



SSCA August 7th Newsletter

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Greetings!

With so much happening in August, we are switching to providing you the latest news on events and updates on a weekly basis.



One of the new events this year was the 1st Annual SSCA Remote Control Boat Race held last weekend. There was a great turn out of all ages with Race boats, Sailboats, a Tug Boat and even a Coast Guard Rescue Boat going around a course.

Congratulations to Wes Sloss for being the first speed boat winner in this now annual event.

Cheers,

Eric

Eric Armour - President, SSCA

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SSCA Art Show



Sunset over Purdue by Bert Liverance

Check out the amazing arts and crafts by fellow SSCA members in this year's virtual art show! There's still time to submit a picture of your Georgian Bay artwork.

To see all the fantastic entries and learn more visit the SSCA [2020 Art Show](#)

[More Info](#)

Woods Bay COVID Concert - August 8th

JOIN US ON
ISLAND B63



We are PUMPED to announce our

COVID CONCERT

in support of the WBCA Fire Pump Program.
Keeping our Bay safe during these uncertain times.

DATE: August 8th with a rain date of Aug 22nd

TIME: Arrival: 3:30pm | Concert from 4 - 6 pm

WHERE: South side of Island B-63, Moon River Bay

PRICE: \$10.00/person or \$50.00/bubble boat

BAND: THE NEXT ROUND (cover band)

CRAVING LIVE MUSIC?

Naturally Social Distance in your bubble boat. Don't forget your anchor & line! Bring your own snacks, refreshments, sunblock, bathing suits & towels. More information can be found on: woodsbaycommunityassociation.ca

100% of proceeds to the WBCA Fire Pump Program

Initiative courtesy of @SensationalSigns (Brenda Colvin) & Mike Brigham

Georgian Bay Nature Webinars



The Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve, Georgian Bay Land Trust and Georgian Bay Forever are offering some fantastic upcoming webinars!

Topics include:

- The Ecology and Behavior of Canadian Jays in Algonquin Park (GBLT)
- Birds of the Biosphere (GBBR)
- Georgian Bay Turtles (GBLT)
- Great Lakes Water Levels (GBF)
- Managing and Monitoring Muskellunge (GBGR)

To register and find out more visit the [SSCA Environment Page](#)

Sailing Regatta - August 15



Reminder to all SSCA sailors

Don't forget to sign up for our "mini-regatta" -- Saturday August 15. The race will start at 10:00, at the first green channel market north of Frying Pan Island. The event is open to sailors of all ability levels and with all (sail-powered) boats, with course times adjusted based on boat handicap ratings. It will be followed by picnic lunch on the community dock. First prize will be a gift card for dinner at Henrys.

To register, contact Glen Campbell (campbellglend@gmail.com)

[More Info](#)

Outer Island Adventure Race - August 22

The Sans Souci Copperhead Association invites all paddlers to:

The Outer Island Adventure Race

**Come challenge yourself, or
throw down the hammer to race other paddlers!**

Saturday August 22nd, 2020

All experience levels and age classes offered for:
Kayakers (single and double), surf skiers, stand-up-paddle boarders, and canoeists.

Race Schedule:

9:00 am Racer's Meeting at the SSCA property on Frying Pan Island, Georgian Bay

9:30 am First Heat: circumnavigate Frying Pan Island (5km), or twice around (10km)

10:30 am Kids Race: out and back to buoy (2km or 4km options)

11:15 am Last Heat: same 5km course around Frying Pan Island

Early bird race fee is \$10, after Aug 19th the fee is \$15.

Please email sscaprograms@gmail.com to register, or call/text 519.574.1354

Bring your team spirit and bells to cheer on all racers!

Covid mindful lunch and prizes awarded following the race, at the SSCA property.

Inclement weather race date is Sunday August 23rd, 2020

A thank you to our sponsors for their generous prize donations!



Sea Kayak Trips for Summer 2020



The **SSCA** invites you to our:
Sea Kayak Trips for Summer 2020

Join us for some paddling in the largest freshwater archipelago in the world!
Take in beautiful shorelines, hidden wetlands, and incredible island views.

The conversation is always pretty great too!

~ *Previous kayaking experience not necessary* ~

This year's routes and times are as follows:

Saturday July 25th: circle Sans Souci (7 km)

Sunday August 2nd: circle around Wahsouné (10 km)

Saturday August 22nd: Matthews Island and Pennsylvania Island (14 km)

- **Meet at the SSCA docks at 9:00 am and we will set out from there.**
- **Bring your lifejacket, a snack, and 2 bottles of water.**
- **If you don't have a kayak, let us know, we can arrange to bring extras.**

Please register at sscaprograms@gmail.com so we keep the group size to under 10 paddlers, and will be able to notify you in case we need to reschedule due to weather.

[More Info](#)

Multisport Kidfit



The SSCA welcomes all kids aged 8-13 to join:

Multisport Kidfit!

Join cottage friends for fun and active skill challenges and games!

- ✓ SUP board tug-of-war
- ✓ Sport Court Fun
- ✓ New Ninja line
- ✓ Feed sack team obstacle course
- ✓ Crazy swimming relays

Bring water, a swimsuit & towel, and running shoes if you have them at the cottage.

When: Thursdays 3:00 - 4:00, starts July 23rd

Where: Meet at the sport court picnic tables

Coaches: Katie Eaves and Jess Sloss

Please register at sscaprograms@gmail.com. Space is limited. Cost is \$5/kid to cover lifeguarding. Covid safety measures will be observed.

Hope to see you there!

[More Info](#)

Aquafit Classes

The SSCA invites all members to:

Aquafit Classes

At the SSCA swimming area, deep end (belts provided).

Tuesdays 9:00 to 9:45

Fridays 10:00 to 10:45

Georgian Bay offers a tough resistance training environment - aquafit is an excellent cardio workout at the cottage.

Classes target all levels of athletes including:

Endurance athletes - add intense intervals, compound movements, and sprints to your mix of workouts, to give your joints and injuries a break.

Individuals looking to increase their fitness - aquafit improves flexibility, stability, endurance, metabolism, and strength.

Join the fun! We currently have 10 belts.

Provided: tunes, lifeguards, belts, instruction. Cost is \$5

Please register at sscaprograms@gmail.com.

2019 Financial Statements & 2019 Unapproved AGM Minutes

Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"

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Weather Station Camera at the Community Centre

Due to a technical issue with the Weather Camera last week, it was unavailable for a couple of days. It is now back online.

As a reminder, there are a couple of ways to access this weather station. One is via the following direct link to the Weather Station - <https://map.bloomsky.com/weather-stations/faBiuZWsnpmpmKip>. There is also a **Bloomsky** app available for download from both the Apple and Android stores.

You can also view the weather station information along with all other stations in our area via Weather Underground - [here](#). They also have a downloadable app.

For more information reach out to [Eric Armour](#)

Georgian Bay News



**Living on the Edge: The Ecology and Behaviour of
Canada Jays in Algonquin Park
Presented by Dr. Ryan Norris**

Saturday August 8th, 10:00 - 10:30am

Although Canada Jays are common residents of our North American boreal forests, their natural history and ecology remains somewhat of a mystery, even to those that see them regularly. Using a combination of long-term data and recent experiments, Dr. Norris will discuss the year-round ecology of this fascinating and highly intelligent bird, including what factors influence their survival and reproductive success. He will also address why we have observed over a 50% decline of Canada Jays at the southern edge of their range and how this may be related to long-term changes in climate.

Register here to receive a link to attend the online presentation.

**Special Presentation: LANDMARK Speaker Series for kids!
Georgian Bay's Turtles
Presented by Dr. Pat Chow-Fraser**

Saturday August 15th, 10 - 10:30 am

Join us on August 15th for a special presentation geared to kids ages 8-12. Wetland biologist Dr. Pat Chow-Fraser will tell us about the turtles of Georgian Bay, and the science she and her students are doing to learn more about them. Kids are encouraged to send their turtle questions in advance to Dr. Chow-Fraser, who will do her best to answer them during the session. Questions can be emailed to conservationquest@gblt.org, or sent in when registering at the link below.

Register here to receive a link to attend the online presentation.

Help Beautify the Bay and become a Citizen Scientist!



Join Georgian Bay Forever's effort to cleanup the shoreline and collect critical data on what you find! The data collection step is very important because it helps GBF work with

partners to stop the litter at the source.

As an example, last year, the top collected item was Styrofoam trash (more than 5,000 pieces). Since then a committee has been set up to work with contractors in providing viable Styrofoam alternatives.

For more information and to help out please visit:
<https://georgianbayforever.org/shoreline-clean-ups/>

Watch Your Wake!

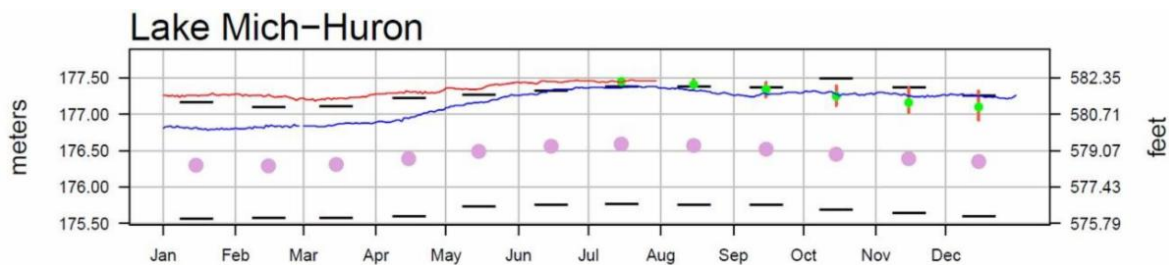


High water levels and deteriorating shoreline conditions this summer have exacerbated the problems caused by large wakes.

You are responsible for your wake! Education is key to understanding the impact of the wake you make.

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GBA Water Levels Report - August 2, 2020



From a month ago the water level on Lakes Superior is up 3 inches, **Michigan-Huron is unchanged**, and Lakes St Clair, Erie & Ontario are down 2, 3 & 3 inches, respectively. Lakes Superior, St. Clair, Ontario, & Erie are lower by 3, 2, 4 & 22 inches, respectively, and Lake **Michigan-Huron is 3 inches higher** than it was at this time last year. Lakes Superior, **Michigan-Huron**, St Clair, Erie & Ontario are 11, **34**, 30, 26 & 5 inches, respectively, **above their long term July average**.

Lake **Michigan-Huron is 2 inches higher than its previous record high for July**. All the other lakes are below their July record high.

In a month's time, the level of Lake Superior is expected to be unchanged, and **Lakes Michigan-Huron, St Clair, Erie & Ontario** are expected to be down 2, 3, 4 & 4 inches respectively.

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The Archipelago Express Summer Edition

The summer edition of the The Archipelago Express is out with important updates on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), Planning, MPAC Assessments, Fire Prevention and Safety, and 911 Emergency Services.

[More Info](#)

Out of Mouse Traps? - *reprinted from Cottage Life Magazine*

Mice are a tricky conundrum for cottagers. Like their brethren the chipmunk, they are quite adorable. And yet, anyone who has weathered a full-blown mice infestation can tell you that once these cute marauders get a foothold, it's all over.

They defecate in your food, keep you up at night scratching in the walls, and chew holes everywhere. If left unchecked, their incredibly brief birth cycles means that within a year your cottage will belong to them.

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