

LONG LAKE NEWS

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Spring 2017 Newsletter

May 2017

President's Message

Our 2016-2017 fiscal year will go down as the year of scientific cooperation. Our Association worked closely with the Long Lake Foundation, Long Lake Township, Oleson Foundation, Grand Traverse Land Conservancy, Great Lakes Environmental Center (GLEC), and Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) to put several programs in place to monitor our lakes and educate our watershed students and lake residents. As we presented to you at our annual meeting last August, we piloted an intern program that utilized two students from NMC. These students studied Page and Fern Lakes. By understanding the baseline on those lakes, it allows us to further observe and monitor over time the impact of the public on these lakes once the Timbers property gets more use. You may review the student's report at <http://www.longlakeassociation.com/lake-management.html>

Another first on our lakes was the use of a fully licensed aerial drone pilot to document/map invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil. Previous methods of mapping involved sonar and weed dredging which provided only a rough estimate of the milfoil growth locations and amount. This technique is a close guess to how much and where milfoil thrives on our lakes. The aerial observation, under the right conditions, provides pinpoint accuracy with GPS coordinates that can be provided to the applicator for deploying the right kind of herbicide to reduce infestations. Not only are we more accurate with our treatment, but we are better able to monitor progress using before and after photos showing our effectiveness.

In 2017-2018, we will be moving the intern program to Long, Ruth, and Mickey Lakes. This is the year of our big water study. GLEC will be working hand in hand with our interns to collect samples for analysis. This study shows phosphorus levels and much more in the lakes. The results get added to the ongoing database and will provide trend data. Our riparian property values are determined by the quality of the lake. It is extremely important that we are vigilant in preventing invasive species, eliminating shoreline fertilization of lawns that can increase phosphorus in the lake, and replacing failed septic systems.

Lastly we will not be raising our membership fee this year. It remains at \$35. Approximately 436 out of 723 riparian are members of the Association and we deeply appreciate your support. Our board members and volunteers work many long hours maintaining the islands, working on improvement projects, and attending township meetings, which benefit all riparian' and lake guests. Our board members volunteer their time. Please continue to show your support of this organization and **encourage your riparian neighbors to join.**

Let's continue this good work together!

Sincerely,

Rick Kiehle

Advice from a

LAKE

Be clear

Make positive ripples

Look beneath the surface

Stay calm

Shore up friendships

Take time to reflect

Be full of life

~ Ilam Shamir

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Long Island aerial photo provided by Dennis Wiand

Lake Committees

LAKE MANAGEMENT

Based on our new GPS map, we have formulated our preliminary treatment plan. This plan is reflected on our Michigan Department of Natural Resource treatment permission form. Our target treatment week is June 18, 2017.

ISLAND MAINTENANCE

We are ramping up to maintain the outhouses on the islands. Please help us reduce workload by reporting anyone vandalizing the facilities. If you see someone destroying property, please forward the MC number from their boat to Central Dispatch at 231.922.4550. We will be installing the dock on South Island shortly and will be checking trails for fallen trees.

WATER SAFETY

Remember the legal limit for boating while intoxicated has been reduced from .10 to .08 rendering it the same as drunk driving in a motor vehicle. However, it is still legal to have an open container of alcohol while boating as long as you are not over the legal limit while operating.

The law states that anyone can operate a boat with an engine of no more than 6 horsepower. However, a person under age 12 may operate a boat with a person onboard at least 16 years of age if the engine does not exceed 35 horsepower. From ages 12 to 15, a person can exceed the lower speed limit with a boating safety certificate on board or a person 16 or older. At 16, a person can operate a boat of any legal speed without supervision.

On any busy lake, it is a good idea to maintain a safe boating speed given the conditions. On Long Lake you can never exceed 55 mph and must not operate within 100' of shore, a moored or anchored vessel, a dock, raft or any marked swimming area when traveling greater than "slow or no wake speed".

Please review rules and regulations at: http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-10365_10884_11578---,00.html

Annual Discussion Meeting

Learn more about our lakes and the activities of the Long Lake Association at the Annual Discussion Meeting on June 5. Board members will provide updates and be available for questions.

Following the meeting, please join us for our popular *Welcome Back to Paradise* social event. Enjoy appetizers and a cold beverage while reconnecting with friends. We look forward to seeing you and kicking off another great season!

June 5, 2017

Boone's Long Lake Inn
7208 Secor Road

Discussion Meeting
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Welcome Back to Paradise
6:30-8:30 p.m.



BOONE'S LONG LAKE INN

If you see a PWC or boat being operated in a way that causes you concern or you think is violating the law, document the MC number, nature of the incident, description of the driver and contact:

Central Dispatch at 231.922.4550.

You can also leave a voice message with Marine Patrol at 231.995.5006.

Please do not call 911 unless there is an emergency.

Loons Get Nest Upgrade

Currently, we have 5 loon nesting sites (4 artificial and 1 natural) on the Long/ Mickey/Ruth Lakes.

We will be installing a sixth loon nest off of the north shore of the Timbers Recreation Area this spring.

The artificial nesting islands (ANI) are put out in late March or early April each year and brought in after the nesting season is over in mid-June.

Please remember to stay outside of the buoy markers or at least 200 ft. from a nesting site.



Loons—Bear Witness Images

Membership Happenings!

For this fiscal year September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2017, active membership is 436 out of 723 riparian properties. If voting is important to you, please be sure we have your correct mailing address. Ballots are not available at the annual meeting. Under the LLA by-laws, ballots shall be sent by first-class mail at least 21 days prior to the annual meeting. Completed ballots can be mailed to the Association or turned in at the annual meeting.

VOLUNTEERS & BOARD MEMBERS ALWAYS NEEDED

LLA is always looking for volunteers who are interested in the lakes, fishing and wildlife, the islands, invasive species, communications, social events, assisting with discussion and annual meetings, or becoming a board member. If you would like to run for a board position, please email the President as the nomination committee needs to know your interest by the discussion meeting in June. Check the website, www.longlakeassociation.com, and Facebook often for current news and information.

REMIND YOUR HOUSE GUESTS/RENTERS

If you are renting your home/cottage, please remind guests that neighbors are year around residents who rise early for work and may have children who go to bed early. Loud voices and music on the lake travels and are a nuisance. Please be respectful and keep noise to a low level especially in the evenings. Do not leave burning fires unattended, put them out. Bringing a boat from another lake? Before launching, wash, drain, and dry. Also, do not dump baits into the lakes. Help keep invasive species out of our lakes.

IT'S RENEWAL TIME

It is that time of year when the Association collects dues. A dues envelope for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2017, is enclosed and is due before August 31, 2017. When paying your 2017-2018 annual dues, clearly print your name and mailing address, if you would like updates by email, please provide an email. Also, dues forms are on the website and can be printed. Thank you for supporting Long, Mickey, and Ruth Lakes.

MICHIGAN RIPARIAN MAGAZINE

Want to learn more about Michigan's inland lakes? Subscribe to the Michigan Riparian Magazine. There are interesting articles in every issue. Check out former issues on its website. <http://www.mi-riparian.org>

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**Time-Sensitive Material Enclosed:
Membership Dues Statement**

Welcome Back to Paradise Social Event

Monday June 5, 2017

At Boone's Long Lake Inn

Meeting starts at 5:30 p.m.

Annual Board Meeting

Saturday August 19, 2017

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Thank you for your support in protecting and preserving Long, Mickey, & Ruth Lakes!