# Pre-Victoria Day Weekend

2020 May 14

Hello to all our Jack's Lake Neighbours - hope you are all staying well.

## **VIRTUAL MEETING**

On May 12 the Jack's Lake Association (JLA) conducted a virtual meeting. All attended and everyone looked virtually very well.



We would like to let you know we are here and still working on your behalf to ensure the safety and preservation of our loved Lake.

## **SMOKE SIGNALS**

A BIG thanks to those who filled out our Smoke Signals Reader Survey – it gave lots of food for thought!



While we are speaking of Smoke Signals, please be assured that there WILL still be a magazine in June but, due to COVID-19, it will be an <u>online</u> version and not print - a reduced version to share some photos and information.

We do not feel it is the right time to ask our advertisers to contribute, but we will include a directory for your convenience and hope that you continue to support them.

#### **BUOYS**

Please be aware that the yellow marker buoys are NOT on the lake yet. We will keep you posted if our team of volunteers is able to put them in and when.

#### **MARINA USE**

Currently, the Province of Ontario is allowing marina use for water-access cottagers. Then today it was announced that as of 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, marinas and public boat launches may open for recreational use. Please refer to your respective marinas for their own service offering and timing. If your marina is operational, physical distancing between households will still be required. Reference: https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/05/ontario-announces-additional-workplaces-that-can-reopen.html

#### WATER LEVEL

As more and more of us are able to make it to our cottages, you may have concerns with the low water levels early in this season.

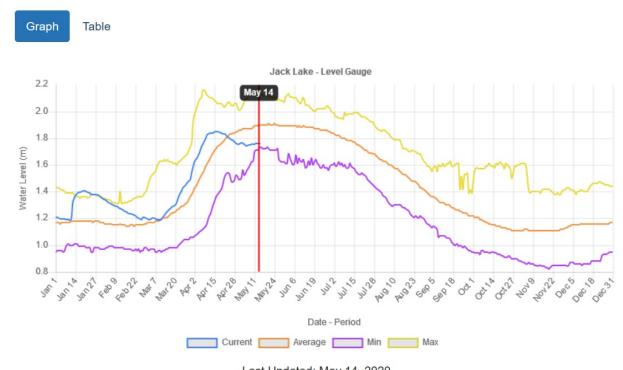
We are fortunate to have David Lean on our JLA board, who has had conversations with Trent Severn Waterway (TSW).

The snow melt was early and water levels were very high in March. To avoid any flooding and with the forecast for high levels of April rain as in some other years, water was sent downstream. The April rains did not present as predicted, so water levels are low. Water levels were down about 8 inches from the average.

The logs have now been put back in the dam. TSW are confident the levels will now slowly return in time for the nesting loons. Recent rain has soaked the forest soils and filled the rivers coming into the lake and water levels are now increasing.

Today, the water level summary looks like this:

# Jack Lake



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You can always check out the current water level at:

 $\underline{www.pc.gc.ca/apps/WaterLevels/donnees-data?Id=78\&lang=en\&siteId=100419}$ 

# **JLA SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

The JLA Summer Activities are a highlight for many of us on the Lake. At this time the Jack's Lake summer events schedule will be cancelled for June and July, and from then on subject to the Provincial recommendations.

We are considering some activities that could be continued in accordance to COVID-19 regulations.

### **ENVIRONMENT**

The Environment Committee continues to work very hard with respect to the logging and proposed quarry activity around our lake. They will share some information in the June issue of Smoke Signals.





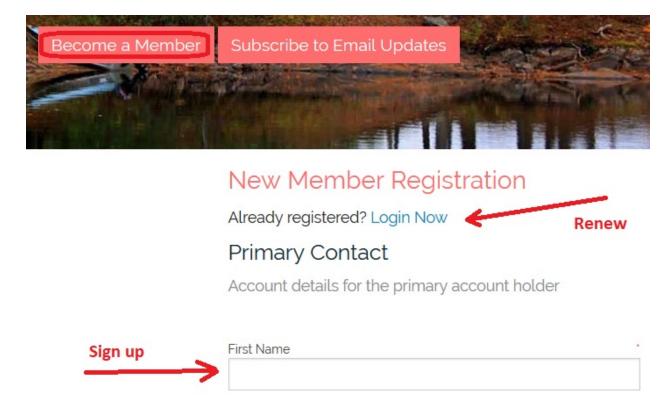




Although some of our Nature Monitoring activities are cancelled, <u>please</u> photograph and send all your sightings of flora and fauna on the lake to Steve Kerr (stevenkerr23@msn.com), who continues to collect and record in our atlas.

## JLA MEMBERSHIP

Please take the time <u>today</u> to become a member of JLA. Sign up or renew your membership here: <u>www.jackslakeassociation.ca/registration</u>



# **HAPPY VICTORIA DAY**

Please continue to be respectful of the entire lake community, and maintain physical distancing between households.

Have a happy and safe Victoria Day long weekend!



Sincerely, Your Jack's Lake Association. www.jackslakeassociation.ca