

# Cossayuna Lake

## SPRING NEWSLETTER

# 2024

## CLIA—Celebrating Our 70th Year!

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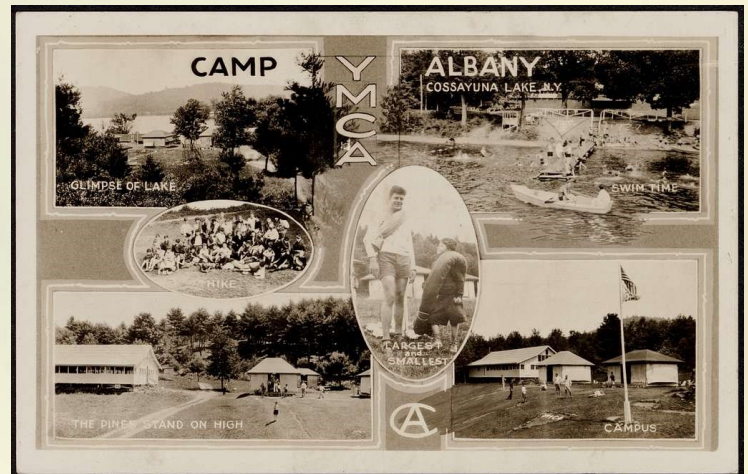
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YMCA Camp Albany—Current CLIA Building lower left and right

## Welcome!

This year as we welcome Spring and another great season at the lake, the CLIA is getting ready to celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> year. Seventy years (and more!) of its residents living on, and caring for, our beautiful lake. Many have lived here most of their lives, raised their families here, and continue to make memories. Newer residents can feel the strong sense of community that surrounds the lake. As we come together this year to celebrate 70 years, we give heartfelt thanks to past members, the ones who had the vision to take our lake in the right direction. And we ask for your continued support as we move forward to preserve their legacy in this wonderful lake community.

“If you’re lucky enough to live on the lake, you’re lucky enough.”

*Lynn LeCours, President*



*Photos courtesy of Bill Herrington*

## Donate to Support Lake Management

*Sheila Rappazzo, Herbicide Chair*

We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers who give their time to collect water samples of the lake for analysis, manually harvest invasive water chestnuts, monitor lake water levels, work with state and local officials to improve awareness, and generally provide “boots on the ground” to help ensure the overall quality of the lake.

However, a large component of our efforts to keep non-native invasive species of weeds in check is our Lake Management herbicide treatment program. This program requires close coordination between the CLIA, DEC and a professional herbicide applicator company. There is no denying that the program is expensive; we rely on the generosity of members and non-members alike to maintain the appropriate level of funding to carry out the program each year.

Please make the choice to donate and to 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), select the “Online Sign-up” page and click on the Lake Management projects link.

**LOVE OUR LAKE! THANK YOU!**

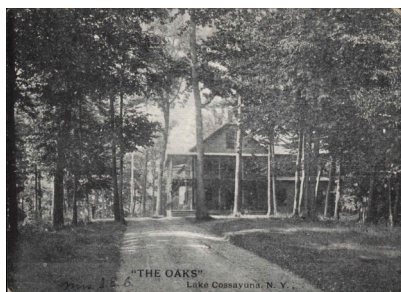
## Membership

*Bob Reilly, Membership Chair*

CLIA membership forms have started to arrive in the Association's mailbox! Is yours completed yet? The form has space for harvesting and lake management and the earlier we receive them, the easier it is for us to plan ahead. This is especially important for setting up our multi-pass weed harvesting program. You can complete the combined membership, harvesting and donation form found on page 11 of this newsletter and send it in.

We've also been receiving online membership, harvesting and donation forms as well. You can go to our website [www.cossayunalake.com](http://www.cossayunalake.com) and click on the [Online Sign-up](#) menu selection. Online sign-up is quick, easy and secure. If you have a neighbor or friend who's not a member, please urge them to join.

Your modest one-time yearly dues help us to keep the lake clean and manage the presence of non-native invasive weeds. Your dues also help support the many social events at the clubhouse. Last year we had Bingo, our annual Chicken BBQ, and music with the NY Lounge Lizards and of course, our great "Lakesiders" band. We also hosted knitting classes, fitness classes and food trucks! This year we are planning to host a wonderful CLIA 70<sup>th</sup> birthday bash.



*Left to right: The Oaks, Mill Pond, McIntyre's*

## Rentals

Having a party, graduation, baby shower, wedding, family reunion or memorial and need more room? Well, for a modest fee members can rent the clubhouse and pavilion. Another benefit of membership is that you can also rent tables and chairs for your own hosted event. Space is already filling up. Please call Bob Reilly (631-897-4811) to check on availability. [When you complete the application and pay the fee](#), your date will be reserved on the CLIA calendar. Don't wait to schedule your next family event!

## 2024 Herbicide Treatment Plan Update

*Sheila Rappazzo, Herbicide Chair*

This is the second year of our 3-year commitment with Pond and Lake Connection (PLC) as our herbicide applicator. We will again be treating some areas for Eurasian Milfoil with ProcellaCOR. We will be treating areas for Curlyleaf Pondweed with Aquathol, and we have requested authorization to also use Aquathol, later in the season if needed, to treat overgrowth of Southern Naiad.

The herbicide application was filed with the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in January, and is currently under review by various Departments within. We expect that the DEC will issue the permit by sometime in April to allow for treatment as early in the season as possible. The areas to be treated will be based on the pre-treatment assessment that PLC will conduct, ideally in late April.

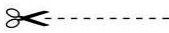


*Big Island, Lake Cossayuna. Launch "Queen of the Oaks."*




*Photo Courtesy of the Adirondack Experience*

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

2024 Event Calendar: May - June (be sure to check cossayunalake.com for updates!)



MAY 2024

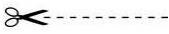
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5	6 Last day to RSVP for About Boating Safely course	7	8	9	10	11
12 Happy Mother's Day!	13	14	15	16	17	18 Private Rental
19	20 Hula Hoop Fitness w/ Lynn Jackson!  9-9:45 AM	21	22	23	24	25
26 Memorial Day Breakfast	27 Hula Hoop Fitness w/ Lynn Jackson!  9-9:45 AM	28 Board Meeting 6:15 pm 	29	30	31	

JUNE 2024










SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1  ABS Course 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Lakesiders @ Scotlander Brewing
2	3 Hula Hoop Fitness w/ Lynn Jackson!  9-9:45 AM	4	5	6	7	8 Private rental
9	10 Hula Hoop Fitness w/ Lynn Jackson!  9-9:45 AM	11	12	13	14	15
16 Happy Father's Day!	17 Hula Hoop Fitness w/ Lynn Jackson!  9-9:45 AM	18	19	20 First Day of Summer!	21	22 Private rental
23	24 Water Chestnut Pull 9 am - location TBD Hula Hoop Fitness w/ Lynn Jackson!  9-9:45 AM	25 Board Meeting 6:15 pm 	26	27	28	29 CLIA's 70th birthday dance!






2024 Event Calendar: July - August (be sure to check cossayunalake.com for updates!)



JULY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Hula Hoop Fitness w/ Lynn Jackson!  9-9:45 AM	2	3	4 Happy 4th of July!	5  BINGO! 5:00 - 8:30 pm	6 Sue Roach Memorial Boat Parade 
7	8  Water Chestnut Pull 9 am - location TBD Knitting & Crocheting classes!  10 - 11:30 am	9 Knitting & Crocheting classes!  10 - 11:30 am	10 Knitting & Crocheting classes!  10 - 11:30 am	11	12	13 General Membership Meeting 10:00 am 
14	15	16	17	18	19 Water Chestnut Pull 9 am - location TBD 	20
21	22	23 Board Meeting 6:15 pm 	24	25	26	27
28	29 Water Chestnut Pull 9 am - location TBD 	30	31			

AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	5 Water Chestnut Pull 9 am - location TBD 	6	7	8	9	10 Pizza / Trivia Night Trivia - 7pm Pizza - 5-7pm 
11	12	13	14	15	16 Water Chestnut Pull 9 am - location TBD 	17 Love Our lake Chicken BBQ 3:00 - 6:00 pm Doors open @ 2:30 
18	19	20	21	22 Happy 70h Birthday CLIA 	23	24 Election Meeting 10:00 am 
25	26 Water Chestnut Pull 9 am - location TBD 	27 Board Meeting 6:15 pm 	28	29	30	31

## 2023 - 2024 CLIA Officers, Board of Directors & Committee Chairs:



*Photo Courtesy of Bill Herrington*

### 2023 – 2024 CLIA STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**BYLAWS:** OPEN

**FINANCE:** OPEN (Rick Ryan, Interim)

**LAKE MANAGEMENT:** Sheila Rappazzo 518.429.8312

**NOMINATING:** Joanne Bonacker 518.369.9889

### 2023 – 2024 CLIA AD HOC COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**MEMBERSHIP:** Bob Reilly 631.897.4811

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**WATER CHESTNUT REMOVAL:** Gene Henry 518.744.4768

### 2023 – 2024 CLIA OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT** Lynn LeCours 518.253.9377

**VICE PRESIDENT** Peggy Pahoulis 757.635.9891

**TREASURER** OPEN (Rick Ryan, Interim)

**SECRETARY** OPEN (Kathy Gaughran, Interim)

### 2023 – 2024 CLIA DIRECTORS

Joanne Bonacker

Marie Dumas

Gene Henry

Tim Hopkins

Lynn Jackson

Tom LeCours

Sheila Rappazzo

Bob Reilly

Karen Ryan

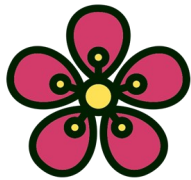
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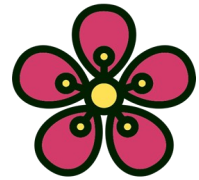


*Photo Courtesy of Suzanne McCall Bouza*



# 70 Years of Being Awesome!

## Join us for a Groovy Bash



The CLIA is 70 years old

Wear your best 70s attire and come dance the night away

Save the Date: June 29, 2024 Time: 6:30 to 10:00 pm

Tickets \$10 per person - more info to follow

**Please bring a  
favorite 70s  
snack food or  
dessert to share  
BYOB**



**Music  
provided by  
DJ**



## Harvesting Update

*Gene Henry, Harvesting Chair*

After weeks of searching, Gene Henry located a “new” used truck to replace the aging vehicle which served us well, but which needed replacing. A team of Gene, Tom LeCours and Charlie Rappazzo drove to Pompano Beach to inspect and ultimately purchase the vehicle (pictured right). The truck was well under budget and should serve us for many years.



We are looking for a new crew member for our harvesting team. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this paid position, please contact Gene Henry to arrange for an interview.

## Information for Property Owners - Particularly for Owners Who Rent

Invasive non-native weeds negatively impact lake health and recreational use. Last year we spent roughly \$25,000 on treatment of the lake to control those weeds and expect to spend the same on that effort this year, as it is an ongoing effort to keep the lake healthy. In order to minimize the impact of invasive weeds and keep our lake as healthy as possible we need **everyone's** cooperation.

All boats should be clean and checked for weeds before being put in the lake. To prevent shoreline erosion, keep speeds very low when leaving, or approaching a dock or going along the shore. Legal limit is 5 miles an hour within 100 feet of shore.

No Wake Boats, **please!** They create tremendous erosion in our shallow lake. For more information:

<https://www.lakeambassadors.ca/the-dangers-of-wake-boats-on-shallow-waters/>

All individuals born on or after 5/1/96 are required to successfully complete an approved course in Boater's Safety to operate a motor boat or personal watercraft. A Boater Safety course will be offered at CLIA on June 1st. It can also be taken online. More details are on the CLIA website.

Keep speeds at reasonable levels in consideration of other boaters around you, and to not create excessive wakes, which can damage shorelines. Be aware of other boats and water craft around you. The lake can get very crowded on weekends and holidays in particular.

# DID YOU KNOW?



**Twinkies** were first available to the public in **April, 1930.**

**Lynn Jackson** will be offering Hula Hoop fitness classes Mondays at 9 am from May 20th - July 1st. Come join the fun!



Spring is here....please mind the posted speed limits around the lake and slow down! It will not only make it safer for all, but it's easier on the roads!

**SPEED  
LIMIT  
25**

**Beginning January 1, 2025, ALL individuals** will be required to successfully complete an approved online or in-person 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024! See the flyer on page 8 of this newsletter. Contact Lynn Enny at 518.499.2883 with questions or to register. The deadline for registration is May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



Rent a **porta potty** for a busy weekend, a party or all summer!

**North Country Excavating**

**518.852.3588** comes to empty, clean & sanitize them on a weekly basis. It's a great deal and helps reduce stress on the lake!



## Cold Weather Boaters

### Per NYS Nav. Law Section 40.1(e)

Anyone underway in a boat less than 21 feet in length between November 1 and May 1 must wear a securely fastened life jacket. This includes canoes, kayaks, rowboats and motorboats. Commercial vessels are exempt.

Bob Reilly has gathered information and pictures of the lake area dating back to 1916 in a binder that he will leave at the clubhouse. Anyone who is interested can look at it. It contains the history of the lake and Argyle, pictures and history of "The Oaks" and pictures of Kincaid's, Lashers and Little Troy Road.

## What's in a Name?

A section of Tall Pines Way (between #1331—#1345) will now be known as Loon Island Way, and a section of White Lane (between #1425—#1437) will now be known as Island View Way.



Do you rent your lake property?

If your renters bring their own boat, please advise them of the need to thoroughly clean their boat before putting it in the lake. It is important to make sure that any invasive weeds or organisms are removed from the boat and trailer before going in the lake. There is a boat washing station at the Adirondack Welcome Center between exits 17 and 18 of the Northway. Thanks for your help in keeping our lake healthy and beautiful!

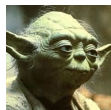


## Notable(?) Days in May:

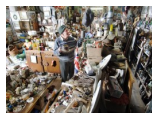
**May 3** - National Paranormal Day



**May 4** - Star Wars Day



**May 8** - Pack Rat Day



**May 24** - International Tiara Day



**May 27** - Sunscreen Day



**May 28** - National Hamburger Day



**April** is  
Autism  
Awareness  
Month



**Online sign-up for membership, herbicide treatment harvesting or donations** is a snap! 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 jsfelicetti@yahoo.com.

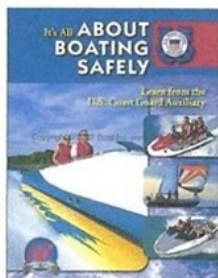




U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
**United States Coast Guard Auxiliary**



## 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.



Photo Courtesy of Bill Herrington

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

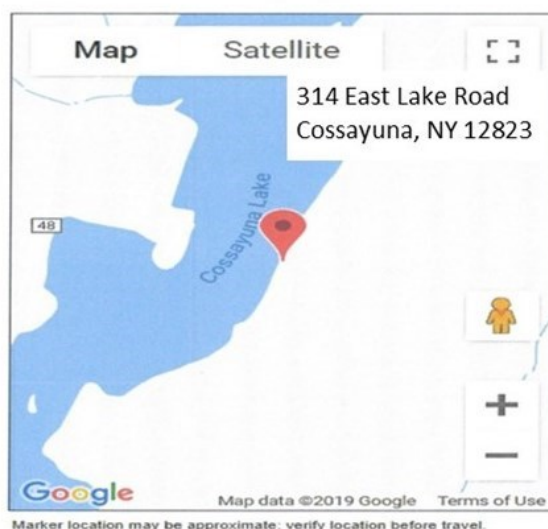
**Course:** About Boating Safely  
**Date:** Saturday, June 1, 2024  
**Hours:** 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
**Location:** Cossayuna Lake Improvement Assn  
314 East Lake Road  
Cossayuna, NY 12823

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

Charlie Pound  
518.361.2530

**Course Cost:** \$20  
**Register by:** Monday, May 6, 2024  
Call Lynn Enny to register  
(leave your name to confirm your attendance on June 1, 2024).

**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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**Go to [cossayunalake.com/online-sign-up.html](http://cossayunalake.com/online-sign-up.html) to renew your membership,  
to sign up for lake harvesting or to make a donation online!**

**COSSAYUNA LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

**Participation Form for the period January 1 – December 31, 2024**

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

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

*Personal email addresses preferred; 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 HOUSEHOLD – 1 vote: 1 or 2 names

(example: Mary Smith OR Mary & John Smith)

\$100 INDIVIDUAL – 2 votes: 2 names

(example: Mary Smith AND John Smith)

Enclosed are my membership dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Harvesting Participant**

\$125 per lot

I would like the standard harvesting program.

Enclosed are 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 indicate how you would like to receive the CLIA Newsletter (select ONE option; if no selection is made, newsletter will be emailed):

\_\_\_\_ Electronic – sent to me via email \_\_\_\_ Paper – mailed to me

Questions can be directed to the following:

Membership – contact Bob Reilly – 631.897.4811 / [dakotabr@optonline.net](mailto:dakotabr@optonline.net)

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