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Please use Annual Dues Notice on page 4 to pay your 2020 CLOA Dues (\$550.00). Thank you.

## LOWERING OF LAKE LEVEL

Lake Level Lowering is scheduled to begin Oct. 20th

- Lowering of the lake by 4 feet this year

While the lake level is lowered every fall by 2½ feet to afford homeowners the ability to perform regular maintenance and approved work to their shoreline, about every fourth year the lake is lowered by about 4 feet. This is a 4 feet year. We expect the lake level to hit the desired 4 feet around Thanksgiving/end of November.

The CLOA Board has received several shoreline project requests this year. Just a reminder, per CLOA by-laws, any changes to the shoreline require approval by the CLOA Board and may need other town and/or state approvals. Please be sure to get qualified professionals involved to insure that all activities at the shoreline are in accordance with all applicable regulations. Thank you.

For specific CLOA by-laws related to shoreline improvements, access the CLOA website at [www.cloa.org](http://www.cloa.org). For access to the member area please follow instructions on the website.

## INVASIVE WEED TREATMENTS

This year we saw aggressive weed growth in the lake. As has been the approach in the past, the lake was treated twice this year; first for curly leaf pond weed and second for tape grass. Solitude, our environmental firm, was late with the first treatment; so late that they performed the first service free of charge. We apologize for the accumulation of curly leaf pond weed this year due to Solitude's delinquency in the first treatment. The second treatment seemed to have worked well though. The tape grass treatment uses crystals instead of liquid herbicide - this is more effective as the crystals fall onto the plants and do not dissipate as much.

Due to Solitude's timing issues this year, the Board obtained a competing bid for the 2020 weed treatments. The Board will compare the terms of each bid and decide whether or not to stay with Solitude, who will be in the final year of a three year contract. Notwithstanding their issue this year, Solitude has been a trusted firm, who knows our lake and can tweak applications based on their experience. Solitude's personnel are experienced and knowledgeable and have met with the Board to discuss concerns and to explain the technical side of weed treatments. They utilize underwater cameras to locate weed growth to minimize the acreage treated and amount of chemicals used.

As previously mentioned, more treatments are not the answer. Optimum timing of treatments (in the plant's lifecycle) and targeting specific location of weeds is most important. Vegetation levels around 30% of the lake bed is optimal for improved water quality and to provide natural habitat.

What you can do to help with the weeds:

1. Rake out leaves and any weeds at your shoreline (rake as far out into the lake as possible) and dispose of the debris *on land* accordingly. This can greatly help with future weed growth.
2. Reduce/discontinue lawn fertilizing - it eventually leaches into the lake and enhances weed growth. (Another option is to not fertilize near the water - create a buffer zone)
3. Be diligent about checking your boats and trailers (for weeds) before entering the lake.

### 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. (Please email the CLOA website to request ice fishing yellow stickers.) 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

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.**

### Lake Use By Non-member Boaters!

The Board has personally experienced and confronted non-member boats on the lake and we also heard varying reports of non-member folks (trespassers) using the lake in various fashion - in non-member boats, etc. But get this - some of these trespassers were invited by members to launch and use their non-member boats on the lake. One member even went as far as providing the non-member with his CLOA yellow sticker.

Also, members have launched boats either without proper state and CLOA registration or have launched boats that are not allowed on the lake.

Folks, we are privileged to live on a private lake, where traffic is minimal and the water is crisp and clean. Our members cannot make their own rules.

Due to these issues, the Board is re-evaluating the process for lake access at the boat launch. Restricting access to the boat launch to specified times when the launch can be manned or "by appointment only" or installing electronic access security are being discussed. This can be costly for the members, not to mention, inconvenient.

Your diligence, cooperation and assistance in monitoring lake use will help us all and keep us safe.



## North Street Dam Project

Per Wolcott town officials, the North Street improvements to upgrade the dam and make the road safer for vehicles and pedestrians remains on the Town of Wolcott's list of projects. While we were led to believe that the project had the potential to be undertaken this fall, there has been little forward progress, and we expect no construction in 2019. At this point, the Town did confirm that the grant money to fund the project has been received. The Town is awaiting DEEP approval, which they expect to receive in 2019. Once the DEEP approval is obtained, then DOT approval will be requested. Upon DOT approval, the project will go out to bid and hopefully ready to start construction in spring 2020. Obviously, the CLOA Board will discuss with the Town project timing and lake level in an effort to minimize the inconvenience to our members of the construction. We will continue to try and stay informed and communicate any progress made, news, etc. 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 the fee right away and remind others of same.

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Joe Geladino, a long-time and influential CLOA Board member, passed away in September. His contribution, knowledge and friendship will be sorely missed by the Board and by many friends around the lake. Please remember Joe with us.

## WATER QUALITY / WATER TESTING

CLOA Board members on our Environmental Committee performed the water testing this summer – regularly collected water samples, delivered them to an area lab and received the results. We are pleased that our lake water consistently was below state-mandated maximums. Tests were not only for bacteria content, but also for other recommended components including blue-green algae. 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 also a very time-consuming responsibility.

## 2020 ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

For the period: January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

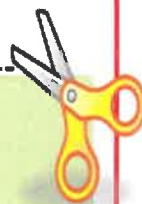
\$550.00 is due on January 1, 2020. All LATE payments are subject to a \$50.00 initial late fee plus monthly penalties due if payment is made after Mar. 31, 2020.



Note: CLOA boating requirements will be published in the Spring 2020 newsletter and are available on the CLOA website. Lake dues must be current and any outstanding fines paid prior to issuance of 2020 boating stickers. Please see the CLOA website for additional information and requirements for boat registration.

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### CLOA 2020 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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## 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.

### REMOVAL / TRIMMING OF ISLAND VEGETATION / TREES

**As is generally the mandate from Inland Wetlands for all lake shores, the CLOA also prohibits any activities that would alter the landscape status / plant / tree status / growth on any of the islands in Cedar Lake. Please take care not to engage in any altering of our islands. Islands are CLOA property, not the property of individuals.**

#### Lake Management Activities (Volunteers Needed)

- Maintenance, placement and removal of hazard and restricted area buoys
- Maintenance of boat launch and storage shed
- Maintenance, launching and removal of CLOA patrol boat
- Participation in CLOA pontoon boat safety patrol - to monitor, police and inform of lake use rules
- Coordination of activities of lawn and grounds maintenance at boat launch and dam
- Collection, review and processing of boat registration/insurance materials from members, communications regarding same with members and issuance of boat stickers
- Watercraft surveys to insure adherence to boat registration rules
- Administration duties including lake insurance, treasury/dues-fees collection, correspondence, maintaining membership records, recording board minutes, preparation of mailings and newsletters
- Processing of applications for shoreline maintenance and construction projects including docks, walls, etc. that fall under CLOA rules and/or inland wetlands guidelines. Includes inspection, monitoring and communications with members
- Membership duties including CLOA Board nominations, elections and new member materials distribution and communications
- Aquatic plant growth surveys and mapping, coordination with treatment firms, posting of treatment notices; water sampling, etc.
- Coordination of annual Fireworks display including permitting, coordination of local authorities, etc.
- Website maintenance

#### **BOAT USE / AUTHORITY / REGISTRATION**

- A) Reminder that your boating sticker should be on the right (starboard) rear side of your water craft in full view.
- B) ALL watercraft need to be registered and insured (including kayaks, canoes, etc.).  
Proper boat registration 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.  
**Members & their guests ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED from using unstickered, unregistered, and uninsured watercraft of any kind on Cedar Lake.**

#### **Boat Insurance Requirements**

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 insurance requirement for non-powered boats and boats up to 25 HP is a homeowners insurance policy with a minimum of **\$100,000 Liability** coverage

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