



CLCS News

FALL 2015

The Copake Lake Conservation Society endeavors to protect the quality of the Copake Lake watershed, preserve the ecological balance, and promote safe recreational use of the lake.

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President's Message

Whether it is sunrise, sunset, a crisp blue sky, moonlit sky, or a starlit sky on Copake Lake, there is a sense of wondrous grandeur and serenity that our lake promotes within us. Many of us share these moments in time with family members, friends, or even in solitude. Being at the lake brings many blessings of nature to each of us. With the natural beauty of our lake, we seek enjoyment, be it swimming, fishing, boating, water skiing, tubing, or just hanging out. However, we do not want to be troubled with unjust acts of unsafe boating. It is our responsibility to inspire safe boating practices amongst our friends, family and new homeowners. The Sheriff's Department patrols our waters on various days throughout the summer season, by boat or personal water craft. If you see something that is unlawful, do not take matters into your own hands. Reach out to the Columbia County Sheriff's Department at 518-828-3344. Obviously if there is an accident, please call 911 immediately.

2015 was a challenging season with low lake levels, weeds and algae. Mother Nature certainly let us know who is in charge. The Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) continuously consults with our limnologist, Dr. George Knoecklein. Throughout the year George monitors the lake's condition, guiding us on the best practices to follow. In the fall of 2014, the Lake Management Committee (LMC) elected to use Sonar™ pellet treatments during the 2015 weed management season. The Sonar treatment does not require any lake use restrictions, such as limiting boating, swimming, or fishing, as the slow release chemical targeted the root system of the weeds. Under the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYSDEC) guidelines, the Sonar™ was applied in four treatments by Aquatic Control Technology, Inc. Unfortunately, NYSDEC issued our weed treatment permit later in the season than usual. This delayed the first application. The treatment did not work as expected. In July, 'stringy pond weed' became quite a nuisance. Our LMC sprung into action. A weed harvester was brought in to cut back the 'stringy pond weeds'. Doug Ziegler hauled the weeds to vacant land away from the

lake which was donated by Maria DiSalvo. CLCS hired two local landscaping teams. Andrew Howard, AMH Landscaping, and Frank Clegg Landscaping, removed floating weeds along our impacted shoreline. In addition, homeowners were asked to participate in removing weeds around their docks. Many thanks and much appreciation goes to our lake community for all its endeavors, patience and heartfelt concerns during the challenging 2015 season. Also, thank you to those who helped orchestrate the steps needed deal with this unforeseen event.

The LMC will be meeting this fall with Dr. George Knoecklein and Marc Bellaud from Aquatic Control Technology, Inc. to plan for the upcoming 2016 season. As always, the CLCS plans are to implement the ultimate balance of what is right for our lake's health, as well as for the community.

Please look to our website for a new and evolving Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section. We hope this will provide more insight into understanding the complexity of caring for and enjoying Copake Lake throughout the year.

Wishing you and yours a blessed and healthy winter season.

Debra Ruggieri



Lake Survey Crew 9/25/2015, Hillary Kenyon, Sabrina Perkins, George Knoecklein, Marc Bellaud, and guest crew member, Muffin Sinisi. Photo by Buddy Sinisi.

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The Nominating Committee is responsible for producing a slate of candidates for the election of trustees, and a slate of candidates for the Officers of the Corporation.

Joyce Craw*	Jed Luchow
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Join any of the committees listed above or consider applying to join the Board of Trustees. It's a great way to meet new people and help your lake community. Go to info@copakelakecs.org to let us know of your interest.

CLCS Contributors (AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2015)

Every effort is made to keep the membership list up to date. We apologize for any errors. If you have contributed and your name does not appear on the list, please email us at www.copakelakecs.org

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Fall Membership 2015

Here's to another amazing summer season on Copake Lake despite some of Mother Nature's challenges. Our time passes quickly through those incredible summer months. Before we know it, the fall and winter seasons quickly bring the year to a close. 2015 is nearing that closure.

Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) is grateful for the continued support of our current membership and we look forward to bringing new members on board. Our lake community is approximately 520 families of which half are CLCS members. Encouraging your neighbors to become members of CLCS can only assist in building a stronger Copake Lake community.

Being a member is an unwavering step towards the sustainability in the preservation of our glorious lake. A minimum of a \$100, tax deductible, contribution (for an individual or a family) will qualify you to become a member of CLCS. Membership entitles you to vote for CLCS trustees and to participate in any of the CLCS committees (see page 2 of this newsletter). We urge all of you who have not yet joined CLCS to take a moment and mail in your donations using the enclosed envelope. Another option is to go to our website www.copakelakecs.org to make your 2015 membership donation. The membership year is January 1-December 31, 2015.

Your donations and participation in our annual fundraising activities really does make a difference. Each one of you helps to make Copake Lake a personal treasure year after year.

Debra Ruggieri

Membership Chairperson

SPECIAL THANKS

to Russ Funk of RHF Enterprises (DBA Copake Lake Boat & Ski Marina) for donating the use of a boat during the spring, summer, and fall to Dr. George Knoecklein, a limnologist who is our lake management consultant. Dr. Knoecklein uses the boat for the better part of a full day sampling, measuring, and observing the ecology of Copake Lake.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

PLAN TO ATTEND OUR
ANNUAL MEETING/OPEN
HOUSE TO LEARN WHAT IS
GOING ON WITH YOUR LAKE!

**Come meet your neighbors
and hear about the CLCS!**

Saturday, July 9, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

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9:30 am
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residents of the Copake Lake
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◀ Columbia County Sheriff's
Department, Copake Lake
September 6, 2015. Photo by
Colleen Closson.

July 4, 2015 Boat Parade

Patriotism and creativity were abounding on Copake Lake for the annual 4th of July boat parade. Inclement weather couldn't dampen the spirits of 15 boat entries that included pontoon boats and motor boats decorated for the day. The judges were last year's winners from the "Eagles Nest". In a long deliberation Doug Lyon and his crew ultimately decided the overall winner was a pontoon boat called "Support our Troops". The captain on board was Steven Chickery along with Denise Chickery, Becky and Tom Kacherski, Gerry and John Keelyn, and Ross Mauri. The boat honored our troops and was decked out in full camouflage with proper salutes. They now hold the trophy and a bottle of champagne as the 2015 prize winners. Congratulations!

Closely challenging first place was the blue power boat entered by Kathy Gleeson and Beth Feeney, who were accompanied by singers bellowing "God Bless America". They were the winners of a \$50 gift certificate donated by Steven Chickery for The Greens. The judges gave honorable mention to the pontoon boat showcasing the women's soccer team entered by The Peluso Family. They were the winners of a \$50 gift certificate donated by Russ Funk, Copake Lake Boat & Ski.

We look forward to the crew aboard the "Support Our Troops" as the judges of the July 4, 2016 (Monday) Boat Parade along with plenty of sunshine on Copake Lake. See you there for a 1:00 p.m. departure from Southwest Colony. Here's to America's Independence Day!

Steven Chickery, Doug Lyon, and Debra Ruggieri



*"Support Our Troops" 2015 4th of July Trophy Winners.
Photo by Danny Cohen.*

Annual CLCS Shoreline Clean Up Day

Copake Lake Conservation Society's (CLCS) annual shoreline clean up day was held on Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 9:00 am-12:00 noon. This annual event helps us clean up unwanted debris from the lake and along the shoreline. This coming year we will make a one-time sweep at 10:00 am of debris placed along Golf Course Road, Lakeview Road, and County Route 7 up to Juliana/Jefferson Drive. This debris will be transported to the dumpster at the triangle of Lakeview Road and Count Route 7. All debris gathered after that pick-up must be taken to the dumpster and placed into the dumpster. Please be respectful of Copake Lake; if you bring it in, please take it away!

Once again CLCS set up an information table at the triangle intersecting Lakeview Road and County Route 7. The 2015 CLCS tee shirts and hats were available. Special thanks to the CLCS volunteers who helped at the table and monitored the dumpster so that only lake debris could be deposited there: Mark Bruck, Denise Chickery, Colleen Closson, Gray Davis, Maria DiSalvo, Eileen Faranda, Jed Luchow, Doug Lyon, Jim Murphy, Debbie Ruggieri, Karen Schutzer, and Ed Werfelman.

CLCS would also like to extend a very special thanks: to Carmen Barbato, Inc., who donated the dumpster that allows us to remove nearly two tons of debris each year; to the Town of Copake for paying the tipping fee; and, to Jon Urban from the Copake Country Club/The Greens for providing us with a pickup truck along with Leonardo Santiago Cruz, Lorenzo Luna, and Jose Pantaleon, who removed the roadside debris and brought it to the dumpster.

CLCS Shoreline Clean Up Day will be on Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 9:00am-12:00noon (rain date will be Sunday, June 26).

Jed Luchow, Event Coordinator

Lake Management Committee

SAVE THE DATE
Shoreline Clean Up Day
Saturday, June 25, 2016

Copake Lake Fall 2015 / Spring 2016 Drawdown Plan

Every year, in the fall, the level of Copake Lake is lowered about 18 inches to reduce the potential for shoreline damage due to ice during the winter months (*Editor's note: reminder that ice expands when it freezes*). This process, known as a drawdown, is carefully planned to avoid shoreline damage while having the lake refill for the spring/summer boating season. In 2015, the drought, in April and May, caused the lake to be 9 inches lower for a few weeks in June, until we had the unusually heavy rainfall. Copake Lake is not fed by underground streams. Rainfall and runoff are the only sources of water for Copake Lake.

For 2016, the lake will be drawn down 18 inches in 2 stages, as follows. In November 2015, the lake will be drawn down about 12 inches. In late December 2015 to early January 2016, the moisture level in the watershed will be assessed on a regular basis by the CLCS Lake Management Committee (LMC). If there is sufficient moisture present, the lake will be drawn down to 18 inches before it freezes. If there is no snowpack and the forecast is for continued dry weather and/or warmer than normal temperature, the further drawdown may be canceled.

The CLCS LMC will confer throughout December and January to assess the situation and plan the appropriate action. Once the ice forms, there will be no further drawdown, as dangerous ice conditions would result from draining the water out from under the ice in shallow sections of the lake.

Please consult the CLCS website (www.copakelakecs.org) for additional information.

CLCS Lake Management Committee

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Fundraising Activities	6,569.71
Contributions	47,161.45
Interest	648.39

Total Income 57,704.55

Expenses:

Administration	3,763.78
Communications	6,133.63
Lake Management	80,210.89

Total Expense 90,108.30

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Copake Lake Fireworks Rock!!!!

This year's fireworks display* was by far the best one to date. We had a perfect evening, and it was a magical sight to see all of the boats on the lake lit up with their running lights. I want to thank the owner of Legion Fireworks, Frank Coluccio, and his wonderful staff for giving us an evening we will remember. Tons of spectators were on the roadsides, at their homes, and at The Greens restaurant enjoying the show. Once again our thanks go to Kim and Jon Urban of the Copake Country Club/The Greens for allowing us to have the display on their golf course. Thank you to the Craryville Firehouse for giving us safety coverage at the club that evening. Also, our thanks go to Colleen Closson, Lindsay LeBrecht, and Debra Ruggieri for helping me collect donations from our lake community, families, and friends. The fireworks display would not be possible without the support of everyone. Next year's fireworks will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2016. Mark your calendars and thank you to everyone who donated to make this event happen.

Denise Chickery

Fireworks Event Coordinator

**The fireworks display is not a CLCS event. CLCS supports this event by putting this article in their newsletter, on their calendar, and on their website. Thank you to CLCS for the support.*



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at The Greens***
**Saturday, AUGUST 27, 2016
at 9:00 PM**

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Labor Day Raffle 2015

Sunday, September 6, was a sunny and extremely warm day for this Labor Day weekend at Copake Lake. Our annual Labor Day Raffle was held at The Lighthouse Boat Club at 11 a.m. We had several new faces at our raffle drawing, but we were missing a few of our regular attendees for this Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) annual event. Muriel, we missed you!!

The 2015 Grand Prize (\$1000) Labor Day Raffle winner was Regina Aluisio. Rick Aluisio accepted the prize on behalf of his daughter, who resides in Florida. **Congratulations Regina!**



CLCS would like to thank all of the lake community which helps make this event a successful fundraiser. Thank you to the wide variety of local businesses who so graciously donate prizes to support the CLCS Labor Day raffle. If you do not already patronize these establishments listed as contributors (see accompanying chart), please think of them in the future!

I would like to take a moment to extend our gratitude to Rick Aluisio for his continued support of the Copake Lake Conservation Society. Thanks to Rick for being the top seller of raffle tickets for many, many years. Your dedication to CLCS is over the top! I would also like to give a shout out to the entire CLCS Board of Trustees and to our volunteers for their help with raffle sales. A special thank you goes to Colleen Closson for all of her assistance with this CLCS event. Thanks to each one of you who lent a hand in collecting contributions. Your support for this fundraiser is what makes for a successful outcome. Much appreciation and an extended thank you goes to one of our past presidents, Buddy Sinisi, for allowing us to hold this event yearly at The Lighthouse Boat Club.

I wonder who the 2016 \$1000 Grand prize winner will be! Each ticket is \$10 and CLCS only prints 500 tickets. Copake Lake Conservation Society looks forward to seeing you next year for our Annual Labor Day Raffle on September 4, 2016.

Debra Ruggieri

Fundraising Committee



2015 Grand Prize Labor Day Raffle Winner Regina Aluisio, Rick Aluisio accepted on behalf of his daughter with Colleen Closson (left) and Debra Ruggieri (right). Photo by Maria Powers.



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Labor Day Raffle 2015

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CLCS	\$1000 in Cash	Regina Aluisio
Copake Lake Boat & Ski	3 Rider Sports Tube	Jim Frank
Catamount Ski	Two Ski Lift Tickets	Bob & Jo Aluisio
The Lighthouse Boat Club	\$100 Cash	Ed Nelson
Herringtons	\$100 Gift Card	Mark & Deidre Karn
Thirfty Beverage	Fire Pit	Ed Nelson
John Varvatos	John Varvatos Cologne	Dave Pells
Copake Lake Country Club	18 holes of Golf with Cart	Robert Monteleone
Copake Lake Country Club	18 holes of Golf with Cart	Jackie Bernstein
Copake Lake Country Club	18 holes of Golf with Cart	Paul Layer
Copake Lake Country Club	18 holes of Golf with Cart	The Powers
Thirfty Beverage	Golf shirt & Hat & Golf Bag Cover	Kevin Hill
CLCS	Copake Lake Book, CLCS T-shirt, 4 koosies, 2 bags	Joan Koweck
Sky Farm Riding Stables	One Riding Lesson	Buz Rosmilso
Thirfty Beverage	Chair w/ cooler& umbrella	Vera Sinisi
The Greens	\$40 Gift Certificate	Regina Aluisio
The Greens	\$40 Gift Certificate	Steve and Denise Chickery
Scarpetta	Basket Variety of Sauces	Mark & Deidre Karn
Scarpetta	Basket Variety of Sauces	Scott Pilutik
CLCS	CLCS Sweatshirt	Scott Pilutik
Village Scoop	Coffee & Mugs Basket	Marc Murphy
Thirfty Beverage	Market Umbrella	Mark & Deidre Karn
Art School of Columbia County	One Art Lesson	Doug Lyon
CLCS	CLCS Hat & Canvas Bag & 2 koosies	John Szulborski
Taconic Valley	40lb. Non Phosphorous Fertilizer	Stu Troyetsky
Stewarts Shoppe	\$30 Gift Card	Karen Ferrari
Passiflora	Wine & Champagne outdoor living glasses	Marilyn Haas
IGA	\$25 Gift Card	Ulka Patel
AmeriStop	\$25 Gift Certificate	Renee' Blady
Mexican Radio	\$25 Gift Certificate	Miles Braffett
The Mount	\$25 Gift Certificate	Miles Braffett
Dutch Treat	Breakfast for Two	Lynn Varuzzo
Bert's Inn	\$20 Gift Certificate	Steve Schutzer

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for Labor Day Raffle drawing

September 4, 2016 at The Lighthouse Marina, Copake Lake

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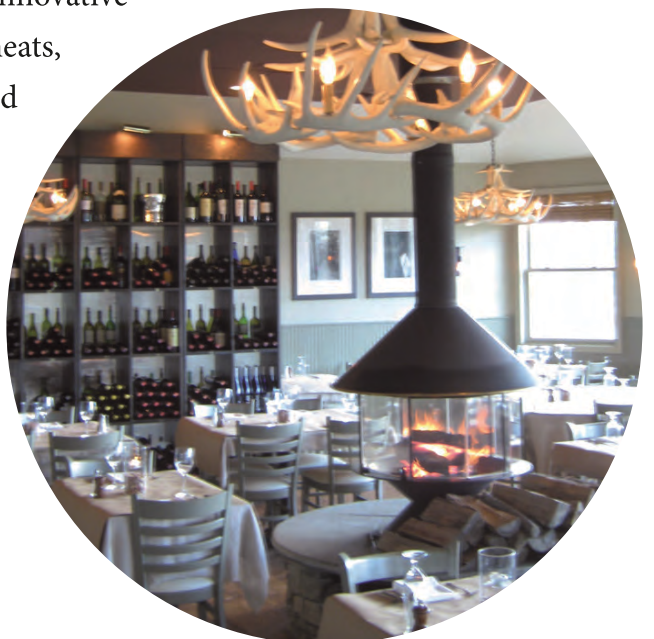
The Greens restaurant at Copake Country Club, an historic 18-hole golf course on the shores of Copake Lake, is open year round. The fresh, innovative menu pays homage to the local farms we rely on for produce, meats, and dairy. Our wine list, with offerings from around the world to our own backyard, has been carefully selected to pair with every dish we serve. The professional waitstaff and classically trained chefs at The Greens will make sure you have an experience that will have you coming back again and again.

the greens

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44 Golf Course Road, Craryville, NY



CLCS Summer Bash 2015

The 12th Annual Summer Bash was held on July 11, 2015. The "Lake Country BBQ" theme set a beautiful evening for the Copake Lake Conservation Society's (CLCS) bash. The Greens chef, Glenn Strickling, prepared a delicious summer festive meal. Following dinner, there was a silent auction and door prizes. The 50/50 raffle was won by Denise Chickery, who generously donated the winnings to the August fireworks display over Copake Lake. Partiers danced the night away to the music of DJ Daddy. Competition and laughter filled the evening air with several rounds of Corn Hole and Giant Jenga. The SoCo ice cream cart

literally put the topping on the evening! A great time was had by all.

This is CLCS's biggest fundraiser event of the year. A big THANK YOU goes out to Jon and Kim Urban, Kyleigh and the Greens staff, door prize and silent auction contributors, the CLCS Fundraising Committee, and to the entire Copake Lake community for its support. Couldn't have done it without all of you.

Colleen Closson, Chairperson

CLCS Fundraising Committee

DOOR PRIZES

Mountain Restaurant Gift Certificate	Maria Wright
Assortment of wine	The Greens

SILENT AUCTION

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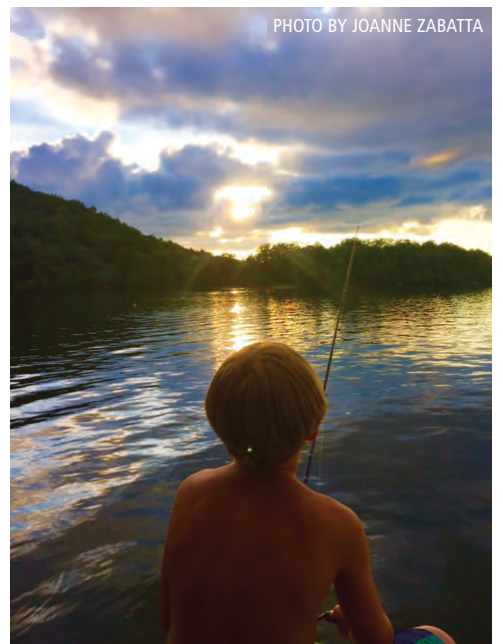
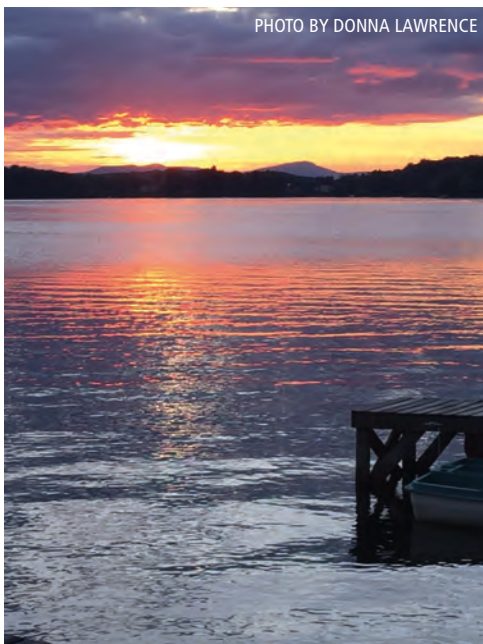
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Improve or protect the Copake Lake water shed. CLCS is offering grants to support proactive projects limited to 50% of the costs of the project, not to exceed \$5,000. Please see the CLCS website (www.copakelakecs.org) for guidelines and forms for submitting a proposal.


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Thanks for CLCS Grant

Dear CLCS president:

My name is Gregg Hosier and I am somewhat the coordinator of applying for "Grant" money from the CLCS to improve and prevent run off from Elm St. and part of Pine St. into the lake from the road and ditch line. I wanted you to know how grateful the residents and I am for the \$5000 grant money we received for this project through this CLCS program and how impressed we all were with everyone included and thankful. This process started in September of 2014 and the actual work was completed this past August. It has been a tremendous success which has been proven over the past weeks with some severe weather we had and the road, drain pits, pipes and ditch line has handled it all. Before this work there would have been a lot of dirt and debris on Lakeview Rd. and into the lake. We were extremely fortunate to have UpCountry Services perform the work because they did an excellent job that came to much more than \$10,000 and accepted what little more we gave them as full payment.

I personally would like to thank Russ Stein, who as the Chairman of the Grant Committee could not have been more professional and helpful for securing this grant money no matter when I called him, even on his vacation. I had the pleasure of working with David Craw and Barbara Rindler towards the end of the project. They were so helpful and gave up part of their weekend to check the project out and help to get a check cut for payment to the contractor. A thank you goes out to the board and you for approving this grant money and this project and all that were involved and of course the membership for their donations that makes this possible. I am a member as many of us are and I encouraged all to join because the CLCS is all we have to keep this lake and the area as beautiful as it is,

Again, thank you from all of the residents involved, we could not have done this project without the CLCS help and feel we all have improved the road but more importantly we all have prevented any further damage caused by runoff into the lake and improved the Copake Lake Water Shed.

A sincere thank you from Gregg Hosier and the "Residents"

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2015 Boat Census

An informal boat census is taken occasionally in August. It is **NOT** a scientific survey. We only count the boats

that can be seen from the lake so it is not very accurate or repeatable. The trends, however, are interesting.

Type of Watercraft	2001	2006	2007	2009	2010	2013	2014	2015
Inboard	71	119	111	119	125	116	129	130
Large Outboard	73	64	64	55	58	36	33	39
Small Outboard (<15 hp)	34	20	20	20	18	15	14	13
Pontoon Boats	35	70	78	71	73	89	102	108
Personal Watercraft	40	71	55	54	59	47	43	52
Row Boats	48	51	65	58	56	40	37	35
Sailboats	30	36	32	18	19	15	20	19
Canoes	51	48	49	43	49	40	44	40
Kayaks	19	98	109	112	122	159	186	206
Paddleboats	20	16	18	19	18	11	10	13
Paddleboards					0	20	23	17
Number of Dock Spaces								308
Total Watercraft	421	593	601	569	597	571	640	672

Comments: This summer we added a count of dock spaces. This includes single docks and 83 spaces at multiple docks including the marinas.

Enjoy the lake, and make sure your contribution to the

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Winter Safety on Copake Lake

Now that boats are stored, docks have been removed, and days are growing shorter, the winter season is upon Copake Lake. It is time to consider enjoying the activities on Copake Lake such as ice fishing, ice skating, cross country skiing, and snowmobiling.

Snowmobiling is a fun sport. However, as with boating and the use of personal watercraft, safety is of utmost importance. New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) has enacted rules and regulations for snowmobiles which are enforceable by the OPRHP Forest Rangers, the county Sheriff's office, and State Troopers.

For additional information about snowmobiling laws and regulations, including operator requirements, vehicle registration, insurance, safety helmets, etc., consult the following website for the New York State Snowmobiler's Guide (2010), a sample of which is included below.

www.nysparks.com/recreation/snowmobiles/documents/SnowmobilersGuide.pdf

From, New York State Snowmobiler's Guide (2010)

Operator Requirements

Anyone who is at least 18 years old may operate a snowmobile in New York State without any other qualification except as defined by state and local laws regulating that operation. However, it is recommended that all operators complete a recognized snowmobile safety course. See the section on Rider Training for more information on the New York State Snowmobile Safety Education Program.

Youth ages 14 through 17 years old may operate a snowmobile without adult or other supervision if they have completed a snowmobile safety training course recognized by the State of New York.

Youth ages 10 through 13 may operate a snowmobile, on lands upon which snowmobiling is allowed, if they have completed a snowmobile safety training course recognized by the State of New York and are accompanied by (within 500 feet of) a person who is at least 18 years of age.

The Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation will issue a snowmobile safety certificate to those who successfully complete this course.

Youths who do not hold this certificate are subject to the same restrictions as children under the age of 14 years. See the section on Rider Training for more information on the New York State Snowmobile Safety Education Program.



Children under 10 years old or under age 14 without a safety certificate may operate a snowmobile only on lands owned or leased by their parent or guardian.

A non-resident operator who is a resident of another state or country and is the holder of a valid snowmobile safety certificate issued by that state or country shall be considered the same as the holder of a New York State Safety Certificate."

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TERM IN OFFICE	NAME
2014-present	Debra Ruggieri
2010-2014	Denise Chickery
2006-2010	Dominick "Buddy" Sinisi
2003-2006	Dave Crow
1999-2003	Barbara Bunger
1995-1999	Lindsay LeBrecht
1994-1995	Barbara Bunger/Lindsay LeBrecht
1990-1994	Barbara Bunger
1989-1990	Joseph Gladstone
1987-1989	Tom Williams
1985-1987	Joseph Gladstone
1980-1985	Lucille Landers
1979-1980	Dr. Henry "Hy" Lowenheim (founding president of CLCS, Inc. as a 504 (c) charitable organization)

Copake Lake Fecal Coliform (E.coli) Test Results

NO.	LOCATION	RESULTS (fecal coliform colonies per 100 ml water)*	RESULTS (fecal coliform colonies per 100 ml water)*
		July 2, 2015	July 28, 2015
1	Mosquito Island swimming area	<20	20
2	Cove Colony drainage area	20	<20
3	Arrowhead Acres dock area	<20	<20
4	Southwest Colony dock area	<20	20
5	Presidents Estates collection tank	40	20
6	Presidents Estates swim area	<20	<20
7	County Route 7 culvert	<20	20
8	Elm Street	<20	<20
9	Lighthouse Marina culvert	40	20
10	Robin Road	<20	<20
11	Culvert north of Copake Lake Boat & Ski	40	<20
12	Lakeshore Acres Road	20	<20
13	Golf Course Road treatment facility	20	<20

- *Safe swimming standards should not exceed 200 fecal coliform colonies per 100 ml of sample water (NYSDOH)
- St. Peter's Hospital Laboratory, Albany, NY

- Samples taken by Ron Flaum and Dave Craw, Lake Management Committee

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The CLCS has again arranged for a New York State Safe Boating Course to be offered on Saturday, May 21, 2016, from 8 AM to 4 PM at the Copake Town Hall. This 8 hour course will allow participants to obtain a safety certificate if they successfully complete the course. According to New York State Law you must hold a safety certificate if:

- You operate a personal watercraft and are at least 14 years of age.
- You wish to operate a motorboat (other than a personal watercraft) and you are at least 10 years old and less than 18 years old.
- If you are less than 10 years old you may operate a motorboat (non-PWC) only if someone over 18 is on board with you. Anyone may operate a personal watercraft if someone at least 18 years old is riding on the craft and they hold a safety certificate

The course is designed as a comprehensive boating course, teaching the fundamentals of safe boating operation. The

instructor plans to continue instruction through lunch so please plan on bringing a bag lunch. There is no fee for the class. To register please contact Joyce Craw at craw311@aol.com or call 914-474-3786. Provide the names of the registrants and a contact phone number. Register early as there is a limit to the number of participants.

Joyce Craw

Editor's Note: To make New York's waterways safer, state law now requires that anyone born on or after May 1, 1996, who wants to operate a motorboat, obtain a Boating Safety Certificate by completing an approved eight-hour course. The new law will ensure that, over time, all recreational boaters navigating New York's waters will have the necessary knowledge required to operate a motorboat safely.

The new law took effect May 1, 2014, so I encourage you to make sure the young boaters you know have signed up for an approved course. Courses may be completed and certificates obtained through the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, U.S. Power Squadrons or the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. A list of approved courses is available on the State Parks website at www.nysparks.com. In short, a boating safety course is a good idea for everyone, but is mandatory only for those born after May 1, 1996.

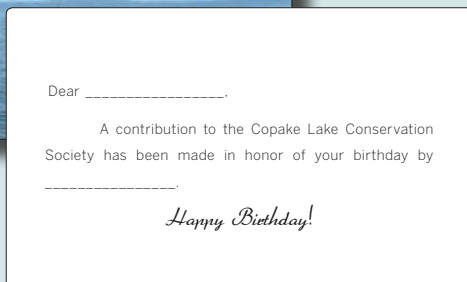
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2012	Jed Luchow	Engraved plaque
2011	Fred Bunger	A tree
2011	Keith Schaefer	Engraved plaque
2009	Sarah Leshner	Engraved plaque
2009	Barbara Rindler	Engraved planter
2008	Lindsay LeBrecht	Engraved planter
2008	Marissa Shedd	Engraved planter
2006	Dave Craw	Certificate of Appreciation
2005	Barbara Bunger	Framed kayaking picture with friends
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Every summer for the past seven years, Russ Funk disappears with two of his ski boats and watersports gear for three days on the first or second weekend of August. He makes the trek up to Burden Lake in Rensselaer County to spend the weekend making sure that some very deserving families have the opportunity to learn to waterski, wakeboard or have fun tubing.

Russ donates his time, boats, equipment and two employees for three days to make sure our Wounded Warriors and their families have a wonderful stress free weekend. He and approximately 50 other volunteers spend the weekend supporting twelve soldiers and their families by teaching them to waterski, wakeboard, kayak and paddleboard!!

The families – from across the country - arrive by bus to a beautiful park looking out over Burden Lake and are welcomed by a color guard and 50 clapping volunteers. The anticipation shows on the children's faces – stress shows on the adults'. By the end of the first day, everyone is smiling, stress has nearly been erased from all – volunteers included.

The soldiers have disabilities ranging from traumatic brain injury to post traumatic stress disorder to missing extremities – special equipment is on hand to accommodate everyone. Each family participates together in two or three activities per day – everyone cheers every effort and every accomplishment!

By the end of the weekend stress has been replaced with smiles and relaxation – the family members have had the opportunity to re-bond as a family. They have learned new skills and have participated in new activities, they have watched their children and spouses laughing, they have ac-

complished things they never dreamed possible!!

As the families hug the volunteers good bye and thank them for a wonderful weekend, the volunteers are thanking the families – it is difficult to decide who has been given the greater gift...

Russ also devotes his winter months to working with disabled alpine racers – wounded warriors to young adults with various disabilities at the Adaptive Sports Foundation at Windham Mountain.

Russ's humanitarian contributions throughout all the seasons of the year are very inspiring and generous. Thank you Russ for all that you give to those who gave so much to us.

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*Wounded Warrior event at Burden Lake.
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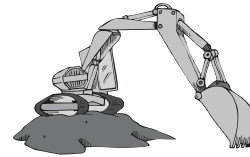
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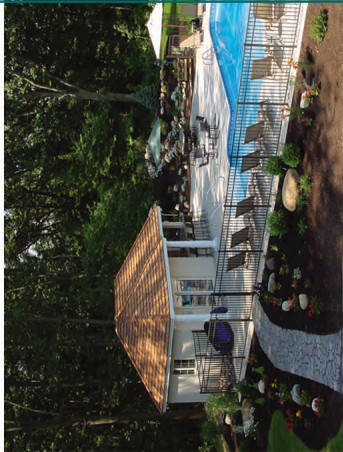
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