
Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District Newsletter



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FEEDBACK WANTED

Your Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District invites you to attend their annual meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 27 at the Wally Remic Community Center in Crooked Lake. The meeting will start at 9 a.m. Residents of the District will vote on the proposed tax assessment and commissioners' terms. In addition, the District board invites attendees to provide feedback regarding wake boats on Crooked Lake.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

May 27, 2023, 9 a.m.

Wally Remic Community Center

Call to Order

Roll Call
Approve Agenda
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Lake Management Plan
Educational Activity
Clean Boats, Clean Waters

Other Business

Wake Boats
Firewise USA Presentation
Election of Commissioner(s)
Tax Assessment Vote

Adjournment

INVASIVE SPECIES TRAINING DAY ANNOUNCED

The Oconto County Lakes and Waterways Association (OCLAWA) has announced that the public is invited to attend an invasive species training and education seminar scheduled for Saturday, June 10. Scheduled are two events that day; the first session will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the White Potato Lake Sanitary District building at 13266 Walkers Bay Road in Pound, WI. The session will be repeated at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lakewood Community Center, 17258 North Road, Lakewood, WI.

The events will be hosted by Paul Slawinski, UW-Extension Lakes CLMN Educator, along with Derek Thorn, FLOW AIS Coordinator. Attendees will learn to identify various aquatic invasive species along with strategies to help combat their spread.

The sessions are FREE and open to the public of Forest, Langlade, Marinette, and Oconto Counties.

EMAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED

If you are receiving this newsletter by U.S. mail, you can save the Lakes District money and receive the newsletter by email or through the district website. With the cost of everything going up today, the Board would rather spend the monies on lake improvements.

All you have to do is send an email to crooklake@gmail.com to get on the email list. Thank you.

WAKE BOATS IMPACT ON ECOSYSTEM

Lakefront property owners across the country have growing concerns regarding the impact of wake boats on shorelines, weed beds, fisheries, and the lake's overall ecosystem. The popularity of wake boats has been increasing on many waterways. Wake boats employ the use of water as ballast to displace the boat hull deeper in the water thereby changing the size and shape of the wake. This higher wake allows wake boarders and wake surfers alike to "ride" or "surf" the wake. Although these boats travel more slowly through the water, the wake created by wake boats is higher and requires a longer distance to dissipate.

A 2022 study by the University of Minnesota indicated that wake boats require distances of greater than 500 feet from docks and shorelines to decrease the wake to levels similar to non-wake boats. Current Wisconsin boat regulations allow boaters to exceed no wake speeds 100 feet from the shoreline. Riparian property owners are reporting shoreline erosion as a result of higher waves created by wake boats.

Wake boats operating in shallow water disturb weed beds and stir up the bottom substrate. The boat's prop wash releases nutrients back into the water and can make toxic algae blooms more likely according to a study by the Lily Center for Lakes and Streams in Winona Lake, IN. Additional studies are underway regarding the impact the disruption of the weed beds have on fish populations.

Residents and visitors have enjoyed Crooked Lake for generations. Fishermen, water skiers, jet skiers, kayakers, sailors, and pontoon cruisers alike wish to protect this asset for generations to come. District property owners are welcome to share their concerns at the District's annual meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 27 at 9 a.m. at the Wally Remic Community Center in Crooked Lake. Written by BRIAN WEBB

Sources:

St. Anthony Falls Laboratory at the University of Minnesota
Lily Center of Lakes and Streams, Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana

NEEDED--ONE NEW COMMISSIONER IN 2023

The president and treasurer have both agreed to serve three more years on the board. The board would like to recruit a two-year term commissioner this year, so that they don't exit the board all at once. Commissioners must be a US citizen, 18 or older, and be a riparian property owner in the district.

2024 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

February 24
May 4
May 25 (Annual Meeting)
September 7
October 19

All meetings are held at the Wally Remic Community Center at 9:00 a.m. The meetings are always opened to the public. Mark your calendars.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Zebra mussels have been found in Crooked Lake. Several homeowners found them on either their dock, boat, or both.

Clean Boat/Clean Water still needs volunteers for the boat landings. Please use the most current revised form from the DNR. The newest form was revised on 03/2023. The older versions are the 02/2018 and 04/2014 that are currently what we have been using. Both versions can be used, but the newest one would be preferred.

