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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

Greetings lake friends! Spring arrived a little early this year on Horseshoe Lake with ice-out before our average calendar date. This is always an exciting time of the year with our lake coming to life for the season ahead!

We all have special reasons to enjoy our beautiful properties at the lake. With this in mind, I offer a few spring topics that will be of interest to you.

Ice ridge Removal – In some cases, the ridges can be removed without the need to obtain a permit. Here is a link for you to check the requirements: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/permits/water/answers.html#iceridges>

Fertilizing – Runoff from fertilizer and herbicides can end up in our lake. If lawn fertilizer is used, be sure to use very light treatments of "lake safe" fertilizers that do not contain phosphorus (the middle number of the fertilizer analysis should always be zero).

Fireworks Etiquette – Most owners come to our lake to enjoy a natural setting. Please limit use of fireworks to 4th of July celebrations. People and pets will appreciate your courtesy throughout the summer.

Fire Restrictions remain in effect for Crow Wing County as of this writing. Fires must be limited to contained campfires during the spring restriction period. Once the restrictions are lifted, permits can be purchased on the DNR website.

Boat Launching – Please show up at the landing with your plug **out**. Bring your wrench to install the plug once the **AIS** inspection is completed on your boat prior to launch.

Thank you for your efforts to keep our lake a special place. I look forward to seeing you on the lake this summer!

Bob Kalton, HLPOA President

Mark your Calendar

HLPOA Dates for 2017

Board Meetings are 8:30 AM Saturdays at Mission Town Hall

LAKE PARADE Tues., July 4th details inside

- May 6 BOARD MEETING
- June 10 BOARD MEETING
- **July 4th Boat Parade—Noon**
- July 8 BOARD MEETING
- **August 5 Annual Meeting**
- August 12 BOARD MEETING
- **September 2 Fishing Contest/Potluck**
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Committee Reports



Lake Memorabilia Items

ACT NOW!

ORDER Horseshoe Lake sweatshirts & hats
May 21 — June 4th
At the Online Store www.rambow.com
Store Code = horseshoe

Pick up DATES & TIMES — saves shipping costs:

Saturday, July 1 9:00-11:00 am

Tuesday, July 4 9:00-11:00 am



At Bill and Teresa Weihs' - 30205 E. Horseshoe Lake Rd

(by lake, it's the gray cabin with the boat house on the upper northeast corner)



July 4th Parade

On a Tuesday in 2017

Parade Boats:

11:45 - Meet on the *West Basin side of channel* - Ready to go!

Pack a lunch, sunscreen, life jackets and....

Take a picture so winners can share at the annual meeting

Look for Horseshoe Lake Flag on the Commodore's Boat that will lead the parade around both basins.

NOON - Follow Commodore's Boat

Counter-clockwise around the West Basin, then into East Basin
WANT TO BE THE COMMODORE this year? Contact Tom Losey

JUDGES for the current year are—Last Years Parade Winners:

Thank you to the **GIBAS FAMILY!**

WINNERS selection based on

Creativity, Attractiveness, & Enthusiasm.

Good luck to all! Tom Losey, Boat Parade Committee Chair

Committee Reports cont.



- ◆ AIS Inspectors will be starting at Horseshoe Lake Landing, May 13, 2017.
- ◆ The Crosslake Decontamination Station will be operating starting Friday, May 26.
(See full list of area AIS Decontamination Stations for CWC on next page.)
- ◆ I will also be attending a class to become an AIS Detector.

Dave Baker, AIS Management

Water Quality & AIS Management

The first secchi disk readings of the season on May 2 were the deepest readings recorded since we started taking readings in 2001! West bay was 27 feet and on the east bay it was 28.5 feet plus (the rope on the secchi disk is 28.5 feet and I could still see the disk). Not sure why the water is so clear this spring, but the lake level is up considerably since last fall. I will be taking secchi disk readings bi-monthly and water samples monthly through September.

The MPCA uses the volunteer collected data for million dollar state wide decisions in water management. Because of the importance of these water quality data the MPCA will be offering a brief refresher training class on Friday, May 12, to keep our skills and methods up to date and I will be attending this class.

Jerry Martin, Water Quality

Also, buoys have been placed in the channel. Thank you to Bud Hays, Jerry Martin, and Dale Johnson

The excerpt below is from an article called "Why Monitor Your Lake?" by Moriya Rufer at RMB Environmental Laboratories Minnesota is the "Land of 10,000 Lakes", and we pride ourselves in enjoying these lakes throughout the year. Because lakes are such a valuable resource to us recreationally and economically, it is important to monitor their water quality to assess current conditions and more importantly monitoring changes in water quality over time. Recreational enjoyment, fishing, wildlife habitat quality, and property values are all tied to water quality.

Monitoring of lakes should be designed and accomplished for achieving specific goals. There are four general purposes for monitoring as outlined in the Volunteer Surface Water Monitoring Guide (MPCA, 2003). They are: education and awareness, condition, problem investigation, and effectiveness. You can think of annual lake monitoring like a "health physical" for your lake. You hope you don't find anything out of the ordinary, but you need to check it so that if you do find a problem you can address it right away.

So why monitor? Cassie Champion, of the Metropolitan Council may have put it best: "We monitor because we care; we care because we are informed; we are informed because we monitor."



Wildlife

On a trip around the lake on May 13, we saw seven loons and three nests.

We were concerned that the nest in the channel had an exposed egg, but there were two loons in the vicinity. Each of the other two nests had a loon setting.

I checked my history and it seems we have had seven loons live on our lake since 2004.



Thanks to Leonard Leland and his grandson Stuart for putting out the two loon platforms.

Marlin and Gwen Sackett, Wildlife Committee

Crow Wing County AIS Decontamination Station Locations

If a watercraft elects to receive or must receive a decontamination as per the MN DNR watercraft inspection manual, the following procedures shall be followed by inspectors:

- 1) **Determine the closest permanent decontamination units available** (see list below).
- 2) **Or if the watercraft is far away from these permanent units, then direct them to a portable MNDNR decontamination unit.** Their locations are highly variable. On your smartphone you can check the interactive map on the MN DNR website at this URL: mndnr.gov/decon for station locations.

Or call **Jessamyn Foly 218-232-8955** or **Keri Hull 612-390-1072** to ask where the nearest unit is to you.

Permanent Decontamination Units are available at:

NORTH CENTRAL CWC: Crow Wing County's Decontamination Unit in Crosslake, MN.

Location: Crosslake Joint Hwy Maintenance Facility, **13870 Whipple Drive, Crosslake (off County Road #3)**
Availability: (fully staffed) Friday thru Sunday, 9:00am to 7:00pm
On-call only: Monday thru Thursday, 9:00am to 7:00pm

WESTERN CWC: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Decontamination Unit at Government Point Landing -Gull Lake.

Location: **10867 East Gull Lake Drive, East Gull Lake, MN 56401 (off Gull Dam Road)**
Availability: Friday thru Sunday, 8:00am to 6:00pm
Contact: Rima Smith-Keprios at 218-536-0584

CENTRAL CWC: City of Breezy Point Decontamination Station at Pelican Square convenience store

Location: **30211 County Road 4, Breezy Point, MN 56472**
Availability: 8:00am to 7:00pm, 7 days/week (everyday)
Contact (business phone): 218-562-4040

NORTHEAST CWC: Ruth Lake Decontamination unit at the Ruth Lake DNR managed public water access in Emily

Location: **21236 Mill Road, Emily, MN 56447 (off State Hwy #6)**
Availability: (fully staffed) Friday thru Monday, 8:00am to 6:00pm
On-call only: Tuesday thru Thursday, 9:00am to 5:00pm
Contact: Art Patterson at 218-851-2147

EAST AND SOUTHEAST CWC:

LOCATION #1: Big Pine Lake public access, **44096 232nd Lane, Aitkin, MN 56431**

Availability : (fully staffed) Friday: 4:00pm to 8:00pm
Saturday thru Sunday: 12:00pm to 8:00pm
Contact: Weekends: Lynn Pribbenow at 218-371-9501
Weekdays: Steve Hughes at 218-927-6565

LOCATION #2: Farm Island Repair And Marine, **28965 US Hwy #169, Aitkin, MN 56431**

Availability: (fully staffed) Monday thru Thursday: 8:00am to 5:00pm
Contact: Weekends: Lynn Pribbenow at 218-371-9501
Weekdays: Steve Hughes at 218-927-6565

Fisheries Management

The Fishing Line



We are well into the fishing season, and for those who do not have a copy of the **FISHING REGULATIONS**, or have not bothered to read them, I will mention a few of them.

Regulation: It is **illegal to dump unwanted minnows, leeches, or worms into the lake.** (page 21)

Regulation: It is **illegal to dispose of fish guts or parts (after cleaning fish) or dead fish in the lake.** (page 26)

Regulation: It is **illegal to fish with an unattended line.** (page 22)

Regulation: It is **illegal to fish with more than one line.** (page 20)

Regulation: It is **illegal to use parts of game fish for bait.** (page 21)

Regulation: Bow-fishing has become quite popular, but it is only allowed for rough fish, including carp, bullheads, suckers, redhorse, or buffalo fish.

It is **illegal to take or kill game fish.** (page 54)

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS are the same, and are as follows:

Northern Pike – 3 (not more than 1 over 30 inches)

Largemouth Bass – 6 (largemouth bass and/or smallmouth bass)

Crappie – 10 Sunfish (all types) – 20

Rock Bass – 30 Perch – 20

Bullhead – 100 Walleye – 6 (not more than 1 over 20 inches)

NOTE: Please let me know if anyone catches a walleye in Horseshoe Lake

Being a good fisherman or fisherwoman and being a good steward of the lake includes some **ETHICS:**

- * Don't litter with fishing line, styrofoam, plastic bags, or garbage.
- * Keep only the amount of fish you can use.
- * It is recommended that we not use lead sinkers or tackle, as it can be deadly to waterfowl, etc.
- * If you catch bullheads, please do not put them back in the lake (we have an excessive bullhead population)

Last, but not least, our lake does not have any invasive species, which is **UNIQUE** in Crow Wing County.

Do your best to keep our lake free of invasive species. Remind visiting boats to be aware of AIS hitchhikers.

I'm at the end of my line, but I wish you all a great summer and good fishing!

Ron Mumm, Fishing Management

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 & 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 on 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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For **BOATING GUIDE** <http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/rlp/regulations/boatwater/boatingguide.pdf>

Lake Notes

What Do 80% of our Property Owners know?

That it is Beneficial to All to join together in the



Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association — HLPOA

Be connected to your lake community

Join Us!

Let us be 257 Members Strong

Ask your neighbor if they are connected. 51 to go!

Rob Saunders, Membership Chair



A Horseshoe Lake Resident Has put up a Little Free Library

Little Free Libraries are open to all, and just ask that readers take books that they would like to read, and occasionally leave a book in the **Little Free Library** for others to enjoy (all ages— kids to adult).

This Little Free Library is located at 30189 East Horseshoe Lake Road. Thank you for sharing this Tanya Boser!

Mission Park hopes to add a Little Library soon, too!

Mission Township

The Mission Township has a new improved website! Visit www.missiontownship.org for information on what is happening in and around your township.

Dates for Township Meetings & Events:

- ⇒ Support Mission Fire Department — Important to **ATTEND TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING** on **June 5 at 7 pm**. And bring your neighbor with.
- ⇒ **Township Board Meetings** –1st Monday/month.
- **INDEPENDENCE DAY PARK PARADE** in 2017 will be held on Saturday, July 1st. Free root beer floats!
- July 15 is the **ANNUAL FIRE FAIR** in the park
- A **LITTLE LIBRARY** also coming to Mission Park! If you are interested in helping to build the Little Library contact Renae Saunders 320-579-0157.

ICE OUT 2017 East Side April 2—West Side April 4

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
- **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.
- **TRANSFER STATION** open April-October



Emergency Numbers

Emergency - **911**

Mission Lake Fire Department
218-765-3259

Crow Wing Non-Emergency
218-829-4749

Crosslake Police
218-692-2222



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