



The Blue Sea Lake Watershed Association Bulletin Issue No. 35 – August 15th, 2018

Special General Meeting

Invitation

The Administrative Council invites all members of the Blue Sea Lake Watershed Association to attend a Special General Meeting to consider an application by the Association for status as a federally registered charity organization under the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) regulations. This meeting, convened according to Article 8 of our General Rules, will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 25th, 2018 at the Blue Sea Church. Confirmation of registration as member will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Context

As a registered charity organisation, the Association will be able to issue receipts for tax purposes. However, we will be subject to more stringent reporting requirements and the need to be more precise about our objectives and activities as a non-profit organization. As a result, members will be asked to vote on a modification of the objectives of the Association as stated in article 5 of our letters patent and on a modification of the liquidation clause in article 6 of our letters patent in order to conform to CRA requirements for charitable organisation status.

Proposed Modifications

The link to view the specific amendment proposals will be posted on the home page of our website in advance of this special meeting. [Click here](#)¹ to see the current letters patent (*available in French only*).

Searching for a Missing Buoy Sign

We need your help! Sometime between the 8th and 10th of August, the large milfoil sign buoy that had been anchored near the mouth of the Grant Lake creek in the bay adjacent to St George's Chapel went missing. The sign mounted on the buoy includes a pictogram of a milfoil plant together with a warning to avoid the area. These large sign buoys - each of which costs approximately \$500 - play a key role in the Association's milfoil education and control program.

Please be on the lookout for this missing sign buoy and, if you spot it, contact Dick Ryan at (819) 463-3393, Bernard Asselin at (819) 465-1439, or any member of the Association's Board of Directors executive, the names and [coordinates](#)² of which are posted on our website.



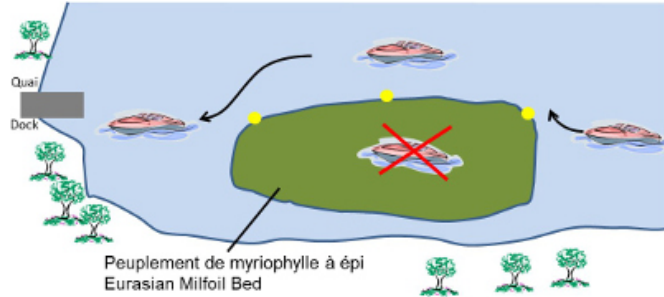
Photo : Dick Ryan

Advice to boaters

Help Prevent the Spread of Eurasian Milfoil: Steer clear of Yellow Buoys!

As you know, Blue Sea Lake is infested with Eurasian Milfoil. This invasive aquatic plant crowds out native species, accelerates the aging of the lake, and will ultimately impede swimming, boating, and other activities in many areas of the lake. As is explained on [our website](#)³, the plant reproduces principally through fragmentation of the stem which will occur when it is cut or disturbed by a propeller or a turbine engine. To avoid this, boaters should **stay 30 meters away** from milfoil beds that are marked by yellow buoys.

Not all milfoil beds, however, are marked. Eurasian milfoil can be found in depths of 0.5 to 10 meters but generally settles in depths of 0.5 to 3.5 meters along shorelines. To avoid unmarked beds, simply **stay 50 meters from shorelines**. If you do have to go through a bed, stop your engine, raise the motor, and paddle or row through the bed. Once thru it, start your engine and proceed at a slow, non-wake speed until you're 30 meters from the bed.



Help Prevent Erosion: Watch Your Wake!

The erosion of the lake's shoreline and that of its islands is a major cause of the inflow of excessive nutrients, one of the principal threats facing our lake. Boaters contribute to this erosion by driving too close to the shorelines at speeds that generate large wakes. To avoid this, **make sure that you are 50 meters from the shore before accelerating, keep a low wake speed when traveling through channels (and always in the center), and restrict all "wakeboarding" to those areas of the lake that are 300 meters from any shoreline.**

If You See Floating Milfoil, Scoop It Up!

Milfoil spreads when floating stems land in another part of the lake. So if you see a small stem that might be milfoil floating near your boat, scoop it up and bring it ashore. You should keep a small fishnet in your boat for this purpose. If you don't have one, the Association can sell you this good quality net, with collapsible, handle, for \$20. Email us at <mailto:info@associationluesea.org> or call Francis LeBlanc at (613) 742-8864 to put in your order.



1. www.associationbluesealake.org/images/documents/Charte_asso_bassin_Blue_Sea.pdf
2. www.associationbluesealake.org/index.php/en/association/board-of-directors
3. www.associationbluesealake.org/index.php/en/homepage#Myr

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