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## MICHIGAN LAKES & STREAMS ASSOCIATION

Conference at Crystal Lake was Amazing! I, Jane Harvey, new president of CLRA, had the opportunity to attend this conference and it was fantastic! All of the issues and challenges lakes in Michigan are facing were being presented in seminars or discussed by groups every waking moment. So much interesting and slightly overwhelming information!

Thought we were finished with the zebra mussels? Be prepared for a comeback. But a new and zebra mussel specific bacterium is being developed in Michigan that will hopefully stop them permanently.

Have you seen a lovely black and white duck called the Common Merganser? If you do see any on our lake, invite them to leave, immediately. They are the most popular hosts of a parasitic flatworm, which causes swimmers itch.



**Michigan's Aquatic Invasive Plant Watch List**  
 Aquatic invasive species on the watch list have been identified as being an immediate and significant threat to Michigan's natural resources. These species either have never been confirmed in the wild in Michigan or have a limited known distribution. Early detection and timely reporting are crucial for preventing establishment and limiting impacts. For more information on these plants, visit: [www.msu.edu](http://www.msu.edu)

*Be on the lookout for these invasive plants!*

 Yellow Floating Heart <i>Najas peltata</i>	 Water Chestnut <i>Tropaeolum</i>	 Parrot Feather Watermilfoil <i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	 Water Soldier <i>Stratiotes aloides</i>	 Hydrilla spines <i>verticillata</i>
 Brazilian Elodea <i>Egeria densa</i>	 European Frogbit <i>Hydrocharis morsicraura</i>	 Water Lettuce <i>Pistia stratiotes</i>	 Water Hyacinth <i>Eichhornia crassipes</i>	 European Water Clover <i>Wolffia quadrifida</i>

We also have more invasive plants headed our way, but with the tireless, committed, inspiring ML&SA, especially it's President, our neighbor, Dick Morey, leading us, we will deal with these challenges. It was a huge privilege to go to this meeting and I highly recommend it to anyone interested in learning about Michigan lakes. Thank you, CLRA for sending me.

## THERE IS MONEY IN THE S.A.D. FOR 2017 WEED CONTROL

There are new and interesting weed eradication systems, which the weed committee is researching. We will have presentations about them at the spring general meeting. Our Special Assessment District needs to be renewed but we will hopefully be able to do that with minimal fees and labor thanks to all the hard work done by those who set it up six years ago.

## ♠️♥️ NOT CLRA SPONSORED BUT SUPER FUN DEWEY POKER RUN! ♦️♣️

Thanks to Don and Carol Dewey, Cedar Lake will enjoy a Poker Run on Saturday, Aug. 5th; rain date Sunday, Aug. 6th. Tickets will be sold in the Dewey driveway Sat. Aug. 5th, 11AM to 1PM and the Run will be from 2 to 5PM. Please start at 2PM as the run takes the full three hours to complete. Don will give out invitations and instructions closer to the date. Want to show off your special party style? Call Don at 269-646-2090 to host a dock poker stop. Thank you Deweys!



SUMMER 2017



## Cedar Notes

Hi, I am Jane Harvey from Becker Beach, Area 5 and I am humbled and thrilled to be your new CLRA pres.

I first need to thank all those folks who have been so supportive and helpful, particularly, Jim Hosbein.

If you have any questions or advise, please call me at this number 727-776-1361. If you have any photos, stories, issues or Lost and Found items you would like to see in the next newsletter, email janemharvey@yahoo.com or call that number.

If you have any complaints, call my brother Jim at ... (just kidding, bro), same number as above.

Many thanks to Larry Wolfrum for our website, [www.cedarlakera.org](http://www.cedarlakera.org). Go there to find water quality test results, old newsletters, links to DNR and state of Michigan and lots more.

Apollo Marine now has **ethanol-free recreational gasoline**. Call 269-423-6011 for price.

### Lost and Found

**Lost** - small 4 ft grey and green blow-up boat with BEN'S BOAT written on side. Young boy missing his boat. If found, please call Lennons at 708-599-3752.

**Lost** - GoPro with orange flotation devise. Please call Andrews at 616-893-8394.

## NEED A BIGGER PARTY LOCATION?

The Porter Township Hall is available for residents of the township to rent. A \$100.00 deposit is required to confirm your date and is refunded upon completion of your event as long as the hall is cleaned properly and there are no damages. There is a \$75.00 non-refundable rental fee. Absolutely no alcohol or tobacco or vaping products are to be used on the premises. Renters are responsible for cleaning the hall (vacuuming, mopping, taking out the trash, etc.) Hall address is 88040 M-40, Lawton, MI 49065 Telephone Laura Packer 269-762-2671.



Lookout turtles, he's back!!

## NEIGHBORS BE ALERT!!

In November, 6 cottages that were closed for the winter, were broken into. It was reported that people posing as census workers had gone through neighborhoods asking questions about when homes were occupied. Unfortunately, we may need to use some "Stranger Danger" caution and be nosy neighbors, asking for ID before giving any info. The sheriff department has a new website, [www.vbcsheriff.com](http://www.vbcsheriff.com) They offer a service to watch unoccupied properties. Go to the "services" tab at the top and click "house watch". Motion detector lights are a great idea for year round use. They are a much better deterrent than lights constantly on and are also great for limiting light pollution, which is much appreciated by stargazers all around the lake.



Harvey girls floating with noodle friends.

## CEDAR LAKE IS HIGH

Such a high water level is exciting but also concerning, though the drain commissioner says it is not above the legal limit and the drain is working fine. We do need to use special care about boat wakes and beach activities. It would be great, if boats using bladders and pulling surfers, could stay close to the center of the lake. If we are careful about burning and using pesticide and fertilizer near the water, we will keep our water quality looking good. With the level so high, this is the perfect time to use lake water to irrigate lawns. Nutrients in the water will make lawns thrive and letting grass absorb the nitrogen, phosphorus etc. will reduce the nutrient concentration in the lake. A real win/win! MSU Extension recommends light, frequent watering, 15 to 20 minutes per day or every other day 30 to 40 minutes between 12 noon and 4PM. This will keep the grass resistant to disease and pests. They say to keep it 3 inches long as this supports deep roots and shades out crab grass and weeds. Leaving the cut grass on top as mulch can reduce the need for fertilizer by 30%. The MSU Extension in Paw Paw sells a soil test kit for \$25.00 that will show whether your lawn needs any nutrients. Their address is 219 E Paw Paw St. Hours are 8 to 12PM and 1 to 5PM. Telephone 269-657-8213. Many natural vegetation buffer strips are under water now, so using extra care about lawn chemicals is vital. If fertilizer must be used, please use slow release and keep it well away (10 feet) from the lakeshore. One pound of phosphorus could support 775 pounds of algae growth! Please use sparingly as excess fertilizer can move past the root zone and contaminate drinking water too. Petrochemical herbicides and pesticides are toxic to lakes, pets and people.

## PLEASE WAIT TO PRUNE OAK TREES

Oak wilt is an incurable fungal disease spread by sap feeding bugs. As temperatures climb into the 50's in March or April, the fungus spores begin budding and beetles take them from dead or dying oaks to wounds in healthy trees. Any bark puncture is a possible point of entry. Red oak is the most susceptible and dies within a few weeks. Black and pin oak last longer and white oak is the most resistant. It may be OK to trim at the end of July, but it is safer to wait until fall.



# HAVE BOATING FUN SAFELY

## Do you need Michigan Boating education?

You need education if you were born after June 30, 1996, and will be operating a vessel in Michigan.

- Most PWC operators also need education.
- There is no minimum age requirement to take this online course.
- You do not have to be a resident of Michigan to take this online course.

## Age and Operator Restrictions

Persons **less than 12 years of age:**

- May operate a boat powered by a motor of no more than 6 hp legally without restrictions.
- May operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 hp but no more than 35 hp legally **only** if they:
  - Have been issued a boating safety certificate and have it on board the boat **and...**
  - Are directly supervised on board by a person at least 16 years of age.
  - May not operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 35 hp legally under any conditions.

**Those born on or after July 1, 1996,** may operate a boat legally only if they have been issued a boating safety certificate and have it on board the boat.

**Those born before July 1, 1996,** may operate a boat legally without restrictions.

## Personal Watercraft

Those **less than 14 years of age** may not legally operate a PWC.

Those **14 and 15 years of age** may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate **and...**

- He or she is accompanied on board by his or her parent or legal guardian or by a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian **or...**
- He or she is operating or riding the PWC at a distance of not more than 100 feet from his or her parent or legal guardian or from a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian.

Those **at least 16 years of age** and born after December 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate.

Those **born on or before December 31, 1978,** may operate a PWC legally without restrictions.

## Enforcement

Michigan law enforcement officers patrol the waterways to make your boating experience safe and pleasant. Cooperate with them by following the laws and guidelines.

**Carry the Card:** Vessel operators who are required to have a Boater Education Card must carry the card on board the vessel and have it available for inspection by an enforcement officer.

**Penalty:** Not carrying your Boater Education Card when one is required can result in a fine.

The Michigan Boat Ed Course is online and will work on any mobile device as well as on your computer. The \$29.50 cost is credit card payable and on a secure server. The course takes about 3 hours excluding quizzes and exams, is at your own pace and gives unlimited attempts to pass.

# 4TH OF JULY PARADES

Cedar Lake's boat parades will be on Sunday, July 2nd with a rain date of Monday, July 3rd. Daytime decorated parade begins at 11:00 AM with non-sanctioned water play happening after and in the middle of the lake. Our exciting lighted boat parade will begin at 8:00 PM.



The Morse family Lighting Up the Night 2016!

Both parades will start in front of Hokanson's, at the western end of the lake. Our new V.P., Mark Hokanson, is kindly donating a new traveling trophy, which will be awarded to a boat in the 8 PM parade. The theme is patriotic. Congratulations again to the Morse Family for their 2016 prize winning entry!

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