

Silver Lake

FALL 2021

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Caring for the future of the lake

It was a busy summer on Silver Lake ...



We celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Great Big Silver Lake Beach Ball!

One of my favorite lake activities is the Giant Beach Ball, and the 10th year did not disappoint!

The winds were low and the **signatures were high. There was not much space left on the beach ball at the end of the week!**

Thank you all for taking such good care of the ball. We made it through the whole week without one hole in it. That is a first! ... Looking forward to year #11.

Chuck Hathaway, Beachball Committee Chairman



We did the Annual Independence Day Regatta!

Many residents joined in, some decorated to enter the competition, some chose not to but displayed their patriotic flags in honor of the day. We were a community!

Chuck Hathaway, the parade master, organized at the launch site, then Blake Vance in Lead Boat led them to "perform" for the Judges who were stationed around the lake. The winners were awarded certificates and flags at Annual Meeting on August 7th!

I believe that we had a greater turnout of "Shoreline Spectator" "Participants" than remembered, many kiddos and families gathered to cheer them on and participated in skirmishes with those boaters who wished to join, those with a large "X" on their boat were given safe passage and a good time was had by all! *The grand finale was awarding the prizes at Annual Meeting ...*



Grady & Solomon DeBruyn, "The Vaccinator"



Scott Zolinski, "Shower The People"

Please enjoy pictures of the event on the next two pages, if you see yourself and would like a copy, reply to our website and it will be sent to you. ... *Thanks again to all who shared!*

Mike Reed, Regatta Committee

CHAIRMAN'S COVE

As the days grow shorter, another summer of family fun on Silver Lake is winding down. The warm August weather allowed us to get in that extra dose of swimming, boating, and other activities this year.

It was great to hold our SLIA annual meeting in-person in August and to see everyone. One of our featured speakers, DNR officer Will Kinney gave a presentation about Michigan waterways and common boating laws. He noted that boating registrations are up significantly in Michigan the past two years and I think we all have seen the increase in traffic on Silver Lake.

In addition to providing an update on boating laws, Officer Kinney stressed the need to use common sense and etiquette while on the water. Everyone wants to enjoy the range of activities the lake has to offer and we all share the responsibility to be mindful of others, whether swimming, fishing, stand-up boarding, or pulling skiers or wake boarders.

In response to the increase in traffic and diversity of uses, we will be providing information on boating etiquette in upcoming communications to heighten awareness so everyone is able to enjoy their favorite activity while on beautiful Silver Lake.

Ken Kaufman, SLIA President

FALL DRAIN REPORT

In May the lake water level was up a little at 862.08, since then it has dropped to below the 862.00 established level and has not discharged any water. The level as of 9/2 was right at 862, (See gauge pic).

We again commend lake resident Al Strange for his cleaning of the drain of debris as well as near the valve house, as well as his cleaning and repainting it, so much appreciated by all! One unhappy beaver was relocated from the drain area in May.

Gary Borucki, Drain Liaison



Silver Lake Kids Fishing Tournament ... and what a day it was!

Bright and early on June 12th, free fishing weekend in Michigan, 20 kids and their families gathered at the boat launch to start the competition - and competition it was!

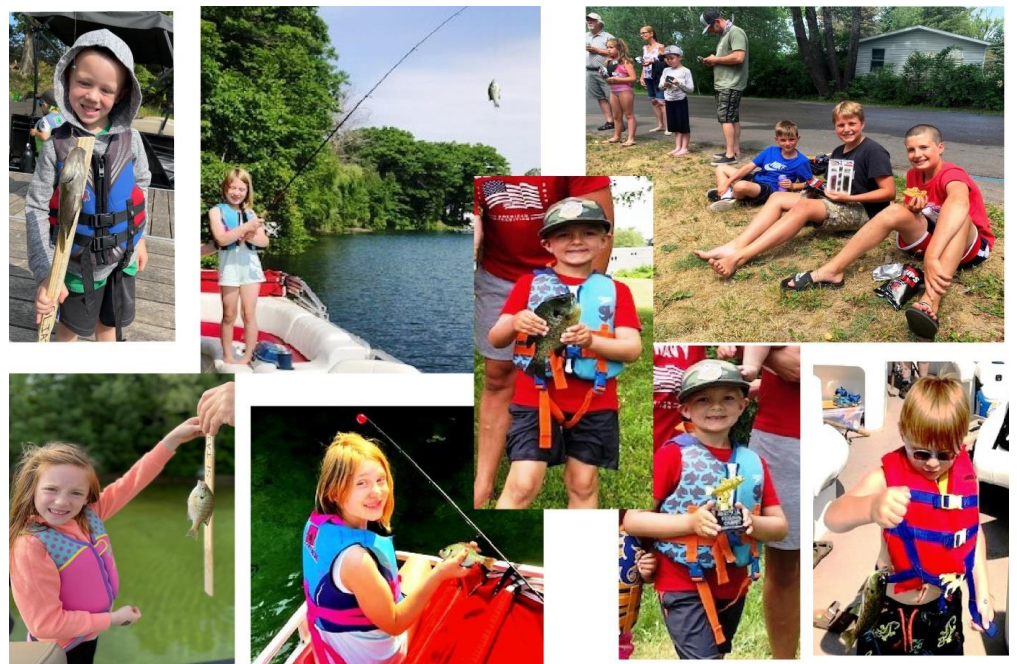
Shouts of glee as fish were landed, large and small ... all were saved.

Then back to the landing for lauds of praise and prizes were rewarded to all for their efforts!

Then to cap it off, they enjoyed a great lunch provided for them and an opportunity to share their fishing stories with each other - all agreed it had been a great time and definitely would want this to become an annual event on Silver Lake.

Looking forward to an even greater event on free-fishing weekend in 2022, please do plan on participating, will send notices out in the spring.

Tom Thompson, Fisheries Committee Chair



... and the Winners Are! ...



1st Place – “The Vaccinator”
Berden, DeBruyn Families



2nd Place – “Silver Lake Pirate Girls”
Vance, Cesario, Cerny Families



3rd Place – “Shower The People”
Zolinski Family & Friends



Honorable Mention – “Dr Seuss”
Geskus Family

Regatta Enthusiasts – On Parade



Ice Cream Truck, Heming Family



Aloha Girls, Frazier Family, Friends



4th of July Circus, Perry Family



Riding The Waves, Marshall, Raetz, Davis,
Heitzman Families



Cruising In The USA,
Brethauer, Call, Cup Families



Patriotic, Corona Party



Patriotic w/Flag MC0070TN



Patriotic, Lund, 1800 Alaska MC3097A



Patriotic, Harris Flotebote MC7270SD



Patriotic, Aqua Patio, MC2069TP



Patriotic, Harris Sunliner, MC3599UL



Patriotic, Sweetwater, MC200300



Patriotic, Smokercraft Infinity MC7914SM



Patriotic, Crest III, MC7172NY



Patriotic, Mercury, MC8994RW

Shoreline Enthusiasts



It's all about Kids ... and Families!



Thank You To Our Team



Lead Boat, Blake Vance & Friends



Chuck Hathaway, Parade Marshal



Ford Family & Friends, Judges



Heydlauff Family, Judges



Green Family, Judges



Kaufman Family, Judges



Grin Family & Friends, Judges



Reed Family, Judges

SLIA LOON REPORT

... Our loon chick was hatched on May 22, his sibling did not hatch successfully – that would have been neat to have twins! Thank you to those who kept their distance, alerted by the buoys.



The chick is quite mature at this time, quite self-sufficient and not seeming to need his parents attending to him anymore. They will be heading south in October, the chick in November.

(Informational note) If you see a large bird that resembles a loon but does not have the bright speckled back you are used to seeing, this would be the young chick who has not yet developed its coloring. The chick will stay here on the lake well into November, only leaving before the freeze. It will migrate on its own to winter waters using inherited knowledge of where it needs to go, quite amazing!

Sherry McNamara, Silver Lake Loon Lady

IT'S FALL – MOTHBALLS, LEAVES, BIRDFEEDERS – MUCH MORE!

It's that time of year again – and much to address...



- Storing Boats
- Animals seeking winter shelter
- Winter Bird Feeders
- Raking Leaves

If you are pulling your boat up on shore, be advised that Muskrats love to winter in the cavity by the motor, and they also “love” to chew your wiring – throw a few mothballs in the cavity and that should save your wiring ...

If a skunk or other critter wants to winter in your crawl space – again, a few mothballs should discourage them from staying ...

If squirrels, “bears – as recently reported”, other critters, love the taste of the contents of your winter bird feeder, place some Cayenne Pepper in the feeder, the animals don't like it but it doesn't bother the birds – try it – you'll like it!

Raking Leaves – Please remember – “*Leaves in the lake = Phosphorus = Muck!*” Don't muck it up, rake your leaves and take them to the Brush Drop Off Center at 2471 N. Keystone Rd, just bag them, the price is very reasonable, call 231-941-5555 for details. If you are a resident of Garfield Twp, contact them at 231-941-1620 for a brush pass. If you are unable to get in to pick up the pass, contact Kathleen about her sending you one. If you have a lawn service, please advise them to adhere to this practice as well – please take the high road and help keep our lake clean!

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

PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE



It's that time of year that the Purple Loosestrife is in bloom and soon those blooms will be going to seed and spreading to start new plants. As residents, we need to address this situation before it becomes another

Eurasian Milfoil infestation. If you spot it, this is what to do ... cut those beautiful flowers off and bag and dispose of them ... if you are able to, after that, pull the plants out by the roots – but at the very least an attempt to get rid of the flowers will be a start. Some residents have had success with spraying Ortho Ground Clear on the plants that are on shore, not sure about plants that are in the water, but again, it would be a start.

This might be a neighborhood project that

could be taken up if it is spotted in your area. Kudos to several in Kevwitch Cove who did that last spring with great results!

EURASIAN MILFOIL

The survey for Eurasian Milfoil was conducted in early June with treatment on June 17th, residents were informed of dates and properties were posted. The treatment continues to produce the expected results with only 5 acres located this year – when it was started several years ago, we treated 60 acres! The renewal of the assessment is upcoming but the results certainly show the value for the nominal amount we pay. If you have seen the news this summer, other lakes in the area are not in such great condition, having waited too long to address the situation, we are so pleased with our forbears for addressing this years ago and continuing the effort!

Scot Ogden Environmental Committee Chair

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Many properties have changed hands on Silver Lake in the last year and a half and I have attempted to contact all that we are aware of to welcome them to our lake.

Because of the virus, I have had to accomplish much of this through emails, mail and phone with hopes of being able to follow up in person this year to welcome and share information about our lake that would be beneficial to them. If you are one of those, please enjoy this newsletter and hope to meet you soon! If you have a new neighbor, please contact me with their name, so that I can make contact with them on behalf of the SLIA.

Jim Bock, Welcoming Committee Chair

ARE YOU A SLIA MEMBER?

Membership brings many benefits – the single largest one probably being the gmail that is sent to members throughout the year, with alerts to happenings you should be aware of, scheduling of milfoil treatments, and much more – the most popular is the “Lost & Found” which unites many items to their owners! Please know that we do not share your information with anyone outside our organization, very important in these times!

Enclosed is a membership form, please send in your dues and join our group, it's only \$25!

ADOPT-A-ROAD

Saturday, Sept. 25th – 10 a.m. SHARP!

Silver Lake Park, East Silver Lake Road N
Questions – contact Ron Grin at 943-0293)

FISHERIES UPDATE

We received reports of good fishing this spring by residents due to the early warm weather.

We were scheduled with the DNR for a planting of Walleye fingerlings in the spring but there was a shortage in their rearing ponds, their numbers were low, if they do have any available this fall we might receive some. Due to the close proximity to some ponds, we did receive about one million leftover Walleye Fry. They do have a low survival rate, but the existing fish have enjoyed them!

We are scheduled for a fish count survey in the spring of 2022 to determine the fishery status on the lake. They place nets in various locations, count the finds and release them unharmed. We have a lake resident working with the DNR to clip dorsal fins to determine their age, interesting ...

Please do enjoy your fall fishing, and perhaps a shanty this winter to catch those perch!

Tom Thompson, Fisheries Committee Chair



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