

SPRING 2023 ISSUE

LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Cedar Lake Owner's
Association (CLOA) members.



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CLOA Fireworks!

Saturday, July 1st
Raindate: Saturday,
July 8th



CLOA Annual Membership Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023

AT 6:15PM

BRISTOL ELKS CLUB
126 SOUTH STREET



Firework Reminders

Fireworks

Saturday 7/1/23

Rain Date: Saturday 7/8/23

Boating Restrictions - Day of the Show

Fireworks barges will be anchored in the middle of the lake and will be surrounded at a distance by orange buoys. The area inside the buoys is a restricted area for all boat traffic. Once the barge is in place all boats must stay out of the restricted area. If this requirement is not complied with the Fire Marshal can cancel our show.

IMPORTANT NEW REQUIREMENT

When fireworks company technicians are working on the barges, wiring the fireworks for our show, we must keep boat waves to a minimum. Boat waves were extremely bad last year, causing difficult conditions for the fireworks personnel to work under, with some minor injuries reported. This year CLOA will establish a no wake zone around the barges during the setup of the show. This period could last three hours or more. Your cooperation is required to ensure that we continue to have firework shows in the future.

Boat Registration

CLOA has the responsibility to ensure that all powerboats are properly insured and registered for the protection and safety of all its members. To achieve this goal we ask all members to submit proof of liability insurance and State Registration on their powerboats before launching on the lake for the boat season.

- Currently the CLOA bylaws require that powerboat documentation be submitted by June 1st of every year. A bylaw change will be proposed this year to move this date up to an earlier time since powerboats are commonly on the lake in April and May
- It is required that a CLOA identification sticker be displayed on the left rear of every powerboat, but some members do not comply with this requirement making difficult for us to determine if their boat should be on our lake. A bylaw change will be proposed this year to establish a monetary penalty for failure to display a CLOA sticker
- CLOA has instituted a policy to change the keyed lock on the boat launch gate and provide the new key to each member when they have submitted their powerboat documentation. We instituted this policy to help ensure that all powerboats have proper liability insurance coverage. It is important that you do not lend your key out to others, because they may not yet have submitted proper documentation for their boat.
- Please submit your insurance and registration in advance in order to provide time for our volunteer staff to process your paperwork and get you a key in a reasonable timeframe. Every year the Boat Registration Committee gets numerous immediate requests for keys which are difficult to comply with.



Cedar Lake Owners Association
2023 CLOA ANNUAL DUES

The CLOA Annual Dues for 2023 for each membership property are **\$650.00**. Payment is due within 90 days from January 1, 2023. **Payment received after March 31st is subject to a \$50.00 late fee and monthly interest penalties.**

All CLOA members are requested to provide a copy of their homeowner's insurance policy. This is to ensure that all members have liability insurance coverage, which is generally a part of a homeowner's insurance policy, to protect you for any liability arising as a result of any activities at your lakefront and in/on Cedar Lake where harm comes to you, your family or your guests.

Please provide a copy of your homeowner's policy with your Annual Dues payment. Note: The insurance requirements for registering powered boats in the spring, will remain the same.

Detach the dues form below and include it with your payment of **\$650.00** for each member property, and a copy of your homeowner insurance. Please provide an email address to assist us in establishing a contact list for our membership. Important CLOA information including the Newsletter will be emailed to members whenever possible.

2023 CLOA ANNUAL DUES INFORMATION FORM

Name: _____

Lake Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Date: _____ Check #: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Please make checks payable to "CLOA" and send with this form enclosed to: CLOA Treasurer, P.O. Box 2152, Bristol, CT 06011

CEDAR LAKE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

PROXY
FOR 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

(Date) _____, 2023

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 12, 2023 in Bristol, CT at 6:30 p.m.

(Printed Name)

(Signature of Member) (L.S.)

STATE OF)

) ss.:

_____ 2023

COUNTY OF)

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:

Environmental News



We plan to treat Cedar Lake twice this year to control the growth of 2 invasive aquatic plants. The first application of herbicide occurs in May to control Curley Leaf Pondweed.



Curly-Leaf Pondweed is a perennial herb producing a flattened, branching stem up to a meter long. The leaves are linear or oblong in shape.

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



Vallisneria americana is a fresh water species that can tolerate salt. It is a deep rooted plant with leaves, approx 1 inch wide, with the ability to rise two or more meters above the clustered base of the plant.

Both 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.

Update on Cedar Lake Dam Project

The Cedar Lake dam project was completed last year.

The project which cost approximately \$500,000, was funded through Government STEAP (Small Town Economic Assistance Program) and Department of Transportation Community Connectivity grants.

The completed project addressed concerns about the dam infrastructure by the reconstruction of the dam's primary spillway outflow and the construction of a new secondary spillway, and addresses concerns about safety for pedestrians through the construction of a sidewalk. The improvements benefitted the association by correcting issues with the dam that may have been our responsibility in the future.

CLOA has pursued this project for over 12 years, working with multiple state and town departments to see it thru. CLOA thanks Kartik Parehk of the DEEP, and Mayor Dunn of Wolcott for helping to see the project to its completion.

On the CLOA side, a special thanks to Mike Guerrera, Dan Houlihan and Matt Smith for keeping the project alive and helping to manage certain aspects of the construction and for coordinating the work in a way that allowed for minimal impact to the boating season.

Improvements to the dam include:

Rebuilding of the existing spillway outflow and refencing of existing spillway opening.



Thank you for not feeding us bread



Why Not?

Bread makes our tummies hurt and makes us ill. Bread does not contain the right nutrition or calories that we need to survive. It makes us think we are full and then we don't eat the food we need.

It also pollutes our water and causes nasty surface algae, which kills our fish friends and gives us diseases.

What Should We Eat?

Half cut seedless grapes, chopped lettuce, birdseed, peas, corn, and oats.

While you may think that you are helping geese by providing them with food, you can be jeopardizing the health of the birds, other animals, and humans, as well as polluting the environment. Wild geese have plenty of healthy food in their habitat to sustain them. Let the geese find food on their own so that they and other animals in the environment can stay healthy.



2023 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 2023 sticker will be issued to adhere over the 2022 on the existing yellow background sticker.

All 2023 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.

Members with boats requiring access to the CLOA boat launch shall receive a key assigned for the 2023 season. Have a safe and happy boating season!

Member Name: _____

CLOA Lake Lot # _____

Lake address: _____

2023

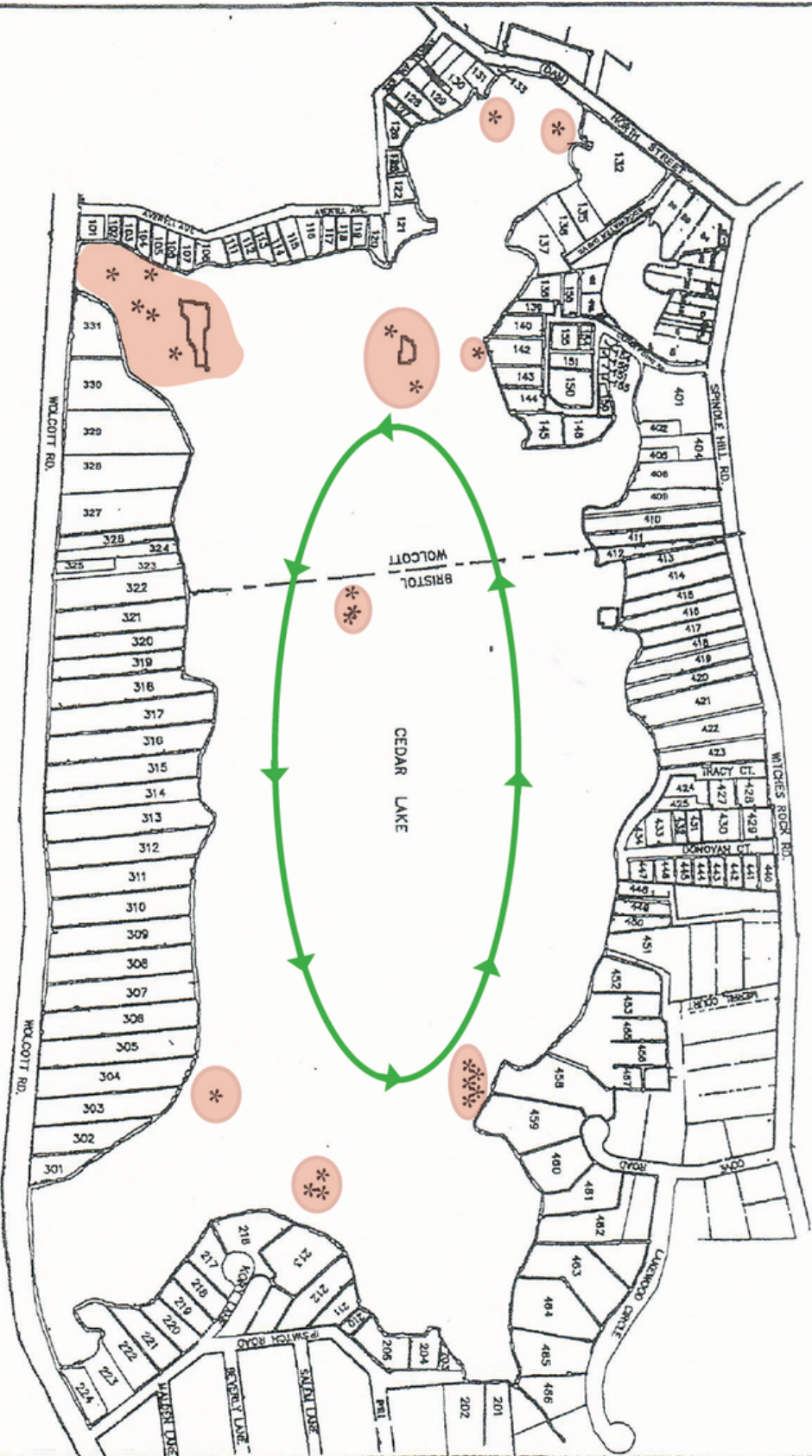
Mailing address (if different): _____

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

- Obey all safe boating rules of operation.
- No excessive speed after dark.
- No towing of skiers, tubers or boards after dark.
- Light required after dark.
- Always use a spotter when towing and never leave a fallen person. Stop and go back immediately.



Cedar Lake - Boating Map

- ** Rocks
- All Boat Traffic - Counter Clockwise





DID YOU KNOW...Runoff from fertilizing your lawn increases growth of weeds and algae in the lake?



Welcome TO THE LAKE

CLOA CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS 2022-2023

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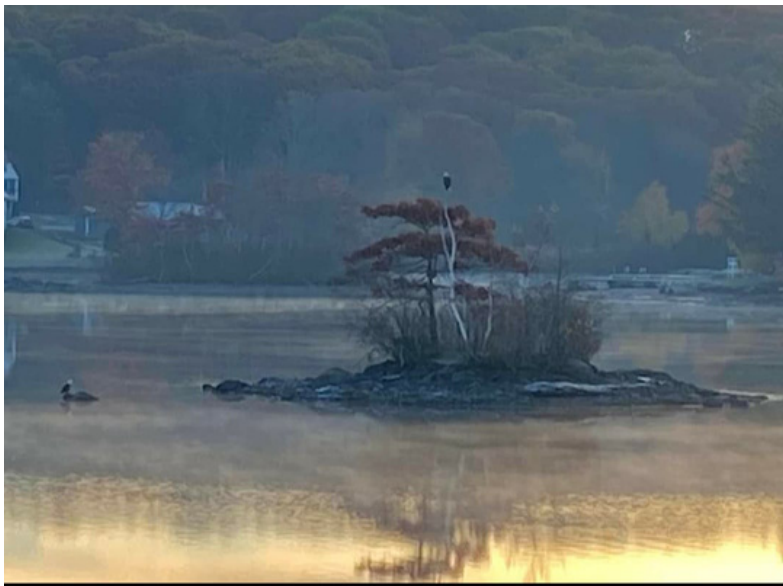
LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!



Please consider becoming a CLOA Board member, non-Board member, volunteer or committee member! Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at Indian Rock Nature Preserve (right across the way)! The benefit is that you can positively impact the well-being of our lake and its member families!

Please contact Matt Smith of the Nominating Committee if you are interested in helping CLOA out in 2023-2024: matts@yarde.com.





*Cedar Lake
2022-23*

