



Boating and Recreation Committee Report

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Major Activities:

- Marker Buoy Program
- Sign at Lake Avenue boat launch, Carleton Place
- New boat and motor



Marker Buoy Program

- 49 yellow Cautionary Buoys

PRIV marking
reflective stripe
MLA contact info

- team of volunteers do the work
- BIG thank you to all our volunteers!
- other volunteers are most welcome
- buoy spotting volunteer program



*** CAUTION ***

Remain at least 30 meters (100 feet) from any buoy, and especially DO NOT drive through any buoy grouping !



Boat Ramp Sign

- Signs have been completed
- Awaiting further details from Carleton Place
- Expect to install the signs in the next few weeks
- To be installed at the Lake Avenue boat launch site

Welcome to Mississippi Lake

The Mississippi Lakes Association and the Town of Carleton Place wish you a safe and enjoyable experience

How the MLA is working for you:

- deploying cautionary marker buoys
- promoting safe and responsible boating
- promoting responsible angling
- creating fish habitats
- conducting annual loon surveys
- publishing weekly lake water levels
- conducting water quality sampling
- promoting blue/green algae awareness
- monitoring invasive aquatic plants
- promoting healthy shorelines
- helping to protect/preserve wetlands
- encouraging Citizen Science projects
- managing an Informative website
- publishing our e-Newsletter (YMM)
- hosting the MLA Facebook page
- assisting private road associations
- networking and sharing information
- advocating for our members

Join the MLA today!

Help keep the lake safe, clean, and enjoyable for all

<https://www.mlakies.org>
info@mlakes.org
[Join us on Facebook](#)

Do not use for navigation

NO WAKE ZONE 30m (100 ft) from shore

Remain at least 30m (100 ft) from any buoy

Cautionary Buoys

Map courtesy of Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority
 Buoy positions added by MLA

MLA Cautionary Buoys

Deployed annually from mid-May to early October

To report missing or drifting buoys, contact the MLA at:
boating@mlakes.org

Check lake water level:

CLEAN + DRAIN + DRY YOUR BOAT

Wakes, ruts, and boat's keels can be ruined by water ruts and other aquatic insects. So, before you leave, please clean your boat and trailer. **CLEAN** at any pump or dock. **DRY** the hull and bottom. **DRY** the motor and outboard.

DON'T LET THEM CATCH A RIDE
 STOP AQUATIC INVASIVES!

1-800-563-7771
www.CleanMap.org/Ontario

Invasive Species

Several invasive aquatic species have been found in the Lake.

Each of these plants has the potential to reduce the natural biodiversity of the lake and impede swimming and boating activities.

Avoid infested areas

Reduce your boat speed
 Boat wakes can dislodge plants and allow them to spread to new areas.

Inspect your boat and trailer
 Remove all plants, animals, and mud before and after each use.

Eurasian Water Milfoil

Feather-like green leaves circling stem in groups of 4-5. Leaves have 12 or more thread-like segments. Tiny, reddish flowers grow on spikes 5-20 cm long that rise above the water. Blooms late July/early August.

Curly-Leaf Pondweed

Reddish green curly leaves about 1-2 cm wide and 5-75 cm long. Oblong leaves alternate on stem and are fine toothed with 3 main veins. Whitish flowers with 6-petal like lobes found on spikes. Begins growing in early Spring.

European Frog-bit

Produces a single white flower up to 2 cm wide with 3 rounded petals and a yellow center. Leaves are 2.5-5 cm wide (about the size of a loonie) and round to heart-shaped. Leaves form a rosette up to 6 cm wide. Blooms mid-summer.

Loons

The MLA has been conducting annual loon count surveys for many years and the number of loon chicks found on the Lake is dwindling each year!

Be a responsible boater Never chase loons or run motorboats or personal watercraft over areas where loons have been seen.

Slow down in areas where loons are nesting. Boat wakes and waves can wash eggs off a nest and drown baby chicks.

Keep your distance Watch loons from at least 60 meters away.

Dispose of garbage at a collection site. Garbage draws raccoons, foxes, gulls and eagles, all of which prey on loon eggs.

Be an ethical angler Never fish or cast near loon nests or swimming loons. Properly dispose of extra bait and trash and pick up monofilament line.

Keep pets away from loons and nests.

TOWN OF CARLETON PLACE MISSISSIPPI RIVER CHANNEL

Proposed Channel Information

- Proposed Channel : —
- Proposed Red Buoy : ●
- Proposed Green Buoy : ▲
- Proposed White NO WAKE : ○

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Respect safe boating practices, your neighbors on the water and on shore, and the environment.

Equip your vessel with the necessary safety and emergency equipment.

Slower vessels like sailboats, kayaks and canoes have the right of way.

PWCs Personal Water Craft are subject to the same safety requirements as other vessels.

Every powered craft operator requires a pleasure craft operator's license.

Caution Use caution and slow down when operating near shore.

Towing A driver, an observer, and a place for each person being towed is needed for skiing, wake boarding, and tubing.



New Boat and Motor

- Sale of Miss L. A. and motor
- Purchase of new 24' pontoon boat and 90 hp motor
- New boat name: *Mississippi Belle*

- Cost neutral acquisition
- Newer and larger boat
- More powerful motor
- Reduced maintenance costs
- Higher reliability

