



CATCHACOMA  
Cottagers' Association

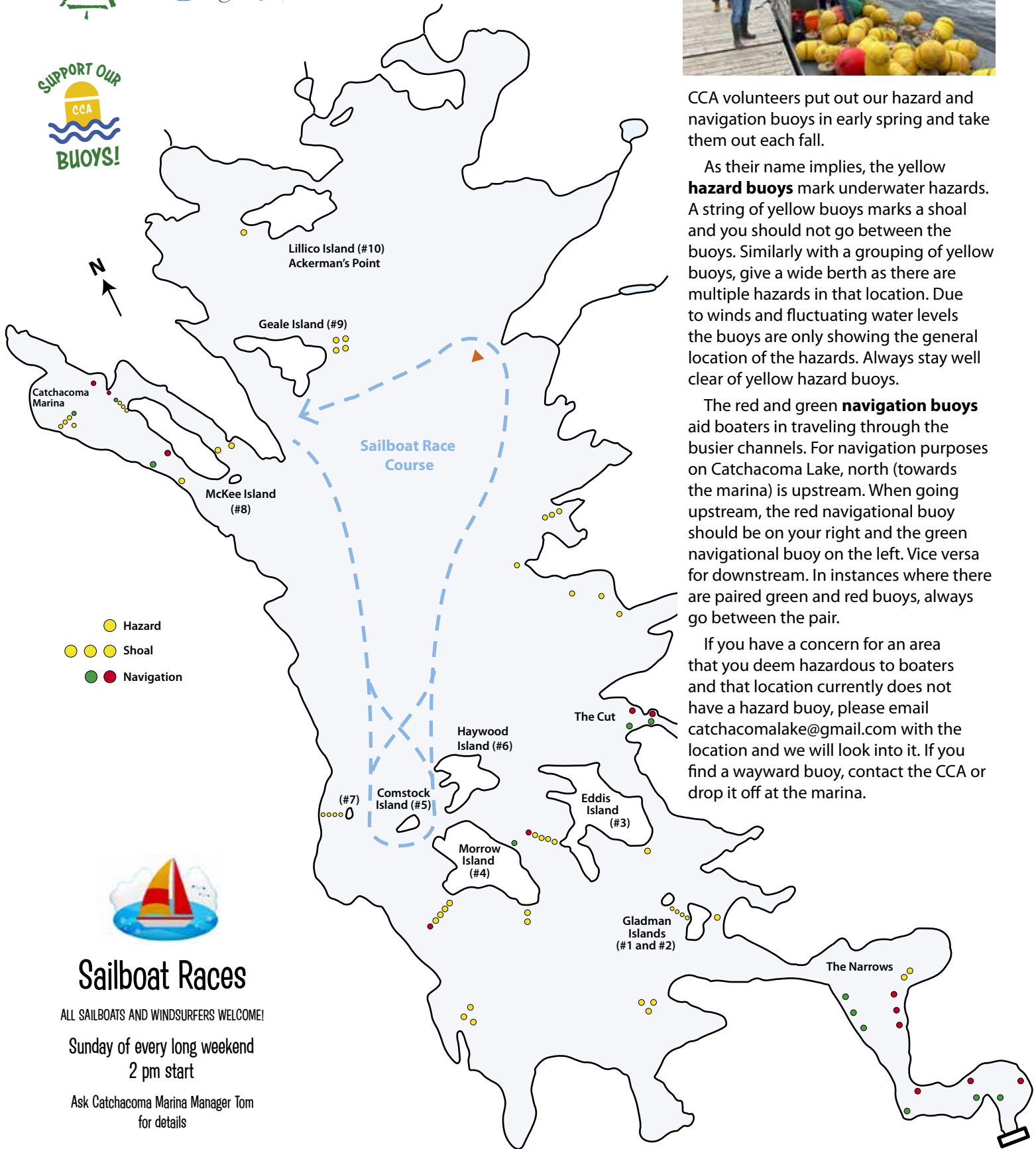


CCA volunteers put out our hazard and navigation buoys in early spring and take them out each fall.

As their name implies, the yellow **hazard buoys** mark underwater hazards. A string of yellow buoys marks a shoal and you should not go between the buoys. Similarly with a grouping of yellow buoys, give a wide berth as there are multiple hazards in that location. Due to winds and fluctuating water levels the buoys are only showing the general location of the hazards. Always stay well clear of yellow hazard buoys.

The red and green **navigation buoys** aid boaters in traveling through the busier channels. For navigation purposes on Catchacoma Lake, north (towards the marina) is upstream. When going upstream, the red navigational buoy should be on your right and the green navigational buoy on the left. Vice versa for downstream. In instances where there are paired green and red buoys, always go between the pair.

If you have a concern for an area that you deem hazardous to boaters and that location currently does not have a hazard buoy, please email [catchacomalake@gmail.com](mailto:catchacomalake@gmail.com) with the location and we will look into it. If you find a wayward buoy, contact the CCA or drop it off at the marina.



## Sailboat Races

ALL SAILBOATS AND WINDSURFERS WELCOME!

Sunday of every long weekend  
2 pm start

Ask Catchacoma Marina Manager Tom  
for details

Every effort is made to ensure the buoys are maintained in the correct locations throughout the boating season. The program does not guarantee that buoys that have been deployed haven't moved and unmarked locations of the lake can be safely navigated. The primary responsibility for safe boating is with the operator of the vessel. Catchacoma Cottagers' Association, its directors and volunteers take no responsibility for injury to boaters or damage to boats as a result of contact with navigational hazards.

# When Every Second Counts... Know the 911 Protocols

If you have an emergency, call 911 immediately. Local first responders will be informed of the 911 call and are trained for situations such as fire, accidents and medical emergencies. Local first responders are close by and know the area, allowing them to arrive quickly and provide basic life support such as CPR and emergency first aid until paramedics arrive.

In emergency situations, it is crucial for cottagers and guests to know their 911 address. Following the correct protocols not only improves personal safety but also expedites emergency response when every second counts. Here are some tips to help you provide the right information to 911 dispatch.

## Road Access Cottages

Each cottage has been designated a unique 911 green number for identification purposes. When reporting an emergency, provide your green number along with the name of your road or fire route and specify that you are in the Municipality of Trent Lakes.

## Water Access Only Cottages

For Water Access Only (WAO) cottages, provide your green number when you call and indicate that you are at a WAO cottage on Catchacoma Lake within the Municipality of Trent Lakes.

WAO green numbers are assigned starting from the Bottle Creek dam and increase northward along the east shore to Pencil Creek. First responders are familiar with this numbering system.

## Island Cottages

For cottages on islands, provide your green number and specify that you are located on an island on Catchacoma Lake within the Municipality of Trent Lakes. Each island on Catchacoma Lake has been assigned a unique number, which is embedded within the green number. For instance, reporting that the emergency is at "1050 on an island on Catchacoma Lake in the Municipality of Trent Lakes" would inform first responders that the emergency is located on island 10 at cottage 50.



*Make sure you and your guests know the emergency number for your cottage. Consider posting this information on the fridge or in another prominent location.*

## What Phone to Use

If your cottage has a landline, use it during emergencies, as emergency dispatch will automatically receive the address when the call is made. However, if you are calling from a cell phone and are unaware of the 911 address, provide GPS coordinates or use location-specific apps such as "what3words" to assist first responders in locating you.

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