

## **OLA NATURE FLOATILLA**

**SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022**

### **REMINDER!**

We are pleased to invite you to OLA's first Nature Floatilla! Please join us on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Start time is 10 am, and end time is 12.

Residents and guests are invited to tour 5 sites at the north end of the lake to hear from area nature experts on various topics of interest. A map indicating the 5 locations is attached. Just like on a "studio tour", there is no particular order in which to visit the sites. Travel by kayak, canoe or motor boat to each site, and spend about 15 minutes learning about the different topics at each site. The presentations will be flexible and ad hoc, with no set times to start. Different wooden charms are available at each site, one for each boat – collect all 5! Orange construction cones will mark each site. Most are on docks, one is on a boat.

After visiting each site, bring your own lunch and a blanket to the Maple Glen shore shortly after 12 noon. Join others to chat further with the experts, and visit with friends from around the lake. There is an outhouse at the Maple Glen shore.

Here is a list of our experts, their topics and locations:

#### **Ken Allison – eagles, osprey, others – dock at 170 Trillium Point Rd**

- **Ken Allison** holds a BSc in Wildlife Biology from the University of Guelph. Ken is an expert in birds but is also very interested in botany and entomology, especially butterflies and dragonflies. He is a member of both the Ottawa Field Naturalists and the Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists and is currently working as a volunteer on the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas, having worked on the previous atlases in the early 1980's and early 2000's. Ken leads walks and gives presentations for many organizations and has helped with many bio-blitzes and bird and insect counts across eastern Ontario. He really enjoys sharing the natural world with others.

#### **Jennifer Lamoureux and Maren Catt – bass habitat – boat close to 294 Three Bay Rd**

- **Jennifer Lamoureux** is the Aquatic and Fish Habitat Biologist at Rideau Valley Conservation Authority. She is an experienced biologist with a demonstrated history of working in the environmental services industry for over 20 years. She is skilled in environmental conservation, natural resource management, aquatic ecology, stream and wetland restoration. Jennifer is a strong research professional with a degree in environmental studies from Carleton University. Jennifer worked with volunteers of the OLA over a 5 year period, from 2012 to 2016, to build 275 bass nests in prime locations.

She has visited them annually and has found a high success rate. The OLA also worked with Jennifer and RVCA on the Jebbs Creek Embayment Project.

- **Maren Catt** is the Source Water Intern with RVCA. She is involved in the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region study of private drinking water systems on select lakes in the Rideau Valley watershed to understand threats and vulnerabilities to lake owners. Otty Lake is one of the lakes being studied.

#### **Roman McKay & Kat Ost – ticks – dock at 347 Mile Point Rd**

- **Dr. Roman McKay** is a research coordinator in the INSIGHT lab of the University of Ottawa whose research interests include vector-borne disease epidemiology, geographic distribution of disease vectors, arthropod-host interactions, and assessment of vector potential and capacity. He contributes to the CLyDRN (Canadian Lyme Disease Research Network - <https://www.clydrn.ca/>), eTick (tick image public identification platform - <https://www.eticck.ca/>) and UPTick project (<https://www.uptickproject.ca/>) in Ottawa and coordinates field research on Lyme disease.
- **Katarina Ost** is a PhD candidate of the INSIGHT lab. Her interest is studying the control of Lyme disease in Eastern Ontario. She is also interested in research on vector-borne diseases, global health, and the health impacts of climate change and completed her Masters of Public Health at the University of Washington through a climate change and malaria project.

#### **Rachel Needham & Matthew - snakes, iNaturalist, other – Maple Glen dock**

- **Rachel Needham** - Passionate about resource conservation and outdoor education, Rachel is Murphys Point Provincial Park's Park Naturalist. On an average day, you can find her pit tagging Gray Ratsnakes, leading a Silver Queen Mine Tour, or presenting nature programs for over fifty participants. If you are looking to learn about Murphys Point's natural or cultural heritage, you have come to the right place!
- **Matthew** is a Discovery Student this summer at Murphys Point Provincial Park

#### **Alex Stone – turtles, other – on beach at Cloverleaf Island**

- **Alexander Stone** is an experienced naturalist, currently working for the National Capital Commission as the Greenbelt biologist. He has worked with Canadian species-at-risk in 9 different territories and provinces, guided nature tours across North America and has been featured on CBC Radio. He specializes in road ecology, reptiles and birds. Turtles are diminishing across urban and peri-urban spaces, due to habitat loss, road mortality and nest predation. To learn more about these slow-moving creatures, and how to help recover their populations, please come by Cloverleaf Island!

If you have any questions, feel free to send an email to Jenepher Terrion at [jlennox@uottawa.ca](mailto:jlennox@uottawa.ca)