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## World Water Day is today! (March 22nd, 2011)

How are you marking the day? Visit the [Canada Water Week website](#) and the international [World Water Day](#) website to see event listings. This year's theme is "WATER FOR CITIES."



## Quick Links

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## FOCA's Annual General Meeting was March 5th, 2011

**Were you there?** See photos in the [Event Summary](#), and links to important topics from the presentations.

**Want to revisit the discussions?** [Contact the office](#) for a link to the digital recording (audio & slides) of the day's events.

**Weren't able to join us?** Next time you can participate by webinar. [Ask us for details](#). In the meantime, use the links above to ensure you're up to speed on current issues.

## IT'S HERE: The Spring COTTAGE LIFE SHOW!

Join us in Toronto March 25-27 for the Spring Cottage Life show.

[Click here for info.](#)



Terry Rees (FOCA's Executive Director) will be on the speaker stage, Friday at 4pm, and again Saturday at 2:30pm, reviewing **issues that matter to cottagers** during this provincial election year. Plan to attend.



## Bear Wise: How to be prepared at the cottage

What should you do if you encounter a bear? Are your cottage habits encouraging bear visits?

Get the answers from **FOCA** and the **Ministry of Natural Resources** with new online resources to help you be **Bear Wise**. Visit FOCA's [website](#) for important information and contact numbers.



## Campfire Safety

Be **FireSmart** and protect your property and your family.

FOCA and our partners at MNR have created a new Public Service Announcement (PSA) about campfire safety.

View the message by clicking the image at right:

If you have contacts in the media, please [contact us](#) to help us get the PSA shown!

Visit the FOCA [FireSmart web pages](#) for more info and fact sheets.



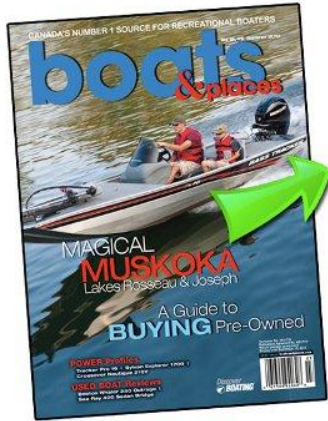
## OTTAWA COTTAGE SHOW: Get Your Free Pass from FOCA

We're looking forward to connecting with you at the 10th annual **Cottage Show & Big Backyard Show in Ottawa** (Lansdowne Park), April 8-10th, 2011.

Come out and explore and get into the summer spirit.

Thanks to the organizers for offering FOCA members **2-for-1 admission coupons!** [Click here](#) to download yours and remember to bring it to the event. See you there.






## YOUR FREE ISSUE IS COMING...

FOCA individual members and association executives: Look for your first FREE issue of **Boats & Places magazine** by mail very soon.

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