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This is Wildfire Prevention Week April 17th-23rd, 2011



Spring has sprung, and yardwork has begun. Now is the time to [FireSmart](#) your property; visit the FOCA website for tips.

Will you need fire safety equipment for your waterfront property this year? ***Special Offer:** FOCA members qualify for a discount from our corporate sponsor, [One Stop Fire Products](#).

New Rules for Pleasure Craft Operator's Card Exam

Transport Canada has implemented new requirements for those who have not yet obtained the PCOC (Pleasure Craft Operator's Card). [Read about the changes here.](#)

All power boat operators now require an Operator Card, or face a \$250 fine.



Become a BOATsmart! examiner and earn revenue for your organization: In continued partnership for 2011, FOCA and BOATsmart! Canada have teamed up to certify FOCA members to offer the PCOC exam to their fellow boaters, and earn \$35 for each PCOC exam administered. For more details, contact Caitlin Simon, Affiliate Manager, BOATsmart! Canada at 1-877-792-3926 x214 or by email at affiliates@BoatSmartExam.com.

Released: Septic Reinspection Standards

The **Ontario Building Code** was recently amended to establish and govern on-site sewage system maintenance inspection programs.

Are you affected? [Find out here.](#)

Get more information about [septics](#) from FOCA's website. FOCA is a proud supporter of the [Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association](#).



Cottage Fire Safety Outreach

FOCA is proud to be a new official partner of the "**Peace of Mind for Your Piece of Heaven**" fire and safety outreach campaign for 2011.

Visit the FOCA website for [tips to protect your family](#).

Stay tuned for more information from FOCA about this important program, delivering information about fire and carbon monoxide safety to waterfront property owners.

Peace of Mind
for your Piece of Heaven

Prevent Cottage Fire
and Carbon Monoxide
Tragedies.

Join the campaign. Visit www.safeathome.ca

SURVEY: Cottage Fire Safety

We need your input: help us to develop more effective fire prevention in your community.

[Click here](#) to participate in a **short survey** about your knowledge of fire safety. You can use the map on the [Regions](#) page of FOCA's website to identify the location of your waterfront residence. Survey closes May 12th.



Cottage Insurance - We've got you covered

The risks from natural and other mishaps, plus the rising costs of rebuilding your forest home and replacing the contents, are good reasons to confirm the cottage insurance coverage you have is up-to-date and adequate for your peace of mind.

Property owners can do a coverage check-up and get a free no-obligation quote through the [FOCA Cottage Insurance program](#) by calling 1-877-627-6222.

Check out the details in a short video:



FOCA Cottage and Boat Insurance

FOCA Encourages all Well Owners to Test this Spring

Spring is an important time to test your dug or drilled wells for bacteria, as part of your regular well testing program.

To learn more about making sure your well water is safe for your family, follow the link to **Well Aware** from the FOCA [Links page](#).

If you live on the Canadian Shield, you may want to visit the new Health Canada "**Uranium and Drinking water**" web pages, via FOCA's [Environment pages](#).



And the winner is...

We had loads of fun at the Cottage Life Spring 2011 show, signing folks up to "**Get on the Map**" with FOCA to receive our Elerts.

Everyone who visited our booth was invited to enter the raffle for a chance to win a fabulous **prize donated by Yamaha Canada: a boat safety kit worth \$475!**



Congratulations to our raffle winner, **Lia MacDonald** of Farlane Lake, near Awenda Provincial Park.

The Show goes on...

Here are more links to events worth checking out this month:

~**EARTH DAY** is April 22, 2011

~[The Green Expo](#), Peterborough, April 30, 2011
with keynote speaker Bob McDonald of CBC Radio

~ 1st annual [Muskoka Stewardship Conference](#), April 30th, 2011

We are happy to beat the drum about your events. Send us updates by [email](#) regularly, and watch for local news on the [Regions page](#) of the FOCA website.

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