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### CLOA 2020 ANNUAL MEETING TO BE POSTPONED

As you know, CLOA holds its annual meeting in June. Unfortunately, this year, to protect the health of our members during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board has no choice but to postpone the meeting until the third Monday in October (10/19/20), pending the status of the pandemic and State of CT guidance. When it gets closer to October, the Board will provide additional direction regarding the Annual Meeting.

Thankfully, there are no time-sensitive issues that need to be brought to the CLOA Membership. Per our proposed budget, an increase in membership dues has not been contemplated. Also, the current directors and officers have agreed to serve until the October meeting and beyond if necessary.

Please review this Newsletter carefully, as there is important news here that may affect every member. Thank you for your understanding. As always, your comments on any and all issues are welcome - please send them via email to [contactus@cloa.org](mailto:contactus@cloa.org). Thank you.

#### Annual Meeting - New Location

Due to closure of the St. Maria Goretti Church Center, the Annual Meeting location has changed to the Charles Riedelke (Wolcott) Senior Center at 211 Nichols Road in Wolcott. Please make a note of this new venue.

#### **Boat Launch – New Entry System**

The CLOA Board has explored various Boat Launch entry systems to provide better security for entrance to the Boat Launch. An electronic security lock system, camera surveillance system, etc. were looked at, but due to the high cost, the Board decided to try a simple "fix", a new key lock, with a key provided each member after their CLOA Boat Registration has been met. We hope the slight inconvenience allows our PRIVATE lake to remain private and secure.

#### **FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO BE ON SATURDAY JUNE 27<sup>th</sup>**

- Rain Date: To Be Determined -

The 2020 fireworks display is scheduled for Saturday evening June 27<sup>th</sup> at dusk thereabouts. Atlas, the barge-based show company, will, again, be our presenter.

##### IMPORTANT NOTE:

In order to have a fireworks display, there are several required permits. Although the City of Bristol has approved the June CLOA fireworks, the State of Connecticut has not yet reviewed our permit request, as State of CT personnel are not working from their offices and cannot process permits remotely. We cannot predict an approval date, although we are hopeful. There is also a chance that State guidance could affect our ability to have the fireworks display. That said, there is a chance that CLOA will be unable to go forward with the fireworks this June. And, to date, postponing the fireworks has not been considered. Obviously, the Board will notify all via email and via the CLOA website, the moment we have information.

##### SAFETY REMINDER:

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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 ensure 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!

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### NORTH STREET DAM PROJECT - IMPORTANT

We have been informed that the North Street Dam project was recently approved by the CT DEEP, which approval has a three-year expiration. Immediately after receiving approval, the Town of Wolcott informed the CLOA that they plan to widen and generally shore-up the North Street dam in the fall of 2020 – this year! The town has scheduled the work to begin in the summer and be completed before winter. Based on information from the town, there should be no disruption to our summer boating season. But we may have to lower the lake level earlier than the usual middle to end of October. And the lake level will likely have to be dropped four feet or more. Generally, the lake level is lowered about two and a half feet each fall, with it lowered by about four feet every fourth year, as it was in 2019. Please be prepared to remove boats as early as late September or earlier, as the town needs adequate time to perform their work. The CLOA Board will inform all via email of the lake lowering/construction plan. The dam will not only be widened, but also a pedestrian sidewalk will be added and the size (width) of the dam will make it much stronger to withstand the pressure put on it for many years to come. The project cost, which will be absorbed by the Town of Wolcott via primarily state funding, is estimated in the range of \$300,000. We will provide CLOA members with relevant updates via email. Please stay tuned. We are very pleased with the anticipated outcome for our lake.

### Environmental

We plan to treat Cedar Lake twice this year to control the growth of two invasive aquatic plants. The first application of herbicide already occurred on May 12<sup>th</sup> to control Curley-Leaf Pondweed.

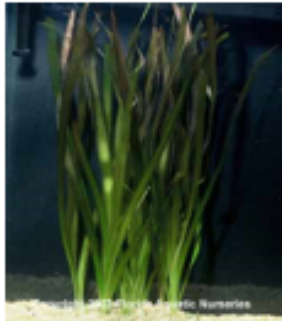
#### Curly-Leaf Pondweed



*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.<sup>[1]</sup> 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.<sup>[2]</sup> 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.<sup>[3]</sup>*

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.**

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### CLOA BOAT LAUNCH - PRIVATE

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.4)

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



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### 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](mailto:andre.dorval@snet.net)  
Matt Smith...[matts@yarde.com](mailto: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](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.

### 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 2020. 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.

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### Lake Weed Treatments

The lake was treated for Curley-Leaf Pondweed (rhizomatous) on May 12<sup>th</sup> and for Tape Grass ([Valisneria](http://www.valisneria.com)) in mid-summer. See p. 5 for details.

## 2020 CLOA Boat Sticker Registration Form

CLOA policies and procedures require members to register their boats according to the laws of their respective State and to maintain liability insurance for all boats to be used on Cedar Lake. In addition to current state registration as applicable, 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 for each operator
- Each household is allowed a maximum of 3 powered boats as follows:
  - 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 three powered boats; the Pontoon Boat may be substituted for one of the above powered boats over 10 HP
  - No more than one powered boat 10 hp and under
  - Each household is allowed a maximum of 5 non-powered watercraft such as: 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 in-force insurance and current registration), a "20" (2020) sticker will be issued to adhere over the "19" (2019) on the existing yellow background sticker.

**All 2020 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 <small>(yes for powered boats, no for non-powered)</small>	Copy of Insurance policy <small>(check if enclosed)</small>	Yellow Background Sticker Needed <small>(yes new boats only)</small>

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

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

