## Cossayuna Lake SPRING NEWSLETTER

## 2019

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#### Our Own Country Roads... Lynn LeCours, Social and Public Relations Chair

#### **Greetings!**

These warmer sunny days have everyone thinking of fun days ahead on the lake. The ice is melting, the mud is back, it's staying light out later. Spring Fever is in full force! And before you know it, the snowbirds will be back, camps will be opened up and aired out, the smell of back yard fires will start to drift through the air, and the first fishermen will be buzzing around the lake.

Keep an eye on our events page on our website at cossayunalake.com.

Our calendar is starting to fill up for the 2019 Season! Here's a teaser...

May 18th we'll be opening the CLIA Pavilion. Volunteers can gather at 11:30. We'll be testing out our new hot dog machine! Join us if you can!

May 26th All You Can Eat Breakfast by Tim Hopkins 8 am - 10am If it was anything like last year, you definitely won't want to miss it!

**WELCOME** to the new families that bought properties on the lake this past year! We hope to see you at our events. If you have any questions about volunteering on any of our committees, please reach out to any one of us.

WE NEED YOU!

**Happy Spring!** 



Photo courtesy of Jack Newton

#### Musings from a New CLIA Member

Peggy Pahoulis, Membership and Education Chair

Five years ago, I built my dream cottage on the lake and proceeded to settle in for my first summer here. When I received the membership mailing from the CLIA, I hesitated at first, thinking, "Do I really need to join?" And then I thought, "You're here, you want to enjoy the lake and the CLIA must want the best for the lake, too, right?" I was hoping so.

In the following couple of years, I read each of the newsletters, eventually sending in my membership, and sat back.

Then last year I took the plunge and attended a general meeting. WOW! I had no idea how much was going on behind the scenes. Sort of like the proverbial swan who looks to be swimming calmly across the pond, only to be paddling like hell beneath those waters. That's the CLIA! And my question was answered: Yes, these folks love the lake as much as any of us. I bravely raised my hand and volunteered to do one little thing. And I've never been so glad I did. I've learned, from the inside out, how important every membership dollar is to keeping our lake healthy and beautiful. Now when the membership form comes in the mail, I write that check without hesitation and with great appreciation.

CLIA events are open to the public so if you are still hesitant to join, please come, and let us know who you are. I promise you will be received warmly. And you might win a 50/50 pot!







#### Our Lake Needs You!

Peter Moore, Nominating Chair

Please be thinking about who you would like to nominate for the CLIA Board (including self-nominations). Due to some term expirations and resignations, we will need nominations for 4 people to serve three-year terms and 2 people to fill in for one year.

Nominations will be taken at the General Membership meeting on July  $13^{th}$  at 10:00 am (a Continental Breakfast will be served from 9:00 am -10:00 am before the meeting).

It's a great Board and many folks do a lot of good things for the lake. We want to continue to have NEW committed people who care about the Lake and you know who they are.

Nominations should be sent to me at: more.moore2010@gmail.com

Thanks!

#### 2019 Chemical Treatment Plan Update

by Sheila Rappazzo, Herbicide Chair

After 6 years of successful treatment, the sheer volume and acreage of the non-native and invasive Milfoil and Curlyleaf Pondweed have been significantly reduced for most of the lake. However, keeping the milfoil under control proves to be a difficult task, so we are again planning to apply herbicides. The most problematic area is 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 few years has been limited for a number of reasons, one being lack of financial resources to do everything that is needed. The result of a few years of very limited treatment has been a huge resurgence of milfoil in most of the south end, which is not just a problem there, but for the entire lake, because 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 on the lake, wherever the winds carry them, and then regrow in the new areas.

In planning for the chemical treatments, we are attempting to take an entire lake approach to better address the remaining problem areas. It is critical to support treatment of the lake where it is needed now to protect the health of the whole lake. It is equally important to be vigilant; if we don't keep it in check, the milfoil will re-root all around the lake.

The treatment application was filed with DEC in February. And we are having more issues with DEC again this year. It seems to us that the DEC wants to micromanage our planning efforts. We have had some exchanges with one of the individuals from DEC who is involved in the review process who has indicated that they want to restrict certain aspects of our treatment, due to what he determined is a lack of diverse native weed growth in the areas that were treated last year. One of his recommendations was for DEC staff to survey the areas before treatment and only allow treatment for areas that had dense beds of milfoil. If there are some areas that have milfoil but it's not yet to the point of being thick dense beds, DEC would not allow treatment.

We have numerous concerns with that approach. It doesn't allow this invasive weed to be treated to keep it in check, but forces the situation to get worse, just making the problem bigger. In addition, for DEC to do a survey before treatment to make its determination of where the growth was thick and dense enough for them, it would delay our treatment timing. We generally want to treat as soon as possible once the weeds have started growing. Early treatment is preferred so it doesn't cause significant disruption for lake use, and we want to minimize the plant material that is dropped to the bottom of the lake. If the treatment is delayed for DEC survey purposes, that will add significant organic material dropping to the bottom of the lake and leading to more algae blooms. In short, we believe that DEC staff is overstepping its authority, or purpose, and we have copied Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner and State Senator Betty Little on the correspondence and asked for their assistance in the matter.

Meanwhile, we need to raise enough money to move forward with the treatment. To treat all the areas that we and the lake management specialist have identified as needed to be treated and that we have applied to DEC to treat, we would need \$23,315. We have only raised \$7,495. Please help us! 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. If we are not able to raise enough funds, we will be unable to treat this coming year. In that instance we will have to carryover funds to the following year to see if adequate funds could then be raised. In the meantime, more damaging weeds will be spread through the lake.

Please make the choice, donate, and help keep Cossayuna clean of invasive weeds. Please donate generously to the **Lake Management fund**.

THANK YOU!

If you have questions, please contact Sheila Rappazzo at <a href="mailto:sarappazzo@yahoo.com">sarappazzo@yahoo.com</a> or 518-429-8312 (call or text).

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### **Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association**

Cossayuna, NY

## 16th Annual Jerry Simon, Jr. Memorial Bass Fishing Tournament

July 20, 2019 ~ 6:00 AM - 11:00 AM

#### **Registration Form**

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Tournament begins at 6	6:00 AM at the NYS Bo	oat Launch	
Artificial and live bait m	nay be used. All fish m	nust be NYS legal.	
This is a "catch-and-rele by weight; not by lengt		ent; no dead fish o	can be entered. All fish to be determined
proceeds from the tour	rnament; with 1st, 2nd	d, 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> place	n form. Prize money will be 50% of the prizes being awarded. Children's runa Lake Improvement Association.
Weigh in @ 11:00 AM a	at the CLIA docks – CLI	A Building East La	ke Rd.
You can contact Jerry S		or evenings 431-99	967 with any questions you may have

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**Board of Directors:** We say goodbye and thank you to 3 of our esteemed Board members: Nora Jepson, Linda Snell and Richard Snyder. Life's demands are prohibiting them from having the time to donate to the Association, so they have regretfully resigned from the board. A great big thanks to Nora, Linda and Richard for all the precious time and energy that they have given to serve and support the lake. Their smiles will be missed. We also thank Rayna Henry for her tireless work over the years as our Treasurer. Rick Ryan will be assuming the responsibilities of Treasurer, and Rayna will remain as a member of the Board. Welcome aboard Rick!

#### 2019 – 2020 CLIA STANDING COMMITTEES

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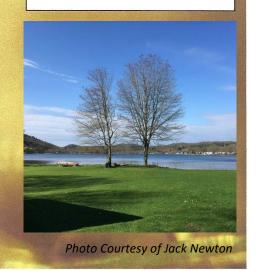
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Congratulations to all who participated in the annual CLIA Ice Fishing Tournament!

Despite bitterly cold weather, everyone had a great time! In all, 161 adults and 18 youth registered for the tournament. A total of \$1,645 was given out in prize money and the 50/50 payout, and \$1,570 was raised for the CLIA.

Many thanks to the following volunteers who made the tournament happen:

Friday night registration:

Lynn Clauer, Gene Henry, Rayna Henry, Eileen LeBlanc, Eileen Musso, Frank Musso

Saturday morning registration:

Donna Buck, Lynn Clauer, Gene Henry, Rayna Henry, Frank Musso

A special thanks to Frank Gabianelli and Gene Henry who spent 6 1/2 hours out on the ice trying to stay warm in a hut, but mostly freezing. They started out at -10 degrees in the morning!

Tournament Prize winners:

Adult Largest Muskie - 38" / Justin Saville	Youth Largest Pike - 33 3/4" / Carter Dunn
Adult Largest Perch - 12 3/4" / Ely Stone	Youth Largest Perch - 11 7/8" / Hunter Dewey
Adult Largest Crappie - 14 3/8" / Steve Miller	Youth Largest Crappie - 13 1/4" / Benjamin Winter

50/50 winner: Jeff Buckley from Mechanicville - \$605

#### **Boating Safety**

Jason Fedler, Assistant Chief, Cossayuna Fire Department

Spring is in the air! And with that comes warmer air temperatures, sunshine, and you are ready to get out onto the water. But are you really ready? First let's talk about safety. From November 1st through May 1<sup>st</sup>, all boaters and passengers in watercraft less than 21 ft in length must be wearing a lifejacket. This includes kayaks and canoes. Children under the age of 12 and on a watercraft of less than 65 ft in length must wear a lifejacket year-round.

Research from the U.S. Coast Guard revealed that in 2017 there were 4,291 boating accidents that resulted in 658 deaths. Of the 658 deaths, 76% were a result of drowning in which 84.5% of the victims were NOT WEARING LIFEJACKETS at the time. That means that of the 658 deaths, 420 people could have survived if they were wearing or had access to a lifejacket. Further investigation into these incidents founded that 81% of the people involved had NO BOATER SAFETY instruction at all. And of these incidents, 76% were found to be under the influence of alcohol. Every year on average 500 people could have been saved. Pretty staggering numbers, huh?

So, with that all being said, the next time Law Enforcement, DEC, the Fire Department or Coast Guard is checking out your vessel for proper safety equipment or to ensure safe and sober operation, please remember one thing. We are not out to issue tickets or give you a hard time; we are trying to save lives. Have a happy and safe 2019 boating season.

Jason Fedler is an Assistant Chief with the Cossayuna Fire Department and works for Lifesaving Resources based out of Kennebunkport Maine as a Water and Ice Recue instructor and develops programs and safety seminars in Water and Life Safety.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**



#### May is National Barbeque Month!



# WEED-BE-GONE 1 Gallon Vinegar 2 Cups Epsom Salt 1/4 Cup Dawn Dish Soup (The Blue Original) It will kill anything you spray it on. Just mix and spray in the morning, after the dew has evaporated. Walk away. Go back after dinner and the weeds are all gone! Cheaper than anything you can buy anywhere! Never buy Round-up again!

#### Courtesy of Peg Pahoulis

#### ICE OUT occurred on April 6th!

This year's winners of the Ice Out Contest are: Susan Roach & James Formosa! Congratulations - you are the 2019 Cossayuna Lake Ice Queen and Ice King!

\*\*Thank you to Tim Hopkins for keeping watch on the ice and providing the official announcement. Thanks to David Smith for keeping track of the entrants.



April 1st was used to celebrate the birth of Christ until 350 AD, when Pope Julius I declared that Christ's birth would be celebrated on December 25th.



A list compiled by the Social Security Administration in 2009 found **April** 

to be the 353rd most popular name in the US.

Spring is here....please mind the posted speed limits around the lake and slow

and slow down! It will not only make it safer for all, but



it's easier on the roads!

It's not too early to be thinking about the Boat Parade! This year's parade will be held on July 6th. There will be prizes given out this year, in addition to the usual bragging rights. Let's make this year's parade one to remember!

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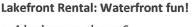
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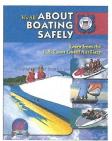


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#### **Public Education Course Flyer: About Boating Safely**



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.

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**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.

#### Presented by Flotilla 014-15-10 Lake George, NY

Course: About Boating Safely

**Start Date:** Sat, 08 Jun 2019 **Hours:** 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Duration: 8 Hs

Location: Cossayuna Lake Improvement

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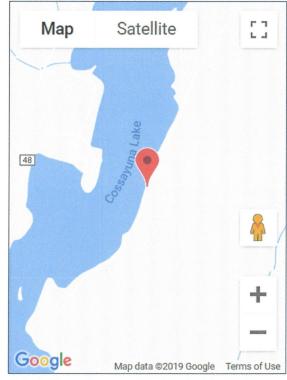
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Course Cost: \$20

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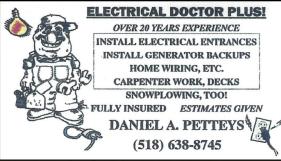


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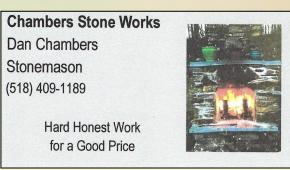






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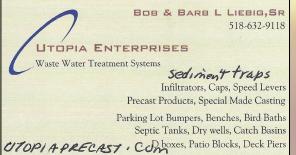
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In order to receive harvesting and pavilion rental options, membership is required

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Primary mailing address						
Seasonal mailing address						
ummer phone # Winter phone #						
Email Address						
Membership Level Please circle one membership choice and list the names as your membership should read						
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Harvesting Participant \$125 per lot  List the property address(s) to be harvested:						
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I would like to make an unrestricted harvesting donation.	Enclosed is my harvesting donation	\$				
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