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### **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Happy Autumn to everyone! I hope this newsletter finds you and yours in good health and enjoying your time at Fox Lake.

Although the FLA's summer activities were curtailed again this year due to the ongoing pandemic, I thank everyone who attended the Annual General Meeting, participated in the Annual Regatta and paid their membership dues. The AGM, held on July 10 was our first "hybrid" meeting, with 11 people attending in person and 14 attending on-line. We anticipate that next year we will be able to welcome everyone in-person on July 9 at the Anderson's on East Fox Lake Road.

I extend a big thank you to Cindy Taylor, our Regatta Coordinator again this year. The modified format had participants creating sandcastles, undertaking a scavenger hunt and showing evidence of the Fox Lake Monster on their own beaches and docks. A new event, the "Long Paddle Race " was introduced this year, with canoers, kayakers and paddleboarders racing almost the length of the lake. Thanks to Robin Yule/Pat Currie and Dave Blanchard/Sharon Lillico for the use of their pontoon boats by the regatta judges and thanks to all of the participants and 'winners' – see some of their photos in this newsletter. Fortunately, we were able to hold the regatta Horseshoe Tournament in person this year. Thanks so much to Sandy McLennan for hosting and congratulations to the winners: Rick Skinner and Robert Finbow; Rob Dorsman and friend Matt; Nathan Stainton and friend Samraj. We look forward to the return of our traditional regatta next year on July 30.

The FLA relies on volunteers to organize social activities for our lake community and we are always looking for more people. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch with any member of the FLA Executive. We also want to organize events and address issues that are important to our members. To find out what activities and issues you would like the FLA to focus on, we will be sending out a survey in the coming weeks. Please keep a look out for the survey and complete and return it to us so that we can better respond to your priorities.

The Town of Huntsville has drafted a new Community Planning Permit By-law to regulate and manage development and is seeking public input. The new by-law is intended to be more

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streamlined and flexible that the Zoning By-law. If you would like to review the draft or provide your comments, please visit [myhuntsville.ca/cppbylaw](http://myhuntsville.ca/cppbylaw).

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy and happy winter!

Sincerely,  
Alix Yule  
FLA President

### **MEMBERSHIP**

In this newsletter I am starting with an appeal for volunteers. While it is great that we have a large paid membership, it would be greatly appreciated if some of you would also contribute a little time. Most FLA executive members have served for several years; some new ideas and younger thinkers would be wonderful. Our regatta and corn roast are well attended events but they require a little bit of work to put together. The time requirements are not large and it is a great way to learn more about the lake and to meet more of your fellow lakera.

If you are willing, you can send a note via the FLA email or contact any member of the executive anytime. Also, please attend the Annual General Meeting in July if you can and don't be afraid to raise your hand when help is requested.

We currently have 72 member properties. New property owners have been consistently joining and I welcome them to the community. We all hope that in 2022 we can resume our normal activities and that there will be more opportunities for the newcomers and all of us to get together.

Robin Yule  
Membership Officer.

**Did you know? The Fox Lake Association has a Facebook page!**

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/318929168304976/?ref=group\\_header](https://www.facebook.com/groups/318929168304976/?ref=group_header)

### **PLANNING AHEAD-SUMMER 2022 EVENTS**

Please put the following dates in your summer calendar.

- FLA Annual General Meeting - Saturday July 9- Hosted by the Andersons
- Fox Lake Regatta – Saturday July 30
- Fox Lake Fall Fair – Saturday September 4

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## LAKE STEWARD REPORT

Results of lake testing will be reported in a slightly different way this year.

The total phosphorus and calcium figures are for 2020 as the 2021 results will not be available till spring. Total Phosphorus was 12.1 µg/L, the FL running average for many years is 11.6 µg/L. Calcium was 1.5 mg/L, the FL running average is 1.5 as well. Therefore no major changes. The water clarity (Secchi) depth for 2021 averaged 1.8 meters, with a running average of 2.0m.

Benthic Monitoring did happen this year. We 'picked the critters' out of one bucket instead of three. The results are posted on the [FLA website](#). Please be sure to read the thank you letter in which the Muskoka Biotech gives insights into our results. Many thanks to the enthusiastic volunteers.

Again this fall, there was a sighting of what could be blue-green (B-G) algae. It was not nearly as obvious a bloom as last year. Yellowish particles were seen floating on the surface on an extremely calm evening. These particles would have been dispersed if there had been any wind or waves. Nothing was visible the next morning. The FLA has lined up procedures so that next fall we will be able to take samples and have them analyzed to determine if it is B-G algae. Note that not all B-G algae release toxins.

If you do suspect a bloom of B-G algae, avoid contact. Please get in touch with the FLA so that we can obtain samples for analysis.

Below are several government sites that give more detailed information on B-G algae:

[https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/SafeWater/bluegreenalgae\\_copy1.aspx](https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/SafeWater/bluegreenalgae_copy1.aspx)

<https://www.muskoka.on.ca/en/live-and-play/blue-green-algae.aspx>

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/blue-green-algae>

David White  
Lake Steward

## REGATTA DAY IN PHOTOS:

According to ancient legends the Fox Lake Sea Monster exists!!

It has been spotted over the years peering out of the depths and turning somersaults in the middle of the lake.

Unidentifiable dragging and scrapings have been observed on the beaches over the decades.

Does it swim and lunge or does it have land legs and is able to creep onto our beaches?

What does it eat? Is that why all the bull frogs have disappeared?

Does it sneak up on unsuspecting swimmers and nibble their toes? Is it one headed or more? Can it spy on you from in front and behind as well as beneath the water?

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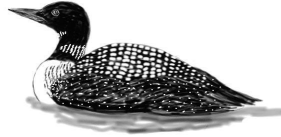


***Want to get involved with the FLA?***

***Have a question or concern?***

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