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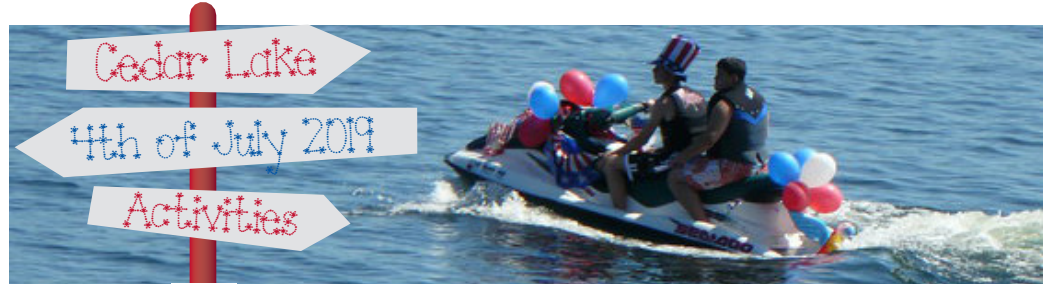
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**SPRING-SUMMER 2019**



**BOAT PARADES:** We will parade on Saturday, July 6th, at 11:00am and the lighted boat parade will start at 9:00pm. Rain date is Sunday, July 7th at 1pm. The Not sanctioned by CLRA water fight will happen in the middle of the lake, immediately after the 11:00am parade makes a full loop around the lake. In case of rain, it would also follow the 1pm parade on Sunday. The themes for both parades will be Game of Thrones or Stars and Stripes.

Vice President, Joe Weist, will be the 2019 Grand Marshall and will lead the parades from his dock at Becker Beach, Area 5. There will be travelling trophies for the top three entries of the 9:00pm parade and Apollo Bucks. Congratulations to the 2018 winners, 1st prize, the fabulous Picnic Table boat, Amanda and Sean Adams; 2nd Great Team Spirit, Mary Chaps and Patti Kane and 3rd Patriotic Meisling Family boat. Grand Marshall and will lead the parades from his dock at Becker Beach, Area 5. There will be travelling trophies for the top three entries of the 9:00pm parade and possibly Apollo Bucks. Congratulations to the 2018 winners, 1st prize the fabulous Picnic Table boat, 2nd Great Team Spirit, Mary Chaps and Patti Kane, 3rd Meisling Family boat.



**NEIGHBOR ALERT!** In late fall, a garage on Becker Beach, Area 5, was burglarized with tools & generators stolen. Unfortunately, we should probably remain vigilant about keeping buildings locked up especially when fewer neighbors are around to keep watch.

**LADIES LUNCHEON GROUP**



The Cedar Lake Ladies Luncheon group, expertly coordinated by Karen Reoch, had a good 2018 summer of food and friendship at six restaurants ranging from the historical Idler in South Haven to the new, trendy 600 Kitchen in Kalamazoo. One guy was also invited, though his conversation was limited and his napping was encouraged, but we think Trevie Henry, 2 months old, enjoyed himself. Many thanks to Karen and here's to fun 2019 Luncheons!



**NON-CLRA SPONSORED BUT SUPER FUN  
2019 DEWEY POKER RUN!**

Thanks to Don and Carol Dewey, Cedar Lake will enjoy a Poker Run on Saturday, Aug. 3rd; rain date Sunday, Aug. 4th. 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. Pot Luck party and prize distribution to follow at a "to be announced" location. 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!





# Cedar Notes

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

I want to acknowledge the board officers who have retired and thank them for their service: Mark Hokanson, Jerry Gilchrist and Anne Meisling, also Area 6 rep Lisa Bucher. It was wonderful working with you.

I also want to thank our new officers for volunteering: Joe Weist, VP, Barb Walters, Secretary and especially Chris Onderlinde, who agreed to become Treasurer, a position we were desperate to fill. We need a new rep for Area 6, so if anyone is interested, please call!

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 or text that number.

Many thanks to Larry Wolfrum for our website, www.cedarlakera.org. Go there to find water quality test results, old newsletters, links to DNR and state of Michigan & now our new Lake Study.

## Lost & Found

**Lost** - Blue paddleboat.  
Please call Tina at 269-330-3788

**Found** - Wood raft with blue barrels.0

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

We are saddened to report the loss of Cedar Lake residents

**Kirby Steil  
John Catalino &  
Mike Sweeney**  
(Pat Mason's Husband)

Also deep condolences go to residents Larry & Leah Mason and their family for the tragic loss of their grandson

**Matt Mason**

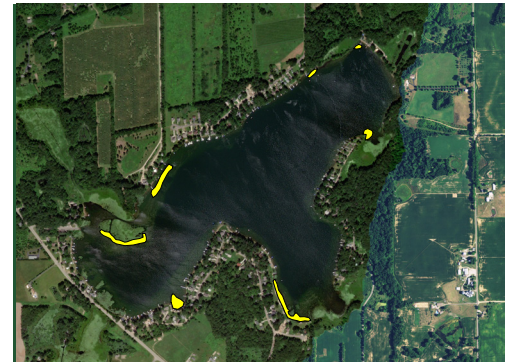
Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families. They will be missed.

## CAN WE BE WINNING THE WAR AGAINST INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANTS?

That may be a bit optimistic, but here are the stats. In 2016, PLM, the chemical herbicide company we have used for years, spot-treated 8 acres of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) with Renovate OTF and using Reward, spot-treated 15 acres of EWM growing with curlyleaf pondweed. In 2018, Andy, our very conscientious PLM rep, found only 9 acres of EWM and curlyleaf combined. These were spot-treated with Diquat at a cost of \$3,300, paid by our Special Assessment District for aquatic invasives.

At the June 2018 CLRA meeting, members voted to allocate \$1800 toward a test of the DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvest) method of weed eradication. Due to permit delays and growing popularity of the DASH system, the only time a DASH crew could squeeze in our job, was with no prior notice on a Saturday in early August. It's loud pumps made the DASH boat an unwelcome guest near a BBQ some Graham Cove neighbors were having and it was soon invited to leave, which it did. The boat moved to the second permitted location, at the northern end of Cornish Plat, where it worked without issues. About 1200 lbs. of wet weeds were bagged and taken to a field away from any water source and used as fertilizer. The Cornish Plat area looks quite clear of EWM, but not so the Graham Cove site. Hopefully, that area will have another test soon, on a weekday only.

Cedar Lake's first in-depth lake study and management plan was done by Restorative Lake Sciences Company and published in February of 2018. The study is very informative, interesting and it's findings impact all property owners on the lake. It can be found on our website, cedarlakera.org, under the heading Water Quality and then Lake Survey. It shows that Cedar has three deep basins and contains about 7,500 acre/feet of water. Fun fact - one acre/foot equals about 326,000 gallons.



Cedar EWM map 9/2018

This makes our entire invasive plant biomass a very small percentage of the water volume, which is one reason why the RLS study and Andy, from PLM, both suggest continued spot treating as opposed to the much more expensive, and for Cedar, less effective, whole lake Sonar treatment.

The RLS study shows a few spots around the lake with emergent invasive Purple Loosestrife and worse, non-native Phragmites. This year, with the water as high as it is, Andy from PLM, should be able to treat these stands chemically, when they flower in August.

**Please don't kill us with bread !**



**Bread is actually a danger to us ducks and other water birds**

It causes Angel Wing which can make our feathers grow too quickly. This strains our muscles and can stop us flying.



**Our friends the swans develop fatal gut and heart disease**

**Bread is bad for our water environment. It rots, and pollutes the water.**

This allows bacteria to grow and encourages rats. It causes algal bloom which gets into our lungs and kill us birds.

**If you want to feed us We like lettuce, peas and sweetcorn**

www.fhbp.org.uk DKL 2018



The noisy but effective DASH boat!



**WAKE RESPONSIBLY**

- 1 Stay at least 200 feet away** from the shoreline, docks, or other structures.
- 2 Keep music at reasonable levels.** Sound travels well over water. If it's loud enough to hear at 80 feet back, it is likely loud enough for homeowners to hear, too.
- 3 Minimize repetitive passes** on any one portion of shoreline. Once you've run the same line for a while, move on to another area.

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR WAKE**

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## WHO MAY OPERATE A BOAT

Those less than 12 years of age:

- may legally operate a boat powered by a motor of no more than 6 horsepower (hp) without restrictions.
- may legally operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 hp, but no more than 35 hp, only if they:
  - have been issued a boating safety certificate and have it on board; and
  - are directly supervised on board by a person at least 16 years of age.
- may not legally 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 legally operate a boat only if they have been issued a boating safety certificate and have it on board.

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

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## WHO MAY OPERATE A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

Those less than 14 years of age may not legally operate a personal watercraft (PWC) (ie. jet ski, wave runner).

Those 14 and 15 years of age may legally operate a PWC if they have obtained a boating safety certificate; and is:

- accompanied on board by their parent, legal guardian or by a person who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian and is at least 21 years of age; or
- operating or riding the PWC at a distance of not more than 100 feet from their parent, legal guardian or by a person who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian and is at least 21 years of age.

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

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

PWCs must maintain a distance of 200 ft from the shoreline and 150 ft. behind another vessel other than a PWC.

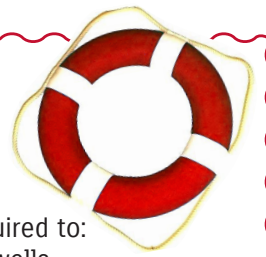


Bladder boats please stay in the middle of the lake and be sensitive to the effect your wake has on your neighbor's property. Thank you!





## NEW BOAT LAWS



It is illegal to place a boat, boating equipment, or boat trailer in the water in Michigan if the boat, equipment or trailer has an aquatic organism attached, including plants.

- Before transporting any watercraft over land, boaters are required to:
  - Remove all drain plugs from bilges, ballast tanks and live wells.
  - Drain all water from live wells and bilges.
  - Ensure the watercraft, trailer and all conveyances are free of aquatic organisms, including plants.

Violation of the law is a state civil infraction. Violators may be subject to fines. Find out more about this law and penalties

Don't Dump Bait:

- Dispose of bait on land or in the trash to stop the spread of invasive species and fish disease.
  - It is illegal to release baitfish into any waters of the state
  - Baitfish or cut bait may be used only in the waters where it was caught.
  - Fish may be released only in the waters where they were caught.

Violation of the law is a state civil infraction. Violators may be subject to fines.



## BOAT RULES REVIEW

Traffic must flow **counter clockwise** around the lake.

Any boat 16' to 26', while underway, must have enough Personal Flotation Devices, (PFD) (Type I, II or III) for all aboard, a bell, whistle or horn, a Type B 1 fire extinguisher, and a Type IV throwable device. PFDs must be the proper size to fit each person on board or being towed.

Children under 6 years of age must wear a USCG approved PFD while a vessel is underway.

Any person riding on a Personal Water Craft, (PWC) or being towed behind

any vessel or PWC, **MUST** wear a USCG approved PFD, (Type I,II, or III).

A boat can tow skiers, wakeboards, surfboards, tubes, kites etc., from **one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset**.

A PWC can tow skiers, wakeboards, surfboards, tubes, kites, etc, from **8 AM to sunset**.

Alcohol and open containers are allowed on vessels but the legal limit for drinking and driving a boat or PWC is a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of **0.08% g/dL**. This applies to any boat, including a canoe, kayak, or rowboat. Operating a boat under the influence of alcohol is a federal offense.

## NEW MARIJUANA LAWS

It is **NOT** legal to drive any vessel while high. It is NOT allowed to smoke marijuana out in the open in a public space, such as on a lake. Marijuana can be smoked on a boat in private quarters such as an indoor area or a lower deck. If smoking marijuana is visible to other boaters or authorities, it is illegal.



## Pina Colada Cheesecake

### INGREDIENTS:

15 shortbread cookies, crushed  
1 cup sweetened shredded coconut, toasted  
3 tablespoons butter, melted

### FILLING:

3 packages (8 oz each) reduced-fat cream cheese  
3/4 cup sugar  
3/4 cup cream of coconut  
3 tablespoons 2% milk  
3/4 teaspoon rum extract  
3 eggs, lightly beaten

### TOPPING:

1/2 fresh pineapple, peeled and cored  
3 tablespoons apple jelly

### DIRECTIONS:

Place a greased 9-in. springform pan on a double thickness of heavy-duty foil (about 18 in. square). Securely wrap foil around pan.

In a small bowl, combine cookie crumbs and coconut; stir in butter. Press onto the bottom of prepared pan. Place pan on a baking sheet. Bake at 325° for 8-10 minutes or until set and lightly browned. Cool on a wire rack.


In a large bowl, beat cream cheese & sugar until smooth. Beat in the cream of coconut, milk and extract. Add eggs; beat on low speed just until combined. Pour over crust. Place springform pan in a large baking pan; add 1 in. of hot water to larger pan. Bake at 325° for 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 hours or until center is just set and top appears dull. Remove springform pan from water bath. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Carefully run a knife around edge of pan to loosen; cool 1 hour longer. Refrigerate overnight. Thinly slice pineapple; arrange on cheesecake. Warm apple jelly; brush over pineapple. Refrigerate until chilled.



## DOESN'T IT SEEM LIKE HIGH WATER SHOULD BE OLD NEWS?

The stick gauge near M-40 shows that the lake level is 1 ½ tenths of a foot lower than it was at this time last year, but it is still 4 tenths of a foot above the legal lake level of 893.4 feet surface elevation. So what happened, again? Lots of rain! Spring melt and rain raised the lake and pulled things from higher off the shores. Many of those things found their way to the 24" pipe between Big and Little Cedar and plugged it. County drain commissioner, Joe Parman and county engineer, Peter Van Dop, worked in the icy water with shovels and potato hooks to clean the tube but a few times, it couldn't be cleared. Then MDOT needed to be called because M-40 is a state road and not under county jurisdiction. MDOT had to get an OK from the DEQ to jet out the clog. By the time the red tape was untangled, Little Cedar was 18" lower than Big Cedar. Boards, brush and bags get sucked in and stuck when the water runs fast. In early April, this happened twice in one week! The MDOT South Haven garage crew would like, never again, to don their waders and muck out our M-40 pipe in freezing rain. They say there is a 3 year plan being considered that might include a fence type barrier to keep debris away from the pipe mouth and/or to replace the 24' pipe with a much larger one. Joe Parman and Peter Van Dop continue to check the pipe and it is flowing well now. Some luck and less rain should bring us to a more manageable lake level soon.

Meanwhile, there are ways to deal with erosion problems caused by high water and soon to be exacerbated by boat wakes. Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership (MNSP) can help. The National Lakes Assessment shows that Michigan lakes are losing too much natural vegetation. How shoreline areas are managed determine lake health. Natural vegetation helps protect shorelines from erosion, provides food, homes and refuge for wildlife and fish and filters pollutants. Michigan Shoreland Stewards is an online, interesting, informative and important program that can help protect property and our beautiful Cedar Lake. Please check it out and maybe earn a great recognition sign, as well.



**Look for 0 in the middle!**

### PLEASE BE CAREFUL WITH HERBICIDES, PESTICIDES AND FERTILIZERS

Michigan law bans the use of fertilizers with phosphorus on established lawns unless a recent soil test shows a need for it, (soil in this area rarely does). If you must fertilize, slow release fertilizer should be used and needs only be applied once in a growing season. Law does not allow fertilizer application on water saturated soil and a minimum 3 foot application setback from standing water is required.

Better yet, skip the fertilizer and irrigate with lake water. In September 2017, total phosphorus levels in the water at the bottom of the deep basins of Cedar ranged from 0.031 to 0.100 mg/l. Lakes with phosphorus of more than 0.020mg/l are considered eutrophic or nutritionally enriched. Grass would benefit from the phosphorus in lake water and Cedar would benefit from reducing it's phosphorus levels. A nice win-win!

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The Harvey cottage on Becker Beach was blessed to receive our family's first set of twins when Carielle Henry brought home, after a July 28 natural birth at Bronson hospital, her son, Trevie Ray Henry, 7# 1oz. and her daughter, Twylla Marie Jo Henry, 6# 4oz. They are now beautiful, busy and big and have their grandmother, Jane Harvey, completely besotted.

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