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FOCA Elert - July 2017

Waterfront Living

Watch out for Turtles!

Ontario turtles are on the move, and under threat. The Ontario Turtle Trauma Centre reports that they have treated around 600 injured turtles already this season. [Read CBC coverage of this issue.](#)

Ontario has [several native turtle species](#) threatened by habitat loss, poaching, and road mortality. May through July is often when you'll see turtles crossing roads and laying eggs on sandy or gravel shoulders of rural roads. FOCA encourages drivers to pay attention, and slow down, especially on cottage country roads.



For tips on moving a turtle off the road safely, you can download "**Turtle Handling 101**" from the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre, [by clicking here.](#) (PDF, 1 page)

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Association Tools

FOCA-LL Point Blog

We have launched FOCA's new "Lessons Learned" blog with a topic that is high on the priority list for many of our member Associations:

How to find & engage younger members!

Find out what your fellow Association members are doing, and add **your** questions and experiences to the conversation. Members are encouraged to join us on the blog, here:

<https://foca.on.ca/news/blog/>



Adam - social media publisher for Aylesbury Lake Community Association

FOCA Fall Seminar for Lake Associations

Saturday, November 4, 2017 - Toronto. **SAVE THE DATE** for the FOCA Fall Seminar! This is our annual gathering of lake Association representatives for a seminar day filled with tips, best practices and inspiring stories from your peers across Ontario. Plan to join us. **We will be back in touch with registration details later this summer.**

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Member Benefits

Do your members know about all their FOCA benefits? There are discounts, special offers and more!

Review the full information online: <https://foca.on.ca/benefits/>, or download a printable version by [clicking here](#). (PDF, 2 pages)

NOTE: to print a copy of the Benefits sheet that includes the **ACCESS CODES** for these offers, you will need to use your [FOCA web Login](#) on the Benefits webpage, or [contact the office](#) for assistance.

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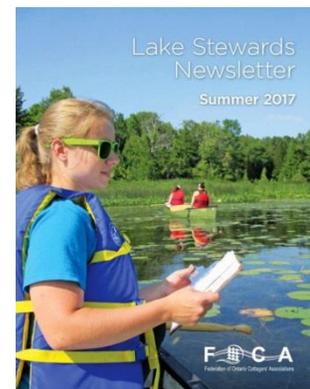
FOCA Publications

Lake Stewards' Newsletter

FOCA is proud to release the latest edition of our annual Lake Stewards' Newsletter. This one is packed with articles! Topics include:

- Ontario fish facts
- finding youthful energy for Lake Associations
- Q&A for Lake Partner Program water samplers
- what you should know about cottage rental
- nuisance algal blooms
- and more!

Access the digital edition [by clicking here](#), or the cover image.



FOCA member Association representatives have been mailed a copy of the Newsletter this week; watch your mailbox! If you can use additional copies to circulate to your members, [contact us](#).

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Policy & Advocacy Updates

Hydro Rates

Public meetings are planned to discuss the latest proposal to increase distribution rates. Link to Hydro One's 2018-2022 Distribution Rate Application via FOCA's webpages about electricity costs [by clicking here](#).



Are Ontario's Nuclear Response Plans Adequate?

The Province has extended the period for public input into their nuclear response plans, until July 28, 2017. Learn more here: <https://foca.on.ca/ontario-prepared-nuclear-emergency/>



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Lake Environments

Innovative Algae Project

FOCA member group, the Three Mile Lake Association, has partnered with the Muskoka Lakes Association on a project to test an innovative technology to manage blue-green algae with ultrasonics.

[Read the media release by clicking here.](#) (PDF, 2 pages)



image: Ministry of the Environment & Climate Change

Algae Survey Coming Soon

FOCA and our partners at the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change are conducting a province-wide survey on algae. Member Association representatives will be contacted by FOCA in the next week with details about the survey!



Invasive Species Projects are Underway

This summer, FOCA is working with several member Associations on Pilot Projects aimed at addressing aquatic invasive species at the local level. The projects focus on education and outreach, and/or invasive species control, management and eradication.

These Pilot Projects are part of FOCA's work with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry on invasive species prevention. Invasive species are one of the top threats to the integrity of aquatic ecosystems, to the quality of the recreational experience on the water, and to the economic success of rural communities.

Pictured at right: the [LakeSmart](#) boat is delivering invasives information and other healthy shoreline messages to local docks in the Lake of the Woods district!



We will keep you updated about these projects over the next while. For more on the topic of invasives in cottage country, consult FOCA's guide: [A Shoreline Owners' Guide to Invasive Species](#).

Upcoming Events & Regional Notices

FOCA's Cottage Succession Seminars

Plan to join FOCA at one of our popular seminars featuring estate lawyer Peter Lillico, speaking about "Keeping the 'Family' in the Family Cottage." Learn what your family should do THIS YEAR, and what can wait for later.

The remaining 2017 in-person events are:

>**Sat. July 29th** - with Jack's Lake Association (Apsley)

>**Sat. Aug. 26th** - with Halls & Hawk L. Property Owners Association (Algonquin Highlands)

These events are FREE for FOCA Members!

Registration info can be found here: <https://foca.on.ca/cottage-succession/>



FOCA Director Daryle Moffatt introducing the Crane Lake Cottage Succession event last weekend

Shoreline Naturalization Workshop

Saturday, July 22nd, 2017 - Kirkfield. Join Kawartha Conservation and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority for a workshop on shoreline naturalization - a low-cost practice for protecting water quality and wildlife in your lake. [Get event details here.](#)



GBLT Kids' Conservation Quest events

Georgian Bay Land Trust is once again offering drop-in events for kids ages 8-12, to learn about the local environment, its creatures, and how to be a responsible visitor through a series of fun, interactive stations.

[Get details from GBLT here.](#)

> **Tues. July 25th, 2017** at the Honey Harbour Schoolhouse

> **Thurs August 3rd** at American Camp Island.



Hastings Highlands Stewardship Day

Wed. August 2nd, 2017 - Maynooth. FOCA is participating in the second year of this annual event, organized by the Municipality and the Hastings Highlands Public Library, to facilitate the sharing of resources to help residents be better stewards of local natural spaces. For event details, [download the event poster by clicking here.](#) (PDF, 1 page)



Climate Change in Muskoka: A Workshop on Extreme Weather and Shoreline Property

Tues. August 8, 2017 - Huntsville. Attend to hear from FOCA and other experts at this event, brought to you by the Ontario Centre for Climate Impacts and Adaptation Resources. Click the image at right to download details (PDF, 1 page), or [register online here.](#)



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