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Horseshoe Lake Property Owner's Association

MISSION - To protect, preserve, and enhance Horseshoe Lake and its surrounding area. To assure the continued health of the lake's ecosystem, safe and healthy family living, high quality fish and wildlife habitat and the survival of these natural gifts for future generations.

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President's Corner

Spring has sprung! While there may be a few more snow flurries coming our way, we can definitely feel spring in the air. Now it's just a matter of time before docks are put back in the lake and boats are being splashed.

As we have the last few years, your representatives on the HLPOA are working to keep Horseshoe Lake free of invasive species such as zebra mussels and milfoil.

Please do your part by making sure that your lake equipment is free from any of these invaders.

- **Use lake service companies that follow safe practices** for cleaning any equipment that is used going from lake to lake.
- If you plan to move docks or boats between lakes, **follow the practices outlined by the DNR** for ensuring that you don't inadvertently transport invaders, as well.

Everyone should be aware that ***Horseshoe Lake has been designated to be at high risk for potential invasive species infestation due to the proximity to lakes that are currently infested.*** We all owe it to each other to ensure that we are doing our best to prevent any issues.

We have previously mentioned a DNR program for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) training and trailer decals that were potentially going to be mandatory for this year. ***Please note that the DNR has now postponed that program.***

Lastly, I was remiss in failing to mention in last fall's edition that we now have a new editor for our HLPOA newsletter. Many thanks to Renae Saunders for volunteering to serve in that capacity.

I'm looking forward to spring and getting back on the water. I hope to catch up with all of our lake friends very soon!

Pam Heller, HLPOA President

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HLPOA Board Meetings

Mission Town Hall 8:30 AM Start
SATURDAYS: **May 2, June 13, July 11,**
Annual Meeting Aug.1 Starts 8:00 AM as well.

2015 PARADE Date Change

HORSESHOE LAKE PARADE- Friday, July 3

Meet on the West Basin side of channel at 11:45 and ready to go by Noon.

The Commodore's boat will be marked with the Horseshoe Lake Flag and will lead the group counter clockwise around the West Basin and then into the East Basin.

So pack a lunch, sunscreen, life jackets and don't forget to **take a picture** so parade winners can share it at the annual meeting. Winners selection based on creativity, attractiveness, & enthusiasm.

MISSION PARK PARADE- Saturday, July 4

Details at www.missiontownship.org

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-4th of July Boat Parade

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Committee Reports

Membership:

246 Property Owners on the lake

210 paid memberships as of 4-15-15

36 NOT PAID

Your membership dues support the HLPOA Mission Statement goals.

Some interesting membership statistics:

63 Permanent residents on the lake (24.6%)

11 Snow birds

74 Summer full time residents (28.5%)

Regional Make-Up of our Seasonal Owners:

14 from Maple Grove

(some call Horseshoe Lake "Maple Grove North")

9 from Minneapolis

5 from Minnetonka

1 New Yorker

1 Buckeye (Ohio)

2 from Illinois

Note: These statistics are unofficial and are only to give members a feel of who is on the lake.

NEW OWNERS ON THE LAKE?

If you know you have a new owner as a neighbor, please email or call us with a name or at least a lake address so we can get them added to the mailing list and provide them with our latest newsletter. Thanks

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Water Quality:

Jerry Martin on the Water Quality Committee will be taking water samples and secchi disc readings again this year in both bays for the MN Pollution Control Agency.

Sampling will be done in May, June, July, August, and September. These yearly samplings help determine if there are any negative or positive trends in water quality for Horseshoe Lake.



I imagine that the loons will soon be heading north, but right now ice is so thick planes were still landing on Mille Lacs Lake on **Sat, March 7th**. Since 1992, I have kept a journal of snippets about weather, wildlife and events. Here are some excerpts:

March 7, 2007, we had 20" of snow.

March 21, 2012, I recorded 68 degrees. The whole winter we haven't been able to snowmobile on the lake as ice was not thick enough. Today, we heard squeaking on the east lake. We saw 2 white swans. We estimated that they had a wing span of 7 feet.

April 4, 2013, The Twins played their Home Season Opener in their new stadium. Temp was 16 degrees in the morning with wind chill about -2 degrees.

Safety Reminder...

The channel is a "NO WAKE ZONE".

PROTECT OUR LOON HABITATS

Fisheries Management:

Ron Mumm has reported the DNR has no plans for Horseshoe Lake at this time

AIS Management:

Note Public Access will have additional inspection hours this year.

Decal Program Postponed

Legislature may modify

So until we know how this will be changed, remember to follow DNR guidelines

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/>

ICE OUT DATES for 2015

West side—April 6th **East Side**—April 7th

Past Ice Out Dates: -Apr.27, 2014 -May 11, 2013
-Mar. 22, 2012 -Apr.19, 2011 -Apr.1, 2010

According to CROW WING COUNTY

*“AIS management has quickly become one of the County's biggest challenges. Although the scenario varies by lake and by species, it is clear that the easiest and most cost effective method is **prevention.**”*

Crow Wing County's stated goal with respect to AIS in the 2013-2023 Water Plan is:

To provide leadership in the fight against Aquatic Invasive Species by developing proactive solutions aimed at educating and empowering local citizens.

Under this goal are Four Primary Objectives:

1. Lake Association Coordination
2. Watercraft Inspection
3. Lake Improvement District (LID) management
4. Education and Outreach

You play an Important Role



**STOP AQUATIC
HITCHHIKERS!**

Inspect trailers and watercraft you move from lake to lake, drain all water, remove plants, mud, and other debris.

Additionally, 21 days of drying time is needed when purchasing used docks, lifts, or swim rafts before locating them in a different body of water.

CLICK on COUNTY Links For information:

<http://www.crowwing.us/1004/Aquatic-Invasive-Species-AIS>

To find budget, plan, maps, and other interesting information try:

- **CWC AIS Infested Waters Map**
<http://www.crowwing.us/DocumentCenter/View/7212>
- **CWC Watercraft Access Map—AIS Risk Classification**
<http://www.crowwing.us/DocumentCenter/View/8481>
- **Appendix 3 - Risk Classification by Landing**
<http://crowwing.us/DocumentCenter/View/8485>

Of the 183 public landings in CWC, **Sandbar/Horseshoe Lake is one of 26 listed at “Very High Risk”** (due to proximity of infested lakes and high traffic).

The plus side to this “Very High Risk” rating means we will get additional hours of inspections this summer. See link below...

- **APPENDIX 2—Proposed 2015 Level I Inspection Hours by Lake**
<http://www.crowwing.us/DocumentCenter/View/8484>

Report Location of Invasive Species

Please help report occurrences of Invasive Species in Minnesota at the following:

- **MISAC website at:**
www.mda.state.mn.us/misac and click on “Reporting Invasive Species”
- **DNR Invasive Species Program** at (651) 259-5100 (metro) or **1-888-MINNDNR (toll free)** to report invasive aquatic plants or wild animals: Eurasian watermilfoil, zebra mussels, Asian carp, round goby, non-native deer, mute swans.
- **MDA “Arrest the Pest”** at (651) 201-MOTH (metro) or 1-888-545- MOTH (toll free) or Arrest.The.Pest@state.mn.us to Report suspicious pest species arriving on plants or articles from foreign countries or other states.

Notes from the Lake

On Going Events

- **RECYCLING** at Mission Town Hall 24/7; Oil will be accepted
- **SPORTSMAN STORE - Gathering Place** for
Men at 9:00 AM Wednesdays
Women at 10:00 AM Thursdays
- **TRANSFER STATION** open Apr.-Oct. on Saturdays 10am-2pm
- **MISSION TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS**
First Monday/month 7 pm at Town Hall
TOWNSHIP NEWS www.missiontownship.org
- **WOMEN'S AUXILIARY** - Meetings are 3rd Wednesday/month
Raises money to support Fire Department . No membership fee.
Contact Dar Hays 218-765-3616 bndhays@brainerd.net

Need Information? LOGIN at...

- **Horseshoe Lake Website** www.horseshoelakemn.com
- **DNR** <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/index.html>
- **Crow Wing County Lakes and Rivers Alliance**
"Ripples" at <http://crowwinglara.org/>
- **MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates** www.mlakesandrivers.org

Submit a Picture

Wiley Coyote was seen trotting along the south shore of the west basin in February by the Saunders. Did he visit you?



Law Enforcement & Fire Phone Numbers

- Emergency - 911
- Mission Lake Fire Dept - (218)-765-3259
- Crow Wing Non-Emergency - (218) 829-4749
- Crosslake Police - (218) 692-2222



BEST OF THE LAKE

Send the editor your favorite
Lakeside Recipe.

This hit came with a North Dakota cousin last summer

Artichoke Jalapeño Dip

- 1 can (14oz) artichoke hearts, drained
- 1 jalapenos, seeded
- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese, grated
- 6 oz cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp ground black pepper
- 1/2 tsp garlic salt

Directions

In a food processor, pulse artichoke hearts until chopped. Add jalapenos and pulse until desired consistency. Add remaining ingredients and pulse until fully blended.

Spoon into a bowl and serve with pita chips, bagel bites, crackers or veggies! Store in refrigerator for up to one week.

Minnesota Personal Watercraft Laws (PWC)

Every personal watercraft operator has the legal responsibility to know the law, so please review the following DNR regulations.

Summary below. Full version at http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/education_safety/safety/boatwater/pwc-brochure.pdf

Personal watercraft are considered motorboats under the law so PWC must follow all the regulations that govern other motorboats.

IN ADDITION, personal watercraft...

- Operators and passengers must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III, or V personal flotation device **life vest**.
- Are required to carry a USCG approved **fire extinguisher**.
- Must travel at **slow-no wake speed (5 mph or less) within 150 feet of shore** (except when a PWC is launching or landing a water skier by the most direct route to open water), docks, swimmers, swimming rafts, any moored or anchored watercraft, or non-motorized watercraft.
- **While towing a person on water skis or other device, must have an additional person onboard to act as observer.** Wide-angle rearview mirrors may be substituted for an observer but they must be factory-installed or specified by the PWC manufacturer.
- **Cutoff lanyards** must be properly used and attached to the person, life vest or clothing of the operator.
- **May only operate between 9:30 am and one hour before sunset (see sunset schedule).**

YOU MAY NOT ...

- Operate while facing backward.
- Operate in a way that endangers life, limb or property.
- Operate a personal watercraft if the spring-loaded throttle mechanism has been removed or tampered with so it interferes with the return-to-idle system.
- Weave through congested watercraft traffic or jump the wake of another craft within 150 feet of the other boat.
- Travel through emergent or floating vegetation at greater than a slow-no wake speed.

AGE RESTRICTIONS for personal watercraft

- Children **under 13 years old are not permitted to operate** a PWC alone, whether there is an adult on board or not.
- Those operators **13 years of age**, must have a Watercraft Operator's Permit and be in constant visual supervision by an adult at least 21 years old. **Operators 14 to 17 years old**, can operate a PWC alone if they have a Watercraft Operator's Permit or have someone at least 21 years old riding with them.

USE SOUND JUDGMENT - Be a good neighbor

- 1) Keep the neighborhood peace and quiet in mind. **Try not to ride for long periods in a small area. Instead, do your riding out in the lake and away from shore and other boaters.**
- 2) **Talk to your neighbors. See if your riding bothers them.** Sometimes, just taking them out for a short ride will help them understand the fun of personal watercraft riding.
- 3) **Don't modify your machine or do anything to make it louder.** It's illegal and discourteous to others around the lake.
- 4) Steer clear of illegal drugs and alcohol. **Intoxicated operation of a watercraft is illegal**, and also highly dangerous.



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MLR - Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates

Here is an excerpt from MLR information sent out from Jeff Forester (952) 854-1317 jeff@mnlakesandrivers.org

On January 20th and 21st, **MLR co-hosted the first ever 2015 Aquatic Invaders Summit** Planners hoped for 300 attendees. The final numbers were closer to 400 with folks coming from 54 different counties, Wisconsin and Canada. Speakers included leaders from across the country who presented effective means to stop the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species.

A few general themes emerged from these presentations:

- 1) It is possible to stop the spread of AIS.
- 2) Solutions require broad partnerships and funding at the local level.

At the Aquatic Invaders Summit, MLR presented the 2015 Draft Local AIS Action Framework. The goal of this Local AIS Action Framework (LAAF) is to provide county AIS managers and local partners the support they need to protect Minnesota's lakes and rivers from the introduction of new AIS and to prevent the spread of AIS already in Minnesota by offering a strategic framework of actions that can be implemented by local governmental units and their partners...

Check out the MLR Website www.mnlakesandrivers.org