



## SSCA June Newsletter

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### Greetings!

Almost all communities are now at Phase 2 with group gatherings now expanded to 10 people and restaurants now opening up patios. Sadly, there are still some restrictions in place and we continue to adjust plans and activities this summer.

One of the events impacted by the restrictions is the SSCA AGM. The SSCA Board has decided to postpone the SSCA Annual General Meeting to October 24th, 2020 when it will be carried out virtually so that all members can attend. More details will be reported closer to the date.

In addition, we want to give you a couple quick updates on other activities:

- Sail Parry Sound is cancelled this year. As a result, SSCA Sailing Camp will not run this year.
- The Sport Court is now fully operational with basketball and both Pickleball courts open. No reservations are required. For more information of the courts click [here](#).
- Washrooms in the School House on the Community property are now operating with hand sanitizers, bacterial wipes and regular cleaning.

Lastly, the **Canada-U.S. border will remain closed** to non-essential travel for at least another 30 days until July 21st. Supporting US Members up and down the Bay, the GBA has recently submitted letters to both Canadian Provincial and Federal Senior Leadership to have them consider an exception for US owners of property in Canada allowing them to visit their property.

To keep you informed on other activities and news, here is your June update:

- Fire Response and Northern 911
- Flashlight Readers
- Electricity News
- GBLT Landmark Speaker Series
- GBLT Properties Opening
- GBF - What's Keeping Your Dock Afloat?
- GBA Water Levels Report
- Members Remembered

Want to see some views from the SSCA area? Check out our Instagram account at <https://www.instagram.com/sanssoucicopperhead/> .

Cheers,

Eric

**Eric Armour - President, SSCA**

### Fire Response and Northern 911 1-844-868-0068

We have had five fires in the Township already this fire season. Luckily three of the fires were extinguished quickly, but sadly two property owners lost their cottages. As most of you know, there is no fire service in the Township of the Archipelago. This makes fire prevention critically important.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) have developed a FireSmart program that can help property owners prepare for the threat of wildfires - [FireSmart](#)

Despite even the best preparations, fires can happen from both human and natural causes. In the event of a fire, early intervention can make the difference between a small problem and a catastrophic event, and we are our own first responders. The MNRF may be able to provide fire suppression if they have the equipment available but need to prioritize their efforts to the most critical areas. In the best-case scenario, their response time will be over 30 min. They do not respond to structure fires.

Want to know how Northern 911 can help you? Click [here](#)

**Jason Drysdale - [Jason.drysdale@icloud.com](mailto:Jason.drysdale@icloud.com)  
Chair, Fire & Safety Committee**



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### Flashlight Readers!



#### Summer Reading Challenge!

Kids: Grades K to 8

The SSCA Flashlight Readers kid's book club invites you to participate in our Summer Reading Challenge! Please see the below chart for the challenge details of your age group and number of books needed to complete each award level. Once you have completed an award level (eg. Quartz), please send an email to [sscaprograms@gmail.com](mailto:sscaprograms@gmail.com). You will be given a clue to find a hidden treasure box on the SSCA property. The treasure box has lots of fun prizes for the cottage - squid divers, ball returns, high flyers, sparkling hair barrettes, spray chalk paint, ice cream cone

coupons for LeBlancs, etc.

Sign up today, and start your summer reading adventures!!!

Book Level	Quartz	Mica	Granite	Gold
Board Books and Readers (~grades K-3)	7	7	7	7
Beginning Novels (~grades 2-4)	2	2	2	2
Novels (~grades 4-8)	3	3	3	3

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## Electricity News

Ontario is extending its COVID-19 residential electricity rate relief for another five months, but has changed the fixed price from 10.1 cents per kilowatt hour to 12.8 cents per kilowatt hour. Follow this subject, here: <https://foca.on.ca/electricity-pricing/>

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## Georgian Bay News

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**Country Turtle, City Turtle:  
Helping to keep them safe in a changing world**  
Presented by Dr. Pat Chow-Fraser

Saturday, June 27th, 10 am  
30 minute interactive virtual presentation

Dr. Pat Chow-Fraser has conducted research in Georgian Bay's wetlands and throughout the Great Lakes for decades, with a recent focus on at-risk turtles. She will talk about the way turtles use Georgian Bay's wetlands and other habitats, the increasing threats that they face, and how we can use ecological knowledge to keep them safe.

All are welcome to join! [Register here](#) to receive a link to attend

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## Georgian Bay Land Trust properties are Open

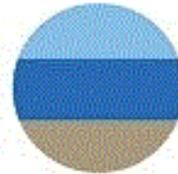


At this time, public-access Georgian Bay Land Trust properties are **open** to visitors for the enjoyment of nature. It is very important that visitors follow all current government guidelines for COVID-19 related behaviour while they are on a Georgian Bay Land Trust property. Updated visitor guidelines are posted on each public-access property – please take some time to read our guidelines [here](#).

The latest information on the status of GBLT properties will continue to be available at [gblt.org/covid-19](http://gblt.org/covid-19).

*Sarah Koetsier*  
*Georgian Bay Land Trust*

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### What's Keeping Your Dock Afloat?

Take a look. It could be un-encapsulated foam...and that becomes a serious shoreline litter problem and an ingestion threat to aquatic life as it fragments.

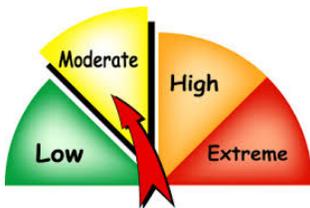
Many of us participated in shoreline clean-ups last year, where polystyrene (PS) foam was the number one type of litter picked up, and the most visible of this litter type was foam from docks (often blue). 2020 may be worse - pictures have been sent to Georgian Bay Forever(GBF) this spring and summer of huge and little blue foam pieces picked up by concerned citizens - seeming to indicate that high water and storms have probably wreaked havoc on existing un-encapsulated foam docks.

For more information on this pollution and its relation to docks: [click here for the report](#), Problems with Polystyrene Foam. Environmental Fate and Effects in The Great Lakes, by Lisa Erdle for Georgian Bay Forever.

### How to help

If you have un-encapsulated dock foam, you're not alone - but, please investigate alternatives and make a plan to swap it out as soon as possible. It's not easy or cheap to get alternatives for floating your docks, but most alternatives will last a lot longer, and help reduce shoreline litter and its effects in Georgian Bay. There is sadly NO dock that doesn't have some impact to the environment, but if you [email](#), we can provide ideas on alternates to investigate for your dock from the Say "NO" to Dock Foam committee. And, if you want, please share your experiences with a dock alternate(s) - your information and experience is very valued.

## Fire Danger Rating is currently set at MODERATE



The Fire Danger Rating is currently set at **MODERATE**.

If you are burning, please burn responsibly. Always take the time to completely put out your campfire, it could prevent a wildfire.

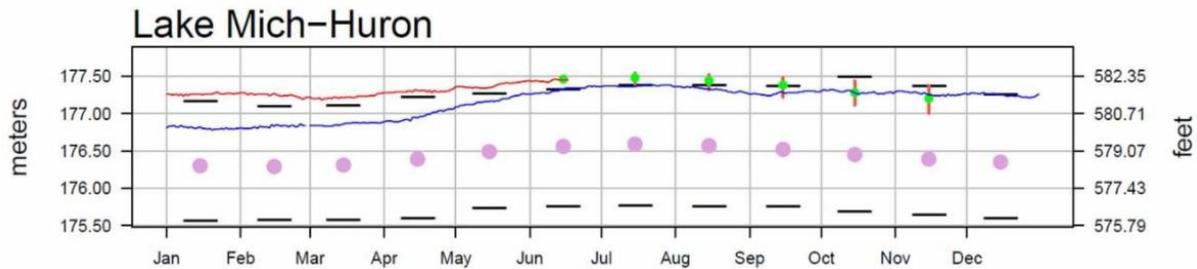
NO daytime burning is permitted.

[Click here](#) to view the Township of The Archipelago's Open Air

Burning By-law.

Prior to burning, please visit the main page of Township's website for the current Fire Danger Rating: <http://www.thearchipelago.on.ca/p/fire-rating>. Additionally, Fire Danger Rating Signs are posted throughout the Township of The Archipelago on several arterial roads.

## GBA Water Levels Report - June 21, 2020



Water levels continue to be well above average and near or above record high levels.

From a month ago the water levels on Lakes Superior & **Michigan-Huron** are both **up 2 inches**, and Lakes St Clair, Erie & Ontario are down 1, 1 & 3 inches, respectively. Lakes Superior, Ontario, & Erie are down 6, 3 & 24 inches, respectively, and Lakes **Michigan-Huron** & St. Clair are **4 & 1 inches higher**, respectively, than they were at this time last year.

Lakes Superior, **Michigan-Huron**, St Clair, Erie & Ontario are 10, **35**, 33, 29 & 9 inches, respectively, **above their long term June average**. Lakes **Michigan-Huron** and St Clair are **4 & 2 inches higher respectively than their previous record highs for June**. All the other lakes are below their June record high. ....[more info...](#)

## Members Remembered

[Nancy Powis](#), Annette Is., B.111

Nancy passed away peacefully at Crossroads Hospice in Port Moody, British Columbia, on June 10, 2020. Nancy was a Director of the SSCA for many years.....[Notice](#)

[Audrey Stratton](#), Helen's Rest Is., C.124

Audrey, also known as Dr. Pretty, died peacefully after a long battle with cancer on June 7, 2020. Audrey was a long time SSCA member and past president of the Sandy & Martyr Islands Association.....[Notice](#)

## Quicklinks

### TOA Fire Rating MODERATE

#### SSCA

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#### Area Resources

#### Other Info

- [Lyme's Disease](#)
- [ToA Official Plan](#)
- [Canadian Safe Boating Guide](#)

#### GB4

- [Georgian Bay Association](#)
- [Newsletter](#)
- [Safe Boating Guide 2018](#)
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- [Asian Carp](#)
- • [Identifying 4 Carp Species](#)
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#### [GBLT](#)

- [Landscape - Summer 2018](#)
- [Visitor Guide to properties](#)

#### [GBBR](#)

- [2017 Summer Update](#)
- [State of the Bay](#)

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