

Big Cedar Lake Stewardship Association



Annual General Meeting 2025

June 9, 2025

Meeting Logistics



This meeting will be recorded

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- Exit Zoom and re-enter with the same link you were provided to join

OR

- Exit Zoom and call in using the phone number provided in the email
- Slides are posted on the BCLSA website for your reference



If you have a question:

- Type it into the Chat box, we will address in the meeting, or follow up

OR

- Raise your hand. We will unmute, time permitting



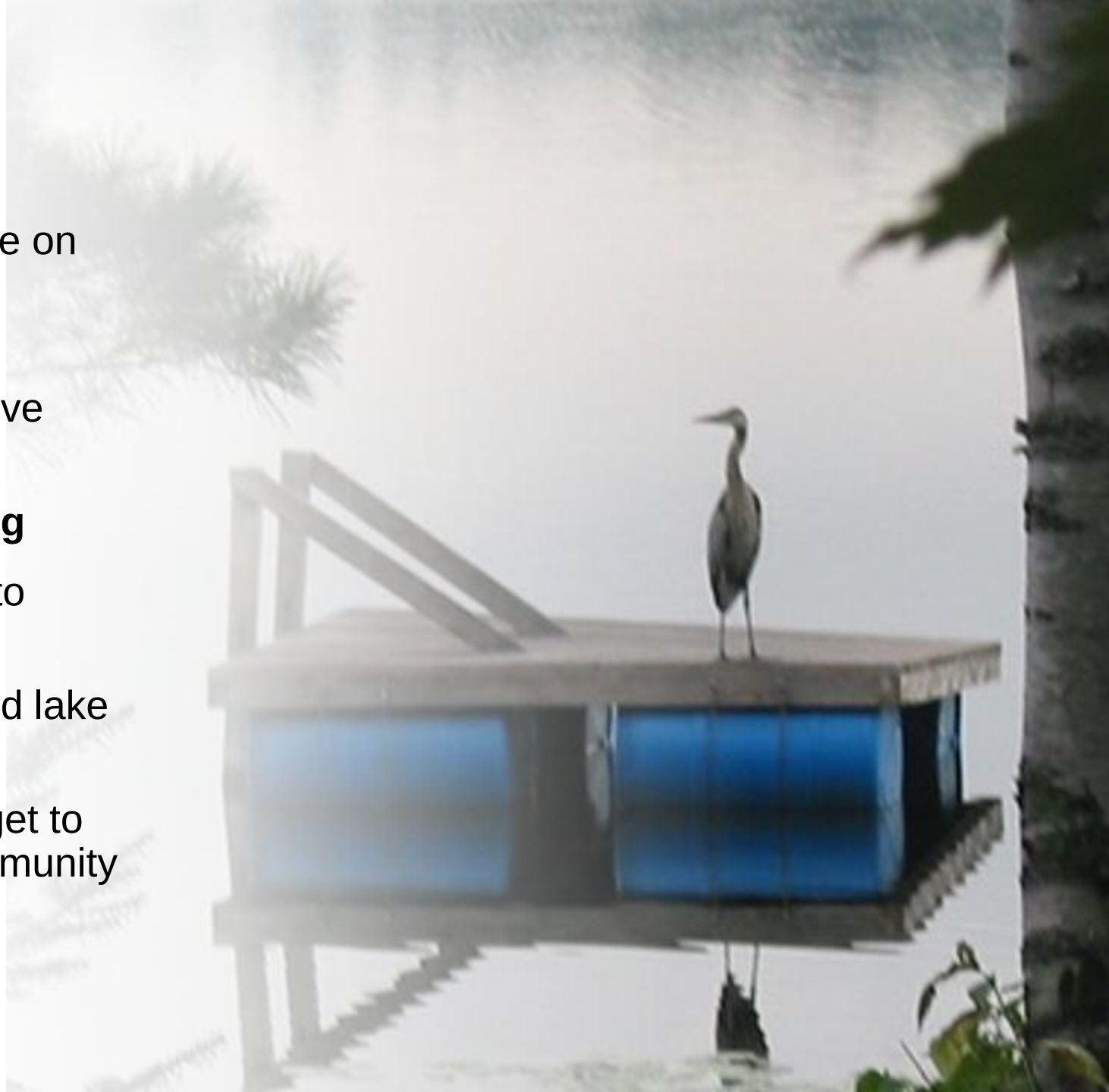
Agenda

- Welcome & Opening
- Election of Directors
- Financials
- Healthy Lake Update
- Community Updates
- Sponsorship Announcement
- Call for Volunteers & Logo Contest
- Open Discussion & Close



BCLSA Members;

- ✓ **Support** the sustainability of cottage life on Big Cedar lake
- ✓ **Fund the healthy lake program** that includes our shared fight against invasive species and dive surveys
- ✓ **Provide ongoing water quality testing**
- ✓ **Ensure representation** and outreach to other lake associations
- ✓ **Support environmental programs** and lake cleanups
- ✓ **Join in social events** that help us all get to know our lake neighbours and the community



BCLSA Election of Directors

- **Nominations for Board Membership (new terms)**

- Laura Jean Brand
- Leo DeSorcy
- John Graham
- Mike Mulgrew

- **Continuing into 2nd Year of Term**

- Brian Stock (President)
- Diane Trauzzi (Vice President)
- Michael Stone (Treasurer)
- Norma Piggott (Secretary)
- Doug Colmer
- Chris Graham



Nominations
acclaimed if not
more than 10 Board
Members nominated

Election of Officers
at first Board of
Directors meeting

Financial Statements

- Financial Statements can be accessed on the BCLSA website in the AGM tab
 - Excess contribution at the end of 2024 of \$10,995 which will be carried into 2025
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- Audit Process
 - Atum Financial submits taxes to CRA
 - Tax statement and NOA sent to BCLSA Treasurer
 - All 2024 BCLSA statements/NOA sent for Audit
 - Auditors provide BCLSA Treasurer and Board report

Financial Statements

INCOME	2024 Actuals
Membership contributions	\$6,700.00
Web advertisers	\$175.00
Unearned Contributions from 2023	\$11,453.00
Service Matts	\$350.00
Total Contributions	\$18,678.00

Total Net Contribution	2025 Actuals
Total Contributions - Total Expense	\$10,994.99

EXPENSES	2024 Actuals
BCLSA Administrative Expenses	\$2,244.37
2024 NORKLA membership	
2024 KLSA membership	
2024 FOCA membership	
BCLSA Insurance	
Healthy Lake Program Expense	\$5,438.64
Kawartha Lake Monitoring Program	
KSLA water quality eColi	
Management of Invasive weeds	
Total BCLSA Expenses	\$7,683.01

Financial Statement Approval

- Membership Approval

2025 Membership Renewal

- Please, **renew or join the BCLSA in 2025 for only \$100**
- Find the link to easily renew the membership form online:
<https://www.bclsa.ca/membership/>
- Thanks to all of you that support the health and well-being of our wonderful lake

Payment Options for \$100 Annual Fee for 2025 *

- ☒ **PREFERRED:** I will send \$100 via internet banking e-transfer to: BCLSATreasurer@gmail.com with reference to your name/address (including Fire Route and Lot Number) in the comment field
- ☐ I will send a cheque to: Big Cedar Lake Stewardship Association and mail to: Michael Stone, BCLSA Treasurer, 2119 Redstone Cres, Oakville, Ontario, L6M 5B2

E-transfer is strongly preferred. If you send a cheque, please write your fire route and lot number on the back. Thank you!



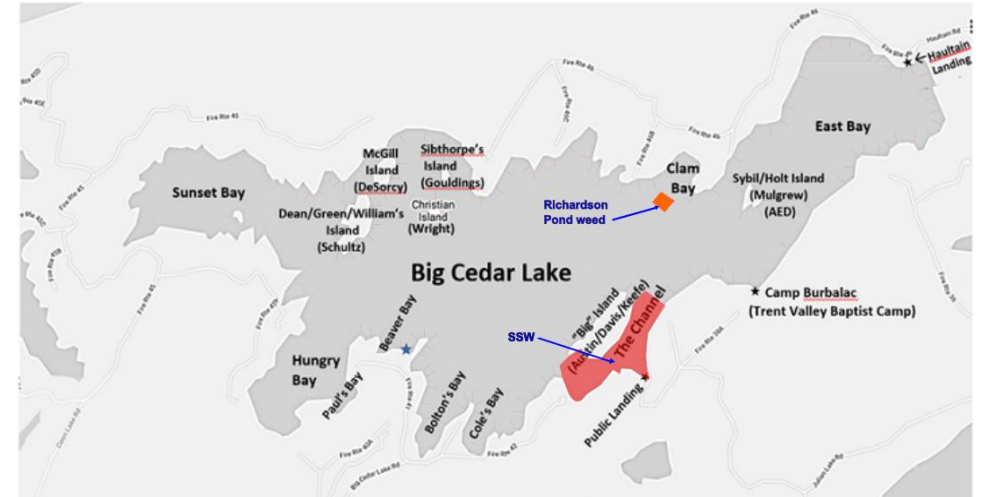
Healthy Lake Program 2025

- Invasive species:
 - Starry Stonewort
- Water Quality Testing
- Environmental Stewardship
 - Spring Clean Up
 - Tire Clean Up



Starry Stonewort 2025

- Biggest threat to our lake and cottage life
 - Containment work will continue at the public boat ramp, led by the BCLSA and conducted by Doug Colmer
 - Aggressive harvesting most summer days is planned to ensure the channel remains clear of the weeds
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- 2025 plans include more signage and requests to boaters
 - Please, inform any contractors using the boat ramp how to properly navigate the channel and share the containment program found on the website at <https://www.bclsa.ca/documents/PublicBoatLaunchProtocol.pdf>



Starry Stonewort Boat Launch Protocol



IT'S THE LAW:

- ✓ **CLEAN** any plants, animals, or algae from your watercraft, trailer, and equipment
- ✓ **DRAIN** by removing drain plugs (e.g. transom, bilge, motor, live-well, ballast) to allow water to drain from the watercraft

GO ABOVE AND BEYOND:

- ✓ **DRY** for at least 5 days, **CLEAN** with pressurized water, and/or **DISINFECT** with hot water

CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY your Boat!

We **currently have** the following **Invasive Species** in our Lake
(We don't want any others!)



Also, please do not take these Invasive Species to other Lakes!

For more information on these invasive species, please visit www.BCLSA.ca

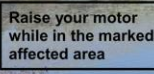


Big Cedar Lake Public Boat Launch
BOATER PROTOCOL
This Boat Launch has been **INFESTED** with a highly aggressive Aquatic Invasive Species

A weed containment effort has been undertaken at this Public Boat Launch.

IT IS IMPERATIVE TO:

- Limit your use of the boat ramp area
- **Remain in channel marked by buoys**



Raise your motor while in the marked affected area



Use a paddle

Boat propellers fragment this dangerous weed and greatly accelerate its spread

ing the area,
Drain / Dry
r, boat, and trailer
ther lakes against
asive Species

IT'S THE LAW!

CLEAN + DRAIN + DRY



SCAN ME

- Limit use of boat ramp
- Remain in channel marked by buoys
- Raise motor and use a paddle while in marked affected area
- Clean/Drain/Dry boat when leaving area to protect other lakes

Boater Protocol available for printing in the Starry Stonewort tab of the website

Starry Stonewort Support



Any amount of time or help is appreciated

Contact: bigcedarlakesa@gmail.com



Any new weeds you would like to have checked out

Contact: bigcedarlakesa@gmail.com

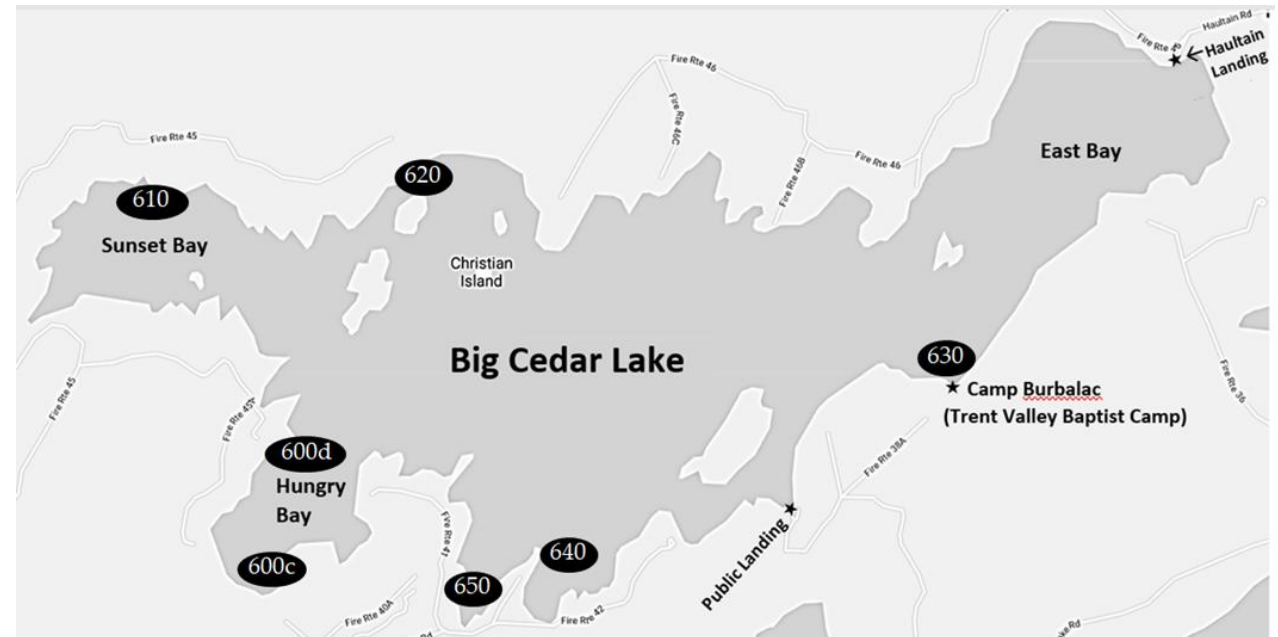
BCLSA Thanks Our Sponsors- All local businesses servicing our area



- **Joanne Graham:** lifelong resident of Lakefield, realtor since 2012
- **BK Tree Service:** Qualified arborists, >10 years experience, local area
- **Geco Industries:** Since 1999, new generators, maintenance, diagnostics, warranty work, service our area from Campbellford
- **Treeworks:** Brennan & Conrad Big Cedar cottagers, 2009, qualified arborists
- **Miller Pest Control:** Animal and insect control, Peterborough, largest in our area
- **ECCO:** Small gallery downtown Lakefield, exhibits, local artists, art for purchase, and a workshop space

Water Quality Testing 2025

- Continues as a key BCLSA initiative
- Overall, results show our lake is healthy
- In addition to the regular testing, the BCLSA participates in three other water quality programs:
 - **Lake Partner Program** which measures water clarity, phosphorus, calcium and nitrogen
 - **Trent University Study**
 - **Climate Change Project** coordinated by the Kawartha Lake Stewards Association (KLSA)
- Find results at BCLSA website.
<https://www.bclsa.ca/lake-data/>



eColi Testing Results (cfu/100ml)

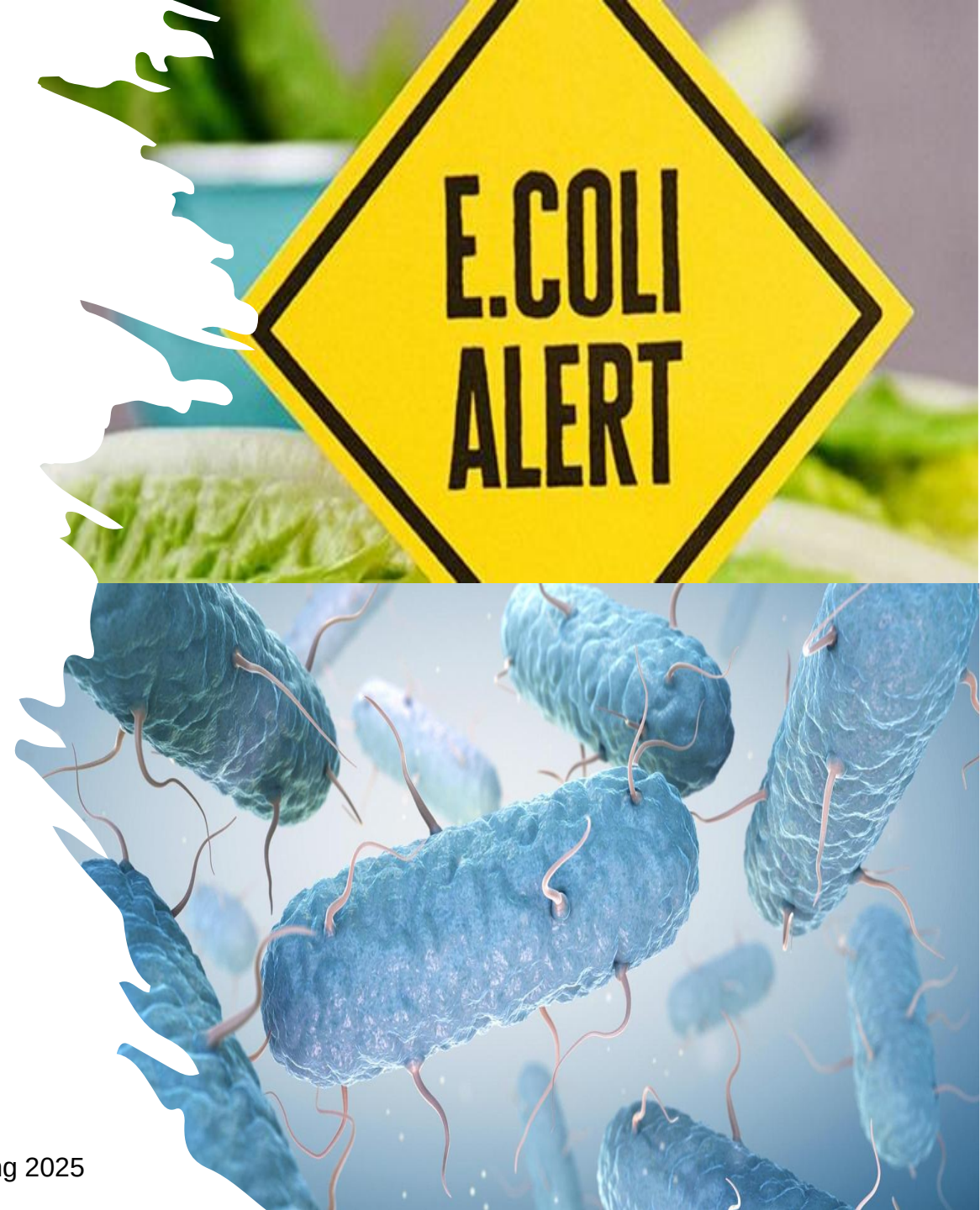
Sample Site	08-Aug-17	03-Jul-18	25-Jul-18	05-Aug-18	10-Aug-18	26-Aug-18	03-Jul-19	26-Jul-19	29-Jul-19	07-Aug-19	12-Aug-19	02-Sep-19	03-Jul-20	17-Jul-20	29-Jul-20	04-Aug-20	18-Aug-20	08-Sep-20	05-Jul-21	19-Jul-21	27-Jul-21	03-Aug-21	16-Aug-21	07-Sep-21	04-Jul-22	25-Jul-22	02-Aug-22	15-Aug-22	07-Sep-22	04-Jul-23	17-Jul-23	08-Aug-23	21-Aug-23	06-Sep-23	02-Jul-24	15-Jul-24	06-Aug-24	19-Aug-24	03-Sep-24	
#600 – Base of Hungry Bay (near shore)	2	0	2	0	1		2			1		0	12	6	0	3	7	5	4	4	7	4	7	2	4	60	301	1		0										
#600a - Base of Hungry Bay (near 600)																											1													
#600b - Base of Hungry Bay (near 600 in bay)																											3													
#600c - Base of Hungry Bay (near 600)																											12	2		26	13	5	5	7	11	2	1	1		
#600d - Mouth of Hungry Bay (west shore)																																	2	0	3	9	1			
#610 – Inlet in Sunset Bay	0	0	0	0	0		0			0		0	1	0	0	1	1	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	2	1	0	4	
#620 – Inlet behind McGill Island	1	0	7	0	3		1			1		6	0	4	3	1	8	1	0	3	9	1	1	1	3	13	4	3	10	1	6	5	1	30	6	1	2	4	8	
#630 – In front of camp, east end of lake	0	0	2	0	0		0			1		1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	2	0	2	1	0	21	2	5	2	2	2	0	1	8	0	1	3	0	0	0	
#640 – Cole's Bay (prev reported by KLSA)	0	0	0	0	1	1	11	0	2	2	1	1	3	4	4	3	1	0	1	0	2	8	0	0	0	39	5	3	4	3	1	1	2	0	0	7	10	9	0	
#650 – Base of Bolton's Bay (near shore)	1	1	2	0	0		0			2		1	0	0	8	7	2	2	7	1	2	4	#	4	4	173	5	7	1	0	1	4	2	0	1	11	6	12	0	

In 2022, the eColi tests with high results were from after a heavy rainfall, resulting in much higher values. Subsequent tests, all but one of the sites had returned to lower near-normal levels, thus this site was chosen for ongoing tests. In 2024 an additional site was added to Hungry Bay to illustrate the localized nature of eColi testing.

* KLSA considers counts over 50 cfu/100mL as “high” for Kawartha Lakes and triggers retesting. Counts 20 and below (with occasional between 20-50) are normal for Kawartha Lakes. The safe swimming level (at which public beaches are posted) is 100 cfu/100mL. Count of zero for drinking water.

E.Coli Guidance

- eColi is a “biological indicator”
- At risk: children, elderly, compromised immunity
- Bacteria levels change quickly
- To reduce risk:
 - Wait 24 hours after heavy rain to swim
 - Don't swallow lake water
- If concerned, you may do your own localized testing



Lake Stewardship 2025: Spring Cleanup

- Saturday June 21 (rain day June 22)
- **Please, join us:**
 - Volunteer, everyone is welcome
 - Enjoy a “Thank You BBQ Lunch” on Island 5 (Leo’s Place) afterwards

Look for notices on the BCLSA website or
contact Leo DeSorcy at ldesorcy@aol.com



June 21, 2025



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Lake Stewardship 2025: Tire Disposal Program

Old tires leach harmful chemicals into the ground water and lake with negative effects on natural habitat and humans

- The BCLSA will help clear tires on members' property or in the water off shorelines
- If you would like help with removal and getting them to the dump for safe disposal, please reach out to Leo DeSorcy at ldesorcy@aol.com.
- If you have neighbours who have tires and may not be members of BCLSA please reach out to them and let them know of our offer
- **Volunteers are welcome** 😊



Community Activities 2025



Canada Day Boat Parade

July 1, 2:00pm.

Gather at Clam Bay

Decorate your boat, **OR**

Cheer on your dock

Prizes for:

1. best decorated boat
2. most patriotic costume
3. most enthusiastic
'Cheermeisters'



PaddleFest

August 16

Meet in Clam Bay

Volunteer your dock, **OR**

Paddle around the lake

Followed by a floating/wading
social time and refreshments!

Forms come early July

To volunteer email:

laura.j.brand@gmail.com



Summer Paddle Group

Jul. 13 first date

(Aug. Sept. dates tbd)

Gather for a group paddle,
open to anyone

Canoe, kayak or stand-up
paddle boards are welcome,
and all you need to join

Details (time and gathering
spot) will be shared closer to
the actual dates

BCLSA Thanks Our Sponsors- All local businesses serving our area



R&J Machine



- **R&J Machine:** Docks, boat lifts, railways. Family business, over 25yrs, Lakefield
- **Clear Wing EcoGardening:** Victoria, small Apsley business. Design, install, and maintain gardens. Biodiversity, local plantings, ecofriendly focus
- **McLean Chimney:** 40+ years, WETT inspections, cleaning, repairs, masonry, concrete
- **Brook's Brushwork:** Brook, 10+ years, WSIB insured, interior/exterior, kitchens, decking, drywall
- **Paris Marine:** Family owned, 80yrs, sales, service, indoor/outdoor storage, canvas/upholstery department



TWO Memberships



Your BCLSA Membership Fee
Includes Your FOCA Membership

FOCA Membership Benefits

- Group Insurance program through Cade Insurance for individual coverage on home, cottage, vehicles
- Park'N Fly discount
- First aid and safety discounts
- \$100/day voucher for first stay at Kokomo Botanical Resort in Turks & Caicos (book by Dec 25, 2025)
- Rogers Preferred Pricing Plan
- Discount on Cottage Life Magazine and Cottage Life Show
- 25% off membership to Canadian Canoe Museum
- Access to seminars / resources (e.g. Family Cottage Succession Planning Seminar)
- Check out more at <https://foca.on.ca/benefits>

TWO Requests:

1. Enter the Big Cedar Lake Logo Contest

- Simple
- Use letters and simple pictures
- Send entries attention Norma Piggott by **July 31st** to bigcedarlakesa@gmail.com
- Prize: **Fame!** And a free tee-shirt with your logo

2. Become a Volunteer

Make a difference to your lake and your community **+** studies show volunteering makes you happier and healthier 😊

- Volunteer as much or as little time as you would like
- Reach out attention Diane Trauzzi: bigcedarlakesa@gmail.com



Open Discussion & Close

