

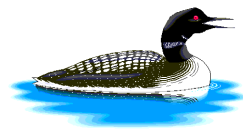
FALL/WINTER 2016-2017

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## Calendar Photo Contest 2017

The CLPOA are looking for new submissions for our photo contest. If you think that you have a photo that represents our beautiful lake please email them to [info@clearlakepropertyowners.com](mailto:info@clearlakepropertyowners.com) or post it to the Facebook group. We had great submissions last year and look forward to seeing what you capture!

Along with the photo please provide:

- name of photographer
- title for photograph
- location on the lake
- date



Deadline is February 28th 2017.

The photos can include pets and wildlife!

No photos of individuals please. We look forward to seeing your photos

Please join Council, Staff and Consultants for a Public Information and Open House at 7:00 pm (Council Chambers 1695 Emsdale Road, Emsdale, ON) on Wednesday, November 30th. The Public Information and Open House will provide the public with an update on the project, including an overview of the new Fire Hall/Community Centre development process. Design Concept Plans for the proposed Fire Hall/Community Centre will be available for viewing and comment. For additional information, please contact the Municipal Office at 705-636-5941.

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Communications**

## President's Message –Fall Winter-2016/2017

Clear Lake Property Owners,

Hoping that everyone enjoyed their Summer and what a Summer it was, one of the nicest weather summers I can remember for some time and with this can challenge a Lake's health, however with the eager help of your Board of Directors and Lake Lovers co-operation were able to avoid any type of Algae Bloom in 2016, not the Case with many other Lake's in Ontario. Low phosphorus levels are a key to this success and have been achieved by good water flow followed by a slightly lower lake level, courteous boating, and septic testing. I am happy to say that our septic testing initiative went very well headed up by Bill Core, although a touchy situation no one wants to hear they have a problematic septic we had complete co-operation from those who tested and realize it is vital for the Lakes health this also realized a few new septic's around the Lake, we still have the resources for testing and will continue come next spring – summer on a volunteer basis.

As a board we welcome ideas and initiatives that will benefit all residents of the Lake so please do not hesitate to approach a Board member or send an email to the Association.

For 2017 we will be holding our Clear Lake Golf Tournament again and look forward to a larger group of sign up's , as this year's was a great success and a lot of fun for those involved , we also have plans to hold a Summer Regatta and Membership BBQ so stay tuned.

I will finish on another good note that membership was up slightly in 2016 , so please encourage your neighbour's to sign up , I would like thank the entire Board for their time and commitment to the Lake Association and hope everyone enjoys the next season at Clear Lake.

Best Regards  
Ken Core  
CLPOA President



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## Water Management

A group of Muskoka residents have announced a class-action lawsuit against the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) over water management and damage to property during spring 2016 flooding. The suit seeks damages of \$900-million. For more on the issue of water management, including a link to a new post about the lawsuit from Water Canada Magazine, featuring FOCA's Executive Director, visit:  
<https://foca.on.ca/water-management-plans-still-in-limbo/>

## Garbage and Recycling



Fall / Winter Hours  
 Sunday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm  
 Monday: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
 Tuesday: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
 Wednesday & Thursday: Closed  
 Friday: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
 Saturday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

The Transfer Station will be closed on Sunday December 25 & Monday December 26, 2016, for the statutory holiday.

Please note: The Transfer Station will be closed on the following statutory holidays in 2017:

New Year's Day, Sunday January 01, 2017  
 Family Day, Monday February 20, 2017  
 Good Friday, Friday April 14, 2017

Resident must use clear bags for garbage, black/dark/tinted/coloured/white garbage bags are not accepted. You are permitted one opaque "privacy" bag inside each clear bag. This bag is to be approximately the size of grocery store bag and can be any colour. If you have any questions please see the Transfer Station Attendant.

Waste Management cards can be picked up from the Transfer Station Attendant; proof of residence is required by either driver's licence or a utility bill. Each household is permitted to dispose of an allotted 5 bags of refuse per month. A charge of \$2.00 for each bag to be disposed of over and above the 5 bag limit shall apply. A bag of refuse can be no larger than 26" by 36". Carry-over of bags from one month to another is not permitted (bags must be used within the allotted month on the disposal card).

Licensing your dog will help enable the Canine Control Officer and/or the Ontario SPCA to notify you so you may recover your pet should your pet be impounded as a result of being found at large or trespassing on the property of others. Please ensure your pet wears its license tag at all times; doing so allows officers to retrieve ownership information.

*Dog tags can now be purchased at the Transfer Station & Recycling Centre, please see attendant for more information.*

If you have found a dog OR If you have lost your dog...

During our business hours of 8:30am – 4:30pm, contact the Municipal Office at 705-636-5941.



## Clear Lake Benthic Monitoring Summary 2016

	2015	2016	Muskoka Average
Richness	14	13	14
% EOT (mayflies, dragonflies, damselflies and caddisflies)	15	11	22
% Chironimids (midges)	6	15	12
% Predators	13	7	23
% Shredders	4	3	3
% Collectors/gatherers	82	45	70
Hilsenhoff Index	6.34	6.92	6.10

In general (There are a lot of factors that can influence this data temperature, precipitation, water level, etc.)

- The number of mayflies, dragonflies, damselflies and caddisflies went down - we would prefer their abundance to go up. (they are pollution intolerant species)
- The number of midges went up - we would prefer them to go down (they are a pollution tolerant species)
- The predators, shredders and collector/gatherers numbers should be relative to each other with the predators having fewest, collector/gatherers the most and shredders in between. We have low shredder numbers but since the collector/gatherer numbers are good it is more likely our searchers were not good at finding them. (Without them the collector/gatherers wouldn't be doing well)
- Hilsenhoff index tells us about organic pollution it ranges from 1-10 with lower numbers being less polluted.

Thank you to Doug and Nancy Sartell for hosting and organizing this great event! We would also like to thank the participants to who came out to find the tiny critters.. one syringe at a time! If you are interested in this event more information will be given next year! Keep an eye out!

  
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## Welcome!!

CLPOA would like to welcome the new residences to the lake! Mike, Glenn and Lynne have just joined our lake with their families!

We hope they come to love and appreciate our lake as we do!

We would also like to say farewell to anyone who has left our lake this year. They will be missed!



## Boards and Committees

The Council of the Township of Perry are seeking individuals to be members on the following Boards and Committees:

- ◊ Emsdale Community Centre Committee
- ◊ Nova Community Centre Committee
- ◊ Historical Committee ◊ Parks and Recreation Committee
- ◊ Joint Waste Management Board

If interested please contact the municipal office at: 705-636-5941 to learn more about these committees. If you would like to apply to any one of the Committees or Boards listed above please send a letter, email or fax to: The Corporation of the Township of Perry 1695 Emsdale Road, Box 70 Emsdale, ON POA 1J0 E-mail: [beth.morton@townshipofperry.ca](mailto:beth.morton@townshipofperry.ca) Fax: 705 636-5759

## Invasive Species & Cottage Country Utilities

This summer, FOCA wrote to Hydro One to inquire about their boat moving practices in rural Ontario, with concern for the potential spread of invasive species between waterbodies. We were pleased to receive a response detailing Hydro One's practices for boat and trailer washing, and their intentions to comply with the draft regulations for Ontario's Invasive Species.

Hydro One responded: "*Hydro One's practices include robust boat and trailer washing, as regionally appropriate, to prevent the spread of invasive species. For example, Hydro One staff who service the central part of the province must ensure that after each use, a boat's exterior and its trailer are washed with environmentally-friendly detergent using a pressure washer or brush. The bilge must also be washed after each use, or, if this is not accessible, environmentally-friendly bleach must be used to clean the equipment. If a Hydro One vessel enters multiple bodies of water in a single day, both the boat and trailer must be washed between each water entry at a Hydro One facility, local marina, or car wash.*"

*"Now that the draft regulations for Ontario's Invasive Species Act have been posted on the EBR, Hydro One specialists will be reviewing them and commenting in the coming weeks. We will take the species listed as 'prohibited' and 'restricted' under advisement, and will fully comply with the regulations once finalized. We would be pleased to keep FOCA informed about how Hydro One updates its corporate practices for the movement and cleaning of equipment based on the new legislation."*

## Lyme Disease

The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit has confirmed that a blacklegged tick found in North Bay tested positive for the bacteria that can cause Lyme disease. The tick was found embedded in the skin of an individual and was submitted to the Health Unit for testing. Blacklegged ticks are not common to the area; however, it is known that ticks travel on migratory birds. The risk of getting Lyme disease in our area remains low.

For more information, call the Health Unit at 705-474-1400 or 1-800-563-2808, or learn more at [myhealthunit.ca/lymedisease](http://myhealthunit.ca/lymedisease).



## Quick Facts

- ◊ In the last five years, there have been five human cases of Lyme disease in the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit area, of which three were travel-related.
- ◊ To date in 2016, 26 ticks have been sent for testing, with 9 being identified as blacklegged. Eight of those 9 ticks have been negative for the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.
- ◊ Removing ticks: Tweezers should be used to remove a tick from the body as soon as possible. Hold the tick gently with the tweezers, as close to its head as possible, and pull it out slowly. Clean the area and apply a bandage if needed.
- ◊ Submitting ticks for testing: Place the tick in a container and bring it to a health care provider, or the health unit. It will be sent to a laboratory for testing.
- ◊ Symptoms of Lyme disease: For information on symptoms of Lyme disease, and to find out what to do if you become ill, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/lyme-disease>

## 2016 Calendars

Our 2016 calendar was a great success! We received great photos of our beautiful Clear Lake and we would like to thank the following for their contributions:

July: Chris Bishop *"Beautiful Morning"*  
 August: Sue Higgs *"Misty Morning Paddle"*  
 September: Michelle Roberts *"Summers End"*  
 October: Kristina Vodouris *"Fall Trails"*  
 November: Dillys Betts- Boniface *"Closing Day"*  
 December: Gina Newhall *"Winter Wonderland"*  
 January: Lori Hepburn *"Ice Starting to Form"*  
 February: Debbie Dale *"Calm before the Storm"*  
 March: Brittany Leonardelli *"Reflections of Winter"*  
 April: Lorna Core *"Sunset from Crazy Bay"*  
 May: Hilda van Gyssel *"May long weekend Paddle"*



Photo: Lori Hepburn

We still have some calendars available! They can make a great Christmas gift, please contact [info@clearlakepropertyowners.com](mailto:info@clearlakepropertyowners.com)

## Snowmobiles

### 2017 Seasonal Permit Types and Pricing

Permit Type	On or before Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> onwards
Seasonal Permit	\$210.00	\$260.00
Classic Permit (sled year 1999 or older)	\$140.00	\$170.00
Multi-day (2 day consecutive minimum)	N/A	\$35 a day



Snowmobiling is a popular winter activity in Ontario. Just remember that there are risks to consider every time you head out. Knowing how to prepare and operate your vehicle safely will help make sure you have a safe and fun ride

Everyone who drives a snowmobile in Ontario must:

- be at least 12 years old
- have a valid driver's licence or motorized snow vehicle operator's licence (see below)
  - register the snowmobile with the Ministry of Transportation
    - have insurance

Drivers must carry the following documents with them at all times:

- your driver's licence, a valid motorized snow vehicle operator's licence (MSVOL) or a snowmobile driver's licence from another jurisdiction
  - snowmobile registration permit
  - insurance card

Before you leave

- fill up your gas tank
- check the weather forecast before heading out.
- contact the local snowmobile club to check trail and ice conditions
- dress appropriately - wear clothing in layers, and make your top layer a snowmobile suit or other windproof layer

Remember: Exposure to extreme cold can lead to frostbite and hypothermia. Your risk goes up as the temperature goes down.

- Wind chill at or below  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$ : risk of frostbite to exposed skin
- Wind chill at or below  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$ : frostbite in 10 minutes or less
- Wind chill at or below  $-60^{\circ}\text{C}$ : frostbite in less than 2 minutes



Information is from Boats and Places Magazine

## Getting Your Boat Ready for Winter

Before you get started with the winter prep routine please consult your owner's manual. Often manufacturers provide specific instructions on how to care for your boat during the winter process. How you prepare your vessel for winter depends on the size, type and storage location.

If you're storing your boat outdoors on a trailer, there are a few extra steps you need to consider. Changing air temperatures can result in different levels of tire pressure during the winter months, plus leaving your tires in one position for an extended period of time can put extra wear and tear on the wheels. Help support the weight of the trailer by blocking up your trailer. You can either remove the wheels or leave them on and cover to protect from sunlight. And, like your boat, it's a good idea to inspect and make any repairs to your trailer.



Check your lifejackets! Are they still buoyant? Are all straps and fasteners in good working order? If not, it's time to replace them. If your lifejackets need to be cleaned before storing, it's best to use mild soap and water to give them new life. Make sure to store them in a well-ventilated area away from moisture.

### Hibernation Preparation

A BASIC OVERVIEW

- OIL & MAINTENANCE**  
 Change the oil, oil filter, and fuel filter. Change lower unit/transmission fluid.
- COOLING SYSTEM**  
 Check closed cooling system and protection. Drain raw water and flush with plumbing antifreeze. (according to manufacturer's recommendations)
- FUEL TANK**  
 Fill the fuel tank with premium gas and add fuel stabilizer. Run the boat in the water to ensure stabilized fuel reaches the engine.
- BILGE PLUGS**  
 Remove the bilge plugs, drain and clean bilge.
- TIDY INTERIOR**  
 Empty and clean the boat's interior and open storage hatches for ventilation.
- CLEAN EXTERIOR**  
 Scrub and wax the exterior.
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## Coalition for Responsible and Sustainable Navigation

The *COALITION NAVIGATION* aim is to introduce a new legislative framework that is science-based, as ultimately deemed most appropriate. To finance their research efforts, they received funding from regional districts, municipalities, residents' associations and a federal-provincial program.

The Coalition's main challenge is that the Canada Shipping Act is totally inadequate for addressing the matter of motor boats and related activities that exceed the environmental tolerances of our waterways. In effect, the Canada Shipping Act is about boating safety and the rights of navigators. The Coalition will be bringing together legal and scientific expertise to identify effective solutions reflecting the environmental tolerances of waterways and making use of bathymetric maps and other tools to define waterway characteristics.

The Coalition will have a scientific agenda to look at several types of motor boats and marine environments.

They started by looking at wake boat impacts and currently two studies have indicated that with wake boat wave amplifiers engaged: 1) waves must travel 300 metres before losing their power; and, 2) the water columns of wake boats descend 5 metres. Consequently, with the help of bathymetric maps, it is possible to classify entire lakes and/or sections of lakes regarding the use of wave amplifiers.

Their next phases of research may look at the environmental tolerances associated with shallow waters, BC salmon rivers, boats such as cigar boats or Muskoka Lakes area challenges. A literature review by Laval University will guide next steps, or the gaps that remain to be filled in the knowledge of boat impact, shoreline maintenance and varied marine environments.

**June 2014:** The impact of wake boats on the Memphremagog and Lovering lakes shores, by Sara Mercier-Blais and Yves Prairie, UQAM: The study indicated that wake boats with their ballasts engaged produce high waves that must travel 300 meters before their power dissipates. This means that with ballasts in operation these boats require a 600 meter passageway.

**October 2015:** Study of suspension of bottom sediments associated with wake boats, by Sébastien Raymond, University Laval, Quebec City, QC: The results of this study were such that the water columns churn up the sediments of waterways bottoms in depths of 5 meters or less, and release phosphorous in the process. This contributes to the proliferation of aquatic plants and algae.

**Summer 2016:** A literature review is underway by University Laval to better understand the impacts of different types of motor boats in varying types of marine environments. This review, to be completed in July 2016, will identify gaps to be addressed by future research coordinated by Coalition Navigation.

<http://coalitionnavigation.ca>



Photo by: Shirley DeConkey



Photo by: Lori Hepburn

## 2016-2017 CLPOA Executive Members

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 Ron Cox- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Water Quality Portfolio  
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 Fri: 8:30 A-8:00 PM  
 Sat: 8:30 A-7:00 PM  
 Sun: 8:30 A-6:00 PM

Enjoy your Fall/Winter at Clear Lake!



You can find us on Facebook! At "Friends of Clear Lake (Emsdale) Please note this group is only for property owners and their families. It is an group for the community and is not a CLPOA page. Please come join if you haven't already! Share your experiences and pictures online!

## Green Energy Announcement

Ontario is halting the procurement of over 1,000 megawatts (MW) of solar, wind and hydroelectric projects, which is projected to save the typical residential electricity consumer \$2.45 per month on their electricity bill, compared to previous forecasts. Get more info: <https://foca.on.ca/approving-green-energy-projects/>

## CLPOA Accepts E-transfers!



CLPOA is set up to receive online transfers for payment of membership dues and donations. Interac e-transfers can be sent to:

[info@clearlakepropertyowners.com](mailto:info@clearlakepropertyowners.com)

*Please be sure to send a separate email with the security question answer.*

*You can find the membership forms on the CLPOA website!*

*Our CLPOA website is under redevelopment thanks to our newest CLPOA director: Chris Johnston!*

*Thank you to Chris for sharing his skills to improve our website!*

