

Silver Lake

SPRING 2022

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Caring for the future of the lake

Silver Lake Kids Fishing Tournament ...

Saturday, June 11th, 8 am, @ Boat Launch

Last year's tournament was such a popular event that it has been requested that it become an annual event! So be sure to round up your kids and grandkids to schedule their participation – see all of the details in the enclosed flyer, fill out the registration form to bring with you and come prepared to have a great time! Tom Thompson, Fisheries Committee



It's Year 11 – Another Great Big Silver Lake Beach Ball!

It's hard to believe that year number eleven for the Giant Beach Ball is upon us! Like so many things in our supply chain shortage, ordering the beach ball was no easy task this year. But after several e-mails and phone calls I was able to secure the "only" 10' giant ball to be found!

Now for the good part – if all goes as planned, the ball will be on the lake starting Tuesday, June 28th through



Monday, July 4th, anchored in a different location each day. Please enjoy signing and leaving a message on it. (No advertising or political messages please.) Remember this ball belongs to the whole lake community so treat it with respect. If you see that the ball needs attention, don't hesitate to call me at 231-313-0177. See you on the lake!

Chuck Hathaway, Beachball Chairman



It's the Independence Day Regatta on Silver Lake!

Let's see the Red, White, and Blue! Please decorate your boat and join us in this fun annual event on Monday, July 4th. Not up to decorating, that's OK, fly the flag on your boat and join the parade anyway! Prefer to watch from shore? Cheer the boats on, display homemade score cards, take some pics for the newsletter! Judges will be stationed around the lake, with prizes awarded to the winners at the SLIA Annual meeting. We are always looking for judges. If you are interested in being a judge (it's easy, we supply the scoring forms, and it can be a group effort ...and... you get a sign!), please contact Mike Reed.

THE PARTICULARS:
Be at the DNR boat launch promptly at 1:30 with your enclosed registration form completed. Display a large number prior to registration on the "Shoreside Facing" side of your boat, large enough for judges and cameras to see. Pick a number of your choosing. Posterboard works well.

Parade begins sharply at 2:00. There will be a "Lead Boat" setting the pace, 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"! If you prefer not to get into any water battles, place a large 'X' on the shoreside of your boat, again posterboard works well. This applies to shoreline participants as well. Remember, there can be small children on boats, and on shore. Let's be thoughtful of others. If shoreline spectators are not up for a skirmish, please let them be.

*****IMPORTANT*** WATER BALLOONS ARE NOT ALLOWED!** They are harmful to the environment, water creatures, and can hurt if you are hit by one. Additionally, we are required to obtain a permit from the DNR each year to hold this Regatta, let's not jeopardize this privilege. If you see something, say something! Water Blasters can be your friend instead! (Available inexpensively at dollar stores)

SHORELINE SPECTATORS – Cheer the boats on – Remember they love the scorecards! If you get some really great pics, let us know! If you have any questions, contact Mike Reed, Regatta Committee Chairman at mreed980@hotmail.com



Watersports Safety Reminder

The SLIA is committed to safe boating practices on Silver Lake. As we start another season we hope that all lake owners and their guests will adhere to the boating laws of the State of Michigan. We feel strongly that education is the best way to make sure we all stay safe with the numerous activities we enjoy on our lake. Therefore the board has put together a safety committee to help residents find the resources they need. There are resources available through the local Sheriff's Department and the DNR, which provides a Michigan Boating Law Booklet. We encourage everyone to have an understanding of the laws and rules of the water as the summer gets busier. If you have a general marine question, call the Sheriff's Marine Division @231-922-2112

and leave a message, they may be out patrolling but will return your call. The Michigan Boating Law Booklets are available at the DNR office on M-37, south of Chum's Corners, or contact us and we will provide you one. If you observe boating violations on the lake, get the MC number and description of the vessel and call the Sheriff's, central dispatch @ 231-922-4550. We will be sending messages through our g-mail to educate or alert you to happenings as we progress with this committee. If you have questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the board, or safety committee members. Please have a "Safe" and enjoyable summer on the water! Jeff Heydlauff, Safety Committee

CHAIRMAN'S COVE

Spring weather is finally cooperating and many of us have launched into another season of family fun activities on Silver Lake. In 2022, building on the theme from DNR Officer Kinney's talk at our annual meeting last summer, we will continue to emphasize boating safety and etiquette. We installed a new sign at the boat launch with reminders about practicing safe boating and have formed a safety committee to identify other ways to heighten safety awareness for all users of Silver Lake.

There has been a lot of information published in recent months concerning wake boats and the possible impact on shoreline erosion. Some members of the SLIA board attended a MSU extension course on lakes and preventing shoreline erosion was one of the topics covered. We are working to digest the information on wake boats as well as providing a summary from the MSU course and hope to share more at our annual membership meeting.

If you have a new or existing neighbor that is not a member of our association, let them know that the SLIA's primary purpose is to improve and preserve Silver Lake and we would welcome new members. Thank you and enjoy all Silver Lake has to offer

Ken Kaufman, SLIA President

BOAT LAUNCH SIGN

Many thanks to Ed McNamara & Ken Kaufman for their work in getting the new sign produced and installed.



MEMBERSHIP EMAILS



Are you on our SLIA G-Mail list? Are you receiving our G-Mail communications? One of the most successful endeavors that the SLIA has taken on in recent years has been our G-Mails.

We advise of Invasive Species treatment dates, upcoming events, send alerts about problems, and most productive of all – our "Lost & Found", successfully reconnecting people with their belongings, especially after a strong wind (many of those this year!) If you are not on our list and not receiving these missives, it is probably because you have not joined the Association, so we do not have your contact information! This is just one more good reason to join us, along with many other benefits. Membership dues are only \$25.00/year – forms are enclosed with annual meeting notice at the end of July, but you can ask us for one now or simply go to our website, sidebar "Membership" click on download membership form, print, fill out, send in – and you have joined us – it's that simple! Nancy Knight, Communications Committee

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Good Day to all! Another spring is here and summer soon to follow. Last year our “Welcoming Committee” had a record number of new lake residents to greet even as property values hit the roof. I believe this may be another year like that.

With that in mind, let all of us lake front property owners become volunteers for the committee. If you get a new waterfront neighbor, take a moment to introduce yourself, welcome them to Silver Lake and ask if they would mind providing their name, address, and phone number to give to the Welcoming Committee.

Explain that our committee will then contact them and set up a brief meeting to officially welcome them, answer questions they may have about Silver Lake and leave them with an informational booklet and a gift from the Silver Lake Improvement Association Board. You could then give me a call at 231-883-1140 and share that information with me. If any of you feel you would enjoy doing more in our welcoming effort, please let me know. Thanking you in advance ...

Jim Bock, Welcoming Committee



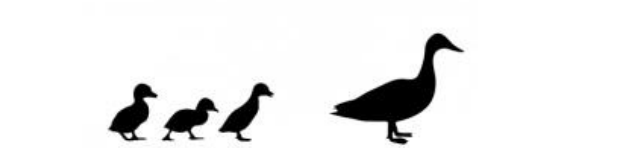
IT'S ILLEGAL TO HARASS WILDLIFE
LOOK OUT AHEAD!

2021-22 SLIA BOARD

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VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

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Safety - Jeff Heydlauff, 231-499-3236



Remember –
Feeding ducks = Swimmers itch!
(If you are not aware of the cycle, please contact a board member or visit our website for information.)

WHO DO YOU CALL?

Life threatening or dangerous violations.....911

Boating violations, Wildlife harassment
(MC number required), 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
www.silverlakeimprovement.com

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

EURASIAN MILFOIL TREATMENT

We are once again preparing for our spring lake survey and treatment for Eurasian Milfoil in Silver Lake. Restorative Lake Sciences (RLS) is planning to survey the lake on June 2nd. We should have the maps by the 4th, which we will send to the riparians who have given us their email addresses as well as have them available for viewing on our web site. PLM is the company who will be treating the lake, which usually occurs 7 to 14 days following the survey results. This will give us time to accomplish this before the July 4th holiday weekend.

We will send out a gmail and post on our website a few days ahead of time to alert you. PLM will post at the treatment site properties. If you see posting on or adjacent to your property, please keep your families and pets away from the lake for 24 hours. Also refrain from watering your lawns and gardens for 48 hours if you are using lake water to hydrate them.

If it appears that you believe you have milfoil at your property that is not present on the maps, please call me at 231-463-9365 to let me know. I am working full time so leave me your name, phone number, and lake property address. I will inform RLS who will then check out your property.

Scot Ogden, Environmental Committee

FISHERIES REPORT

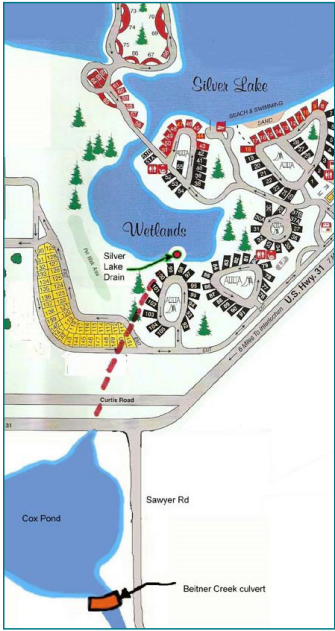


There were reports of good fishing on the lake early in the winter, but it seemed to slow down as the season progressed. Thought you would enjoy seeing this group, taken in early March, at that time the ice chunk they took from the lake to make their fishing hole was close to 2 feet deep! I have been in contact with the DNR regarding Walleye stocking expectations for this year, 2022, as well as a possible fish survey taking place later in the year. Have not heard back yet, but will send via SLIA gmail when I have answers.

Looking forward to the great day with the kids on the 11th, hope to see many of you there!

Tom Thompson, Fisheries Committee

DRAIN REPORT



We know there has been some concern expressed about the water being high this spring.

Be assured that the Silver Lake Drain is working as designed. The established threshold set to drain to is 862.00. On 5/9/22, the level was 3.36 inches over level, on 5/12/21 it was 1.92 inches over, and on 5/8/20 it was 6 inches over. As you can see the levels do

fluctuate, then typically levels decline throughout the summer because of evaporation and other factors, rainfall being a large one.

With this in mind, we do have to be cautious in our lakeside design to live with our environment – and hope for lower waters next year ...

***A Historical note, in the mid 1960's, the levels were so low that the south end was a mudhole, in the mid 1970's people were flooded out of their homes, and again in the mid 1980's, water was extremely high. In the years in between, the levels dropped. Each of these harsh periods brought attempts to install a dam or drain system to combat it, this was finally accomplished in 1986 and has maintained the level in a livable range since then.*

Gary Borucki, Drain Liaison

SAVE THE DATES

SLIA Adopt-A-Road, 2022

“Many hands make light work!”

The next road cleanup will be scheduled for mid-July, a g-mail notice will be sent to members to confirm the date. ...Questions – contact Ron Grin at 231-715-0920

SLIA Annual Meeting, 2022

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 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 2022-2023 in the mail one week prior to the meeting and it will be posted on the website as well.



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