Welcome to Summer!

Here's the outlook from The Old Farmer's Almanac: "Summer will be cooler and rainier than normal, with the hottest temperatures in early to mid-July, late July, and mid-August."

**JULY 2013 forecasts**:

- temperature 20°C (0.5°C below average)
- precipitation 100mm (20mm above average)
- Jul 1-6: Showers, then sunny, cool
- Jul 7-12: Sunny east, t-storms west; hot
- Jul 13-18: Scattered t-storms, warm
- Jul 19-24: Sunny east, t-storms west; cool
- Jul 25-29: T-storms, then sunny, warm
- Jul 30-31: T-storms, hot

So, what do you think of these forecasts?... Add your thoughts to the conversation: [www.facebook.com/foca.on.ca](http://www.facebook.com/foca.on.ca)

FOCA says, no matter the weather, get out and enjoy the summer while it is here!

Thank you to FOCA's Gold-level Sponsors, who help to make our work possible:
Beware of Flying Fire

FOCA continues to advocate for safe burning practices. We warn you about the dangers of "flying lanterns," and applaud our colleagues at the Lake of the Woods District Property Owners Association, who have garnered media interest in the subject. (see the image, at right: a June blog post by Cottage Life)

FOCA has been discussing our shared concerns with the Office of the Fire Marshall. OFM encourages anyone who has a first-hand encounter with these products to file an incident report with Health Canada using the Consumer Incident Report Form. Get links to this and other updates in the left-column "News" section of our webpage: http://www.foca.on.ca/fire-smart

Update: LOWDPOA announced on their Facebook page on June 19th that the Canadian Tire in Kenora has agreed to remove the lanterns from their shelves. Let's hope they are the first of many to make such a move.

Great Lakes Water Levels

The International Joint Commission has announced public hearings on its new water management proposal for Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River water levels.

Public hearings in Ontario include July 15th in Jordan and July 19th in Cornwall.

Click here for details about the proposal and hearing locations: http://www.ijc.org/en_/news?news_id=114

Public comment is invited until August 30th.

Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnerships Program

If your association is interested in a fisheries rehabilitation project, this new Federal program offers up to 50% project funding, according to the details released on June 18, 2013. Hurry! The deadline for applications is Friday, July 12th. Details are available here...
Look for us

Watch for FOCA in an upcoming insert to The Toronto Star titled "Exploring Ontario- The people, places and the palate of our province," set for distribution this Thursday, June 27th.

FOCA took the opportunity to provide important information about safety in cottage country, especially in light of recent extreme weather events this Spring.

Here's just one reminder of an important way to be safe at the cottage:

![Peace of Mind for Your Piece of Heaven](image_url)

Let us know if you see the rest in the article!

Warning: Lyme Disease in Ontario

A FOCA member wrote to us recently, warning about the dangers of Lyme Disease to people and pets in Ontario:

*Our Golden Retriever contracted Lyme disease apparently from a tick. She is on meds and we are hoping for a complete recovery. We are not sure where she got this as we live in Markham, but visit and spend time every week at our cottage ... We were oblivious to all of this and believe everyone needs to know.*

The Health Unit reminds you to "know the bug, know the bite" that can spread it. Find out more about Lyme Disease here...

FOCA Cottage Succession Series 2013

Join us this summer to learn "How to keep the 'family' in the family cottage," with estate lawyer Peter Lillico at the FOCA Cottage Succession Seminars. Find out about capital gains tax, trusts and important steps to take this year to establish the groundwork for a solid cottage agreement. Register to join us at one of the upcoming events:

- July 20th - Magnetawan
- August 10th - Eganville
- August 17th - Port Severn

These events are free to all FOCA members; $10 at the door for non-members.

Get more info on the FOCA Cottage Succession webpage. Contact the office for times, locations and to register: info@foca.on.ca 705-749-3622
Peter Lillico spoke in Coboconk on June 8th at the FOCA Cottage Succession Seminar

More of FOCA, Out and About

FOCA celebrated National Paddling Week (June 15-23, 2013) at the Small Craft Rendezvous at the Canadian Canoe Museum. Remember: All FOCA members can redeem a free 1-year membership to the Canoe Museum. Click here for all the details about FOCA benefits...

Long-standing FOCA volunteer Marcia Maxwell (Otter Lake) was a featured speaker at the Kawartha Family Business Group meeting on June 10, 2013. The event focused on integrating our treasured time at the lake with the busy schedule of a business owner-operator. Way to go, Marcia!

REGIONAL UPDATES

Watch for your regional updates on the Regions/Members pages of the FOCA website: http://www.foca.on.ca/regions_members

TSW & Rideau Canal:
Further to our news last month that Parks Canada had announced a 3 year freeze on lockage fees, we were distressed to hear that canal mooring fees are set to rise steeply. Read more on FOCA's Ontario Waterways webpage.

Muskokas news:
Anyone who has an interest in lake activities and boating on Muskoka area lakes is invited to participate in the Safe Quiet Lakes online survey until July 10th. Click here to access the survey... Organizers want to know the positives about activities on the water and the lake environment, and what, if anything, detracts from your enjoyment of the lakes. The results will give community members a voice to help direct the communication, education and advocacy priorities of Safe Quiet Lakes, a volunteer initiative.

Kawartha Lakes events:
FOCA is pleased to be a marketing partner in The Blue Canoe Program, coming to Cameron on July 13th. See the event poster... Get information from the Blue Canoe technicians about protecting water quality, deterring Canada geese, preventing shoreline erosion, limiting aquatic plant growth and more. Blue Canoe will also attend the Four Mile Lake AGM and the Balsam Lake AGM and will be in attendance at the upcoming Kawartha Conservation open houses about Lake Management Planning in later July. Click here for more info...
All regions:
Plan to enjoy National Fishing Week (July 6-14th). The Canadian Safe Boating Council reminds us that 80% of those who drown in Canada are men who were not wearing their lifejackets. Be safe, and teach the next generations everything you know about fishing, including getting "hooked on lifejackets."

Welcome: Sunspace

Sunspace Sunrooms has been bringing luxury, comfort and functionality to thousands of homes and cottages across North America, for over 20 years. Their service is ranked among the best in the industry.

Contact Sunspace Modular Enclosures for sunrooms and enclosures, WeatherMaster window systems, patio covers and roofing systems, aluminum and glass railing and aluminum decking.

Check out the variety of available colours offered by Sunspace; it's easy to find a match to your existing decor.

With such a variety of products to choose from to suit your specific needs and custom applications, Sunspace has an economical solution to expand the safety and functionality of any space, while adding beauty and value to your home or cottage.

FOCA welcomes Sunspace as our newest Corporate Sponsor. Thank you for contributing to enable us to continue with FOCA's work, "to protect thriving and sustainable waterfronts across Ontario."

Fire Safety

FOCA has just created a new video about safe burning on your rural property, together with our partners at FireSmart. (And yes, the FOCA staff make appearances, once more...) Click below to view:
For more tips, and a digital ad on the subject of safe burning that you can copy to your association website or reproduce in your newsletter, visit: www.foca.on.ca/fire-smart

There's nothing quite like a shore lunch of fresh fish cooked over an open fire, unless it turns into a wildfire! Remember:

1. Build the fire on bare soil or rock in a location sheltered from the wind
2. Make sure the fire is a safe distance from all flammable material, including overhanging branches
3. Keep the fire small and tend it at all times
4. Most importantly: put the fire out when you are done. Douse it with water, stir the ashes and douse it again. Repeat until the ashes are cold to the touch.

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