

Red Cedar Lakes Association

Fall 2017 Newsletter

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President's Letter

As summer grows to a close and a hint of fall is in the air, I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy our fabulous lakes with friends and family. The RCLA Board of Directors, along with the many volunteers that spend countless hours each summer, had another very active summer on numerous projects that you can read about in this newsletter. I want to personally thank each and every one of the Board Members and volunteers ... without you, we would not have healthy lakes to enjoy with all our bountiful wildlife.



I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new RCLA President. It has been a pleasure working on the Board for the past six years as Secretary and working side by side with Past President Gerry Johnson. I'm thrilled to have Gerry continue on the board as Vice President and we will work closely together on a solid transition plan to my new role. I've held numerous leadership roles over the course of my career and I'm currently employed by Ameriprise as a VP in Technology. I live in the Twin Cities with my wonderful family (including dogs Dakota and Madison) and when we are not working, you can bet we are up at our cabin on Mud Lake that we built in 2008. My passions include just being in nature hiking, fishing, tootling on our boat, spending quality time with friends and traveling whenever possible.

One of the reasons I joined the board six years ago was the level of commitment, involvement and sense of community this organization brings to our lake country. Please know that as your President, I plan to build on this legacy and continue to maintain and enhance what makes this lake association so great. So, I ask for your active participation and involvement wherever possible ... nothing is too small. If you see me out on the lake or dining in a local restaurant, don't hesitate to introduce yourself ... I'm looking forward to getting to know more of the Red Cedar Lakes Community.

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Board of Director Changes

At our RCLA Annual Meeting in July, the Board and attending members recognized Directors whose terms were expiring and decided not to renew for another two-year term: McKensy Voller leading our Newsletter/Website Committee and Patty Ricchio leading our and Coupon Committee. I would like to thank McKensy and Patty for their commitment and dedicated service to the RCLA over the past two years. Also, the membership unanimously voted to accept the Board's recommendation to renew Rich Hokanson to another two-year term leading the Shoreline & Island Restoration Committee and for me to move from Secretary to President for a three-year term. The membership also unanimously approved the Board's recommendation to appoint the following to the RCLA Board:

- **Rose Kopras** joins the Board as Officer/Secretary. Born and raised east of Rice Lake, she married her husband Larry in 1974 and worked for 3M for 35 years in research, manufacturing and general management before retiring in 2009. Rose served as an AIS volunteer for 3 years on Balsam Lake. She enjoys gardening, reading, swimming and spending time with her 5 grandchildren.
- **Becky Garthofner** will chair the Newsletter / Website Committee. Becky was born and raised in the Twin Cities and is married to Jerry Woelfel. She recently retired from her career working for Securian Financial Group – all 34 years in technology. Becky and Jerry live in St. Paul and also enjoy their lake home on Red Cedar Lake. Becky has several other volunteer experiences including serving on the Neighborhood House board and her local church. Her hobbies include fishing, golf, cooking, traveling and spending time with family and friends.
- **Paul Duburkee** will chair the Fish Habitat Committee. Paul and his wife spent many years camping in the Birchwood area before finally moving here in 2008. Paul works as a Diesel Mechanic at Cameron Diesel and is an avid outdoorsman, spending countless hours fishing on the Red Cedar chain of lakes.

- **Jeff Iverson** will chair the Coupon Committee. Jeff was born and raised in Minnesota and is married to Penny. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August and have three children. Jeff had a career in several businesses, including nursing home administrator/owner, hospitality, printing and most recently real estate. He has held several volunteer Board positions including his local church, the Loch Lomond Beach Club and the Birchwood Area Chamber of Commerce. Jeff enjoys woodworking in his spare time.



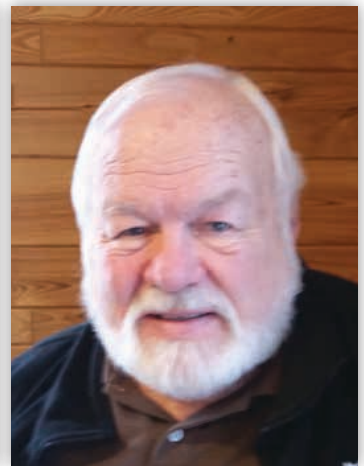
Rose Kopras



Becky Garthofner



Paul Duburkee



Jeff Iverson

I know I'm speaking on behalf of the Board and the entire RCLA membership when I say "welcome" and "thank you" for stepping forward to continue our rich history of volunteerism to an outstanding organization.

Valerie Bausch
RCLA President

Vice President's Letter

For those of you not in attendance at the RCLA Annual Meeting in July, I have decided to step down as President after serving in this capacity for the past six years. Prior to this role, I was Co-Director of the Aquatic Invasive Species Committee for a term. I am honored, humbled and grateful for the opportunity to have led such a worthwhile organization and to work with so many passionate and dedicated volunteers over the years. I am also proud of the many accomplishments your Board has implemented, and thankful to have had the opportunity to work closely with so many extremely talented and fun counterparts who have served on the Board.

Having said that, I'm also very happy the membership unanimously voted Valerie Bausch as your new President at the Annual Meeting. Valerie has served as Secretary for two terms, and has worked closely with me over the years. Her background, leadership skills and professionalism make her well qualified to lead our Association. Congratulations, Valerie!

LONG TERM STRATEGIC DIRECTION RECOMMENDED BY BOARD & APPROVED BY MEMBERSHIP

At the Annual Meeting, it was also approved by the membership to accept the Board's recommendation to expand our focus on longer term strategies. This does not mean we will diminish our commitment to implementing our short term committee plans. Rather, this is an extension of these efforts to help us achieve our mission for generations to come. Therefore, I have accepted the role of Vice President to begin working on these initiatives the Board felt needed more focus and resources to move them forward. In the Spring newsletter, I outlined these long term opportunities. At the time, the Board was studying them and determining how best to effectively resource the initiatives. (Please see the accompanying chart.)

Two of the projects, the Red Cedar Watershed Project

Preserve and protect for the future

(RCWP) and the Big Chetac & Birch Lakes Stakeholder Committee (BC&BLSC), are underway and I am representing RCLA on these committees:

1. The objective of the RCWP is to reduce the entire watershed's phosphorous loading by 67% over ten years. Backed by the EPA, State DNR and Army Corp of Engineering funding, efforts by the committee and UW-Stout are well underway in the southern part of the watershed. As our water quality planning process evolves, we will be able to leverage support from this project.
2. BC&BLSC is in the midst of developing its new Lake Management Plan. This is important for us, given nearly 40% of our phosphorous is coming from upstream, which is nearly three times more than the next largest source. A key goal in the plan will be to reduce algae blooms by improving water quality through the reduction of phosphorus loading.

The third initiative, the West Wisconsin Land Trust partnership project, involves working with this nationally funded organization and the DNR to implement land conservation trusts to negate residential and commercial development on large parcels of undeveloped lakeshore land. This would help significantly reduce new sources of phosphorous pollution. This project is in its infancy and work will begin this winter on lands adjacent to Balsam Lake.

Updates on the progress of these initiatives will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

WALLEYE REGULATIONS TO CHANGE ON RED CEDAR, BALSAM AND HEMLOCK

In a public meeting sponsored by the Red Cedar Lake Association and attended by an estimated 100 people, it was unanimously voted on to change the walleye regulations in Red Cedar, Balsam and Hemlock lakes.

Aaron Cole, Wisconsin DNR Senior Fisheries Biologist for Barron and

Polk counties, presented detailed information on the results of the 2016 walleye survey, showed comparisons



to previous surveys, explained differences in various modeling regulations, discussed biological and social aspects and requested public input on regulation options.

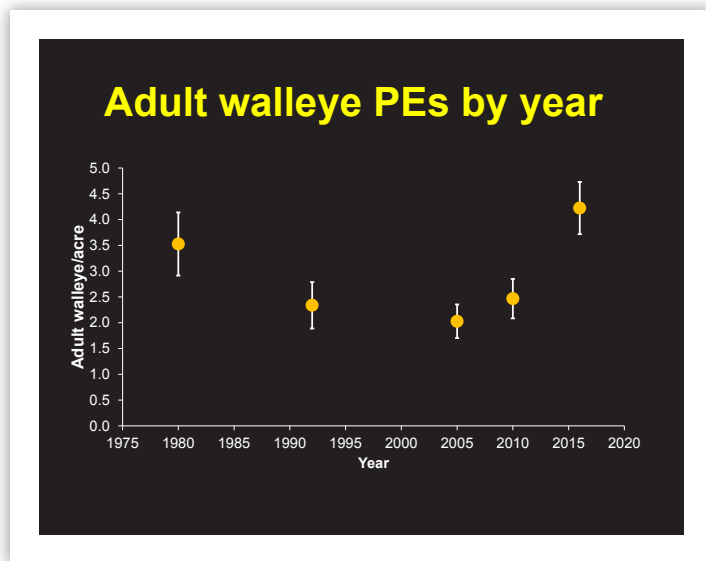


Chart 1. Source: Aaron Cole, Fish Biologist, Wisconsin DNR

After a lengthy question and answer period, the audience voted unanimously to adopt Cole's recommended regulation change to a three walleyes daily limit, 15-inch minimum, 20- to 24-inch protected slot and one over 24 inches. The current regulation is three walleyes over 18 inches.

According to Cole, the current 18-inch regulation was implemented after the 2006 survey which showed that a high (34%) angler and tribal harvest or exploitation rate significantly reduced the number of walleyes in the lake. At that point, the average adult walleye per acre was only 2.0. The objective was therefore to increase the number of walleyes in the lake at the expense of reducing the size.

According to the 2016 walleye survey, the number of walleyes per acre has increased to an estimated 4.2 (see chart 1). However, there were many avid walleye anglers complaining it is too hard to catch fish over 18 inches, thereby reducing the opportunity to take any walleyes home for dinner. Cole indicated higher numbers of walleyes have reduced the foliage and food sources available for the population present, slowed growth rates and reduced the number of fish that are 18 inches or larger.

The 2016 survey also showed a significant number of walleyes in the 13- to 17-inch range (see chart 2) compared to the 2006 survey which portrayed significantly fewer fish in total compared to the 1980 and 1993 surveys.

Cole indicated the new regulation will be the best option biologically and represents the best fit from a modeling perspective. Although it will result in more fish harvested, the growth rates and average size will improve, it will protect and increase the high natural producing females in the 20- to 24-inch range and it will unlikely cause overfishing. He noted the current population can withstand more harvesting and therefore help aid in stable recruitment into the future. Cole also advised anglers to stick with the new regulation, as it does take time for some of these benefits to develop.

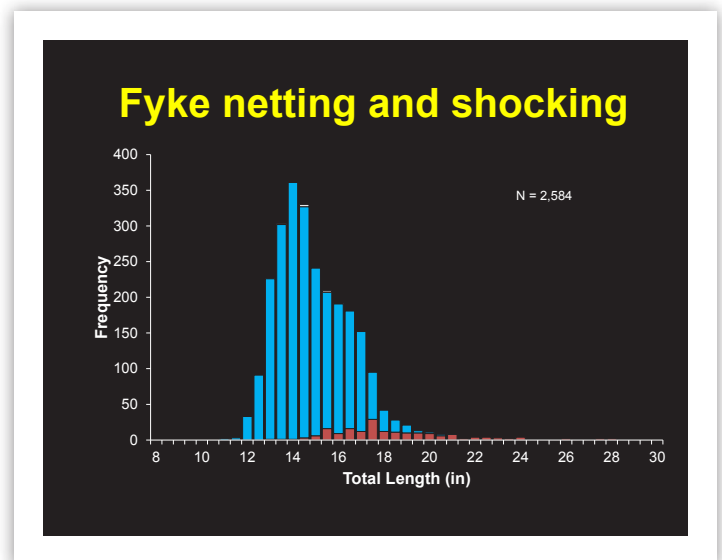


Chart 2. Source: Aaron Cole, Fish Biologist, Wisconsin DNR

Unfortunately, the process for new regulation changes within the Wisconsin Conservation Congress is a three-year cycle, meaning the proposed regulation change for our lakes will not be implemented until 2020.

If you have any questions, you may contact Cole at Aaron. Cole@Wisconsin.gov or by cell at 715-637-6864.

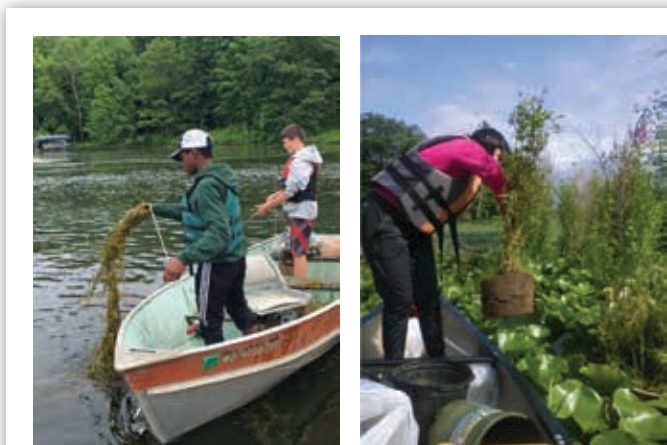
Gerry Johnson
Vice President

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Committee

It is hard to believe that summer of 2017 is rapidly coming to a close. It was a busy summer for the AIS Committee! THANK YOU to all volunteers who have again put in hours this past summer – from the RCLA members, lakeshore owners, Boy Scout Troops #28 and #106 and Birchwood High School Conservation Club members – for the work you've done in assisting the RCLA in continuing to preserve our beautiful lakes.

We began the summer by conducting the annual bed mapping of curly leaf pondweed in Balsam, Red Cedar, Hemlock and Mud Lakes. 2017 was a near perfect year for the growth of curly leaf pondweed. A mild winter with a small amount of snow allowed curly leaf pondweed to begin early growth under the ice. We found curly leaf pondweed in the normal locations in Balsam Lake and a slight increase in growth was found in Red Cedar and Hemlock Lakes. The plants all die off by early July and this contributes to the algae bloom we saw later in the summer.

In mid- June five students from the Blue Hills Charter School (Birchwood) assisted us in pulling curly leaf pondweed. Over two days we were able to pull 10 boat loads of curly leaf pondweed from the north east end of Balsam Lake. These students did a great job at what is not the most pleasant work.



In early July, students from Blue Hills Charter School and their Advisor, Jenny Landes, again released beetles to help control purple loosestrife on Red Cedar Lake. The students launched canoes from John Bolles dock and paddled to the bay just to the south to release the beetles. The students raised the beetles from eggs to maturity. The RCLA would like to give the Blue Hills Charter School,



along with Lisa Burns-Washburn County AIS Coordinator, a big "thank you" for all their efforts on this project.

Thanks also to each of the purple loosestrife Team Leaders for all their efforts in monitoring and going out to do manual cutting and herbicide treatment to help control the spread of this invasive species in other areas of our three lakes.

Many thanks go out to Boy Scout Troup 29 and Troup 106! The Scouts put in many hours this summer, mostly on holiday weekends, monitoring our boat landings to help stop the spread of aquatic invasive species in our lakes. Thanks also go out to Derek and Dan Penzkover who volunteered to provide additional monitoring of our landings this past summer.

The monitoring of our boat landings has become increasingly important. Late last year zebra mussels were discovered for the first time in northwest Wisconsin. Monitoring our boat landings and educating boat owners about the spread of AIS is one of our most effective methods in preventing the spread of new AIS into our lakes. In 2018 we will be working to expand our landing monitoring activities. Please consider volunteering an hour or two at your favorite landing next year. I will be providing more details regarding the expanded monitoring program and volunteering opportunities in the Spring newsletter.

This past summer Zebra Mussel Plates were placed in several locations on Red Cedar, Hemlock and Balsam lakes. A photo of one of these plates is on the next page.

These plates serve as an early warning system to determine if our lakes have been infected with zebra mussels. Throughout the summer these plates have been checked to see if any veligers (young zebra mussels) have attached themselves to the plate.



If any veligers are discovered we will immediately notify the WI DNR to establish a plan of action. The good news is that there is no evidence of zebra mussels infecting our lakes at this time.

As we go into the fall

I would ask all our members and lake owners to take a few minutes to inspect their docks and boat lifts as they remove them for the season. Please inspect your docks and lifts to ensure there are no zebra mussels attached. If anyone has questions about or needs help with this process, please give me a call.

2017 was the last year of our current AIS DNR grant. In September a portion of the RCLA Board will be meeting with our lake management consultant and the WI DNR to apply for a new two-year DNR grant. The work of controlling existing aquatic invasive species (AIS) and preventing any new introduction is an ongoing and continuing process. The funds available from the WI DNR are extremely important to our efforts. In order to access these grant dollars, we continue to need the involvement of our volunteers. If you are a current volunteer THANK YOU for all your help - it really does make a difference. If you haven't volunteered but are interested, please contact me and I can provide you everything you need to get started.

Tom Goodwin

AIS Committee Chairperson

Lake Information & Safety Committee

As we approach the end of another season on our 'great lakes,' it is important to reflect on the great resources we have been afforded. Red Cedar, Hemlock, Balsam, Mud, and Bass Lakes are truly treasures. Your board is working hard to maintain them, and your membership and involvement are essential!

Buoys and Markers

We plan to remove the buoys for the season in mid-October. We will evaluate their condition and either repair or replace during the winter months.

We had limited issues with buoys 'floating' to areas where they did not belong this season. If you notice a buoy that seems out of place, please feel free to contact me. I will make sure the situation gets rectified

Boater's Safety

We did not offer Boater's Safety classroom training this year, but will resume instruction next summer. While we do have a number of students on a waiting list, please contact me if you know of someone interested in participating. We may be able to expand our capacity and increase the number of students we serve.

At the annual meeting this past July, I emphasized the need for more people to familiarize themselves with the

Wisconsin boating laws. Visit dnr.wi.gov to review the current boating laws. In this newsletter, I have provided a quick quiz of your current knowledge regarding boating laws. Safe boating to all!

Kiosks

We had minimal damage to our kiosk at Pigeon Creek during one of our many summer wind storms. The repairs have been made utilizing leftover materials and a volunteer, so there was no cost to RCLA.

We currently have three volunteers for our 'Adopt-A-Kiosk' program. If you are interested in assisting, please contact me at: rsmenk@yahoo.com. Your monthly job (April through October) would be to remove weeds and debris, monitor signage and brochures, and report maintenance needs.

Finally, I am frequently asked where to obtain lake maps like those posted at our kiosks. You may customize and order your own map by visiting 'mytopo.com.'

Roger Menk

Lake Information & Safety Committee

Boaters Safety Quiz

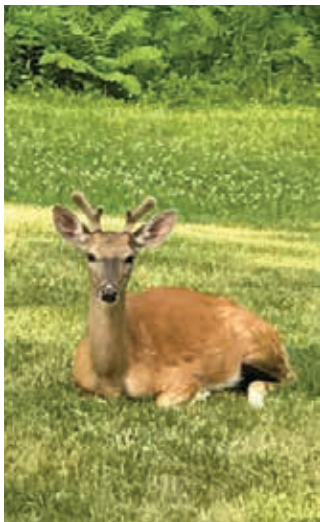
(True or False) Answers on page 10

1. I may operate a motorized vessel in Wisconsin if I have a valid driver's license.
2. A 15- year old may operate a personal water craft (PWC) as long as they are under parental supervision.
3. All vessels (including canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards) must have one USCG-approved wearable life jacket per person on board.

4. While operating a motorized vessel at night, utilizing docking lights is lawful as long as your sidelights and stern or masthead lights are on.
5. It is illegal to sit on the top of seat backs while underway.
6. A PWC may be operated at faster than 'slow, no wake speed' as long as they are more than 100' from the shoreline.

Nature Committee

Where does the summer go? It seems like just yesterday we were getting our boats out, excited about another fishing season, watching the loons come back to spend another summer on our beautiful lakes, listening to the eagles and getting a chance to spend quality time with friends and family.



The RCLA Nature Committee had another active summer, starting off with our annual Nature Program called "Wisconsin Butterflies", held at Loch Lomond Beach Club in June. This year we were thrilled to partner with the Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary and have Nikki Janisin, Executive Director, entertain approximately 50 attendees with her

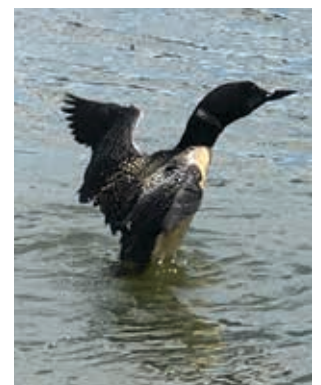
knowledge on butterflies ... and the kids had a great time getting their faces painted and dressing up like butterflies. The Committee is already planning next year's program so mark your calendar for the first Saturday in June and look for additional details in the Spring Newsletter.

The Nature Committee continues to play a key role in actively monitoring our loons as part of the Loon Watch Program. This year we had three

active nests on Red Cedar Lake, one on Bass Lake, one on Hemlock Lake and were able to confirm that five chicks have made it to date and hope to migrate this fall. We also were able to confirm at least six eaglets from the various nests on our lakes, another positive sign our lakes are flourishing and able to support a wide variety of wildlife year over year.

In addition to the loon monitoring and nature program, the Committee led the Tree Planting Program and continued to promote our "Get the Lead Out" Program. This program is very important as our ability to keep our waterfowl safe

for generations to come depends on people starting to use non-lead tackle when out fishing our beautiful lakes. Please make an effort to pass the word onto your friends, family and neighbors as together we can make a difference. And don't forget to retrieve any hooks, bobbers or sinkers that you might find in our waterways.



The Nature Committee has also had the responsibility to map the wild rice bed between Balsam and Mud Lake but for the second year in a row, there was no wild rice to map. Although we are uncertain why the wild rice is no longer growing in that area, we will continue to keep an eye out for it next year.

The Nature Committee currently has seven active members, but we are always looking for more volunteers to help promote our vision and make the Red Cedar Lakes a safe refuge for wildlife.

Shoreline & Island Restoration Committee

Lakeshore Restoration – Wisconsin's Healthy Lakes DNR Grant Program

This is our BEST Wisconsin DNR supported plan available to help property owners improve their properties. I have written about this program several times and once again this fall to promote this program.

To recap, Healthy Lakes is a grant program developed in the summer of 2014 by the Wisconsin DNR to make it easier for property owners to implement water runoff reduction projects and improve fish habitat. It is a modification of the current program, Shoreline Habitat, which will continue to be available for large, complex projects. The new program is more limited in scope and does not require deed restrictions. The intent is to help fund shovel-ready projects that are relatively inexpensive and straight forward. It does ask for a statement that the project will remain in place for at least 10 years. The scope of this new program is to help improve three areas or zones using selected best management practices.

- 1) Shallow in Lake Zone – improve fish habitat. Fish Sticks would be supported.
- 2) Buffer(transition) Zone – along shorelines
 - 350 square foot native planting areas (see photo)
 - Water diversions to slow water runoff
- 3) Upland Zone – manage water runoff from structures and impervious surfaces
 - Rain gardens (see photo)
 - Rock Infiltration/holding ponds

A DNR permit is required for the “Fish Stick” practice but not for the other four. Projects must be completed in two years. Maximum amount of the grant will be 75% of

If you would like to be a part of this great Committee or you would like to join us at our next meeting to learn more about our 2018 activities, please contact Valerie Bausch (Chairperson) at vbausc@yahoo.com.

Valerie Bausch

Nature Committee Chairperson



Photo showing a “native planting” completed project. (Location is south shore of Big Birch Lake.)

the total project cost not to exceed \$1,000 per practice. Additional information about this program can be accessed on the DNR website: <http://tinyurl.com/healthylakes>.

This year grant applications are due December 10th. Projects approved for the 2016-2017 grant period are in their final stages. The approved projects included five rain gardens and one 350 square foot native planting area. One of the rain gardens at the Loch Lomond Beach Club has been changed to a diversion project. I have included a picture of a mature native planting area and a rain garden so that you can see the variety of plants that are available and what they would look like on your property.

Please give me a call if you have any interest in participating in this program.

Island Restoration

The public islands in Red Cedar and Hemlock lakes were inspected in June 2017.



Photo of a rain garden at Pioneer Village in Cameron, WI.

The shorelines of some of the islands show signs of undercutting (see photo) which should be addressed. The plan is to work with the Wisconsin DNR and Barron County to get approval to add erosion fabric and additional rocks along the undercut areas. If approved, the work would be completed during the summer of 2018. The Spring 2017 newsletter will have more details and a request for volunteer help.

Rich Hokanson

Shoreline & Restoration Committee Chairperson



Photo showing an example of "undercutting".

Membership Committee

Here we are saying good-bye to summer. It went by fast as usual. It was a great summer and I hope everyone enjoyed it. Now we move onto fall and winter. We can look forward to some amazing fall colors and cooler, then colder temperatures. One of the joys of living and visiting here is that we can enjoy our lake country year-round.

I want to thank everyone for being members and your generous donations. I encourage you to invite your family, neighbors and friends in become members of RCLA. You do not have to live on a lake to be a member. We all have

the responsibility to protect and preserve this wonderful area we live in – we need to work together to preserve what we have today for generations to come. If you know of anyone interested in becoming a member, please contact me or President Valerie Bausch. Have a safe, warm fall and winter.

LuAnn McCannel

Membership Committee Chairperson

Coupon Book Committee

My name is Jeff Iverson and I am one of the newest members of the ECLA Board. My wife, Penny, will be sharing the workload with me to produce the annual coupon book and we look forward to providing a bigger and better book than ever. This proven fund raiser is so important for funding the vital work of RCLA. The support of the membership has been appreciated in the past and we look forward to your continued support. Penny and I are beginning the plans for the 2018 Coupon Book. We anticipate more coupons than ever. More restaurants have been requested to participate and we will deliver. If you have suggestions for patrons to be included in the coupon book, we welcome your input.

Please feel free to contact me by email or phone with your questions.


Jeff Iverson

Coupon Book Committee Chair

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Water Quality Committee

Greetings Members!

Wow, I never thought a summer could go by so quickly. Sadly, this was the year our docks and boats did not go in until the weekend prior to the 4th of July. Even sadder, I pulled my fishing boat for the season over Labor Day weekend. It's just wrong in many ways!

On a positive and encouraging note, great things are happening with our efforts to partner our Water Quality and AIS teams. Over the next several months these two teams plan to work collaboratively to apply for grant dollars to take our water quality efforts to a new level. As these efforts unfold, it is my hope we will identify how we can better manage water quality by understanding what is coming into our lakes and mitigate unwanted elements. A huge thanks to Tom Goodwin for helping to move this along!

Good information continues to be collected by our water quality monitoring team which will aid us in our joint efforts. Thank you to Terry Pajerski (Balsam), Patty Ricco (Hemlock) and Mark Pagenkopf to help cover Larry Johnson's absence on Red Cedar.

These are the individuals doing the real work!!! As always, this information can be retrieved by going to WI Citizens Lake Monitoring Network <http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/clmn>.

As we are changing our focus, I will not go into detail about what makes up water quality as I have in previous articles. On a closing note, water quality is a very complex issue when we look at the many elements that make up our waters. This becomes even more complex with individual interpretations of what is "quality" water. I am not sure we will ever find a pure answer; however, the work of RCLA and the WI DNR working collaboratively offers greater promise for quality waters than doing nothing at all.

So, more to come and again I owe a huge amount of gratitude to those who have been doing the monitoring and to the AIS team for this opportunity to partner in our efforts.

Enjoy your fall and winter seasons!

David Voller

Water Quality Committee Chairperson

Newsletter/Website Committee

I am one of your new Board members and am honored to serve on the RCLA Board. I love the RCLA lake country and have been impressed with what the RCLA has accomplished. I am committed to continuing to deliver the quality newsletter you have become accustomed to. Please send along any ideas or feedback you have for me on the newsletter.

A goal of your RCLA Board is to improve the RCLA website. The DNR does have some grant monies available for website development so the Board will be exploring that avenue to help fund the improvements. I am looking for help with the website so if you are interested or passionate about making the RCLA website better, please contact me.

Becky Garthofner

Newsletter/Website Committee Chairperson

Answers to Boaters Safety Quiz

(From page 7)

1. False. Anyone born after January 1, 1989 must have completed a boating safety course that is accepted by the Wisconsin DNR.
2. False. As with other motorboats, parental supervision is not a substitute for a boating safety certificate.
3. True.
4. False. Docking lights may not be used while underway as they could be mistaken for or interfere with sidelights and stern or masthead lights.
5. True. It is also illegal to operate a vessel while a person(s) rides or sits on the bow or gunwales while underway.
6. False. A PWC must not be operated faster than 'slow, no wake speed' within 200' of the shoreline and within 100' of any dock, pier, raft, restricted area, or any other vessel.



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PLANT A TREE PROJECT 2018

Once again the Red Cedar Lakes Association will be offering one (1) free tree to RCLA members. Additional trees may be purchased for \$1.00 each. The varieties of trees available this year will include the following:

**Norway Pine, White Pine, Norway Spruce, White Spruce, Red Osier Dogwood,
Red Maple, Northern Red Oak, Highbush Cranberry**

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY DECEMBER 16, 2017. PLEASE USE THE ORDER FORM BELOW. There are some restrictions. If enough orders are not received for a specific species, those trees will not be ordered and substitution will be made.

Tree pick-up will be at the Mikana Township Shop and we will notify you as to date and time. **It is very important to include your name, phone number and/or e-mail on the form so we can contact you.** In the past the distribution has been late April or early May.

If you have any questions, please contact Jane Johnson 715-354-7061 or Debbie Johnson 715-354-3311.

Return form to: Red Cedar Lakes Association
Attn: Tree Planting Project
P.O. Box 2148
Mikana, WI 54857

NAME OF RCLA MEMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

NAME OF FREE TREE: _____ (ONE free tree per household)

ADDITIONAL TREES: \$1.00 EACH – PLEASE INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH ORDER:

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Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

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