



Welcome to our first Newsflash for 2016!

Your directors have been hard at work over the winter planning for upcoming membership events, while continuing all our activities to help keep Kawagama Lake and Bear Lake pristine environments. Here are a few upcoming events and contributions from KLCA:

- Our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held on Saturday July 2nd, at the Dorset Recreation Center. You'll want to come and hear our two guest speakers, Mitch O'Grady (former Algonquin Highlands building inspector) and Julia Sutton (Sutton Environmental Services).
- The **KLCA Regatta** will be held at Moorelands Camp on the August holiday weekend (Saturday July 30th, with a rain date of Sunday July 31st).
- Also on Saturday July 30th, **Fireworks on the Bay** will be held at sunset in Marina Bay. This event was started by Rob at Old Mill Marina and Don at Mountain Trout House Marina. This year, the KLCA has agreed to take over the event. We still need to fund this event with your donations! To make it easier to contribute, there is now a handy link on the home page of the [KLCA website](#).
- Take note of a very special event! The **Second Annual Starry Summer Night Bash**, a fundraiser for Moorelands Camp, will be held at the camp on Saturday, August 20th. This event is being put on by a separate group of Kawagama Lake volunteers.
- We continue to enhance our communications efforts with our new KLCA website, the Kawagama and Bear Lakes Facebook page (last year the KLCA became the moderators of this active group with 1100+ members), Twitter site, Winter Newsletter, Summer Newsflashes, and of course, the Iconic *Reflections* Yearbook.
- We're continuing to work with the MNR and F on water levels, fisheries, and potential dam restoration; Algonquin Highlands on important municipal issues; FOCA and CHA on important lakefront property owners' issues; and MOE on their Lake Partner program.

Hope to see you at some of the events planned for this year. Have a great summer!

Jim Kaufman
President
KLCA

Shoreline Naturalization Grants Available! — Are you interested in restoring your shoreline? The KLCA has received funding to complete two shoreline naturalization projects on Kawagama and Bear Lakes, for a total of \$2,500 each. The grant covers a site visit, landowner consultation, a planting plan and equipment and materials.

In return, the landowner will need to agree to do the following:

- Plant native species from a recommended native plant nursery (information will be provided)
- Contribute a minimum of 10% to the project's total cost and cover all costs exceeding the value of the grant (\$2,500)
- Allow project photos for project reporting, presentations and publications
- Accept boat drive-by traffic to check out their great project

Don't miss out! If you are interested, please contact the KLCA at shoreline@klca.org to find out more details or request an application.

Applications are due by Friday, July 22nd, 2016. Successful applicants will be notified by early August to allow for enough time to set up site visits and project planning. All restoration projects will need to be completed during the fall of 2016.

KLCA Regatta Photographer Needed! — We need a photographer to capture all the amazing moments that happen at this fantastic annual event. If you're handy behind the lens and plan to attend the regatta (Saturday, July 30th), please drop us a note at info@klca.org. Many thanks!

Did You Know? — Your KLCA membership includes a FREE membership in FOCA (Federation of Cottagers Association), which has a lot of useful information as well as member benefits. For more information, check out the [FOCA website](#).

Canoe Museum— One of the benefits of FOCA membership is a free, one-year membership to the [Canadian Canoe Museum](#) in Peterborough ON. This is more than just a museum as it also has workshops, tours, children's programs, camps, talks and more. This museum tells the story of a nation built by canoe and ensures proper care of the World's largest collection of canoes. You can find out more in the [benefits section of the FOCA website](#).

Cottage Succession— FOCA's Cottage Succession Seminars are back! They will be on the road again this Summer, with estate lawyer Peter Lillico talking about the importance of having a cottage sharing agreement and how to keep the family in the family cottage. This event is free to FOCA members. Find out more [here](#).

Property Tax Re-Assessments are Coming — Please note that property tax re-assessments have begun rolling out across Ontario. Remember: if you disagree with your MPAC assessment, there is a way to ask for reconsideration. The process has changed this year, and FOCA has [posted the newest info here](#).

Dock Permits — Recent changes at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) related to the permit process for docks and boathouses are causing a great deal of angst to property owners on Ontario waterfronts. [See more information from FOCA here](#).

Starry Summer Night Bash— Join us for an evening of fun on August 20th, for the 2nd Annual "Starry Summer Night Bash" in support of Mooreland's Camp. The evening includes live music, food and drink, camp tours, experiential live and silent auctions items as well as water taxi transportation to and from the venue. Last year's event was an exciting evening, filled with good fun, great excitement and excellent food and drink raising well over \$36,00.00. We think that this year's bash will be even better, with a number of live auction items that, sometimes, money just can't buy. With your help, we hope to raise even more funds this year, allowing more deserving young people to experience the many joys of summer camp, benefits which last a lifetime. Tickets go on sale July 1 and can be purchased by clicking here: [Starry Summer Night Bash](#).

Canoe FM 100.9 — You can listen to Canoe FM 100.9 on your Friday drive for KLCA event updates.

KLCA AGM — Our Annual General Meeting is on Saturday, July 2nd at 10:00 am at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Our guest speakers this year will include Mitch O'Grady (retired building inspector for Algonquin Highlands), who will talk about permits for buildings and docks, and Julia Sutton (Sutton Environmental Services), who will discuss the "Love your Lake" shoreline project. Both presenters are well-spoken and interesting! Coffee, tea, and light snacks are provided. Hope to see you there!

Wake Up, Slow Down — Boats make more waves than you may think.

What causes wake? The size of a boat's wake depends on the hull size, boat speed, distance from shore and depth of water. Unlike natural waves, boat wake travels at the speed of the boat and wake frequencies are often high. The combination of a wake's high speed, height, and wave frequency makes it dangerous to others and damaging to shoreline areas, built shorelines, and wildlife habitat.

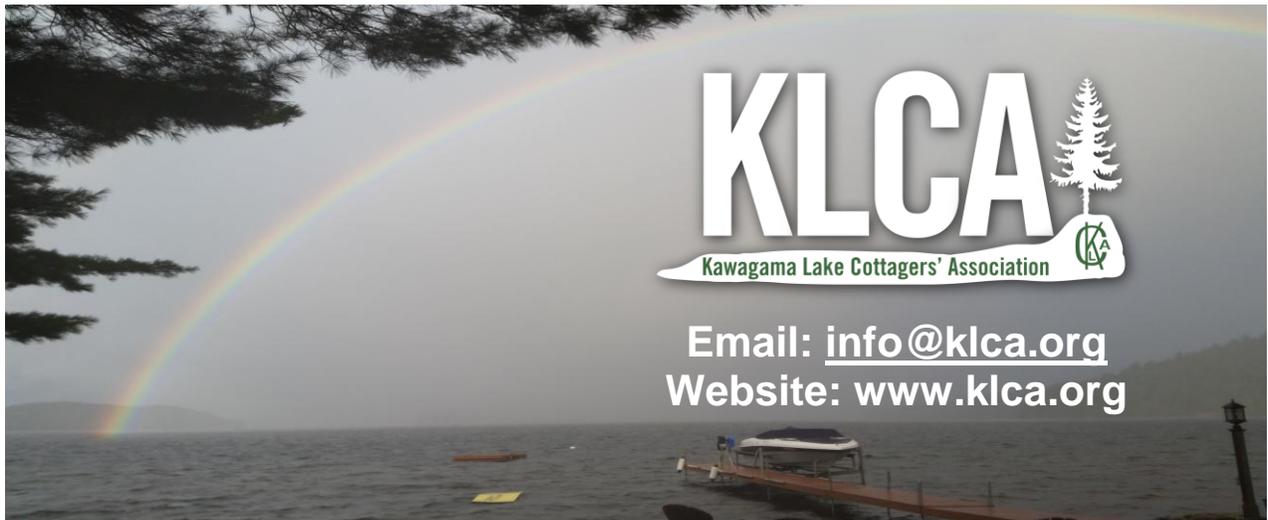
Tips to reduce your wake:

- Always be aware of your wake, especially when changing speeds or in shallow waters.
- Slow down enough to reduce your wake when required.
- Avoid travelling with the stern dug in and the bow high.
- Adjust the trim so the boat has a level ride at planing speed.
- Boat as far away as possible from shore, docks, and other boats.
- Travel 30 m from your dock to deeper water before accelerating.
- It's the law: boaters must slow down to a maximum speed of 10 km/h within 30 m of shore.

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Reflections Error — We placed last year's ad for Rave Contracting Services in this year's Reflections. It shows an outdated phone number. This is the current phone number for Steve Ulbinas at Rave Contracting Services: (705) 783-5359. Our apologies, Steve, for this mistake.

As always, the KLCA website, www.klca.org, has lots of useful information and news too!



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