

OLA NATURE FLOTILLA

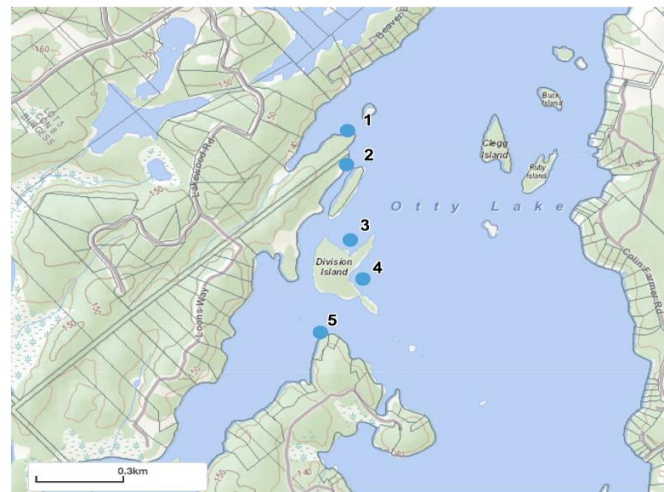
Last year's event was such a success that we are happy to announce the OLA's second Nature Flotilla! The event will be held on Saturday, July 29 from 10 am to noon.

Residents and guests are invited to tour 5 sites at the South end of the lake to hear from area Nature experts on various topics of interest. A map indicating the 5 locations can be found below. Like 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!

Here is a list of this year's experts and their topics:

- **Jennifer Lamoureux** is a biologist from the National Capital Commission. She will be talking about the success of the bass habitat project which took place on Otty Lake over about 5 years.
- **Roman McKay**, PhD, is a research coordinator from the University of Ottawa Uptick Lab. He and his team will be talking about ticks.
- **Alex Stone** is a biologist from the National Capital Commission. He'll be talking about turtles.
- **Ken Allison** is a birder and botanist from the Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists. He'll be talking about eagles, osprey, and loons.
- **Rachel Needham** is the Acting Chief Naturalist at Murphy's Point Provincial Park. She and her team will be talking about snakes and iNaturalist.

If you have any questions, feel free to send an email to: jlennoxt@uottawa.ca



Sites for 2023 Otty Lake Nature Flotilla

1. "Kiddies" Beach – BurgessWood (Alex Stone)
2. Main dock – BurgessWood (Rachel Needham and Murphy's Point team)
3. "North" Bay Division Island (Ken Allison on a pontoon boat)
4. "South" Bay Division Island (Jennifer Lamoureux on a pontoon boat)
5. Dock at Kirsten Brouse's Cottage (Roman McKay and the Uptick folks)