

April Newsletter 2017

Cossayuna Lake Spring Newsletter

Cold Water and Hypothermia

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Spring is in the air and that means anticipation and eagerness to get out on the water. But if you're not properly prepared it can also be the most dangerous time to be out on the water. The air temperatures are getting warmer and the days are getting longer but water temperatures are still just above freezing. The body cools 25 to 30 times faster in water than it does in air. The average body temperature is 98.6 F. Hypothermia begins when the body temperature starts to drop below 95 F. Various factors such as Age, Weight, Gender, Clothing, Water Temp, and Movement in or out of the water affect how quickly the hypothermia process begins. If you witness an incident or see someone in distress it is extremely important to call 911 immediately and get emergency services on their way. If you enter the water and are able to self-rescue it is important to find a dry, warm place immediately and get wet clothing off as soon as possible. Always avoid drugs and alcohol when venturing out onto the water. More than 67% of water-related incidents are a result of drug and alcohol consumption. You should layer properly if you are going to be engaging in water-related activities and always wear a PFD. Dry suits, moisture-wicking clothing, and various other thermal protection is available and should be utilized when venturing out onto cold water. Have fun and most importantly stay safe.

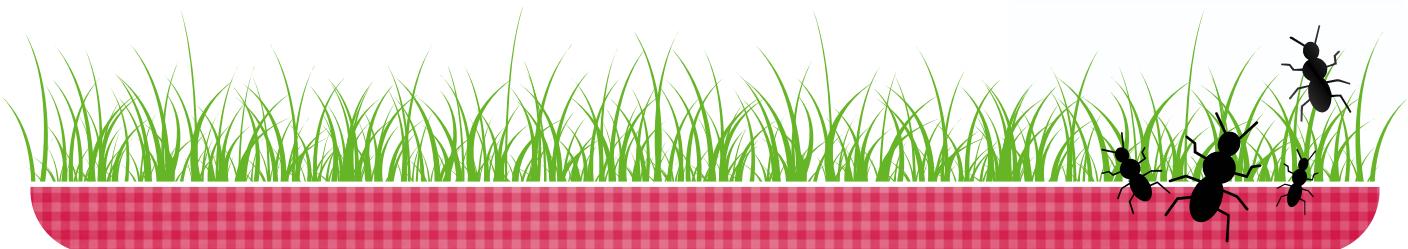


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Important Dates

5/10	Town of Argyle is sponsoring a speaker regarding Algal Blooms 7:00p at the Argyle Firehouse
06/10	Boating Safely Course
07/08	General Membership Meeting
08/26	Election Meeting



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Harvesting

By Frank Gabianelli

Another winter has come and gone and Spring is on its way. Now is the time for all lake supporters to sign up for harvesting and chemicals. It is very important for our lake supporters to do this in a timely manner as it helps us prepare for the coming season. Harvesting will begin in the later part of May and will run until the first week of Sept. I know there are customers that need harvesting property numbers and new customers that also need numbers. They will be installed this Spring. Hopefully we will have our new harvester to start this season with. Thank you for your much needed support and enjoy your summer on the lake.

The CLIA board has chosen to hold the line on the cost of member participation in the harvesting program at \$125. For this you are entitled to have your shoreline harvested each time the crew circles the lake. The crew usually provides 3 cycles per season. In 2015 we were able to complete 4 cycles, but that's not the norm. The 3 cycles, plus meeting our contracts with the 2 towns, takes the full season. If you would like to participate in the program, complete this form and return it to CLIA PO Box 81 Cossayuna, NY 12823 with a check for \$125.00 by May 24, 2017. You must be a member of the CLIA to participate in the program, and you may include your dues if you have not yet joined.

If you do not have a weed problem where you are located, or you choose not to be a member of the Association but would like to make an "unrestricted" donation to the program, it would be most welcome and your gift will be used in overall lake improvement.

Name _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone # _____ Cell # _____

Cottage Location (911 address) _____

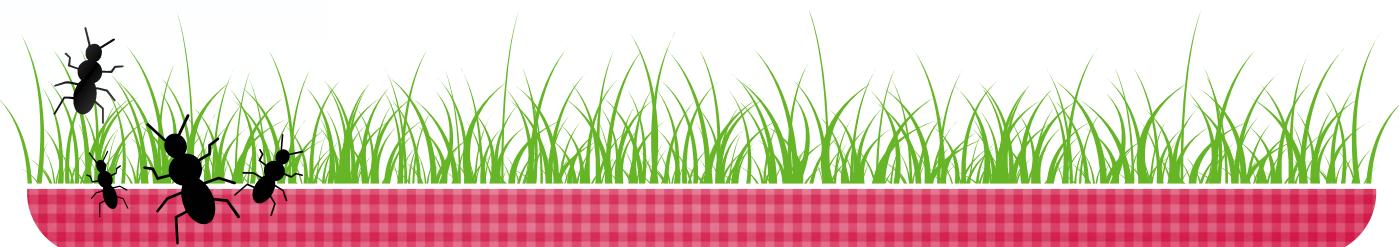
I would like to be harvested each time the crew tours the lake

I would like to make an "unrestricted" donation to the project

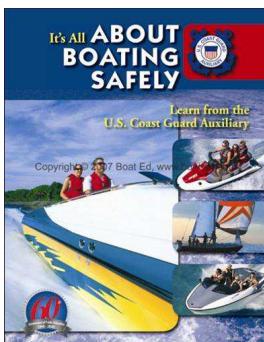
Enclosed is my harvesting fee of \$ _____ Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____ Ck. # _____

Please contact Frank Gabianelli (518) 531-4121 or email fgabianelli@roadrunner.com with any questions you may have regarding the harvesting program.



Public Education Course Flyer: About Boating Safely



If you are interested in an exciting, in-depth boating safety course, check out the in classroom (seminar) version of our popular online boating course.

This beginner boating class will give you the knowledge needed to obtain a boat license or safety certification in many states. Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete *About Boating Safely*.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

Introduction to Boating - Types of power boats; sailboats; outboards; paddle boats; houseboats; different uses of boats; various power boating engines; jet drives; family boating basics.

Boating Law - Boat registration; boating regulation; hull identification number; required boat safety equipment; operating safely and reporting accidents; protecting the marine environment; Federal boat law; state boating laws; personal watercraft requirements.

Boat Safety Equipment - Personal flotation devices ("life jackets"); fire extinguishers; sound-producing devices; visual-distress signals; dock lines and rope; first aid kit; anchors and anchor lines; other boating safety equipment. About Boating Safely

Safe Boating - Bow riding; alcohol and drug abuse; entering, loading, and trimming a boat; fueling portable and permanent tanks; steering with a tiller and a wheel; docking, undocking and mooring; knots; filing a float plan; checking equipment, fuel, weather and tides; using charts; choosing and using an anchor; safe PWC handling; general water safety.

Navigation - The U.S. Aids to Navigation system; types of buoys and beacons; navigation rules (sometimes referred to as right-of-way rules); avoiding collisions; sound signals; PWC "tunnel vision."

Boating Problems - Hypothermia; boating accidents and rescues; man overboard recovery; capsizing; running aground; river hazards; strainers: emergency radio calls; engine problems; equipment failures; carbon monoxide (CO); other boating and PWC problems.

Trailering, Storing and Protecting Your Boat - Types of trailers; trailer brakes, lights, hitches, tires, and bearings; loading, balancing, and towing a trailer; towing (and backing) a trailer; boat launching and retrieving; boat storage and theft protection; launching, retrieving and storing a PWC.

Hunting and Fishing, Water-skiing and River Boating - Carrying hunting gear and weapons in a boat; fishing from a boat; water-skiing safety guidelines and hand signals; water-skiing with a PWC; navigating rivers, and other boating tips.



Course: About Boating Safely

Start Date: Sat, 10 Jun 2017

Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Duration: 8 Hs

Location: Cossayuna Lake

Improvement Assn

314 E Lake Road

Cossayuna, NY 12823

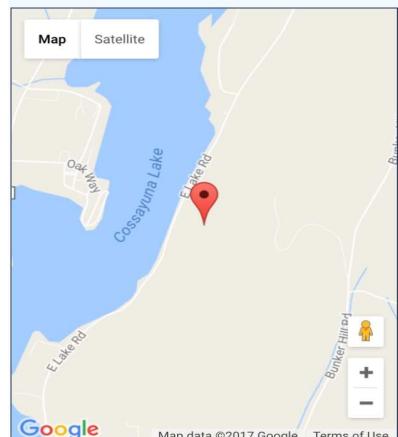
Contact: Lynn Enny

glanenny@aol.com

(518) 499-2883

Course Cost: \$15

Comments: Students should report At 8:30 am with class to start 9 am sharp; Age 10 years or older - Under 14 yrs must be accompanied by an adult; must attend all 8 hours of class to obtain certificate; certificate is recognized by NYS Parks & Recreation as meeting state boating education requirement



2017 Chemical Treatment Plan– Update

After four years of successful treatment, the sheer volume and acreage of the non native and invasive Milfoil and Curlyleaf Pondweed have been significantly reduced. However, there are still some problem areas that fuel the spread to other areas, and areas of regrowth. It is our plan to again be applying herbicides to keep the Milfoil and Curlyleaf Pondweed in check, though it is anticipated that less area will be treated this year. We are now at a point where we need to address the remaining problem areas. It is important to keep the milfoil and curlyleaf in check, because clear today, may not mean clear tomorrow....

The application was filed with DEC in early February, and on February 27 DEC found the application complete, so the process is moving along well so far this year. With the moderate temperatures we have experienced this year and the early date for the ice being out of the lake, weeds may be growing earlier than normal, and we hope to be able to have the permit issued and be able to treat as soon as the weeds have started growing.

Please donate to support the Lake Management program for herbicide treatment. Funds will be used to employ the most strategic method possible. If every

one contributed to this fund we would have adequate funds. Donations are tax deductible. While donations in any amount will help, we suggest donations of \$100, \$200 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.

THANK YOU!!!

If you have questions, please contact Sheila Rappazzo at sarappazzo@yahoo.com or 518-429-8312 (call or text).



Summary of Citizen's Statewide Lake Assessment Program Data

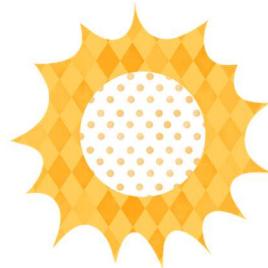
2016 compared to prior years: Cossayuna Lake is now characterized as mesoeutrophic (moderately to highly productive), although the lake was historically considered eutrophic. Water clarity was higher than usual in 2016, due to lower than usual surface and deep phosphorus and chlorophyll levels.

Trends: Phosphorus readings have decreased significantly over the last 25 years, resulting in decreasing algae levels, pH and conductivity, and increasing water clarity. This improvement has occurred despite higher water temperatures.

Algal blooms and HABs: Cossayuna Lake periodically exhibits large shoreline blue green algae (cyanobacteria) blooms comprised of multiple species, with some elevated toxin levels. Although total and blue green algae levels rise in the open water during the typical summer, open water blooms are uncommon and toxin levels are low. It is not known if these blooms affect water intakes, but drinking water users should be aware of this potential risk.

Indicated Actions: Individual stewardship activities such as pumping your septic system, growing a buffer of native plants next to the water bodies, and reducing erosion from shoreline properties and runoff into the lake will help to improve lake health by reducing nutrient and sediment loading to the lake. Visiting boats should be inspected to reduce the risk of new invasive species, to prevent additional AIS from entering the lake. Continued monitoring for invasive species is warranted. Continued algae bloom education and monitoring for HABs is recommended.





CLIA 2017 Events

MAY

Wednesday	May 10th	Town of Argyle is sponsoring a speaker regarding Algal Blooms 7:00 at the Argyle Firehouse.			
Friday	May 26 th	Dinner Wagon/Fish Fillet	5:00-7:00	Frank Gabianelli	531-4121
Sunday	May 28 th	Ice Cream Social	5:00	Elisa Mussi	222-7064

JUNE

Saturday	June 10 th	Boater Safety Class	9:00-5:00	Lynn Enny	499-2883
Wednesday	June 14 th	Water Chestnut Picking	2:00	Lynn Wilbur	692-9770
Friday	June 23 rd	Dinner Wagon/Pulled Pork	5:00-7:00	Frank Gabianelli	531-4121
Friday	June 30 th	Friday Night Dinner	5:00	Nora Jepson	260-3390

JULY

Saturday	July 1 st	Family Day /Food, Fun and Fireworks for families		Nora Jepson	260-3390
Friday	July 7 th	Friday Night Dinner	5:00-7:00	Nora Jepson	260-3390
Saturday	July 8 th	General Membership Meeting/ Speaker: Dr. Cho	10:00 11:00	Lynn Wilbur	692-9770
Saturday	July 8 th	Jerry Simon Jr. Memorial Fishing Tournament		Jerry Simon	431-9967/692-8224
Friday	July 14 th	Friday Night Dinner	5:00-7:00	Nora Jepson	260-3390
Friday	July 21 st	Friday Night Dinner	5:00-7:00	Nora Jepson	260-3390
Friday	July 28 th	Dinner Wagon Fish Fillet	5:00-7:00	Frank Gabianelli	531-4121
Saturday	July 29 th	Painting Class	9:00-1:00	Linda Snell	829-7580
Saturday	July 29 th	Dance Jeff Williams	7:00-10:00	Eileen Musso	692-9855

AUGUST

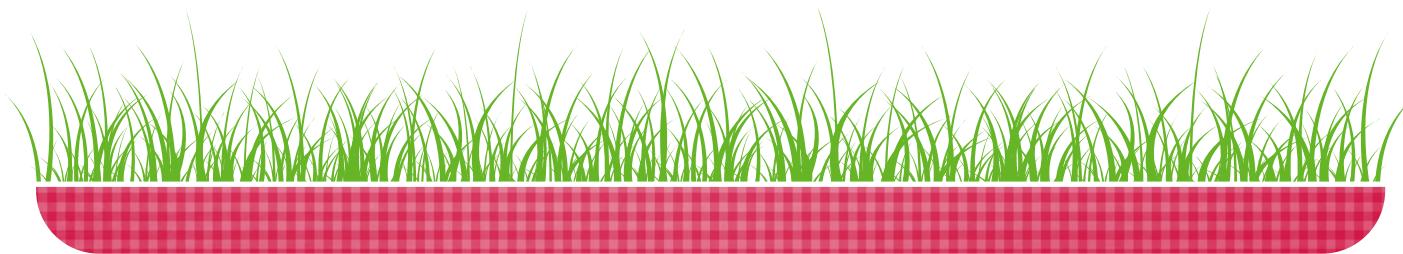
Friday	August 4 th	Friday Night Dinner	5:00-7:00	Nora Jepson	260-3390
Friday	August 11 th	Friday Night Dinner	5:00-7:00	Nora Jepson	260-3390
Saturday	August 12 th	Clam Steam		Nora Jepson	260-3390
Friday	August 18 th	Friday Night Dinner	5:00-7:00	Nora Jepson	260-3390
Friday	August 25 th	Friday Night Dinner	5:00-7:00	Nora Jepson	260-3390
Saturday	August 26 th	Election Meeting	10:00	Lynn Wilbur	692-9770

SEPTEMBER

Saturday	September 2 nd	Labor Day Social		Nora Jepson	260-3390
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OCTOBER

Saturday	October 14 th	Lake Community Tag Sale /Tables at the Pavilion		Nora Jepson	260-3390
Building Rentals so far:		June 11 th , July 4 th and July 15 th		Pat Smith	531-4140





Become a member today!

Please indicate your membership choice and send your payment to:

CLIA, PO Box 81, Cossayuna, NY 12823

Please circle your membership choice.

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

Check # _____

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

Check Amount \$ _____

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

Please indicate how membership should read.

Examples:

Single : John Doe

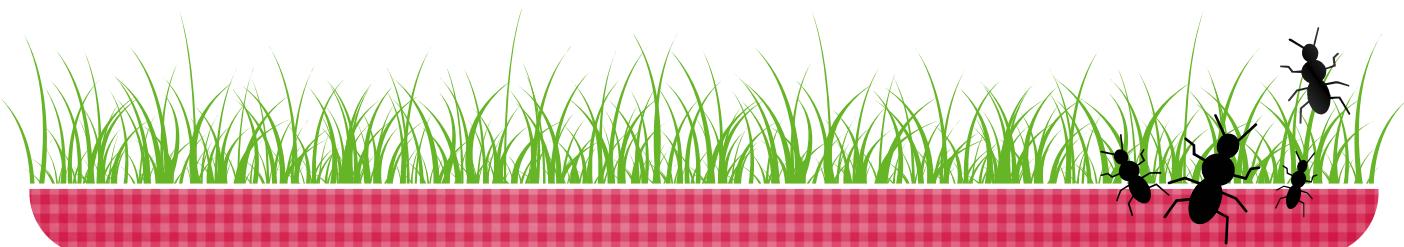
Dual : John Doe/ Jane Doe

Joint: John Doe & Jane Doe

Please call Eileen Musso, Membership Coordinator, at (518) 692-9855

or email eileenmusso@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding membership.

CLIA is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization.



Donate today to your lake!

Lake Management Fund

MY/OUR GIFT OF

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Are you interested in becoming a member? Circle YES OR NO

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Association INC.
PO BOX 81

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