
KLCA Newsletter - January 2021
"Preserve the Heritage"



Goodbye to 2020 - Welcome 2021!

Well, I don't think there is another year that many of us have enjoyed our paradise of Kawagama as much as 2020. With the global pandemic, many members of the KLCA have been able to spend more time at the place closest to their heart, on Kawagama. Even now, with much of the lake still not frozen, I know of many people who have chosen to work and live from their Kawagama homes. How fortunate all of us are to have this option. As we see the ravages on COVID on all parts of the world, we are so thankful to have such a naturally wonderful place to wait the pandemic out. So, enjoy your time here, and take a few moments to appreciate how fortunate we are.

The KLCA continues our work in many areas. While time will tell whether we are able to hold the Regatta, Annual General Meeting and fireworks as planned in 2021, our other efforts in numerous areas continue. We have had some retirements on the KLCA Board this year and we are always looking for volunteers to help out on the Board of Directors. The KLCA is only as strong as our volunteer base. If you would like to become involved please reach out.

So we bid adieu to 2020, and welcome 2021. 2021 will bring substantial change, but Kawagama will remain, and the KLCA will continue to "Preserve the Heritage".

Kathleen Hedley
President KLCA

RENEW now for 2021!

We would love to set a record in 2021 having the most members we have ever had! It is so easy to join or renew as we have options which we believe suit everyone's needs. You can join/renew for:

1 yr @ \$50 2 yrs. @ \$95 3 yrs. @ \$140 5 yrs. @ \$230. OR Auto
Renewal - \$45.

You can also choose how you would like to pay:

You can do it yourself online at www.klca.org, send a cheque OR contact me with your credit card information and I will set you up. Whatever way and for how ever many years you wish, we have made it easy for everyone!

Take advantage of all the benefits of membership for the year by joining or renewing BEFORE the end of March! That way you will be sure to receive your copy of *Reflections* directly from printer and at the earliest possible date as well as receive the email newsletters! Don't wait – Please join today!

Also, to help us make our goal of having the most members ever, please consider encouraging at least one other cottager on the lake to join! If we all do our part, we WILL meet our goal!

If you have any questions or you are having difficulty, Please reach out to me, Ellen, your Membership Director at; ewiley@vianet.ca or 705-788-4060

Upcoming FOCA campaign to stop rising hydro rates

FOCA is preparing to launch a campaign to stop the elimination of the Electricity Seasonal Rate Class that was ordered by the Ontario Energy Board in October, because this change will result in the **DOUBLING** of electricity rates for nearly 80,000 seasonal Hydro One customers and cottage owners.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

If this issue concerns you, as it does us, please sign up for FOCA's new dedicated electricity e-newsletter, called [The Power Line](#).

We will be issuing our call to action there first, early in the new year. **Read a message from FOCA's Executive Director and subscribe here:** [Electricity E-news](#). Then, share this information with 10 friends.



For background on this issue, and links to more information about the elimination of the seasonal rate class, visit FOCA's [Electricity webpage](#).

Sign up to stay updated on Electricity Pricing!

[Fight Hydro Increases - Click Here!](#)

Reflections 2021

Last year forced many of us to find new ways of enjoying life on the lakes. How did your family adapt? What new traditions did you start? What did you miss most? What are you looking forward to in 2021? We'd like to share your thoughts in the *Reflections 2021* yearbook.

Also, many people have expressed an interest in learning more about the history of our lakes. If you have any stories or artifacts to share, we'd love to include them in *Reflections*.

Please send articles, photos, recipes etc. to reflections@klca.org. The deadline for submissions is Feb 28, but the earlier you can get yours in the easier it will be on the editors.

GeoHub - (Muskoka)

Muskoka GeoHub is an online portal that allows the public to access important geographical information in Muskoka such as:

- Air Photos
- Topography and Crown Land Maps
- Floodplain Mapping
- Shoreline Videos
- Trails Explorer
- Zoning Maps
- Subdivision and Condominium Development Maps
- Data sets for Environment, Community Public works, and so much more!

Muskoka GeoHub replaces the Muskoka Web Map and features new maps, tools, and functions to help you explore Muskoka's geographical information. [Click here to explore.](#)

Have you noticed that wind speeds have changed over the years?

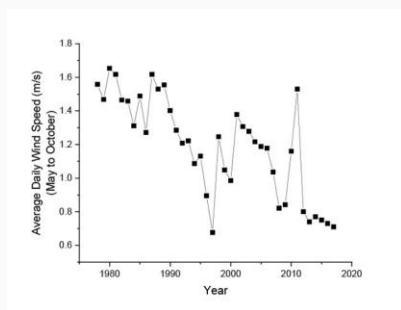
I thought it might interest readers to know that it is much less windy in the summer season now, compared to 4 decades ago. In data provided by Dr. Huaxia Yao from the Dorset Environmental Science Centre, wind speeds measured near

Dorset now average about 0.75 m/s from May to October, only half what they were 40 years ago. This is good news for sun bathers and swimmers, but perhaps not so good for sailors.

Lake scientists are keenly interested in how falling wind speeds might change how our lakes work. It could mean different things for different lakes. The surface mixed layer of lakes might actually be warmer but not as deep given less wind-induced mixing. In these lakes, the deeper cool layers will be thicker, and retain their oxygen longer. More cool oxygenated waters is good for trout. On the other hand in other lakes, warmer surface waters might delay fall overturn increasing the risk of losses of deep water oxygen. This would be bad for fish and would increase the risk of fall algal blooms. Indeed, both of these patterns have been documented in different lakes.

We have entered a time when climate change is affecting our lakes in new and sometimes surprising ways. We need to pay attention as we continue to journey through these less predictable times.

Yao H, et al, The interplay of local and regional factors in generating temporal changes in the ice phenology of Dickie Lake, south-central Ontario, Canada. In: *Inland Waters - Journal of International Society of Limnology*, 2013, pp 1-14.

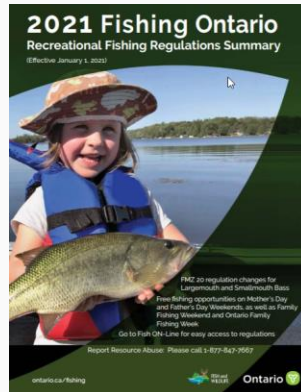


Article by Dr. Norman Yan PhD.

Article Provided by CHA.

Fish News

The **2021 Ontario Fishing Regulations Summary** is now available for download from ontario.ca/fishingregulations.



Retirements

The KLCA would like to thank Adam Pifko and Cameron McGlade for their dedicated service to the KLCA.

ADAM - During Adam's time with the KLCA, Adam worked tirelessly on a number of important initiatives for the KLCA. Adam sourced, designed and re-built both the KLCA website and the Membership database. He made them easy to use and interesting for both members and the executive. Adam invested time and effort into building a relationship with Dr. Yan and students from Trent University which brought the Benthic Invertebrate Testing program to our lake. He volunteered in the areas of Fisheries, Website and Vice President, organizing all aspects of our Annual General meetings, including lining up guest speakers, both in person and virtually. Adam and his contributions will be missed and we wish him all the best in future endeavors.

CAMERON - Cameron managed the finances of the KLCA using standard acceptable accounting practices. He maintained our electronic database for all financial transactions and he initiated direct deposit system for expenses incurred.

Cameron also created and monitored the annual KLCA budget. We wish Cameron all the best for the future!

Welcome!

The KLCA would like to welcome to following three members to the KLCA Executive, Karin Ibscher, Paul Ambros and Lindsay Daries.

KARIN - Karin has been spending summers on Kawagama since infancy, her parents having built an A-Frame cottage at the east end of Fletcher Bay the year before she was born. Earning her way through university working at Hollow Valley Lodge in Dorset and her career as a teacher ensured maximum lake time. Having recently retired, plans are underway to make Kawagama Karin's year-round home!

PAUL - Paul is a recently retired CPA, CA. Paul's career included many years with the major accounting firms in Toronto. For several years before retiring, he was an independent consultant specializing in commodity taxes.

Paul has served on the executive committee of several local non-profit organizations and was a director on the board of a private corporation. Paul and his wife Sandra were attracted to the natural beauty of Kawagama and bought a cottage on Upper Fletcher Bay in 1999. Soon after Paul became treasurer of their local cottage road association, a position he held for many years.

Although looking forward to retirement, and crossing off things on the cottage "To Do List", Paul agreed to take on the Treasurer's role on the KLCA executive. Paul is grateful for the contributions of previous KLCA executives to preserve the lake for future generations. Now he hopes to contribute his time and skills for the benefit of future KLCA cottagers.

LINDSAY - Lindsay Daries (Taylor) has been a cottager on Kawagama since she was born. She loves her community so much that she became a permanent resident on Kawagama and currently works in the town of Dorset. Lindsay enjoys

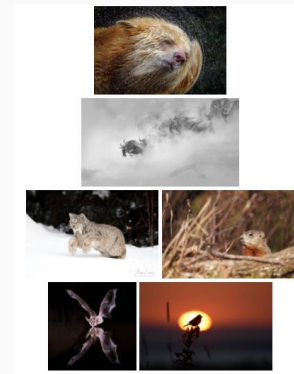
nights by the fire, days on the lake and winters on the sled!

Wildlife Photographer of the Year Contest

Apply by March 21, 2021 -We know many of you are fantastic photographers and have taken advantage of your time at the water's edge to capture images of the local wildlife.

The **Royal Ontario Museum** (ROM) invites you to share your captivating images of the natural world for a chance to win some amazing prizes (including a Nikon Z 6II DSLR Kit courtesy of Henry's, and more!) **Share your wildlife image** from your unlocked Twitter or Instagram account, and include @ROMtoronto and #ROMwpyON (or #ROMwpyJF for ages 13 to 17).

[Find out more about the contest here.](#) including the photo credits for the images from last year's winners, pictured at right.



Internet service in Cottage Country

Broadband internet service is a critical part of rural infrastructure and essential to support residents, local businesses and our communities. There are limitations currently experienced by rural Ontarians, and FOCA is supportive of the expansion of high speed Internet and cellular coverage throughout rural and northern Ontario.



Check your Internet speed with the [CIRA online test](#)
(Check this from your cottage!)

The changing dangers of winter ice

A new article from Veronica Penny of the New York Times describes research by our colleague Dr. Sapna Sharma of York University about the ways climate change is making winter ice more dangerous.



Find the link to this article, and more information, on FOCA's [Ice Safety webpage](#).

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Seasonal residents may be choosing to stay longer and live in their cottage for the first time this winter due to COVID-19. Seguin Fire Department is urging all residents to keep fire safety in mind as they prepare for the winter season.

Roadways

Access to seasonal vacation homes can be severely limited during the winter months due to snow accumulation as many cottage properties are served by narrow private roads and lane ways. This can slow or limit the response of the fire department in emergency situations. Please ensure that you have a snow removal plan and remember that fire trucks are large vehicles.

Smoke & CO Alarms

Residents should ensure that the home has the correct number of smoke alarms

and carbon monoxide alarms, and that they are properly located, regularly tested and properly maintained. The Ontario Fire Code requires smoke alarms to be installed on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas. Carbon monoxide alarms are required outside all sleeping areas if the home has a fuel-burning appliance, a fireplace or an attached garage.

Heating

Extra care should be taken when dealing with fuel-fired appliances, including fireplaces and wood stoves, as well as natural gas or propane furnaces. Wood-burning stoves and fireplaces should be professionally inspected annually, and the chimneys cleaned regularly. Ashes should be kept outside and away from the home, in a metal container. Exhaust vents for gas furnaces and water heaters need to be kept clear of snow and ice accumulations. A blocked exhaust vent can cause dangerous build-up of carbon monoxide in the home.

Power outages

Snow and ice events cause power outages during the winter months which make for difficult situations. Plan and be prepared for these events by having food and water for 72 hours readily available; also have lights and batteries ready for those dark nights. If you are equipped with a portable generator ensure that you have fuel for it to run a few days. Generators need to be run away from furnace intakes and away from the building to avoid hot exhaust gases starting fire or carbon monoxide to enter your house.

Monday November 23, 2020, Seguin Township

[Link to original post](#)

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