

# Cossayuna Lake

## WINTER NEWSLETTER

# 2022

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## A Message From the President

*Evelyn Costello, CLIA President*

Dear Members and Friends of the Lake,

After a mild start to winter, the lake has frozen and ice fishing has begun! I never tire of the beauty of the lake this time of year!

Thanks to an amazing Board of Directors, we are busy planning for our 2022 season. Whether through community events or lake management activities, we are eager to be ready for you all! We have attached our membership form for the upcoming season. Please take a moment to fill out or complete on-line! Your support is greatly appreciated!

Thank you,  
Evelyn



## New Social Team for the 2022 Season!

*Lynn LeCours, Social Co-Chair*

We have a new Social "Team" for the 2022 season! Peggy Pahoulis and Karen Ryan have joined me in sharing the social calendar responsibilities as Co-Chairs, and we've already started working on the 2022 events calendar!

We're working on adding new food trucks, some interesting craft classes, a poker run on the lake, as well as more dances, BINGO and TRIVIA! Check out the 2022 event calendar on our beautiful new website for updates on events and happenings.

Please feel free to reach out to us with ideas for events, if you're interested in teaching a class or craft, or if you'd like to volunteer at an event.

We want to say THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered their time this past year. Lots of hard work (and fun!!!) goes on behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly. Everything we do at the CLIA depends on you, and the support and contributions of everyone in our wonderful Cossayuna community. See you in the Spring!!

"If you're lucky enough to live on the LAKE, you're lucky enough." *Lynn, Peggy and Karen*

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## LETTER OF NOTIFICATION

Date: February 11, 2022

Re: Proposed Lake Management Program – Cossayuna Lake

The **Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association** is applying for NYSDEC permits to use the aquatic herbicides Navigate (2-4 D) or ProcellaCOR and Aquathol K (Endothol) in the spring of 2022 to control Eurasian Watermilfoil and Curlyleaf Pondweed in areas of the lake, thus improving water quality conditions as well as recreational and aesthetic values. Early season treatments with these herbicides 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 certified pesticide applicators with the lake management firm SOLITUDE LAKE MANAGEMENT, NYSDEC Pesticide Business Registration No.16505. The Navigate, ProcellaCOR and Aquathol K labels may be viewed on the Solitude Lake Management website at:

<https://www.solitudelakemanagement.com/product-labels-new-york-updates>

It is anticipated that Aquathol and/or Navigate treatment applications of up to 90 acres will take place sometime between May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup>, with a target date of May 5<sup>th</sup>. If ProcellaCOR is used, treatment will take place sometime between June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>. Notification of the actual date of the treatment 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>Navigate (2-4 D)</b>	24 Hours	none	none	< 50 ppb *	21 days or an assay indicating concentrations ≤ 100 ppb **
<b>ProcellaCOR</b>	none	none	< 1ppb for livestock watering	none	<1 ppb
<b>Aquathol K</b>	Day after application in treated area only	none	none	< 50 ppb *	No restriction

\* 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 (approximately 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 2400 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.

As an affected riparian owner/user you have the right to consent or object to the water use restrictions within **twenty-one days (21) days of this notice**. Objections to the water use restrictions must be in writing and they must demonstrate that your use of water will be significantly adversely affected. **Lack of comment will be considered consent to the treatment and water use restrictions.** Send your written objections to:

Brian Primeau  
Bureau of Pesticides Management  
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 Navigate label, please contact Sheila Rappazzo (518-429-8312 or sarappazzo@yahoo.com) or SOLitude Lake Management at 888-480-5253 between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday.

# 2022 Herbicide Treatment Plan

*Sheila Rappazzo, Herbicide Chair*

Last year we treated approximately 35 acres of the Lake with herbicides for Curlyleaf Pondweed. The treatment was done early enough in the season that it should have prevented the seeds from maturing. This year it is again our plan to treat where needed for control of Curlyleaf Pondweed, and to prevent the seeds from maturing. We hope treatment will be required in fewer acres than last year, but the seeds on the lakebed from prior years will still be viable to grow, so treatment will still be required. It is the plan to identify the specific areas in the assessment that will be done by the applicator (Solitude) in the Spring, a couple of weeks prior to the treatment.

Last year we had also planned to treat for Milfoil, but Solitudes' pretreatment survey identified only a limited amount of milfoil in the areas they surveyed. While we had wanted them to proceed with treatment in the areas that were identified, due to a number of missteps by Solitude, no Milfoil treatment was done last Spring. While we didn't really observe huge patches of Milfoil last summer, we did observe many areas of scattered milfoil along many shoreline areas, and denser growth in some areas, particularly by late summer. So, we are again planning to apply herbicides to continue our battle to keep the Milfoil in check. It's important to keep vigilant in all areas to keep the Milfoil under control. We identified some of the areas that will need treatment with our observations of milfoil growth around the lake last summer. As with the Curlyleaf Pondweed, Milfoil areas to be treated will also be identified in the pre-treatment assessment.

We plan to file a request with DEC to authorize us to treat a maximum of 90 acres. Your generous support for treatment of these non-native invasive weed beds is what has brought our lake back towards health. It is really important to be vigilant; if we don't keep it in check, the Milfoil will re-root all around the lake again, and as we've experienced, the Curlyleaf is quick to re-emerge also.

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

## **Donate to Support Lake Management**

Please donate to support the Lake Management program for herbicide treatment. Funds will be used to employ the most strategic method possible. We have identified a need for a substantial treatment, up to 90 acres, this year. If everyone contributed, we would have adequate funds. Would you consider contributing \$100 or \$200? More if you can. Last year we had just enough money through donations to treat the 35 acres, but more than that will need to be treated this year. All donations would be greatly appreciated. So, please, love our lake. Help protect it from these damaging invasive weeds.

**Please make the choice, donate, and help keep Cossayuna Lake healthy. Please donate generously to the Lake Management fund found on the Membership form. You can also donate online by going to our website: [www.cossayunalake.com](http://www.cossayunalake.com), click on the "Online Sign-up" page and click on the Lake Management projects link.**

**THANK YOU!!!**





**1. Spillway:**

**To maintain the integrity of the spillway structure**

- Regularly survey the spillway to assess maintenance needs

**To manage the water level**

- The water level reduction of the lake has a maximum of 20 inches. The water level will be lowered before the lake freezes. This water level adjustment is just enough to provide shoreline protection from erosion and ice scouring.
- Begin monitoring the water level in the spring as soon as the ice goes out.
- Establish / maintain the summer level at 6 in. above the bottom of the notch in the top of the spillway via the 6 in. board.

**2. Maintain/improve the water quality in Cossayuna Lake at a level that supports such activities as fishing, swimming, & 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.
- 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 non-native invasive 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 Algae**

- Algae treatments will be investigated to see if they would be beneficial and/or feasible.

**Management of native weeds**

- 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 offered per season.
- Coontail will be harvested in open waters whenever and wherever masses of this native weed are found.

**Wetlands**

- Only 50% of any given NYS identified wetland area in the lake will be harvested and/or treated annually.

**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 and State to develop a long-range plan to address septic concerns.

**4. Monitor the water quality through research activities designed to assess such factors as lake usage, water clarity, oxygen saturation, and 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.



**Board of Directors:** We welcome some new faces to the Board for the upcoming year. Welcome to Lynn Jackson and Karen Ryan! We also say farewell to Charlie Cooke and Lynn Pollock and we thank them for their service.

#### **2021 – 2022 CLIA OFFICERS**

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*Winter vigil*

*Photo Courtesy of Jack Newton*

## 2022 Events at the Lake

CLIA Social Committee

Thanks to the efforts of all involved, last year we were able to at least partially resume our social activities at the lake. We have already started planning events for the 2022 season, and are hopeful that we will have more opportunities for fellowship and fun. Here are the events planned as of this issue's publication; we encourage you to check the event calendar on the website, as we expect to add more fun activities in the weeks ahead!

We appreciate your patience and help. As always, if you have an idea for an event or would like to volunteer to help out, please contact us. Many hands make light work!

Lynn LeCours, Peg Pahoulis, Karen Ryan

## 2022 EVENT CALENDAR

**May 28th** - Board Meeting 9:30 AM



**May 29th** - Memorial Day Breakfast with Tim & Donna Hopkins

**June 11th** - About Boating Safely 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM



**June 11th** - Jeff Williams Music! 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM



**June 25th** - Board Meeting 9:30 AM

**June 25th** - BINGO! 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM



**July 3rd** - 2nd Annual Sue Roach Memorial 4th of July Boat Parade



**July 8th** - Pizza & Trivia 4:30 PM

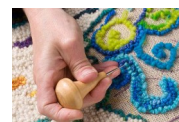


**July 18th** - Beginners Rug Hooking 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**July 20th** - Beginners Rug Hooking 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM



**July 22nd** - Beginners Rug Hooking 10:00 AM - 11:30

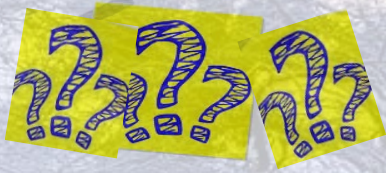


**July 23rd** - Board Meeting 9:30 AM

**August 27th** - Board Meeting 9:30 AM



# DID YOU KNOW?



## GREAT IDEA

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In February, 1917, Russian and German troops fighting on the Eastern Front in the Vilnius-Minsk region called a temporary winter ceasefire to hunt the hundreds of wolves that were attacking both sides.



Be on the lookout for new and exciting fitness classes this season with Lynn Jackson! Classes and schedules TBA!



It's easy to reserve the CLIA Clubhouse for your next family reunion, wedding or private event. Contact Lynn LeCours @ 518.253.9377 for details.



Enter our first online raffle of the season! Go to the Online Sign-up page of our website or the CLIA Facebook page!



The word February comes from the Latin word meaning "purification".



We have a newly re-designed website!

[www.cossayunalake.com](http://www.cossayunalake.com)










There is a village in Norway named Hell, and it freezes over almost every winter.



March 31st - Daylight Savings Time begins in the U.S. in 1918.

Thanks to you, in 2021 the **CLIA** delivered 5 large loads of donated food and other needed staples to the Cossayuna Food Pantry.



- **March 1:** National Pig Day 
- **March 4:** Hug a GI Day 
- **March 12:** Girl Scout Day 
- **March 19:** National Quilting Day 
- **March 24:** National Cheesesteak Day 
- **March 26:** Live Long & Prosper Day 
- **March 30:** National Turkey Neck Soup Day 

**Online sign-up for membership, herbicide treatment harvesting or donations** has been a great success! Yep, from the comfort of your home you can go online and donate by credit or debit card, or by PayPal. Just go to the CLIA website: [www.cossayunalake.com](http://www.cossayunalake.com) and click on the **Online Sign-up** link at the top of the page. You will need to click on a separate link for each item you wish to pay for online.

Old school? Sure, you can still write a check and mail it in with the **All-in-One** form included in this newsletter, or go to the **Forms & Applications** link on the website. Questions? Call or email John Felicetti (914.441.8266 or [jfelicetti@yahoo.com](mailto:jfelicetti@yahoo.com)).

**All individuals born on or after 5/1/96** are required to successfully complete an approved course in boater education to operate a motor boat or personal watercraft. Fortunately, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary is holding a 1 day in person certification course at the CLIA clubhouse on June 11th! See the flyer on page 8 of the newsletter. Contact Lynn Enny at 518.499.2883 with questions or to register. The deadline for registration is April 11th, 2022.



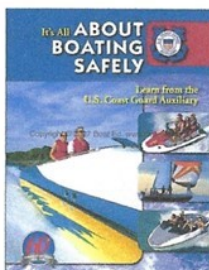




U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
**United States Coast Guard Auxiliary**



## 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.

**Trailer, 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.

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

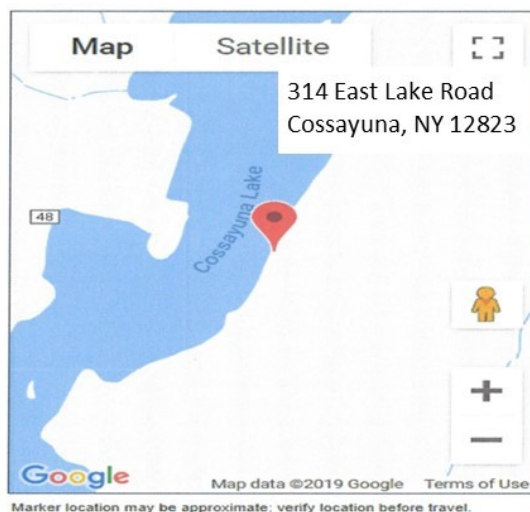
**Course:** About Boating Safely  
**Date:** Saturday, June 11th 2022  
**Hours:** 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
**Location:** Cossayuna Lake Improvement Assn  
314 East Lake Road  
Cossayuna, NY 12823

**Contacts:** Lynn Enny glanenny@aol.com  
518.499.2883

Charlie Pound  
518.361.2530

**Course Cost:** \$20  
**Register by:** Monday, April 11th 2022  
Call Lynn Enny to register  
(leave your name to confirm your attendance on June 11th).

**Comments:** Students to report at 8:30 with class to start soon after. Age 10 or older. Under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Must attend all 8 hours to obtain certificate; certificate is recognized by NYS Parks & Recreation as meeting state boating education requirement. Students should bring their own lunch.





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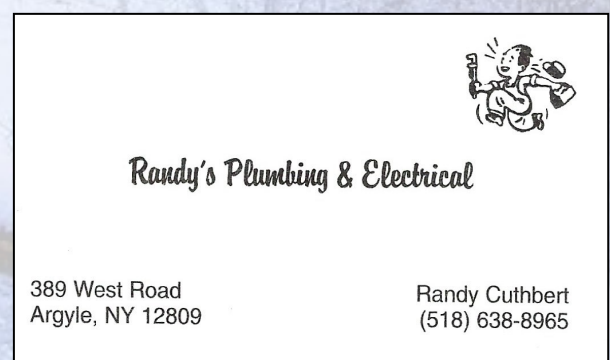
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## COSSAYUNA LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

### Participation Form for the period January 1 – December 31, 2022

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of lake property \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
Seasonal mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_

*Email addresses will only be used for CLIA news and alerts.*

Contact phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate contact # \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Level

Members must own property within one mile of the lake.

\$80 SINGLE – 1 vote / membership – 1 or 2 names \_\_\_\_\_

\$100 JOINT – 2 votes / memberships – 2 names \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Harvesting Participant

\$125 per lot

I would like to be harvested each time the crew circles the lake. Enclosed is my harvesting dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like additional harvesting @ \$75 an hour. Enclosed is my additional hours fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make an unrestricted harvesting donation. Enclosed is my harvesting donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Whole Lake Management

Herbicide treatment of invasive weed beds wherever they are found.

Donation of \$100, \$250, \$500 or more Enclosed is my Lake donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

All money can be submitted with ONE check GRAND TOTAL Check # \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form with payment to CLIA PO Box 81 Cossayuna, NY 12823-0081

Would you like your name and contact information to appear in an upcoming Contact Directory listing? \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

\_\_\_\_ Please use last year's information \_\_\_\_ Please use my/our revised or new contact information

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Harvesting – contact Tim Hopkins – 518.466.8653 / thop920@gmail.com

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