

Outer Island Project (OIP) 2017 Season Report –White Squall

Overview

White Squall and key community partners have been involved in campsite rehabilitation and installation of wilderness thunderboxes on the crown islands of Georgian Bay in the Parry Sound region for approx.. 20 years. As in 2016, we had to partly shift focus to the southwest coasts of Franklin Island as that area was not looked after well and gets considerable visitation. We also spent time on Huckleberry Island as sites there were needing attention. Our main target area was the outer islands from Cathcart group north to Big McCoy. The stewardship work was completed primarily by using a motorboat with two staff.

Public Education

At various times during the summer, our staff have conversations with campers about island stewardship. Without exception there is strong support from users. Beyond that, individual groups reaffirmed their commitment in minimizing impact and cleaning up sites they encounter. There are many examples of paddlers going out on their own and contributing to the overall effort which is encouraging. Local businesses are engaging customers in conversation about the fragility of the islands and what they can do to protect them. Several provincial paddling clubs have been in touch with their membership, emphasizing the importance of treading softly in this biosphere of land and water.

Stewardship Boat

White Squall's boat and motor are getting older ☺. We can do a lot in a short period of time and are quite efficient, but there is no budget line for a replacement. For the time being, we are using our son's boat with his permission – with an agreement to maintain it, but down the road, this needs to be addressed to enable us to carry on safely and efficiently in years to come.

Franklin Island Stewardship

We have been left to try and maintain Franklin campsites, as there is no other stewardship activity that we can see happening out there. This is a daunting and we are not able to oversee it all properly. We need help with further funding so we can hire our staff more for the island, or for another group to take it on.

Project Cost

Two Staff /Day x 13 Days	\$4550
Boat Rental, Gas, Maintenance (new trim motor, battery and engine test were extra expenses)	\$1500
Insurance	\$250
Equipment & Tools	\$250
Box Construction	\$0
Thunderbox Signs	\$150
Directional Signs (small plastic male/female washroom type)	\$75
Total	\$6775

Note: box construction costs will need to be added into budget for 2018 as more are needed. Estimate is approx. \$1000.

Community Partners/OIP Donations 2017 to date

Great Lakes Sea Kayak Assoc.	250
Georgian Bay Land Trust	1000
Online Donations White Squall	835
Cash Donation from White Squall	2607
Gillys of Snug Harbour	free launch
Andrea Tang & Brian Goodings	\$250
Blackfeather	provision of 3 thunderboxes
Total	\$4942.

Summary Note – our shortfall for 2016 is \$1833. Any suggestions or help are much appreciated.

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DETAILED ACCOUNT OF 2017 OUTER ISLAND STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITY

2017 Site Check - Garbage Pickup - Relocation - New Installation - Firepit Removal

- May 17 Franklin Isle *South Henrietta Point Site – Franklin Island*
-site checked, garbage picked up, thunder box relocated, all ok
- Franklin Isle *North Henrietta Point Site – Franklin Island*
-site checked, garbage picked up, OIP poster installed, all ok
- Franklin Isle *Little Nameless Bay just East of Henrietta Point – Franklin Island*
-site checked, garbage picked up
- Franklin Island *Point on Franklin north of Savage Rocks – Franklin Island*
-site checked, garbage picked up, thunder box relocated
- Franklin Island *North of Phoebe Bay – Franklin Island*
-site checked, all ok
- Franklin Island *South of Peachey Point – Franklin Island*
-site checked, all ok
- Franklin Island *Site in Bay South of Regatta Bay – Franklin Island*
-site checked, thunder box relocated, garbage picked up, all ok
- May 23 Franklin Island *Galna Island bay on Franklin Island*
-Site checked, all ok
- Franklin Island *Winkler Island – Franklin Island*
-site checked, garbage collected, fire pits cleaned, all ok
- Franklin Island *Speers Island – Franklin Island*
-site checked, added poster to Thunderbox, garbage cleaned, all ok
- Franklin Island *Sand beach south of Speers Island, Franklin Island*
-site checked, all ok
- Franklin Island *Gaspar Island- Franklin Island*
-site checked, garbage collected, fire pits cleaned, all ok
- June 15 Cathcart Island *South campsite on Cathcart Island*
-Site checked, Thunderbox moved, garbage collected, fire pits cleaned, all ok
- Cathcart Island *North East campsite (with stonework) – Cathcart Island*
-site checked, garbage collected, fire pits cleaned, all ok
- Lally Island *Centre campsite –Lally Island*
-site checked, Thunderbox moved, rotting lid removed, poster added, garbage collected, fire pits cleaned, all ok
- Lally Island *North East campsite – Lally Island*
-site checked, brush cleared around Thunderbox, garbage collected, fire pits cleaned, all ok
- June 21 Franklin Island *Henrietta Point on Franklin Island*
-Site checked, new Thunderbox installed on middle site, four fire pits dismantled, garbage removed, two trees planted on site, all ok
- June 27 Big McCoy *East Campsite on Big McCoy*
-Site checked, Thunderbox moved, hinges replaced on Thunderbox and location reflagged, all ok
- North West Campsite on Big McCoy*
-Site checked, one of two Thunderboxes was moved and replaced, all ok
- July 13 Franklin Island *Henrietta Point and Lenice Island*
Henrietta:
- New Thunder box installed on southern part of island
- Old thunder box taken apart
- Site cleaned up (1 full garbage bag)
- Thunder boxes flagged
- Public awareness talk to a group of paddlers
Lenice:

- Thunder box flagged
- Site cleaned up

Site South of Lenice:

- New thunder box installed
- Old thunder box taken apart
- Site cleaned up

July 21 Snake Isle *Northwest Campsite*
 -site checked, garbage picked up, thunder box relocated, all ok

Snake Isle *West Campsite*
 -site checked, garbage picked up, all ok

Franklin Isle *Little Nameless Bay just East of Henrietta Point – Franklin Island*
 -site checked, garbage picked up, all ok

Franklin Isle *Point on Franklin north of Savage Rocks – Franklin Island*
 -site checked, garbage picked up, all ok

July 26 Franklin Isle
 North Point on Regatta Bay
 - Garbage picked up
 - Thunder box relocated

Horsley Isle
 - Site checked, all good

Main land right across from Horsley Isle
 - Site checked and cleaned
 - Thunder box needed
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August 9 McCormick *Main Site*
 -Box relocated, garbage cleared, fire pits dismantled

Franklin Island *Deadhead Bay*
 -Site checked, box stirred and repaired

Lenice Island
 -Site checked, all good

Windsor back bay
 -Site checked, box moved

Henrietta Point
 -Site checked, box stirred, all good

South Middle Franklin (Larger round rock on main site)
 -Site checked, box moved, garbage collected

Bay West of Horsley Island (South of Regatta)
 -Site checked, all good

Burritt Bay
 -Site checked, garbage cleaned, found 2 boxes, moved one, replaced one (deep holes!)

August 17 Big McCoy
 South end- checked 4 thunder boxes- all good
 South West corner- relocated 1 thunder box
 West side in a bay- Added 1 thunder box to a used site
 North West corner- checked 2 thunder boxes- both good

August 31 Snake Isle *West campsite*
 -site checked, box stirred, garbage removed, all is well

Northwest campsite
 -site checked, box stirred, garbage removed, all is well

Franklin Isle *Henrietta Point Campsite*
 -3 sites checked, fire ring dismantled, old grill removed, garbage picked up, all is well

Bay East of Henrietta Pt. Campsite
 -site checked, all is well

Campsite on Point North of Savage Rocks
 -site checked, garbage picked up, all is well

September 22 *McCormick*
 -Northern site, moved thunderbox to mossy area

- Picked up garbage

Dart Island

- Checked Thunderbox- All good lots of space
- Checked sites for garbage- in good shape

Green Island

- South-eastern site thunderbox checked- lots of space inside
- Walked sites and picked up minimal garbage

September 26

Snake Isle

-2 boxes checked on main site, NW part of island

-box on SE part of the island was over grown, trimmed bushes and reflagged trail to thunderbox

- site was clean in not much garbage to be picked up

Cathcart Island

- Moved box on the main site, NE side
- Picked up garbage from surrounding area
- Main kitchen area in good shape
- NW site, checked thunder box, was in good shape
- Should be checked mid summer in 2018

Rumble Island

- Moved thunder box to new location, reflagged
- Minimal garbage around site, was all collected

Sites that Need work

July 13 McCormick Island-HG:

- Thunder box is un-useable and needs to be moved
- It is filled with rain water so who ever moves it needs to be wearing rubber boots
- Fixed- BB

July 20 Big McCoy- HG

- Thunder box needs to be sanded down- slivers in the bum suck
- Old thunder box needs to be destroyed

July 26 Island Just South East of Lenise (The well used one with the beach landing and table and fire pit)- HG

- Lid on thunder box has fallen off
- Old thunder box (furthest from the site) needs to be destroyed

July 26 Main land right across from Horsley

- Thunder box needed somewhere on site

September 27-

- Didn't make it to Lally island or Stapley, just not enough time in the day
- BB/GR