# **SSCA May Newsletter**

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# **Greetings!**

Ontario continues to slowly reopen and so does our Bay. Big thanks to Marinas that have been busy servicing and launching our boats. Those able to venture out, are enjoying some recharging times on the water. Unfortunately for our US members, the US/Canada border remains closed until June 21st. We hope we'll see you soon. Those able to get to the bay are discovering slightly higher water than last year as shown by the water levels report in this month's newsletter.

The SSCA Board continues to assess the summer events schedule as the situation unfolds. Watch for updates in future emails and on our events page on the website.

You should have received by now the latest GBA Update along with the Summer issue from Georgian Bay Forever. Both are great reading. You should also have received the 2020 Directory tucked into the GBA Update. We welcome your feedback on this new format.

If you are traveling to your cottage these days, be on the watch for floating debris. The high water levels and winter storms have damaged shoreline structures and sent parts out into the bay.

Lastly, there is a great 30 minute online presentation on the Georgian Bay's Disappearing Lighthouses being put on by the GBLT at 10AM May 30th. Details are below.

Here is your update for May:

- On purchasing an AED
- Flashlight Readers
- Internet Interest Survey
- GBLT Landmark Speaker Series Sean Tamblyn: Georgian Bay's Disappearing Lighthouses - May 30th
- GBLT Properties Temporary Closure
- TOA Waste & Recycling Update
- Area Fire Rating
- Gill Cameron Online Art Exhibition
- Kids in the Biosphere
- GBA Water Levels Report
- Boating: Stand-On and Give-Way Vessels Who has the Right of Way

Cheers,

Eric

Eric Armour - President, SSCA

## On Purchasing an Automated Emergency Defibrillator (AED)

While reading Sandy Thompson's excellent article in a recent GBA Update, it reminded me as a retired EMT, the usefulness of a personal automated emergency defibrillator (AED). In the past, this device that I had trained with was beyond the family budget. An AED could help us and our guests in case of an emergency.



As members of the SSCA, we can benefit from special pricing from Action First Aid for a cottage AED in case of cardiac arrest. They will also provide a YouTube training video. The cost of an AED has fallen, and after searching the internet, their price was competitive. Action First Aid can't ship units to the US, so shipping to a marina or friend could solve that issue. more info....

## Flashlight Readers!



#### Kids Book Club: Grades 1-6

Flashlight Readers invites all kids to join us for another great reading adventure this summer! Our book this year is the first in a large series, and features the adventures of four young children and their dog. It all takes place at a family cottage on Kirrin Island, and has similarities to our own summer experiences on Georgian Bay - with islands, rocks, weather, boating...but also a crabby cousin, and an old shipwreck with unfound gold! You won't be able to put it down!! Stay tuned for more news on a modified activity to celebrate the book. Please email sscaprograms@gmail.com to sign up!

### Internet Service Interest for our area

As part of developing more affordable and dependable internet services in our area, Lakeside Wireless has approached our Association to determine the level of interest from members of an alternative wireless internet network. In order to gauge support, they are asking members to complete a short 6 question survey.

The SSCA is not associated with Lakeside Wireless in any way and is providing this information to members solely for possible member benefit.

Here is the link to the survey - https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LakesideWireless

# Georgian Bay News



# **Georgian Bay's Disappearing Lighthouses** with Sean Tamblyn

### Saturday May 30th, 10 am - 30 minute interactive virtual presentation

Sean Tamblyn won the Georgian Bay Land Trust's King Family Bursary in 2018 for his project to document in photographs the historic lighthouses of Georgian Bay as many of them fall into decay and disrepair. Now, he presents the results of his project. Come for Sean's passionate advocacy for these landmarks, stay for his incredible Georgian Bay photography!

Register <u>here</u> to receive a link to attend or go to: <a href="https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0rf-rpzwuE9colhYBBZ-reG0NSj5fwzuN">https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0rf-rpzwuE9colhYBBZ-reG0NSj5fwzuN</a>

# **Georgian Bay Land Trust properties and COVID-19**



The Umbrellas, American Camp, and all other Georgian Bay Land Trust properties are currently closed to the public due to government directions related to COVID-19. This is a temporary measure, and the Georgian Bay Land Trust is optimistic that with proper physical distancing measures in place, the properties will reopen to the public soon. Until then, please refrain from visiting. The latest information on the status of GBLT properties will continue to be available at <a href="mailto:gblt.org/covid-19">gblt.org/covid-19</a>.

Thank you for your cooperation as we all adjust to a different kind of summer!

Sarah Koetsier Georgian Bay Land Trust

# **Township Waste & Recycling**



All waste sites in the Township are open.

Please click **here** to view hours of operation for all South Waste sites.

### Please Note:

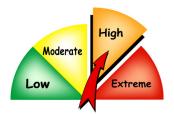
In light of the current COVID-19 global pandemic, the Operations unit at the Township of The Archipelago is adapting measures to ensure the safety of our staff and our residents. Effective immediately, we

are taking the following steps at our waste/transfer facilities:

• Direction to staff to limit their interactions with our facility users including social distancing (maintaining a 2 metre distance from other individuals).

- Direction to staff to not directly handle user's waste. We ask for cooperation from the public to dispose of their refuse and materials themselves.
- Use of available Township issued Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when interfacing with the public.

# WARNING: Fire Danger Rating is currently set at HIGH



The Fire Danger Rating is currently set at **HIGH**. NO OPEN BURNING except contained campfires for cooking and warmth ONLY. FIREWORKS are PROHIBITED.

In accordance with By-law 2017-21, all outdoor fires (including campfires/recreation fires) are permitted ONLY when the Fire Danger Rating is at LOW or MODERATE and

must start no earlier than 6pm and must be extinguished before 2am.

<u>Click here</u> 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: <a href="http://www.thearchipelago.on.ca/p/fire-rating">http://www.thearchipelago.on.ca/p/fire-rating</a>. Additionally, Fire Danger Rating Signs are posted throughout the Township of The Archipelago on several arterial roads.



# Gill Cameron ONLINE ART EXHIBITION June 3- June 30, 2020

#### **ISOLATION**

June 3 - June 30 2020

For the last 20 years I have had my exhibitions in a variety of venues in Toronto, but with Covid-19 I have decided to do my first online exhibition!

Please note that 20% of the proceeds from this exhibition will be donated to two hospitals in communities that are very special to me: The Collingwood General & Marine Hospital and The Parry Sound Hospital.

My NEW website will be launched with over 20 NEW paintings on Wednesday June 3, 2020. The "ART OPENING" will begin at 6:00pm on Zoom. .... more info

Gill Cameron Watercolour Artist www.gillcameron.com



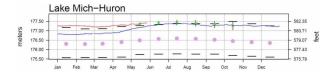
Hello outdoor explorers!

We are offering our 8th year of **Kids** in the Biosphere by mail, so you can do the activities wherever you are!

Kids in the Biosphere will once again be offered across the entire Township of the Archipelago, and we can't wait for your family to join in the fun. ... **more info** 

Sign-Up For Kids in the Biosphere

## GBA Water Levels Report - May 29, 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**, St Clair, Erie & Ontario are **up** 2, **4**, 3, 3, 0 **inches** respectively.

Lakes Superior and Ontario are down 6 & 21 inches, respectively, and Lakes **Michigan-Huron**, St. Clair, & Erie are **7**, 3 & 2 **inches higher**, respectively, .....**more info...** 

# Stand-On and Give-Way Vessels – Who has the Right of Way

Who has the "Right of Way" in various situations is set out by regulated Marine Rules of the Road. Much of them are common sense however, no matter where you do your boating, others have the right to assume that you know what you are doing. When you take control of a boat you are responsible for its operation and your actions. The rules are designed to avoid collisions on the water and must be obeyed. They are simple to understand provided that the nautical terminology for "left" and "right" are fully understood.....more info

By John Gullick, CPS-ECP Manager of Government and Special Programs

### Quicklinks

### **SSCA**

- Become a SSCA Member
- SSCA Website
- SSCA Events Calendar
- SSCA Instagram
- SSCA Webcam
- Water Levels
- Weather

#### **Area Resources**

- Township of Archipelago
- Hydro One Outages
- Recycling Guide
- Septic System
- Waste Transfer Site
- Transfer Station Hours
- Large Item Pickup Days
- FIRE Rating Legend
- West Parry Sound Health Centre

- Canadian Safe Boating Guide

• ToA Official Plan

#### GB4

#### **Georgian Bay Association**

- Newsletter
- Safe Boating Guide 2018
- 'Update' Subscription
- Wiiky Settlement Update
- Water Levels

#### **Georgian Bay Forever**

- Biodiversity
- Threats to wetlands
- Chemicals of Mutual Concern
- Phragmites
- • Phrag Identification
- • Phrag Management 2018
- Asian Carp
- • Identifying 4 Carp Species
- • Stopping Asian Carp

#### CPLT

- Landscript Summer 2018
- Visitor Guide to properties

#### GBBF

- 2017 Summer Update
- State of the Bay

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