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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 is here! For a while it seemed as though it would never come, but, true to form, April showers came and, soon after, the flowers and trees are popping open. Along with nature's spring demonstrations, our lake friends are busy cleaning up yards, putting in docks and boats, and taking care of all the chores to prepare for summer. As you start thinking about summer fun, please take some time to think about water safety and good fishing and boating practices:

- ◆ Check the condition of your **life vests**,
- ◆ make sure that the **fire extinguisher on your boat** is charged,
- ◆ check your **boat's running lights**
- ◆ review **DNR guidelines for watercraft usage and fishing regulations**
- ◆ **be a good neighbor and a good steward** of the natural resources that we are so fortunate to share.

As you look through the newsletter, please take note of upcoming dates for activities this summer. I look forward to seeing everyone back on Horseshoe!

Pam Heller, HLPOA President

Mark your calendar

HLPOA Dates for 2016

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

- May 7 BOARD MEETING
- June 11 BOARD MEETING
- **July 4th Boat Parade—Noon**
- July 9 BOARD MEETING
- **August 6 Annual Meeting—8 AM**
- August 13 BOARD MEETING
- **September 3 Fishing Contest/Potluck**
- September 10 BOARD MEETING

Horseshoe Lake Website

<http://www.horseshoelakemn.com>

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[Dave Baker, Horseshoe Lake Website](#)

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Lake Notes

July 4th Parade On a Monday in 2016

Of the 137 pontoons on Horseshoe Lake, 11 participated in the July 3rd, 2015 parade. The parade is a "Favorite Lake Event" to watch and to take part in. Will 2016 see more boats in the parade? What will your theme be?

Parade Boats:

11:45 - Meet on the East Basin side of channel
And Ready to go!

Pack a **lunch, sunscreen, life jackets** and....
Take a picture so winners to share at the annual meeting
Look for Horseshoe Lake Flag on Commodore's Boat

NOON - Follow Commodore's Boat

Counter-clockwise around the East Basin, then into West 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 Mainquist Family!

Winners selection based on **creativity, attractiveness, & enthusiasm.**

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

Wildlife



As of April 16th, 3 or 4 loons have arrived. It was nice to hear their calls between the lakes.

We had planned to burn leaves, which is a looked-forward to tradition. Unfortunately, there was no burning. So we set out blowing leaves and loading them into the truck for transportation to "the Dump." All of a sudden, there were at least five different kinds of woodpeckers from flickers, red bellied, to several kinds of small ones, probably a total of 20 birds gathered. There was so much action, we didn't know which window to watch from.

The neighbors have seen wood ducks, mergansers and hooded mergansers. A BIG thank you to Len Leland for putting out the loon platforms. And we also wish good luck to Dick Koch as he moves to Iowa.

Marlin and Gwen Sackett , Wildlife Committee

Treasurers Report

Balances :

General Fund:	7,475.61		
Lake Protection Fund	39,037.01		
		2015-2016 Lake Protection from Dues:	4040.00
		2015-2016 Lake Protection from Donations:	3025.00

There you are with our numbers, Rob Saunders, Treasurer

Committee Reports

The Fishing Line

A new year, and the fishing season for northern pike and walleye opens May 13th, for bass May 27th. Sunfish, crappies and bullheads, and perch are open year-round. For those who don't have a copy of the fishing regulations, or haven't had a chance to read them, I will mention a few:

- 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)	Crappie – 10
Largemouth Bass – 6 (largemouth bass/smallmouth bass)	Perch – 20
Walleye – 6 (not more than 1 over 20 inches)	Sunfish (all types) – 20
Bullhead – 100	Rock Bass – 30

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

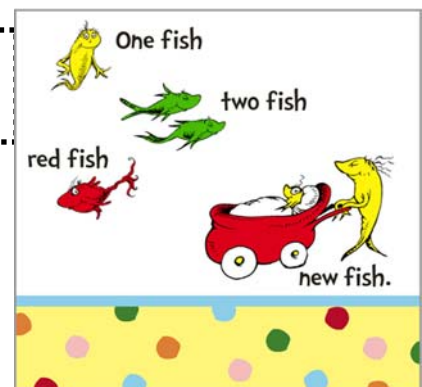
Be a good fisherman/fisherwoman and be a good steward of the lake by practicing some **ETHICS**:

- * 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)

Fortunately, Horseshoe Lake does not have any invasive species, which is **UNIQUE** in Crow Wing County. According to the DNR, 53 lakes, rivers, streams, ponds, and wetlands in Crow Wing County have one or more invasive species. Let's all do our best to keep our lake free of invasive species.

I've run out of line, so I wish you all a great summer and good fishing. Ron Mumm, Fishing Management

*The HLPOA Board is **requesting** that people **do not fish in the bays** in SE corners of both basins **during Spawning Season April 15-June 15.***



Water Quality

From: **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency** <mpca@public.govdelivery.com>

Subject: Citizen Monitoring Individual Site Reports

Dear Citizen Lake & Stream Monitors,

You can now **view your 2015 lake and stream monitoring data** using the **MPCA's Citizen Monitoring Individual Site Report Tool**. Use the clickable map or text search to find summary report information for every Citizen Lake or Stream Monitoring program site monitored during 2015. You can also link to water quality assessment information for your lake or stream, and review trend results to find out if transparency is improving or declining over time on your favorite waterbody. Thanks for all your hard work in 2015.

Laurie, Shannon & Lindsay, Citizen Monitoring Programs csmp.pca@state.mn.us or clmp.pca@state.mn.us

Will be doing monthly water sampling and secchi dish monitoring. Jerry Martin, Water Quality & AIS 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.

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

General Information

Personal Water Craft Reminders

- ⇒ May only operate between 9:30 am and one hour before sunset
- ⇒ Must travel at slow-no wake speed (5 mph or less) when within 150 feet of shore



BOAT LANDING INSPECTOR FUNDING

from the state has been cut this year based on usage of Horseshoe Lake compared to other lakes last year.

The HLPOA Board has decided to use the Lake Protection Fund to maintain up to 400 hours of monitoring lake access especially during high use times.

Interested in some AIS Training ?—to be able to fill in as an emergency inspector when hired inspectors can't be found? Contact a board member for information.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Emergency - **911**

Mission Lake Fire Department

218-765-3259

Crow Wing Non-Emergency

218-829-4749

Crosslake Police

218-692-2222

In Memoriam



Our heartfelt sympathies to the families of these lake residents who have passed away...

- Nancy Galatowitsch - February 16th
- Marlys Guse - February 23rd
- Helen Kipp - March 7th
- Phyllis Kiener - April 20th

MISSION TOWNSHIP FIRE AUXILIARY RAFFLE

will be at the Mission Fire Fair on July 16th at Mission Park for an **18' L by 6' W Overton's "Splash Island" floating mat !**

\$ 1 Raffle Tickets will be sold:

- at the 4th of July Parade—held on Sat., July 2nd
- at the Fire Fair
- or from Darlene Hays (952-769-7089).

You do not have to be present to win.

All proceeds from the raffle go to support our local Fire Department for equipment.

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 bdnhays@brainerd.net.
- **TRANSFER STATION** Open April-October

ICE OUT DATES for 2016

This year's winners for the small ice-out pool among the Wednesday morning men's coffee group are Larry Moses for the east basin and Jim Runberg for the west basin.

March 29 East Basin - March 30 West Basin

PAST ICE OUT DATES:

- 2015—April 6-West Side/—April 7-East Side
- 2014—April 27
- 2013—May 11
- 2012—March 22
- 2011—April 19
- 2010—April 1

COMMODORE NEEDED for 4th of July Parade!

If you are interested in some fun, please contact Tom Losey.
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Membership Report

Membership Recap by years:	2011-2012	202
	2012-2013	200
	2013-2014	214
	2014-2015	212
	2015-2016	202

Newsletters Sent to Members*:

⇒ by regular postage—130

⇒ by email—133

*If you want to receive your newsletter by email, just contact Rob. Thank you.

If you have a new neighbor, please get their contact information and call or email Pat & Rob. We want to keep our new lake owners “in the know” on what is happening on Horseshoe Lake.

Membership, Rob Saunders
New Member Contact, Pat McCormick