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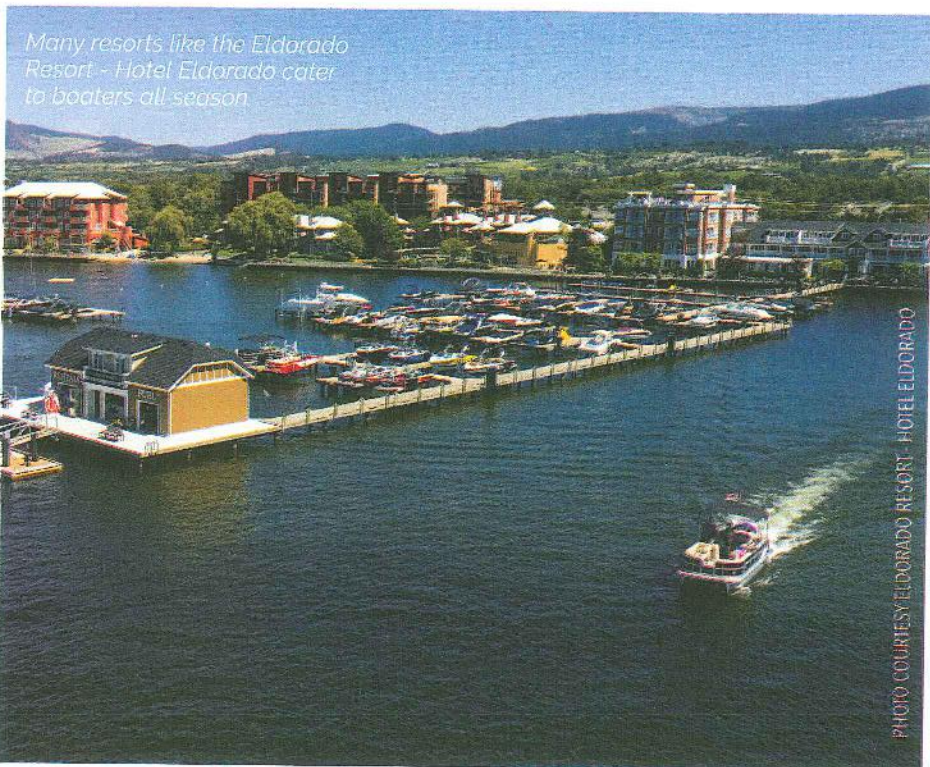
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# Boating Season is Here IN THE TRI-LAKES

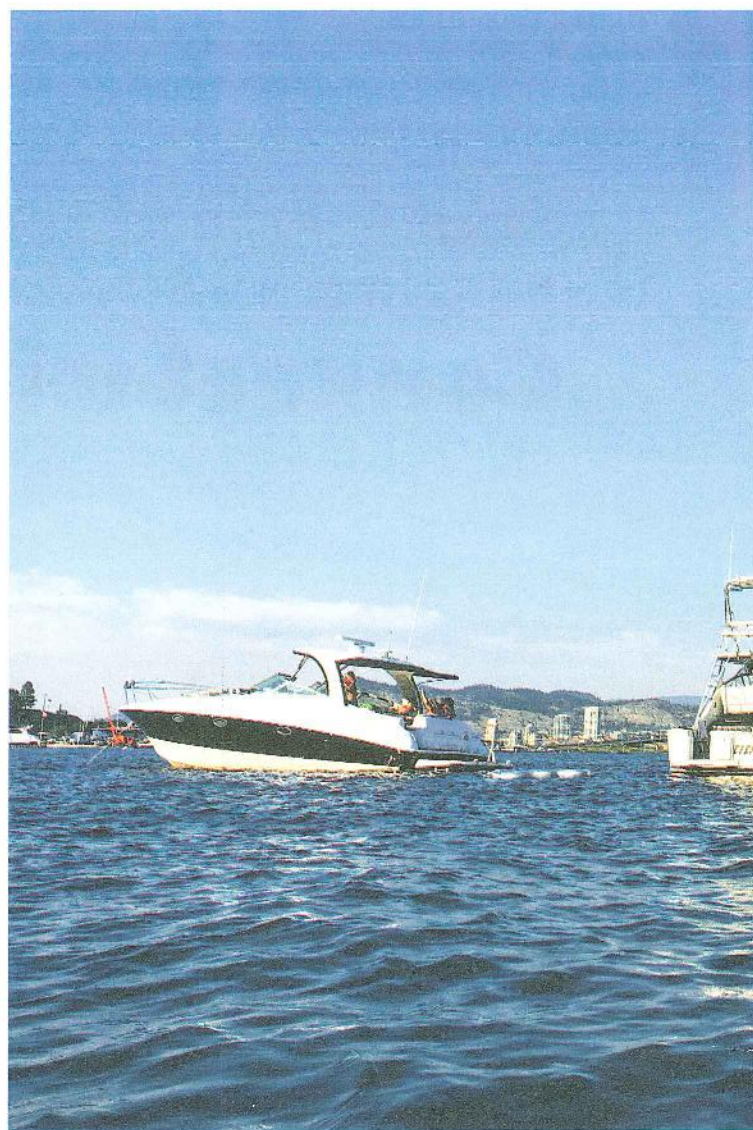
**W**ith a well-rounded line-up of editorial as well as comprehensive maps of popular cruising areas and details about what to see and do, our 2023 *SunCruiser Okanagan* serves as a premier guide to enhance your boating season in the Tri-Lakes this year.

Consisting of three main communities - Penticton, Kelowna and Vernon - with a number of exciting rural communities and lakes, the region is considered the main hub of the Okanagan Valley. It successfully caters to transient boaters, those with a boat in a seasonal slip at a marina, and local outdoor enthusiasts alike.

Kelowna is the largest city in the Tri-Lakes and is a good starting point to begin your experiences. Luxury resorts like the Eldorado Resort - Hotel Eldorado and its adjoining marina, the downtown district with its eclectic dining and shopping options, plus several events and festivals are all exciting attractions to enjoy in the summer and fall.

What's special about the Okanagan Valley's largest city is all the places of interest outdoors. For instance, an easily accessible day trip is the Kelowna Paddle Trail designated for kayakers, canoeists, and SUP enthusiasts. This passage spans 27 km (17 mi) from McKinley Beach to Bertram Creek Regional Park, is suitable for all skill levels and has several marked buoys as well as beaches, parks and resorts along the way. It's the perfect route to discover the immediate area.

However, we always recommend that you go further. Every year, we highlight a few provincial parks, and Kalamalka



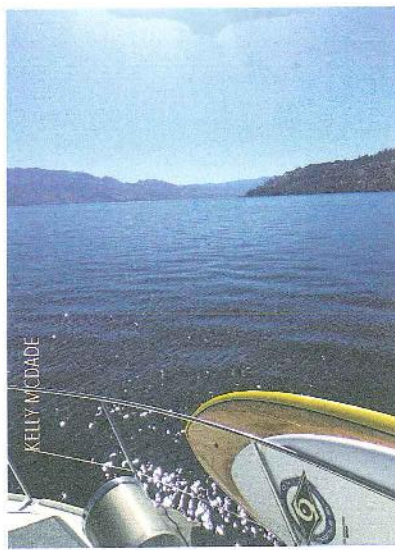
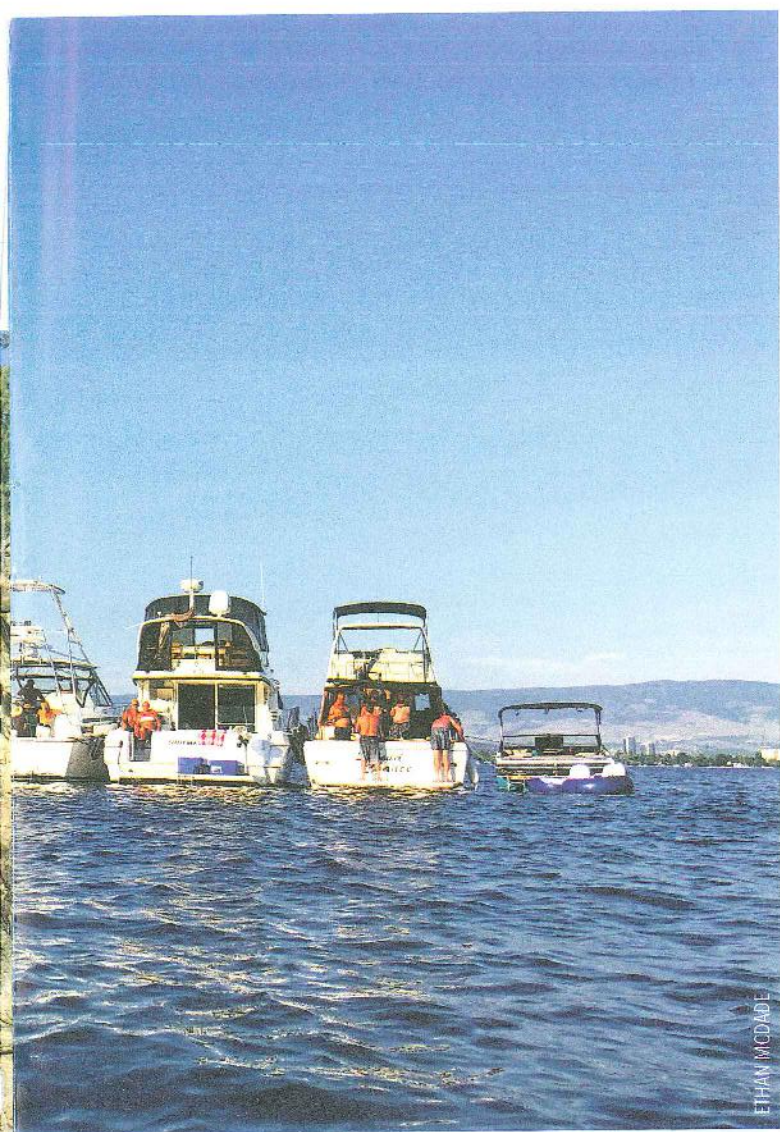
Lake and Fintry are great choices. From scenic isolated anchorages and open water to many amenities, both can enhance day - or multi-day - trips. Boater-friendly, the parks' launch ramps are easily accessible, the beaches are relaxing, and the water is always refreshing to cool off from the hot summer sun.

Of course, the Tri-Lakes isn't complete without a trip south to Penticton, whether it's under the power of your boat on Okanagan Lake or with a boat in tow on the major scenic highways. What makes the trip worthwhile is you can stop in Summerland or Peachland at a shoreside restaurant, a pub to sample local craft brews or stroll quaint downtown districts where you'll always find something unique in the local shops.

Penticton is also exciting and known for having some of the best beaches in the Okanagan, if not BC. Skaha Lake is perfect for boating and water sports and there's an accommodating marina offering easy access to the water and services.

Of special mention, however, are the number of wineries and vineyards throughout the Tri-Lakes area. Many have been recognized on national and international stages and local wine producers continually make efforts to enhance your vineyard experience. Bring home a bottle of pinot noir or a





Clockwise from left: Cooling off and chilling at an anchorage. The open water leads to a variety of activities and new experiences. Frind Estate Winery. Many vineyards in the region have scenic, relaxing grounds. Downtown Kelowna and its waterfront.



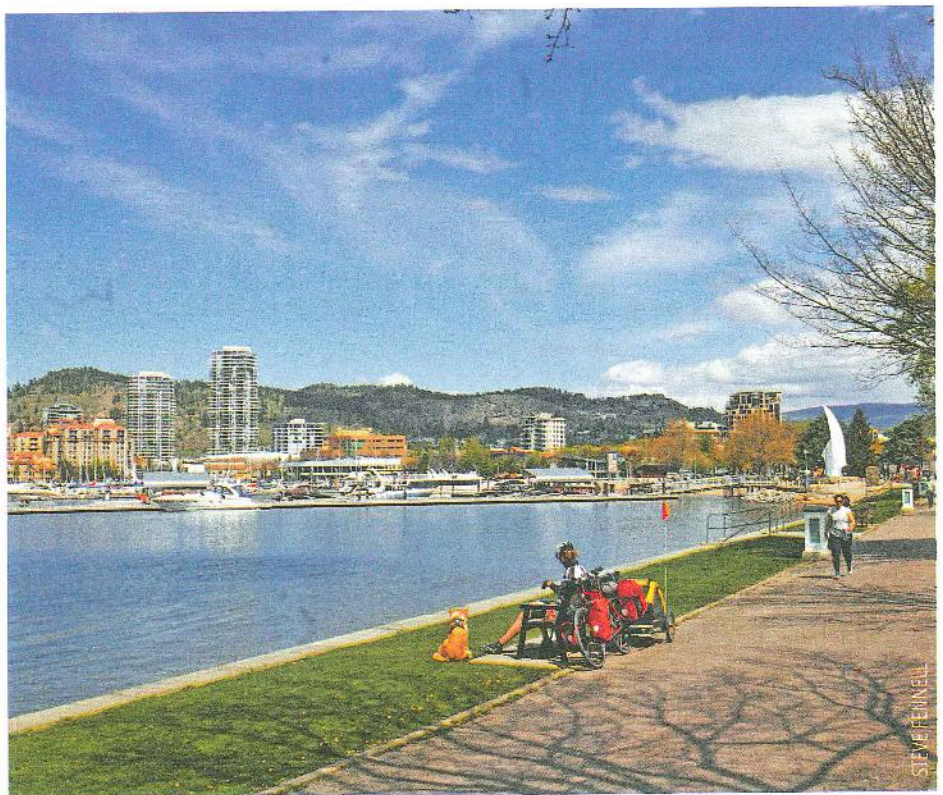
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flavourful, crisp chardonnay. Chances are likely you'll return for more.

While we have highlighted all of these details and more in the following pages, we like to stress the importance of boating safety. In this issue of *SunCruiser Okanagan*, the detailed maps outline hazards and unmarked obstructions in full detail to ensure safe passage wherever your boating trip leads you. Nevertheless, using current charts and/or the latest mapping software is strongly suggested to ensure precise navigation.

Remember, mandatory safety gear as outlined by Transport Canada should be on board your boat at all times when you're on the water and in working condition. What is just as important is being respectful along the waterways and courteous to other boaters. It just makes a day even more enjoyable for everyone throughout the Tri-Lakes region.



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## HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

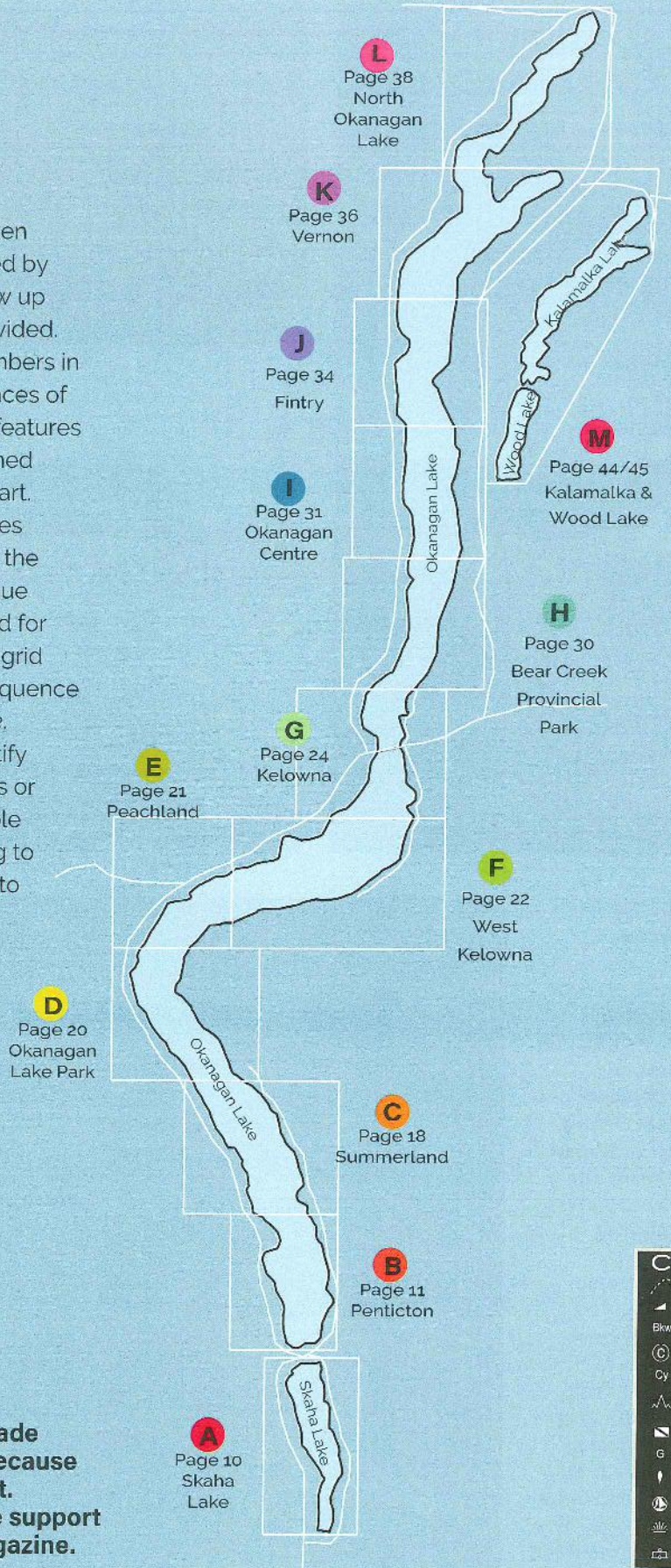
The area covered in each *SunCruiser Magazine* is broken down into chartlets identified by letters. The page of the blow up for each chartlet is also provided. On the chart pages, the numbers in the black circles identify places of interest, hazards, shoreline features and more. These are explained in the text opposite each chart. We used the one minute lines of latitude and longitude on the chart pages to create a unique grid system that can be used for a multitude of purposes. All grid squares are numbered in sequence in each *SunCruiser Magazine*. Use the grid system to identify your favourite beaches, bays or fishing spots. It's also valuable in emergencies when having to communicate your location to search and rescue officials.



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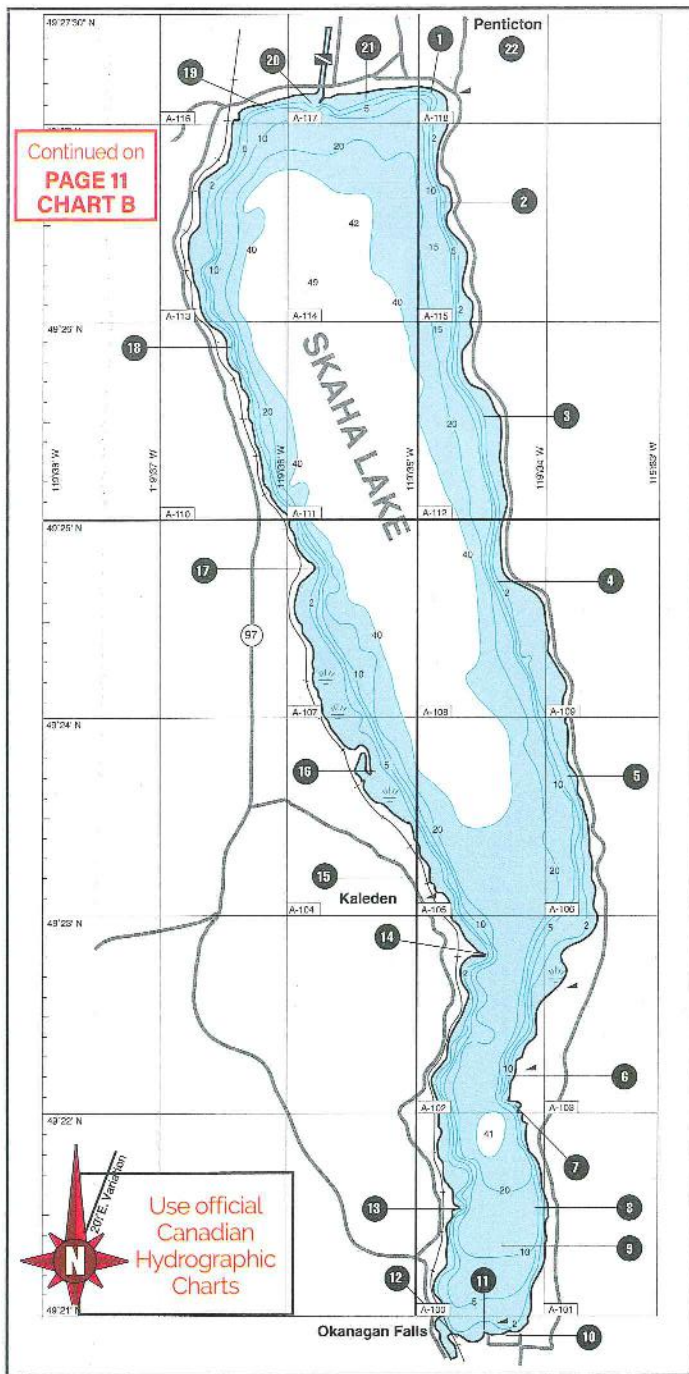
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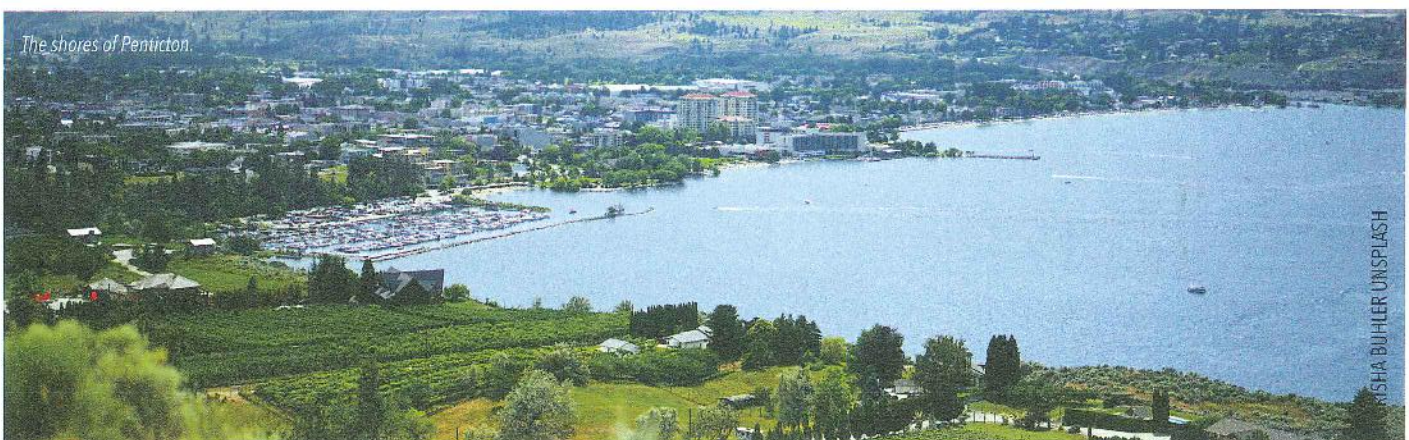
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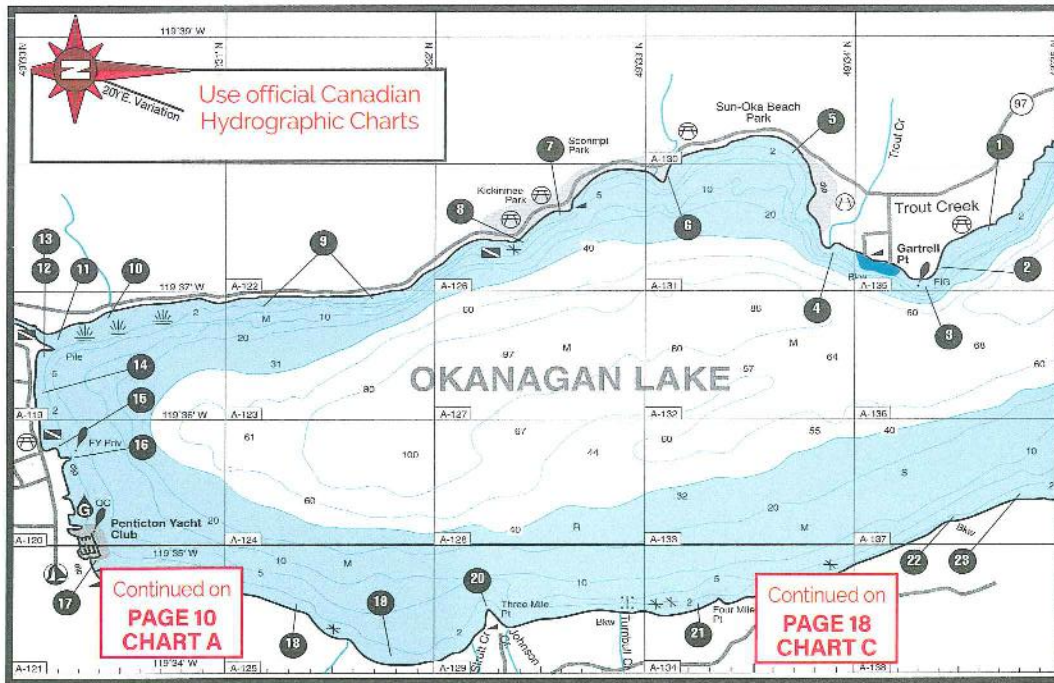
# A SKAHA LAKE



1. Beautiful beaches and concessions by the park.
2. Private beaches and docks past the breakwater for 800 m south. Rocky shores - no beaching.
3. Marshy area with rocky shores. No beaching for 800 m south.
4. Small boat launch - marshy areas on both sides and shallow water.
5. Some residential areas with private beaches and docks. Shallow water with rocky shores - no beaching.
6. Private beaches north and south of the boat launch - located in the centre of a residential area.
7. Scenic area within a quiet, picturesque bay - a large brown house rests on an immense rock outcrop along the shore line.
8. Residential area with private beaches and docks to the south end of the lake. No beaching.
9. Two red channel marker buoys - not to be used as moorage buoys.
10. Very nice large park. Pull up a picnic table and enjoy the vista.
11. Do not anchor near the 2 m cable sign and stay clear of the island.
12. Kiwanis Gardens - For your utility and enjoyment. Picnic tables, park benches, lagoons, and a walking bridge constitute this beautiful park. Do not enter the old trestle area to the north and there are private beaches and docks to the east.
13. Nice log home located on the point. Rocky shores south of the trestles and for 1.6 km north - no beaching.
14. Ponderosa Point - Private beach - no PWC's in the bay. The bay provides shelter from north and south winds.
15. Kaleden Pioneer Park - A very old, large, abandoned stone building that stands four stories high and rests in the park. It was dedicated to the founder, James Ritchie, and to the pioneering families who helped settle and develop Kaleden on April 25, 1982. There is a boat launch and fire pits but overnight camping is not permitted - stay clear of swimming areas.
16. Do not enter this area as the water is very shallow and marshy - rocky shores for 1.6 km south.
17. Shelter from the north winds to the south of the point and from south winds to the north.
18. Rocky shores with marshy areas. No beaching up to the north end of the lake.
19. A beautiful beach that is perfect for beaching and enjoying the summer sun. The Pentiction airport is just past the highway. Be wary of the constant flow of traffic in this part of the lake.
20. Okanagan River Channel - Do not enter this channel at any time as it is usually saturated with people on tubes.
21. Skaha Beach - Large beaches, concessions, change rooms, a children's playground and volleyball and tennis courts make up this great, family-oriented beach.
22. Pentiction - To the nomadic Salish Natives "Pen-Tak-Tin" roughly meant "this was a place to stay forever." While gazing upon the area, in 1866, Tom Ellis agreed - he built a great cattle ranch and planted a few fruit trees. Fifty years later the orchards had spread across the ranch lands and today, the beautiful ranches and the multitude of fruit trees make Pentiction a great place to visit and live as thousands of residents will attest.



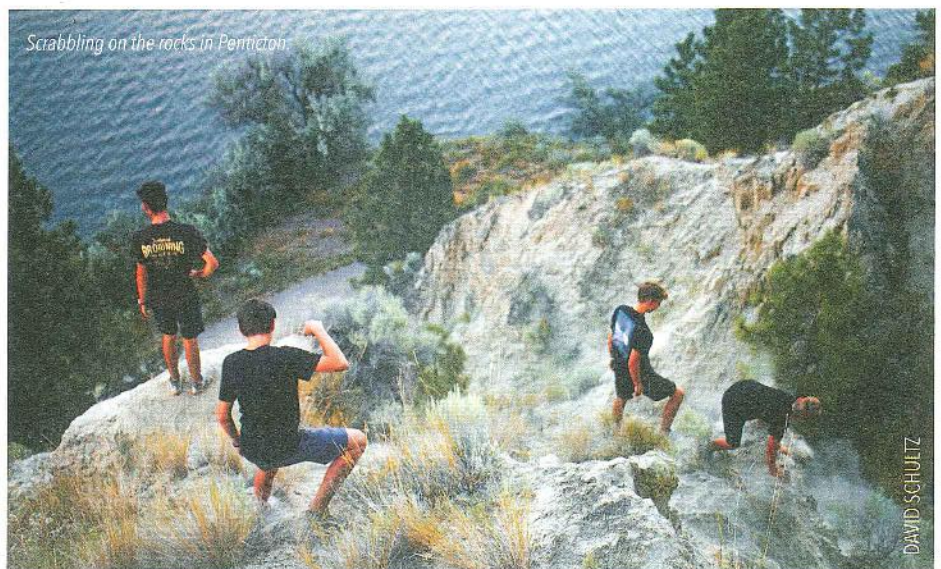




1. Shallow bay with shelter from south winds. Private beaches and docks so no beaching for 800 m north.
2. Powell Beach – Nice sandy beaches southeast of the light with picnic tables, washrooms, a tennis court and a children's playground - provides shelter from south winds.
3. Gartrell Point – Light – Named after James Gartrell who, in May 1885, owned the first commercial orchard in the Okanagan Valley. Do not enter the small private canal.
4. Steadfast Canadian flag by Trout Creek - Respect private beaches and docks. Boat launch is located south of the south point at the end of the road.
5. Sun-Oka Beach Park – A beautiful bay with sandy beaching areas in the west corner and the east end. Picnic tables, fire pits, washrooms and a children's playground sit on 550 m of shoreline. Shelter from north winds here along with a marked swimming area, beaching and camping from 7:00 am until dusk.
6. Pyramid Picnic Park – Nice beaching areas with picnic tables and washrooms. Shelter is provided from south winds to the north.
7. Soorimpt Picnic Park – Sandy beaching area with picnic tables, a washroom and boat launch. Shelter from south winds on the north side.
8. Kickinnee Park – A good day-use, sandy beaching area with picnic tables and a washroom. Watch for rocks and beach with care. Divers – novice discovery item; there is a boat at the bottom.
9. Marshy areas and a rocky shore situated in and around shallow water. There is no beaching from Kickinnee Park south to the channel.
10. Private beaches with two large docks.
11. Okanagan River Channel – Do not enter this area and stay clear of the old pilings. It is the only connection from Okanagan Lake to Skaha Lake. Good drift diving and snorkeling.
12. S.S. Naramata – In 1913, the second ever CPR tug boat went into service on the Okanagan Lake. It was built

- at Port Arthur, Ontario by the Port Arthur Drydock & Shipbuilding Company and was assembled at Okanagan Landing. It is 27 m long and has a beam of 6 m. When necessary it was used as an icebreaker. On the date of May 18, 1965, the S.S. Naramata experienced its last working voyage and was then towed to its present location. There is an old wharf in the area - watch for pilings.
13. S.S. Sicamous – She was the queen of Okanagan Lake and the show piece of the valley. Built in 1914 and costing \$180,000, she cruised Okanagan Lake for more than three decades under Captains like Estabrooks, W. Kirby, G. Robertson and the unforgettable Joe Weeks. The daily passenger service from Kelowna to Penticton was discontinued in 1931. On July 23, 1937, the S.S. Sicamous transported passengers for the last time.
14. Okanagan Beach – Beautiful, sandy beaches with washrooms, a children's playground and marked swimming area. Boats are not allowed between the

- a very secluded area awaits those who endeavor. There are some less risky beaching areas to the south.
15. Rotary Park – Sandy beaches, picnic tables and a playground - the start and finish points of the annual 2.4 km swim, 112 km bike ride, 26.2 km run Ironman Canada Triathlon Championship.
16. Kiwanis Walking Pier – Light - The Canadian, British Columbia and United States flags are flown here. There is a large public beach on the east side and a beaching area on the west side of the pier.
17. Penticton Yacht Club (250-770-2000) – Washrooms and showers are made available for members and guests. There is a boat launch in the east bay behind rock break water.
18. Pebble and sandy beaches north to the point –beach with care. Beaching is difficult beneath the rock walls but
19. A beautiful bay with rocky shores. Respect the private property signs to the south but some secluded beaching can be found at the north end of the bay which will provide shelter from north winds.
20. Three Mile Beach – Fire pit, washrooms and a boat launch are located here. There is a nice beach south of the point. Nice beaches north of the point with a swimming area and shelter from south winds.
21. Two large estates at the point with small beaching areas to the south.
22. Private beaches and docks on the point. Small beaching areas south 1.6 km. Careful of underwater hazards here.
23. Large home with a rock retaining wall - some beaching areas.





# 4 Ways to Enjoy the Tri-Lakes

By Steve Fennell

*Paddlesports, fishing, provincial parks and local services all provide excellent opportunities to discover the Okanagan on the water.*

Spending time at an anchorage is one of the most popular pastimes for recreational boaters in the Tri-Lakes. Once you're tied off on a mooring ball, you can take a tender to discover an area, go for a paddle on your SUP, enjoy some fishing or dive the depths snorkelling or scuba diving. The best part of this region is you can enhance your game from one day to the next in a different area for new, exciting on-water experiences.

The activities associated with the water are what make the boating lifestyle so enjoyable. We share a few ideas to heighten your experiences on the water.

## KELOWNA PADDLE TRAIL

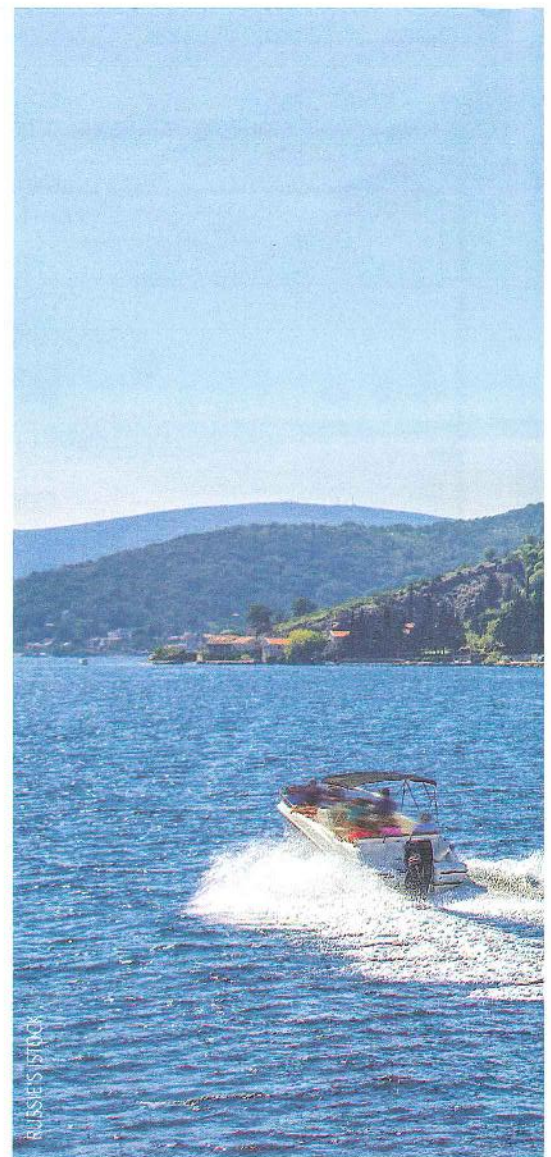
Paddling is big here. If you're looking for a little more adventure beyond an anchorage, the Kelowna Paddle Trail is a 27 km (17 mi) designated route for canoeists, kayakers, and SUP enthusiasts.

Introduced in 2018, this paddle-friendly passage is suitable for all skill levels and leads from McKinley Beach to Bertram Creek Regional Park on the east side of the lake. There are several marked buoys along the way and you'll pass approximately 20 beaches, parks with camping, resorts and downtown Kelowna. Launches are also ideally situated so you can start or finish at various points.

## PLAN A DAY TRIP TO KAL BEACH AND KALAMALKA LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK

The Tri-Lakes has many beaches but if your travels lead to Kalamalka Lake in the provincial park of the same name, Kal Beach is a great destination. There are many new opportunities to enjoy a variety of watersports and it's another interesting area to experience the region.

Kalamalka Lake has a surface area of approximately 25.7 sq km (10 sq mi).

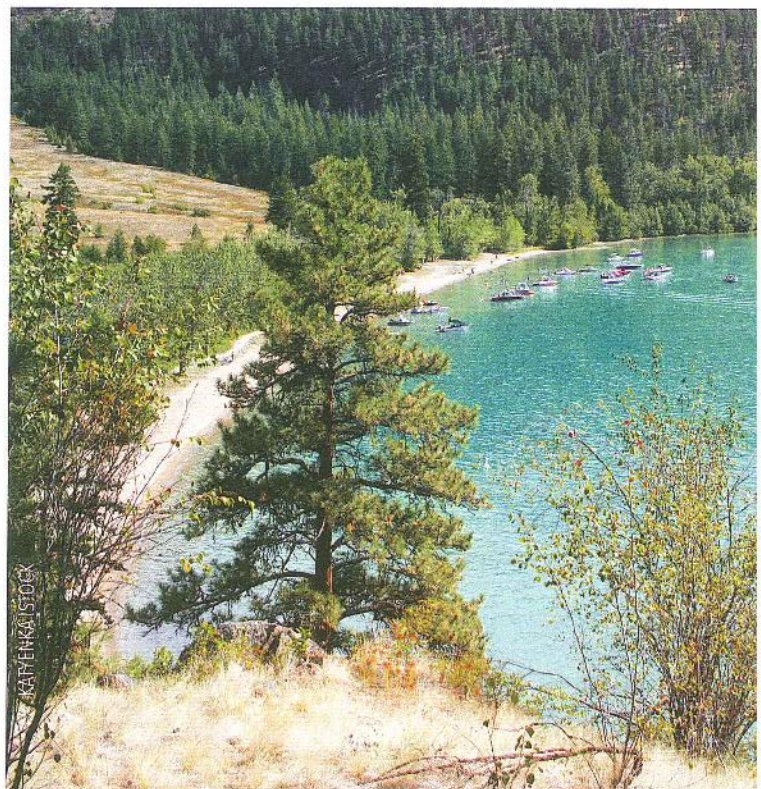
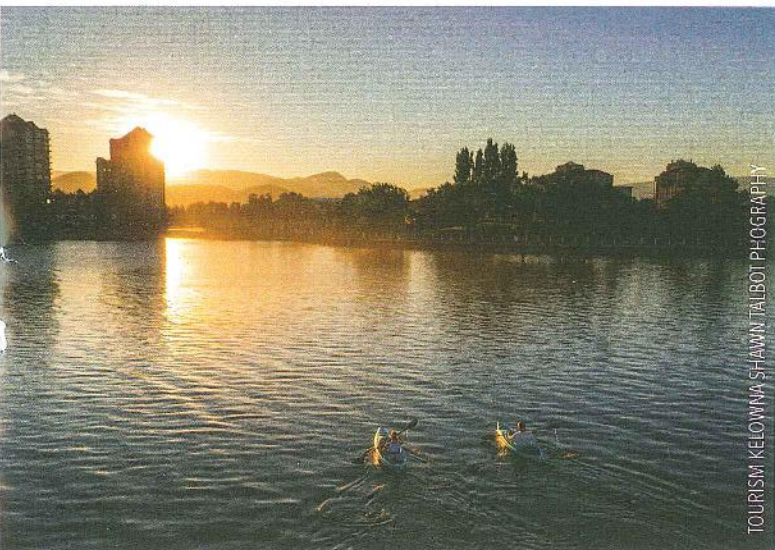


While there are a number of anchorages, it also has an average depth of 60 m (197 ft) making it ideal for an assortment of watersports and fishing. The Kalavista Boat Launch is about one minute from the beach and after a morning of trolling or tubing, you can easily drop anchor off its shore or spend some time basking in the sun.

When hunger strikes, Alexander's Beach Pub is nearby and the beach's sheltered areas and facilities are great for picnics. You can also lounge along the 300 m (984 ft) stretch of sand, enjoy swimming off of the Kalamalka Lake Rotary Pier, or play beach volleyball. Paddleboard, bike and eBike rentals are available at the Kalavida Surf Shop just across the road.

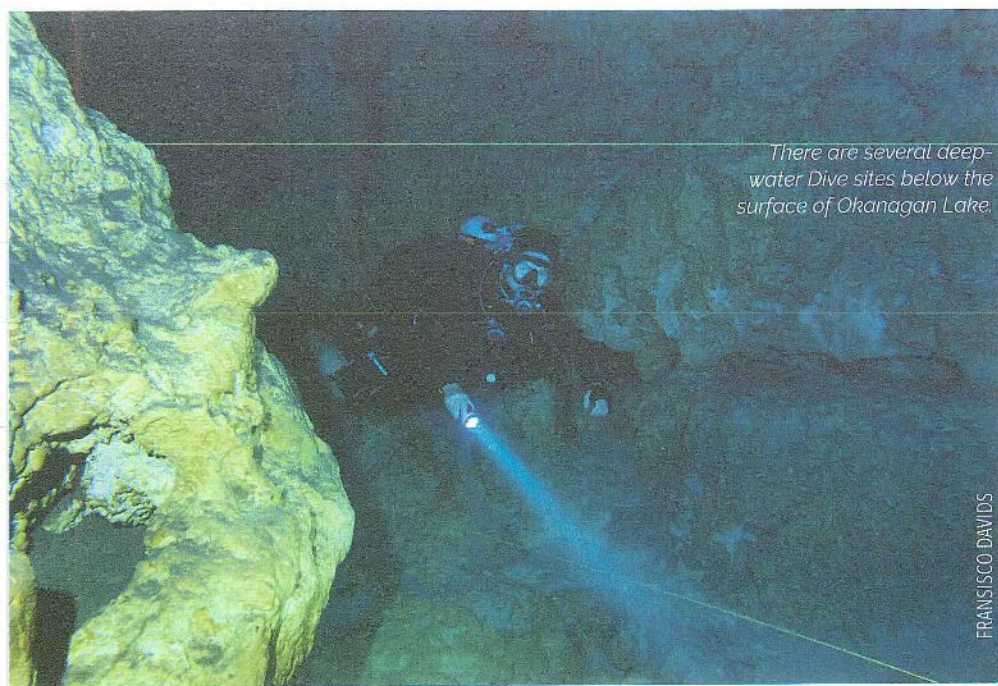
After some 'beach time,' head further into the park and hit any one of the six hiking trails. Most are rated easy (one is considered moderate) and range in length from 1 to 2.5 km (.6 to 1.5 mi).





*Clockwise from top: Cruising to new areas leads to exciting experiences regardless of your game. Just one of the anchorages on Kalamalka Lake.. The Kelowna Paddle Trail is a great way to spend some time on Okanagan Lake.*





*There are several deep-water Dive sites below the surface of Okanagan Lake.*

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Mountain Bikes and eBikes are also allowed at designated areas throughout the park.

If you really like beaches, Skaha Lake Park to the south in Penticton and Boyce-Gyro Park Beach in Kelowna are other well-known areas to visit.

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### SCUBA DIVING

If you're serious about diving, have proper certification and are equipped with all of the mandatory gear. Okanagan Lake has a variety of sites for all skill levels. Here are three to consider:

#### Squally Point

Just south of Peachland and the popular anchorages around Rattlesnake Island on Okanagan Lake, this is a site for advanced divers. Accessible only by boat, the best area to anchor is south of the bay. The underwater adventure begins at about 30 m (100 ft) off the point and 6 m (20 ft) below the surface where you'll find a cave entrance. According to locals, this is where the legendary Ogopogo lives and is recommended to only explore the entrance and surrounding area. Lights and the proper diving certifications are recommended.

#### Paul's Tomb

An ideal site for novices, Paul's Tomb is located off the shores of Knox Mountain Park and it's best to access the area by boat. The dive starts at the drop-off approximately 3 - 4 m (10 - 13 ft) from

the shore and once under the surface at about 7 m (25 ft), you'll see an Ogopogo statue. To the north are two small boat wrecks at 9 m (30 ft).

#### The Barge/Fintry Park

The depths here are another great area for beginners and can be accessed by boat or by car from Fintry Delta Rd. just off Westside Rd. The drop off is 5 m (15 ft) from shore and once below the water, you'll find a sunken Canadian Pacific Railway Barge at about 8 to 18 m (25 to 60 ft). It's (mostly) intact and while

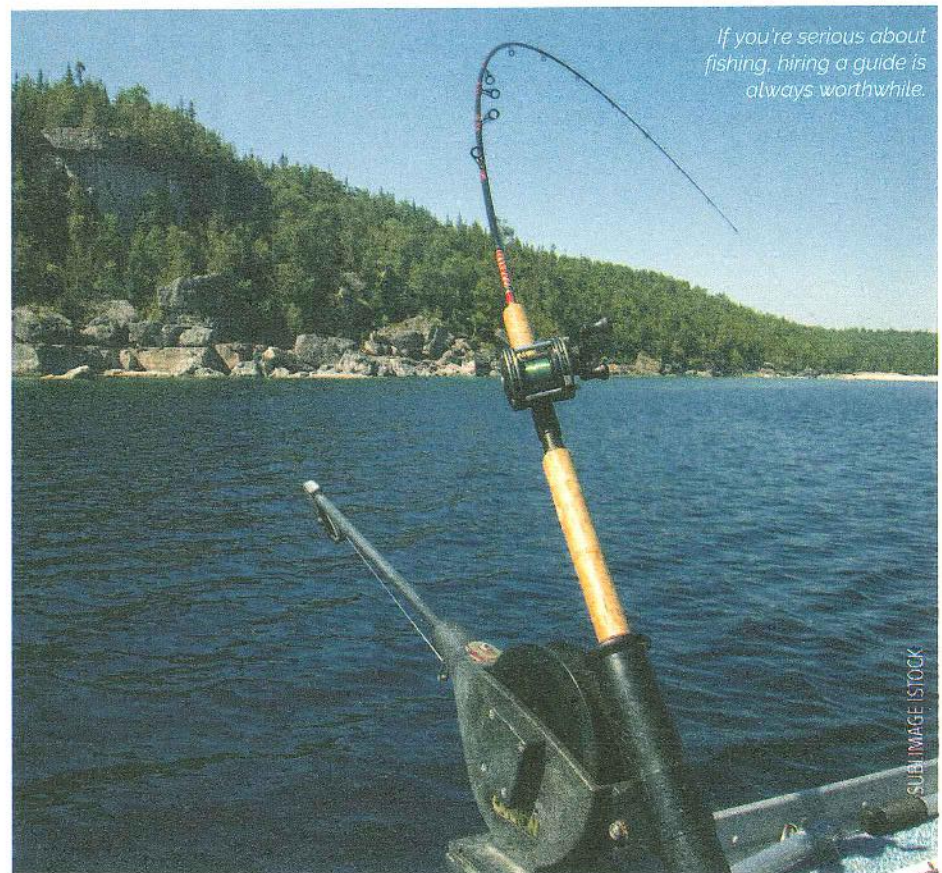
the interior can be explored, use caution as there are enclosed spaces.

Keep in mind, the best visibility is during the spring and fall (5 - 9 m (15-30 ft)) with lower visibility in the summer (.6 - 1.5 m (2-5 ft)). For more information and diving opportunities visit [www.tourismkelowna.com](http://www.tourismkelowna.com).

### HIRE A FISHING GUIDE

New to the area? Having trouble landing that trophy salmon? Fishing guides are a great resource for anglers of all skill levels visiting the region. Experts at their craft, guides in the Okanagan live and breathe the sport and it's worth hiring a charter to get the most out of your fishing experiences. In addition to providing fully-equipped modern boats with current gear, equipment and the utmost comfort, popular species you'll likely catch include rainbow trout, salmon and Kokanee.

While guides may not share all of their trade-craft, they are there to help you catch fish. They will provide an easier learning curve to be successful by going to specific locations, suggesting presentations and showing you certain styles. Tips and tricks are employed as well.




*If you're serious about fishing, hiring a guide is always worthwhile.*

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By Steve Fennell

# Fuel-Saving TIPS to Practice this season

**W**ith gas prices expected to hover near \$2.00 per litre and even more so for diesel on the water this year, it just makes sense to conserve fuel as best as possible whether you regularly plan long-distance trips or enjoy short cruises to your favourite local destination.

Marine engine manufacturers have made great strides in providing the best fuel economy possible with cleaner burning, more efficient power plants. However, there are a number of best practices you can still do to get the most value per tank. You just may realize you'll reduce trips to the fuel dock, spend more time on the water and enjoy the added savings.

## PLAN A BOATING TRIP THE SMART WAY

Visiting a new destination can be one of the highlights of your boating season. Yet, when you're going to an area you have never been to before, getting lost can result in burning unnecessary fuel that could have been easily avoided. Studying regional charts and knowing the exact navigation coordinates will steer you in the right direction every time and even allow you to budget fuel costs and running times more precisely.

## BOAT HULL CARE

Your boat hull is out of sight most of the time but that doesn't mean it should be ignored. The build up of sea life and other marine debris accumulates on the bottom and can affect your boat's performance and fuel economy.



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If you keep your boat in a slip during the season, a good practice is planning some time for a haul-out and doing a good bottom cleaning. Better yet, applying a coat of anti-fouling paint will help eliminate the build-up of debris. You'll be surprised how a clean hull will perform better and reduce fuel consumption.

## CHECK YOUR PROP AND TRIM TABS

Your engine prop is one of the essential components to ensure optimum performance and a damaged one can increase fuel consumption by approximately 10 percent, depending on its condition. In addition to checking for nicks, dings, and bent blades, look for signs of wear.

This may include faded matte surfaces and pointed or blunt edges on the blade(s), which results in higher revving and less fuel efficiency.

If you experience some or all of these points, have your prop repaired or replaced. One option is a stainless steel prop. While they are more expensive than aluminum, the thinner stainless steel blades are designed to create less drag and since they don't flex as much as their aluminum counterparts, you'll achieve higher top-end speeds, better fuel economy and range.

When looking at the lower unit of your engine, take time to make sure your trim tabs are free of damage. Although they are designed to prevent plowing, decrease drag and allow your boat to plane quicker at a lower RPM, the exact opposite can happen when they are not working as they should and increase fuel consumption.

## REDUCE WEIGHT

Weight is another form of drag and the pounds of all your onboard gear add up quickly. Boats are engineered to perform optimally according to their payload or gross load, which is the weight your boat can manage and properly operate with passengers, gear, water toys, waste tanks and other essentials. The maximum load can easily be found on your boat's capacity plate or in the owner's manual.

Remember, a heavily loaded boat increases the wetted surface of the

hull and as result, causes more friction between the bottom and water. This not only reduces speed but increases fuel consumption as the engine is forced to work much harder than with a lighter load.

There are many ways to reduce weight while still maintaining onboard safety, enjoyment and convenience. Go through all designated storage areas, wardrobes, and cupboards deciding what is essential and what isn't. Avoid doubling or tripling up with the same items and closely monitor the weight of clothing, towels, kitchenware, and even appliances. Weight can also be reduced by routinely emptying the gray or black water tanks and only running with a full fresh water tank when needed.

## ENSURE PROPER ENGINE SERVICE

A marine engine performs to its maximum potential and fuel economy when it's well-maintained. Most should be serviced about every 100 hours, but it's always a good idea to check fuel/air filters to remove unwanted particles. Also, the cooling and intake systems need to be clear of debris from the marine environment. Fuel additives are widely available to further clean engine parts and break down harmful substances.

## FINAL THOUGHTS AND MORE WAYS TO CONSERVE FUEL

Another good best practice is determining your boat's ideal cruising speed and fuel usage. The maximum running speed for most marine gas engines is between 4,800 and 6,000 rpm and engine manufacturers recommend a

fuel-friendly cruising speed of between 3,400 and 3,800 rpm.

This and other fuel economy details of your engine(s) can be obtained with a fuel flow monitoring system. Most current sterndrive and outboard manufacturers have integrated fuel flow monitoring systems as part of a larger engine network.

They are also available as an aftermarket upgrade and can be included as part of an NMEA 2000-connected system. Regardless of your choice, they are an invaluable tool at the helm.

For example, they can relay a variety of fuel data including litres consumed per hour (at a given speed), litres remaining, nautical miles per litre and distance to empty, providing all of the details to closely monitor fuel economy under various conditions.

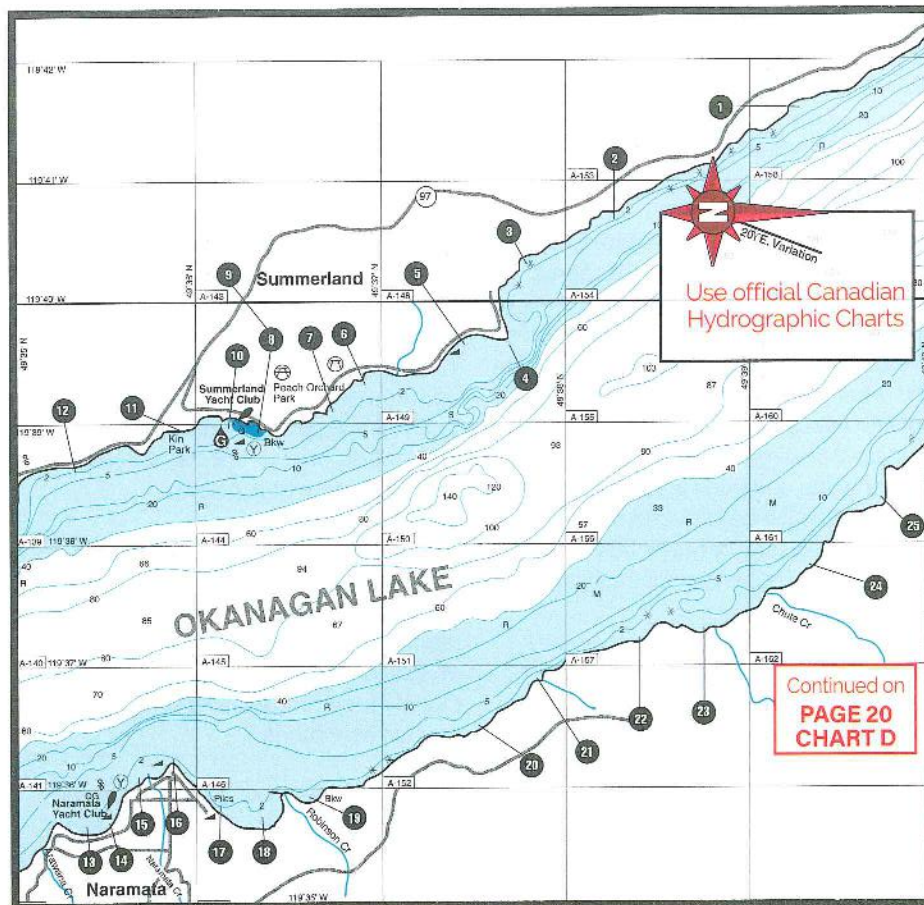
Completing some or all of the above best practices before and throughout the season will help improve your engine's fuel economy. They will also provide peace of mind knowing that you're not burning unnecessary gas or diesel and you're getting the best value per tank for every boating trip you experience this season.

*Clockwise from top left: There are several ways to increase fuel efficiency at the pumps. Your engine should be serviced every 100 hundred hours to ensure it's running efficiently. Make sure your hull is free of sea life and other debris to ensure optimal performance.*





# C SUMMERLAND



breakwater and a light. The bay immediately to the south provides sufficient shelter from north winds.

11. Kin Park – A great beach and children's playground is located here, but there is no beaching. The creek has a fish ladder to aid spawning fish.
12. Private beaches and docks. Be careful as the water is very shallow in this area.
13. Manitou Park – Beach with care for 400 m south. A beautiful bay with pebble beaches provides shelter from north winds. Watch for the pilings in the bay and the marked swimming area.
14. Naramata Yacht Club at naramatayachtclub@gmail.com. There is a park and beach on the east side –large breakwater with a light. Enter with care from the east end of the bay – shallow water. A boat launch and yearly memberships with various privileges are available.
15. Naramata Centre Park – Sandy beaches, water slide, benches, and a large dock. Swimming areas to the south and north. The Naramata II kid's boat is in the park just across the street from Naramata Centre Park. Private beaches and docks are located to the south. Caution: very shallow water.
16. Private beaches and docks south to Naramata Creek and north to the pilings. No beaching.
17. Old wharf with a small boat launch on the east side of the pilings.
18. Beautiful bay providing shelter from south winds. Avoid private beaches and docks. There is a small beach on the east side.
19. Beautiful Bay that offers shelter from south winds. Avoid private beaches and beach only in emergencies.

1. Some nice secluded beaching areas but beach with care.
2. Pebble day-beaches.
3. A nice secluded bay with sandy beaches – provides shelter from south winds. Beach with care.
4. Private beaches and docks located on both sides of the point. There is very shallow water for 150 m offshore up to the S.Y.C. orange marker.
5. The public boat launch is hard to see but there is a beaching area in the north corner of the bay that provides shelter from north winds.
6. Private beaches and docks for 400 m south and north – no beaching.
7. Peach Orchard Park – A playground, sandy beach, washrooms, picnic tables, marked swimming areas and a cement boat launch.
8. The C.P.R. wharf was the hub of the first community in the area. There were no roads along the lake so the Canadian Pacific Steamboats carried the first pioneers who were to set foot in Summerland. Rotary Beach has picnic tables, sandy beaches, and washrooms.
9. Summerland Trout Hatchery – The hatchery breeds rainbow trout and eastern char to stock 300 lakes with over two million fish each year. They have videos on fish habitat, fly tying and angling for anyone interested in luring the big one! Come with the family and friends to this self-guided tour. The hatchery is open seven days a week.
10. Summerland Yacht Club (250-494-8312). Three visitor mooring slips, gas, a pumpout, bar, and kitchen. Provides great accommodations for all boaters. The water depth is approximately 2 m with a large
20. Rocky shores – no beaching for 800 m south or north.
21. Nice sandy beach in the bay with extensive shelter from winds. There are beaching areas to the north for 800 m.
22. Small cove with some beaches to the north of the private beaches – beach with care. Shelter from north winds in the cove.
23. Small rock outcrop close to shore – stay clear. A "Cable" sign on shore may be used as a reference point. Some nice beaching areas are located in the area.
24. Some beaching areas – beach with care north of the private beaches and docks.
25. Paradise Ranch – Major Wilson once owned this land. This location is where they filmed My American Cousin. There are old pilings and a private beach with small pebble beaches to the north.

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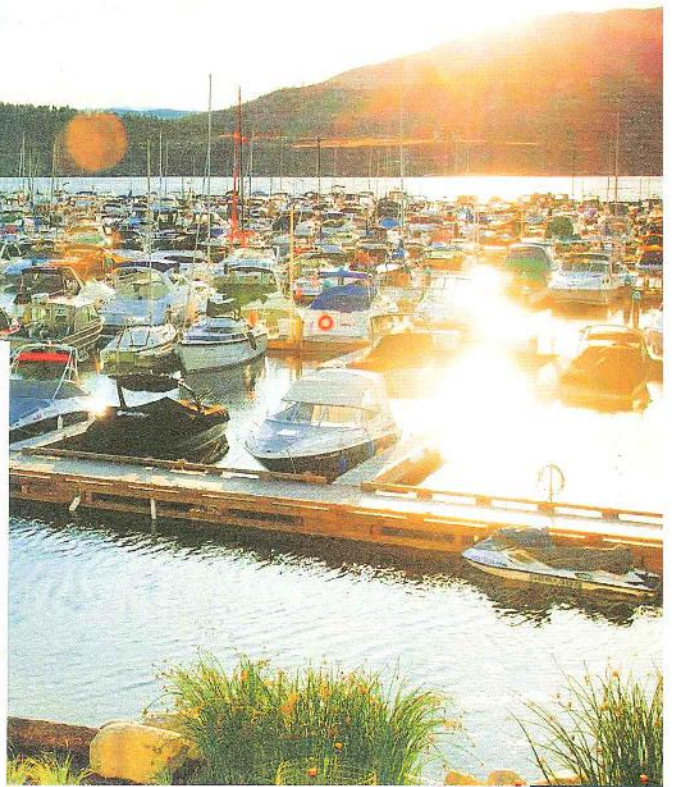
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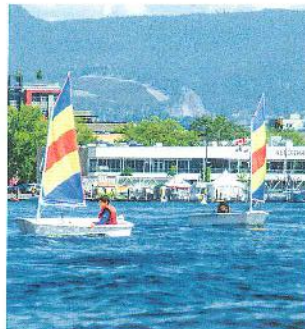
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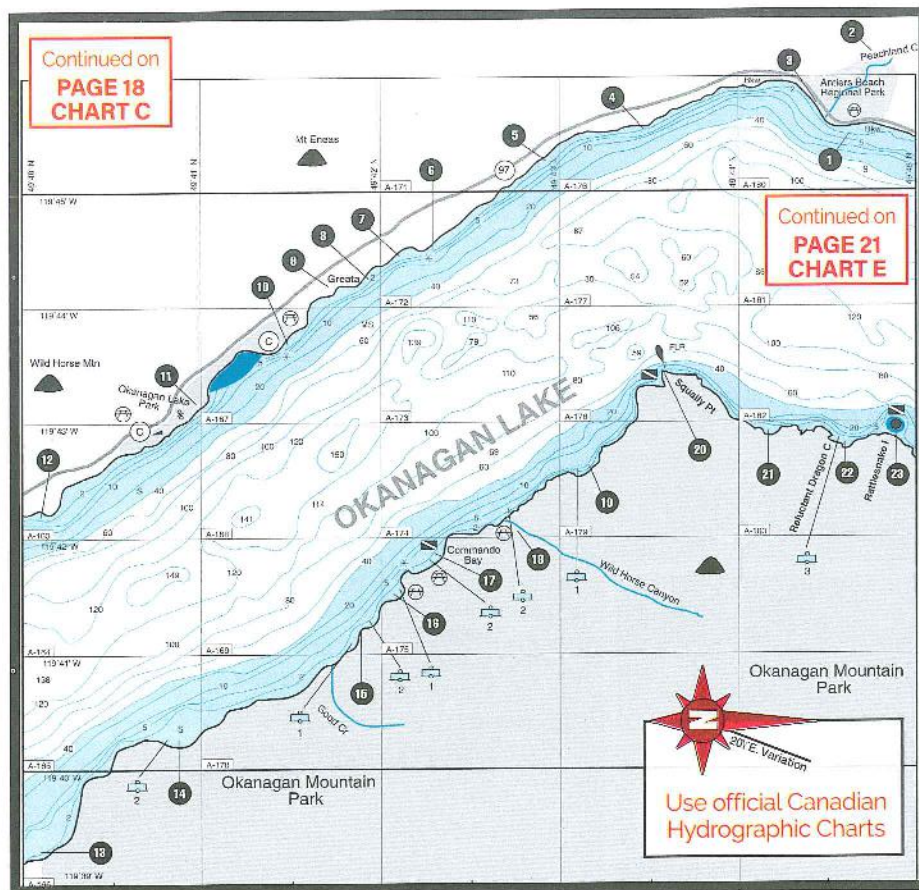
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# D OKANAGAN LAKE PARK



1. Very rocky point so no beaching.
2. Peachland Creek (Deep Creek) - Available parking and picnic area is located at the mouth of the creek. Hardy Falls is an easy ten-minute walk over small bridges on a well marked trail.
3. Antlers Beach Regional Park - A nice sandy beach with washrooms, picnic tables, and a marked swimming area.
4. Pebble foreshore with small beaching areas. Avoid private beaches and docks.
5. Rocky shores lined with private beaches and docks. There is no beaching for 400 m south or north.
6. Four rocks penetrate the surface so be careful when close to shore. Nice areas with pebble and rocky shores.

7. Good anchoring spot with shelter from south and north winds. There are pebble beaches to the north with one mooring buoy.
8. Watch for rocky shores and old pilings when beaching. Respect private beaches and docks.
9. Sufficient shelter from south winds in the bay but respect private beaches and docks. Greata was the largest ranch in the district in 1895. In 1899, G.H. Greata took the first water record and in 1900, he built a pipeline to Deep Creek. In 1996, Cedar Creek Winery opened Greata Ranch Winery here.
10. The north end of Okanagan Lake Park has campsites, picnic tables, beaching areas and swimming areas available for public use.

11. Okanagan Lake Park - Marked swimming areas, 68 campsites, picnic tables, washrooms, hiking trails, sandy beaches, and a playground are available for public use. You will find a cement boat launch at the south end and beaching areas with shelter from south winds in the north bay.
12. Beaching areas for 400 m south. Private beaches and docks north of the point.
13. Okanagan Mountain Park - This marks the south end of the park. Good overnight camping with shelter from north winds. Secluded sandy beaches with picnic tables north for 800 m.
14. A nice shallow bay with sandy beaches and two mooring buoys.
15. Two mooring buoys in the north bay and one in the south bay. Good beaching on either side of the point.
16. A small, secluded, overnight beach and one mooring buoy will provide shelter from north winds.
17. Commando Bay - A great destination point named Dunrobin's Bay after L. Race Dunrobin. This bay was used by a British special unit that used to train Commandos to work behind enemy lines. As news became public of the secret army activities that were being carried out in this area, it was renamed Commando Bay. Divers - there may be World War II articles in the bay. Two kinds of snakes inhabit the park (or they use to), one being the poisonous Rattlesnake with a broad triangular head and a rattle on its tail, and the other, a non-poisonous Gopher Snake with a slim pointed head and pointed tail. Three mooring buoys and shelter from north and south winds make for a nice beaching area. Watch for rock outcrops at the south point of the bay.

18. Wild Horse Canyon was named after herds of wild horses that roamed the canyon in the early 1900's. Today, it is a great place to lie up to one of the two moorage buoys. Located in a nice beaching area. Shelter from north winds.
19. This bay has a rock wall for 400 m north and south. No beaching.
20. Squally Point - Light - Native legend has it that the lake's great sea serpent N-ha-a-itk (Ogopogo) makes its home in a cave here. Small animals were once carried to Squally Point in canoes to quell the serpent. Stay clear of the rock walls and watch for south winds but good shelter is provided from north winds in the south bay. No beaching for 400 m south or north. Divers - Qualified divers only. A cavern entrance that can be explored lies 100 feet from the point and 20 feet down. Take lights and be cautious.

21. Nice bay with shelter from north and south winds. Rock walls line the shore, so stay clear and use caution. There is a private dock in the north bay.
22. Reluctant Dragon - Secluded beach with an outhouse, three mooring buoys and shelter from north and south winds. Beach with care in the south corner.
23. Rattlesnake Island - It is not recommended to go between the island and the shore for the depth of the channel is shallow. The island has a small bay on the south side for refuge of small boats only. Very rocky shore so beach with care. Watch for rocks close to the surface on the north/west corner of the island. Divers - there are small caves on the west side with rock formations and sheer drop-offs. Old docks are located on the north side.

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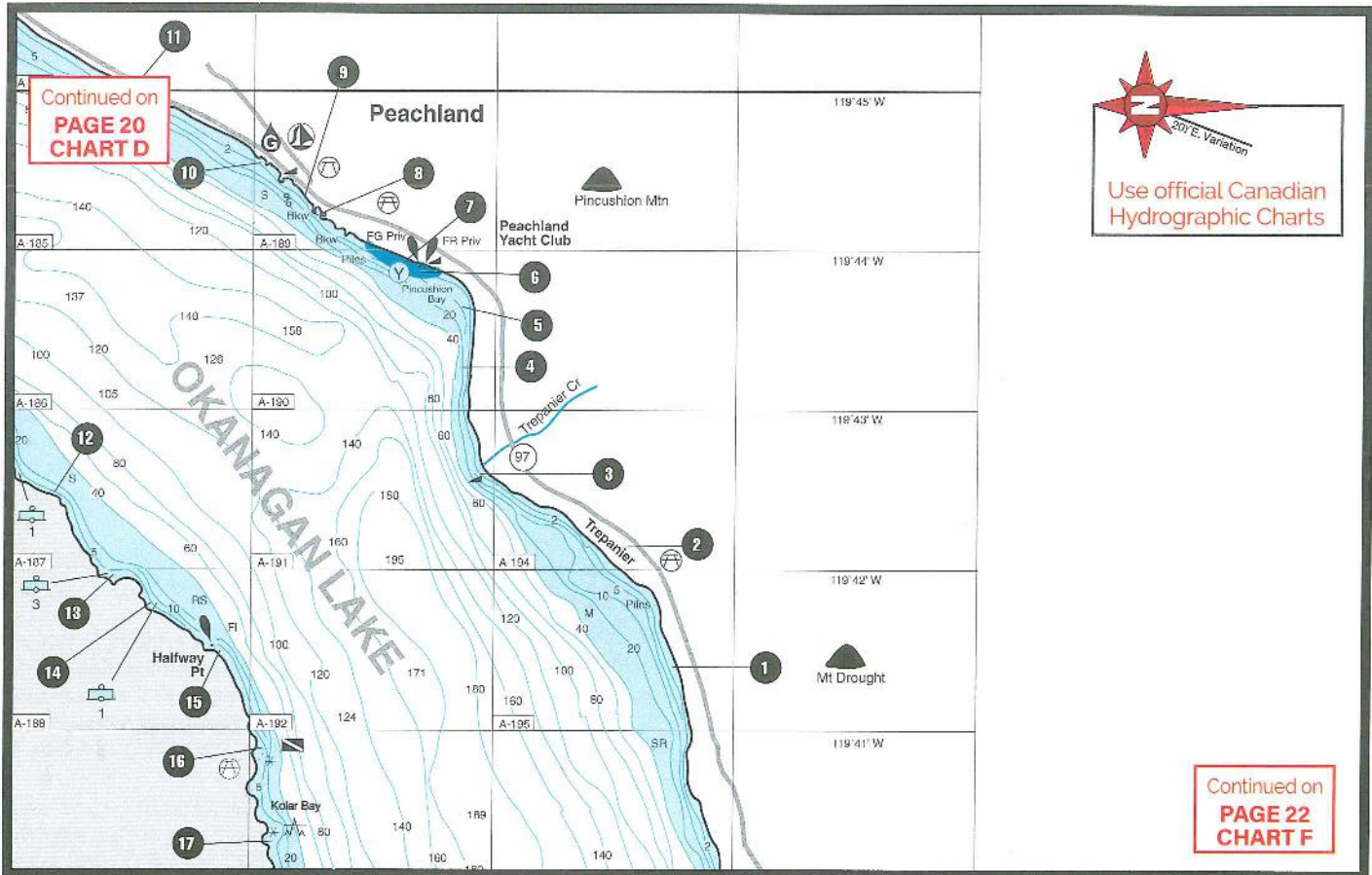

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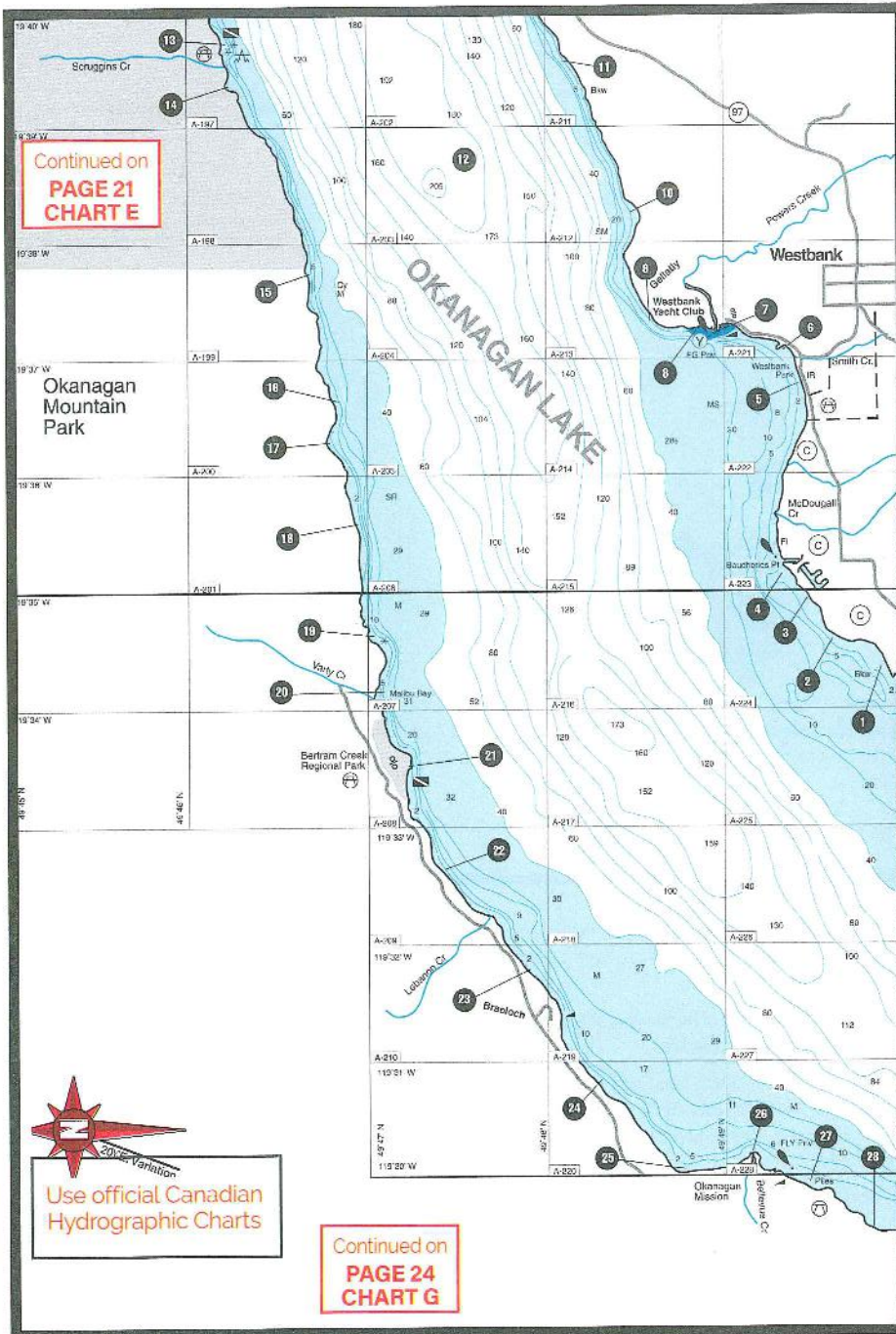


1. Rocky shores but some private beaches and docks. No beaching for 1.6 km north and south.
2. Trepanier was once called The New Townsite. A cement pipe plant operated here from 1910 to 1915. In 1913, Alexander Ross joined an Indian bear hunt during which the Indian Chief was attacked by a bear and his scalp was almost torn off. Ross extracted two bones and the wound healed. Trepanier is a word that is representative of the removal of bone, usually from the skull, hence the name Trepanier. Pebble beaches, picnic tables, a boat launch and some private beaches and docks are located here.
3. Trepanier Creek Inlet and Bridge - Do not enter the creek inlet. There are sandy beaching areas for 800 m north and pebble beaches for 800 m south of the point. A public boat launch lies north beside the two green docks. There is also a marked swimming area.
4. Pebble foreshore with swimming areas. Beach with care for 800 m south and north - provides shelter from north winds.
5. Pincushion Bay - A nice bay with pebble beaches. There is a double cement boat launch in the south end of the bay - provides shelter from north winds.
6. Peachland Yacht Club - For members only. The moorage basin has two visitor mooring slips. There is no clubhouse and a locked gate assures member visitation only, but washrooms and water can be accessed from the road. There is enough depth for most keelboats but watch your wake when entering the breakwater.
7. Marina Park - South of PYC is a playground, sandy beach, diving tower and a marked swimming area.
8. Two Government Breakwaters - Enter with care. Very good shelter from south and north winds. There is a large dock and some beaching areas.
9. Heritage Park - South of the breakwater is a playground, picnic tables, and park benches.
10. A rocky point with a boat launch and picnic tables in the north bay. There is a pebble beach to the south with a nice beaching area. Shelter from north and south winds is provided.
11. Rocky shores with some very small beaching areas. Beach with care for 800 m north and south.
12. Rock walls for 400 m south to Rattlesnake Island - one buoy and no beaching.
13. George's Bay - A small pebble beach with four mooring buoys and picnic tables. Good beaching with a campsite, outhouse and fire pit - shelter from north and south winds.
14. Halfway Bay - Pebble shores, a picnic table and one mooring buoy - shelter from north and south winds.
15. Halfway Point - Light - Secluded and sheltered from north winds in the south bay - no beaching.
16. Barclay's Bay - beaching area on the south side of point with picnic tables. Two rocks break the surface of the water on the north side of the point. Beach with care for 400 m north - shelter from south winds. Dive Site - a small sunken boat just north of the point 10 m down.
17. Kolar Bay - a special, self-proclaimed bay that will always reflect the love of our Joe and his passion for houseboating. When in the bay, remember the fallen firefighter who left us too soon. Tip your paddle and fly your flag half-mast for Joe as well as other fallen firefighters. The secluded bay offers good beaching and protection from south and north winds - beach with care.



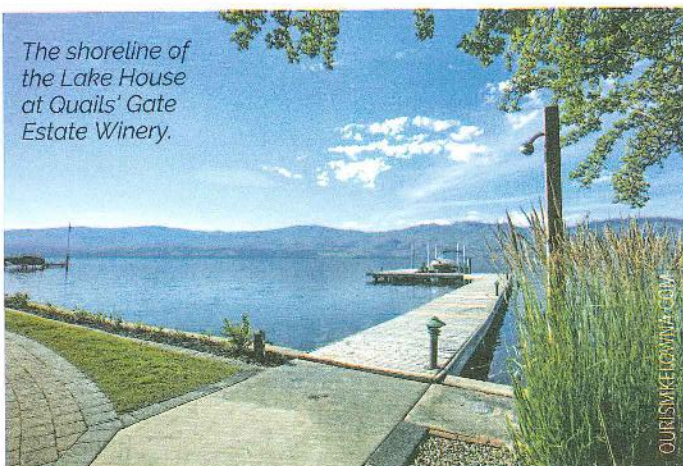


# F WEST KELOWNA



located on the north side of the private waterway called Westside Cays. Maximum speed is 5 km - this is a no-wake area.

5. Gellatly Bay Aquatic Park Society - Watch for the piling in front of the flat-roofed building. Pebble beaches to the north with picnic tables, washrooms, and swimming areas - beach with care. To the south there is a rock sea wall with steps that go down to the beach. A very beautiful bay with shelter from north winds. Private beaches and docks to the north with a marked swimming area.
6. Old wharf with a diving platform. Some beaching to the north - use caution. Very rocky shores to the south.
7. West Kelowna Yacht Club - (250-768-5472). Locked gate - members only. Pumpout station, water, and washrooms are provided. Powers Point Park (north side of yacht club) - Picnic tables and a large cement boat launch located here - watch for the marked swimming area. No boats on shore.
8. Marina Park - Nice beaches with a playground and swimming areas on the south side of the WYC breakwater.
9. Gellatly - Named after David E. Gellatly in 1900; he shipped the first cars of potatoes and was known as "The Potato King of the Okanagan." He did more to foster the vegetable industry than any other man ever to have lived in the Okanagan. Private beaches and docks for 800 m south.
10. Pebble Beach Park - The sign beside the small, cedar, flat-roofed building says "Submarine Pipe." A beautiful bay with shelter from north winds. Avoid private beaches and docks. There is some beaching south of the last homes and below the rock walls for approximately 400 m south (up to the "No Trespassing" sign). Watch for rocks close to the surface.
11. Seclusion Bay Resort - A great place to stay and enjoy the beauty of the Okanagan. Small day beaching areas north and south.
12. This marks the deepest waters south of Okanagan Lake bridge; 205 m.
13. Scruggins Reef - The rocks are very close to the surface for about 100 m offshore. On a clear day, if you look carefully in the water, you will see what looks like a Propeller Graveyard - good diving spot. Many people have damaged, broken, or lost their props here - use caution! Pillings by the shores so beach with care.
14. Nice bay offering shelter from north and south winds. There are some beaching areas to the north. Rocky shore - beach with care.
15. A small bay with shelter from south winds. No beaching for 1.6 km south.
16. Small pebble beach - beach with care. Shelter from south winds. Private docks to the north.
17. Large bay offering shelter from south winds. Rocky shore - no beaching. Private property to the north.
18. Beaching areas north of the house and orchard. Beach with care.
19. Small bay with a beaching area at the south end. Sign on shores says "No Moorage Overnight." Avoid private docks to the north.
20. Private beaches and docks - no beaching. Shelter from south winds. Waterskiers should ski a proper distance away from private docks in Malibu Bay.





21. It has picnic tables, a playground, washrooms, beaching areas, a small dock and marked swimming areas. There is a swimming area north of the point and beaching south. Divers - it's busy here so have a lookout in the boat.
22. Large, contemporary, multi-level, white house with tennis courts close to the beach that stands out from a considerable distance.
23. Beau Sejour Beach - Nice pebble beach with marked swimming area. There is a boat launch for small aluminum boats with beaching at the south end. Nudity is quite common at the north end of the park.
24. Private beaches and docks for 1.6 km north and south.
25. Beautiful bay with private beaches and docks.
26. Bellevue Creek - Small beach area south of the point. Avoid private beaches and docks north of the creek. A Canadian flag flies at the Bellevue Creek entrance.
27. Sarsons Beach Park - Use caution: water is shallow. Sandy beaches, and a playground occupy the park.
28. A very nice, large bay with lots of beautiful homes. Home of the Central Okanagan Small Boat Association.

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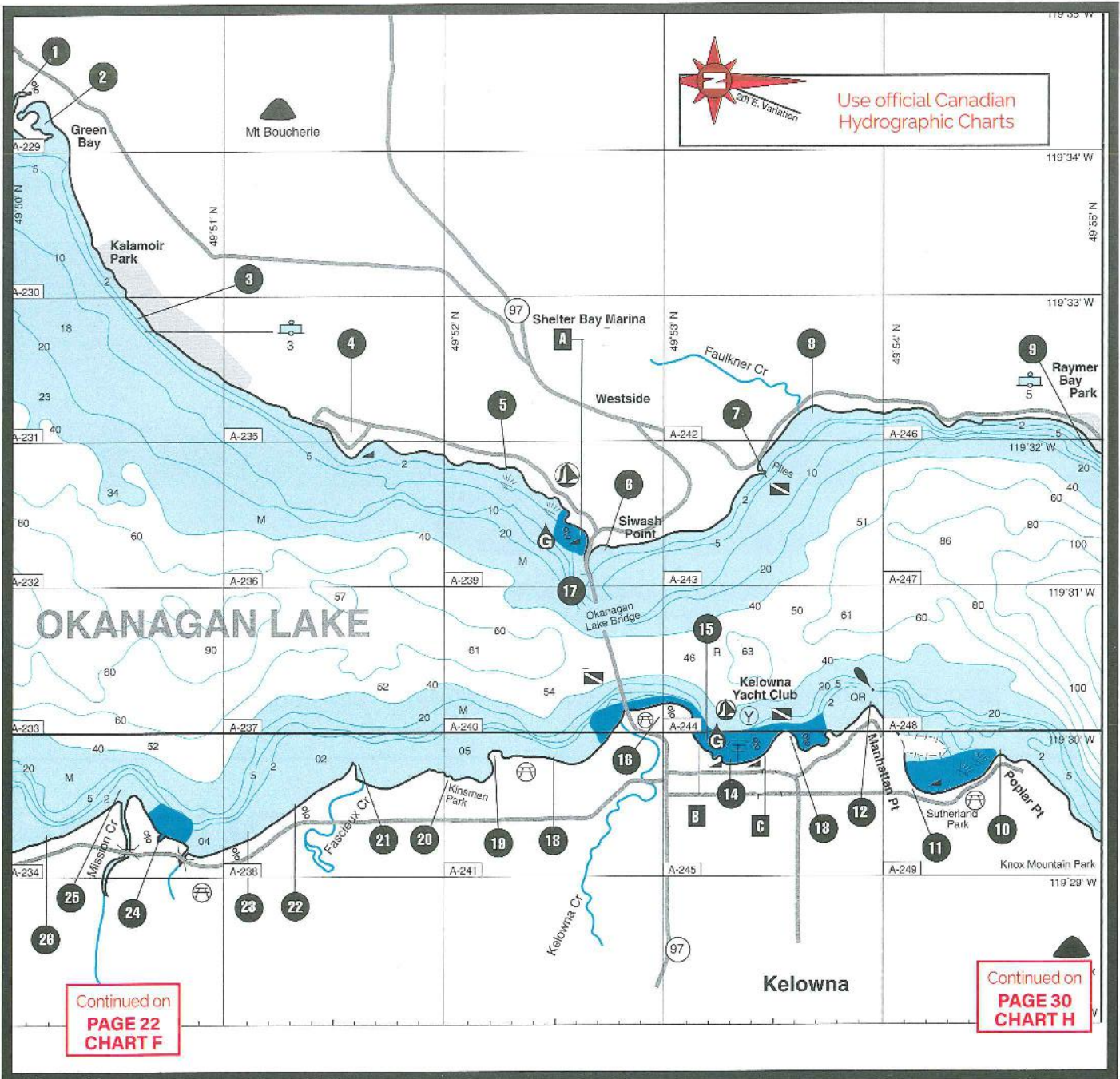
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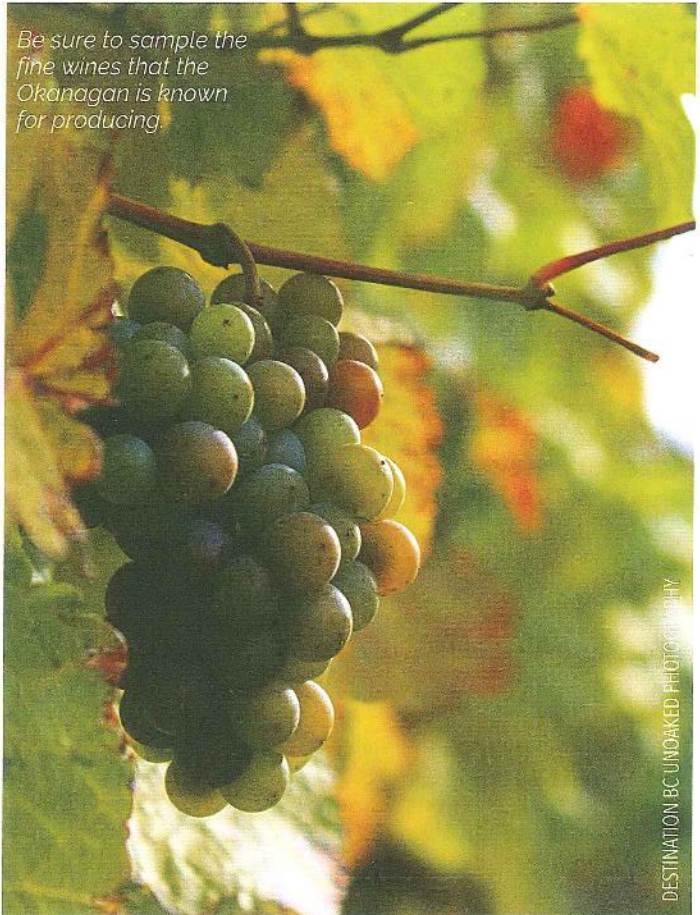


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- C. Water Street Boat Launch. One of Kelowna's largest boat launches with lots of pay parking at Prospera Place. Ice, refreshments and takeout food.
1. Small private inlet. Do not make waves and be careful when entering the inlet - shallow water.
2. Green Bay – Private beaches and docks for 800 m north and south - no beaching. Any waves can cause damage to the properties. Shelter from south winds.
3. Kalamoik Park – No overnight camping. Nice beaches, hiking trails, a marked swimming area, and washrooms. Preferred beaching to the north of the swimming area - watch for rocks. There are beaches for 800 m north as well. South of the large culvert are private beaches with three mooring buoys.
4. Casa Loma Residential Area – Beautiful homes. Private beaches and a small boat launch. No beaching for about 800 m north and south of the point. The bay will give you good shelter from south winds. Sign on shore says "Cable."
5. Casa Loma Village – Casa Loma Orchards – Private beaches and docks. No beaching for 800 m south - marshy with shallow waters.
6. Siwash Point – Formerly an Indian village of considerable size called "Tsin- Stik-Op-Tin," it was close to the Okanagan Bridge and the old Brigade trail. The excavation cavities that were dug for fire pits in the centre of the lodges can still be seen - shelter from south winds.
7. Old Ferry Docks - If you choose to venture onto the docks be very careful. There are private beaches and docks on both sides with a private boat launch on the south side. Shelter from south winds on both sides and marshy areas on the east side. Dive Site - a tire reef at 10 m west of dock.
8. Beautiful bay with shelter from south winds. Private beach containing a marshy area. No beaching for 1.6 km north.
9. Raymer Bay Regional Park – Children's playground, fire pits, outhouse, and sandy beaches. Watch for swimming areas. Boats are not permitted on beach - use mooring buoys.
10. Poplar Point – Private beaches and docks south of Sutherland Park and north for 400 m.
11. Sutherland Park – Sandy beaches, children's play-ground, washrooms, and a boat launch with beaching on the north side. Shallow water provides for good anchorage - shelter from south winds.
12. Manhattan Point – Light - Named after Manhattan, New York by F.R.E. Dehart, Mayor of Kelowna, in 1909. Do not pass between the light and the shore as the water is very shallow and one would be at great risk of hitting bottom. There is also a 25 m dock.
13. Water Front Park – High cement breakwater. Sometimes kite flyers can be seen in the park. On the north side is Tugboat Bay - watch for marked swimming areas. Dive Site - In the bay, below the Dolphins, is a cabin cruiser about 10 m down. The cabin was knocked off during construction of the new park.
14. Kelowna Yacht Club – Kelowna Yacht Club – (250-762-3310). Members only – key-card lock security. There is a public boat launch North of the Club. The popular launch to the South has been closed. Youth/adult programs and watersport rentals are available to the public.
15. Kelowna Inner Harbour – Six cautionary white buoy markers with lights. Maximum speed is 8 km/h. When entering the bay there will be a large public dock on the east end of the bay. Shelter from south winds. Kerry Park – Home of the "Sails" and the "Ogopogo" sculpture. The small dock can be used for temporary mooring. Some beaching on both sides of the dock. Dive Site - A small boat at 13 m.
16. Kelowna City Park – Children's water park and playground, Hot Sands Beach, Veendam Garden, rose and flower gardens, washrooms, tables and benches, concession, Kelowna Lawn Bowling Club, a track and beach volleyball. There is a beaching area closer to the bridge at the south end of the marked swimming area.
17. Okanagan Lake Floating Bridge – The longest floating bridge in Canada. The floating portion is 700 m. No wake zone.
18. Strathcona Beach – Nice beaches with marked swimming areas. There are picnic tables and tennis courts in the park. You can see the hospital behind the park.
19. Siebell Maude-Roxby Bird Sanctuary – After World War II, Victor and Siebell (Maude-Roxby) bought a lakeside property and a marsh, which harboured a myriad of birds. They

built a home here to enjoy the water and wildlife they loved so much. The boardwalks must be used in order to preserve the marsh areas. Do not venture off the boardwalks so we can all enjoy its beauty.

20. Kinsmen Beach Park – Children's playground, washrooms, concession, and a shallow swimming area that extends out a considerable distance. Beach with care on the north end - shelter from north winds in the bay.
21. Fascieux Creek - "Cable" sign on shore.
22. Boyce Gyro Park & Beach – Children's playground, washrooms, concession, and shallow swimming area. Small beaching area north but avoid private beaches and docks.
23. Rotary Park Beach – A windsurfer's haven. Picnic tables, children's playground, sandy beach, and swimming areas - no beaching. Avoid private beaches and docks. Watch for the many kitesurfers and windsurfers.
24. Lakeshore Boat Launch – Large parking lot for vehicle and trailers. Six cautionary buoys with lights. Maximum speed is 8 km/h. You will see one port buoy (red) and one starboard buoy (green) indicating the channel where dredging was done. Water is very shallow - use caution.
25. Mission Creek – Do not enter the creek. North to the Okanagan Lake Bridge the water is very shallow; as far as a 100 m off shore at some places.
26. Bluebird Beach – Small beaching area on the south side. A large, white, six-story condominium building to the south can be seen from a distance.

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By John Gullick/CPS-ECP Manager Special Programs



The lakes in the Okanagan are a calling for enthusiasts with trailerable pleasurecraft. On any given day in the summer (especially on weekends), the lines at launch ramps in the region start to form and wait times increase as many hit the water to enjoy fishing, wakeboarding, cruising, and spending time at anchorages.

It's often that I get asked questions about how best to use a boat ramp while giving due consideration to other enthusiasts since it's not uncommon to arrive at a ramp with a long lineup. This is an interesting topic and one that is often

overlooked but boat ramp etiquette is important to practise. The basis for this article originally came from Bill Ballard of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Michigan Water Wonderland Chapter.

When you arrive at the boat ramp, the lineup can be long so it's very important to be efficient when it's your turn. When boaters have had a long week and are trying to get a good start to their vacation or weekend, they can often be brutal with their comments if you hold them up.

Before you pull out of the driveway with your boat in tow - or even in line at the

ramp - always be ready by following some of these simple tips:

- Load what you need from your tow vehicle to your boat.
- Check and secure the drainage plug.
- Remove all straps and safety chains.
- Unplug the trailer wiring harness.
- Check the bilge for gas vapours
- Squeeze the gas hose.
- Check drive belts for correct tension.
- Check the engine(s) oil

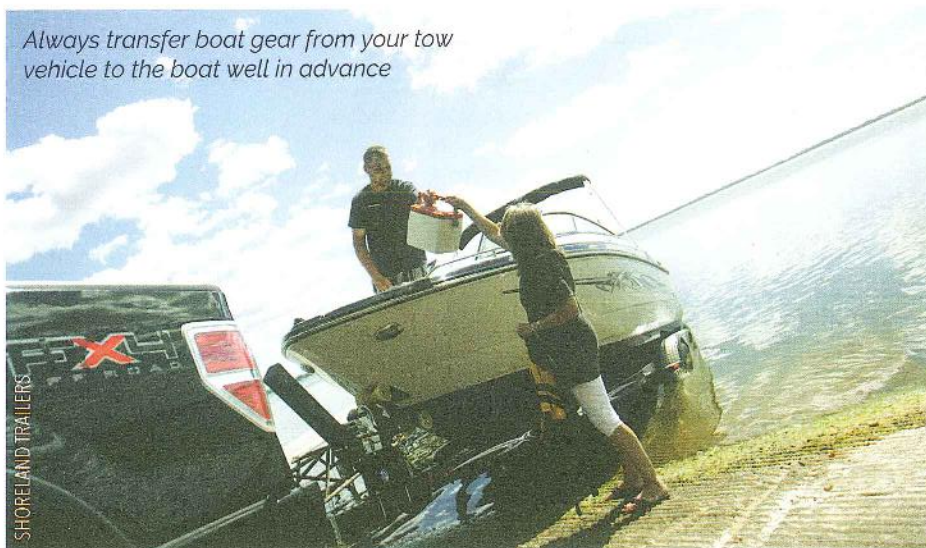
You'll also want to secure your dock lines to the bow and stern so that when you launch from the boat ramp, you can more conveniently tie your lines



# MORE BOAT LAUNCHING TIPS

As your goal is to maximize enjoyment on the water, we also suggest the following:

- If required, pay necessary launching fees at the marina office or pay station beforehand.
- Turn the ignition key to the "start" position to make sure your engine battery isn't dead.
- Attach the fenders to your boat and unplug the trailer light wiring from the tow vehicle.
- After a day of boating and you've loaded your boat back on the trailer, transfer all essentials into your tow vehicle in the parking area. This is also the time to 'clean, drain and dry' to avoid the spreading of invasive species like zebra mussels. For more information visit [www.dontmoveamussel.ca](http://www.dontmoveamussel.ca)
- Remember to raise your outboard or sterndrive so they don't come into contact with the ramp.
- Always determine water levels to ensure it's deep enough to launch and how steep the ramp is. More remote launching areas may have some underwater hazards.
- When returning to the launch ramp, tie your boat to a dock or circle around the lake until the tow vehicle and trailer are ready.



Always transfer boat gear from your tow vehicle to the boat well in advance

at the dock (if there is one) on either side. When the ramp opens up, back in carefully, and float your boat off the trailer while someone mans the lines to secure the boat.

While one of your crew parks the tow vehicle, the person at the helm can turn on the blower and start the engine to warm it up. Try to keep your total time at the dock down to less than a few minutes.

Some other additional suggestions to keep things moving smoothly include:

- Have your passengers stay close so you can leave the dock as soon as possible. This is a boat ramp and not a boat slip.
- When launching your boat, roll down your windows so you can hear the instructions and guidance from your crew or spotter.
- Leave your bow pennant and stern

flag poles stored aboard your boat while launching and recovering as they tend to get in the way.

An efficient launch can be a thing of beauty. If you are prepared and ready, it should go pretty smooth.

Remember, if you offer to help another boater don't do anything without asking them first. If they don't accept your offer or just provide specific guidance, don't attempt to touch their boat or gear.

Launching a boat is an easy process but there are protocols to follow so you can get on the water quickly, safely and without holding up other boaters.

**For more information about boating safety courses, tips to become a better boater, seminars and events visit [www.cps-ecp.ca](http://www.cps-ecp.ca)**

You should be just as efficient when loading your boat back on the trailer.





# WHERE TO LAUNCH AND RETRIEVE YOUR BOAT IN THE TRI-LAKES

*There are a number of boat launching facilities throughout the Okanagan. Here are a few to consider:*

## LAKE COUNTRY (OKANAGAN LAKE)

### **Coral Beach Park and Boat Launch**

17246 Coral Beach Rd.

### **Gable Beach Park**

945 Gable Rd.

### **Whiskey Cove**

15708 Whiskey Cove Rd.

(Non-motorized/hand launch only)

### **Okanagan Centre Safe Harbour Regional Boat Launch**

10943 Okanagan Centre Road W

*For more information visit [www.lakecountry.bc.ca](http://www.lakecountry.bc.ca)*

## WOOD LAKE

### **Oyama Boat Launch**

Located at the north end of Wood Lake.

### **Turtle Bay Marina**

2860 Woodsdale Rd.

### **Bottom Wood Lake Road**

North of Woodsdale Rd. (hand launch only)

## KALAMALKA LAKE

### **Kekuli Bay Provincial Park**

Located on the west side of Kalamalka Lake

11 km (7 mi) south of Vernon on Hwy 97.

### **Kalavista Boat Launch**

8500 Kalavista Dr. Coldstream, BC

## KELOWNA

### **Cedar Creek Park**

5200 Lakeshore Rd.

### **Cook Road Boat Launch**

500 Cook Rd.

### **Water Street Boat Launch**

1354 Water St. Downtown Kelowna

### **Sutherland Bay Park Boat Launch**

700 Ellis St.

*For more information visit [www.kelowna.ca](http://www.kelowna.ca)*

## SUMMERLAND

### **Peach Orchard Beach Park**

14877 Lakeshore Dr. S.

Located at the north end of the park. There's also parking and a floating dock.

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### **Kickinnee Provincial Park**

Located at Soorimpt just off Hwy 97 S

## PEACHLAND

### **Strachan Bay**

Beach Ave and 8th St.

## SKAHA LAKE

### **Skaha Marina**

3895 Lakeside Rd.

[www.skahamarina.com](http://www.skahamarina.com)

*\*Ed note: Always be sure to contact the municipalities or marinas before your visit for accessibility, hours of operations and if fees are required.*

*Being courteous to other boaters just makes for more enjoyable boating experiences.*







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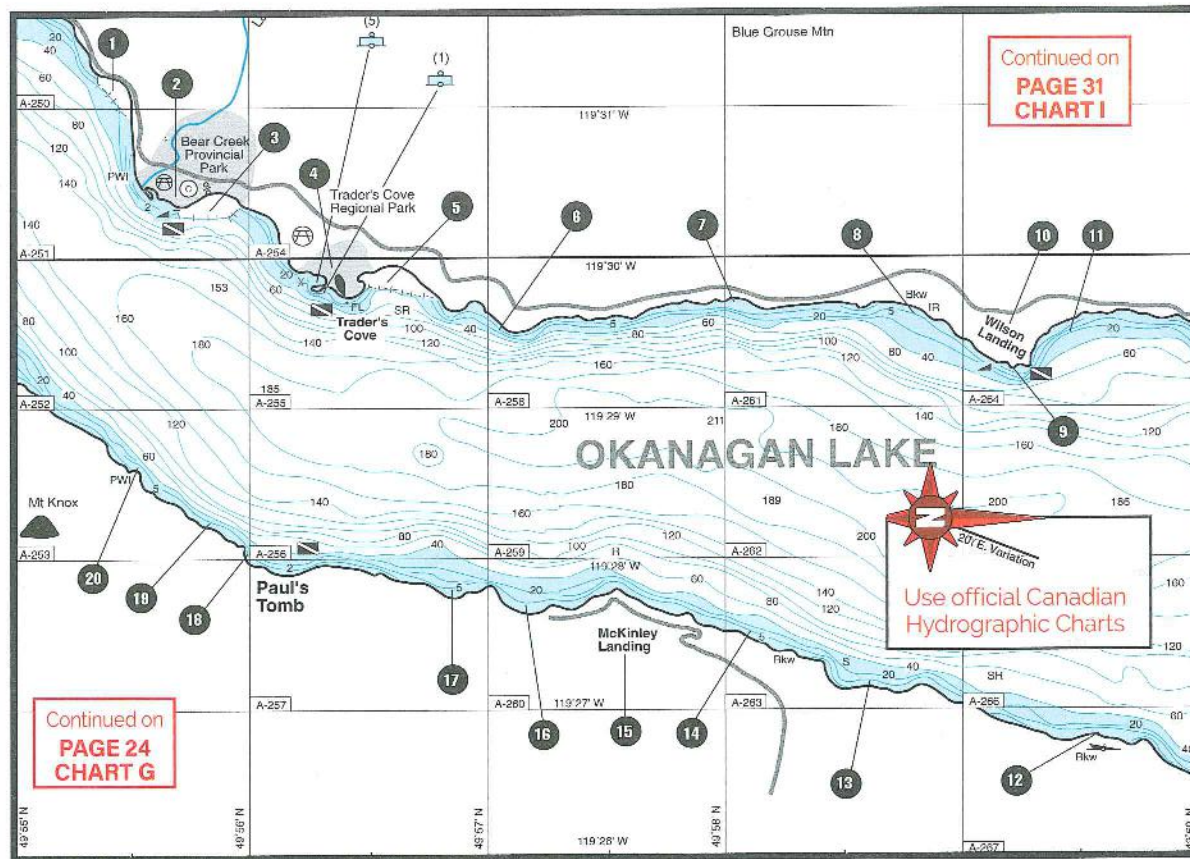
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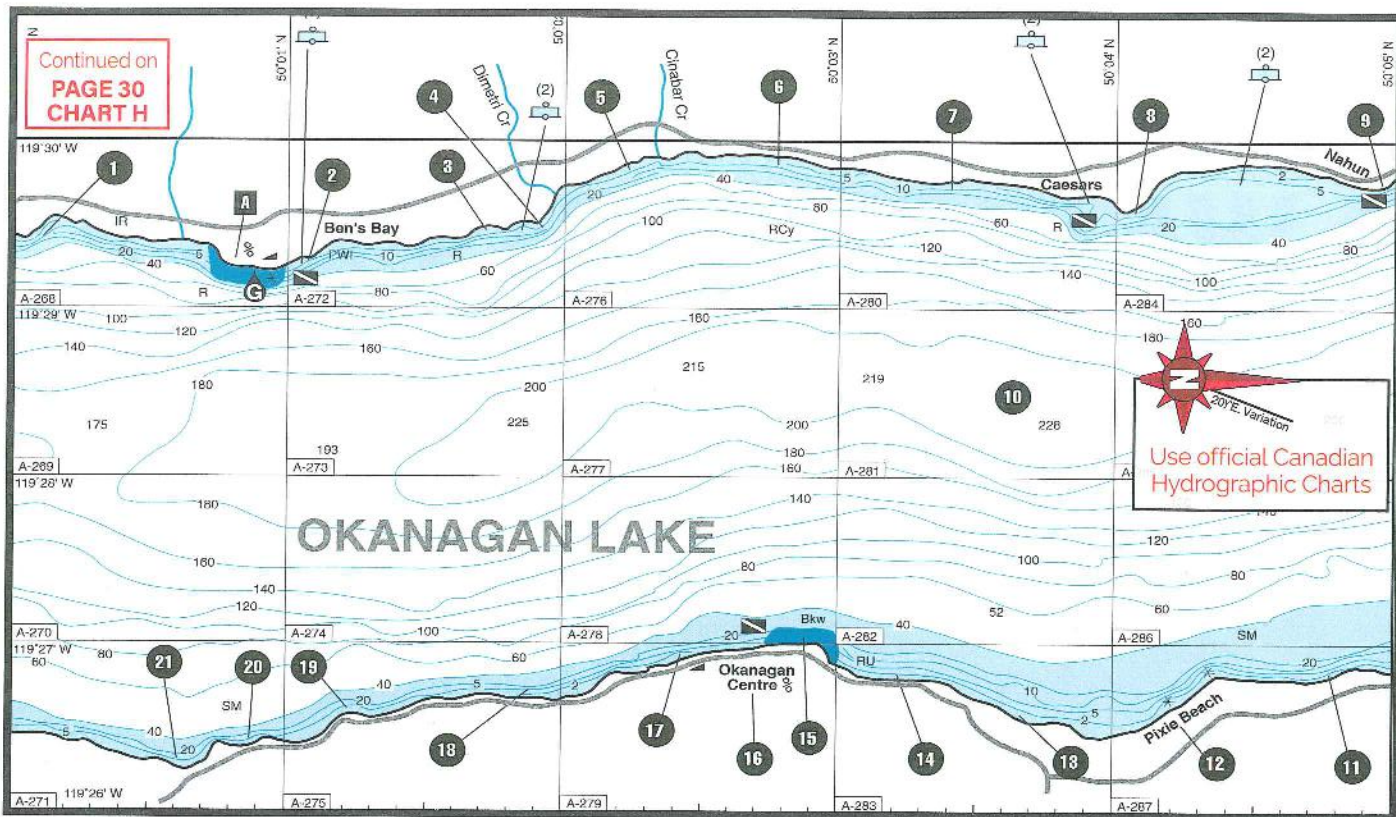
# H BEAR CREEK



1. Rocky Bay - Good shelter from north winds but this area is usually filled with logs. Fishermen - a multitude of whitefish like to occupy this area.
2. Bear Creek Provincial Park - Created in 1981 with 400 m of sandy beaches, well-marked hiking trails, 80 campsites, large picnic areas with tables, fire pits, showers, washrooms, and a spectacular canyon that leads to a waterfall. Lambly Creek was originally called Bear River by botanist David Douglas. Its name was changed to Lambly Creek in 1922 after Charles Anderson Richardson Lambly. Some beaching available - watch for marked swimming areas. Cement boat launch at the north end of the park. Divers - there is a small boat about 13 m out from the washrooms and a barge and bridge anchor at the north end of the bay.
3. From May 20 to mid-September there are usually no logs in the bay. Caution: if there are logs, they may shift during the night. There are nice beaching areas here with shelter from south winds.
4. Trader's Cove Regional Marine Park - Trader's Cove light is located here. The park has outhouses, barbecue pits and a children's playground. Watch for the swimming area and beach with care - shelter from north winds. Five moorage buoys in the south bay and one in the north bay. Look straight up and you may see hang gliders coming off Blue Grouse Mountain.
5. The Log Dump - The bay is always busy and full of logs - stay clear of this area. Use only in emergencies for shelter from north and south winds.
6. Private 30 m docks with six fingers. Private property - no docking and no beaching for 800 m north.
7. Waterfront Farm - Private property - use of the facilities is not permitted. No beaching for 800 m south or north.
8. Blue Grouse Ranch - Private docks - pebble beaches to be used for emergency only to the north and south. Nice beaching areas 800 m south.
9. Private beaches and docks to the north and south of the "Cable" sign. Shelter from north and south winds on either side of the point. There is a small boat launch south.
10. Wilson Landing - Named after Harold Fitz-Harding Wilson who settled here in 1900. Ms. Marion Violet Harvey Goodacre opened a post office August, 1908. The S.S. Aberdeen called here twice a week.
11. A large bay with private beaches and docks and a small pebble beach in the centre of the bay. The bay provides good shelter from south winds.
12. Private beaches for 800 m south and north. Remnants of an old, commercial, wood fishing boat on shore.
13. Beautiful bay with pebble beaches on the north end and private beaches and docks on the south end. Limited shelter from north and south winds.
14. Private beaches and docks 800 m north and south. The cable sign on the shore is hard to see.
15. McKinley Landing - Respect private beaches and docks.
16. Beautiful bay with private beaches and docks - shelter from north and south winds.
17. This bay provides shelter from north winds - beach with care.
18. Paul's Tomb - Built in 1910 by Rambler Paul. The tomb sits roughly 100 m from shore. Provisions were made for eight coffins within the tomb. Mrs. E.G. Paul was buried here in June, 1914, and Rambler Paul was buried here in November, 1916. No other family members were ever laid to rest here. The tomb is 3 x 5 x 2 m with a thick and impenetrable steel door which seals the entrance like a vault. Today you can still see "1910" engraved on the top of the tomb. This is a beautiful bay with a lot of frequent visitors; anchor your boat and enjoy the beautiful scenery. Small secluded pebble beaches to the north; beach with care for 400 m north. Shelter from south winds. Dive Site - Scuba and snorkelling is good here with a large fiberglass Ogopogo and an old wreck for exploring. Another small boat rests just north.
19. Rocky shores with some nice secluded beaches - excellent swimming areas.
20. The flat-roofed building is the place of water intake for the City of Kelowna. Do not enter this area or anchor here. Private beaches and docks up to Poplar Point.

Find more boating  
information online at  
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- A. Lake Okanagan Resort/Marina - Great food and fantastic views. Golf, tennis, horseback riding and hiking are available here. Fuel and boat rentals are available.
1. Owaissi Anglican Camp - Private camp. Look for a dock with a white cross on it. Shelter from southwest winds.
2. The small, flat-roofed building is the place of water intake for Lake Okanagan Resort. There is a small rock outcrop in front of the picnic table to the south and three mooring buoys. Ben's Bay - In the shade of a birch tree the circle of friends is completed. Dive Site - There is a small boat and a small houseboat 30 m off the marina dock.
3. Small, pebble beaching areas with six mooring buoys.
4. Girl Guide Camp Mewata - At the small point there is a swimming area - private beaches and docks.
5. Shelter Cove - Avoid private beaches and docks. The south end of the cove has shelter from south winds.
6. Sign on shore says "Cable." There is a large, white, three story house just to the south of the cable sign.
7. Rock walls with one small beaching area. Note - there is room for only one boat at a time. Respect private property.
8. Caesar's Landing - Named after Henry Northcote Caesar in 1893. If anchoring in the bay, please respect private property. Dive Site - A good wall dive and at 13 m there is an old car.
9. Nahun - Named by Howard Bruce Kennard in 1905. At one time it was called "Golden Gate" because packers on the H.B.C. Brigade Trail would barricade it so that no horses could stray out to the rocky formation. Please respect private property.
10. This marks the deepest waters for all of Okanagan Lake: 228 m.
11. Private beaches and docks - no beaching.
12. Pixie Beach - Some beaching but watch for marked swimming areas.
13. Private beaches and dock - beach with care on the south side of the bay.
14. Nice beaching areas to the north but be careful in this area. Respect private beaches and docks - shelter from south winds.
15. Old pilings here and watch for swimming areas. Sign on shore says "Cable."
16. Okanagan Centre - There is a General Store within walking distance. Okanagan Centre was purchased by the Maddock Brothers in 1907. They laid out the township in 1909, and soon after, schooling commenced in the church. The Lake Country Museum now occupies the old school house on Beach Rd. Centrepiece is held at the end of August each year and is a highlight of the museum.
17. Okanagan Centre Breakwater - Small craft harbour with a boat launch to the south. Some beaching areas to the south and north. Good shelter from north and south winds is found in the breakwater. There are nice pebble beaches north, up to the old wharf.
18. Nice pebble beaches - beach with care and respect private properties.
19. Pebble beaches to the north and south of point. Some private beaches and docks - respect the private docks.
20. A large, solid, cement building that stands 10 m tall (a noteworthy reference/fix point).
21. A nice bay - look for the large, white eagle on a house (by the Canadian flag) to the south. Shelter from north winds.

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# Between a Dock & A WATERFRONT PLACE

*Avoid challenges with fluctuating water levels and slip availability by investing in docking solutions for your shoreside residence.*

*The Roll-A-Dock from Hewitt is functional with a variety of layout options to provide an ideal outdoor living space on the water.*

*As seen here, the Roll-A-Dock can be moved from the land to shore with as few as two people and then removed for winter storage or when not in use.*

There are a number of important reasons to consider a new docking system for your residence in the Okanagan. Now more than ever manufacturers are offering easier installation processes, using robust, lightweight materials for structural integrity, and providing many options to access the water. They are also an economical choice to moor your boat and extend your outdoor living space along the shore.

A unique docking system that is often showcased at boat shows through dealers in BC is the Roll-A-Dock from Hewitt. While the company touts a long line of traditional and contemporary options, this design is a departure from your 'classic Muskoka' cottage layout. Yet, it's just as appealing and functional with many choices.

The system is based on lightweight, bridged aluminum framework to provide maximum strength, minimize weight, and reduce long-term wear from wakes, rough water and the elements. Reinforced joints and 'V' type bracing further adds to its durability. What makes the Roll-A-Dock unique is its mobility by the single-axle wheel assembly.

It can be moved from the land to the shore with as few as two people for the season and then easily removed for winter

storage or when not in use. Once it's assembled, no further disassembly is required (just make sure you have the space to store it when it's not on the water).

To accommodate the often unpredictable high water levels in areas like the Okanagan or a variety of waterfront locations, the height can be adjusted via a winch/cable system. Once it's set, roll it out past the shoreline and it's pretty much ready to use.

The Roll-A-Dock has a standard length of 15 m (48 ft) on one set of wheels and variable heights that range from .7 - 2 m (2.5 - 5.5 ft) or up to 2.4 m (8 ft) with the available deep water kit. All can be easily adjustable with a crank handle. If you need more dock space, featured hinges on the deck panels can fit optional platforms to custom-configure layouts such as 'T' or 'L' shape designs.

To further customize your dock, choose from the following deck options:

- Naturally weather-resistant and stable red cedar that can be treated with stain or all-weather coating.
- Thru-flow dock decking, which consists of a durable, lightweight, and UV-resistant polypropylene surface.
- Non-skid, lightweight, aluminum powder-coated all-



aluminum decking that's resistant to corrosion, scratching, peeling, and fading.

- Weather-resistant skid guard with a waffle-weave panel and durable phenolic overlay to provide a 'no-gap surface' and excellent traction in all conditions.

To enhance its profile, a number of accessories are available. These include SUP racks, corner/side bumpers, a 2 m (6 ft) swim ladder, aluminum/wood grain panel benches, a set of chairs and a patio table.

### MORE DOCK OPTIONS AND BOAT MOORAGE SOLUTIONS

If your waterfront space is limited, a good option is Hewitt's Classic Dock. It's built on a durable, modular system and available in sizes from 1.2 x 2.4 m (4 x 8 ft) and 1.2 x 4 m (4 x 12 ft) to 1.2 x 5 m (4 x 16 ft).

All sizes can accommodate a variety of pleasurecraft and give you a nice, relaxing outdoor living space. A few convenient additions include 15 cm (6 in) cleats, a 1.2 m (4 ft) aluminum bench and a .7 m (2.5 ft) aluminum patio table.

However, the perfect complement to any dock system is a boat lift. With the ability to free up space for swimming or launching a SUP, it's a sound investment to maintain your boat's value, prevent the build-up of marine life on the hull, and avoid damage to your boat (or dock) from the stress of rough weather.

A popular model from Hewitt is its 4600# Vertical Boat Lift. It has 1.4 m (4.5 ft) of travel, which means it can manage low and high water levels for a variety of boats. It's just one of 12 models in this series that employs unique centering/step guides for easier access and stability.

Some choices to consider with these lifts include multiple bunk-style designs to better accommodate your boat's hull, a power lift, and custom canopy. The company even offers an optional wheel assembly to remove your lift from the water and store it for the winter, if needed.

The company manufactures boat lifts with capacities between 522 - 10,032 kg (1,150 - 24,100 lb) and designs with Hydraulic, Cantilever, Hi-Lifter, and Roll-A-Rail systems, as well as Pontoon Legs are available.

For all the details to enhance your waterfront experiences and find a dealer near you visit [www.hewittrad.com](http://www.hewittrad.com).

# THE TOUGHEST BOAT LIFTS, DOCKS & ACCESSORIES



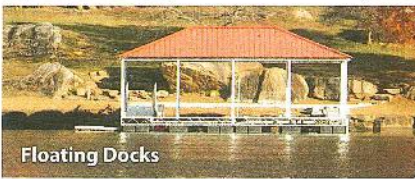
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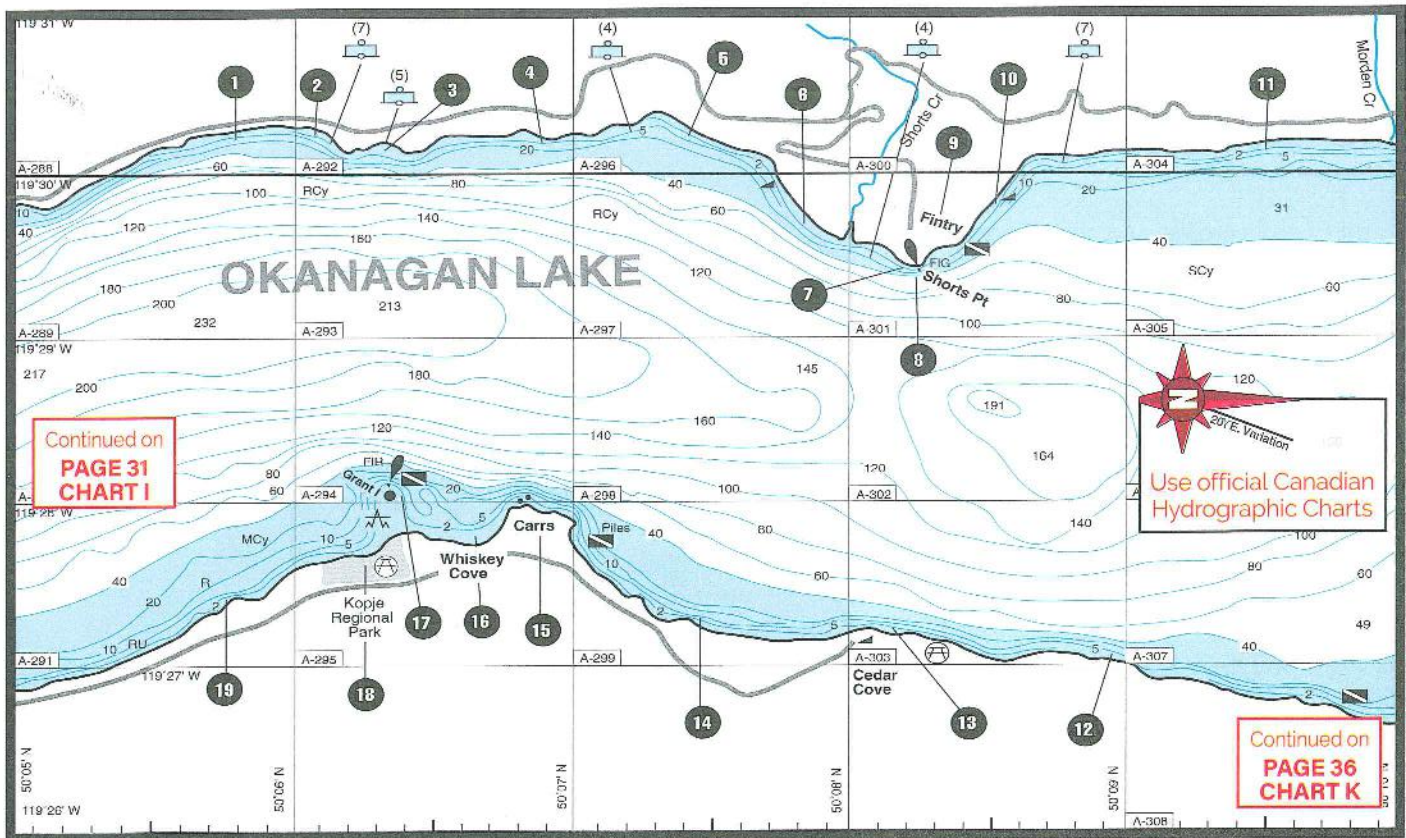
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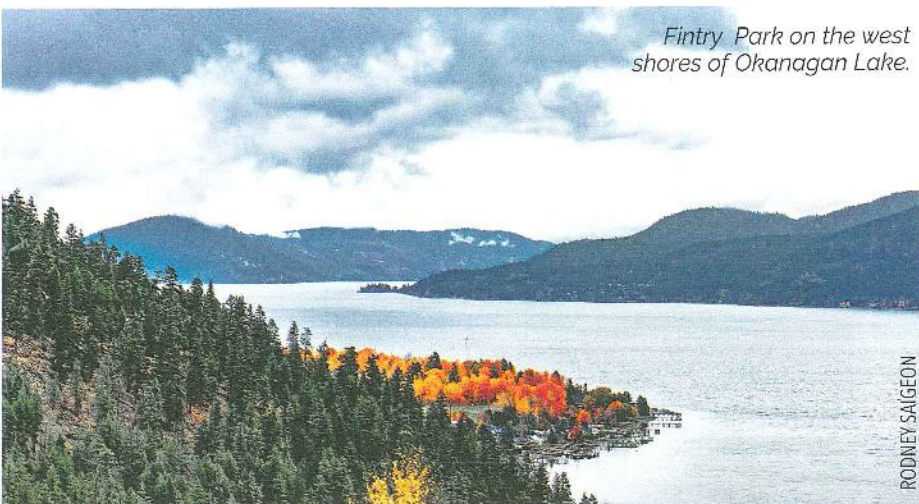
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1. Rocky shore to the north - no beaching areas north or south.
2. Nice bay with seven mooring buoys, private beaches - shelter from north winds.
3. Agate Bay - This is a beautiful bay where you can tie your boat to one of the five mooring buoys - beaching areas and shelter from north winds.
4. Rocky shores with some beaching areas for 400 m north and south - shelter from south winds.
5. Shores have been cleaned and four breakwaters have been built with rock. Be cautious of rocks close to the surface.
6. Private beaches and docks up to Shorts Creek - shelter from north winds in the bay. There is a private boat launch in the left bay.
7. There are good beaches for large and small boats and four mooring buoys south of the light at Shorts Point - shelter from north winds.
8. Shorts Point Light - Named after Captain Thomas Dolmon Shorts in 1883. During the 1800's, he operated the Ruth Shorts (1880), the Mary Victoria Greenhow (1886), the Jubilee (1887), and the Penticton in 1890.
9. Fintry - It was first named Biche Creek In 1877, and later changed to Shorts Creek after Captain T.D. Shorts. Most of the buildings and agricultural works are remnants of Fintry Estates developed by Captain Dun-Waters. To the north there are some good beaching areas for approximately 800 m and shelter from south winds. Dive Site - A sunken barge rests in the bay north of the point.
10. Beautiful area with nice beaches - beach with care. Camping area with swimming markers, seven mooring buoys and shelter from south winds.
11. Private beaches and docks with seven mooring buoys just to the south.
12. Looking closely at the caves, within the rocks, you will notice an obscure figure resembling an upside down champagne glass when viewing from the north.
13. Cedar Cove - There is a boat launch with a picnic table at the point. There are good beaching areas and some good offshore anchorages 1.6 km north of the point - respect private properties.
14. There are private beaches and docks north of Cedar Cove. Watch for the marked swimming area - shelter from south winds.
15. Carrs Landing - It was previously named Sunnywood and then later changed to Carrs Landing in 1895, after Andrew Carr. He planted and farmed apple, pear and peach trees. A school was built in 1896 commencing the formation of a community.
16. Whiskey Cove - Private beaches and docks; - shelter from north winds.
17. Grant Island - A.K.A. "Whiskey Island." Do not try to cross between the island and the shores - very shallow waters. Watch for swimming areas and do not go onto the island as it is a protected bird sanctuary.
18. Kopje Regional Park - Old wharf, brown heritage house, picnic tables, playground, baseball diamond, barbecues, swimming area and a park covering eight acres of land. There are nice pebble beaches on the south side.
19. Camp Arbuckle - Private beaches and docks south for 1.6 km.



*Fintry Park on the west shores of Okanagan Lake.*

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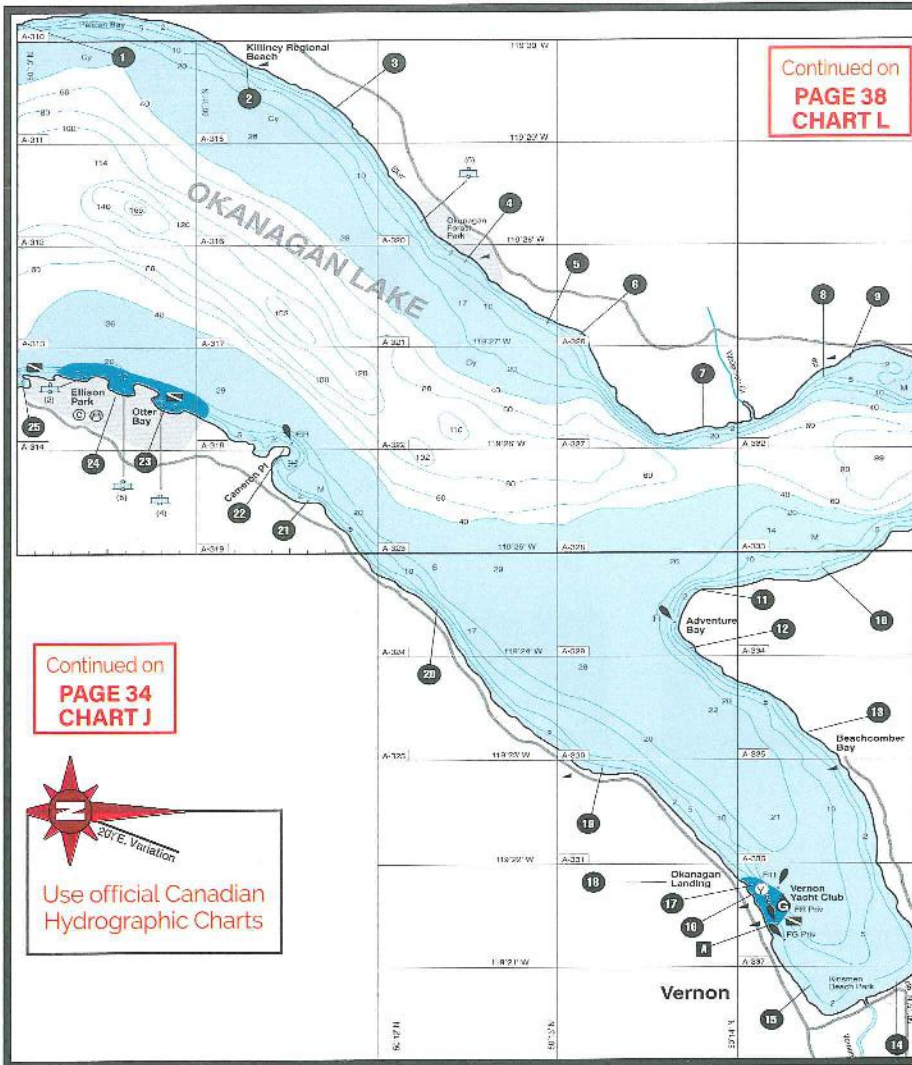
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- 1. Ewing - Named Marden's Landing in 1890, it was changed to Ewing after Robert Leckie Ewing.
- 2. Killiney Regional Beach (Killarney) - It was named after "The Hill Of Killarney" in Dublin by Harry Percy Hodges in 1903. Four equally spaced trees present conjoining beach openings. There is a marked swimming area south of the boat launch.

- 3. Private beaches and docks - no beaching.
- 4. Okanagan Forest Park - Campground, fire pits, picnic tables, pebble shore, and beaching. A trail leads north up to private beaches. There is a public boat launch and six mooring buoys at the south end.
- 5. Private summer and year round cabins and homes for 1.6 km north and south from here. Please respect private properties.
- 6. Private beaches and docks north of the point - no beaching.

- 7. Cable sign on shore with private beaches to the north and south.
- 8. Parker Cove - North of Whiteman Creek is a private boat launch with a large dock and a small beaching area. Further north is Parker Cove Pooch Beach - large private docks.
- 9. Old wharf - Pilings extend approximately 60 m offshore, there are some beaching areas to the north but use caution - shallow waters.
- 10. Rocky shores for 400 m on both sides. Some beaching areas but beach with care - shelter from north winds.
- 11. Rocky shores with three small beaching areas.
- 12. Adventure Bay - There are private beaches and docks east of the light - shelter from north winds.
- 13. Beachcomber Bay - Private beaches and docks, some beaching at the end of the bay, a boat launch east - shelter from north winds.
- 14. Kinsmen Beach Park - On June 14, 1909, 60 members of the Okanagan Mountain Rifles, plus members of the Armstrong Infantry Corps, went into their first summer Military Camp.
- 15. Private beaches and docks west of the Vernon Yacht Club.
- 16. Paddlewheel Park - A nice park with a boat launch, a tennis court and a beach. Watch for swimming areas.
- 17. Vernon Yacht Club - (250-545-5518). Member moorage only - power, water, showers and pump out facilities. Members wanted.
- 18. Okanagan Landing - In 1886, Captain I.D. Shorts launched the Okanagan's first steamer. The first passenger steamer (1892) was the sternwheeler S.S. Aberdeen, and the year 1936 ended an era as the S.S. Sicamous steamed in from her last voyage.
- 19. Private beaches with a small boat launch in the centre.

- 20. Some beaching under the hill slide - shelter from south winds.
- 21. Camp Hurlburt - Private cabins, beaches and a dock - shelter from south winds.
- 22. Cameron Point - Private beaches with a small boat launch to the east. There are red spar buoys on each side of the point identifying drying rocks. Pebble beaches lie just south of the private docks.
- 23. Otter Bay - Underwater dive park - Watch for swimming area - shelter from south winds. There are three mooring buoys plus two large diving buoys; one is for the Dive Dome at 10 m, and one is for the Bobby Mackenzie Boat which is positioned 20 m underwater. You may also find: a 12 m tug boat, a small row boat, and a 4 m boat at 5 m.
- 24. Ellison Park - Playground, amphitheater, 6 km of walking trails, 50 picnic tables and Canada's only fresh-water dive park with sunken artifacts. Overnight beaching is allowed on the sandy beaches in the south bay. Watch for steep drop-offs outside the buoys and along the rocky edges. Five mooring buoys are provided.
- 25. Beautiful bay with shelter from north winds - avoid private beaches and docks. Beautiful rock formation in this area.

Okanagan Lake in Vernon.



CHELSEA CHEHADE



By Steve Fennell

# The True Basics of FISHING OKANAGAN LAKE

*Serious anglers and boaters alike can find action in many parts of the lake.*

*From understanding its fisheries to using the right gear, you can be successful on the region's largest body of water.*

Recreational boaters who enjoy fishing Okanagan Lake have no doubt dreamt about landing that trophy rainbow trout or Kokanee. More often than not, those vivid visions during REM can become a reality by having knowledge of the environment, understanding habitat trends, and using the right gear. In other words, the region's largest lake is very fishable and where you can enjoy much success.

"On Okanagan Lake, target species like Kokanee, rainbow trout and burbot go through cycles from one season to the next," says Rodney Hennig, a professional fishing guide and owner of Rodney's REEL Outdoors in West Kelowna. "Their preferred water temperature is 12°C (54°F) so they move to those ideal conditions and corresponding depths."

Hennig explained this cycle usually starts in the spring when the water temperature is between 4 - 16°C (40-60°F) and fish can be caught throughout the lake near the surface - no downrigger required. This trend continues until mid-June when the water surface warms and by mid-July, a good fishable depth changes to 14 m - 20 m (45 - 65 ft). In mid-August, the fish go even deeper

to between 20 m - 30 m (65 and 100 feet) - downrigger definitely required.

The cycle then comes full circle in October and through the winter when the water starts cooling, and the fish start moving closer to the surface and spreading out across the lake again.

## GEAR FOR SUCCESS

Determining water surface temperature and depth can easily be attained by using a quality fish finder. Some good options for 2023 - if it's the year to upgrade - include Humminbird's Helix 7 series, Garmin's ECHOMAP Touch-Screen Fishfinder/Chartplotter or Lowrance's Elite FS 7.

While typical fishfinders will relay vital data such as depth, bottom structure, location, mapping storage, etc. most only provide the temperature of the surface. Nevertheless, Hennig suggests using a Water Temperature and Depth Reader - or probe - to find that 'sweet spot' of 12°C (54°F) in the water column.

With many options available, the Fishhawk TD (\$200 USD) is very effective and easy to use. Simply cast it and let it sink to or near the bottom. Upon retrieval, it will

provide digital readouts of temperatures in 1.5 m (5 ft) intervals down to the bottom.

For deep lakes - like Okanagan - it can relay temperatures as deep as 91 m (300 ft). Other models available can be used with a downrigger and also determine water speed to properly control your presentation.

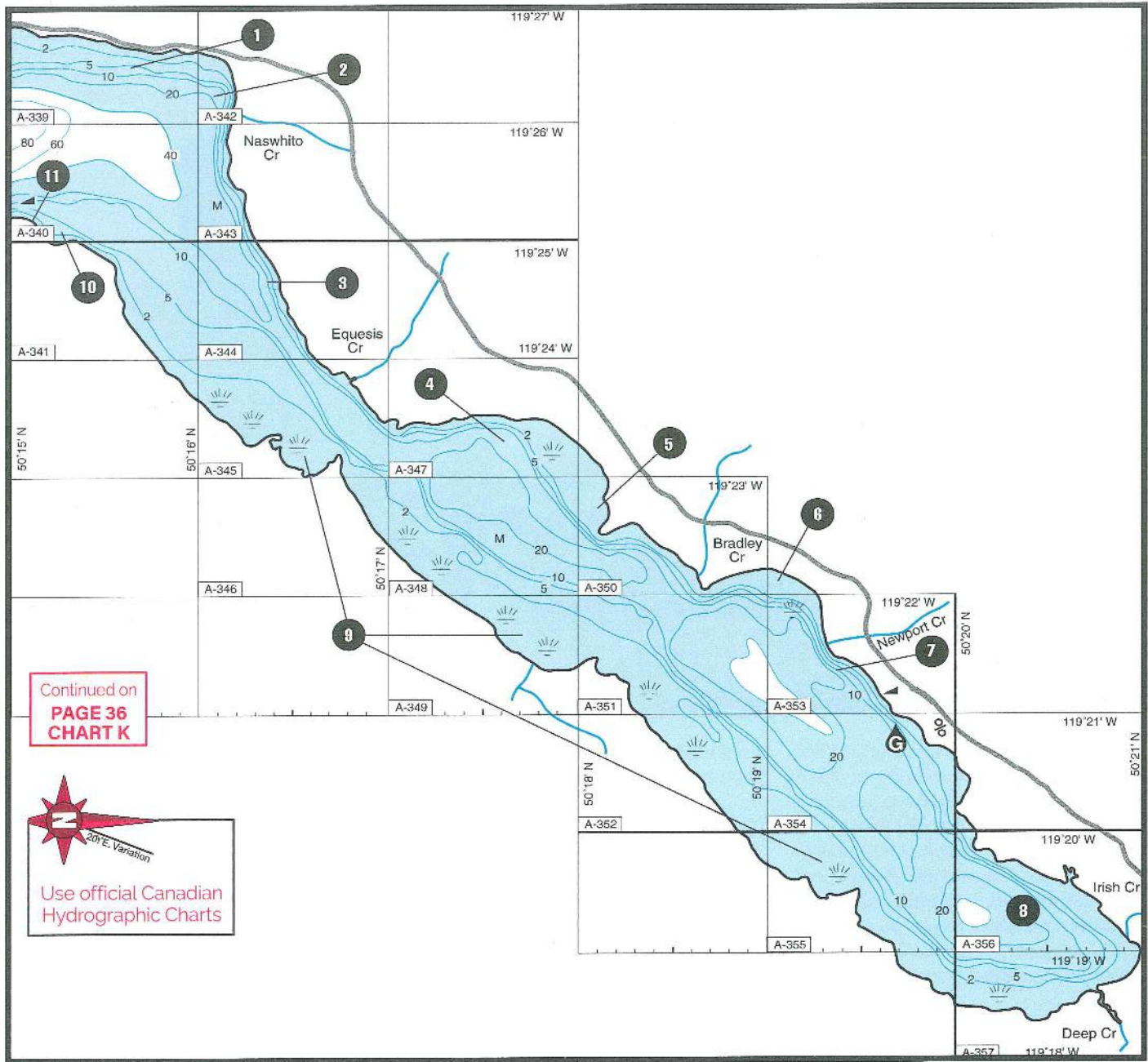
"Probes don't tell you exactly where the fish are, but they provide a reliable starting point on how deep to fish," says Hennig. "If 12°C (54°F) is at a depth of 18 m (60 ft), we'll usually fish within 3 m (10 ft) of that spot. This has been very successful and probes are an inexpensive tool to find the correct conditions."

As widely used as downriggers are, if you just enjoy casual casting and jigging, some good alternatives are using a medium-action to a medium-heavy action rod with a quality reel, spooling 15-pound test and rigging up a three-piece swivel. A basic and effective presentation includes using one or two-ounce weights and a small lure like the Wedding Band from Gibbs

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# L NORTH OKANAGAN LAKE



1. Except for north winds, the bay is very calm. Beach with care - shallow water. Avoid private beaches and the waterski course.
2. Alexis Beach - Avoid private beaches and docks - shelter from north winds.
3. Private beaches and docks for 800 m north and south - no beaching.
4. The north end of Okanagan Lake has shallow water with marshy shores - avoid private beaches and docks. Beach carefully and only in emergencies. This area gives you shelter from south winds.
5. Emerald Bay - Water is very shallow with some private beaches - beach with care - shelter from north winds.
6. Coyote Creek Ranch - Private beaches and docks in shallow waters - no beaching - shelter from south and north winds.
7. Private beaches and docks north of Newport Creek - small boat launch 800 m to the north.
8. The end of the lake is not recommended for anyone doing watersports as the water is very shallow.
9. The entire east foreshore is very shallow with marshy areas - stay as far from shore as possible.
10. Pebble beaches for about 800 m to the north and south of this small bay. Beach with care north of the pump house and docks. No shelter from winds in this area.
11. Canadian Lakeview Estate - A small flat-roofed building with three buoys in front of a small dock and boat launch.

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Fishing (approx \$6 CDN from Canadian Tire) that's tipped with a maggot or worm.

"It's important to remember that swivels will rise back up to the surface if you troll too fast," says Hennig. "The best method for this presentation is to drift at depths of about 15 m (60 ft) in July and 22-plus metres (75-plus feet) in August. This will put your line in the ballpark of where the fish might be."

Trolling is the most effective method for other presentations and downrigging since rainbows and Kokanee don't hold their structure. A pelagic fish that feed on plankton, they are often caught in the middle of Okanagan Lake during peak summer and near the shore in the spring or early summer when smaller rainbows (3 - 4 lbs) feed on terrestrial insects that blow off from shore.

### OTHER POPULAR SPECIES IN OKANAGAN LAKE

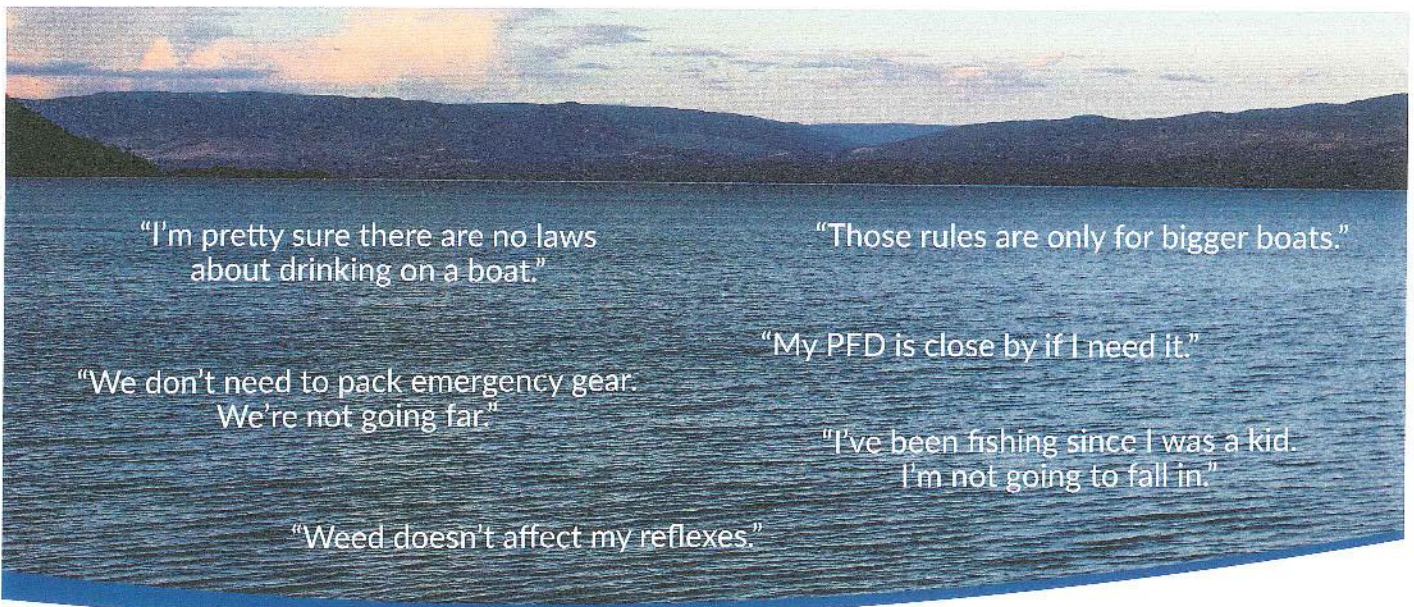
Burbot (known locally as freshwater ling) is another species to target. They inhabit deeper depths and are slow-moving bottom feeders, but this highly-

unsociable fish can be exciting to fight. Drifting and downrigging with a four to six-ounce jig tipped with anything from live bait to chicken liver (and even raw bacon) 25 - 30 m (75 - 100 ft) in the summer will often yield the best success.

Regardless of the species you like to target and your skillset, fishing in the Okanagan is enjoyable. Even the feisty northern pikeminnow in shallower water along the drop-offs of weed

beds can provide much success with a simple jig and a worm.

"Fishing the Okanagan is so unique due to its diversity," says Hennig. "There are prize rainbows and Kokanees in the larger lakes while the smaller bodies of water and rivers are perfect for fly fishermen. Skaha Lake (in Penticton), too, has a very active smallmouth bass fishery. It's these options that make the Okanagan so appealing to anglers in the spring, summer and fall."

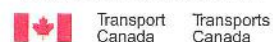


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# Discovering Fintry PROVINCIAL PARK

*A well-rounded boating adventure on and off Okanagan Lake.*

**W**ooden stairs led up to a small landing, with a second set rising out of sight. I started climbing in an attempt to reach the top viewpoint of the falls. As I crested the final landing, panting, a young girl and her fit father were resting on one of the wooden benches. "How many stairs was it to the top?" I asked breathlessly. "Three," she replied,

humbly holding up the required number of fingers. Her estimate was a little low. It was more like three hundred.

Fintry Provincial Park and Protected Area spreads out more than 360 ha (890 ac) along 2 km (1.2 mi) of the west shore of Okanagan Lake between Kelowna and Vernon. Provincial parks are quite common

in the region, but Fintry stands out. To experience the true nature of the park and Okanagan Lake, it's best to make Fintry your home base like we did so you can enjoy all that it has to offer at your own pace. What many non-boaters don't realize is that when you have a pleasurecraft in the Tri-Lakes, your options to discover new attractions increase two-fold.



*It's easy to access the water with your boat from Fintry and experience all that Okanagan Lake has to offer boaters.*



*Looking west at Carr's Landing from Shorts Point.*

*The park's beach is perfect for daily walks when you're not on the water.*



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to many water-based pastimes. This area is known to be a refuge from the busier areas on Okanagan Lake. So, you don't ever have to cruise far to drop anchor and relax in the comfort of your boat.

Kin Beach in the City of Vernon. Blue Heron Marina offers fuel (contact the marina for transient docking) or visit the popular 1516 Pub and Grill that is popular among the boating crowd.

### BACK IN FINTRY PROVINCIAL PARK

After learning about all of the boating options from Fintry, we wanted to see more of the park. Over the millennia, Shorts Creek, which is just one of the park's natural attractions, cut a canyon through the cliff creating a rich delta before finally entering Okanagan Lake.

Camping and boating complement each other and during our visit last summer, we realized Fintry caters to outdoor enthusiasts on land and the water. Even though it may be a little chilly when it opens March 31 and closes just after the first week of October, there is plenty of time to reserve any one of its vehicle-accessible sites.

You can cruise from one end of the lake to the other at full throttle in a few hours, but take your time. To the south of Fintry are a number of anchorages near Traders Cove Regional Park and Bear Creek Provincial Park.

Continuing further south leads to Kelowna. Plan a visit around lunch or dinner as there are a variety of docking options at several boater-friendly restaurants or at the Downtown Marina Kelowna, which offers access to downtown with more choices of dining and shopping.

Captain James Cameron Dun-Waters came to the Shorts Creek delta in 1909 for the love of the outdoors and was so enthralled, he purchased the land and renamed it Fintry after his hometown in Scotland. In the 30 years he lived there, he cleared land for a farm and built an impressive estate including a waterwheel to harness the power of the creek.

After we settled at a campsite, it was time to explore. We learned that Fintry has three group camping sites with washrooms, showers, a dump station and water. Keep in mind, power is not available. We also saw every type of camping accommodation in use from tents to luxury Class As - many had cartops or pleasurecrafts in tow. If you are staying nearby, or just passing through, the park is open for day use.

Other places past Kelowna to visit include Commando Bay and Rattlesnake Island. You'll also come across many open water areas to tow wakeboarders and good locations for fishing. Downriggers are recommended peak summer for the best success.

He cleared and irrigated more than 81 ha (200 ac) and planted 5,000 fruit trees, built a packing house, sawmill, stables, four upland hunting lodges, a quarry, and the only octagonal dairy barn in BC. He also created landscaped gardens and constructed a roofed-in electrically lit curling rink. Several buildings in the park are now

With its expansive shoreline, the sand beach offers excellent swimming and the well-maintained boat launch allows you to hit the water quickly and efficiently. It's the ideal entry point

If you cruise north from Fintry, you'll see areas like Okanagan Forest Park that has a few mooring buoys, Ellison Provincial Park with additional mooring balls and overnight beaching, and



on the Canadian Register of Historic Places including The Manor House, Packinghouse, Haybarn-Granary, and the Octagonal Dairy Barn. The Friends of Fintry Provincial Park Society was formed in 2000. They not only work to restore the buildings but host public tours and events. It's an incredible addition to your experiences.

The waterfall is not one, but three successive falls with a total height of 87 m (285 ft). While I chose the 'easy' route up the 300-plus steps, there are also many trails that lead to the top providing a host of adventures with spectacular views of the falls, park, and lake. Bring your camera and binoculars to take it all in.

Access to the park is via Westside Road and since its the only way to the park (from either Vernon or West Kelowna), it's a winding, often narrow, sometimes rough route with spectacular cliff-side views of Okanagan Lake. We've often seen herds of Bighorn Sheep standing unconcerned around blind corners so drive carefully and keep to your lane as it's popular with motorcycles, cyclists, and sports cars.

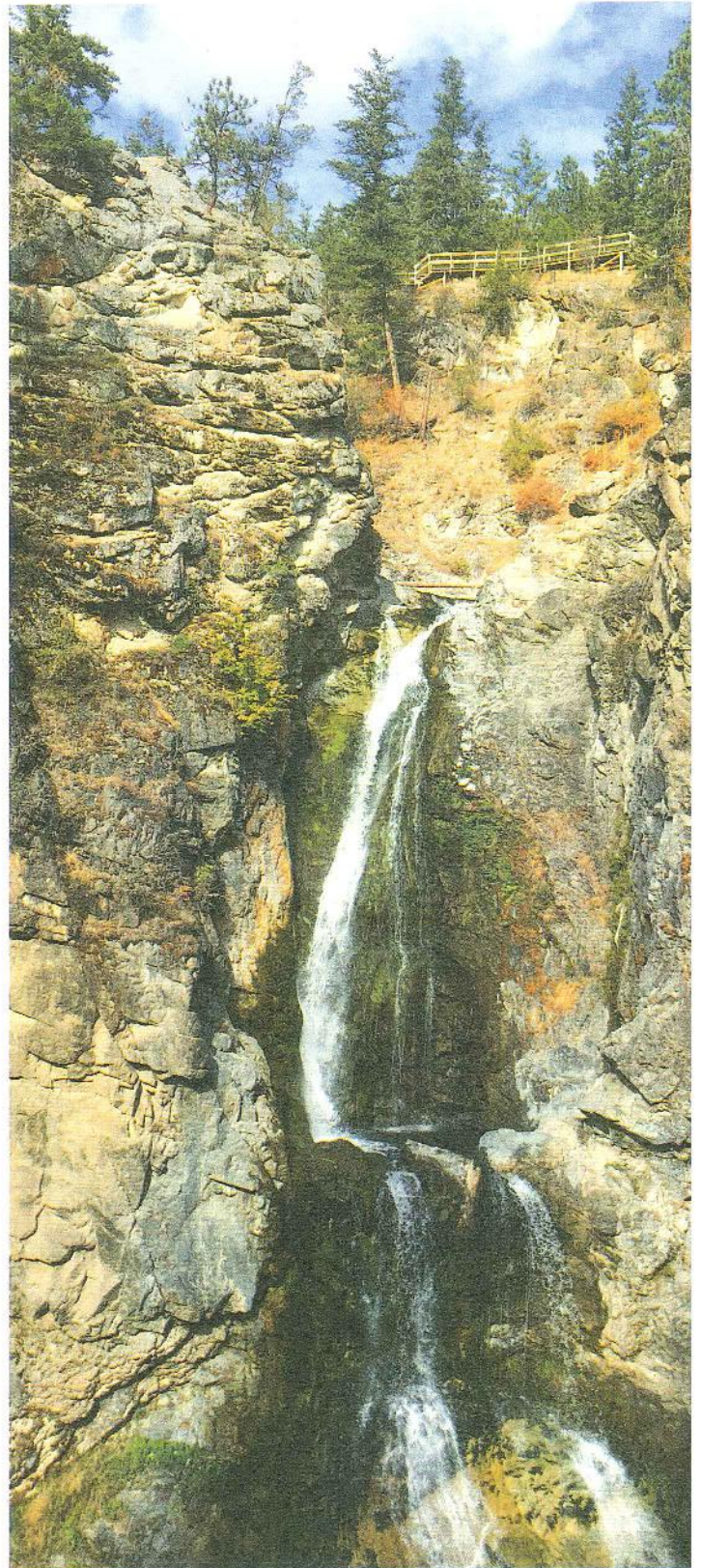
Wildlife in the protected area includes the Bighorn Sheep, deer, moose, bears, lynx, coyotes, and the occasional cougar. Birdwatchers might see the red-listed Western Grebe, Ruffed Grouse, Northern Goshawk, Great Horned Owl, Pileated Woodpecker, and many others.

With heritage buildings, hiking, an expansive waterfront, and great boating opportunities, Fintry checks off all the

key points we look for in a destination. Each family has their own checklist for a great boating vacation. What's yours?

For more information visit [www.bcparks.ca/fintry-park](http://www.bcparks.ca/fintry-park)

*The waterfall is stunning but during springtime the run-off is spectacular.*



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# Setting Sail for Food Security

**Vernon Yacht Club's Okanagan Charity Regatta is Back June 2 - 4, 2023!**

*We're sailing for fuller plates and hearts - help us support charities for food security in our communities!*

The Okanagan Charity Regatta (OCR) scheduled from June 2 - 4 will provide a fun and engaging event that not only brings the Okanagan community together but supports a vital cause for food security in our communities.

The Vernon Yacht Club's Dave Ellis started an Okanagan Charity Regatta in the early 2000s, which ran for ten years and was the largest fundraiser for the local United Way during that time.

## WHY A CHARITY REGATTA?

Over the past three years, BC's United Ways and Community Foundations increased their capacity to support access to adequate and nutritious food for our communities in great need due to the consequences of fires, floods, shutdowns and rising costs. The need continues to grow and the stability of these programs is essential to build strong and healthy communities.

## BACKGROUND

Since early 2020, approximately one in seven BC households have had difficulty accessing adequate and nutritious food. Charities and organizations across the province are reporting significant increases in demand for their services. For some organizations, the needs have increased 400 percent in the past three years with no sign of slowing. Many organizations have had to adapt their services and programs to meet this demand.

## DONATE FOR FULLER PLATES AND HEARTS

Every donation large or small and every sponsorship dollar counts towards communities accessing adequate and nutritious food. Donations and sponsorships go directly to the Community Foundation North Okanagan and United Way BC to be distributed to organizations in your region. Donate today and please visit us at <https://trellis.org/okanagan-charity-regatta>

## PARTNER WITH US

The Vernon Yacht Club and other Okanagan yacht clubs, as well as sailing associations, United Ways and Community Foundations and their beneficiaries partner in sharing information on the Okanagan Charity Regatta fundraiser. If your business or organization is interested in partnering with this event or wants to sponsor call Pamela at (250) 260-0253 or Sarah at (250) 241-4664 or visit [okanagancharityregatta.ca](https://okanagancharityregatta.ca)

## OUR BENEFICIARIES

Some of the beneficiaries supported by United Way BC and Community Foundation North Okanagan include the Good Food Box; Fill the Gap Program; UWBC's Regional Food Hubs; Rescue & Recovery Food Fillers Program; School's Out

*Sail for a great cause and support access to adequate and nutritious food for the region's communities.*



Program; Whitevalley Community Centre's Children and Youth Program; CFNO's Better Together Community Response Fund; Salvation Army Vernon - House of Hope Foodbank; The Hope for the Nations Program; Karis Support Society; the Tiny Bundles Program; Central Okanagan Region Nutrition Society; and Land to Table Food Hub; and many additional community programs that work towards eliminating hunger and promoting food security.

## OKANAGAN LAKE'S SAILING COMMUNITY

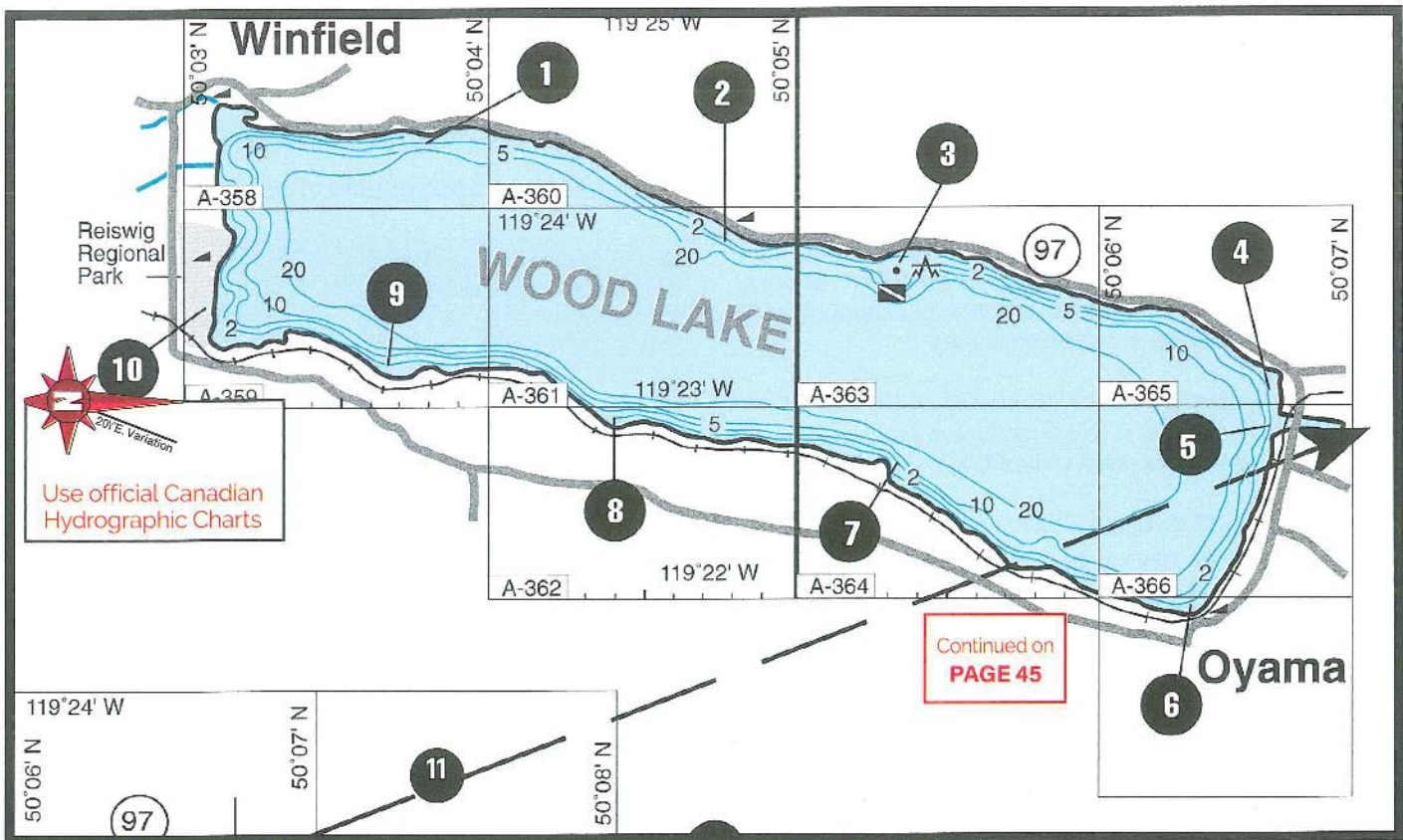
The Vernon Yacht Club's Sailing Fleet is inviting sailors from four other clubs on Okanagan Lake to attend the regatta. Our fleet in turn will send sailboats to attend ten annual regattas hosted by Okanagan yacht clubs in Kelowna, Summerland, West Kelowna and Penticton. Our Regatta volunteers will bring awareness to our campaign and partners through the many sailing and club activities throughout the Okanagan.

A special thank-you goes to Vernon's Hagemann Jewellers for sponsoring the breakfast fundraiser at the OCR as well as to the North Okanagan Sailing Association for running our Committee Boat and stats for the regatta. The Okanagan Charity Regatta is run by many volunteers of the Vernon Yacht Club's Sailing Fleet.

For more information be sure to visit <https://trellis.org/okanagan-charity-regatta>



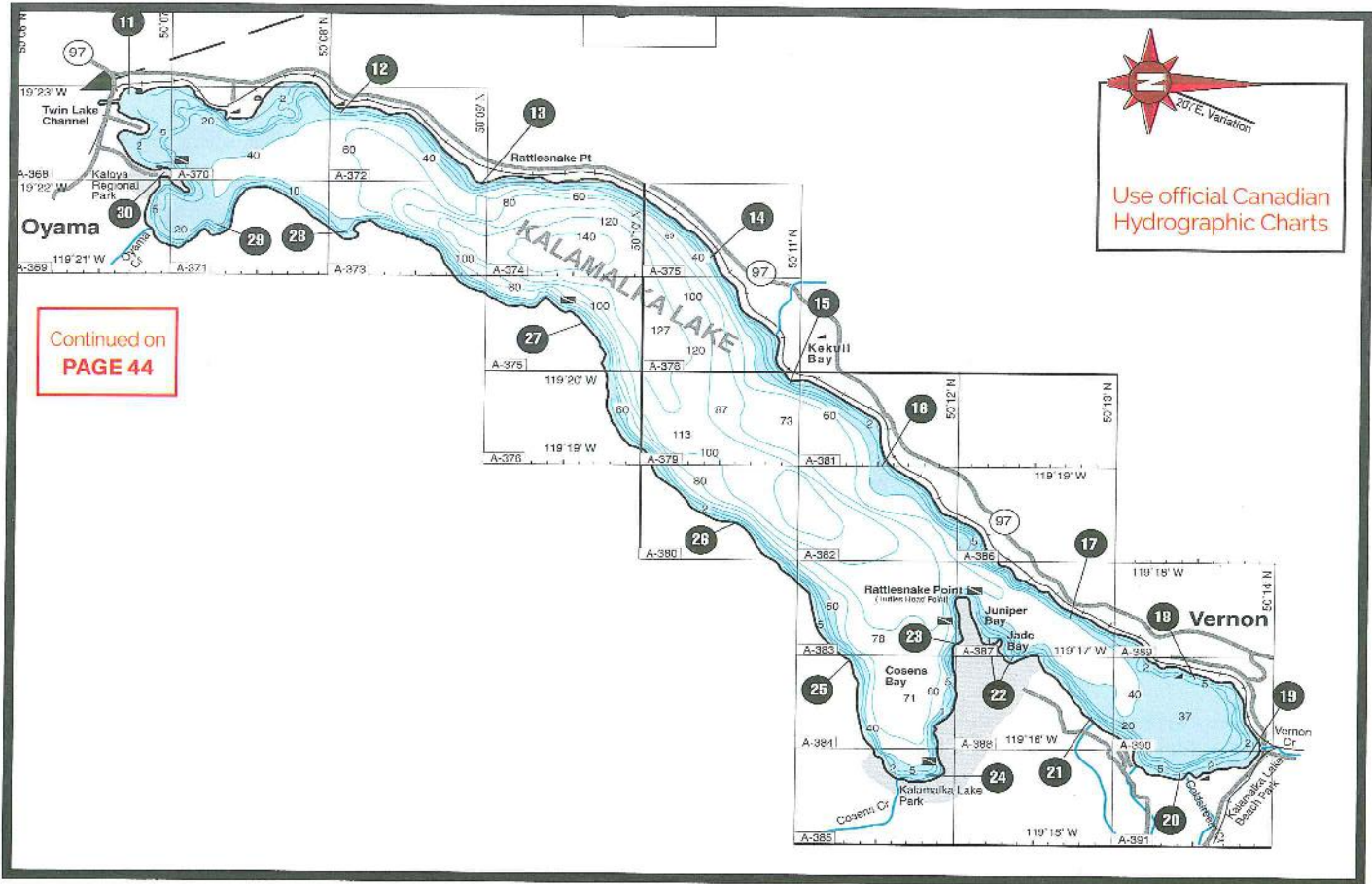
# M KALAMALKA & WOOD LAKE



1. Private beaches and docks for 1.6 km north. The bay at the south end is very shallow - no beaching along here.
2. Public boat launch for small boats. Private docks south - very rocky shores.
3. Do not boat between the shore and the outcrop of rocks. The water is very shallow and you can be assured of damage to your hull or the leg. A private facility to the south. Just north is a picnic table with small beaching areas.
4. Large beach with swimming and beaching areas along the north end. Many boats beach here.
5. Twin Lake Channel Access - (Wood to Kalamalka Lake) During the fall and winter you're going to have to paddle across. In the summer be careful and keep your leg raised or you may lose your prop.
6. Boat launch in the east corner of the bay. Shelter from north winds - beach with care to the south.
7. Picnic tables at the point. Nice area to go for a walk along the waterfront.
8. Shelter from south winds - picnic tables at the point.
9. Private beaches and docks. No beaching 1.6 km north or south.
10. Reiswig Regional Park - Picnic tables with some nice beaches - no fires or overnight camping. Good shelter from south winds although the water is very shallow.
11. Don't try to enter the small bay area just to the west of the docks as the water is very shallow. Refer to #5 above for the channel.
12. Jade Bay Veterinary Clinic building - Picnic tables and benches. Shelter from south winds. Private beaches and docks north and south 1.6 km - no beaching.
13. Rattlesnake Point - Some sandy beaches around the point. Shelter from south winds to the north of the old pilings. Shores are very rocky for 800 m north - no beaching. There is shelter from north winds to the south.
14. Shores are very rocky with a few small beaching areas.
15. Kekuli Bay Provincial Park - Two boat ramps and shelter from south and north winds. Kalamalka Lake is one of many unique bodies of water known as Marl Lakes. When the lake warms in the summer, calcium carbonate and limestone form crystals that reflect the sunlight and create the vivid blue.
16. Rocky shores for 1.6 km north.
17. Large boulders on shore with small rocky beaching areas to the south. Beach with care - shelter from north winds.
18. Small public boat launch. There is very little room to park your vehicle on the road.
19. Pumphouse Beach - No life guards on duty. Small beach is in front of the cement building with the crane on top. Shelter from north winds.
20. Kalamalka Beach Park and the Rotary Pier - The original pier was built and donated to the city of Vernon by the Vernon Rotary Club in August, 1934 for the intended use of the general public. It was rebuilt in June 1949. No diving off the pier and no bikes on pier. Change rooms, washrooms and large beach area are available. Watch for swimmers.
21. Kalavista Park - Public boat launch beside the beautiful Coldstream Creek. Private docks to the south and north.
22. Jade Bay - Shelter from south and north winds.
23. Rock walls with some small rocky beaching areas. Beach with care.
24. Kalamalka Lake Park - Nice large beach with picnic tables and washrooms. This park stretches over the mountain to the north with numerous hiking trails. Some hazards to look out for are poison ivy, rattlesnakes and wood ticks. Protect yourself against swimmer's itch when in the water. Please do not pick up or disturb any metal objects found along the trails. The area was used for target practice during the Second World War and unexploded bombs buried on impact are still making their way to the surface.
25. Private beaches and docks. No beaching for 1.6 km east or west.
26. Rocky shores - no beaching for 1.6 km north or south.
27. Rock walls at the point with a small beaching area to the north. Shelter from north winds in the south bay.
28. Rock walls - no beaching for 1.6 km south. Shelter from south and north winds.
29. This nice bay will provide shelter from north and south winds. Beach with care in the bay. Some beaching areas at the point.
30. Kaloya Regional Park - Picnic tables, nice beaches, BBQ stalls, changing rooms and a nice area for weddings. The perfect place to bring the family for a picnic. Plenty of parking and enjoy a long walk in the park. Waters are very shallow at the point. Watch for swimmers on the south side.



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# The Okanagan

By Steve Fennell

## Stays Active for 2023

*Festivals and events reign supreme this summer offering excitement for everyone.*



Local farmer's markets, social events at pubs, and long weekend celebrations are all summer staples in the Tri-Lakes. Major festivals and events, too, are scheduled through the season to provide added entertainment for your Okanagan destination. Here are a few to consider for 2023.

### OKANAGAN SPRING WINE FESTIVAL - JUNE 2-11

If you have never tasted the wines of the Okanagan or wish to sample new vintages from the region's award-winning producers, The Okanagan Spring Wine Festival offers two weeks of regionally-inspired creations and culinary experiences. Re-imagined for 2023, the Okanagan Spring Wine Festival is poised to elevate your experiences with The Valley First Grand Tasting and the new TASTE Passport from June 2 - 4 in Central Okanagan.

The second weekend of the festival will be hosted across the Southern Okanagan, starting with the Valley First Grand Tasting on June 9 at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre. On June 10-11, the TASTE Passport will be available in Naramata and The District Wine Village on June 11.

**Tickets are currently available and for more information visit [www.thewinefestivals.com](http://www.thewinefestivals.com)**

### SUNSHINE FESTIVAL- LATE JUNE, VERNON, BC

From live entertainment on two stages and art showcases to more than 100 vendors and even sidewalk sales, the Vernon Sunshine Festival will kick off the vibes this summer in late June. The event is considered to be North Okanagan's largest street festival and sidewalk sale and will offer something for every member of your crew.

**For 2023 dates and information visit [www.tourismvernon.com](http://www.tourismvernon.com) or [www.downtownvernon.com](http://www.downtownvernon.com)**

### NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY JUNE 21, KELOWNA

The National Indigenous Peoples Day is set for June 21 and celebrates the indigenous culture, heritage, and contributions

made to Canada and its people. In addition to programming at Kelowna's Okanagan Heritage Museum, visitors can enjoy children's activities, a mini pow-wow, and the 'traditional feast' at the Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society's Turtle Island Festival.

**[www.tourismkelowna.com](http://www.tourismkelowna.com)**

### PARKS ALIVE! - JULY AND AUGUST, KELOWNA

Music will once again ring through the city all summer with Parks Alive!, which presents 50 events at various parks and stages throughout the city. Ideal for all ages, expect to see and hear various musical genres, styles and even live musical theatre performed by local artists and world-class professionals.

**[www.tourismkelowna.com](http://www.tourismkelowna.com)**

### MEET ME ON BERNARD - JULY 1 - SEPTEMBER 5 KELOWNA

To more easily access downtown Kelowna's shopping, dining, and nightly entertainment options, the streets will be closed to traffic from St. Paul Street to Okanagan Lake with pedestrian-only access. A popular event throughout the summer, Meet Me on Bernard includes a variety of games, activities, art displays, and live entertainment as well as welcoming pubs and restaurants with outdoor patios. For more information, Tourism Kelowna will be on-site with a Mobile Visitor Centre on Bernard Avenue (at the Neighbourhood Plaza).

**Be sure to visit [www.tourismkelowna.com](http://www.tourismkelowna.com) for updates.**

### PENTICTON PEACH FEST- AUG 9-13, PENTICTON

When a festival has a \$3.6 million economic impact on a community over five days, you just know it's something special. The Penticton Peach Fest has been an annual tradition in the city since the late 1940s and today, it's one of the most celebrated events in the Tri-Lakes region. Sports competitions, outdoor activities, live Canadian entertainment, and even a film festival are some of the highlights planned this year.

**For a complete lineup of entertainment visit [www.peachfest.com](http://www.peachfest.com).**

### ROCK THE LAKE - AUGUST 11 - 13, 2023, KELOWNA

After a sold-out crowd in 2022, Rock The Lake returns this year just outside of Prospera Place minutes from downtown Kelowna. A full gamut of live classic rock performers are scheduled to perform and over the years it has attracted famous Canadian rockers such as Loverboy, Kim Mitchell, and Honeymoon Suite. According to event organizers, Prospera Place will be open with full facilities including concession stands and a fully licensed restaurant. The grounds will also include food trucks, licensed facilities, and VIP access.

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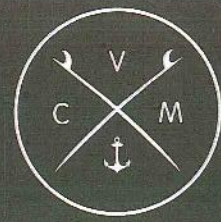
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