

## 2017 Summer Cleanups

Cornwall Harbour	May 13
Cornwall Harbour	July 23
Akwesasne	TBD
Akwesasne	Aug. 4
St. Lawrence College	Oct. 20

### Cleanup Hours

9 am to 1 pm

\* Akwesasne ( 9 am - 3 pm)

**BBQ afterwards for all registered volunteers**

**Volunteer Orientation -  
Wednesday, May 3 (6:30 pm) @  
Schnitzels Restaurant**

### Partners



### Partners Coming Together

The Great St. Lawrence Cleanup would not be taking place without the generous support of the province of Ontario and the RBC Blue Water Fund. These partners are making this series of Cleanups possible and we thank them for their support.

We also thank the other River partners listed above who have provided goods or services to this project. Together, we are taking back the River . . . one piece at a time!

# Taking Back the River

## Great St. Lawrence River Cleanup

Cornwall / Akwesasne



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# Taking Back the River is a Team Effort

Planning for the Great St. Lawrence River Cleanup 2017 is underway and we need your help to take back the Great River.

Our beautiful River is becoming spoiled because all sorts of debris is being discarded into the water and along shorelines. This is not only harmful to our fish and wildlife, this kind of damage can pose harm to human health as well.

A group of River connected community members are "Taking Back the River" - reclaiming it for drinking water, fishing, swimming, and recreation.

This unique project includes cooperation from 3 nations and takes both in Cornwall and Akwesasne.

Along with the boaters, divers, and anglers, we are seeking community members for volunteer teams that will join us to tackle 5 shoreline cleanups and document the types of litter that we find. Training is provided.

Each volunteer receives a souvenir t-shirt and refreshments. An eco-education tent will also be on hand providing information on River related and environmental protection programs. Won't you help us to Take Back the River?



## A Community Event

The Great St. Lawrence River Cleanup is a community event that involves River related organizations through the Upper St. Lawrence River Protection Network. For safety reasons, all boats involved in the River Cleanup will be coordinated through the Cornwall Lunger Club. The dive teams will be supervised by the Seaway Valley Divers.

The St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences is organizing shoreline cleanups in partnership with Raisin Region Conservation Authority and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Environmental Program.

It is helpful that all those who are interested in volunteering for any or all of the events contact us ahead of time by getting in touch with the following Volunteer Coordinators:

**Boat Captain:** **Mark Kaddie**  
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(613) 932-0924 (home)

**Dive Captain:** **Ron MacDonald**  
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**Shoreline:** **Karen Cooper**  
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## Logistics

This series of Cleanups will take place in 5 separate locations. There will be a central registration / volunteer tent where all volunteers can check-in on the morning of each Cleanup and where they sign out at the end of the shift.

It is preferred that volunteers sign up ahead of time through the contacts here or through the information on the River Institute website [www.riverinstitute.ca](http://www.riverinstitute.ca).

For safety reasons, we are asking volunteers to wear closed toed shoes and long pants. We are also recommending that you bring along a brimmed hat, sun screen, and bug spray. At morning check-in each volunteer will receive a safety coloured t-shirt, (or safety vest), gloves, garbage pickers and bags, a meal ticket, and a card to record garbage. Please bring along your cell phone, if you have one, for easy access to the main volunteer tent.

### General Volunteer Crew Categories:

- Shoreline Cleanup
- Waste Management (sorting)
- BBQ / Food Tent
- Education Tent Coordination
- Volunteer Booth / Registration

