

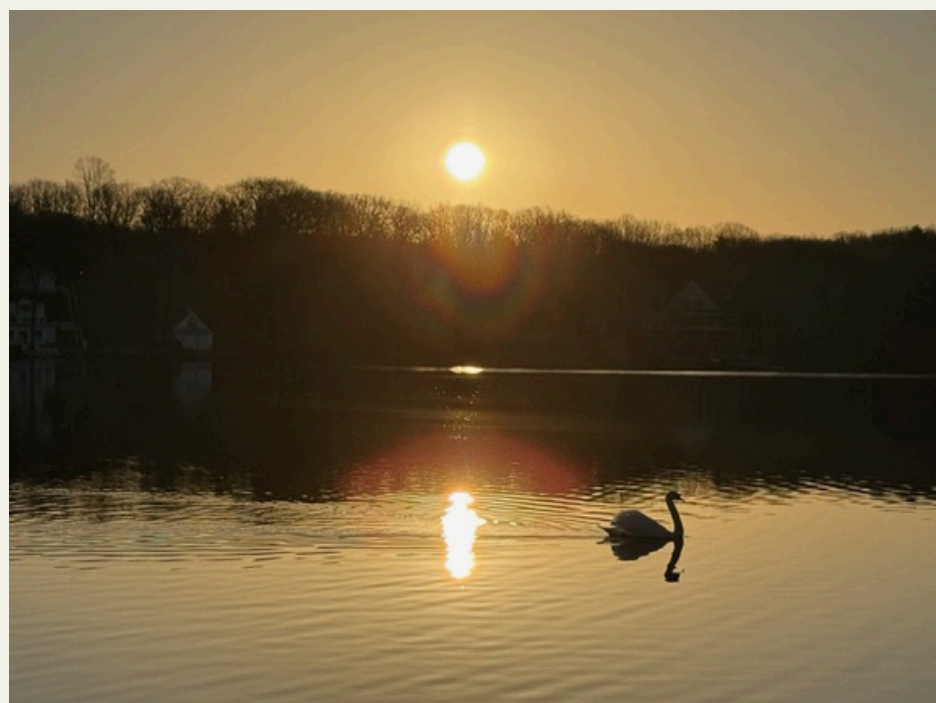


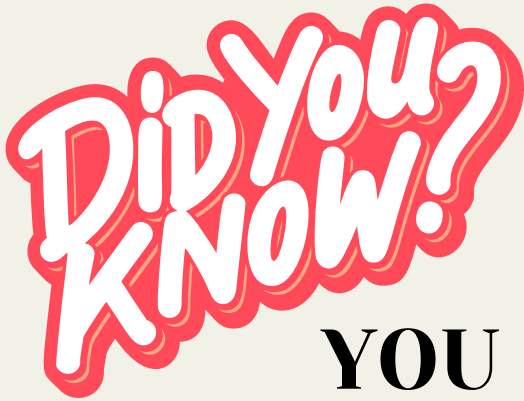
**SPRING 2025**

# **LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

Publication provided by and  
for Cedar Lake Owner's  
Association (CLOA) members.







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# SPRING IS HERE

**Here are some tips from the local watershed associations to help you protect the lake during your spring cleanup efforts.**

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- Avoid using fertilizers

Lawn care blends contain excess nutrients that enter the lake through rainwater and runoff this time of the year. If you do choose to use a lawn service, please be sure to tell them not to put chemicals into or near the lake/avoid blowing grass clippings into the lake.

If your lawn or garden can't go without, switch to a phosphorus-free fertilizer instead. The best practice for a lake is a friendly lawn. Replace your grass with native plants, bushes, and trees.

- Change up your household chemicals

Avoid using toxic or flammable household cleaners, poisons, herbicides, and pesticides. Not only can these be picked up by runoff into the lakes, but according to the Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association, many chemical products are not completely removed by the biological treatment in septic systems, so they still end up in groundwater and nearby water sources. Buy and use only what you need, switch to environmentally friendly alternatives, and dispose of chemicals at designated drop-off sites. As always, make sure household chemicals are stored carefully and away from where guests can access them.

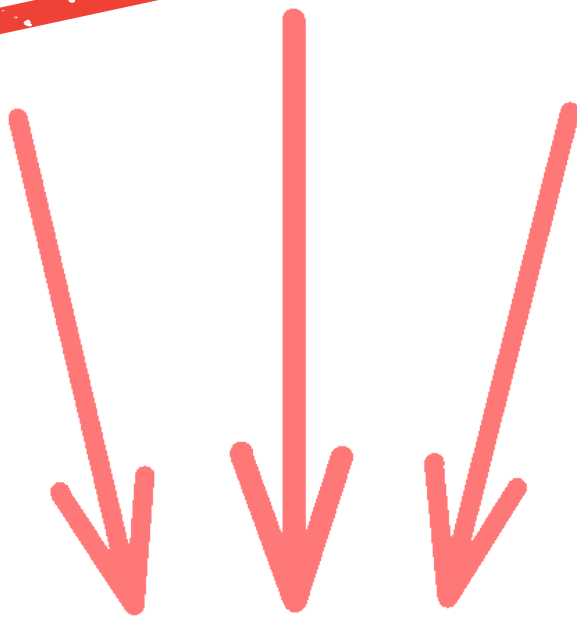
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**Let's all work together to keep our dues from increasing - see below for some examples of situations that may increase the Association expenses, therefore leading to our dues to increase.**

- **Reckless Boating - know your surroundings & always have a spotter when towing a skier/tuber**
- **ATV Misuse - ice fishing ONLY - not towing/racing**
- **Improper/Inadequate or No insurance**
- **Trespassers = Liability**
- **Boats/Kayaks/Canoes from outside lakes can carry invasive weeds causing more money in treatment**
- **Swimming or floating in boating lane - possibility of being hit or run over**
- **Lawsuits or denial of lake insurance coverage**
- **PLEASE NOTE : RENTERS DO NOT HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS AS HOMEOWNERS/MEMBERS**

**IMPORTANT**



Please use the CLOA Boat Registration Form below to provide your 2025 sticker requests. A separate Boat Registration email was sent to all CLOA Members on March 12th that provides details on boat registration requirements, boating rules and lake safety in addition to the Boat Registration Form. Please familiarize yourself with the documentation so we can all enjoy a fun and safe boating season.

## 2025 CLOA Boat Sticker Registration Form

To launch a watercraft in the lake, CLOA by-laws and policies and procedures require members to register their boats according to the laws of their respective State, to comply with all applicable State of CT boating statutes and regulations and to comply with all CLOA rules and regulations. (Refer to Article V in the by-laws and the Boating Rules and Regulations for complete detail)

The Association boat registration requirements are as follows:

- **All powered boats must be registered** to the homeowner/lake association member and membership dues must be current.
- 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/manually-powered boats such as sailboats, rowboats, kayaks, canoes, etc.
- 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; Pontoon Boat may be substituted for a > 10 HP boat.
  - No more than one powered boat 10 HP and under
  - Each household is allowed a **maximum of 5 non-powered/manually-powered watercraft**.
- **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, current year registration and CT Safe Boating Certificate(s)) and validates membership dues status, a 2025 sticker will be issued to adhere over the 2024 sticker on the existing yellow background sticker.

**All 2025 documentation must be submitted and current year CLOA stickers affixed before you launch your boat in the lake.** Violators may be subject to additional fees and fines and suspension/ termination of membership – depending on the details and length of the violation. Members with boats requiring access to the CLOA boat launch shall receive a 2025 gate key.

**\*\* Please allow seven (7) days processing time. Incomplete documentation may increase the turnaround time.\*\***

By remitting documentation for 2025 boating stickers, the member acknowledges and agrees to comply and to have their family and guests comply with the by-laws of Cedar Lake Owners Association, Inc., its rules and regulations, and the State of Connecticut boating laws and regulations when accessing/swimming, operating any boat, powered boat, other watercraft and/or any manually propelled vessel on Cedar Swamp Pond aka Cedar Lake, and at all times exhibit safe boating/water recreation practices, and further acknowledges that all such activities are at the individuals' own risk

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CLOA Lake Lot # \_\_\_\_\_ **2025**

Lake address: \_\_\_\_\_

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



*Mark  
your  
Calendar*

**June 9, 2025 - Annual Meeting  
Elks Club ~ Bristol  
6:30 pm**

Proposed Bylaw changes need to be  
submitted to the Board no later  
than May 12, 2025

Proxy forms will be emailed to you along with last  
years annual meeting  
minutes and any proposed bylaw changes

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# Goodbye Winter

