

NAMAKAGON

JUNE 2007



Breeze

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Message from the President...

Lots of activity around the area over the last couple of weeks. Hopefully by the time you read this we will have received lots of rain to take care of the fire danger. It really makes you think how careful we must be when dealing with nature.

If you get a chance take a look at the monitoring systems that have been installed at the Funny's Bay boat landing and the Garden Lake landing. A special thanks to Steve Riley for all the work he has put into this project. Steve has spent many hours getting all the pre-construction done that is needed before the project could start. Thanks again Steve.

It is getting close to election time for board members again and we would like to see a vast field of candidates. If you would like to run or know of someone that does please look at the information elsewhere in the newsletter.

Please take a look at the revised Shoreland zoning (NR 115) rules that are being introduced by the DNR. If you are a lake front land owner and especially if you have non-conforming structures (closer than 75 feet to the water) you want to read this document. There will be public hearings on this later in the year. If you want to view the revisions go to www.dnr.state.wi.us and type in shoreland management program. Your input is needed and wanted on these revisions.

Please be careful about having clean boats trailers and livewells. Please be observant of friends and neighbors trailers and boats that come to the area to visit. The pressure to keep our lake free of evasive species is getting harder every year. Eurasian Milfoil is in lakes around the

area, and VHS (Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia) is in Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, the Mississippi River and one inland Wisconsin Lake. This virus kills 25 different gamefish/panfish species, but is not dangerous to humans. It is usually transferred by wild bait fish caught in one of these infected areas and then brought into a different area to be used as bait.

Well enough of the gloom and doom, have a great summer and hope to see you at the Lake Association meetings, the summer Fun on the Water event for all of your children in July or just out on the lake enjoying the summer.

**Best Wishes,
Jim Krueger, President**

ANNUAL LAKE SHORE CLEAN UP

The volunteering for Lake Shore Clean up was very good and much appreciated. We will try to clean our designated area during the month of May. We had seventeen designated areas around the lake. Clean up for every one of those areas was volunteered for. We should have a clean shoreline this summer, thanks to the following people. Many of these people had spouses, family or friends help them.

BLOOMQUIST; HANKS; SOKOLOSKI; SEMMER; MOHR;
GRAGE; WISHART; YERHOT; CIBULKA;
STROUP; KRUEGER; KENNEDY; BUDZISZ;
NYSTROM; JACKMAN; MISSIONARY POINT
ASSOCIATION; STAWICKI; BEST; LAGE; H.
RASMUSSEN; KOFAL; NELSON; PORTER.



NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Saturday August 18, 2007. Two of our present Board members terms are ending. Jared Jackman is going off the Board after serving a 3 year term and Steve Riley has fulfilled a one year vacancy term.

Our by-laws state: Only people, who have paid 2007 memberships, 60 days prior to the annual meeting, may cast votes. The by-laws also state that ballots must be sent out 21 days prior to the annual meeting. The first rule is the members' responsibility. The second rule is the board responsibility.

It is the members' responsibility to have a strong, active board who will keep the organization headed in the right direction. No individual agenda's. Board members must believe in our Mission Statement and do what is in their power to uphold it.

Please consider being a nominee for the NLA Board. We need good, hard working, decision making folks. The term of office is three years with an option to run for a second term.

If you will consider being a nominee, or know of someone who would make a good candidate, please talk with the candidate, get their approval and submit the name to any board member. We ask that the nominee submit a short biography for the July Newsletter in order to be introduced to the members.



WATCHING FOR LAKE INVADERS ONE CAMERA AT A TIME

Craig Clough

With zebra mussels and other invasive species becoming an increased threat to the waters of Lake Minnetonka, the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) is expanding the use of technology to fight the problem.

With the apparent success of the new program last year, the LMCD is increasing the number of cameras at public launching sites around the lake.

Last year one camera captured boaters' habits at Gray's Bay and Spring Park Bay launching sites.

This boating season, LMCD will purchase three more cameras and expand the program to launching sites at North Arm and Maxwell Bay.

The cameras, which will be installed in early May, are meant to encourage boaters to inspect their watercraft before entering the lake.

"We think it began to change the attitude of the folks," said Herb Suerth, LMCD representative for the city of Woodland, of last summer's program. "They realized they were being seen on camera. And there was a, let's say, a behavior problem - not a problem, but a behavior attitude - was beginning to change."

The total cost of the camera program this year will run \$35,000, according to Greg Nybek, executive director of the LMCD.

The danger of zebra mussels and other invasive species like it comes from boaters who carry vegetation from one lake to another on their boats.

The LMCD is trying to increase the awareness among lake-goers that failing to inspect their boats is not only a danger to the lake, it's also illegal and can bring a fine of up to \$1,000 and jail time.

As of now, the program is simply a monitoring program and tickets will not be issued as a result of the surveillance.

The purpose of the cameras, called Internet Landing Installed Device Sensors(I-LIDS), is to give the LMCD a better understanding of what percentage of boaters are inspecting their boats, according to Nybek.

"It's a monitoring program. It's not an inspection program," said Nybek. "Tickets aren't going to be issued."

The other purpose of the program is to increase awareness among boaters of the importance of inspection, and to increase the inspection rate once people realize they are being monitored on camera.

Last year when the cameras first went up, boaters were not informed that they were being watched on camera.

After signs went up informing people they were being watched, inspection rates went up, according to a study done by Eric Lindberg and the Environmental Sentry Protection, which has been contracted by the LMCD to run and operate the I-LIDS program.

Inspections increased from 3 percent to 13 percent after the signs went up, according to Lindberg's report.

"Before the signs went up, 7.4 percent had vegetation on their boats," said Lindberg. "After signage, the rate dropped to 1.8 percent. That's a 75 percent reduction."

Credit "Lakeshore Weekly News" covering Lake Minnetonka Area

2007 NORTHWEST LAKES CONFERENCE

June 21-22 Telemark Resort; Cable, WI

As in past years, The Namakagon Lake Association will reimburse 50% of the \$40. Registration fee to any member wishing to attend the Northwest Lakes Conference. Sign up early as the conference is a "first come first served basis."

For more information and registration, go to: www.wisconsinlakes.org or call 1-800-542-5253.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2007 PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

10am-4:30pm	Pontoon Classroom on Lake Namakagon - Natural Resources Foundation (\$30 fee - to register contact NRF directly at www.nrfwis.org or (866) 264-4096
10am-12pm	Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring - Laura Herman, UWEX
1-4:30pm	Clean Boats, Clean Waters Boat Inspection - Stefania Strzalkowska, ABDI Land Conservation (\$10 fee)
1-4:30pm	Fundraising for Nonprofit Organizations - Allison Werner, River Alliance of Wis. (\$10 fee)
4:30-7pm	BBQ and Social Hour - Telemark Resort (\$15 fee)
7pm	Beauty and Challenges of Russia's Lakes - Bob Korth, UWEX

- Geology of Northwest Wisconsin Lakes - Professor Howard Mooers, UM-Duluth
- Aquatic Plant Management and Aquatic Invasive Plants - Susan Knight, WDNR

11:30am SESSION II

- Sport Fishing Groups of Northwest Wisconsin - Dave Arbuckle, Small Mount Bass Alliance; Mike Perrson, Muskies, Inc.; and Steve Hawthorn, Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin
- Who Owns the Waters - Cathie Erickson, Washburn Co. Lakes & Rivers Association and Kathy Swingle, Retired Surveyor
- Water Levels and Lakes - Tim Asplund,

WDNR

- Lake Superior - A Gateway for Invasive Species - Phil Moy, UW-Sea Grant Institute

12:30pm Luncheon

1:15pm Announcements and Introductions - Susan Wallin, Burnett County Lakes & Rivers Association

1:25pm Youth Conservation Speaker - TBA

1:35pm Keynote: First Stewards, First Nations of Wisconsin - Patty Loew, "In Wisconsin" Public Television Weekly News and Public Affairs Program Producer and Co-host

2007 NORTHWEST WISCONSIN LAKES CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2007

TELEMARK RESORT & CONVENTION CENTER, CABLE, WI

AGENDA

7:30am	Registration, Buffet Breakfast & Exhibits
8:30am	Welcome & Opening Remarks - Earl Cook, WAL and Washburn Co. Lakes & Rivers Assoc.
8:40am	Lakes Alive Multimedia Show - Bob Korth, UWEX
8:50am	Kenya Dance - An Inspirational Talk about Wisconsin's Lakes - Bob Korth, UWEX
10am	SESSION I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get the Lead Out - Stacy Schaefer, Loon Watch • Citizens Voices Will Be Heard - Dave Clausen, Natural Resources Board and Joe Weiss, Conservation Congress

3pm

SESSION III

- 101 Ways to Help Song Birds - Laura Erickson
 - Legislative Panel - State Senator Bob Jauch and State Representatives Frank Boyle and Gary Sherman
 - Shoreland Stewardship Practices for Lake Friendly Living - Lynn Markham, UWEX
 - Aquatic Invasives Case Study - Town of Barnes - John Kudlas, Barnes - Eau Claire Lakes Area Property Owners Association
- Adjourn

4pm

PIER PLANNER

Note: In 2004, changes to Chapter 30 of Wisconsin Statutes created an exemption for piers that meet specific length, width and number of boats. The statute also contains a new permit process for activities that are not exempt. DNR is in the process of revising ch. NR 326, Wisconsin Administrative Code, the state's rules that implement this statute. This edition of PIER PLANNER reflects the new statute and the preexisting NR 326 which remains in effect, and is intended to assist waterfront property owners to design and place a pier that does not require a DNR permit.

Piers are a popular focus for boating and waterfront recreation. It seems like a simple topic, but if you have been involved in a dispute over "pier rights" with your neighbor or have seen shorelines filled with piers and boat lifts, you understand why regulations are important to treat everyone fairly and to protect the natural resources of our lakes, rivers and streams. If you have questions after reading this brochure, contact your local DNR Water Management Specialist for more information.

PIERS AND WHARVES

Most Piers and Wharves are Exempt

- Piers or wharves for use by a waterfront property owner are exempt – meaning no DNR permit or fee – if they comply with the specific dimensions and requirements described in this publication. On the Great Lakes, Mississippi River and other specified federal waters, permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and DNR are required. Some municipalities have local pier ordinances, which may have other restrictions or require local permits.

Who may place and use piers

- Only a riparian (waterfront property owner) may place a pier or wharf. Friends, neighbors or a contractor may assist with installation and maintenance, but owners are responsible for following requirements, obtaining any necessary permits, and for maintenance after construction.
- The waterway is public, but piers, boat lifts and related structures are the private property of the riparian. However, someone wading along the shoreline may cross over a pier to continue using the waterway.

Location of piers and number of boats

- Piers, wharves and moored boats must be placed in the "riparian zone", which is the space in the water adjacent to the riparian property where the riparian has the exclusive right to place structures. Two primary methods are used to determine the "riparian zone", this dividing line between adjacent owners.
- The number of boat slips – the total of all watercraft docked at a pier or wharf including boats in a boat lift or hoist – is limited to 2 boat slips for the first 50 feet of the riparian owner's shoreline frontage and no more than 1 boat slip for each additional 50 feet of shoreline.
- A pier or wharf may not obstruct navigation. In narrow rivers or channels, construct a wharf parallel to the shoreline rather than extending a pier perpendicular to it.
- Pier or wharf placement and use may not harm the public interests in waterways, which includes fish and wildlife habitat (such as spawning areas, important vegetation, waterfowl nesting areas); water quality; natural scenic beauty; or public recreation and navigation. If you have any questions about whether your project might affect these public interests, contact your local DNR Water Management Specialist. In some cases, DNR may recommend project modifications to avoid harm to public rights.

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Length and width of piers

- A pier may extend out to the 3-foot water depth, or to adequate depth for mooring a boat or using a boat lift or boat hoist. A pier may also extend out to a DNR-approved municipal pierhead line. Contact the municipality to see whether it has a pierhead line ordinance.
- Six feet is the maximum width allowed for any portion of a pier or wharf. This width allows safe loading of gear and passengers, and meets ADA requirements.
- Piers may be placed in a variety of configurations, including straight, or with a "T" or "L". Catwalks, finger piers or similar features may be used for access to boat slips, as long as they meet the width and length limits above. A pier may not enclose or isolate any part of a waterway.

REGULATIONS

Pier Length A pier may extend to the greater of:

- A – the three-foot water depth, or
 - B – where there is adequate depth for mooring a boat, or using a boat hoist or boat lift A pier may also extend to
 - C – the municipal pierhead line – if one is established
- 3 feetABC

Construction

- A pier or wharf may not obstruct the free flow of water or include any features which trap or accumulate aquatic plants or sediment.
- A pier or wharf must be floating, or placed on piles or posts.
- Polystyrene floats must be coated or contained to resist gas, oil and abrasion. Metal and plastic drums must be free of any product residue and corrosion resistant.
- Solid piers on fill and piers on rock-filled timber cribs or similar foundations require a DNR permit, and are only authorized in specific waterways under limited circumstances.

WDNR PUBLICATION FH-017 REV. 04/2005 OTHER NEAR SHORE CONSTRUCTION

Boat lifts, hoists and shelters

- Boat lifts, hoists and shelters are exempt from permitting if they meet the standards in NR 326. For example, size is limited to 12-feet wide by 24-feet long on waters under 1000 acres, and 14-feet wide by 24-feet long on waters 1000 acres or larger. Boat shelters may have a roof or canopy but may not have sides or walls, and the boat shelter – including the roof, canopy and any supports – must be removed seasonally between December 1 and April 1 to be exempt. Boat lifts and hoists can remain in place year round.
- A permanent boat shelter requires a DNR permit and must meet standards in NR 326. Permanent boat shelters are not allowed on lakes and flowages less than 500 acres, or on rivers except the Mississippi River, the Wolf River (from Lake Butte des Morts to the upstream limits of the Village of Fremont), and the Fox River (from the DePere Dam to Lake Winnebago).

Boathouses

- Boathouses differ from boat shelters by having sides or walls.
- On land... boathouses above the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) are exclusively for watercraft storage and are regulated by local ordinances. Contact the municipal building inspector or zoning administrator.
- Over water... boathouse construction is prohibited waterward of the OHWM. Boathouses constructed over water prior to 1979 are allowed to remain but their repair and maintenance are restricted.

Swimming Rafts

- A riparian may place a properly anchored swimming raft or water trampoline within 200 feet of shore.
- No permit is needed for a swimming raft or water trampoline as long as the size is no greater than 200 square feet and does not exceed 38-inches in height, or its removed from the water each night. Swimming rafts and water trampolines placed in DNR-designated swimming areas – such as for municipal beaches or private campgrounds – may also be placed without a permit and do not have to follow the size limitations.
- In all cases, the raft or trampoline must be confined to your riparian zone and may not interfere with public rights in the waterway. Keep it as close to shore as possible to avoid interfering with boat traffic.

Mooring Buoys

- Generally, you may place a standard mooring buoy in your riparian zone within 150 feet of the OHWM without a permit from DNR. Local ordinances may require permits. Consult your municipality or local Conservation Warden for more information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

To find brochures, permit application forms and more information about regulations for piers and other waterway activities, go to DNR's website listed below, or contact the DNR Water Management Specialist at the DNR Service Center for your county.

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/fhp/w>

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

(April 14, 2007)

Minutes of February 3, 2007 read and approved by motion.

Treasurers Report read. Balance as of Feb. 28th 2007 was \$25,549.07 Approved by motion.

Lake Clean up: Will be done during the month of May, if at all possible. Areas volunteered for are listed in the April Newsletter. A request was made for additional persons to help with clean up for undeclared lake shoreline.

Bill Porter is concerned about definitions of and meeting Grant obligations. Discussion followed. Jim Krueger will investigate Grant approval.

A contract concerning Lake Plant Survey by consulting firm was discussed. NLA Board responsibility for contract will be followed up.

Steve Riley updated the progress of the Sentry Systems, I-LIDS. System #1 will be installed at the Garden Lake boat landing. It will be "hard-wired" from the Camera enclosure to the recording computer. System #2 will be installed at the Funnys Bay boat landing. It will communicate from camera enclosure to computer via antenna. Both systems are expected to be operational by fish opener May 5th. Both systems are financed through the generosity of specific Association members.

2007/2008 Board Member Nominations: Board members were urged to invite interested people to run for the NLA Board. Two seats will be vacated in August 2007. We need conscientious folks to serve. Names must be submitted by July 1st in order to have biographies included in the July/August Newsletter, although nominations will be accepted right up to election.

Membership is reported at 415. An invoice to unpaid past members will go out shortly.

Wisconsin Area Lakes Conference will be held June 22 at Telemark Resort, North of Cable, WI. NLA members attending will be reimbursed 50% of the \$40. Registration fee. Along with the convention is a special events day, June 21st, including a Pontoon Classroom on Lake Namakagon along with other topics of interest. Registration should be done on line @ www.wisconsinlakes.org or call 1-800-542-5253. Some of the events at the Special events day have a nominal cost.

Fun on the Water (Youth Safety and Skills Day) will be held on July 29th. It will be organized by Al Stawiki again this year.

Newsletter Input: A request was made for interesting relevant material for the NLA quarterly Newsletter.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn at 10:45 am.

NEW FUN ON THE WATERS EVENT

Steve Riley

This year the NLA will add Children's Beginning Water Ski Instruction for all interested children who have parental permission to participate. This event involves instruction from adult Association water skiers and will utilize a special pair of children's skis that are joined together and tied to a ski rope with a handle for the child on one end and the other being held by an adult in the tow boat. In the event the skier falls, the ski rope is immediately released from the boat. Steve Riley will be conducting this event. All willing participants will get a chance to ski.

WISCONSIN ANNUAL LAKES CONVENTION

Bill Porter, Secretary

Jim Krueger and Bill and Janet Porter represented the Namakagon Lake Association at the 29th Annual Wisconsin Lakes Convention. It was held in Green Bay, WI; April 26-28th.

The convention is hosted each year by the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership, a nationally recognized and successful collaboration of the Wisconsin Association of Lakes (WAL) UW-Extension and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The convention offered an opportunity to share successes, challenges and solutions for Wisconsin Lakes with more than 450 concerned citizens, businesses and government representatives from across the state.

The convention was three days of intense learning activities with over 40 educational sessions and 15 in-depth workshops offered. Each of your representatives attended different classes in order to maximize our association's knowledge base. Classes covered subjects of "Effective Testimony to Legislators", "Photography", "Effective Lake Organizations", "Lake Development", "Shoreline Restoration", "Aquatic Plant Identification", "Lake Management Planning", "Ecology of Shallow Lakes", "Lake Science", "Short Term Lake Rentals" just to name a few.

In addition to the sessions, lake-friendly businesses and partner organizations offered displays about lake management services and water interests.

The best part of the convention for me was being able to "network" with other interested "Lake People". There is a wealth of information gathered from socializing with these folks.

Thanks for allowing me to attend this years convention.

BUOYS IN PLACE

On Sunday, April 29th, a week before "Fish Opener", the "No Wake" Buoys were placed into Lake Namakagon.

Rick Yerhot, Jon Hoffert, Clyde Wishart and Bill Porter participated. The following photo does not show Rick, who did most of the work. Sorry Rick!!



**NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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www.nlaonline.org

NLA MEETINGS:
ALL MEETINGS AT NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL AT 9 A.M.
 November 4 (Work Meeting) February 3
 April 14 June 2
 August 18 (Annual Meeting) September 15

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATIONS:
 April, June, July & November

ACTIVITIES DATES:
 Lake Shore Clean-Up Month of May
 NLA Fun On The Water Youth Event July 29

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 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!
 brought to you by:

Namakagon Lake Association
 P.O. Box 536, Cable, WI 54821

MISSION STATEMENT

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 membership fees 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.

The Namakagon Lake Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 536
Cable, WI 54821



CELEBRATE THE SUMMER WITH COURTESY AND CAUTION!

WATCH OUT FOR LOONS

**BE SAFE WITH FIREWORKS—LIMIT WHEN THEY ARE
USED** (Get the necessary permits)

OBSERVE BOATING REGULATIONS

Personal Watercraft:

- no wake within 100' of other boat or PWC
- no wake within 200' of shoreline

Motor Boat:

- no wake within 100' of any dock, raft, pier
- unlawful to create hazardous wakes

Age Limitations:

- no person under 10 may operate a motor boat
- no person under 12 may operate a PWC

DO NOT FERTILIZE NEAR THE SHORE

(If you must fertilize, use zero phosphate fertilizer)

**DO NOT LITTER IN THE LAKE: PLEASE PICK UP ANY
LITTER YOU SEE!**

**CONSIDER ELIMINATING HIGH INTENSITY QUARTZ
LIGHTS OR TURN THEM OFF AFTER 10:00 PM**

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