

SPRING 2013 Silver Lake

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION *Caring for the future of the lake*



Independence Day

Flying free, Flying proud

Got a boat? Got people? Got an idea?

Go Crazy - Go Over the Top - Express Yourself

No ideas? Just stick a flag on your boat

& follow the crowd ...

"SILVER LAKE IS ON PARADE"

"COME ON OUT" - "JOIN IN"

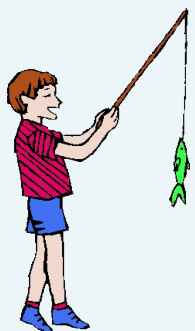
"IT'S SO MUCH FUN"

HERE'S HOW...

1. Put a number on the front right hand corner of boat
(foam board w/zip ties works great)
2. Be at the public landing @ 1:30 to register & "RECEIVE A FREE GIFT"
3. Be prepared to have a great time!
4. Display a flag - whether you decorate or not - remember what the day commemorates!

HAVE QUESTIONS? CALL 943-9487

Two Days Twice The Fun!!



The kids fishing tournament is back! It will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 8 & 9, 2013. This is the free fishing weekend so "No one will need a license" to take the kids out on the lake or fish from the dock.

Directors Gordy and Dan will be out on the lake from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. taking pictures, weighing and measuring fish, and handing out participation certificates. There is no registration or any big prizes, just good fun!

Gordy and Dan will get names of all the fishermen, including those who are fishing off the docks. You might see your picture in the next newsletter!!

They also will tell anyone who asks, where the HOT fishing spots are! Hope to see you out there!

Gordy 943-3655 Dan 943-3794

Fishery Update

We have been in contact with the DNR Biologist concerning the stocking of Walleye in Silver Lake. We are still the first lake on the list to be stocked this year. The estimated date for this is June 16th. They plan to stock +/- 30,000 Walleye fingerlings into Silver Lake. Needless to say many of these will become food for other fish, birds, and aquatic predators, but we should still have a nice supply of walleye in the future for your fishing pleasure!

Adopt-A-Road

On April 28, 2013, the SLIA participated in our Adopt-a-Road trash cleanup. We have adopted the four miles of East Silver Lake Rd from US 31 South to the intersection at Silver Lake Rd and Zimmerman Rd.

THANK YOU SO MUCH to the eighteen volunteers who came out, we were able to finish in just a couple of hours!

Next scheduled clean up is on Thursday July

18th. We will meet at Silver Lake Park at 10 a.m. This is a great opportunity to keep the area around our lake clean and socialize with fellow lake property owners.

Please note this is a "Thursday" morning, rather than the usual Saturday because so many of us are busy on weekends in July.

See you there! *Ron Grin*

Here It Comes!!

... Back by popular demand - there will be another beach ball roaming the lake this year! Starting on Sunday, June 23rd, "Beach Ball II" will be out on the lake! When it rolls up on your beach, please sign it with your name and address. Write a message if you would like. Then push it back out into the lake. I will pick it up on Wednesday, July 3rd. The decorated ball will be part of the annual Boat Regatta on July 4th.

If for some reason you do not get a chance to sign the ball while it is traveling, it will be on display at the annual meeting in August.

Chuck Hathaway

Boat Launch Dredging

In our last newsletter we pointed out the problem with the sand bar at the boat launch and the difficulty getting boats in or out without damaging propellers.

We encouraged everyone to send the letter we enclosed in the newsletter to the DNR requesting that they dredge the boat launch.

We thank all of you who did so, as the DNR has agreed to dredge - it truly is the Silver Lake Community in action! However, as the lake is currently at its highest level in recent years, the dredging will not take place this spring as the DNR had previously planned, but rather this fall.

We will send out an email to advise when we know the date the launch will be dredged, as it will be closed for a period of time.

The DNR has also resurfaced the dock and it looks extremely nice.

Respectfully submitted, Barry Andrews

CHAIRMAN'S COVE

Winter has finally passed and spring has struggled, but finally arrived. Soon it will be summer and once again a time to enjoy the splendor of Silver Lake. It is a time to reflect, relax, and reconnect with family and friends.

Every year it seems as though we have more boats, jet skis, kayaks, and canoes on the lake. There are many boats pulling children on tubes. Be aware of what is happening around you as you travel on the water. Be vigilant of the bobbing heads of fallen skiers and tubers. Make sure that you have a spotter on your craft to watch for wipeouts of your skiers and tubers. (Not only is this the safe way, "It's the Law," a ticket is costly & certainly would ruin your day!) Remember to travel counter clockwise on the lake. Stay clear of swim rafts and docks (100 feet where possible), as there are often people swimming near them.

It is our hope that you all have a wonderful time this summer season. Be safe and have fun.

B. Scot Ogden, SLIA President

BEACH BUMS BASEBALL

A date has not been chosen for a Beach Bums game in time for this newsletter. We will send out an email when a date has been selected. (If you haven't given us your email address yet - now is the time! - see related article)

DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

As you will notice in this newsletter we refer to sending emails to lake members for various purposes.



If we have your email address, you will be notified when the lake is treated for invasive species, date and time of kids fishing tournament, when the boat launch is to be dredged and reminders of events on the lake. You would also be notified if an event is canceled due to weather as well as a plan to reschedule.

We do not share your information with anyone, even other SLIA members.

Our first email trial was for the spring road cleanup. It worked great; 18 people came out to help!

PLEASE send your email your address TODAY to:
TC.Silver.Lake.Association@gmail.com

SLIA ANNUAL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2013
9 a.m. at Garfield Township Hall

LIVING TO BOAT OR BOATING TO LIVE?

Our beautiful Silver Lake seems to get busier with various forms of watercraft and toys each season. As an all-sports lake without any lake specific restrictions, it is imperative that we all recognize that we need to share the lake. If we are all aware and observe the boating laws we can enjoy the lake without any accidents.

The Michigan Handbook of Boating laws is available from your local DNR, Grand Traverse Sheriff's Marine Division, the Silver Lake Annual Meeting or by visiting <http://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/handbook/index.html>.

If you are a beginning boater you should consider attending a Boaters Safety course. The Grand Traverse Sheriff's Department conducts these classes at no charge. You may call 231-922-2112 to register for a class.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is conducting a Boating Safety class held in Traverse City in two sessions: Tuesday, June 25 from 5:30 - 9 pm and Saturday morning, June 29, from 9am - 1:30 pm. Cost: \$10 to cover cost of book and certificate. Preregister by calling Dianne Walker at 231-941-8076 by June 20.

If you wish, you may take an online class, they are also offered through the State of Michigan at either Boated.com or Boaterexam.com, both of which charge a fee of \$29.50.

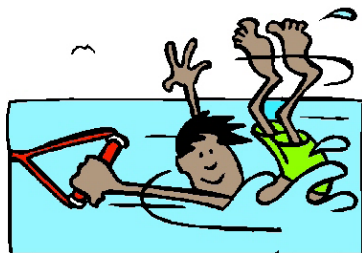
Boating safety requirements in Michigan are as follows:

- Those born on or after July 1, 1996 (new in 2012, as a result of Public Act 0120), are required to have a boater's safety certificate to operate a motorboat. Those younger than 16 years of age also require adult supervision.
- Persons younger than 14 years of age may not legally operate a PWC.
- Those 14 and 15 years of age may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate and if he or she is accompanied by his or her parent or legal guardian or by a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian, or he or she is operating or riding the PWC at a distance of not more than 100 feet from his or her parent or guardian or from a person at least 21 years old who has been designated by the parent or guardian.
- Those at least 16 years of age and born after Dec. 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate, and Boating Safety Certificates must be carried when you are operating your watercraft.
- Those born on or before Dec. 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally without restrictions.

Some of the basic safety rules we all should be aware of are:

- Boat direction - All watercraft are to go counterclockwise around the lake. Drive your boat as you would your car, in the right direction.
- Towing a skier, wakeboarder, tuber, etc. requires a spotter and those being towed behind a vessel must wear the proper Type I, II, or III PFD
- If exceeding a no-wake speed you must be at least 100' from other watercraft, docks, rafts, and shoreline or swim areas.
- PWC's must not cross behind another watercraft within 150'.

LET'S ALL HAVE SAFE SUMMER!



WELCOME

Hello, I am Mike Kaufman, our new welcome ambassador. I contact new residents and welcome them to Silver Lake and explain what the SLIA does. If you have a neighbor who is new to Silver Lake, you can help by emailing me that information at: kaufmanmk@gmail.com, or call 517-775-2456.

WELCOME TO OUR MOST RECENT NEW MEMBERS

Tom and Michelle Cronin
Perry Hayes
Michelle Wisniewski
Robert and Janet Neville
Doug and Paula Parshall
Richard and Odile Perry
Gerald and Tammy Stoerkel

At the time of this publication, the SLIA has 187 members!!

SHERIFF'S MARINE PATROL

The Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Marine Patrol workforce has been increased from last year and will feature six full time deputies patrolling the area's waterways.

Due to the number of individuals who spoke out at our last year's Annual meeting regarding the lack of patrols and the number of boaters going the wrong way around the lake (Counter-clockwise is the correct direction) we have met with the Sergeant in charge of the Marine Division. They will make an effort to increase patrols and to be on the lookout for boats going in the wrong direction as well as other violations. Be advised!!

ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

We will be surveying the lake again on June 4th to determine where we will need to treat for Eurasian Water Milfoil this year. The actual treatment will occur at a later date. We have requested that the applicator notify the owners of affected properties in writing as to the date the application will occur. The SLIA board will also send out a mass email when we know the date of the application. (If you haven't given us your email address, this would be a good time - see related article)

During our survey, we will also be looking for Purple Loosestrife, as well as any other invasives that may have made it into Silver Lake.

The issue of excessive lily pads in certain areas of the lake was raised as a concern last fall. Even though this is not an invasive species, as it is native to our area, it can be a problem. The lilies can be treated, but it should be done in the spring. A permit is required by the DEQ which the applicator can apply for. Because these plants are not an invasive species, the cost to treat these areas would need to be paid for by the affected property owners. The other option is to pull them manually. Be sure to get the root or they will just come back.

There is a new menace that is present in the Great Lakes and it has infested Lake Michigan. It could be brought into our lake if we are not careful. This new menace is the Quagga Mussel. It is very important that we be careful when bringing boats back to Silver Lake or when friends or renters bring their boats onto our lake. Let them know of our concerns and have them empty their live wells and

thoroughly check over their boats and drive units for any sign of "hitchhikers"!

(If you see something you are not sure of, please feel free to contact a board member, we will be happy to inspect for you.) *Submitted by Scot Ogden*

MUCK OR NO MUCK, WE NEED TO KNOW

In our quest to eradicate muck in Silver Lake, we are attempting to qualify for a grant from the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In order to do this, we need to show there is muck in Silver Lake, and how much.

To this end a video was created last fall showing muck in various areas of the lake. We are also creating an actual map showing where it is, and how deep it is. I believe this video and "Muck Map" as we have dubbed it, will go a long way toward helping us obtain the grant money we are seeking from the EPA's Clean Lake Program.

Many properties don't have any muck, we need to know that also! If you do have muck, we need to know where you are located on the lake, and how deep the muck is. This is what we are asking from you:

****By June 30****

- No muck** within 30 feet of shore, please contact Diane Seeloff or a board member with this information. We need your name and the address of your property.
- If you have muck **within 30 feet of shore**, we need you to use our "muck kit." It consists of directions for making a pole to measure with as well as a form to record the amount of muck at various distances in front of your property. This can be emailed to you or hand delivered to your door.
- If you have muck but are **unable to measure it**, perhaps a neighbor could assist you in measuring it. If not, contact Diane or a board member and we will do it for you. Again, we need your name and the address of your property. We plan to complete the project this summer and need your information to do that. This is the best time of year to measure, before weeds interfere.

Thank you, Diane Seeloff, Muck Eradication Committee. Email Diane at dseeloff@gmail.com or phone 616-481-2883.

List of SLIA board members can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

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WHO DO YOU CALL?

Life threatening or dangerous violations.....911

Boating violations (MC number required) or launch site violations
Central Dispatch.....922-4550

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

DNR Traverse City Office
231-922-5280

Lost and found (Barry Andrews)
231-943-7005 or
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