

Bass Lake Property Owners Association

Summer Newsletter 2023

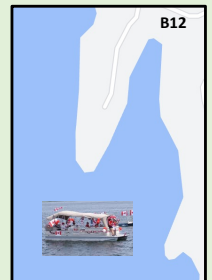


Announcements & Coming Events

Bass Lake Annual Flotilla



Annual Bass Lake Flotilla will be celebrating Canada Day with a launch at 2 pm on Saturday. The lead pontoon boat will be Rad Thomson/B12 and they will be marshalling just off the end of B12 peninsula. Join in the fun!



Saturday, July 8th, 2:30 to 5 pm

Lake side on land at the Wynne's house
30 Road B7; boats in the bay



Local musicians "DVP"

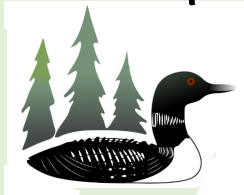


A "pass the boot" will occur with donations going to our local Lanark County Animal Welfare Society on behalf of the friends and residents of Bass Lake.



Please consider joining or renewing your BLPOA membership for the coming year prior to 31 August 2023 (See page 4)

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Save the Date

*Saturday, 26 August 2023, 10:00 am
South Elmsley Complex, Hwy 15*

Bass Lake – Spring Water Levels

This year marks the second year that our newly constructed berm & spillway has been in action restricting the outflow of water during the freshet. As the table depicts the management of the rate of winter run-off has gradually reduced our lake's water level to achieve a designed target level by 01 July. Effective mid-June, no further water was flowing through the spillway. We will rely on the climate conditions for the summer.

Bass Lake Water Level Readings – Spring 2023	
Date	2023 Elevation - MASL
10 April	134.66
07 May	134.62
11 May	134.59
21 May	134.56
25 May	134.55
9 June	134.50
20 June	134.48
25 June	134.49

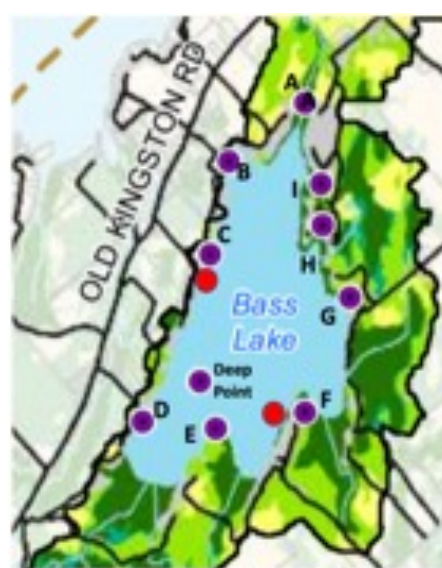
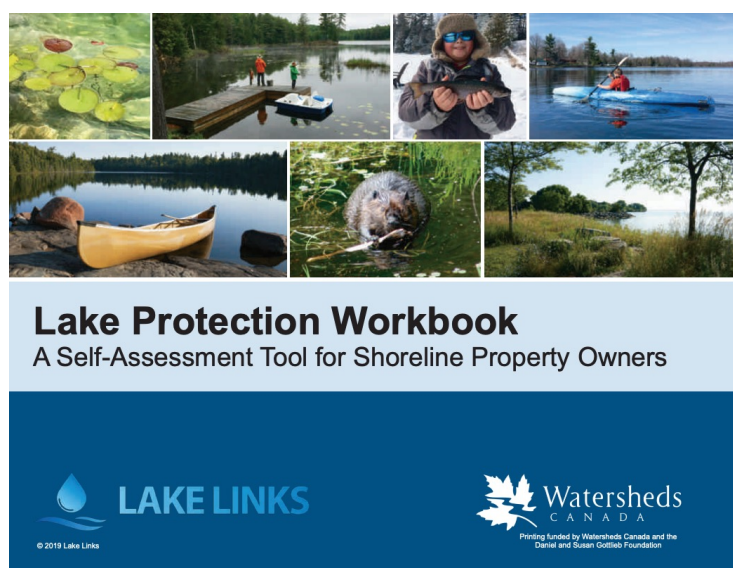


Bass Lake - Lake Health & Water Quality Stewardship

Our BLPOA volunteer team of lake health and water quality stewards is supported by Peter McGann (B3); Gary Doucet (B3); Heather Amys (B7), Amber Percival (B5B); Zlata Burt (B12), Greg and Doug Revie (B10).

This group and committee activities include:

- Conducting and Overseeing water quality sampling and follow up lab analysis;
- Liaising with RVCA on all matters dealing with water quality;
- Reviewing concept of Lake Capacity Studies;
- Researching Factors influencing Algae Growth & Invasive Species
- Review & Comment on Township plans & policies for waterfront development and lake protection;
- Promoting the excellent **Lake Protection Workbook** for property owners and other Lake Health Reports on our website- link: <https://www.rideaubasslake.com/lake-health-report>

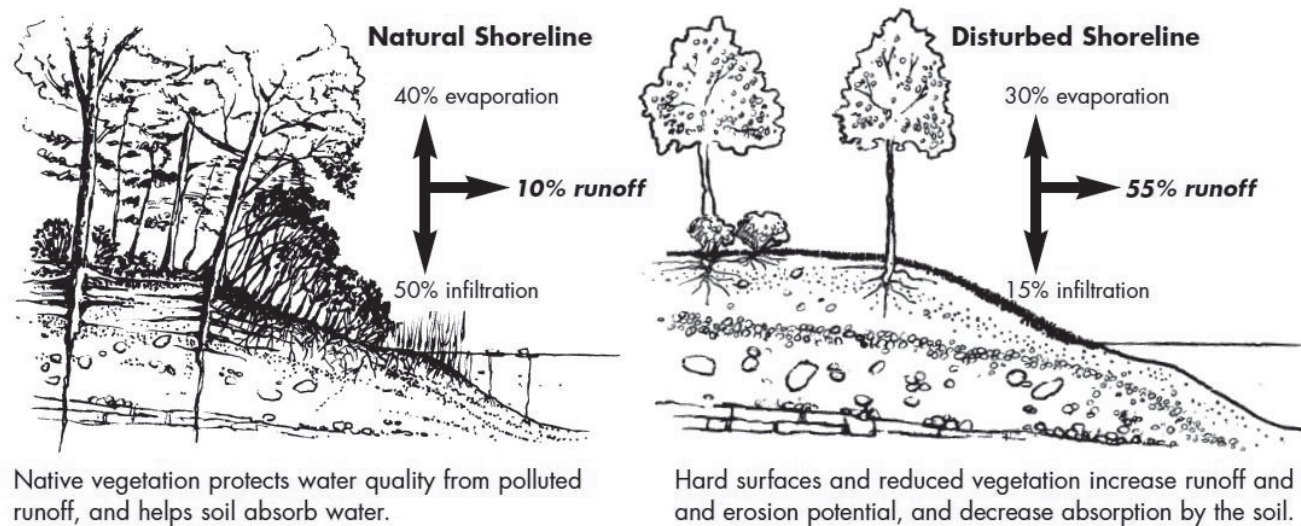


Bass Lake Health Report

- RVCA Water Quality Site
- BLPOA Water Level Gauge
- Transportation
- Settlement
- Crop & Pasture
- Evaluated Wetland
- Wooded Area
- Water

LIVING ON WATERFRONT

Our Bass Lake has one of the highest amount of altered shorelines and nearshore development of all lakes in the Rideau lakes Township. Our Shorelines are among the most important places on earth. Over 90% of aquatic wildlife use them for food, shelter, breeding, and raising their young.



Are you experiencing shoreline erosion, geese on your lawn and excess weeds or algae blooms along your waterfront? A Shoreline Naturalization Buffer can help! A natural shoreline buffer is rich in native plants, trees and shrubs. It is not highly landscaped or manicured. The result can be a thriving, resilient shoreline that will assist in protecting our lakes.

Lake Health - top five lake friendly things you can do i.e.

- Don't put anything in the lake such as fall leaves, grass clippings or sand
- Respect the ribbon of life by keeping your shoreline natural
- Pump your septic tank regularly, every 3-5 yrs. for year round use
- Use lake friendly products for laundry, personal use and cleaning. Don't use them in the lake
- Refrain from using fertilizer on your lawn, it ends up in the lake and stimulates lake weed and algae growth

Water Quality Index (WQI)

Water Quality Index (WQI) scores calculated at 3 year intervals. Index aims to measure and quantify the scope, frequency and amplitude of departure of variables from the water quality guidelines. Scores are presented in 5 categories representing system's degree of impairment.

While Bass Lake has been trending in the "Fair" category we must continue to improve on best practices since our recent score in 2021 has started to regress towards the "Poor" category.

Lake	2000-2002	2003-2005	2005-2008	2009-2011	2011-2014	2015-2017	2018-2020	2021-2021
Bass Lake RVL 35		Good	Poor	Poor	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair
		88.3	63.8	64.8	88.3	76.8	76.1	69.0

Table 1. CCME Water Quality Index Score Categories and descriptions (RVCA Terminology, original CCME terms in brackets)

WQI Ranking	WQI Scores	Water Body Description
Very Good (Excellent)	95-100	Water Quality is protected with virtual absence of threat or impairment. Conditions are very close to natural or pristine
Good	80 - 94.9	Water Quality is protected with only a minor degree of threat or impairment. This value is received when conditions rarely depart from natural or desirable levels
Fair	65 - 79.9	Water Quality is usually protected by occasionally threatened or impaired. This value is received when conditions sometimes depart from natural or desirable levels.
Poor (Marginal)	45 - 64.9	Water Quality is frequently threatened or impaired. The value is received when conditions often depart from natural or desirable levels.
Very Poor	0 - 44.9	Water Quality is almost always threatened or impaired. This value is received when conditions usually depart from the natural or desirable levels.

SUMMER

BLPOA MEMBERSHIP

CAMPAIGN

Our new membership year begins 31 August 2023 . Please show your support - join or renew The \$25.00 annual fee for each property in support of our next year 2023-2024 can be submitted by one of the following means:

1. **By etransfer** - Treasurer@rideaubasslake.com [This goes directly to the BLPOA's bank account which has autodeposit. Please provide your name, road number, and property number to identify your transfer.]
2. By cheque made payable to "*Bass Lake Property Owners Association*" or cash hand-delivered to an Association Director or your local Road Representative. It can also be mailed to:
Bass Lake Property Owners Association,
Attention: Cathy MacDonald/Membership
31 B4, Lombardy,
Lombardy, Ontario
3. New members are asked to download and complete a BLPOA Membership Form available on the BLPOA website

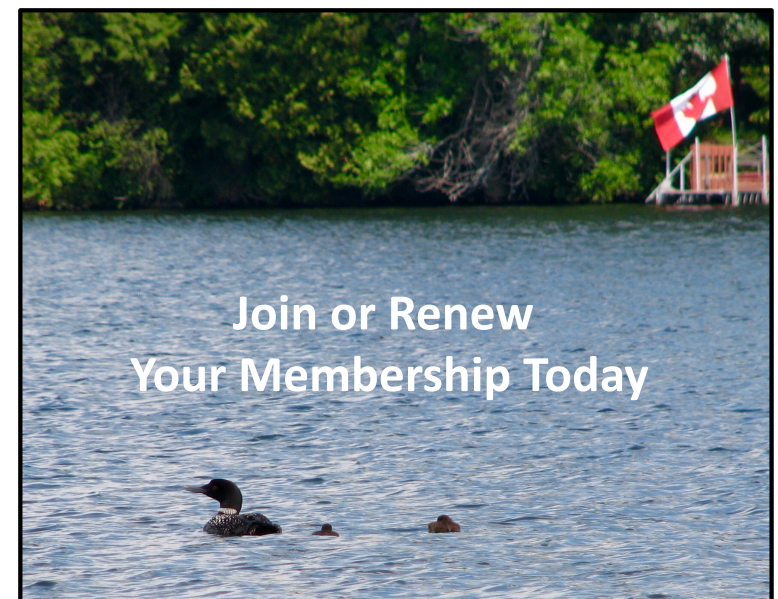
Encourage your friends and neighbors to join. Your personal recommendation is very important. If you have already renewed your membership, thank you for your continued support

Benefits of Your BLPOA Membership

Recreational lakes that are managed and protected by a strong lake or cottage association support real estate property values that are significantly higher than on similar unmanaged recreational lakes.

Community associations have been around for a long time to look after our interests as property owners. This is particularly important since, while the Province of Ontario, Municipality of Rideau Lakes and the Canadian Government have programs which regulate lakefront and recreational properties, these governing groups do not implement or run lake improvement projects. It is up to us as a community to look after the lake, monitor changes or threats and concerns ourselves.

Your BLPOA Board of Directors operates as a Not-For-Profit organization of volunteer members who are empowered through your Annual General Meeting (AGM) vote each year to champion and report back to you on issues impacting the health of the lake, residential environment and government programs impacting same.



Director & Volunteer Recruitment....BLPOA needs you!

The association's work is diverse, from collecting water quality samples, to producing print and electronic communications, monitoring local politics and recruiting new members. We encourage your participation.

We are looking for strong candidates to join the Board and our association committees. More background information will be presented in a mid- July Newsletter. Our Board of Directors meets four times a year. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a board member, we would like to talk to you!

If you are interested in volunteering for a role within the BLPOA, please contact us directly to:

- Bill St Jean – President: westjean46@gmail.com and Phone: 613-283-3994
- Alan MacDonald – Communications Director: alanmacdonald2789@gmail.com and Phone: 613-240-2639

Or alternatively through our website page: <https://www.rideaubasslake.com/contact-us> .