



**Upcoming Events on the Lake** — Check out the events schedule in *Reflections* and at [www.klca.org](http://www.klca.org) for more information on these and other events.

**Aug 1** — KLCA Regatta at 11:00 am, Moorelands camp — silent auction items needed!

**Aug 1** — Kawagama Lake Fireworks (rain date Aug 2nd)

For information about Dorset events, go to [www.dorsetcanada.com](http://www.dorsetcanada.com) and click on Events.

**Thank You** — The KLCA would like to thank John McHardy for his last 3 years as President. John has worked tirelessly on a number of issues pertaining to our lake and the surrounding area and we are glad that he will continue his involvement as Past President. Our new President, Jim Kaufman, brings a wealth of knowledge of the lake and board experience to our organization and we welcome him back into the role of President.

**NEW Website** — We are pleased to announce that our new website is up and running! Go to [www.klca.org](http://www.klca.org) to find all sorts of interesting information about Kawagama and Bear Lakes including information on water levels, upcoming events, past copies of newsletters, KLCA programs, photos, links to local businesses and more. Check it out!

**“Love Your Lake” Shoreline Project Going Well!** — First off, we would like to say a big thank you to those who have volunteered with our shoreline project so far. We have more volunteers than days available! In the first week, our two Shoreline Specialists completed the evaluation of approximately 250 properties in the south end of Kawagama Lake, with many positive conversations taking place with property owners. Watch for them in your area and thanks for your support! Check out the next page for actions you can take to help preserve or restore your shoreline.

**KLCA Logo** — Exciting news! The new KLCA logo was announced at the AGM July 4, 2015. After months of effort, it came down to three finalists and we asked you, our members, to weigh in. Our winner, shown below, received over fifty percent of the votes.



The “classic” logo from the 60’s has been incorporated (under the pine tree) and we are proud to have been able to incorporate it into our new design in keeping with our motto: “Preserve the Heritage”!

**Regatta** — Join us at Moorelands Camp for a fun-filled day on Saturday, August 1, 2015. (Rain date Sunday, August 2, 2015.) Be sure to bring your sunscreen, lifejackets, a hat and some money for the amazing raffle prizes and tasty BBQ. It's a great opportunity to meet new people and engage in some friendly competition. No matter what your age, there is something for you! If you would like to volunteer for this event, please send an email to [info@klca.org](mailto:info@klca.org). The fun begins at 11:00 am. (please leave your pets and alcohol at the cottage)

NEW THIS YEAR: Wristbands will be required to attend the Regatta. It is free for KLCA members and \$5.00/guest or \$15.00/ guest family. Pick your wristband up at the Membership Desk at the Regatta, where renewal forms are also available.

**Silent Auction Items Wanted** — If you have any items that you can donate for either a live auction or a silent auction at this year's Regatta, please drop them off at either marina or contact Peter Evans at [peter.evans@icondigital.com](mailto:peter.evans@icondigital.com).

**FOCA Cottage Succession Seminar** — FOCA's popular Cottage Succession Seminar Series encourages everyone to consider how they plan to "Keep the 'Family' in the Family Cottage." Learn what you need to do NOW, to protect the family cottage for the future. Topics include paying the capital gains tax and managing responsibilities and expenses to keep the cottage going once the next generation is in place.

The next seminar will take place on Saturday, August 8, 2015, 10:00 am to noon, in Baysville — free for KLCA members! Please contact the FOCA office for more information and to register by emailing [info@foca.on.ca](mailto:info@foca.on.ca) or calling 705-749-3622.

**Lake Partner Position Available** — The KLCA is looking for a volunteer to take over the role of Lake Partner Director as our current Director, Todd Millar, is retiring after 15 years of service. The main tasks are to take measurements and water samples in the spring and throughout the remainder of the summer on a bi-weekly basis. (The measurements are for clarity, colour, calcium and phosphorus.) The KLCA is one of many organizations that participate in this MOE (Ministry of the Environment) initiative. For more information, please go to <http://www.klca.org/content/lake-partner-program> and/or send an email to: [info@klca.org](mailto:info@klca.org). (Training will be provided.)

**Shoreline Action Check List** — Here are some steps you can take to keep your shoreline (aka "the ribbon of life") natural in order to protect our lake for the future:

1. Plant native trees and shrubs.
2. Stop mowing.
3. Stop using fertilizers.
4. Leave woody debris in the lake and on the shore.
5. Leave aquatic vegetation.
6. Replace hardened (concrete) steps with porous steps.
7. Soften the retaining wall on shoreline.
8. Choose an environmentally-friendly dock.
9. Install eavestroughs.
10. Direct downspout water to a rain barrel or to a natural catch basin.

source: [www.cohpoa.org](http://www.cohpoa.org)

**Keep our Lake Clean with these Septic Tips** — FACT: The more efficiently your septic system operates, the less pollution goes into the environment. The two secrets to septic health and minimizing lake pollution are *time* and *bacteria*.

- Bacteria — Don't let anything go down the drain that kills the good bacteria in your system, such as bleach, anti-bacterial products, drain cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, and dishwasher detergent containing bleach. (ONE load of dishes using a regular detergent can kill ALL the good bacteria in your system for up to 70 hours — look for a statement on the front of the package stating no bleach and no phosphates.)
- Time — your system needs as much time as you can give it to digest the waste you put in before the next load of water arrives. Remember, one drop in means one drop out of your system. Give your system time by minimizing water use and spreading it out over time.

Additional tips:

1. Cut your household water use by 27% by installing a Water Matrix – Proficiency 3 litre flush toilet. These toilets are tested and recommended by the CHA and are available at local Timber Marts.
2. Try not to do any more than one load of laundry per day.
3. Keep showers short and use a low flow shower head.
4. Use every opportunity to use less water when doing regular activities.
5. Get a licensed septic pumper to pump out and inspect both sides of your tank every 3–5 years.

Go to [www.cohpoa.org](http://www.cohpoa.org) for more septic tips.



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