



2022 PHOTO CONTEST: GRAND PRIZE WINNER  
Blue Heron, by Misty Bernard

## SWIM FOR THE SOUTH SHORE

### GUESS WHO IS BACK!

Thanks to all who made last year such a success, we are doing it again! Celebrate clean, healthy water on the South Shore of PEI with an open-water swim. The event benefits the South Shore Watershed Association, a registered charity that works to protect over 100 km of coastal water and streams.

This year, the event will be held in memory of Marion Endert, SSWA board member and nature lover. Marion joined the board in 2020 bringing her passion for the environment and, especially, clean water. In her short time with us as a board member, she was keen on the Augustine Cove community.



The Swim will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 11 am (rain day August 14). This one-kilometre bay swim begins at the boat launch and ends at the beach in front of By the Sea Kayaking in beautiful Victoria-by-the-Sea. Whether you're a serious swimmer looking for a timed event, a triathlete wanting to practice in open water, a recreational swimmer setting a personal goal for your swimming, or someone who is passionate about water quality and making a difference locally, the Swim for the South Shore is an exciting, challenging and fun celebration of clean and healthy water in our region.

Local musician *Megan Ellands* will be performing on the wharf from 10:30 to 12:30.

## REGISTRATION (for both swimmers and “buddies”)

The registration fee is \$20 for an individual swimmer and \$40 for a family up to six people. Each swimmer must be accompanied by a support paddler “buddy” for a registration fee of \$5.

## FUND-RAISING

Each swimmer is responsible for raising at least \$50 to support SSWA’s mission to advocate for water quality, and protect and preserve the South Shore and its waters. There is no fund-raising requirement for support paddlers.

Once you register for the Swim, you will be directed to create a profile through:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2022/59956/swim-for-the-south-shore>



You can share with friends and family via email, text, social media, or other creative endeavours. Your supporters can donate online. You can also fund-raise by collecting pledges from your supporters and mailing them to the South Shore Watershed Association, PO Box 123, Crapaud, PEI, COA 1J0. A variety of prizes will be awarded to the top fund-raisers!

## Clean Water Campaign



Pick up a test kit Monday–Friday from the SSWA office, above Victoria Glass Studio (24 Bardin Street) in Victoria. Instructions are provided. Drop off a fresh sample of tap water (no stream water) Wednesday mornings between 8 am and 12 noon.

The lab requests that the samples be taken that morning. The PEI Laboratory will analyze your sample and connect you with government resources FREE of charge, should you need to make changes to your system.

**Wednesday lab days are:**

**July 20, July 27, August 3, August 10**

Prior to the swim, SSWA will be giving out water test kits to the community. Every Wednesday, SSWA will deliver them to the PEI Laboratory, which will analyze the samples. This is free of charge to the community.

## ALL ABOUT AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

SSWA recently held its AGM with a full audience, interested and enthusiastic about environmental conservation.

We enjoyed a presentation, “Aquatic Invasive Species,” by Rosanne MacFarlane, Freshwater Fish Biologist, PEI Fish, Forest and Wildlife Department. She has been a prominent figure within the watersheds in PEI for many years, and we were lucky to have her present at our AGM about aquatic invasive species in our rivers and ponds.

Rosie emphasizes the importance of not releasing any type of aquatic species in local ponds or river systems. Last year, she and local watershed personnel





focused on catching more than 300 goldfish that had been released into the river. Goldfish are not native to PEI and could spread disease and compete for habitat with native species. Life member Barbara Clement presents a gift to Rosie.



The 2022 Photo Contest “People’s Choice” Grand Prize Winner was chosen by those attending the AGM. First-time entrant Misty Bernard won a cash prize and two years’ SSWA membership with her beautiful photo of a blue heron. Special thanks to Wayne Barrett and Anne MacKay of Barrett & MacKay Photography for taking on the unenviable task of judging the many entries. We also thank our generous corporate donors, ADL and Master Packaging, for their support of this annual program which encourages members of the public to see (and photograph) the beauty and variety of the wildlife around us.

And a big shout-out to Albert McAllister, who was presented with a Volunteer Service certificate in deep appreciation of his service to SSWA by donating his mowing service to keep the Linden Hill Pond (South Melville) lawn neatly mown all season. Brenda Graves, SSWA vice-president, presents the certificate.

The SSWA board wishes to thank the following funding agencies for supporting a very productive year, despite COVID: Canada Summer Jobs, Clean Foundation, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Jobs for Youth, PEI Forest Fish and Wildlife Division, PEI Watershed Management Fund, Skills PEI Post-Secondary Student Program, TD Friends of the Environment, and Wildlife Conservation Fund.

## **SUMMER SEASON**

Here we go again for another season! We would like to say a big welcome to our new crew members: Jennifer Woods (wildlife technician), Nicole Lawlor, Baylee DesRoches, and Cole Schofield. And welcome back to our previous year’s crew members: Jean-Luc Duguay, Nout Geurts, Ian MacNevin, Matt Meenink (field supervisor), and Ashton Winn.

Our 2022 season is focused on headwater protection and enhancement in the Tryon watershed. Headwater streams are vitally important for providing clean, cold water to our river systems for wildlife habitat, flood control, and absorption of drainage from land. Headwaters are increasingly threatened by climate change and particularly by extreme rainfall events. Heavy precipitation has an immediate impact on headwaters because of storm runoff, lack of buffer zones, and impervious surfaces that are becoming more common in today’s development.

In the Tryon watershed, we conducted stream macroinvertebrates surveys and installed water temperature loggers in various locations in the stream.

We greatly appreciate the support of Environment and Climate Change Canada and the PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund.

Follow up on our adventures throughout the season by checking our website ([www.sswa.ca](http://www.sswa.ca)) and Facebook (@SSWAPEI), where our team keeps a weekly update about the work in progress.



SSWA'S WATERSHEDS



-  DeSable River
-  Westmoreland River
-  Tryon River
-  Augustine Cove-Cape Traverse
-  Seven Mile Bay

More maps: [www.sswa.ca](http://www.sswa.ca)

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