

# NAMAKAGON

SUMMER 2017



# Breeze

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Greetings to all NLA Members;

Last year at this time I wrote a letter explaining where all the water in Lake Namakagon comes from. Shortly after publication Mother Nature hit us with over 10 inches of rain, graphically demonstrating what I wrote about. I won't do that again!!!

This year we are off to a much more normal start. Ice out came at normal time and we even got the Governor's Opener off without a frozen lake. The lake is at a normal level and the weeds that were decimated by the winter of 2013 are slowly coming back. The fishing has been very good so far with lots of crappies and gills. And the walleye fishing hasn't been too bad either. Hope to see you out enjoying the lake this summer and if you see me out there with two black dogs stop and say hi!

Greg Dehring, NLA President

**Reminder to pay membership dues by August 1 to be eligible to vote at the annual meeting in August.**

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## LOON UPDATE 2017

July 16, 2017

It has already been a busy year. Year of the twins. Early in June nesting loons in Sugar Bay and Funnys Bay hatched two loonlings. It is unclear what happened, but one from Sugar Bay did not survive. They were followed by successful hatching of 2 loonlings in Jackson Lake (used the manmade platform), and finally hatching of another 2 loonlings in the Channel on July 4th. All in all it has been a very successful year so far. As of today there are 7 young loons, the most I can remember in my 11 years at the lake. Remember to given them space. Now is the time of gathering. Stay tuned.

## NLA THANK YOU'S

The NLA would like to acknowledge and thank for all their hard work:

- Jackie Holm – Landing Coordinator
- Jim Pliska and Jim DeRoma – Repair and installation of buoys
- Kent Lage – Lake clean-up coordinator
- Ed Hilz – ILIDS video monitoring
- Ms. Pamela Toshner and Mark Sundeen (DNR) – Coordination, treatment, and ongoing monitoring of hybrid milfoil
- Kent Lage and Jim Duffy (Water Quality Monitoring)

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THESE IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

- **AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>** NLA ANNUAL MEETING
- **SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>** 9:00AM NLA MEETING @ NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL



**To view minutes of recent meetings of the NLA please see...**

**<http://nlaonline.org/namakagonlakeassociationnewslettersminutes.html>**

## GOOD RESULTS FROM SPRING TREATMENT OF LAKEWOOD'S MARINA

On Monday April 17th the Wisconsin DNR in cooperation with the Namakagon Lake Association did a treatment of the Hybrid Milfoil in Lakewood's marina. The feedback that we have as of the time I am writing this is very positive. The native plants are growing in the marina and as of today only one hybrid plant was found.

The idea was to treat the marina as soon as possible after the ice was off so that the treatment would be less damaging to the native plants. Hybrid Milfoil is the first to start growing in the spring and by treating early with a substance that only kills plants that are already growing, we tried to avoid damaging any native plants that were still dormant.

The treatment took about 1 hour and then for the next 24 hours, Mark Sundeen and Pamela Toshner from the Wisconsin DNR did hourly tests on the marina and out into the lake to see how the treatment dissipated in the marina and if any of the treatment escaped into the lake. After 24 hours the treatment had dissipated. Nothing escaped out into the lake and the marina was back to normal. Now we just have to wait and see how successful the treatment was.

During the summer the DNR and the NLA will be doing checks on the marina and lake for any other Hybrid Milfoil plants. Hopefully nothing else will be found. Have a great summer!

**Jim Krueger, NLA Vice President**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The NLA needs help with ILID camera video review and landing monitors. We will train you in the all needed tasks. Your time and effort goes directly towards maintaining the health of the lake and matching grant money. Thank you for your support.

## IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

Everyone who enjoys the lake can be an important piece of our efforts to monitor for invasive species. If you see something that you think might be an invasive species, say something. Contact a NLA Board member with any concerns. For more information on invasive species, visit: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/>

## From Greg's Kitchen comes... ITALIAN WALLEYE

Here is a great walleye recipe that is a little bit different.

- 2 walleye fillets
- 1 cup grape tomatoes (halved)
- 1/2 cup sliced red onion
- 1 garlic clove (crushed)
- Olive oil
- Italian seasoning
- Salt
- Pepper
- 2 Tbsp white wine vinegar



In one pan fry fillets in olive oil until done on both sides. Season with salt and pepper.

In another pan sauté tomatoes and onions in olive oil. Add salt, pepper, garlic and Italian seasoning. When almost done add white wine vinegar and reduce by about half on low heat. Serve by covering fillets with tomato mixture.

You can eat this with rice or your favorite pasta. Enjoy!

## PRETTY BUT A PROBLEM

The latest reported invasive species is the yellow iris (Iris pseudacorus). Yellow flag iris is a showy perennial plant that can grow in a range of conditions from drier upland sites, to wetlands, to floating aquatic mats. A native plant of Eurasia, it can be an invasive garden escapee in Wisconsin's natural environments.

Ecological threat:

- Yellow flag iris can produce many seeds that can float from the parent plant or plants can spread vegetatively via rhizome fragments. Once established it forms dense clumps or floating mats that can alter wildlife habitat and species diversity.
- All parts of this plant are poisonous, which results in lowered wildlife food sources in areas where it dominates.
- This species has the ability to escape water gardens and ponds and grow in undisturbed and natural environments. It can grow in wetlands, forests, bogs, swamps, marshes, lakes, streams and ponds.
- Dense areas of this plant may alter hydrology by trapping sediment.

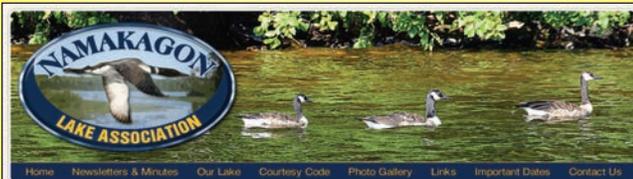
For more information, visit: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/fact/yellowflagiris.html>



# REMINDER!!!

## NLA Annual Meeting August 19, 2017

Check our website for  
current information and updates  
[www.nlaonline.org](http://www.nlaonline.org)



**In the Spotlight**

- Annual Meeting 2015 Minutes now posted... pending approval
- We've added a DNR (Department of Natural Resources) link for your convenience!
- WI DNR Lake Info Link
- New information about Membership Dues and the calendar
- Your NLA has restructured our dues to include a new "family membership" at a \$25 cap. We welcome family memberships! The details are below.
- NLA membership dues follow the calendar from January 1 to December 31 of each year.
- NLA is a 5013C non-profit and members may take appropriate reductions.
- The new dues structure provides a \$25 cap for families that include 2 votes; we are hoping to attract new families as members.
- Additional contributions are always welcomed and members will be reminded of our 5013C status on the renewal blanks that will go out with the next newsletter.
- There is also a "member renewal blank" that may be downloaded from this website. Your 2015 dues are welcome!

**Welcome to Lake Namakagon**  
Namakagon Lake Association - Preserving & Protecting Northern Wisconsin's Lake Namakagon

Next NLA board meeting is on October 3 at 9 AM

The Namakagon Lake Association, Inc. was formed in 1995 for the purpose of preserving and protecting Lake Namakagon and its environs. The Namakagon Lake Association, Inc. (NLA) is a not for profit organization that relies on the contributions and memberships of land owners and other concerned citizens for its funding.

It is our goal to preserve and protect Lake Namakagon as an environmentally healthy watershed, by sponsoring educational programs, adopting a proactive role in the formulation of water and shore land regulations, and responsible use of this unique and irreplaceable resource for all citizens.

"Learn more about our Lake" <http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/lakepages/lakeDetail.aspx?lakeid=2732500>

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**R-E-S-P-E-C-T**

**RESPECT:** The rights of others.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Enjoy wildlife from a distance.

**SAFETY:** Heed the boating regulations - go slowly.

**PEACE:** Watch your noise and your wake.

**ENJOY:** Have fun - share the moments with your friends.

**CONSIDER:** Other people and creatures on the lake.

**TRASH:** Take your trash home.

**Important Dates**

Next Meeting: Next NLA Meeting Scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, October 3rd

2015 Meetings: Saturdays, 9 a.m., Namakagon Town Hall

April 25  
June 13  
July 11

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

## STOP Help Stop... the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

- Non-native, exotic species, such as Eurasian Water Milfoil, Purple Loosestrife, and Zebra Mussels threaten to harm the quality of our Wisconsin lakes.

- Before you launch your boat, please inspect and clean it, including the motor and trailer, to prevent the spread of exotic species into our Wisconsin lakes.

- Never Empty Your Bait Bucket or Release Live Bait into the Lake

- Please immediately report any exotic species to your local lake association, The Wisconsin Wetlands Association, or the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

- Visit the Wisconsin DNR website, [www.dnr.wi.gov/invasives](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/invasives) or contact the DNR at 608.266.9270 for more information or to answer questions about aquatic exotic species.

BE AWARE of your ACTIONS and HELP PRESERVE the ENVIRONMENT!

### NAMEKAGON RIVER PARTNERSHIP

News from a new citizen-volunteer river organization working to celebrate and conserve the upper Namekagon River.

<http://namekagon.org/>

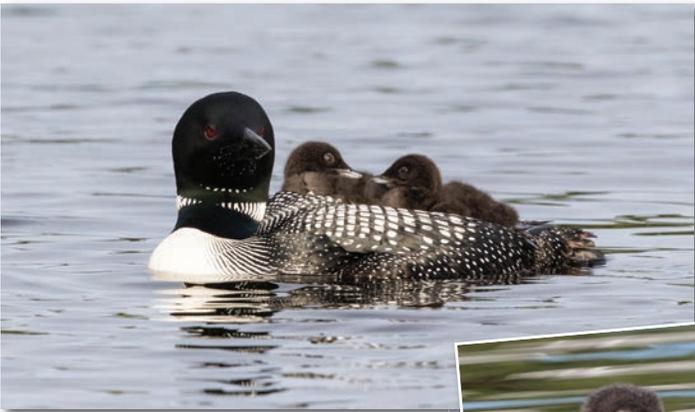


### MISSION STATEMENT

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