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### NOW AVAILABLE: Take the Plunge - A Guide to Stewardship of Ontario's Waters

The new Take the Plunge guide is 136 pages of user-friendly information that will help waterfront residents and lake stewards further understand their environment and live more sustainably on their lakes. If you are interested in getting your copy of this revised guide, please contact the FOCA office or find it in the FOCA online [store](#) .

### A FOCA link can add to your website

FOCA members should be proud of their involvement and support for Ontario's waterfronts. Make sure your association has a link from the [FOCA Members pages](#) - and be sure to link from your site to FOCA, using the link available on the [FOCA Home page](#)!

### FOCA Fall/Winter Newsletter

Watch for the FOCA Fall/Winter Newsletter which will be arriving early in the New Year. The newsletter contains updates on FOCA programs and helpful information on topics of interest to shoreline residents.

### FOCA`s Newest Corporate Sponsors

FOCA is happy to welcome our new sponsors:

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Be sure to check out the [media release](#) announcing the FOCA and BOATsmart! Canada partnership.

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### **Cottage Life Environmental Awards**

The Cottage Life Environment Grant program (CLEG) is a great opportunity for cottagers looking to make positive changes to their lake environments. The CLEG aims to facilitate positive environmental changes by granting money—up to \$5,000 annually—to cottagers and cottage associations looking to make environmental improvements to their properties or lakes. Examples of eligible projects may include funds to an association for implementing a lake plan, to start a septic inspection program, or a water testing program. Applicants can request any amount up to \$5,000. Approval amounts will depend on the overall numbers and quality of applications. You can apply [here](#) up until the extended deadline of January 7! Don't forget about the special FOCA Cottage Life [subscription rate](#)!

### **Safe and legal snowmobiling**

Part of enjoying a safe winter out on your sled includes knowing how to properly operate your machine, and what the rules are. Find out more by reading the recent press releases from the [OFSC](#) and OPP on [operator training](#), and [safe and legal snowmobiling](#). [Ride safe](#) this winter!

***From all of us at FOCA, have a safe and relaxing holiday season!***