

## KLCA June 2021 Newsletter

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"Preserve the Heritage"



## FOCA Environmental Webinar Series - June 2021

### Great Lakes DataStream

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at noon

FOCA will introduce our colleagues from the Gordon Foundation to speak about the Great Lakes DataStream open access hub for sharing water data that is coming online this year and will include Ontario Lake Partner Program data. If you participate in water quality data collection of any kind in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence region, you'll want to hear about DataStream, and see a demonstration of the map and visualization tools that will make it easy to explore results and see where else monitoring is taking place around you.

[Click here to register for the DataStream webinar](#)

### Invasive Phragmites

Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at noon

Join FOCA and Brooke Harrison from Georgian Bay Forever for a discussion about invasive Phragmites: its characteristics, its spread and its controls.

[Click here to register for the Phragmites webinar](#)

### Invasive Phragmites

A FOCA "lunch & learn" webinar



## Fireworks July 31

The KLCA is excited to share that Fireworks will be returning this summer to our lake, pending township approval!

**Following Public Health guidelines, the KLCA will host our annual firework show in Minden (Marina) Bay at dusk on July 31. More information to come next month.**

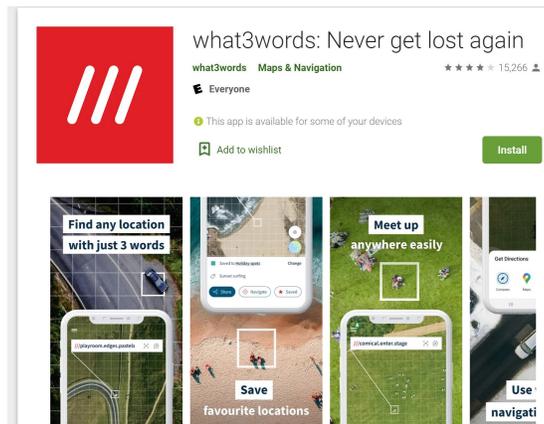
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## "What3Words" Location App

This app called, What3Words, is global positioning app that works to help tell emergency responders exactly where someone is located and is ideal for remote areas. With the what3words app, it's easy to find, share and save precise locations as well as other features.

Check it out in the app store (free). You only need a single bar of service in order for it to work.



## Mind Your Wake

Cottagers derive a great deal of enjoyment from a host of boating activities. Those of us with our pleasure craft licences studied specific rules of the water geared to safe & responsible boating so most of us are familiar with general boat safety & etiquette. However, we may not be as familiar with the impact of boat wake.

**Impact of Boat Wake** :The larger the wake, the greater the potential for undesirable side effects:

\*Loons, & other birds that nest along the shore, choose locations that are protected from waves generated by the prevailing winds. However, boat wake, which can come from any direction, can & does drown the nests & the young, particularly in May & June.

\* Inexperienced swimmers & young children are not usually in the water when wind-driven waves are high. However, they can be toppled by the size & energy of boat wake.

\* Boat wake & prop wash can churn up sediments in shallow water which releases dormant nutrients that promote weed growth & algal blooms.

\* Boat wake can cause erosion.

\* Boat wake can cause docks & moored boats to rock severely & pull mooring hardware.

### **How You can be Wake Wise**

1. Be aware of the size of your wake during displacement, transition & planing speeds.
2. Position your passengers through-out the boat in order to reduce the time spent in transition speed.
3. Look behind you to see & understand the impact of your wake on shorelines, docks or other structures. Adjust your speed & direction to minimize the impact.
4. Respect the shoreline zone. Reduce your speed to less than 10 km/h within 30 metres of any shore including the narrow channels between islands.
5. Water-ski, tube, & wake-board well away from all shorelines. Try to make use of the entire length of the lake.
6. Consider the size of the wake produced when purchasing a new boat.

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[https://foca.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Watching\\_Your\\_Wake\\_for\\_use\\_by\\_other\\_lakes.pdf](https://foca.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Watching_Your_Wake_for_use_by_other_lakes.pdf)

## **Night Skies - provided by FOCA (Federation of Cottagers Associations)**

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### NIGHT SKIES

Through the Docktalk program, FOCA encourages landowners to help stop light pollution in night skies.

**WHY? The benefits include:**

#### **Dark skies full of stars**

During a moonless night, you should be able to see 2,500 to 3,500 stars and the Milky Way. Star gazing can be an amazing family activity that invokes scientific curiosity, imagination, and discussions of our past, culture, and future. It's estimated that today, only one in ten children will see a sky full of stars. Because of light pollution, people in cities generally see less than 100 stars on a 'good' night.

#### **Better nighttime visibility, less nuisance glare**

Glare is the visual discomfort and hindrance from unshielded light that hits your eyes directly, so you see the bulb or light source instead of details in the lit up area. Glare can create shadows that mask danger. Lights that are shielded to prevent light from escaping sideways and up into the sky reduce glare, thereby improving visibility.

#### **Increased safety on land and water**

Studies indicate that crime levels are independent of lighting. Too much light and poorly designed lighting hinders visibility making areas less safe. Light pollution from unshielded, broad range lights near lakes is made worse by the reflection off water. Glare from land lights reduces boaters' ability to see navigational lights, e.g. buoys, and increases shadows as boaters approach docks and navigational hazards.

#### **Energy and monetary savings**

Fixtures that allow light to flow sideways and up are wasting that light energy—up to 30 per cent! And because many people think brighter means better, they use higher wattage bulbs than needed. It's estimated that the sky glow over the US represents more than a billion dollars of wasted energy.

#### **Protection of wildlife and lake ecosystems**

Light plays myriad roles in nature: changing light patterns can disrupt an ecosystem's balance. In water environments, daily cycles for organisms such as zooplankton are controlled by light, while others, such as fish, are attracted or repelled by it. Studies show that moths, fireflies, salamanders, frogs, song birds and other wildlife are affected when artificial nighttime lighting influences navigation, predator-prey relationships, foraging behaviour, reproduction, mating, and other biological and ecological characteristics.

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***Light pollution is created by artificial light at night and includes the glow surrounding cities from above (sky glow), glare, wandering light (or light trespass), excess lighting, and lighting that affects wildlife.***

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**Find out how you can have a dark night sky...**

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### NIGHT SKIES

#### HOW?

**FOCA encourages landowners to help prevent light pollution.**

#### **Talk about light pollution**

Light pollution is a serious problem, but many people don't know that light can be a pollutant, especially for wildlife. Lack of knowledge about glare and light trespass perpetuates purchases of bad lights and bad lighting design. When shopping for lights ask questions and seek out lights that reduce light pollution.

#### **Light for necessity**

Use lights only where and when necessary. Nighttime lighting in cottage country is typically used for security and walking safety, but too much light can cause a loss of visibility. And if no one's around, lights left on are wasting money and could harm wildlife. Avoid using one big, bright light to illuminate a large area.

#### **Choose glare-free lights, and stop annoying the neighbours**

Lights that are shielded to direct light down on targeted areas stop light from escaping sideways and up. They prevent light from shining into neighbours' windows, lighting their property, or glaring across the lake. Most noticeably, shielded lights reduce glare and sky glow. Technically such lights are called 'full-cutoff' or 'partial-cutoff' fixtures, but manufacturers are more likely to use the terms 'neighbour friendly' or 'glare free'.

#### **Aim lights down and away from water**

Choose lights that direct light onto the ground, where it's needed. Placing shielded fixtures high up helps illuminate larger areas. When positioning lights, a common mistake is to aim them out at too high an angle. Avoid landscape lighting that sends light from the ground up and dusk-to-dawn lights that shine all night.

#### **Install lower wattage bulbs**

Choose the appropriate level of light for the task, e.g. path vs. dock. Just because a fixture accepts a 100-watt bulb doesn't mean you have to use one. Often, a lower wattage bulb, used in combination with shielded fixtures and proper aim, will effectively light an area—saving energy and improving visibility. Coach, or carriage, lamps may look great, but they shine light in all directions. Already got one? Use 25-watt chandelier bulbs to reduce glare.

#### **Use dimmers and timers**

Bright light is not always needed; dimmers allow the option to be there when it is. (Always check that the light will work with a dimmer.) Timers work well with decorative lighting and will turn lights off when they are not needed (saving money and reducing light pollution).

#### **Resources online:**

[www.foca.on.ca](http://www.foca.on.ca)  
[www.darksky.org](http://www.darksky.org)  
[www.muskokaheritage.org/natural/torrancebarrens.asp](http://www.muskokaheritage.org/natural/torrancebarrens.asp)  
<http://skytoneight.com/resources/darksky/www.rasc.ca/light/>

#### **Your local contact:**

To see the PDF's of this article, please go to:

<https://foca.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Night-Skies.pdf>

**"Shore is Beautiful"**

One of the greatest lessons we should take from the natural world is that when form and function combine, beautiful things happen.

Our lakes' natural shorelines are a wonderful example: they are perfectly designed to filter the waters that flow through them before they reach our lakes. They are the perfect habitat for the wildlife that lives among them. And, at the same time, they somehow manage to be a stunning natural backdrop for our own lives at the lake.

A 30-metre natural shoreline, rich in native vegetation, requires minimal maintenance, offers the best defense against damaging nutrient run-off and lakeside erosion, and keeps the whole local ecosystem healthy and working as Nature intended.

When we remove or reduce our natural shorelines by introducing lakeside walls, large firepits and manicured lawns, we are damaging these incredible systems and putting our lakes at risk.

What's more, none of us who love living by the lake would ideally want to make our shorelines look like the suburbs, or to recreate what it's like to live in a city – so why would we think that property and structures that look good there would ever look good by a beautiful, natural lake?

We live here because of our County's natural beauty and so we should do all we can to preserve and nurture our natural shorelines.

## **Natural is the new beautiful.**

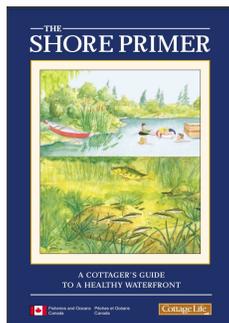
Unlike the dense, natural growth found in vacant land around our properties and in the woods, keeping a natural buffer zone of plants native to Haliburton County (zone 4) doesn't mean our shorelines need to look wild and unkempt. There are many beautiful trees, perennials and shrubs that will turn a plain, grassy yard into a garden oasis that not only looks vibrant and beautiful but is working hard behind the scenes, to keep the quality of our lake water healthy and safe for us to use.

Please go to <https://www.beshore.ca/shore-is-beautiful/> to read the full article including the "5 Step Guide to Planting and Maintaining a Natural Shoreline".

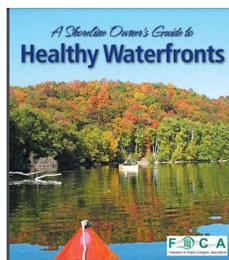
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## Navigational Update:

On behalf of the KLCA Navigation Team, we would like to thank the new owners of Mountain Trout House (Bruce Macpherson and Vanessa Slack) for the generous donation of use of their Stanley Work Boat. This boat enables us to install the markers with little worry of sliming each other or falling into the cold water! We would also like to thank the new General Manager of Old Mill Marina; Alicia Dudezki. Old Mill Marina provides the KLCA with space for our KLCA Sea Can and this year Alicia saved the day when she donated a “very heavy solid block” to anchor the marker off Moorelands Camp! Finally, A big “Thank You” again to John Bowering, Eric Doetsch, Don Early, Jason Hicks, Scott Holladay, VanDerToorn Family, Paul Lucas, Bruce Macpherson, Shane McQuade, Rankin Middlebrook, Pip Nightingale, Bruce Norman and Steve Ulbanis for their support and dedication each spring and fall in the installation of the markers.

Over the winter, one of our orange markers this was cut loose from it's mooring. If anyone, sees this floating on the lake, please contact Doug Middlebrook at 416-407-4557 or the Kawagama and Bear Lake Facebook page. On a future date, we will reach out to anyone with diving equipment that may help us locate the original anchor. In the mean time, please let us know if this marker starts drifting off the Moorelands Camp sandbar.

Also, please be aware that not all markers are in place due to Covid-19 restrictions. We will post again once all have been confirmed.

Some common questions that we encounter about our lake are: Where is upstream on Kawagama? Where is downstream? Which side of the marker should you be on when passing a green or red marker on Kawagama Lake?

Answer to all three questions, It depends on where you are headed to. Note the location of the Kawagama Lake Dam on the map below and then decide what side of these markers you should be on!

In MOST cases, heading upstream (against the current), the red marker is kept to the starboard, or right, side of the boat.

When heading in the opposite direction, the opposite is true and one would then keep the green markers on their starboard (right) side.

- **A GREEN port hand buoy** marks the port (left) side of a channel, or where a danger is located such as a rock through Upper Fletcher Bay Narrows;

- o must be kept on the port (left) side of a pleasure craft when proceeding upstream

- **A RED starboard hand buoy** marks the starboard (right) side of a channel or where a danger is located.

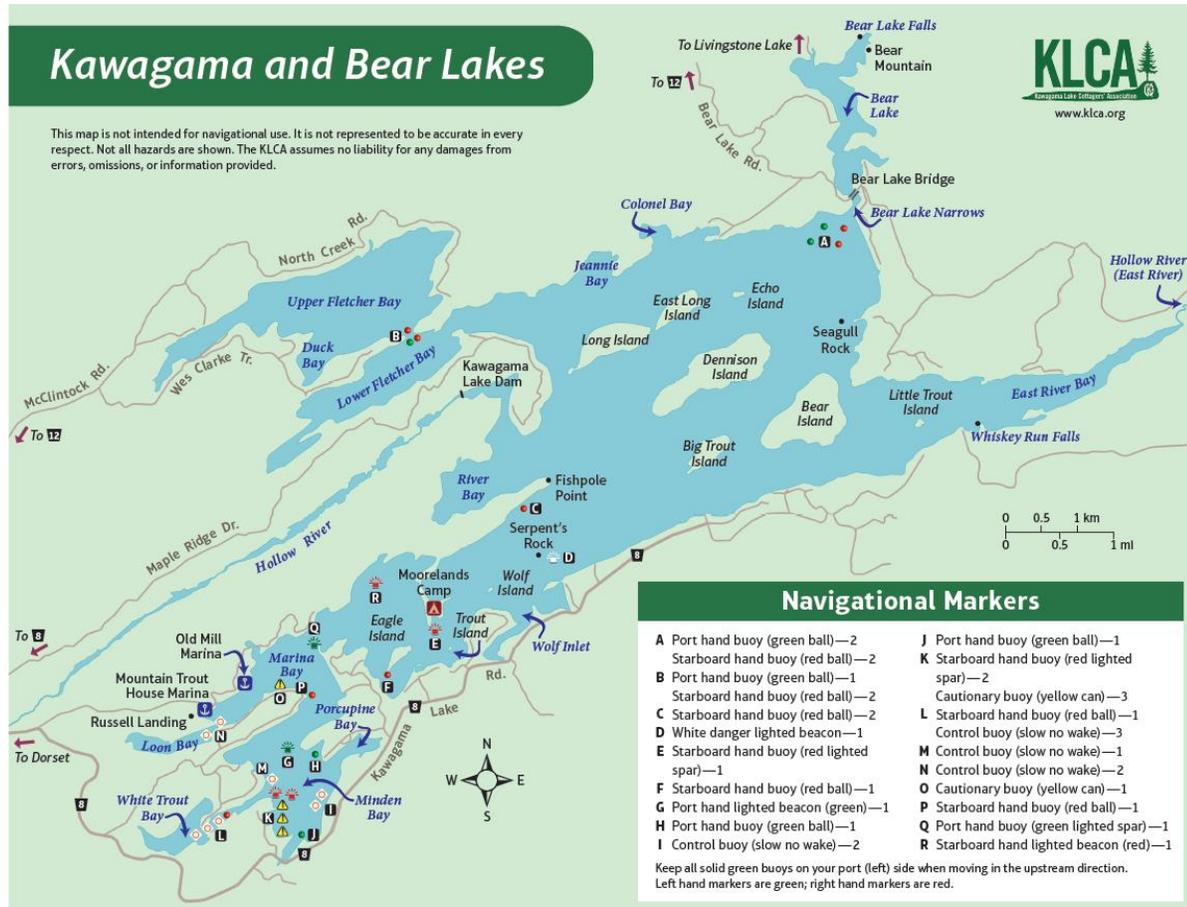
- It must be kept on the starboard (right) side of a pleasure craft when proceeding upstream direction.

Please note as the lake drops throughout the summer, the markers may expose the danger they are marking; rocks or sand bars!

Please note your membership in the Kawagama Lake Cottage Association pays for these markers.

Lastly, we are looking for volunteers in Minden Bay to assist with our "Adopt a Marker" Program. If you live or cottage in this area and can spare a few minutes twice a year to help keep our lake

safe, please send an email to: [info@klca.org](mailto:info@klca.org) or send a message below.



## Aqua Hug and Kawagamathon Fundraisers

Introducing a new fundraiser for Moorelands Kids this July! I'll pick a calm, sunny day to complete the first KAWAGAMATHON!!

I'm planning to start early that morning at the beginning of the Kawagama Lake Road in Dorset and ride my bike to the end (approximately 22 km). Then I'll jump in the lake at that point and swim to the beginning of the Bear Mountain trail (approximately 6.5 km). Finally, I'll run (slowly! 🐢) up the mountain! I'm looking for sponsors as well as fellow Kawagamaniacs who'd like to design and complete their own Kawagamathon! Bike, swim, run, canoe, kayak, SUP... any three non-motorized ways to move forward, any speed, any route, any day! I promise to sponsor you \$25 and do the swimming portion with you!!!

Also, don't forget that the 2nd Annual AquaHug swim around camp is scheduled for Saturday, August 8, 2021! Please let me know if you'd like to participate!!

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# Welcome to Muskoka! Boat Safely. Have Fun.

A reminder of some important rules to keep everyone safe on the water!

The speed limit within 30 metres of any shoreline and dock is 9km/hr on all Muskoka lakes. These are also no wake zones.

Watch your wake! When slowing down, throttle back for 10 seconds, wait for the bow to drop and level before proceeding.

A reminder that boats with a exhaust diverter must be visibly disconnected. Excessive boat noise is a continual problem on the lakes.

Visit [safequiet.ca](https://safequiet.ca) to view the full Boater's Code.

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## Renting your cottage?



# RENTING YOUR COTTAGE?

Protect Your Investment And Your Lake.

## HERE ARE 3 SIMPLE SUGGESTIONS:

### 1. Ensure that you do not have an overcapacity crowd in your cottage

Capacity = # of bedrooms x 2

FOR EXAMPLE: A 3 bedroom cottage should not have more than 6 overnight occupants.

IF YOU HAVE MORE PEOPLE THAN THAT:

- RAW SEWAGE enters your tile bed and the water table
- you have to REPLACE your tile bed COSTING thousands of dollars and your lake becomes POLLUTED.

### 2. Post the C.H.A. Rental Posters in the Kitchen, Washroom, Laundry Room and Garbage Areas

Help your guests who may not be used to lake life and septic systems with practical tips:



### 3. Let your renters know that you are part of a lake community

Many people come to the lake for the peace and tranquility – ask them, kindly, that they respect this fact – particularly after dark.



*Happy Renters. Happy You & Happy Lake!*

Looking for these helpful and free posters to provide to renters? Download them here: <https://www.cohpoa.org/resources/renting-your-cottage/>



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