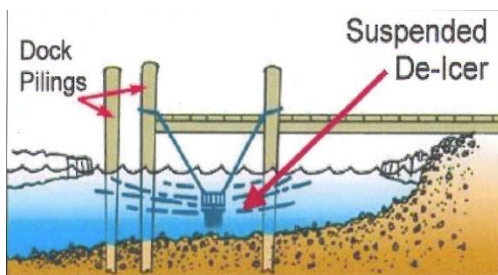


To: CLOA Members and Cedar Lake Residents
From: CLOA Board of Directors
Date: January 21, 2010
Re: "Dock Bubblers" and "Dock De-Icers"

It has come to the attention of the CLOA Board of Directors that "Dock Bubblers" or "Dock De-Icers" are being used on Cedar Lake. These devices are designed to prevent damage to docks, pilings, walls, etc. by melting the ice around the directed area. Dock Bubblers typically consist of a compressed air source and perforated pipe or hose that is secured to the lake or river bottom around the perimeter of the dock. Dock De-Icers are also installed in the water and have submersible motor that drives a propeller. Both Dock Bubblers and Dock De-Icers create a flow of water, pulling warmer water from the bottom of the lake directing it to the surface around the area of installation.



The use of either device usually results in an area of open water or thin ice around the area of placement. In some cases the affected area can be as large as 100ft in length, depending on factors such as water current. The affect of thin ice and open water has the Lake Board concerned with the safety of people, children, and pets that may wonder in these areas. In fact the use of these devices was discovered after a lake resident had to rescue a family pet from an area of thin ice on the lake.

Therefore the CLOA Board is requesting all members and residents refrain from using these devices and place immediate notification in a clearly visible area where currently in use. You may have noticed that cones were recently placed around an area along the south side of the lake near the small island. The placement of cones or markers on the ice is helpful but please consider, as stated above, that the affected area may be very hard to determine and could be much larger than just the area around the dock.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration on this matter.