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CLOA ANNUAL MEETING

The CLOA Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, June 10th, 2019 at 7PM at the St. Maria Gorretti Church, 1300 Woodtick Road in Wolcott. We urge all members of Cedar Lake Owners Association to attend, as there will be important issues to vote on that affect our lake, including **THE REVISED BY-LAWS**, budgets, weed treatments, fireworks and annual dues. Please remember, **Your vote is your voice**. We will serve beverages and light desserts. See you there.

Please see p.2 of this newsletter for Proxy Vote Form. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, there is a restriction of 1 proxy vote per CLOA member.

By-Law Changes

Members soon will be receiving **THE REVISED BY-LAWS** that will be voted at the annual meeting; a vote of the attending CLOA members will be taken to approve **THE REVISED BY-LAWS**. As this vote will be binding, we ask that you make every attempt to attend. Please review the **THE REVISED BY-LAWS** so that you are prepared to vote on them. Thank you.

Safety: Please see safety guidelines on p.3 and please honor them. Thank you.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO BE ON SATURDAY JUNE 29th

- Rain Date: To Be Determined -

The 2019 fireworks display will be held on Saturday evening June 29th at dusk thereabouts. Atlas, the barge-based show company, will be our presenter.

Please be aware, that based on Bristol Fire Marshall Statutes, close supervision must be administered by the Bristol Fire Dept. You will see that they will be present for most of the day on the 29th to ensure safety precautions are followed. If the Fire Marshall observes any unsafe boat or pedestrian activity relative to the fireworks, he can cancel our show on the spot.

The fireworks barge will be anchored in the center of the lake; there will be a marked area a safe distance from the barge where there will be no boats or pedestrians allowed. Please be sure to keep a safe distance so that all turns out well - without incident. If you venture out by boat, please pay attention not to be down-wind to insure that you and your crew stay safe. If asked by an official or the CLOA patrol boat operator to move your position, please abide. Thank you and enjoy!

2019 BOAT REGISTRATION (See Page 5 for Form)

Note: All members need to be current on their dues and have no unpaid penalties/fines due in addition to meeting the ownership, registration, insurance and CT DEEP Boat Operator certification requirements in order to obtain 2019 boat stickers. Failure to provide proof of insurance (and state registration for each power boat) on or before June 1st will subject the member to fines of \$50.00 per month per boat.

Cost Savings: The Board engaged a new accounting firm to complete our annual financial preparation. We saved several hundred dollars. Every little bit helps. Please remember - your Board members perform all lake-related work on a volunteer basis.

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CLOA Proxy Form: Anyone wishing to have an individual other than their spouse, parent or child represent them at the Annual Meeting of the Cedar Lake Owners Association members on Monday, June 10, 2019, must provide that individual with a duly executed Proxy Form, a copy of which is below. The designated individual will be required to provide the duly executed Proxy at the Annual Meeting in order to be allowed to vote on behalf of a CLOA member.



CEDAR LAKE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

PROXY FOR 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

(Date) _____, 2019

I, _____, member in good standing,
of _____, do hereby designate
_____ to act as my proxy to vote on my behalf
at the annual meeting of the members of the Cedar Lake Owners Association, Inc.
to be held on June 10, 2019 in Wolcott, CT at 7:00 p.m.

(Printed Name)

(Signature of Member) (L.S.)

STATE OF _____)

COUNTY OF _____)

) ss.:

_____ 2018

Personally appeared, _____, signer and sealer of
the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed
before me.

Commissioner of the Superior Court
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

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CLOA BOAT LAUNCH

The Spindle Hill Road boat launch is solely for the use of CLOA members to launch and retrieve their registered boats. Please be sure to keep the gate locked at all times. Please do not park boats or cars for any longer than necessary to deal with the launching, etc. of your boat. And, overnight parking is not allowed. We apologize for these continual reminders but we feel it is necessary to reiterate some of the commonly misinterpreted or disregarded common security and courtesy rules.

REMINDER - DEEP Safe Water Skiing Endorsement

Enacted Oct. 1, 2015: Any person operating a vessel engaged in water skiing must be at least 16 years old and:

- Hold a valid DEEP-issued Safe Boating Certificate or Cert. of Personal Watercraft Operation, plus
- Hold a DEEP-issued Safe Water Skiing Endorsement (after completing the DEEP instruction for same)
- Safe Water Skiing Endorsement does not apply to individuals who already hold an SBC or CPWO -

LAKE SAFETY REMINDERS

- Boat traffic on the lake is directional - **counter clockwise**; please make sure all authorized boat drivers are aware to drive in a counter clockwise direction.
- Lights on at sunset please; this includes kayaks and canoes! Required lighting can be found at the CT DEEP boat regulations.
- For the safety of all, please, **NO** water skiing, tubing, wake boarding, etc. 30 minutes after sunset.
- Children under 12 **must** wear PFD's at ALL times on any boat - CT DEEP regulation.
- No riding on the front deck of a pontoon while it is in motion. No sitting on the bow or gunnel with legs outside the boat. Please keep all limbs inside all boats when in motion.
- Orange buoys placed around the lake mark rock hazards; be sure to give ample distance. With low water levels, the buoys can drift several feet.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Again this summer season, please be aware of non-member use of our lake. Please be thoughtful in your approach to personally confront trespassers. Please consider recording information about the trespassers and immediately contact a Board member who will deal with the issue appropriately. Of course, contacting law enforcement is also an alternative if, in your judgment, it appears to be advisable.

BOAT USE / AUTHORITY / REGISTRATION

- A) Reminder that your boating sticker should be on the right (starboard) side of your water craft in full view.
- B) ALL watercraft need to be insured (including kayaks, canoes) and registered (if applicable). This will continue to be strictly enforced so as not to introduce invasive weeds into our lake and to control the liability of our homeowners.
- C) Boat use (as well as use of the lake for swimming and fishing) is for homeowners and their families only when the homeowners are present.
Guests ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED from using unstickered, unregistered, and uninsured watercraft of any kind on Cedar Lake at any time.

Boat Registration (Form on p.5)

As all should be aware, it is *required* that members maintain sufficient liability coverage for use also of non-powered boats such as rowboats, canoes and kayaks. The association requirements the non-powered boats are:

- Homeowners insurance with a minimum of **\$100,000 Liability** coverage
- All boats must be registered to the homeowner/lake association member
- Boats over 25 HP must maintain a minimum of **\$300,000 Liability** insurance coverage with a separate Boat insurance policy

Looking for Volunteers

Please consider becoming a CLOA Board member or non-Board member volunteer/committee member. It's a minimal time commitment. For Board members - meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. The benefit is that you can positively impact the well-being of our lake and its member families. We are in real need of folks to assist with lake management activities (Please see below).

Please contact one of these Nominating Committee members if you are interested in serving on the 2017 CLOA Board of Directors:

Andre Dorval...andre.dorval@snet.net
Matt Smith...matts@yarde.com

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

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.

WATER QUALITY

As mentioned in prior newsletters, CLOA now has to test the waters of Cedar Lake. The Environmental Committee started the testing last summer and will continue to collect water samples for lab testing in 2019. We will test at least biweekly, maybe weekly and notify members via email if there is any risk to swimmers, etc., per State of CT guidelines. These testing (lab) costs, which are substantial, have been budgeted.

REMOVAL/TRIMMING OF ISLAND VEGETATION OR TREES

Another reminder - Please take care not to engage in any altering of landscape status or plant/tree status of the islands, as they are the property of CLOA and are an important part of the ecosystem of the lake. This is also in the CLOA's by-laws.

Current CLOA Board of Directors:

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Lake Weed Treatments

The lake will be treating for Curley-Leaf Pondweed (rhizomatous) in May and for Tape Grass (Valisneria) in mid-summer. See p. 6 for details.

2019 CLOA Boat Sticker Registration Form

CLOA policies and procedures require members to maintain liability insurance for use of powered boats on Cedar Lake. The association requirements are as follows:

- Boats over 25 HP must maintain a minimum of \$300,000 Liability insurance coverage
- Boats 25 HP and under must maintain a minimum of \$100,000 Liability insurance coverage: This includes non-powered boats such as sailboats, rowboats, kayaks and canoes
- All powered boats must be registered to the homeowner/lake association member
- A Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate is required
- Each household is allowed a maximum of 5 boats under the following:
 - No more than one powered boat over 25 HP
 - No more than one powered boat 25 HP and under
 - One Pontoon Boat (no HP limit) Each member is limited to two powerboats; the Pontoon Boat may be substituted for one of the above powerboats
 - Non-powered (rowboats, canoes, kayaks, sailboats, etc.)

All watercraft must display the yellow CLOA background sticker on the starboard (right) rear side of the boat. Once the association receives the proper documentation (copies of insurance and registration), a 2019 sticker will be issued to adhere over the "2018" on the existing yellow background sticker.

All 2019 documentation must be submitted before June 1st if your boat is in the lake before that date. Documentation received after June 1st will be considered late, and may be subject to a fine, per association bylaws.

Have a safe and happy boating season!

Member Name: _____

CLOA Lake Lot # _____

Lake address: _____

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Mailing address (if different): _____

Watercraft Description	Copy of Registration (yes for powered boats, no for non-powered)	Copy of Insurance policy (check if enclosed)	Yellow Background Sticker Needed (yes new boats only)

Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate (copy for each licensed operator): _____ Yes _____ No

Mail to: CLOA Boat Sticker Committee, P.O. Box 2152, Bristol, CT, 06011

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**** Fireworks Location ****

The Board had looked into moving the Fireworks barge to the Wolcott side of the lake to save on the expense of having the Bristol Fire Dept. present before and during the fireworks show, as it appeared that Wolcott could oversee the fireworks at very little cost. While we were very hopeful to have the barge in Wolcott, many complications arose in discussions with the Wolcott authorities. The decision was to stay in Bristol where the Bristol authorities are familiar and comfortable with CLOA's fireworks process. In any event, Enjoy!

Environmental

We plan to treat Cedar Lake twice this year to control the growth of two invasive aquatic plants. The first application of herbicide occurs in May to control Curley-Leaf Pondweed.

Curly-Leaf Pondweed



Curly-Leaf Pondweed is a *rhizomatous* perennial herb producing a flattened, branching stem up to a meter long. The leaves are linear or oblong in shape. Only submerged leaves are produced, which are sessile, linear or oblong in shape, 25–95 mm long and 5–12 mm wide.^[1] The leaves may be bright green, olive green or (especially later in the season) brownish and have noticeably serrated margins, a feature that distinguishes them from other pondweeds. The leaves usually have wavy edges but this is not always apparent, especially on new growth.^[1] *Turions* occur in leaf axils and at stem tips

The second application of herbicide occurs in mid-summer to control Vallisneria.

Vallisneria americana



Vallisneria americana, commonly called wild celery, water-celery, tape grass, or eelgrass is a plant in the family *Hydrocharitaceae*, the "tape-grasses". It is a fresh water species that can tolerate salt, living in salinities varying from fresh water (0 parts per thousand) to 18 parts per thousand. It is a deep rooted plant with leaves, approximately one inch wide, with the ability to rise two or more meters above the clustered base of the plant.^[5]

Both introduced plants pose a serious threat to our lake, spreading profusely, impacting swimming, and boating in the lake. Signs will be posted around the lake announcing the treatment dates and precautions. Detailed information can also be found on the Environmental page of the CLOA website (CLOA.org). It is recommended that the lake not be used for swimming on the day of treatment.

CLOA members can do their part to help control plant growth in the lake by **minimizing the flow of nutrients into the lake, resulting from the over fertilization of lawns near the shoreline.**

North Street Dam – (1) Reconstruction and (2) Inspection

- (1) We have no update to the North Street Dam Project. We understand that the Dam Project remains on the Town of Wolcott's project list, but no news.
- (2) Since the State of CT several years ago relinquished dam inspection responsibility, that task has fallen on property owners. Hence, the CLOA has to get our North Street Dam inspected in 2019. This has been contracted with a known professional at an approximate cost of \$2,600. We will advise of any substantive recommendation.