



## NEWS & HAPPENINGS

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SPRING-SUMMER 2016



*That peaceful,  
easy feeling of sunset at  
Cedar Lake*

SPRING MEETING • PORTER TOWNSHIP HALL • SAT. JUNE 11, 9 AM

## 4TH OF JULY FESTIVITIES

The boat parade will be Saturday July 2 with Sunday as the rain date. We will hold it again at night but will start a half hour earlier so that we complete the trip around the lake before it's completely dark. The theme is "Light up the Sky", decorate your boat in patriotic colors and stay out to watch the local fireworks! Prize will be given to the boat with the best decorations.

CLRA does not sponsor the informal water fight. We ask those that do participate, do NOT throw any water balloons. This is detrimental to our beautiful lake.

**CLEAN WATER FIGHT =  
NO WATER BALLOONS**



Nice-looking bass Rob Bucher!!

## POKER RUN

Don & Carol Dewey have tentatively scheduled the poker run for Saturday August 27. This is not a CLRA sponsored event but a great time to get to know your lake residents.



## WHERE DO YOUR DUES GO?

- New residents' gift
- Memorials for deceased lake residents
- Phone directory
- Riparian magazine
- Permit for events like Clean boats
- Newsletter
- Insurance
- Coffee & treats for CLRA meetings
- ML&S Conference



## Cedar Notes

Looking for new officers! The past two years of being president have flown by. I have met so many more people on the lake since becoming more involved. We have had many wonderful people step up the past year and I hope you will consider doing this.

New Cedar Lake Directory is coming! Area reps will be delivering soon. A big thank you to Barb and Larry Wolfrum for updating the directory. Volunteers make this lake great!

We still have 5 Cedar Lake History books! This book is a historical account of our wonderful lake with many beautiful, funny, personal and heartfelt stories, a treasure for all generations. Get yours before they are all gone, they make great gifts!

Don't forget to look at our website at [www.cedarlakera.org](http://www.cedarlakera.org). Thanks to Larry Wolfrum, it is chockful of information including water quality test results, old newsletters, fish stocking information, links to DNR, state of Michigan and much more.

Do you have any good news or photos you want to share that pertains to our lake or residents? Please contact Kathy Potts at: [K\\_M\\_Potts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:K_M_Potts@sbcglobal.net)

We are saddened to report the loss of Cedar Lake residents **Kirk Mitchell, Pete Sjoerdsma, Dick Beach, Ted Ferris & Ralph Dykehouse.** Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families. They will be missed.

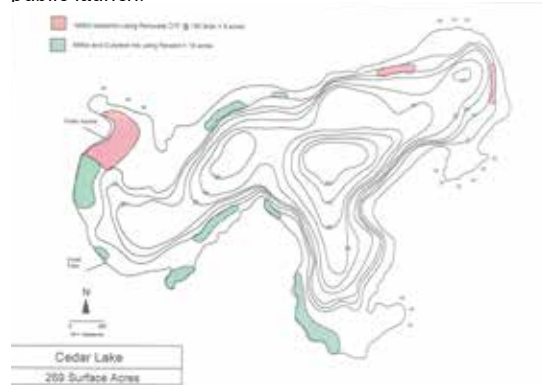
# PLM LAKE & MANAGEMENT NOTICE

**Don't throw it out!** Everyone should have received in the MAIL (yes, real mail) a notice from PLM NOTICE 2016. This lists all the weeks (not specific day) that PLM will be on our lake. They are also listed on our website. Here are some of the dates:

Water Quality 4/4 • Survey 5/9 • Weed & Algae Treatment 5/31 • Weed & Algae Treatment & E. coli 6/20

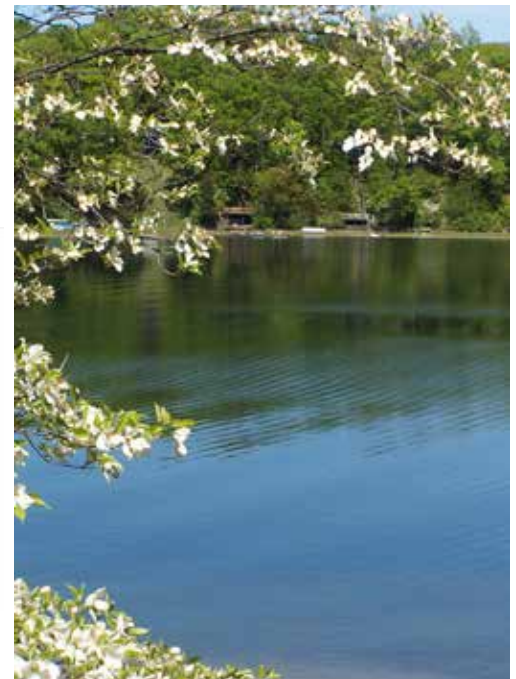
## WATER QUALITY

The initial inspection by PLM on May 11th showed excessive Eurasian watermilfoil and curlyleaf pondweed. The heaviest growth was found near the public launch.



On the bright side – Cedar Lake clarity continues to improve. Dave Mason performed Secchi disk May

19th and could see 32' 5"! He remembers it being that clear in the late 70's when he used to help his dad check water quality. Check out our website for full quality reports.



## WHAT IS AN INVASIVE SPECIES?

An invasive species is one that is *not native* and whose introduction *causes harm*, or is likely to cause harm to Michigan's economy, environment, or human health.

How do they get here and spread? Invasive plants and zebra mussel larvae can spread by boats and trailers that visit multiple lakes. That is why state of Michigan reminds all boaters to Clean, Drain and Dry boats, trailers and gear to prevent moving aquatic invasive species and fish diseases. It is illegal to place a boat,



Paige Wolff shows us how water skiing is done!

boating equipment, or boat trailer in the water in Michigan if the boat, equipment or trailer has an aquatic plant attached. Some plants like Eurasian watermilfoil can reproduce by just a broken piece of a plant.

Another way invasive species and diseases are introduced into our lake is by dumping bait. Michigan Fish Disease Control Order prohibits moving many fish and baitfish species from one body of water to another. Bait should be disposed of on land or in the trash.

There is a wealth of information located at <http://www.michigan.gov/invasives>. You can also report invasive species there.





Lake Association President Kathy Potts and family getting their SKI on!

## BOATER COURTESY AND TIPS

Michigan Lake and Stream Associations has been getting many emails and calls from lakefront property owners concerning damage to docks, moored boats and shoreline. State of Michigan has not enacted any law. We ask boaters follow the ML&SA guidelines to not operate wake boats close to sandy areas, wetlands or lakefront residences and to avoid tight circles which increase the wave height and frequency.

As summer approaches, it's a good idea to re-fresh boating rules. Boat should go around in a counter clockwise circle. Towing people on water-skis, surfboards or any other towable device is allowed one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset, unless behind a PWC They can only tow people until sunset. These rules can be found at: <https://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/handbook/page/46/Chapter-8-Specifically-for-Skiing/>

Boating Safety Classes and Certificate are available at <https://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/> You can take the online class for free. You only pay \$29.50 to take the test.

**Nighttime Navigation –**  
Do you know what they mean?

**Sidelights:** These red and green lights are called sidelights (also called combination lights) because they are visible to another vessel approaching from the side or head-on. The red light indicates a vessel's port (left) side; the green indicates a vessel's starboard (right) side.

**Sternlight:** This white light is seen from behind a vessel.

**Masthead Light:** This white light shines forward and to both sides and is required on all power-driven vessels. A masthead light must be displayed by all

**ARE YOU BOAT~READY?**

- Are your boats including electric & inflatable vessels registered?
- Do you have your registration card with certification of number & validation decals ON THE BOAT?
- Do you have a fire extinguisher?  
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vessels when under engine power. The absence of this light indicates a sailboat under sail.

**All-Round White Light:** On power-driven vessels less than 39.4 feet in length, this light may be used to combine a masthead light and sternlight into a single white light that can be seen by other vessels from any direction. This light serves as an anchor light when sidelights are extinguished. Even non motorized boats, kayaks, etc must have at least one lantern or flashlight shining a white light.

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