

SRAPO



SRAPO'S Mission is to represent the interests of our membership, the Property Owners of the Severn River. We work with all levels of Government and all users of the Severn River Watershed to encourage the safe, sustainable, responsible, enjoyment of this
VERY SPECIAL AREA.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- . Join SRAPO many membership voices means SRAPO has a strong voice at all levels when dealing with issues.
- . Our membership fee is \$40.00.
- . SRAPO needs new members on the Executive in areas of Water Sampling , Chair of a Membership drive, and help with the Regatta.
- . This year we do not expect to hold an AGM.
- . During the year we provide to our members e mail newsletters on issues in cottage country.

**IF YOU CHANGE YOUR E MAIL ADDRESS
PLEASE LET US KNOW.**

Contact Kay Soares .

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**ANY NEW COTTAGE
OWNERS PLEASE
CONTACT**

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TREASURER'S REPORT - from Theresa Smith
As of May 31, 2015
Fiscal Year Oct. to Sept.

DESCRIPTION	RECEIVABLES	EXPENSES	BALANCE
Web Site	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Spring /Summer Newsletter	0	0	0
Fall Newsletter	0	741.44	- 741.44
News Notes	0	0	0
Regatta	0	169.50	- 169.50
Membership	0	0	0
Advertisers	0	0	0
Merchandise	0	0	0
Membership in Associations	0	626.25	- 626.25
Bank Charges & Interest	2.14	43.67	- 41.53
Insurance	0	1,499.04	- 1,499.04
Miscellaneous	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	\$ 2.14	\$ 3,079.90	\$ - 3,077.76
Bank Balance as of September 30/14	\$ 6,201.37	0	\$ 6,201.37
TOTAL RUNNING BALANCE	\$ 6,203.51	\$ 3,079.90	\$ 3,123.61
INVESTED GIC	\$ 9,191.56	0	\$ 9,191.56
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ 15,395.07	\$ 3,079.90	\$ 12,315.17

SRAPO FAMILY ANNUAL REGATTA

Saturday, August 1, 2015

Rain day Sunday, August 2, 2015

Events start at 09.30 a.m. at Severn Falls

Swimming events for all ages

Prizes will be awarded

**This event is for SRAPO members, you can pay your
Membership fee at the Regatta.**

Membership fee \$40.00

Check in at the SRAPO Admin. Desk prior to registering for events.

Lunch will be provided for children 16 years and under.

WATER QUALITY REPORT – from Nancy Mear

The SRAPO Water Quality program will continue this year, thanks to our faithful volunteers.

We do need someone to gather a sample from Wood Bay. If you are interested in helping, please contact Nancy Mear at 705 999-2144 or nancym_8@yahoo.com. The Water Quality Gathering Dates are the following Mondays: June 29, July 13 & 27, August 10 & 24/15. Samples need to be gathered by 9 a.m. when wind is calm and the sun not strong enough to kill any e coli present.



CANADA DAY FIREWORKS
Saturday, July 4, 2015
Rain day July 5, 2015

Sundown at Lost Channel

A collection will be taken up which will go
Towards the 2016 Fireworks Show!

COME AND ENJOY THE EVENING



TIPS FOR COTTAGE OWNERS

- Check your first aid kit and replace any missing supplies
- Check and maintain cottage smoke and CO detectors
- Check the condition of boat(s), including fuel lines and tanks. Check that all required safety equipment is on board and in good repair.
- Remove dry leaves and debris from the cottage roof and/or eaves troughs to reduce fire risk.
- Prepare for extreme weather events – create a family emergency preparedness plan for the cottage.
- Assemble a disaster safety kit for your cottage and car.
- Talk to your neighbours – plan ahead for emergencies by identifying vulnerable people and potential community volunteers.
- Talk to your insurance representatives to review your cottage, car and boat coverage.
- Pass along these tips to friends, family and neighbours.

**REMEMBER THE YEAR WE WERE WITHOUT ELECTRICITY
FOR 10 DAYS?**

WATER MANAGEMENT from Greg Goy

The winter of 2015 was characterized by:

- Severe cold
- Thicker ice and
- A lack of mid-winter snow melt throughout Ontario

These conditions contributed to below average water-levels along the Trent-Severn Waterway, Lake Simcoe water levels have been below average since late February, and during the first half of April 2015, were near record lows.

As a result, the spring freshet and ongoing water flows down the Severn have not been problematic so far in 2015.

In early June, Lake Simcoe water levels are still below normal and very close to mid-summer levels.

There is no News from the TSW Water Management Advisory Council as no meetings have been held and no communications were received from the TSW.

SRAPO members who see water flows or water levels that are unsafe are asked to contact Greg Goy at 613 878-3009 or greggoy@gmail.com so he can contact Parks Canada on SRAPO'S behalf.

ENJOY THE SUMMER!



BENEFITS WHEN YOU JOIN SRAPO

- SRAPO makes a point of keeping informed of issues at the Township level. We often are asked for input. We reflect your point of view and the greater number of taxpayers who have the same concerns that more likely politicians listen.
- We organize events for members such as the Family Regatta.
- We promote and inform members of activities taking place in our area of the River.
- We provide information on issues that will impact cottagers, eg: HYDRO rates, wildlife, invasive species, water management. Often this is through monthly e mails.
- We are members of FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association) who have many sponsors with benefits. Because you are a member of SRAPO you can benefit. For more information see www.foca.on.ca
- We represent you at Township, Provincial and Federal Levels. We have been at meetings of all three Townships, at the Province to influence the use of Campsites and we are members of the Water Management Committee regarding the TSW.
- Our voice is heard, that mean's YOUR VOICE IS HEARD!
- Do you have a specific problem that SRAPO can help with? Not all problems can be solve, but we will try to help. Contact any Executive member; see the Quick Facts Sheet.



June 2015 Mud Turtle has laid her eggs.

Picture taken by Jackie Soares.

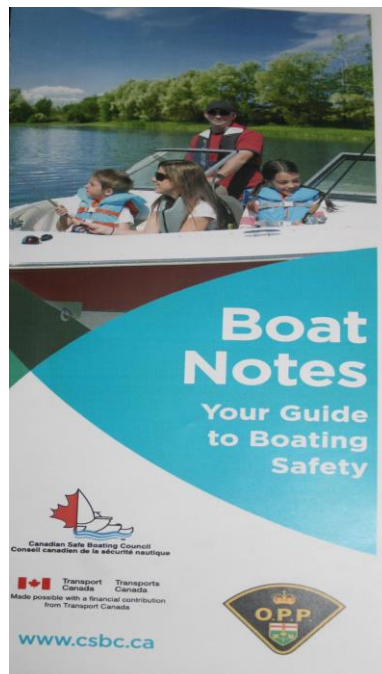
INFORMATION YOU CAN RECEIVE FROM FOCA

- Monthly Alerts, that keep you informed on activities on a Provincial basis. Just send your e mail address to FOCA and they will include you in their monthly list.
- Contacts with many commercial companies that can help you in managing your cottage.
- They have a recognized voice at Queens Park, they are respected, their voice is heard.
- Check out the FOCA Web Site www.foca.on.ca for up to date news on an ongoing basis. Such as Hydro rates, Great Lake issues, Policing costs, Invasive Species Water levels and more as issues arise.

BOATING NOTES - A Guide to Boating Safety

This is an excellent pamphlet on boating. You can get this by contacting www.csbc.ca. We have a lot of thru traffic on the River we need to know the rules. Contact the OPP for any infractions.

DO NOT LET BAD BOATING GO!



Swim For The Cure
~ making waves for breast cancer research ~

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2015

From Swift Rapids Lock 43 to Big Chute Lock 44

**12.8km/8miles
Individual Swimmers and Relay Teams.**

**If you can help contact
Debbie Bang dbang@stjoes.ca**

**The Swim is to raise money for
Breast Cancer if you wish to donate
www.swimforthe cure.ca**



OUR SPONSORS PLEASE SUPPORT THEM

CHECK THEM OUT ON OUR WEB SITE

www.srapo.org

in our Community Partners Area

THEY ARE:

- Home Hardware Coldwater
- Severn Falls Marina – Severn Falls
- DTS & Associates – Severn Falls
- Menno Van Harten – Ontario Land Surveyor
- The River Emporium – Severn Falls
- RCS Marketing – Severn Falls
- The Riverhouse Restaurant – Severn Falls
- Severn Cottage Services Inc. – Severn Falls