

THE EAGLE LAKE NEWSLETTER

Spring 2015

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Celebrating 108 years of responsible lake stewardship.



Tonya Condon and the Adopt-A-Highway Program

ELPOI member Tonya Whitford Condon recently celebrated 15 years of service to the Adopt-A-Highway Program with her roadside clean-up along Route 74 in Eagle Lake. Tonya's service to this community is remarkable and greatly appreciated. Make sure to thank her when you see her!

(Tonya and Todd also allow ELPOI to share their internet connection to connect the web camera that overlooks the causeway.)

The Milfoil Project: Progress Report

Is "no news" really "good news"? Well, in this case it may be. Last summer milfoil growth was significantly down in many areas of the lake and we are happy to report minimal growth so far this year. While the fight is not over we are taking a pause because of our continued dialog with the APA, DEC and the recent memorandum of understanding (MOU) that was signed onto by ELPOI in April, the fight against invasives is evolving yet again. "The purpose of this (MOU) is to describe an understanding among the diverse undersigned organizations representing state agencies, municipal governments, property owners, lake associations, conservation groups, and businesses regarding a program to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species in the Adirondack region." See the complete MOU at http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/aqinvasiveadmou.pdf

Unfortunately, though, as was reported last fall in an e-mail to members, Curly Leaf Pondweed was found in the lake. It's yet another invasive, and may have come from a nearby lake. DEC and APA rapid-response staff are hoping that Clean – Drain – Dry (see below) will help; Rolf is working on further assessment of the problem in Eagle Lake.

Annual Meeting & Picnic July 18, 2015

Please join us on Saturday, July 18th, at the Chilson Community Center, 60 Putts Pond Road; annual meeting at 10:00 A.M. and the social picnic at noon. Enclosed with this newsletter are the membership renewal, picnic sign-up and proxy forms for you to complete. A limited number of Eagle Lake-themed short- and long-sleeved T-shirts, small canvas tote bags, mugs, post cards, and glassware will be available for sale at the meeting.

The most important part of the annual meeting is that it's our chance to come together as a community to share ideas and work together to solve problems large and small.

And, of course, election of board members and officers is also a critical part of the meeting. Lloyd Burroughs, who has served for many years, was planning to retire from the ELPOI board at the end of June but has agreed to serve for two more years to give us time to recruit and orient a new member. In addition, Keith Park has agreed to stand for secretary, filling the position vacated by Mary Loose. The board will propose an extension of Lloyd's term, as well as Keith's confirmation, for full-membership vote at the annual meeting. Chris Hyde, Steve Phelps, Peter Popinchalk and Rolf Tiedemann have agreed to stand for re-election as well, but ***nominations from the floor will be welcome at the meeting!***

Maintaining the Lake Level, Countering Beaver Activity, Maintaining the Beach

Thanks go to Jack Mulcahy for keeping an eye on our dam and renewing our DEC beaver-removal permit for 2015. As usual we are battling with the beavers – and right now they're winning. The lake level continues to rise, and with recent rains something needs to be done soon. The lake level is our collective responsibility, and we can't expect Jack to do it all by himself! Watch your e-mail and our Facebook page for announcement of a dam-busting party – coming soon.

In that spirit, several members banded together to give the beach an early spring cleaning: leaves raked, brush and branches picked up, etc. Thanks to all who took part! Remember that when you use the beach it is a carry-in, carry-out location, and overnight camping there is restricted to the designated camping area and is monitored by the NYS DEC.

Warren County: A Model Aquatic Transport Law



Seven towns and villages in the Adirondacks, in addition to Warren County, have local transport laws, and Warren County has offered its law to other counties as a model for their own efforts. Here's hoping the idea catches on.

CLEAN–DRAIN–DRY

CLEAN–DRAIN–DRY guidelines for residents and visitors will help protect Eagle Lake and stop the spread of invasive species...

After boating, before you leave the launch...

CLEAN – Remove all visible plants, animals, fish, and mud from your boat, trailer, or other equipment and dispose of in a suitable trash container or on dry land.

DRAIN – Drain water from bilge, live wells, ballast tanks, and any other locations with water before leaving the launch.

Before you arrive at the launch to go boating...

DRY – Dry your boat, trailer, and all equipment completely. Drying times vary depending on the weather and the type of material. At least five days of drying time is generally recommended during the summer.

Remember that these rules apply to water sports equipment, kids' toys, and even clothing. And the car wash in Ti is a good place to give your boat and trailer a good cleaning. Rolf has asked DEC to post CLEAN – DRAIN- DRY signage at the boat launch, too.

For more information, go to...

http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/boatdisinfect.pdf

In Memoriam

The members of Eagle Lake Property Owners remember our good neighbor and dear friend Pat Chamberlain, who passed away in March. Pat was born and raised here in Crown Point and Ticonderoga, and pursued a nursing career that enabled her to use her gifts of compassion and empathy to the fullest. She loved Eagle Lake and her charming lakefront home, and summer will perhaps be a little less magical this year because we won't be able to see and greet her on her afternoon boat rides around the lake. We will hold her family in our thoughts, as we hold Pat in our memories.

Equally we remember Toby Secone who passed away as a result of a tragic automobile accident in August. Toby was a beloved 30-year resident of Eagle Lake and Ticonderoga, and a US Navy veteran who served with honor in World War II and the Korean War. Toby raised his family in Poughkeepsie, where he was a tavern owner and a 30-year employee at Rockland Psychiatric Center before moving to Eagle Lake. We recall the joy he took in visiting with family and friends, fishing, boating, and riding his tractor around his camp. Our hearts go out to his wife Peg, also a cherished member of our community, and to all his family and friends in their sorrow.

www.eaglelake1.org

Sponsorships, Live Web Cam

Rolf and Michael Tiedemann completed a project to post small, unobtrusive sponsorship badges on the web site, to help defray the cost of maintaining the site. The idea is an offshoot of the business membership category that we added last year; possible sponsors could include local real estate agencies, service businesses, restaurants, shops and others. Contact Chris Hyde if you would like to be or to refer a sponsor – and please consider taking a role in helping us solicit site sponsors (and business members) for ELPOI. The web site is compiling page views at a rate of more than 10,000 a year (and growing!) making it an attractive venue for local advertisers. Don't forget to check out the web cam for current conditions and a time lapse of the last 24 hours. Also recently added is a search feature to see past still images.



REMINDER! – don't forget to "Like" the Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc. page on Facebook to keep up with all the latest news – and share photos and other items of interest with all your Eagle Lake neighbors.

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS!

The ELPOI has a sponsor page on their web site at <http://eaglelake1.org/html/sponsorship/sponsorship.php#Hydes%20Boat%20and%20RV1>. These ads are previews of the ads that appear on the web page. Sponsorship includes a business-card ad in the newsletter (distributed to 150+ lake residents and friends and viewed by 10,000 plus yearly web page loads), rotating business-card banner ads on web pages, and larger ads on the sponsor page itself, with links to sponsors' own web sites. Contact Chris Hyde 518-210-9031 or Rolf Tiedemann 585-647-2514 with any questions, or to become a sponsor. Thanks to our sponsors.



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Speed is limited to 5 miles per hour within 100 feet of shore, dock, raft, moored boat or anchored boat (notably fisherman). All inland bodies of water in New York have a maximum 45 mph. speed limit. Any vessel towing a water skier, wake board or tube, must have on board, in the addition to the operator, an observer at least 10 years of age who will watch out for the person being towed. All towing activities are restricted to the hours between sunrise and sunset.

All boats must have the following safety equipment:

NEW Cold water PFD rule: Starting Nov. 1, kayakers, canoeists and those aboard all other boats under 21 feet, must wear Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices while on New York's coastal waters, lakes, rivers and other waterways. The rule will remain in effect through May 1. Violators face fines ranging from \$25 to \$100.

1. All boats including canoes, kayaks and row boats must have ONE Personal Flotation Device PFD (life jacket) PER PERSON in the boat. It must be worn by children under 12 years old while the boat is underway. The life jacket must be Type I, II or III as rated by the Coast Guard. A throw cushion does not count as a PFD.

2. One Type IV throw able cushion or life ring.

3. Motor boats over 16' in length must have visual distress signals. This can be satisfied by having day/night flares or an "SOS" flag for day use and a battery operated distress light for night use. It is noted that flares will cover the requirement but may not work if they are wet or expired. Be sure to check the dates stamped on flares. Most are only good for three years

4. Fire extinguishers are required on closed cabin boats and inboard or Inboard/Outboard boats under 26' long. Outboard powered boats of open construction under 26' are not required to carry a fire extinguisher.

5. All motor boats are required to carry an anchor and line of sufficient weight to provide safe anchorage.

6. All motor boats must have a working whistle or horn.

7. Navigation and Anchor lights must be displayed between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

Other Suggested Equipment:

Oar /Paddle, Bilge pump/ bailing bucket, First Aid kit, Boat hook, Tool kit / Spare parts, Fire Extinguisher

Jet Ski / PWC Rules:

New York State requires that everyone operating a personal watercraft (PWC) complete an approved course in boating safety or are otherwise accompanied, on board, by someone 18 years of age or older who is the holder of an approved boating safety certificate. Operator must be at least 14 years of age to use a PWC without another adult over the age of 18 who has a boating safety certificate. Certificates are required to be carried at all times when operating the PWC. All PWCs must be currently registered in New York or another state. Valid registration must be carried on the PWC at all times.

Speed is limited to 5 miles per hour within 100 feet of shore, dock, raft, moored boat or anchored boat (notably fisherman) All inland bodies of water in New York have a 45 mph. speed limit.

Operators, passengers and any person being towed behind a PWC must wear a Coast Guard approved personal floatation device (PFD)

Engine Cutoff - Must be functional and attached to rider

Horn / Whistle - Capable of a 2-second blast, audible for 1/2 mile

Visual Distress Flag- Must be at least 1 square foot - Fluorescent Orange

Any vessel towing a water skier, wake board or tube, must have on board, in the addition to the operator, an observer at least 10 years of age who will watch out for the person being towed. The Skier is considered a passenger and is to be counted against the maximum passenger capacity. In order to tow someone behind a jet ski it must be rated for three people: driver, observer and skier.

Operation of a PWCs and waterskiing / tubing is restricted to the hours between sunrise and sunset. Adding lights to a PWC will not allow it to be legally used at night.

Since PWCs cannot immediately stop, it is important to stay clear of other boats and swimmers.

Operators of jet skis and all other power boats should be mindful of property owners and environmentally sensitive areas. See NYS Boaters Guide or go to www.nysparks.com for more information.

MEMBERSHIP 2015

Below are your membership renewal form, picnic sign-up form, and proxy form. We need, welcome and value your ideas, support and leadership. Please take a moment today to renew your membership. Full property owner membership remains at \$25.00 per year; associate membership (for those committed to but not owning property on Eagle Lake) is \$15.00. We have added a business membership level, which will allow community businesses to support ELPOI. In return for their support, businesses receive a sponsor "badge" on the ELPOI web site, a sponsor "ad" in this newsletter, each issue of which reaches more than 120 motivated families. Business membership is \$120.00 per year. See ELPOI sponsor web page for details. To sign up for a business membership contact Chris Hyde at Cdhyde1@gmail.com.

Your membership dues and all other contributions to Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc., are tax deductible under rules governing not-for-profit 501(c)3 status. Membership dues provide for the day to day operating expenses of ELPOI including minimal stationery, telephone and mailing costs (although most of these are donated by International Paper and our members, very occasional conference costs and travel, annual lake water testing by both CSLAP (analytical) and additional non-CSLAP (fecal), donations to local emergency services, and a limited amount to milfoil control. The officers of ELPOI serve in a voluntary capacity. Dues alone cannot pay for the expense of invasive control; if you can make an additional contribution towards the project, please indicate your intention on the membership form below.

2015 Membership Application/ Renewal, and Proxy Form

Please return dues by June 30, the date of record for the Annual Meeting, or as soon as possible. **Membership dues may also be paid at the annual meeting, before the 10:00 a.m. start.** (Our by-laws state that only paid-up members may vote at the meeting.)

Picnic prices are listed below – burgers, hot dogs, soda, water and place settings provided; covered dishes, desserts, etc. are welcome!

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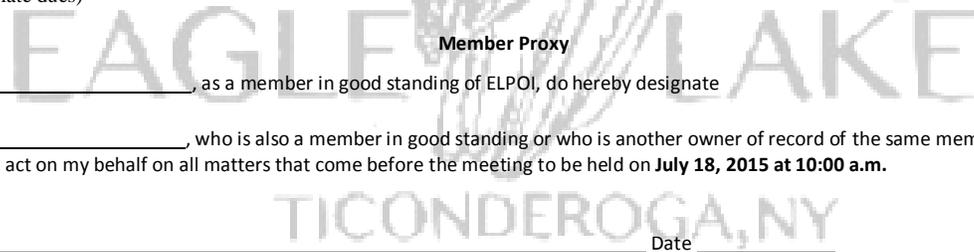
Member Proxy

I, _____, as a member in good standing of ELPOI, do hereby designate

_____, who is also a member in good standing or who is another owner of record of the same membership parcel of said corporation, to vote and act on my behalf on all matters that come before the meeting to be held on **July 18, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.**

Signed: _____ Date _____

Witnessed: _____ Date _____



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First, for the protection of the mutual interest and property of the members. Second, for the re-stocking of Eagle Lake from hatcheries. Third, for the regulation and control of a uniform water level in Eagle Lake. Fourth, for the prevention of the pollution of the water in Eagle Lake. Fifth, for the protection of spawning beds in Eagle Lake. Sixth, and for such other objects and purposes as may from time to time be determined upon by the members of the organization for protecting the mutual interests and property of the members.