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**SUPer CLOA Member - see page 5**

### **Annual Dues - \$550.00**

As was voted on at the June 2018 CLOA Annual Meeting, dues were increased to \$550.00 for 2019. You already received the \$550.00 dues bill. Thank you for your prompt payment and for providing us with our contact information, as we have gone to email for most of our communications to you, including the newsletter and pertinent other communications like weed treatment scheduling and relevant safety and other notices, etc. Even though you likely received the Annual Dues Form, another is attached on p.6 for your use.

### **Algae Bloom**

We wanted to inform you that a floating algae bloom was observed in October 2018 in the northern end of the lake. After a sample was analyzed, it was determined to be Cyanobacteria, which is also known as blue-green algae, that is common world-wide and is found on both land and in the water. The aquatic version, which was observed in October, is the result of warmer water and air temperatures in addition to higher levels of nitrogen and phosphorus, both components of lawn fertilizers. Water runoff and septic system discharges are also culprits. The Board has invited our environmental professionals to attend an upcoming Board meeting to discuss their experience with the algae and prevention and treatment alternatives.

Preventative measures are the preferred approach to managing the occurrence of cyanobacterial blooms. The most effective preventative measures are those that seek to control anthropogenic influences that promote blooms such as the leaching and runoff of excess nutrients. Management practices for nutrients, specifically nitrogen and phosphorus, should have the goal of reducing loadings from sources including water treatment discharges, agricultural runoff, and storm water runoff.

### **INVASIVE WEED CONTROL**

It is becoming increasingly difficult and expensive to treat the late-season lake weed called vallisneria (aka tapegrass). Vallisneria spreads from a strong root system and/or by flowers that produce seeds. The Association has moved from using liquid herbicide to using a more effective and direct crystal herbicide on this plant, which also has the benefit of only one day's restriction for water use.

A sub-committee is being formed to identify and discuss alternative approaches to weed management. If you are interested in participating, please email Celina Bunn at [roncelinabunn@gmail.com](mailto:roncelinabunn@gmail.com) and include a contact number. Thank you!

**What you can do to help at your property:**

- 1. Rake out leaves and any weeds at your shoreline (rake as far out into the lake as possible) and dispose of them on land accordingly. This can greatly help with future weed growth.**
- 2. Be diligent about checking your boats and trailers (for weeds) before entering the lake.**
- 3. Hold up on / stop lawn fertilizing - it eventually leaches into the lake and really enhances weed growth.**

## **- Photo Contest Winners -**

Apologies from the Newsletter Committee for late announcement of the 2018 Photo Contest winners. The winners' photos are shown at the back of the newsletter. All the photos submitted are on the CLOA website. The winners are:

- **Best Photo of having fun on the lake in 2017/2018:**  
**St. Pierre – Mid-air Jumper**
- **Best Nature shot on the lake in 2017/2018:**  
**Krystock- BIG Bass**
- **Best Sunrise shot on the lake in 2017/2018:**  
**Watson – Sunrise Rainbow**
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We will mail out your \$25.00 VISA gift cards in January. Congrats.  
And thank you to all for great submissions.

## Ice Safety / Bubblers

- Bubblers are prohibited on the lake. -

As we have advised in the past, use of bubblers to keep the water free of ice is prohibited. Such use can affect ice thickness a distance away from a bubbler and create irregular ice thickness / unsafe ice conditions. Thanks.

(At the 2011 Annual Meeting, the CLOA membership voted to prohibit the use of bubblers/de-icers).

## ATV / ICE FISHING REGISTRATION

Please observe similar (to boat) identification rules when ice fishing. Please attach CLOA yellow stickers to your bait pail and ATV to show that you are a member of the CLOA. If we all follow these easy steps, we can identify and discourage trespassers, who may have no problem catching and keeping the precious fish we have tried to cultivate and protect. Much appreciated.



## ICE / CATCH & RELEASE / TRESPASSERS

Although we had a freeze just before Thanksgiving and we thought that we were on our way to fun on the ice, we have not had sufficient ice to venture out on the lake. If and when the lake freezes, please be diligent about checking the ice thickness in multiple places before making the trip out too far. Several years ago, we had 8" in the middle of the lake, which is safe for just about all activities. But just a few feet away, the ice was only an inch or so. While this probably doesn't happen often, please be very observant of similar conditions. Also, please be aware that only CLOA members and accompanied guests are allowed on the lake. If you do not recognize fisherman or others on the ice, please feel free to inquire about their affiliation, and please contact a Board member if we should be informed and if we can assist. And please try to observe the catch and release fishing technique to conserve our fish population. **Many thanks and stay safe.**



## 2019 FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The 2019 Fireworks are scheduled for

**Sat., June 29<sup>th</sup>**

Rain date - TBD

*The annual fireworks display was again approved for 2019. As for a rain date - Atlas Fireworks may not be able to accommodate the date immediately following the July 4th, so a rain date is TBD.*

*Also, we are investigating moving the fireworks to the Wolcott side of the lake, as it appears there could be a significant savings by using Wolcott Fire personnel v. Bristol Fire personnel. We'll let you know if it all comes together and we can conform to the regulations, and we can get access to the lake on the Wolcott side.*

### North Street Dam Project

As we have reported in the past, the North Street dam rehab remains on the Town of Wolcott's list of potential projects. While no construction has begun, the Town of Wolcott maintains that they plan to do the North Street improvements to upgrade the dam and make the road safer for vehicles and pedestrians. We were even told that it might have been started in fall 2018. Obviously, nothing to date. The town is looking at ways to minimize the lake water draw-down. While the CLOA has drawn down the lake by approximately 4' about every four years for the convenience of homeowners to execute waterfront projects, the Town may need to draw down the lake beyond the 4' to comfortably perform the dam and road work. We will continue to stay informed and communicate any progress made, etc. We would not be surprised if the Town of Wolcott scheduled the project for fall 2019. Please stay tuned.

#### Change in mailing address, email or phone?

- Contact us so we can update our Master CLOA member listing: George D'Addario, CLOA Secretary at [george.daddario@yarde.com](mailto:george.daddario@yarde.com)

### CLOA MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER FEE

Just as a another reminder to all - Effective August 1, 2012 - There is a \$300.00 fee assessed to the new property owner for sales/transfers of ownership/name changes by CLOA members in good standing where the new owner (s) requests membership in the CLOA. Upon payment, the new member will receive an official membership certificate in the CLOA and a new member binder with a copy of the CLOA by-laws and other relevant information. Excluded from this transfer fee are non-sale transfers between immediate family members (spouses, siblings, children, parents). Please don't risk losing the CLOA membership for your lot - pay it right, and remind others of same.

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### WATER QUALITY / WATER TESTING

As we had informed you in previous newsletters, the towns of Bristol and Wolcott have ceased water testing activities, as Cedar Lake does not have public swimming areas – a way to save money for the towns. But, not to worry, CLOA Board members on our Environmental Committee are now performing the water collection activities and delivering water samples to an area lab for analysis. If results were to exceed state-mandated levels, the Board would inform all via email and a posting on the CLOA website. Obviously, this is a big commitment by Board Members. If you are interested in helping out, please contact us. Water testing is an important but very time-consuming responsibility.

### **SUPer CLOA Member**

You might have seen him paddling around the lake, CLOA member Al Simmons is a competition Stand-up paddleboard (SUP) champion. Since retiring 6 years ago, Al has been participating in Triathlons, Marathons, Iron Man competitions, short running races, and lots of Paddleboard races. He recently competed in the Southington Apple Harvest Festival 5 mile race where he finished 1st place in his age group, 70-79. Al's 11 year old granddaughter Evelyn competes too. They both participated in a SUP race in Greenwood Lake, NY in September where they both won in their class. Al's race was the full length of the lake, 12 miles!

Al uses a blue inflatable race board and has a unique paddling style. He states "Paddling is a great workout and very good for your core muscles. I try not to use my arms, elbows or shoulders for power. Basically I bend forward to plant my paddle and drive it deep into the water as I twist my hip back pulling my upper body around along with my arms connected to the paddle. This is much less tiring and much easier on your joints. I can reach continuous speeds as high as 6 mph for short intervals and I can maintain 5 to 5.5 mph for a very long time."

Al is now in training for a 31 mile race on the Tennessee River. He competed in the race last year and finished 4th overall in the 12' 6" Paddleboard Class and first place Master age grouper. He had to dress properly for the cold conditions, and the race took 6 hours to complete the course. This year he is pushing to be on the podium with a third place or better – you go Al!



## 2019 ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

For the period: January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019

\$550.00 is due on January 1, 2019. All LATE payments are subject to a \$50.00 initial late fee plus monthly penalties due if payment is made after Mar. 31, 2019.



Note: CLOA boating requirements will be published in the Spring 2019 newsletter and are available on the CLOA website. Lake dues must be current and any outstanding fines paid prior to issuance of 2019 boating stickers. Please see the CLOA website for additional information and requirements for boat registration.



### CLOA 2019 Annual Dues Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #'s \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ 550.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks out to: CLOA** and send with this CLOA 2019 Annual Dues Form to:  
CLOA Treasurer, P.O. Box 2152, Bristol, CT 06011



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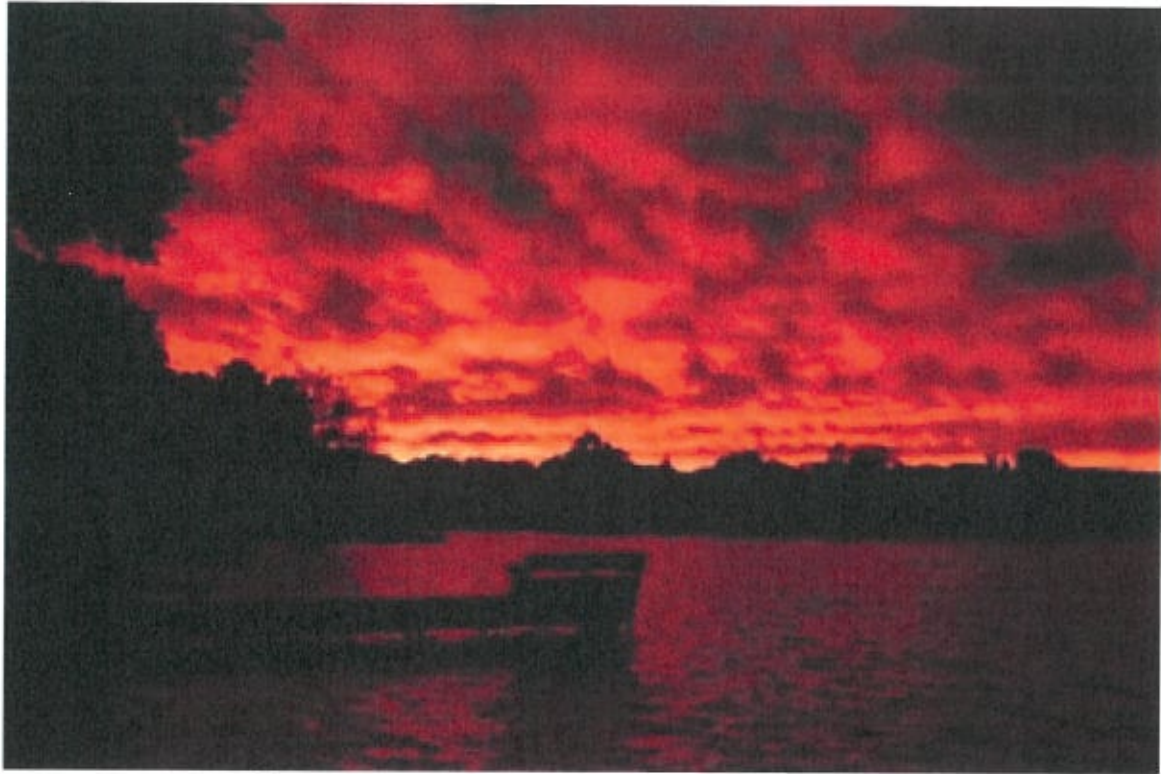


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