

# Silver Lake

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION *Caring for the future of the lake*

## It's the 8th Annual Silver Lake Beach Ball!

The Beach Ball Is scheduled to be launched onto the lake on Friday, June 28th, weather permitting – through the July 4th Holiday. It will be anchored at various points on the lake for easy access for those wishing to sign it.

**Please take the opportunity to sign it, leave comments, take selfies ... enjoy!**

Please do not tow it or try to jump it! If you see someone misusing it – take a moment to educate them, it belongs to the whole lake community! If you see that it needs help – please notify me at 231-313-0177. Chuck Hathaway, Beachball Committee



### CHAIRMAN'S COVE

I like to start my day reminding myself that every day is a gift. It is much easier to do when waking up and looking out the window at our beautiful lake. There is such a level of quiet and peacefulness on Silver Lake – especially in the morning.

I thought I would provide some back-ground on the SLIA. Its purpose is to improve and preserve Silver Lake. The volunteer board of directors and committee members work to maintain, improve, and protect the Lake's water quality and environment, the fishing and wildlife, by cooperating with state and local law enforcement agencies, the Michigan DNR, and related agencies to ensure we fulfill this purpose.

It is a great group to work with and if you have interest in serving on the board or a committee, please contact any board member or write to our website as listed in this newsletter and we will get your name to our nominating committee for upcoming openings or projects.

Ken Kaufman, President

### SAVE THE DATES

#### SLIA Adopt-A-Road, 2019

Next cleanup dates – July 13/20 & Sept 21/28 (Check website for exact dates or rain dates)

- Meet at the Silver Lake Park on East Silver Lake Road N at 10 am sharp.

Ron reports that we had the best turnout ever for our spring cleanup resulting in his favorite saying...

*"Many hands make light work!"*

...Questions – contact Ron Grin at 943-0293.

#### SLIA Annual Meeting, 2019

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, Garfield Twp Hall  
Meet & Greet, Refreshments, 8:30 a.m.  
MEETING 9:00 a.m.

(You will receive a notification letter with agenda and membership form for year 2019-2020 in the mail a week prior to the meeting and it will be posted on the website as well.)



... Coming Soon, "The Dog Days of Summer"



## It's the Independence Day Regatta on Silver Lake

with the Red, White, and Blue proudly displayed!!!

Decorate your boat and come join in! Not decorating? Join the parade anyway – *just remember the occasion and display the flag!* All boats will receive Silver Lake can koozies at registration. Judges will be stationed around the lake and winners will be awarded prizes at the Annual Mtg on August 3rd!



#### Parade begins sharply at 2:00.

Please be on time! Along the route, allow space between boats to "perform" in front of judges, while not lagging too far apart – tricky!

**To water fight or not?? Mind the "X's"!** Place a large "X" on the shoreside of your boat to be given safe passage from land or sea water blasters, balloons, etc!

If you enjoy participating in these "shenanigans" – **be mindful of the "X's" and HOLD YOUR FIRE while they pass** – remember we are a community and there may be small children on board! **Please do not fire on shoreside docks or spectators unless they are looking for a skirmish! ... Let's all enjoy the day together!**

**SHORELINE SPECTATORS** – Cheer the boats on – Remember they love the scorecards! (If you get some really great pics, let us know!) **JUDGES** – If you are interested in being judges or if you have any questions, contact Mike Reed at mreed980@hotmail.com



### WHO DO YOU CALL?

Life threatening or dangerous violations  
911

Boating violations, wildlife harassment  
(MC number required) or launch site violations  
Central Dispatch  
231-922-4550

General Marine questions (leave msg)  
Sheriff's Marine Division  
231-922-2112

DNR Traverse City Office  
231-922-5280

Lost and Found  
TC.Silver.Lake.Association@gmail.com

More information at  
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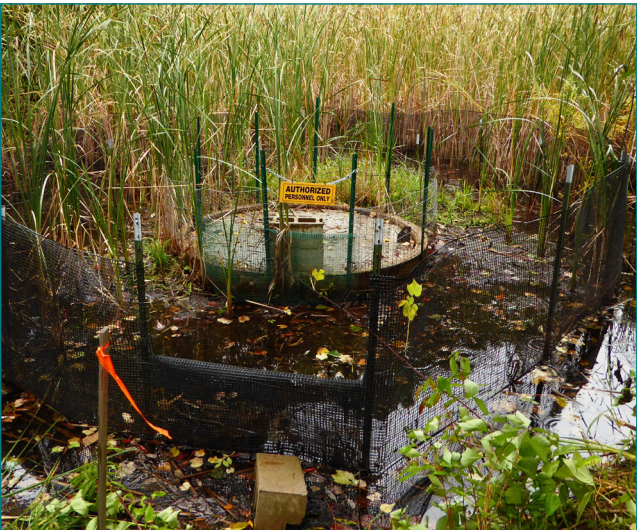
# NO WAKE ZONE AT DNR PUBLIC LANDING

Please be aware that on March 26, 2019, Garfield Township with the support of the DNR and Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department enacted an ordinance to establish a slow "No Wake Zone" near the DNR boat launch site on East Silver Lake Road. (No wake defined as "A very slow speed whereby the wake or wash created by a vessel would be minimal")

This approval is the result of concern for boaters and swimmer's safety along with environmental shoreline erosion due to the large number of boat traffic at the public launch site. The area (zone) involved will extend out four hundred (400) feet from the launch. The DNR has not yet determined the number and placement of buoys and signs for the "No Wake Zone" but are in process of making that decision. Once the DNR has decided, buoys and signs will be put in place and should be clearly visible. Be advised that at that point it will also be enforceable!

*Ed McNamara, Township Liaison*

Observe – be safe – prevent – enjoy!



## SPRING 2019 SILVER LAKE DRAIN UPDATE

For the last few years the water level of the lake has been higher than in years past, part of the natural cycle of rising and declining lake levels. It is currently predicted some of the Great Lakes will be at an all-time high this year. (Before pic on left, Lifting Cover, Wrapping Filter and Gravel Filling below)

As noted in last fall's newsletter, the Drain Commissioner, with the help of several Silver Lake Residents were to begin several drain maintenance functions that have not been performed in the 30 years the drain has been in place. They started last October by removing the screen covering the drain which is located in the Holiday Park Campground. The purpose was to check for any obstructions which may hamper the functionality of the drain. A camera was run through from each end of the drain line and the pipe was not clogged in any area. A filter fabric was placed around the drain and some gravel to hold it in place was laid. This will help keep debris from clogging the screen which has been a battle to keep clean the last few years. More gravel and a second circle of fencing around the drain to keep debris out will be installed soon.



The drain empties into Cox pond, then into Beitner creek and on into the Boardman river. As discovered in the mandated tri-annual drain inspection, the culvert over Beitner Creek has started to erode and needs a sleeve installed to prevent its collapse. Once these items are completed the Drain Commissioner will be working on updating the amount needed for the pending special assessment district for the drain. These preventative actions should keep our drain functioning for a number of years. For more history on the drain, pictures of the location and layout, visit our website, subject History/Drain.

*Barry Andrews, Drain Committee*

## LOON REPORT ...

At last year's annual meeting the SLIA board was authorized to pursue placement of DNR authorized warning buoys around the Loon nesting area on the state owned island on the north end of the lake. There were reports of harassment by people anchoring and invading the nesting area in the spring of 2018, resulting in the loss of the one egg they produced. There was discussion of whether these signs would invite more curiosity seekers and it was decided that most people would care enough to stay away in response to the buoy warning! Accordingly the board approved the purchase and permitting of these buoys for this spring, 2019. They were approved by the DNR and placed on the lake on Sunday, April 28th. As you can see by the picture, they are very visible and explicit in their warning. Approval of signage by the DNR is ongoing as of Mid-May.



In early April the Loons were checking the lake for open water, on April 11th they were spotted in the water at Brakel Point, and by early May they were reported to be mating and building a nest on the island. Nesting/ Incubation lasts about 28 days, once the chick is hatched and in the water it is not returned to the nest and at that point the signage and buoys will be removed – this should occur by the mid to end of June.

We sincerely hope that all lake residents can accommodate this short duration of time and give the Loons the space they need to have a productive year. Please consider how nice it would be to have the loons continue to nest on Silver Lake and produce offspring for all to enjoy! Do speak to your neighbors in the event they are uneducated about how something so seemingly innocent as kayaking close to the nest could result in a failure to produce. Especially think about not getting out of your boats to explore – if you wish to pull your boat

onshore, use the opposite end of this fairly large island – there is room enough share – and the buoys will be gone by summer swimming season! The majority of residents enjoy the loons so let's all work together to give them the space they need for a successful year!

.. It does indeed "Take the Silver Lake Village" ..



# Boating and Fishing Laws to Prevent the Introduction and Spread of Invasive Species

Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (Act 451 of 1994) Part 413 has been amended with changes for boaters and anglers that are in effect as of March 21, 2019. The changes are intended to strengthen protection for Michigan waterways against the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species.

## What boaters need to know:

Prior to the amendment, the law only required that a person not place watercraft or trailers in the waters of Michigan if an aquatic plant is attached. In addition to this requirement, the new changes require all of the following prior to transporting any watercraft over land:



- Removing all drain plugs from bilges, ballast tanks, and live wells.
- Draining all water from any live wells and bilges.
- Ensuring that the watercraft, trailer, and any conveyance used to transport the watercraft or trailer are free of aquatic organisms, including plants.

This means that after trailering boats, and before getting on the road, boaters must pull plugs, drain water and remove plants and debris.

Violation of the law is a state civil infraction and violators may be subject to fines up to \$100.

## What anglers need to know:

For anglers, these amendments codify the Michigan DNR's Fisheries Order 245 regarding the release of baitfish, collection and use of baitfish and cut bait, and release of captured fish, specifically:



- A person shall not release baitfish in any waters of this state. A person who collects fish shall not use the fish as bait or cut bait except in the inland lake, stream, or Great Lake where the fish was caught, or in a connecting waterway of the inland lake, stream, or Great Lake where the fish was caught if the fish could freely move between the original location of capture and the location of release.
- A person, who catches fish other than baitfish in a lake, stream, Great Lake, or connecting waterway shall only release the fish in the lake, stream, or Great Lake where the fish was caught, or in a connecting waterway of the lake, stream, or Great Lake where the fish was caught if the fish could freely move between the original location of capture and the location of release.

Whether purchased or collected, unused baitfish should be disposed of on land or in the trash – never in the water. Any baitfish an angler collects may be used only in the waters where it was originally collected.

Anglers who are catching and releasing fish should only release the fish back into the same water or in a connecting body of water the fish could have reached on its own.

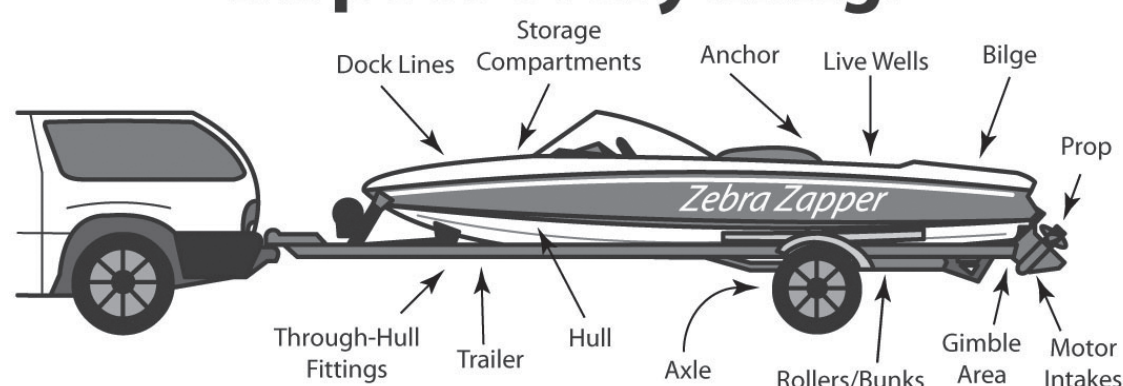
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## What you should do:

To comply with the law and prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species, boaters should:

1. CLEAN boats, trailers and equipment.
2. DRAIN live wells, bilges and all water - pull all drain plugs.
3. DRY boats and equipment.
4. DISPOSE of unwanted bait in the trash.

Before leaving and before launching...  
**inspect everything!**



## THINGS DO WASH UP!

Boats, oars, kayaks, jackets, more ... e-mail our website if you find or lose something, we will post it on **"Lost & Found"**

This has been a very effective tool, please use it! [www.silverlakeimprovement.com](http://www.silverlakeimprovement.com)



## REFUSE...

Leaves, branches, and more ... Please bag & take to County Recycle Drop-off site.

2471 Keystone Rd  
Hours - Tue,Wed,Thur - 10/4:30, Sat - 9/3:30  
[www.recyclesmart.info/905/Brush-Drop-Off-Site](http://www.recyclesmart.info/905/Brush-Drop-Off-Site)  
(Garfield Twp residents, free - call 922-1620)

**Still spring cleaning your property?**  
**Leaves in the lake = Phosphorus = Muck**

**"Don't be a Mucker-Upper" be a good citizen and take your refuse to drop off site!**



## THEY ARE ... SO CUTE!

But Remember -  
*Feeding ducks = "Swimmers Itch"*  
... If you are not aware of the cycle of the organism excreted from waterfowl and how it results in this unpleasant rash, please visit our website, subject **"Wildlife"** for information regarding the cycle that results in your contracting it and what you can do to avoid it.



## "FISHING ON SILVER LAKE!"

Give a man a fish,  
... and you feed him for a day.  
Teach a man to fish ... and he'll spend a fortune - on gear he'll use twice a year!

Hopefully this isn't the case with our dedicated fishermen on Silver Lake, where a boat and a pole bring results, a plaque on the wall or a good dinner ...



**Report from DNR** - 30,000 Walleye Fingerlings are scheduled to be planted in Silver Lake in the spring of 2020. If they have a surplus this spring, we are priority on list to receive those. (Keep your fingers crossed, it has happened before!)

*Ken Kleinrichert, Fisheries Committee*

## SLIA WEBSITE

Many lake websites are commercially focused, with advertisements for property, rentals, etc. The Silver Lake website is there to serve the residents of the community with features such as Lost & Found, Calendar of Events, Informational and Historical Articles, Newsletters from previous years and as a means to communicate with the SLIA Board.

Visit us at [www.silverlakeimprovement.com](http://www.silverlakeimprovement.com)



## NEW MICHIGAN BOATING LAW AMENDMENT

The State of Michigan has amended their Boating Laws to prevent the introduction and spread of Invasive Species into its waters, effective 3-19-2019. A copy is included for you in this newsletter, for more detail, visit [www.Michigan.gov](http://www.Michigan.gov), the SLIA will also have copies of their new brochure as soon as available.



**STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!**

### Environmental Report

In light of the new boating law, it seemed a little historical perspective on the invasion of these species. Zebra Mussels, Eurasian Milfoil and Purple Loosestrife are all native to Eastern Europe and were introduced into the Great Lakes by International cargo ships releasing ballast water. (Milfoil was/is sold as an aquarium plant as well.)

Earlier board members of the SLIA recognized the threat to Silver Lake and started the treatments several years ago to eradicate this threat from our lake. Continuing efforts have managed to keep it under control compared to other Michigan Lakes.

While we realize it might be an inconvenience to take the extra steps required under this new law, we certainly must give kudos to our lawmakers for this proactive program!

This year's Spring Eurasian Milfoil survey will be during the week of June 11 with treatment to occur the following week. This is the earliest that we have been able to get this completed. *I realize that this will not work for everyone but hopefully will take the curse off of it being done right on top of the 4th of July!* Let us hope that the weather cooperates, and we can get it done as scheduled. We will notify you by email and on the website the days that these events will occur. We will also attach the maps showing the treatment areas. **We recommend that you avoid swimming or allowing your pets near the lake at the treatment or adjacent sites for 24 hours. It is also recommended that you avoid using lake water on your lawns and/or gardens for 48 hours after treatment. If you are concerned you are in a treatment area, then follow these guidelines. If you believe you have Milfoil near your property and it is not on the map, please let me know right away.**

The other invasive species that we have on our lake are Purple Loosestrife and Phragmites (common reed). Purple loosestrife spreads by the blooms falling on the ground. If you have this plant on your property, cover the purple blooms with a garbage bag and secure it before digging up the plant. Phragmites spread by the dropping of their tops (looks like wheat) into the water, again, cover/secure/remove. Milfoil, when severed by running over with a boat, cut or pulled by hand - could become many more a new plants, perhaps even hundreds! ... So please do be careful handling!

*Scot Ogden, Environmental Committee*

## "DEAR BUSYBODY"

*Do you have any suggestions for a natural mosquito control method? I do not like using chemicals and my zapper is so annoying!*

*Sincerely, "All Bitten Up"*



Dear "All Bitten Up"  
Reports are well received for this "Mosquito Trap", worth a try! ... Cut a plastic bottle, invert the top inside, fill with following formula, then tape top edge with duct tape.

...Mosquitos should be drawn in and drown.  
Tiki Torch holders might be a good holder?

(Mix 1/4 c. Brown Sugar into 1 c. boiling water, cool, then mix in 1 package Active Dry Yeast, mix and fill.)

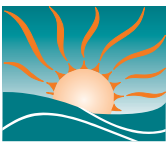
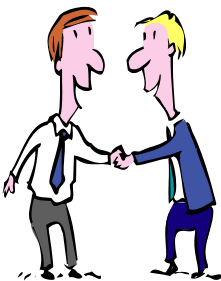
*Questions for "Dear Busybody", send to website.*

## WELCOMING COMMITTEE

If you are a new resident on Silver Lake, we would like to visit you, get acquainted and present you with a welcoming packet with information to acclimate you to our community.

If you have a new neighbor we should know about, please contact me.

*Dan Brady, Welcoming Committee*  
231-620-7346 or e-mail us at our website.



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