

CLEAR LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION- June 2008
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WE NEED YOU!!!! - ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL. PLEASE COME AND LEARN HOW YOU CAN DO YOUR PART TO PRESERVE OUR LAKE. Please join us **Saturday June 28th, 10:30am in the Main Dining Hall at Camp Pinecrest.**

WATER QUALITY & TESTING:

Volunteers monitored five sites in Clear Lake seven times in 2007. Although there are no concerns with E.Coli, total Coliform or clarity, there **is a problem with Phosphorus!** A lake's phosphorus threshold is the concentration at which this nutrient may cause ecological imbalance. Below this threshold, the lake is "healthy".

Our lake is "over threshold" and needs immediate attention by all cottagers/stakeholders. WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP TO RESTORE OUR LAKE TO ITS FORMER GRANDEUR!!

Leaving your natural shoreline intact (or if need be, replacing it with plant growth) and maintaining your septic tank and system in good working order are the most important actions that any of us can take towards protecting our lake. We can also avoid using chemical cleaners, mitigate erosion on our properties and at all costs, avoid using chemical or natural fertilizers.

We need EVERYONE to do their part or our lake will continue to deteriorate!!! Please review the following check points and ask yourself if you are doing your part.

- Ensure your septic system is functioning properly.
- Use Phosphate free laundry soap, dishwasher soap, shampoo, body soap and cleaning products. Not only environmentally sensitive but PHOSPHATE FREE!!
- DO NOT use fertilizers on lawns (chemical or natural)
- DO NOT remove shoreline vegetation, rather plant new vegetation
- DO plant shoreline plants to assist in maintaining the integrity of the shoreline that will benefit us, birds, fish, animals and ultimately the water quality
- The association asks for the co-operation of the wake boarders and skiers to use the middle of the lake rather than to go along the shore to minimize the wake action on shore. Shore erosion is becoming a serious problem and contributes to poor water quality.

Please turn over

REGATTA & AUGUSTFEST: VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED OR WE WILL HAVE TO CANCEL THE EVENTS!!!! ☹

We have set the dates, but we require volunteers and coordinator's in order to keep these events happening.

Please complete the volunteer section on the back of your membership form.

Regatta: Saturday August 2, 2008. – McClennan's Dock – Clear Lake Road

Boat Parade at 11:00, Events at 1:00

Augustfest: Saturday August 23. – Details to follow -See web site or flyer for info.

ELECTION YEAR:

This is an election year. All positions are open for nominations. If you are interested please complete the Election portion of the membership form.

CLPOA CONSTITUTION: *This was first drafted in the 1960's. The board has updated the Constitution to meet the changing times and needs of the lake association. This will be addressed at the annual meeting. To preview a copy please visit our website or request a hard copy when you return your membership renewal form.*

COTTAGE WATCH:

If you have been vandalized or are aware of some suspicious activity please contact the OPP and advise our Cottage Watch representative, Ron Algate.

The OPP contact # is 1-888-310-1122 for reporting any break-ins.

GARBAGE:

Reminder that garbage day is Monday. Garbage is to go out on the morning of the garbage day, NOT the night before. Unless you have a METAL bin, which has a latch that you can fasten, animals will be able to get into your garbage.

Alternatively, drop it off at any of the landfill sites on Hwy. 11, south of Gravenhurst or the Transfer station at Eveleigh Road off #118, or in the municipal bins at Nine Mile Lake Marina. Details are in the 2008-2009 Garbage and Recycling Collection Guide or online at www.muskoka.on.ca/publicworks/roads_waste

FISH:

Catch and release? – It depends. We are currently experiencing an excess of Rock Bass and Pike in the lake. The Pike tend to eat the smaller fish that are beneficial to the lake. Although we normally promote catch & release, please do not release the Pike or Rock Bass into the lake.

MARKER BUOYS:

Please have a visual knowledge of where the marker buoys normally are. They can move or break free during a storm, or if someone has tied up to them.

Please do not tie up to the buoys on the shoal or on any other buoys on the lake.

LAUNCH RAMP:

Dr. MacBain continues to make his ramp available but please ask for permission, pick a reasonable time, and where possible, limit your use of the ramp to a single in and out for the season. Ensure your boat hull is clean and free from anything where you were last time.

Note: *Clean and scrub the hull of your boat if you have been boating in other lakes. You should empty your bilge water and leave the boat out of water for a few days if possible. This will prevent Zebra Mussels and other undesired creatures from populating our lake*

See you at the meeting.....

YOUR CURRENT EXECUTIVE

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