

# Cossayuna Lake

## WINTER NEWSLETTER

# 2018


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### Be Safe On The Ice!

*By Fireman Jason Fedler*

A minimum of 4" of clear solid ice is recommended to support an average person's weight. What may seem to be safe ice in one area can be very thin and dangerous in another. Factors that contribute to deteriorating ice conditions include temperature, rain, wind, movement of water and vegetation.

Wildlife starting to migrate back to the area will also agitate the water enough to keep areas of open water from freezing which will lead to thinner ice formations from overnight cold temperatures. As I said, what may seem to be safe in one area can quickly change in another. Also, docks and tree limbs in the water act as heat sinks for the sun which will quickly deteriorate the ice in and around that area.

So what should you do if you go through the ice? First protect your airway and control your breathing. If you fall into cold water your body's natural reaction is to gasp, which is a response called torso reflex. So it is important to prevent aspirating water into your airway. Next, control your breathing and go back towards the ice the way you came. That was the last strongest point of ice that held you so that is the safest way to get out. If you have them, use a set of ice picks or awls to help pull yourself out of the water and roll away from the hole.

Water cools the body 25 to 30 times faster than it does in the air, so it is important to get out as quickly as possible and get to the safety of a warm dry area and remove your wet clothing as soon as possible. If you can't get out, try to get your body out of the water as much as possible and use a whistle or start yelling to signal for help as loud as you can. If you see someone in distress it is important to call 911 immediately to get help on the way.

We have specialized equipment and suits that allow us to enact a rescue in a safe and timely manner. It is important to not try to enact a rescue yourself because in turn you could create a more dangerous situation for not only the victim but for yourself as well.



## LETTER OF NOTIFICATION

Date: December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Re: Proposed Lake Management Program – Cossayuna Lake

**The Cossayuna Lake Association** has applied with the NYSDEC to use the aquatic herbicide Sculpin G (2-4 D) and Navigate (2-4 D) in the spring or summer of 2018 to control Eurasian watermilfoil in areas of the lake, thus improving water quality conditions as well as recreational and aesthetic values. Early season treatments with this herbicide combination have demonstrated good selectivity for the targeted plants. Non-target native plants are expected to remain to provide a habitat for fish and other aquatic life. The Program will be conducted under the supervision of NYSDEC certified personnel with the lake management firm SOLITUDE LAKE MANAGEMENT, NYSDEC Pesticide Business Registration No.16505. A NYSDEC permit application has been submitted for approval for the application of the herbicides Sculpin G and Navigate (2-4 D). It is anticipated that spot treatment applications of up to 40 acres will take place sometime between May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup>, with a target date of May 10<sup>th</sup>. Notification of the actual date of the treatment will be submitted to the Town and NYSDEC 7 days prior to application and will be posted along the shoreline on the day of the application. The roads along the lakeshore will be posted at the time of the treatment indicating applicable water use restrictions. The water use restrictions will be in effect for the duration of the treatment PLUS the timeframes indicated in the table below. The timeframes start as soon as the treatment has ended.

Water use restrictions are as follows:

Product	Swimming/ Bathing	Fishing	Animal Consumption	Drinking, culinary or food processing purposes	Irrigation
<b>Sculpin G</b>	24 Hours	24 Hours	24 Hours	< 50 ppb*	Do not use treated water for irrigating greenhouse or nursery plants unless 2, 4-D concentrations are confirmed to be less than 1 ppb by laboratory analysis.
<b>Navigate (2-4 D)</b>	24 Hours	24 Hours	24 Hours	< 50 ppb*	21 days or an assay indicating concentrations <100 ppb ***

\* Potable uses will be restricted for at least ten days after the application, and will not be lifted until lab results indicate the concentration is less than 50 ppb at the water intake. For those residents who rely on lake water for drinking water and who need to be in residence during the water use restriction period (anticipated to be 1 -2 weeks), it is necessary to notify Sheila Rappazzo (518-429-8312 or sarappazzo@yahoo.com) between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Mon - Fri.

\*\*\*If treated water is intended to be used to irrigate or mix sprays for plants grown in commercial nurseries and greenhouses; and other plants or crops that are not labeled for direct treatment with 2,4-D, the water must not be used unless one of the following restrictions has been observed: i. A setback distance from functional water intake(s) of greater than or equal to 600 feet was used for the application, or, ii. A waiting period of 21 days from the time of application has elapsed, or, iii. An approved assay indicates that the 2,4-D concentration is 100 ppb (0.1 ppm) or less at the water intake.

The product label is available for review on Solitude Lake Management's <http://www.solitudelakemanagement.com/product-labels-new-york>. In the event that you as a riparian owner or vested riparian user have any questions or objections to the proposed aquatic plant management program or water use restrictions, please contact the following agency within 21 days of receipt of this notice. Your objection must be in writing and demonstrate that your use of water will be significantly adversely affected (per the NYSDEC's policy). Lack of comment will be considered consent to the treatment and water use restrictions.

Brian Primeau  
Division of Environmental Permits  
NYSDEC, Region 5  
232 Golf Course Road  
Warrensburg, NY 12885-0220  
518-623-1267

If you wish further information about the proposed management program or need hard copies of the product label, please contact Sheila Rappazzo (518-429-8312) or Jeff Madison (518-928-3514 or [mads135@hotmail.com](mailto:mads135@hotmail.com)) or SOLitude Lake Management at 888-480-5253 between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Mon - Fri.



## 2018 Chemical Treatment Plan

After five years of successful treatment, for most of the lake, the sheer volume and acreage of the non-native and invasive Milfoil and Curlyleaf Pondweed have been significantly reduced. If you talk to folks around the lake, it seems pretty unanimous that the chemical program has dramatically improved the water quality and improved recreational usage of Cossayuna Lake. After four years of treating Curlyleaf Pondweed, the seed beds have been significantly reduced. So, we are not planning to treat for Curlyleaf this year. We will attempt to control any remaining Curlyleaf areas through harvesting early in the season, before the seeds have an opportunity to mature and drop.

We are, however, again planning to apply herbicides to try to keep the Milfoil in check. Keeping the milfoil under control proves to be a difficult task. There are still some problem areas that fuel the spread to other areas, and areas of regrowth. An assessment done in September identified areas where milfoil was growing. The most problematic area was the South end of the Lake where milfoil has made a huge resurgence; there are thick beds of milfoil covering most of the South End. Our ability to treat in the South End in the last couple of years has been very limited. Last year only the very northern section (by the little island) was treated, and the result after a couple of years of very limited treatment has been this huge resurgence in most of the south end. This is not just a problem for the South end, but for the whole lake. Milfoil is spread through fragmentation. When boats go through these areas the propellers cut the weeds and fragments float to wherever the water carries them. Since prevailing winds through the summer are generally from the south, all of these fragments float in a northerly direction, throughout the lake. Just anecdotally, every time I was in the water around my dock last summer, I would see milfoil fragments floating along, always floating from south to north. I would always try to scoop up as many as I could see, but of course that's just a fraction of the ones floating by all the time. And these fragments end up at various locations throughout the lake, wherever the winds carry them, and then regrow in the new areas.

Besides the South end there were other smaller areas of milfoil growth also identified. Most of these areas, many cove areas where the fragments get trapped, are most likely regrowth from the fragments floating up the lake.

Last year we revised how we approached planning for the chemical treatments, attempting to take a whole lake approach, to better address the remaining problem areas. So, while the lake has looked so much better over the last few years, sometimes out of sight, out of mind, and we don't see the urgent need to be vigilant about the milfoil. But it is important; if we don't keep it in check, the milfoil that will be cut and disbursed by boat motors going through these weed beds will re-root all around the lake again. Clear today, may not mean clear tomorrow....

A funding source was established for Lake Management projects, that includes: herbicide treatment of targeted weed beds to prevent the spread of invasive species; harvesting designated weed beds as they emerge throughout the growing season; water testing to ensure safety. We have been working with professional applicators and many educated individuals regarding the betterment of our lake.

Please donate to support the Lake Management program for herbicide treatment. Funds will be used to employ the most strategic method possible. If everyone contributed to this fund we would have adequate funds. While donations in any amount will help, we suggest donations of \$100, \$200, \$300 or whatever you can invest in this program will make this a whole lake effort and continue to keep our lake in good shape. It's important to do this now as we must coordinate our program well before the growing season begins.

Please make the choice, donate, and help keep Cossayuna clean of invasive weeds.

### TO DONATE:

Please go to page 11.

We made an All-in-One Application for your convenience. Just fill in the sections you want. Please record your donation there under LAKE MANAGEMENT PROJECT. THANKS! Your donation will help Cossayuna Lake continue to recover its health.



**Elections:** We had a few changes on the board this year. We say goodbye and thank you to Tawn Malison who has been in charge of our newsletter this past year. Elisa, who has faithfully taken on the role of secretary for many years, has decided to give that up and participate as a regular board member. Thank you, Elisa for all the time you donated to this organization as secretary. We are very happy to welcome John Felicetti, who has graciously agreed to be our new secretary and take over the newsletter. Lynn LeCours is also new to the Board this year, and will be leading our public relations efforts.

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## DID YOU KNOW?



**The winners of the 2017 Ice Fishing 50/50 Raffle** were Judith & Conlin from Tully, New York!

## Funding on the horizon?

**PRISM (Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management)** funding and staffing for a boat inspection station at our boat launch is a real possibility for next year. Thanks to Sheila who attended PRISM's meeting in Albany.



## Argyle and Greenwich budget requests

Applications for lake maintenance for Argyle and Greenwich for 2018 have been submitted. Greenwich has increased its payment from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Greenwich typically pays its fees in the fall; Argyle pays in the spring. Lynn Wilbur submitted the request to Greenwich next year for \$5,000 again. Lynn also requested an increase from Argyle from \$7,350 to \$9,350.



## Falling fish from the sky!

Last summer two incidents were reported of fish falling from the sky. A pretty scary experience when one hits you on the head! So we wanted to give you a heads up (haha). Fish sometimes manage to wiggle their way out of an eagle's talons, hence fish falling from the sky.



## The Buffer Zone Garden - Eagle Scout Adam Horey

The Buffer Zone Garden on CLIA's lake shore property, constructed in early summer 2016, illustrates ways lakeside homeowners can retard soil run-off and establish a barrier to deter geese from settling in along grassy shorelines. By midsummer 2017, the embankment and flourishing shoreline garden demonstrated the worth of this action.

When the Buffer Zone was in the planning stages, Adam Horey was a senior at Greenwich High School. He was looking to partner with a local community on a project - an essential requirement to achieve Eagle Scout Rank. As a youngster, he spent many summers swimming and canoeing on Lake Cossayuna, which piqued his interest in this project. He responded to Lynn Wilbur's call for volunteers and enlisted his scout troop to work with CLIA volunteers to construct the embankment and plant the shoreline. During the five months he worked on the buffer zone project with substantial help from twenty members of his Scout troop and CLIA volunteers, Adam proved instrumental in the construction of the tiered embankment and the planting of mostly indigenous plants.

Scouting is a big part of Adam's life, but it is only example of his myriad volunteer efforts. He has mountain biked through the Appalachian Mountains, white water rafted on the New River, and participated in service projects for impoverished towns in rural West Virginia. He goes much beyond eco-tourism; his goal is to take part in projects wherever he lands.

"I do not believe that farmers and homeowners purposely allow fertilizer to run off their lands. But I believe it is the duty of the consumer to use such chemicals safely and effectively. Planting a couple of bushes next to a stream has the potential to save the lives of millions of animals effected by eutrophication. For this reason I believe that constructing an erosion barrier is one of the most simplest and important way individual citizens can help to preserve our planet."

Presently Horey is a sophomore at Elmira College, pursuing a dual major in Political Science and History. After graduating he plans to attend William and Mary Law School. After earning his J.D. he aims to join the Army's Judge Advocate General Corps (JAG).





## What is Nextdoor?

During the October 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 CLIA Board of Directors meeting, Board member John Felicetti made a presentation about Nextdoor, a neighborhood based private social network. After the presentation and discussion, a motion was made and passed unanimously to initiate and administer Nextdoor for Cossayuna Lake. John was appointed to manage the implementation.

Nextdoor is a free, private neighborhood-based social network.

To those unfamiliar with Nextdoor, here is some information about the product:

Based in San Francisco, California, Nextdoor was founded in 2010 and is funded by Benchmark Capital, Greylock Partners, Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, Tiger Global Management, and Shasta Ventures as well as other investors.

Nextdoor's stated mission is "to provide a trusted platform where neighbors work together to build stronger, safer, happier communities, all over the world". Nextdoor is currently being used in thousands of neighborhoods across the US are currently using Nextdoor.

People typically use Nextdoor to:

- Find service providers (painters, babysitters, lawn care, etc.)
- Promote social events
- Quickly get the word out about a break-in
- Organize a Neighborhood Watch Group
- Ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost pet
- Find a place to donate new or used goods
- Keep in touch with the neighbors while out of the area
- Post documents of interest to the neighborhood

Of course, since Nextdoor is an online platform, folks have asked question with regard to privacy and safety. Nextdoor addresses privacy and safety concerns in the following manner:

- Every neighbor has to verify their address.
- Every neighbor signs in with his or her real name.
- The neighborhood website is password protected & encrypted by HTTPS.
- Nextdoor does not share subscriber information with advertisers.
- All subscribers choose where his or her information is shared.

Recent Nextdoor implementation for Cossayuna Lake:

In November, through Nextdoor, John sent out email invitations to members and recent members for whom we have their email address on file. **People can choose to join or not.** We hope this will be a benefit for our community.

In addition, Nextdoor sends out USPS invitation cards to addresses within the defined membership area of the CLIA. Per the by-laws, this is defined as: "Membership in the Corporation is open to the people who reside within the confines of the tract known as Cossayuna Lake, which includes the area from the shore of the lake up to and including any point within one mile from the road that encircles the Lake".





## 2018 Cossayuna Lake Management Plan

### 1. Dam/Spillway:

#### To maintain the integrity of the dam structure

- Regularly survey the dam to assess maintenance needs

#### To maintain the water level management

- Begin winter water level adjustment after Columbus Day by slowly drawing down the lake through October and completely opening the gate on the spillway by November 30th. The water level reduction of the lake has a maximum of 20 inches. This water level adjust is just enough to provide shoreline protection from erosion and ice damage.
- Begin monitoring the water level in the spring as soon as the ice goes out.
- Establish and maintain the summer level at 6 inches above the bottom of the notch in the top of the spillway via the 6-inch board.

### 1. Maintain / improve the water quality in Cossayuna Lake at a level which supports such activities as fishing, swimming, and boating.

#### Management of non-native invasive weeds

- Through data collection and at least two lake surveys annually, the board of directors will seek to implement the most effective and targeted herbicide program, if in fact, treatment is necessary in 2018.
- All proper herbicide permitting through DEC, notification and signage will be implemented in accordance with all laws.
- Identification of weeds in front of private property will be made available upon request to help educate riparian owners.
- Harvesting of curlyleaf pondweed in open waters will be done whenever and wherever possible depending on time and need throughout the growing season, as this weed is an annual seed dropper.
- Harvesting of milfoil in open waters will be done if we determine that the weed bed is in a high boat traffic area, and to keep the outlet flowing.
- Funding from the towns, county and state will be sought annually for open water harvesting

#### Management of native weeds

- The dock harvesting will run from mid May until the beginning of September with a paid work crew, depending upon funds received from individual property owners. A minimum of three cuts will be provided per season.
- Coontail will be harvested in open waters whenever and wherever it is found in open waters as it is an aggressive native weed.

### 3. Minimize the introduction of nutrients and sediment into the lake.

#### To education stakeholders regarding best practices.

- Seek to obtain free educational materials through State sponsored organizations.
- Provide a speaker for weed identification.
- Encourage stakeholders to use non-phosphorus products on their lawns and in their home.
- Encourage shoreline owners to implement a Shoreline Buffer Zone
- Provide information on permits needed for bank stabilization
- Encourage the involvement of the Argyle and Greenwich Town Boards
- Provide information on septic system care.
- Provide information on boat cleaning via newsletter and inspections at the launch

#### To reduce nutrient loading via road runoff, terrain runoff and stream runoff.

- Continue to work with various highway departments and the county soil and water commission and DEC to encourage the best practices in road repairs and salt application.
- With the Upper Hudson Watershed Coalition develop a list and correction plan with the towns and Washington County Soil and Water Dept. of priority issues around the lake.
- Investigate grants to help pay for the needed work.

#### To reduce contamination via septic systems around the lake.

- Continue to monitor the environment to ensure that building codes and sewer discharge regulations are observed.
- Work with the Towns to develop a long-range plan to address septic concerns.

### 4. Monitor water quality through research designed to assess such factors as lake usage, water clarity, oxygen saturation, bacterial contamination.

- Work to get a team of volunteers to test areas of concern for nitrates, phosphates, and bacterial contamination and utilize our testing equipment to assess oxygen and conductivity along with bottom sludge.
- Continue to collect lake water data via CSLAP (Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program) membership.
- Provide information on well water testing.



# **Cossayuna Lake Ice Fishing Tournament & 50/50 Raffle Fundraisers**

## **February 3th - Open to the public**

### **The 10th Annual CLIA Ice Fishing Tournament**

Registration at Cossayuna Fire House: 5:00AM - 8:00AM

Corner of Bunker Hill Rd & East Lake Rd

Measurements at Check-In Point: 7:00AM to 3:30PM.

Pratts Point \ Orange Flag

Pre-registration is \$10 per person until 7pm on Friday night

Day of tournament registration fee is \$12 per person

Proceeds will help fund the Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association

Cash prizes:

\$500 largest pike or tiger muskie

\$250 largest perch

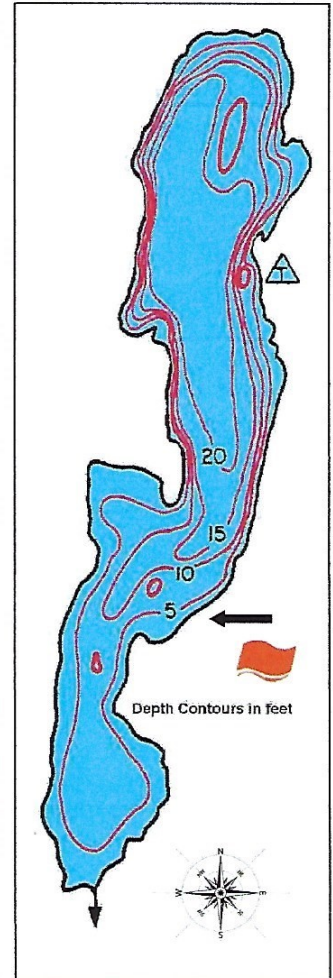
\$250 largest crappie

#### **Rules:**

- All fish must be alive and ALL NYS DEC regulations apply
- All fish must be legal size to qualify for prizes
- Entry ticket must accompany all fish being measured
- Winners will be determined by length only
- Ties will be broken by time of entry to check-in station
- A legal fish must be caught for the prize category to be awarded
- No entrants after 8:00AM : No fish will be measured after 3:30PM
- All fish will be measured on lake near Pratt's Point- Orange flag
- Contact Gene or Rayna with any inquiries: (518)338-8432

### **50 / 50 CLIA Raffle Ticket Drawing**

- Open to the public, you do not need to enter the fishing tournament
- Advance tickets available now by mailing in form below
- Tickets available at registration in Cossayuna fire house 5:00 – 8:00am
- Tickets available in person at Check-in point from 7:00AM – 12:30PM on Saturday
- Drawing at 1 PM on Saturday. You do not need to be present to win
- Ticket prices: 1 for \$5, 4 for \$10, 10 for \$20



-----Detach Here and Mail-in -----

### **Submit Tournament Registration and/or Purchase 50/50 Tickets**

- Call (518)338-8432 for Registration and/or 50/50 Ticket information
- Please mail application for registration and/or tickets by Jan 27th to:  
CLIA – PO BOX 81 – Cossayuna, NY, 12823
- Register in person and pick up entry tickets 5:00AM – 8:00AM on Saturday at Cossayuna Fire House on Corner of Bunker Hill Rd & East Lake Rd
- 50/50 Tickets will be available at registration location from 5:00 – 8:00AM then at Check-in Location from 7:00AM – 12:30PM.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Town of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 50/50 Tickets \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation to CLIA \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CLIA is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

Proceeds will help fund the Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association

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Mail form with payment to: C.L.I.A. P.O. Box 81, Cossayuna, NY, 12823

**In order to receive harvesting and pavilion rental options, membership is required**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Lake Property \_\_\_\_\_

Primary mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Seasonal mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Summer phone # \_\_\_\_\_ winter # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Email is for messages relating to CLIA news and alerts only)

**Membership Level** Please circle one membership choice and list the names as your membership should read

\$75 SINGLE- 1 vote/ membership -1 name \_\_\_\_\_

\$75 DUAL- 1 vote/membership -2 names \_\_\_\_\_

\$95 JOINT- 2 votes/memberships-2 names \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my membership dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Harvesting Participant

\$125 per lot

List the property address(s) to be harvested. \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be harvested each time the crew tours the lake.

Enclosed is my harvesting dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make an unrestricted harvesting donation.

Enclosed is my harvesting donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Lake Management Projects

Donation of \$100 \$250 \$500 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my Lake donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**All money can be submitted with one check** **GRAND TOTALS** Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Questions can be directed to the following

Membership – contact Eileen Musso at (518) 692-9855 or [eileenmusso@gmail.com](mailto:eileenmusso@gmail.com)

Harvesting – contact Frank Gabianelli (518) 531-4121 or [fgabianelli@roadrunner.com](mailto:fgabianelli@roadrunner.com)

Lake Management Donations- Sheila Rappazzo (518) 429-8312 or [sarappazzo@yahoo.com](mailto:sarappazzo@yahoo.com)

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