

# Outer Island Project (OIP) 2018 Season Report

White Squall - November 2018

## 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 21 years. Our area included the outer islands from Cathcart group north to Big McCoy. We spent considerable time on Franklin Island as it gets intense visitation. Our efforts there and elsewhere should not be considered good enough. There is more stewardship needed beyond what we are able to do. The stewardship work was completed primarily by using a motorboat with two staff.

## Public Education

At various times during the summer, White Squall 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. This year in particular, due to the extremely dry conditions – users were much more aware of the dangers of campfires and careless use of the islands. We are lucky that no local islands caught fire. 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. Paddle Canada and the Great Lakes Sea Kayak Association have connected with their membership about no trace camping, emphasizing the importance of treading softly in this biosphere of land and water.

## Stewardship Boat

White Squall's boat and motor are getting ever 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 still 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. We have identified this issue for several years and at some point, it needs to be dealt with.

## 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 daunting, and we are not able to oversee it all properly. Either further funding is needed to increase stewardship, or perhaps another group takes it on. Again, this is a yearly refrain, but it truly needs a resolution.

## Project Cost

Two Staff /Day x 13 Days	5000
Boat Gas, Maintenance, Repairs and Winter Storage	1800
Insurance	250
Equipment & Tools	100
New Box Construction – 20 units @ \$112/unit	2240
Thunderbox Signs	150
Directional Signs (small plastic washroom type)	100
Project Admin.	500
Total	\$10140

## Community Partner OIP Donations 2018 to date

Surplus left over from 2017	700
Great Lakes Sea Kayak Assoc.	300 (anticipated)
Georgian Bay Land Trust	2000
Georgian Bay Biosphere	1833
Boston Pizza	336
Squall Night Donations – Brian Beitz	541
Online Donations White Squall	635
Donations from White Squall Demo Paddles & Renters	\$2703
Gillys of Snug Harbour	free launch
Ontario Sea Kayak Centre	\$750 (not included in this tally as assigned to the GBBR Franklin fun)
Michael Leckman	500
Mary Davidson	100
Cam MacDonald	100
Anne Wellnhofer	100
Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve Franklin Challenge Fund	292 (request)
Total	\$10140

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# Outer Island Project Activity Report 2018

## May 22

### Stapley Island

Southeast side, in small clearing

- Good condition, box will need replacing soon
- Garbage clean up

North site

- Good condition

North site (makeshift)

- Makeshift one made by frequent site users, Rubbermaid box and wood frame
- Full of water
- Canoe with items underneath, left as is

### Lally Island

South site

- Good condition
- Large number of bags with items, left as is

### Rumble Island

Good condition

### Cathcart Island

Southwest side

- Good condition

West side

- Good, box needs replacing soon

Snake Island

- All sites good, stirred all, garbage clean up

## May 23

### Wall Island

Southwest side

- Good condition, box will need to be moved to new site soon
- Garbage clean up

## May 27

### Huckleberry Island- Totem Pole Bay

#### North site

- Thunderbox in good condition, hole was still deep.
- Campers were present so couldn't do much of a walk around for garbage

#### South site across bay

- Garbage clean up
- Thunder box In good condition and hole was still deep

#### South site in bay close to totem pole

- We were not able to check due to occupancy

## June 5

### Franklin Island- South End

Burritt Point - right on the point

- New TB put in. Signed and flagged.
- Picked up garbage

Burritt Point - 300m up from point

- 2 TB right near each other - both Good. New signs and flagging done.
- Picked up garbage

Site at mouth of stream that leads to Christie Lake (West side of small bay)

- **TB full - need to move and replace TB**
- Picked up garbage

Beach Campsite due West of Burritt Point

- Lots of garbage - picked up.
- **1 TB full but in good shape - needs to be moved**

1 TB in good shape.

## June 12

### Franklin Island East Side

Site at mouth of stream that leads to Christie Lake (West side of small bay)

- Moved Thunderbox – check site more often as site was over full.
- Thunderbox still okay, but will likely need to be replaced in a year(?)

Sandy Beach Just up from site below (2 TBs here)

- Relocated both TBs.
- One box was recently replaced. Other box older but still sturdy and clean.
- Picked up A LOT of garbage.

Sandy beach at Stream due West of Burritt Point

- Relocated TB
- Box still good for awhile

## June 21

Shoreline West of Peachy Island on Franklin (where we camped for Guide School in 2016)

- 1 TB in good shape
- flagged
- picked up garbage

Next Bay Down near Cracroft Rock

- 1TB in good shape other than the based was partly rotting – can be fixed later in the season
- the hole had not been used and was shallow - dug it a bit deeper
- signed and flagged
- dismantled fire pit
- picked up garbage

Bay Across from Savage Rocks (North of Savage Rocks)

- 1 TB in good shape
- flagged a better path to box
- picked up garbage

## **July 2**

### Winkler Island- West side of Franklin

- walked island and picked up any visible garbage
- Checked thunder box, looked good did not have to move it
- Found a balloon in the water

### North Gaspar Island

- Cleaned main fire pit (lots of paper towel)
- Relocated thunder box (dug new hole, made sure it is sturdy)
- South Gaspar Island

- Walked site in good condition minimal garbage
- Dug new hole for thunder box/relocated
- Beach Camp Site south of Mirror Lake
- Cleaned up garbage/walked camp site

### Dug new hole for thunder box and relocated Corbman Bay

- Walked both camp sites picked up garbage
- Checked 2 thunder boxes both in good shape don't need to be moved
- Posted a OIP sign near south thunder box

## **July 11**

### Goodkey Island

- walked island and picked up any visible garbage
- Dismantled any fire pits

## **July 11**

### Green Island- South East Site

- Walked site and picked up any garbage
- Cleared brush/fallen trees and flagged trail to thunder box
- Stirred box (lots of space left)

### Green Island- South West Site

- Walked site and picked up any garbage
- Dismantled and cleaned up fire pit
- Checked and stirred thunder box (fair amount of space left)
- Put up toilet sign

### Green Island- North West Site

- Walked site and picked up any garbage
- Relocated thunder box
- Cleared path and improved marking

### Green Island- North Site

- Walked site and picked up any garbage
- Checked and stirred thunder box (fair amount of space left)
- Cleared some brush on path

### Dart Island- West Site

- Walked site and picked up any garbage
- Checked and stirred thunder box (lots of space left)

### Big McCoy- South Site

- Walked site and picked up any garbage
- Relocated thunder box

- Flagged and cleared trail
- Educated campers

## **July 30<sup>th</sup>**

Big Mcoy- North site

- North end of island fire places have been dismantled
- Thunder boxes checked and are still in good condition

## **August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Snake Island- South end

- Moved thunder box
- Picked up garbage

## **August 28<sup>th</sup> Franklin Island**

Corbman Bay

- Checked thunder boxes
- Posted blue signs
- Dismantled fire pits
- Picked up garbage

Burritt Point

- Checked thunder box
- Picked up garbage
- Site was in good condition

Hunters paradise

- No thunderbox
- Cleaned up garbage

Regatta Bay

- Installed new thunder box
- Posted OIP sign
- Posted blue washroom sign

Little lakes

- Dismantled fire pits
- No thunder boxes in these sites
- Cleaned a large amount of garbage from multiple locations

## **Sept. 7/8 Franklin Island**

Henrietta Point

- Checked thunder boxes – repositioned north and middle ones
- Posted blue signs
- Dismantled 3 fire pits
- Picked up garbage
- New hole for south box
- Planted 4 trees on Point!

## **Oct. 22 Franklin Island**

First Inlet north of Henrietta Pt.

- checked 3 thunderboxes on campsite due south of inlet entrance
- picked up garbage and removed excess signs
- signs of bear on site – damaged outdoor gear
- checked 2 other sites further down back inlet behind point
- cleaned 3 firepits – removed rocks – picked up garbage