

GBA Amplifies Your Voice

Since 1916, we have taken a leadership role, advocating to all levels of government and other stakeholders on behalf of 18 water-based communities on the eastern and northern shores of Georgian Bay, on a broad range of issues, to protect and preserve this precious and fragile freshwater ecosystem for generations to come. As your watchful eye on the Bay, and your insurance policy to protect it, GBA often identifies and addresses matters early on, before they become a problem. Below are some of the current, topical issues on our agenda:

Coastal Protection



Municipal Planning Comparison Project

- First phase of this major undertaking to compare and contrast the planning regulations of your 5 coastal municipalities was completed in 2022
- Aim is to establish sound, responsible planning practices that will ensure sustainable development and protect the coastal environment for generations



Floating Homes

- Advocating to ensure floating homes are properly regulated to avoid environmental impacts and address safety concerns

Safety



Fire

- Informing members about MNRF and municipal fire danger ratings and restrictions throughout the fire season
- Providing extensive fire safety information <https://georgianbay.ca/boating/fire/>



Boating

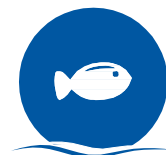
- Linking you to updated information about new regulations and making sure you have a chance to weigh in on:
 - Boat noise, Pleasure Craft Licenses, mandatory PFD wear...

Water



Water Quality

- Monitoring the increase in cruise ship traffic on Georgian Bay to ensure wastewater regulations are in place and being followed
- Supporting legislation to require filters on washing machines to keep microfibres out of our water
- Publishing a guide about septic systems to help you reduce the risk of water quality issues around your cottage



Aquaculture

- Advocating to ensure the open net pen industry in the Bay isn't expanded and environmental regulations remain robust

GBA is your source for a wealth of information on these issues and so much more...

- Invasive Species
- Species at Risk
- Emergencies
- Water Levels
- First Nations Liaison
- Guardians of the Bay
- Lands and Forests
- Phragmites
- Member Benefits
- Communications
- Fisheries / Mercury in fish
- Planning Regulations

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