impact.

All small powerboat users can help, too, by always reducing speed to 10 km/hr or less within 30m of shore, and by getting up to plane quickly when transitioning from slow to high speed.

We all have a role to play in being #WakeAware.

Do your part:

Please visit the campaign webpage, share the link and #WakeAware hashtag on your own social networks, websites and community groups, and circulate this message to everyone you know who loves the waterfront in Ontario. Watch and share this video. [www.BeWakeAware.com](http://www.BeWakeAware.com)

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## Abandoned Docks

Over the last few years, it seems that there some abandoned docks pulled up on the shorelines of Kawagama and Bear Lakes. After years of property ownership and enjoyment of our lakes, it makes sense that owners have had to replace docks; things just deteriorate. Having said that, most of us have broken down our old docks and re-purposed what we could, removing and disposing of the remaining bits from the shoreline in order to protect our lake environment and create safe boating conditions.

Unfortunately, some property owners have just pulled their old docks into bays and resting place and have abandoned them; not sure what they thought would happen to them. Over the last couple years, some of these docks have created potential navigational issues during our high water season. Not the least, they are truly unsightly in our otherwise beautiful environment.

We understand that many of us move our docks into sheltered bays for the winter and return them to our properties the following season. These are not the docks that are at issue, nor are docks that are used for swim platforms, etc. One simple suggestion is to add your contact information to the dock so that it is clear that there is a dock owner.

The KLCA is initiating a special program in 2021/2022 to identify docks that are unclaimed. The goal is to identify, dismantle and dispose of abandoned docks. It's disappointing that we have this problem, but we hope through education and this one-time clean-up, that we will not have to address this concern again moving forward.

This August and September, we will begin identifying docks that appear to be abandoned. We will tag each dock, create a pictorial inventory and reach out to clarify the status of the docks. We will leverage our communications and social media to share information and communicate.

Then, in 2022, when it is clear that a dock is truly abandoned, volunteers will dismantle and dispose of it from our lakes – it is expected that this will happen

in summer 2022.

Note: The goal is to tackle abandoned docks on Kawagama and Bear Lakes that are on crown land – not docks from personal property. **We each have a responsibility to dispose of personal property in a safe and appropriate manner** and this is not an invitation for free dock disposal at the expense of volunteers, local businesses and the KLCA. Please send an email to: **info@klca.org** with any questions of if you are able to volunteer to help with this program.

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## **Fireworks**

The weather cooperated with us this year and did give us a small window of no rain. It was fantastic to see how many boats did come out, to hear the laughter, the “ohh’s and ahh’s” and merriment of our Kawagama and Bear Lake community. KLCA would like to thank Bacher Construction who volunteered their barge, to Matthew Doetsch who drove the barge and to NorthStar

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Fireworks for putting on another fantastic show! If you didn't get a chance to make a donation, they can be made at <https://klca.org/donations>. Thanks again for your support to make this special night happen! See you next year!

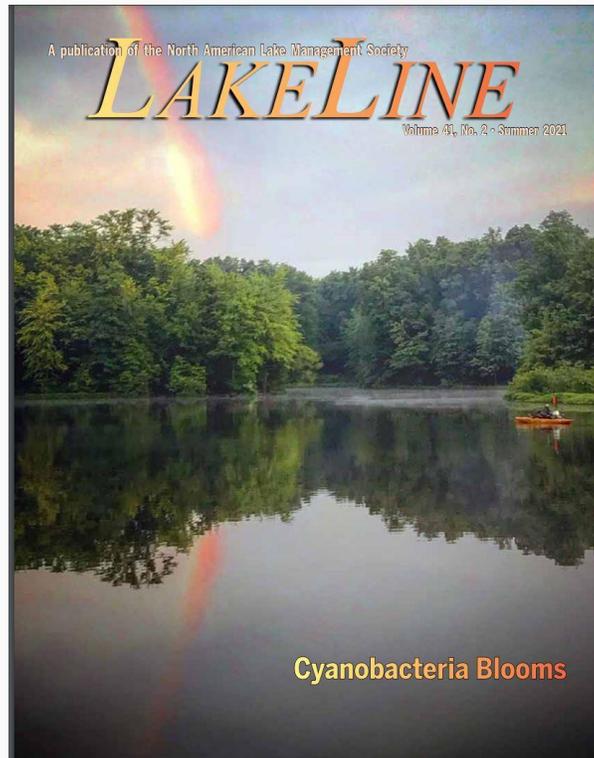


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## Cyanobacteria Blooms

For those interested in taking a 'deep dive' (figuratively-speaking only!) into harmful algal blooms, the latest Issue of the North American Lake Management Society's publication 'LakeLine' is devoted to the subject. [Download a copy of LakeLine](#) (PDF, 44 pages)

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## Starry Summer Nights



Starry Summer Night events have been in full swing since August 6, 2021. The SSN Auction is well underway and by the time you read this, will have closed after some very competitive bidding!! The Aqua Hug held August 7, got off to a great start with over 40 swimmers participating. Stay tuned for more updates on whether we reached our goal of \$50,000 after we complete all the events we have planned for you.

Up next, Saturday, August 21, 2021 12-5 pm is the Starry Summer Night

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Swashbuckler. Click on the link below to register your “Pirate Ship’ and join in the fun.

Be prepared to set sail on the waters of the mighty Lake Kawagama and complete as many Moorelands Camp and Kawagama Lake trivia questions as you can. Tackle the 10 pit stops at host cottages to earn more points. Pit stops have very large blue and white flags on their docks- you will not miss them.

We have some fabulous prizes courtesy of Algonquin Outfitters, Muskoka Brewery and The Fish Shack for teams who earn the most points as well as Best Dressed pirates and ‘ships’ (Hint: this may be one of the challenges!)

- **“The Swashbuckler”- lake wide, pirate themed Scavenger Hunt**
  - Saturday, August 21, 2021 12-5 pm
  - <https://www.moorelands.ca/starry-summer-night-2021/register-for-the-swashbuckler-2021/>
- **Send a Kid to Camp Donation**
  - Want to give a kid an experience of a life-time? Send a Kid to camp below
  - <https://www.moorelands.ca/starry-summer-night-donation/>

We hope you will join in the fun we have planned for 2021! Thanks to your generosity, the Starry Summer Night events have remained successful despite the many challenges we have faced over the last few years. Thank you again for your ongoing support of Starry Summer Night events and *Moorelands Camp*.

#### **Your Starry Summer Night Committee**

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| Dave Fortier   | Doug Paul       |
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# Algonquin Highlands News and Notices

Did you know you can sign up for Algonquin Highlands Township's News and Notices email alerts? These contain information on everything from council meetings to COVID-19-related facility re-opening information to construction updates. It's an easy way for you to keep up-to-date on what's going on with the township. Residents can simply go to the Algonquin Highlands website at: [www.algonquinhighlands.ca](http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca), from menu at the top choose Government, then News and Notices, then Sign Up For News and Notices. That will bring you to this page: <https://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/government/news-notices-signup.php>



## Giant Hogweed

You may have noticed the giant hogweed plant that was marked near the construction on Kawagama Lake Road in July. This plant can cause serious burns and shouldn't be touched. If you think you have giant hogweed on your property or if you see it in your community please call the Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711 or visit EDDMapS Ontario to report a sighting. You will be asked to send in photos for identification. Please see the link below for more information. [https://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/GiantHogweed\\_BMP.pdf](https://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/GiantHogweed_BMP.pdf)



## BOATERS | Action Plan

Letting invasive species aboard your boat helps them spread in our lakes, rivers and streams and costs us millions to repair their damage.

Learn what you can do to stop them from taking over.

### 1. CLEAN YOUR BOAT AND GEAR

Before leaving the water, clean any mud, vegetation, mussels or anything suspicious from your boat, motor, trailer or fishing equipment. Zebra and quagga mussels are happy to hang onto your hull, while aquatic plants like Eurasian water-milfoil hide on your motor, anchor and trailer.

### 2. DRAIN BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Drain all standing water by pulling the plug on your transom and live well at the boat launch. Never take an aquatic invasive species from one body of water to another.

### 3. DRY OR DISINFECT

Some aquatic invasive species can survive up to 2 weeks out of water and not every invader attached to your boat can be seen with the naked eye. To remove invaders you can't see before travelling to a new body of water, either:

- dry your boat for at least 5 days in sunlight
- clean your boat from top to bottom with hot water over 50°C or pressurized water over 250 PSI

### 4. AVOID AQUATIC PLANTS

Avoid driving your boat through aquatic plants. Propellers can break them loose and spread invasive species.

### 5. KNOW THE RULES

Never transport or release a prohibited invasive species. It's illegal to import, possess, deposit, release, transport, breed/grow, buy, sell, lease or trade a prohibited invasive species in Ontario.

If you're boating in a body of water where prohibited invasive aquatic plants are found, try to avoid the infested area. You must also:

- avoid spreading these plants to another part of the body of water
- remove the plants from your boat, motor and trailer before travelling over land
- dispose of the plants so they won't end up back in the water

### 6. REPORT ALL INVADERS

Call the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters' Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711 to report an invasive species sighting or download the [EDDMapS Ontario app](#) to report an invader on the spot.

### 7. STOP THE INVASION

To learn more about how you can stop the invasion, visit [ontario.ca/invasionON](https://www.ontario.ca/invasionON) to download action plans for Boaters, Hikers, Cottagers and Gardeners.

For more information on invasive species and a list of our partners, visit [ontario.ca/invasionON](https://www.ontario.ca/invasionON).

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## ANGLERS | Action Plan

When invasive species enter our waters, they can eat native species, out-compete them for food and habitat and introduce and spread disease.

Learn what you can do to stop them from taking over.

### 1. KNOW THE RULES

It's illegal to:

- Import, possess, deposit, release, transport, breed/grow, buy, sell, lease or trade prohibited invasive species in Ontario. If you catch one, you must destroy it right away so it can't reproduce or spread. Don't return it to the water.
- Stock fish into Ontario waters without a permit.
- Transport live fish over land (except baitfish) without a permit.
- Introduce aquatic species to areas where they are not naturally found.

Sport fish transported over land must be dead and should be transported on ice, not in a livewell filled with water.

### 2. NEVER DUMP YOUR BAIT INTO THE WATER OR ON THE ICE

It's illegal to release your bait or dump the contents of your bait bucket into any body of water, including onto the ice. You must dispose of your bait at least 30 metres from any body of water.

### 3. RINSE OUT YOUR LIVEWELL BEFORE TRAVELLING TO A NEW BODY OF WATER

Prevent the spread of fish-harming pathogens like Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) by cleaning your livewell with a 1:10 solution of bleach and water.

### 4. KNOW YOUR FISHING HOLE

You can't use bait in some sensitive rivers and lakes. Visit Fish ON-line to learn if your favourite fishing spot is one of them.

### 5. USE LOCAL BAIT

Collect or purchase your bait as close as possible to where you plan to fish. This reduces the risk of introducing species or diseases that aren't normally found in the area.

There are rules about the bait you can use in Ontario. For example:

- You can only use crayfish in the same body of water you catch them in and can't transport them over land.
- Northern leopard frogs are the only species of frog that you can use as bait
- Not all small fish or minnows are legal baitfish.

Learn about the 48 species that can be used as live bait in Ontario.

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## COTTAGERS | Action Plan

Keep invasive species away from your cottage — they will ruin the fun for everyone. To stop the spread, make sure you and your guests know the plan.

### 1. USE LOCAL FIREWOOD

Firewood may carry an invasive pest or disease that could harm our forests. Avoid transporting it across long distances. Buy and burn local firewood instead.

### 2. CLEAN YOUR GEAR

Before heading to or from the cottage, be sure to clean all of your gear. Make sure your watercraft, trailers, bicycles, all-terrain vehicles and boot bottoms are free of plant material and seeds, including mud that may contain seeds.

### 3. GROOM YOUR PETS

Give your pet's coat a good brushing to remove any seeds or plant parts it might have picked up.

### 4. NEVER RELEASE YOUR PETS

Never release aquarium plants or pets at the cottage or anywhere else. Some pets like goldfish are an invasive species.

### 5. GARDEN RESPONSIBLY

Choose native or non-invasive plants for your garden to avoid introducing or spreading invasive species. Avoid relocating plants from your home to your cottage garden, and vice versa. Do not dump yard waste in nearby natural areas as this can smother natural vegetation and spread invasive plants.

### 6. KEEP AN EYE OUT

Inspect your property and shoreline for any sign of invasion. To find out what species may be threatening your area, visit [eddmaps.org/ontario](http://eddmaps.org/ontario).

### 7. REMOVE INVADERS RESPONSIBLY

Read the Ontario Invasive Plants Council's [Best Management Practice Series](#) to learn how to safely dispose of common invasive plants and more about how to manage them.

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