



FARLAIN LAKE Community Association

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Farlain Lake Association Newsletter



Extreme High Water Levels!

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Welcome to the Spring Issue of *Ripples*! Spring is finally here and it is time to get ready to enjoy our cottages and time up at the lake!

The boat parade is only months away, time to start planning your boat decorating ideas! Who will take home the trophy this year! Our boat parade day is Saturday August 1st! 2pm at the boat launch. Lets make this the best year yet!

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North East Side of Lake



West Side of the Lake



I am looking for assistance in collecting prizes for our winners and participants! Please contact me at tammyturpin@rogers.com or 647-278-5357 if you are interested in helping out! If you have prizes to donate or you have collected please make sure you get all contact information so that we

will list them on our donation poster and website! Any and all prizes are welcome!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Another year of adventure and memories on Farlain Lake is upon us. As the trilliums bloom in the forest, it's a sign that the outdoor activities on and around the lake will soon be in full gear.

I would like to thank you for being a member of the Farlain Lake Community Association (FLCA) and supporting the Association's efforts to protect the lake and its surrounding watershed. Through sound environmental management practices, education, and communication initiatives, we will ensure that the lake will continue to provide magical memories for generations to come. Your continuing support of the FLCA allows us to have a strong collective voice in dealings with the Township of Tiny, the County of Simcoe, and government organizations such as the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Your membership in the FLCA allows us to have an impact on the issues you care about the most. I encourage you to enlist your neighbours to become FLCA members and volunteers.

Over the very long cold winter months the FLCA Board of Directors has been busy. We have met with Tiny Township Mayor George Cornell and updated him on key issues and projects of the Farlain Lake community. As the majority of Council members are new, Mayor Cornell has asked the FLCA to speak to Council about our [Lake to Sky Management Plan](#) and the recommended actions that involve the Township at an upcoming council meeting.

We have made a great difference in controlling the invasive aquatic plant [Eurasian watermilfoil \(EWM\)](#) in the lake. Information on this year's control efforts and the new aquatic invasive species prevention and education/awareness initiatives will follow in the next newsletter.

The next major [hand harvesting project to remove EWM plants from the lake](#) is scheduled for July 18-19, 2015. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Untreated septage will continue to be spread in the Awenda disposal field in our watershed until a Township septage management solution has been determined. The Township's Septage Management Class EA process has been resumed and a decision on the best central septage



West Side of Lake



Water Extremely high!



Looking south from North East Side



Duck out of water! Well sort of!

Mark Your Calendars!

management system is expected in about 18 months. Given that timetable, we are probably another three years away from an alternative solution to spreading waste in our delicate ecosystem. We will continue to monitor the Awenda site septage disposal operations and study the Township's septage management solution deliberations.

This year will be a year of change for our Board of Directors. After many years of dedicated service to the lake community, Pete Andrews will be stepping down from the Board. He will continue to be a valuable volunteer to the association, but he has achieved his goals on the Board by being instrumental in re-establishing the association, leading the Lake to Sky plan, formulating and implementing a plan to control Eurasian Water Milfoil, and being the go-to person for everyone who has ever served on the Board. His contributions over the past 10 years will never be forgotten and I am proud to have served with him. If the FLCA is to continue its good work we welcome, and need, new volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors. I assure you the benefits of being part of this community leadership team far outweigh the contribution any one member is asked to provide.



I hope to see you at our **Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday August 2, 2015**. Once again our AGM will be held at the Penetanguishene Memorial Community Centre and Sport Hall of Fame. It is a short drive from our lake and it offers many amenities necessary for a successful community meeting.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Herb Huck
President

THE IMPORTANCE OF FISHERIES

by Pete Andrews



Taken off the dock! 7ft of crystal clear water! October 2014

A multi-faceted study of Farlain Lake's fisheries was undertaken in September 2014 by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR). This broad-scale monitoring study was a follow-up of a previous study of the lake undertaken in 2008. The studies were undertaken to better understand how the changes in water quality,

July 18-19

EWM Warrior Weekend
More info coming shortly!

Saturday August 1

Annual Boat Parade

We need your help - contact Tammy at
tammyturpin@rogers.com

Sunday August 2

Annual General Meeting
Penetang Memorial Community Centre

ecological integrity, and human activity may impact the fisheries of Farlain Lake and other lakes in MNR's Fisheries Management Zone 16.

Information collected from the studies includes fish community diversity, the presence of sport fish, and the sex, age, length, weight, and general health of each species captured in gill nets randomly placed around the lake. The monitoring project also collected information on fish contaminants, zooplankton, water chemistry, water temperature/dissolved oxygen, and aquatic invasive species.

The broad-scale monitoring surveys are undertaken to verify the abundance and health of sport fish in lakes larger than 20 hectares in size. These large lakes are divided into two groups: fixed lakes and variable lakes. Fixed lakes are lakes that contain walleye, lake trout, or brook trout; these lakes are monitored on a 5 - 6 year cycle to measure how the fisheries resource changes over time and the success or failure of regulatory and fisheries management efforts. Farlain Lake is classed as a 'fixed lake' because Walleye were stocked in the lake during the period 1951-1956, and a fisheries survey undertaken in 1984 identified the continued presence of Walleye. Data collected from the fisheries study of Farlain Lake will be compiled with data from 56 other lakes being studied across southern Ontario. Results from the broad-scale monitoring program will help guide MNR biologists across Ontario in their efforts to 1) measure and evaluate the health of Ontario's lakes and their fish communities, and 2) manage Ontario's fisheries effectively.

Comparing the 2014 fish netting results to the 2008 netting results, the number of fish species in the lake remains constant. There was a slight increase of Walleye caught in 2014 compared to 2008. The lengths of the Walleye sampled in 2014 were 69.1 cm in length compared to the length (58.6 cm) of Walleye sampled in 2008. The 2014 netting of Yellow Perch showed a major increase in population compared to 2008. The 2014 survey also identified a major decline in Brown Bullhead.

Species	2008 Netting Results %	2014 Netting Results %	Comments
Brown Bullhead	37	4	Major decline
White Sucker	28	20	Relatively constant
Smallmouth Bass	13	8	Moderate decline
Yellow Perch	9	56	Major increase
Pumpkinseed	8	2	Moderate decline
Rock Bass	3	1	Relatively constant
Walleye	2	6	Moderate increase
Largemouth Bass	< 1	2	Relatively constant

Ontario's fishing regulations protect Farlain Lake's natural resources and enable lake community residents and visitors to participate in the

recreational activity of fishing.

Please follow Ontario's Fishing Regulations, encourage others to respect the fishing regulations, and report fishing infractions by calling TIPS-MNRF 1-877-847-7667. Refer to Fisheries Management Zone 16 <http://www.Ontario.ca/document/2015-ontario-fishing-regulations> for more information.

WATER SAFETY AND SAFE BOATING

by Pat Kelso

Welcome to summer fun on beautiful Farlain Lake! We are all looking forward to getting out on the water soon!!



Boats, swimming, and relaxing around the water have been part of the summer experience since cottages were first built on Farlain Lake over eighty years ago. Watercraft....power boats, PWCs, sail boats, kayaks, canoes, paddle boats, stand up paddle boards....contribute to the quality of life and our recreational enjoyment. However, recreational activity can create conflict and play a role in stressing the lake's ecosystem.

All personsyou, your family, friends, guests, cottage renters, and lake visitors....are asked to be respectful of others and adhere to the law and common sense behavior when on the lake.

Some water safety and safe boating reminders:

- At the beginning of the season, don't forget to **check the integrity of all your PFD's** (life jackets) for wear & tear and replace as needed.
- **Never swim alone.** You may need to remind your teenagers! Always swim with a buddy and when venturing out into deeper open areas of the lake swim have a buddy in a watercraft accompany you. It is often difficult to see a swimmer in the water due to the sun's glare, choppy waves, or low light conditions at dusk or dawn.
- **Be sensitive to others relaxing on their docks or on the shoreline.** Do not monopolize any part of the lake for extended periods of time. It is appreciated if you avoid making repeated runs in a powered watercraft in front of the same shoreline properties.
- **Avoid operating your powered watercraft in shallow waters or near shorelines.** Propulsion units stir bottom sediments potentially harming turtles and damaging fish habitat and making more nutrients available to aquatic plants spurring growth.
- Place **red reflectors** on each corner of your raft. Water movement and residual light will bounce off the reflectors warning watercraft operators at night.
- Don't forget to keep our lake protected from invasive species by using the **Clean...Drain...Dry** steps.



We ask that all lake community residents, guests, cottage renters, and visitors help safeguard the quality of the lake and the people who use the lake by being respectful of the rights of others and adhering to the safe boating laws and regulations while adopting common sense practices of courtesy when on the lake.

Have a fun and safe summer!

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!!!

The following questions will help you prepare for a fun summer. Scroll down to the bottom of the newsletter for the answers!

1. Which of the following are boating offences?

- a) Not having a Pleasure Craft Operator Card.
- b) Not having enough approved PFDs and lifejackets on board.
- c) Speeding.
- d) Careless operation of a watercraft.
- e) Towing someone without a spotter.
- f) All of the above.

2. Which watercraft has the right of way at all times?

- a) Powered watercraft.
- b) Non-powered watercraft.
- c) None of the above.

New CO Alarm Guidelines come in to place in 2015!

by Dino Pangrazzi



As a result of recent amendments to the Ontario Fire Code, both smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are now required in residential dwelling units that have fuel-burning appliances or attached garages. Fuel-burning appliances include furnaces, hot water heaters, gas or wood fireplaces, portable fuel-burning heaters and generators, barbecues, stoves and vehicles.

If your home has a fuel-burning appliance or an attached garage, install a carbon monoxide alarm adjacent to each sleeping area. In general, "adjacent to each sleeping area" means the hallway serving, or area outside the sleeping area. For instance, a CO alarm must be installed in the hallway adjacent to multiple bedrooms in a house.

For added protection, install a carbon monoxide alarm on every storey of the home according to manufacturer's instructions.

Compliance Requirements

Single-family homeowners and property owners/tenants in buildings that contain no more than 6 suites must meet the new guidelines by April 15, 2015.

Residential occupancy owners of buildings with more than 6 suites have 12 months must meet the guideline by October 15, 2015.

CO alarms that have already been installed must be maintained in accordance with the Fire Code effective October 15, 2014.

Enforcement

It is anticipated that the province will establish a set ticket fine of \$235 per missing carbon monoxide alarm by April 15, 2015.

Other Helpful Questions and Tips:

If your CO alarm sounds, and you or other occupants suffer from symptoms of CO poisoning, what should you do?

Immediately have everyone in the home move outdoors and then call 911 or your local emergency services number from outside the building.

If your CO alarm sounds, and no one is suffering from symptoms of CO poisoning, what should you do?

Check to see if the battery needs replacing, or the alarm has reached its "end of life" before calling 911.

What are the symptoms of CO poisoning?



Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms such as headaches, nausea, dizziness, burning eyes, confusion, drowsiness and even loss of consciousness, without the elevated temperature associated with the flu. In severe cases, CO poisoning can cause brain damage and death. The elderly, children and people with heart or respiratory conditions may be particularly sensitive to CO.

CARBON MONOXIDE

odourless . clear . deadly



Is your CO alarm trying to tell you something? Keep a copy of your instructions!

Carbon monoxide alarms monitor your home 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and are designed to provide accurate readings for the life of the alarm. But they don't last forever. In 2009, Underwriters Laboratories (UL), began requiring an end-of-life warning to alert homeowners when their CO alarm has reached the end of its useful life.

When your alarm nears its end of life, it will let you know by beeping 2 times every 30 seconds. Knowing how to identify these sounds and what they mean is essential to keeping your home safe.

Identifying the beep:

- End-of-Life warning will occur every 30 seconds
- Replacing the battery **WON'T STOP** the beep
- The beep will **ONLY STOP** when the alarm is out of power

Replace your CO alarms before the end-of-life warning. [If you think your CO alarm is nearing its end-of-life, replace it today](#)

Home Fire Safety Audit Program

In order to promote awareness of, and compliance with, these life safety requirements, the Township of Tiny Fire and Emergency Services Department is offering a Home Fire Safety Audit Service to its residents. This program will be introduced in late spring. For information call 705-322-1161.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

(from Boating Safety Quiz above)

Question 1: 1(f)

- As of September 15, 2009 all boaters are required to have the **Pleasure Craft Operator Card** in order to operate a powered watercraft. Not having the required Pleasure Craft Operator card or proof of competency on board will result in a \$250 (not including administrative fees) fine.
- Powered watercraft includes watercraft with any size motor....even an electric trolling motor.
- Lifejackets must be on board for each occupant of the watercraft. Not having enough approved lifejackets on board (\$200 fine not including administrative fees).

- The speed limit is 10km/h within 30 metres of the shoreline....it's the law.Speeding carries \$100 fine not including administrative fees.
- Watercraft must not be operated in a reckless or negligent manner or under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Careless operation of watercraft (\$200 fine not including administrative fees).
- For activities such as waterskiing, tubing, or wakeboarding a spotter must be on board in addition to the driver
- For activities such as waterskiing, tubing, or wakeboarding a spotter must be on board in addition to the driver. Towing someone without a spotter (\$100 fine not including administrative fees).

Note: All watercraft, including powerboats, PWCs, canoes, kayaks, sailboats, sailboards, stand up paddle boards, paddle boats, and other watercraft are required to have safety equipment on board. The type and amount of equipment is determined by the size of the watercraft. Minimum fines for each infraction range from \$100 (e.g. lack of a paddle or oar) to \$200 (e.g. lack of a life-jacket for each person on board).

Question 2: 2 (c)

Powered watercraft must yield to sail-powered craft, sail powered watercraft must yield to water craft propelled by paddles or oars, and all watercraft must yield to swimmers or persons in the water for any other reason such as SCUBA diving.

SPREAD THE WORD!

We are now taking memberships for the 2015-2016 Membership Year - [download the form here](#). Membership is due August 1 annually. Simply drop off the form with the fee to the address at the bottom of the form or bring it with you to the Annual Meeting in August,

Please share this with your friends and neighbours and encourage them to join! The greater the number the stronger our community.

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