



CLCS News

SPRING 2017

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

"Imagine all the people living life in peace" is what John Lennon said in his famous song "Imagine". Living life at Copake Lake offers each of us individual peace with the tranquility of our sparkling waters, the harmony of all the splendors of nature and the blessings of spending quality time with family and friends. Our lake community is a small part of this massive world we live in, but we all value and support our mutual understanding of wanting to maintain and protect our little piece of our world. Sharing ideas, collaboratively working together, and reaping the benefits of what our little gem brings to each of us goes far beyond a peaceful feeling. Imagine a lake community of people who care not only for the present day, but for tomorrow's future as well. That is our lake community!

Many of us enjoy Copake Lake all year long and some of us only experience a few seasons. Either way we are all fortunate enough to share Copake Lake Life and all its grandeur. Copake Lake Conservation Society helps manage to keep the beauty of our lake waters year after year for all to enjoy, but we need all our lake families to be a part of our lake journey. I am proud of both the CLCS Board members and all the members of CLCS that help support the preservation of our majestic waters. Without the aid of all our lake angels, lake fanatics, lake lovers, lake members, lake friends, and business supporters we would not be so fortunate to reap the benefits that our beautiful waters bestow upon us. I thank each of you for all your past, present, and future support!

This spring and summer 2017 season we have our traditional gatherings set on the CLCS calendar, but we are always looking for new and innovative fundraising concepts. I urge all of you to use your voice and let it be heard. Website correspondence or Facebook is a great way to reach out and share your ideas.

- Come learn
- Come share
- Come volunteer

- Come on board this year!

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming annual events. Our calendar of happenings make for great memories. They have been known to create new friendships, enrich old friendships, bring community awareness, enhance knowledge of our environment, and so much more.

- Come participate
- Come see for yourself
- Come appreciate the experience
- Come enjoy!

I am looking forward to an incredible 2017 season at our lake as I know each of you are as well. See you on and around our glorious lake.

Peace and many blessings to each of you.

Debra Ruggieri



Photo by Lindsay LeBrecht

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Eileen Faranda (2018)	Stu Troyetsky (2018)
Lindsay LeBrecht (2018)	

CLCS 2017-2018 Committees

Communications

The Communications Committee serves to design, publish, and monitor various media communications, such as the newsletter, website, email correspondence, and road signs.

NEWSLETTER

Joyce Craw	Sharon Luchow**
Jed Luchow* <i>(editor)</i>	Barbara Rindler
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ELECTRONIC

Lindsay LeBrecht	Barbara Rindler
Jim Murphy*	Theresa Westlake**
Liz Nealon	

PUBLICITY

Cherie Berk	Edward Werfelman
Jim Murphy*	

Education

The Education Committee is responsible for the design, writing, and dissemination of educational materials, and the presentation of educational programs for the membership.

Cherie Berk	Debra Ruggieri
Barbara Bunger**	Edward Werfelman
Maria Powers*	

Finance

The Finance Committee supports the functions of the treasurer, including the creation of an annual budget, the purchase and review of insurance policies, year end audit, bookkeeping, and filing of tax returns.

Jim Murphy	Debra Ruggieri
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The Fundraising Committee serves to design, propose and organize activities for the purpose of raising funds for the organization.

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Lake Management

The Lake Management Committee is responsible for the collection, analysis, and dissemination of information regarding the vitality and maintenance of the waters, shoreline, and watershed of Copake Lake. Grant Committee (GC) is a sub-committee of Lake Management Committee.

Rick Aluisio**	Jed Luchow
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Membership

The Membership Committee maintains a list of membership, addresses, and contribution history; and generates materials that assist in maintaining membership roles.

Debra Ruggieri*	All Board Members
Barbara Rindler	

Nominating

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
Eileen Faranda	

*Chairperson **Volunteer

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.

2017 Calendar of Meetings and Events

Saturday, May 13, 2017
9 a.m.

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
The Greens Restaurant

Saturday, May 20, 2017
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

NYS Safe Boating Course
Copake Town Hall
Email craw311@aol.com or call 914-474-3786 for information and registration.

Saturday, May 20, 2017
9 a.m. - 12 noon

Town of Copake Clean-up Day**
Town Garage, 44 School Road. No construction or demolition waste; 4 tire limit.

Saturday, May 27, 2017
9 a.m. - 12 noon

Copake Lake Annual Shoreline Clean-Up Day
Corner County Route 7 and Lakeview Road. No construction debris, 4 tire limit.
Rain date Sunday, May 28, 2017

June 7, 2017

Treatment for invasive aquatic plants.*
Check website for details

Saturday, June 10, 2017
9 a.m.

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
The Greens Restaurant

Saturday, June 17, 2017
5-7:30 p.m.

Roeliff Jansen Community Library Gala
Roeliff Jansen Park, Harvest Barn 9140 Rte 22, across from the library
Check website for further details www.roejanlibrary.org

Wednesday, June 15, 2017

Lake Treatment with Copper Sulfate
Treatment only if necessary. 24 hour restriction of lake use, if treated.

Monday, July 4, 2017
1 p.m.

Annual 4th of July Boat Parade
Begins at Southwest Colony

Saturday, July 8, 2017
10 a.m.

CLCS Annual Meeting and Open House
Copake Town Hall; 2017 CLCS merchandise available

Saturday, July 15, 2017

CLCS 13th Annual Summer Bash
The Greens Restaurant.; cocktails 6:30 p.m., dinner 7:30 p.m. and dancing

Saturday, August 12, 2017
9 a.m.

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
The Greens Restaurant

Saturday, August 19, 2017

Copake Falls Day
Check website www.copakefallsday.org or call 518-966-2233 for events schedule.

Saturday, August 19, 2017
9:00 p.m.

Annual Fireworks at Copake Country Club/The Greens Restaurant
Organized by Denise Chickery and supported by community donations.

Sunday, September 3, 2017
11 a.m.

CLCS Labor Day Weekend Raffle
Drawing at Lighthouse Marina on Copake Lake

Saturday, September 9, 2017
9 a.m.

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
The Greens Restaurant

Saturday, September 23, 2017

Roe-Jan Ramble Bike Ride
Call John Strom 518-495-7153 for details.
This ride will go through Copake, Hillsdale and Ancram.
Proceeds benefit the expansion of the Rail Trail.

October 2017

Lake Management Committee Meeting
Time and place to be determined

November 2017

Finance Committee Meets
Date, time and place to be announced

** Further treatments will be scheduled in early July and Early August with copper sulfate, as needed. A treatment with aquathol will be done in mid-August, if needed. Treatment dates will be made firm based on lake testing results. Public notices will be placed around Copake Lake prior to treatments. Check our website for further lake treatments or events: www.copakelakecs.org*

*** Columbia County Hazardous Household Waste Collection. Check website for date: www.colombiacountyny.com*

CLCS Contributors 2016

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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In Memory of Kent Rossman/In Memory of Jeff Darling
In Memory of Kent Rossman
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In Memory of Gregory Evangelista
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In Memory of Don & Ellen Petersen
In Memory of Flossie & Jerry Saltz
In Memory of Kent Rossman, a dear friend, fellow Yankee lover & bagel buddy. We will miss you.
In Memory of Geraldine Powers/In Memory of Lloyd Jennings, Jr.
In Memory of Harriet Ziegler
In Memory of Kent Rossman

MARK YOUR CALENDARS SUMMER BASH 2017

at The Greens

Saturday, JULY 15, 2017

Theme: Salsa Fiesta

Cocktails at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

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JANUARY 1, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2016

Income:

Ads	2,940.00
Fundraising Activities	8,737.06
Contributions	65,679.03
Interest	955.26

Total Income 78,311.35

Expenses:

Administration	2,779.53
Communications	10,157.55
Lake Management	64,787.42
EDUCATION	444.20

Total Expense 78,168.70

Net Income \$142.65

Barbara Rindler, Treasurer

Membership 2017

As our spring season launches into 2017 at Copake Lake, I do hope each of you will take a moment to fill out the contribution envelope enclosed or use the CLCS online contribution process to make your donations on our website www.copakelakecs.org.

Each year we reach out to all of our lake families with a spring and fall newsletter in hopes you will make a yearly contribution. We have 550 families on our mailing list and approximately 150 businesses to whom we mail our newsletters. Out of the 550 families we only receive contributions on average of 265 families yearly. That essentially is half of our lake population that continues to fund the ongoing efforts of The Copake Lake Conservation Society. If you believe in the mission statement of CLCS that they endeavor to protect the quality of the Copake Lake watershed, preserve the ecological balance, and promote safe recreational use of the lake then why not take a moment to submit your yearly donation and become a 2017 member? A minimum of a \$100, tax deductible contribution will qualify you to become a CLCS member.

From the families we hear from year after year we are truly grateful to all of them for their ongoing support. I urge each of you to please take a moment to learn about the CLCS and all their committees by glancing at our website or reading through our newsletters and reaching out to current members. You can better understand the research, efforts and actions that take place ongoing with CLCS. The Lake Management committee plays the largest role working to keep our gleaming waters glistening for all to enjoy. The monies vary from year to year for lake sustainability and that is why your donations are critical for the vitality of our lake waters. We never know what Mother Nature has in store for us each year!

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Debra Ruggieri

Membership Chairperson

SPECIAL THANKS

to Russ Funk of RHF Enterprises
(dba Copake Lake Boat & Ski)
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 COPAKE LAKE!

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

Saturday, July 8, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

COPAKE TOWN HALL
230 Mountain View Road, Copake
518-325-1234

9:30 a.m.
Light Refreshments Served

2017 CLCS merchandise for sale

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For our Copake Lake Community IN MEMORIAM

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Town of Copake Clean-Up Day (May 20) & Copake Lake Shoreline Clean-Up Day (May 27)

Although these two events are similar in nature, there are important differences to note.

Town of Copake Clean-Up Day is being held on **May 20, 2017** (Saturday) from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Copake Town Garage, 44 School Road (off Route 22 by the old Roe Jan School). You can bring your broken lawn chairs, old lamps, TVs, batteries, tires (maximum of 4, none larger than 19" rims), and pretty much everything other than household garbage and hazardous waste such as paint. Go to www.copake.org for exact information. Proof of residency required. For additional information contact Copake Town Hall at 518-329-1234.

Copake Lake Shoreline Clean-Up Day is scheduled for **May 27, 2017** (Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend), with rain date of Sunday, May 28, 2017) from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. This event is sponsored by the Copake Lake Conservation Society for the express purpose of removing debris that has accumulated over the winter from Copake Lake and from its shoreline. Copake Lake neighbors are asked to remove debris from the lake and shoreline and place it along Golf Course Road, Lakeview Road and County Rte. 7 up to Julianna/Jefferson Road. Jon Urban of The Greens/Copake Country Club will donate the services of a pick-up truck and maintenance workers, who will drive along the shoreline beginning at 10:00 am, pick up the debris, and dispose of it in the dumpster at the triangle at County Route 7 and Lakeview Road (where we also have the CLCS Community bulletin board). This truck will make ONE trip, starting at 10:00 a.m., from Golf Course Road to Lakeview Road, to

County Route 7 ending at Julianna/Jefferson Road. We encourage residents to bring your own lake debris directly to the dumpster, if possible. Carmen Barbato, Inc. donates the dumpster for the three hours and the Town of Copake pays the tipping fee. Please respect these donations and do not bring any household rubbish to this dumpster. CLCS Board members will monitor the dumpster from 9:00 am-12:00 noon. CLCS 2017 merchandise will be available for sale during those hours at the CLCS Information Booth at the triangle at Lakeview Road and County Route 7. CLCS began Shoreline Clean-Up Day nearly two decades ago and since then we have removed tons of debris from Copake Lake and its shoreline.

Jed Luchow

Lake Management Committee



Winter 2016 by Denise Chickery

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The CLCS has again arranged for a New York State Safe Boating Course to be offered on May 20, 2017, at the Copake Town Hall. This 8 hour course will allow participants to obtain a safety certificate if they successfully complete the course.

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, must 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 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.

Education Committee

The new law took effect May 1, 2014, so we 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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Russ Stein

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Moon over Copake Lake. Photo by Buddy Disch.



Morning sunrise over Copake Lake. Photo by Fred Bunger.

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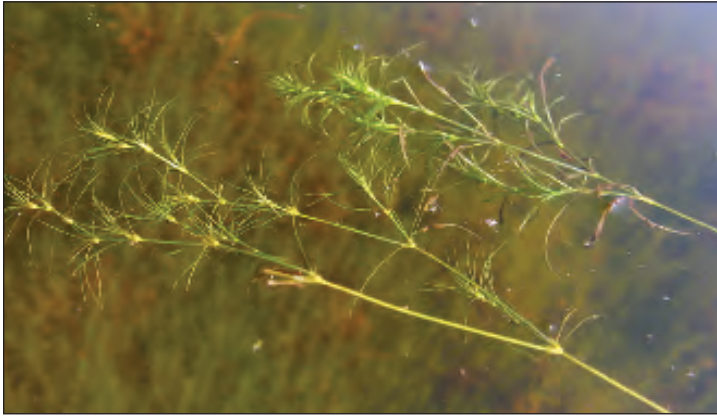
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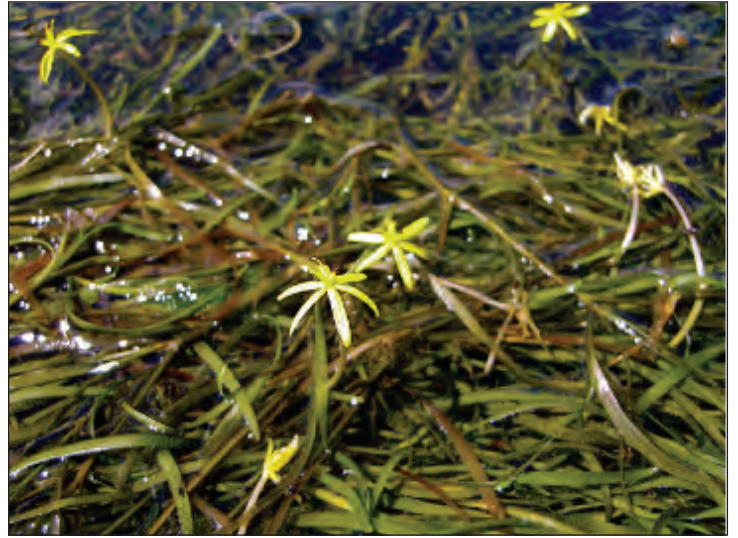
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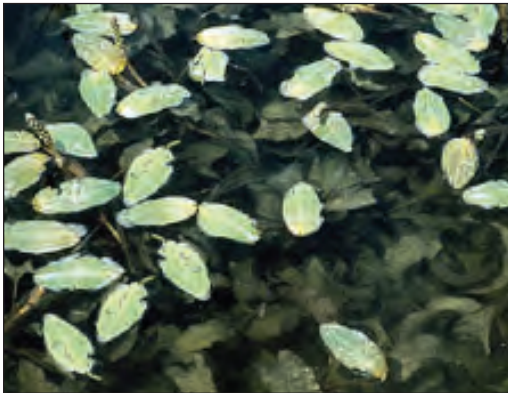
Slender naiad *Najas flexilis*



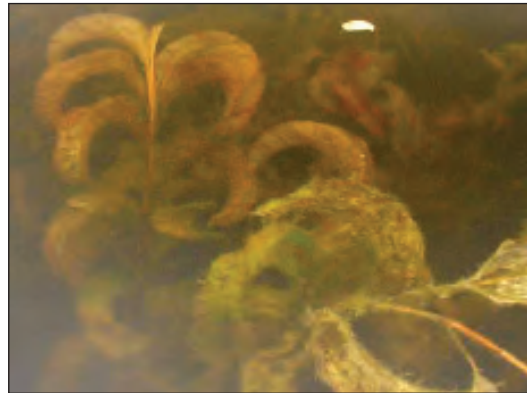
Water stargrass *Zosterella dubia*



Waterweed *Elodea nuttallii*



Large leaf pondweed (*Potamogeton amplifolius*)



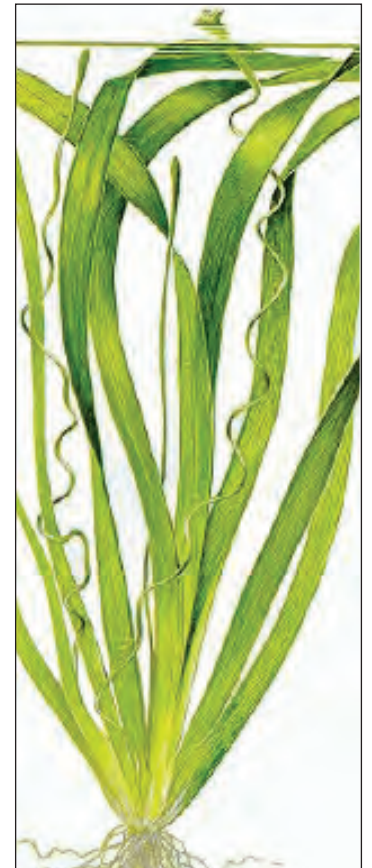
Large leaf pondweed - underwater
(*Potamogeton amplifolius*)



Long-leaf Pondweed *Potamogeton nodosus*



Common elodea *Elodea canadensis*



Tape Grass *Vallisneria americana*

Copake Lake Aquatic Plants

Non-Native (invasive) Plants

Threats – not found in Copake Lake YET! And hopefully never will!



NOT FOUND IN COPENAKE LAKE

Fanwort *Cabomba caroliniana*



NOT FOUND IN COPENAKE LAKE

Fanwort - underwater *Cabomba caroliniana*



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these
invasive
plants!



NOT FOUND IN COPENAKE LAKE

Starry stonewort - underwater *Nitellopsis obtusa*



NOT FOUND IN COPENAKE LAKE

Hydrilla *Hydrilla verticillata*



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Hydrilla - underwater *Hydrilla verticillata*

Muskrat Love?

This past winter I think a lot of people were wondering, “What is that clump on the ice and what is that animal?”

The clump is called a “push-up” and serves as a resting place and as a protected feeding area for muskrats. Here are some interesting facts:

Muskrats are rodents, joining mice and beaver in that category. They are actually closely related to hamsters. Adult muskrats weigh up to about four pounds versus beavers which can weigh up to 65 pounds. The diet of muskrats depends on what is available in their habitat. Muskrats will eat fish and invertebrates such as insects, snails and clams. However, their main food consists mostly of roots and stems of aquatic vegetation.

While both the muskrat and the beaver build lodges, the muskrat’s structure is smaller than the beaver’s and is mostly made of plants like cattails. Beaver lodges are made up of large sticks and logs. Both the muskrat and beaver can also make a home by digging into the shoreline. I have seen muskrats going behind my lakefront retaining wall.

The muskrat has a distinct swimming pattern as well. While swimming at the surface, muskrats expose much of their heads and backs. Their long, slender tails have triangular cross-sections and make unmistakable clear cuts through the water.

Fran Martino, well-known local environmental educator with River Haggie Outdoors in Ghent, researched this article and found that the muskrat population has been declining for several years. She cited a Cornell study whereby muskrats follow a 10-year cycle in population fluctuations. The breeding season begins in mid-March with a short gestation period of about 28 days. Get the cigars ready, we’re going to have babies!

A big thank you to Fran Martino for her research for this article.

Lindsay LeBrecht

CLCS Lake Management Committee



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Canoes, paddles, personal flotation devices and other gear will be provided by NYS DEC Hudson River Research Reserve. The canoe trip is being offered free of charge specifically for members of the Copake Lake Conservation Society.

This is an ideal trip for novices, and for those who want to learn more about Hudson River fish species found in the Stockport Creek Watershed. We will paddle in the Stockport Creek and its backwaters, and (conditions permitting) journey into the Hudson River a bit. We plan to stop along the way to dip our seine net into the water to see what kind of fish we might find. We'll identify them, and see how they fit into advice from the NYS Department of Health about eating fish you catch from New York State waters.

REGISTRATION IS A MUST! Please contact Fran by phone at (518) 766-0010, or by e-mail at fran@stockportwatershed.org to register. We have eight canoes to offer. We expect this trip to book fast, so we encourage you to contact Fran to reserve your place. You will receive details on where to meet and other information upon registration. We ask that you read and follow the instructions shown below. Thank you.

Families welcome, but please note that you must register children to attend

- Minimum age is 6 for child, maximum of 2 children under 16 per adult
- All gear provided; canoe, paddles, PFD's
- For safety reasons, we cannot allow other boats to join group
- Wear old sneakers or water shoes that can get wet/muddy (flip-flops come off!)
- Prepare to be knee-deep in water
- Smokers are asked to please refrain from smoking during

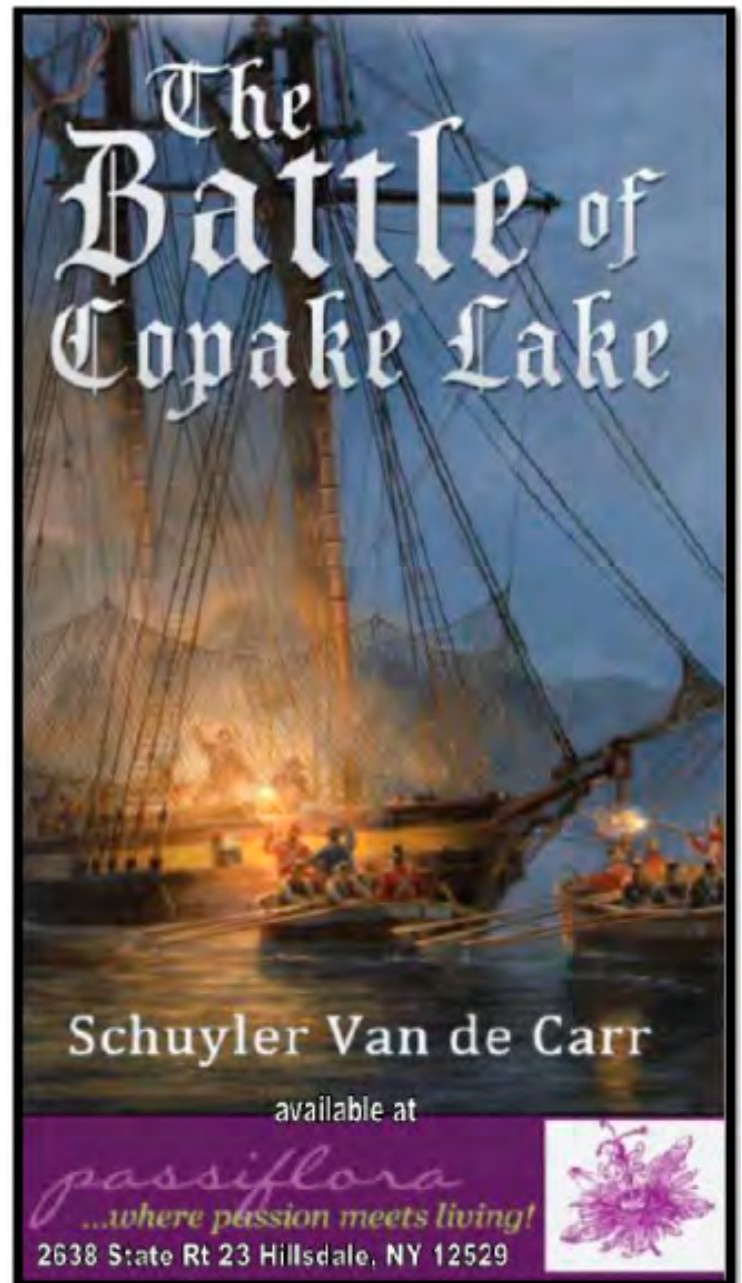
the trip

- Bring food, water, snacks, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, a smile, and a sense of adventure!

Please note: Participants for this trip **MUST** wear a securely fastened United States Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) of an appropriate size at all times when the vessel is underway. Participants can bring their own USCG-approved PFD and canoe paddle if they wish.

Thank you Fran Martino for this opportunity!

Education Committee



2017 Copake Lake Boating Rules And Regulations

Source, New York State Office of Parks Recreation & Historical Preservation (www.nysparks.com/recreation/boating)

AGE: Motorized boat operators must be 18 or over. Or, between the ages of 10 and 18 must have completed certified boating safety (NYS Law).

AGE: As of May 1, 2014, operators born after May 1, 1996 must have a NYS approved Safe Boating Course and be at least 10 years of age in order to operate a motorboat in New York State.

BOATING HOURS: Watercraft must not exceed 6 mph between 8 p.m. and 9 a.m. (Town Ordinance).

NOISE: All watercraft must have effective mufflers (Town Ordinance). Watercraft noise must not exceed 75 decibels (NYS Law).

SPEED: All watercraft must slow down to 5 mph when less than 100 ft from shore, dock, or other vessel, or in “no wake” zones (NYS Law).

RIGHT OF WAY: Motorized watercraft must yield to swimmers and non-motorized watercraft (NYS Law).

SAFETY:

- a. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD): Children under the age of 12 must wear approved PFD while in a watercraft. Approved flotation devices are required for each person on board (NYS Law).
- b. Water Skiing: Water skiers must have a “look-out” over the age of 10 (NYS Law).
- c. BWI: Boating while impaired or intoxicated subject to fines or imprisonment (NYS Law).
- d. Fire extinguisher, distress signal and anchor are required on ALL motorized watercraft.

PERSONAL WATER CRAFT (NYS Law):

- a. Operators must wear an approved PFD.
- b. Operator must be attached with a cut-off device.
- c. Can only be operated between sunrise and sundown and the town ordinance speed limit on the lake is less than 6 mph between 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. for any motorized vessel.
- d. May not be operated within 500 ft of a designated swimming area.
- e. Reckless operation prohibited (wake jumping, weaving through traffic, or other maneuvers that jeopardize safety).

REGISTRATION: All motorized watercraft must be registered and display the registration numbers (NYS Law).

ENVIRONMENT:

- a. Help keep unwanted aquatic plants and zebra mussels out of the lake. Thoroughly wash your vessel and flush the cooling system at a location away from the shoreline.
- b. Avoid spilling gasoline or oil. Repair leaks immediately.
- c. Dispose of litter properly in bins on shore.
- d. Do not use soaps or cleansers in or near the lake.

Common sense and respect for others are the way to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone using the lake. CLCS is not a law-enforcement agency and leaves such duties to the Columbia County Sheriff's Department. The CLCS has posted rules and regulations and distributes these excerpts to encourage lake users to know the rules and observe them.



Powers Family on Copake Lake. Photo by Bill Sweeney.

**Concerns about speed, noise, or safe handling of any motorized watercraft on the lake should be directed to:
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CLCS Lake Management Committee Planning for 2017 Season

Immediate actions through to end of 2016

- a) Assess 2016 aquatic plant herbicide treatment program.
- b) Decide on 2017 herbicide treatment program.
 - i) Decide on the number of acres to treat in 2017,
 - ii) Determine herbicide to be used= Diquat early, Aquathol later.
 - iii) Estimate treatment date= June 5 or 6, 2017
- c) Prepare notification of next season treatments for fall newsletter.
- d) Send out fall newsletter prior to Thanksgiving.
- e) Submit application to NY DEC for 2017 season herbicide permit prior to January 1, 2017, (include request for copper sulfate), listing number of acres to be treated with map showing locations.
 - i) Include application for second treatment with Aquathol in August.
 - ii) Submit to NY DEC Pre- Post- 2016 Treatment Report Solitude and NEAR.

Actions in 2017

- f) NEAR/Solitude conduct early spring (March / April), survey to assess growth of milfoil and curly-leaf pondweed confirming suggested treatment areas and date of treatment.
- g) Apply First herbicide treatment.
- h) Monthly monitoring of plant growth, water quality/clarity by NEAR.
- i) Weekly CLCS readings as possible during months of June, July, and August,
- j) Consider application of copper sulfate:
 - i) When water clarity falls below 10 feet
 - ii) When cell density is above 50,000 cell/mL
 - iii) When filamentous algae growth is dense and widespread around the lake.
- k) NEAR conduct initial post-treatment survey 4 weeks after herbicide application.
- l) Consider a second herbicide treatment on or around August 1, 2017, in the event that native plants become problematic or milfoil re-growth is significant.
 - i) Consider mechanical harvesting if *P. strictifolius* becomes problematic

The following budget for 2017 was approved by Lake Management Committee by unanimous vote 10/22/16.

SOLitude – application of treatments (as needed)

Herbicide treatment (75 acres) Reward®	\$24,860
2 applications of algaecide	\$16,200
Late season herbicide or harvesting	\$ 8,500
Permits, notices, surveys and reports	\$ 3,800
SOLitude Total	\$52,860

North East Aquatic Research (NEAR) – consulting, sampling, testing, reporting

Lake monitoring and sampling (9 visits)	\$12,805
Testing costs including toxin analysis	\$ 4,490
Reports, presentations	\$11,125
Phosphorus sampling November	\$ 2,400
NEAR total	\$30,820

Stormwater and Drainage Improvement	\$12,805
Water Safety Testing	\$ 4,490
Invasive species management	\$ 2,400
Reserve for CLCS Grants	\$20,000

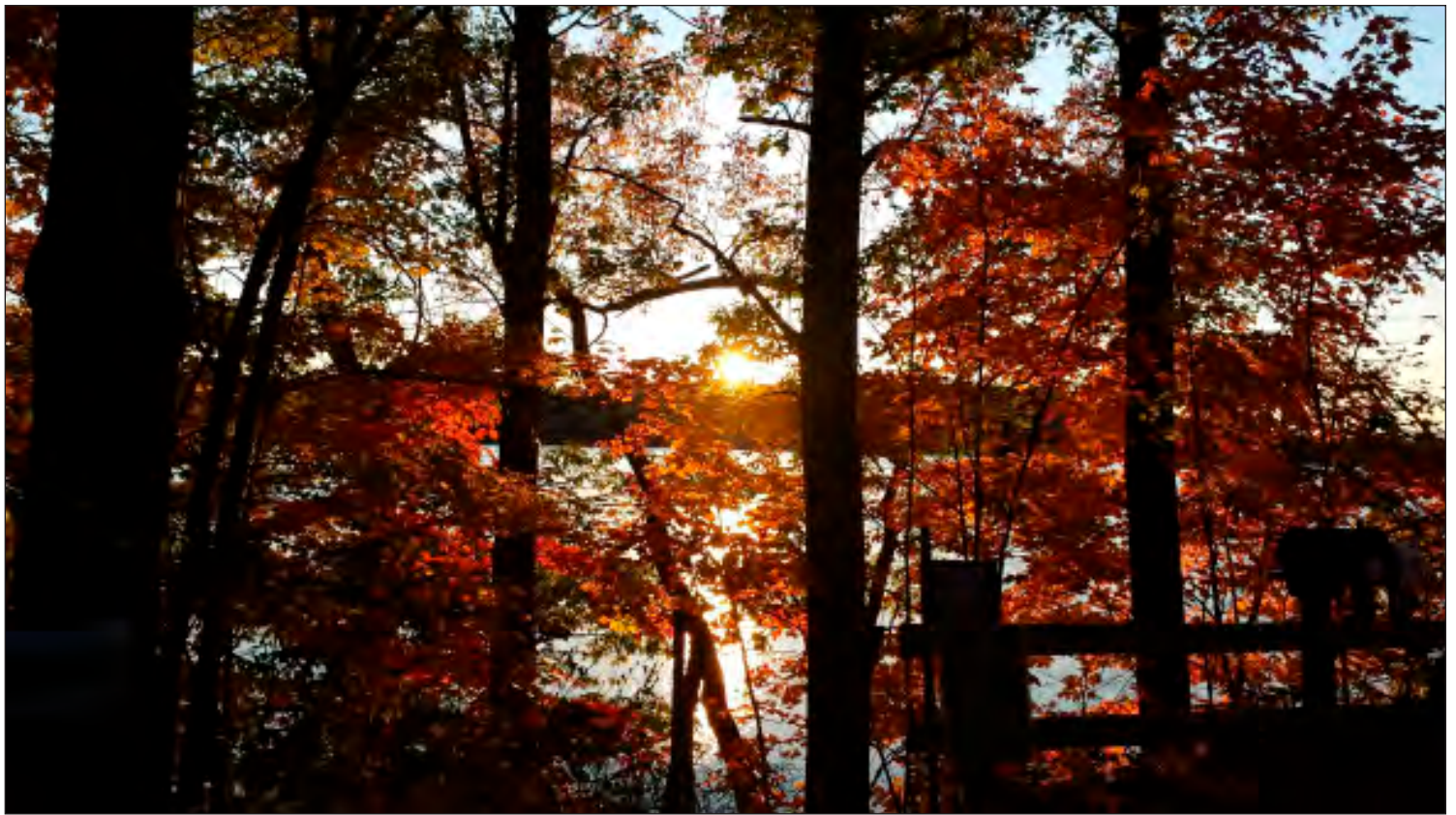
Total Lake Management & Grant Reserve

\$118,180

Long Term Capital Reserves (if and when needed):

Whole Lake treatment	\$125,000
Waste Water Treatment Study / Pilot Program	\$100,000
Dam repair	\$100,000
Shoreline remediation	\$20,000

Fred Bunger, Chairperson
Lake Management Committee



Peak foliage at Copake Lake in the fall. Photo by Mittie Meghan.

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This year the parade will be judged by the “May the Force be with You, Star Wars 2016” vessel. Onboard their 2016 winning pontoon boat was Captain Jack Peluso along with his crew, Aislinn Burns, Amy Burns, Dave Burns, Kieran Burns, Maeve Burns, Nora Burns, and Ann Peluso Wave your flags high as you pass by them on the judging dock at the Lighthouse Marina area!

July 4th is on a Tuesday this year. Each one of us will be looking forward to a sunshine day filled with lots of excitement for our traditional Copake Lake boat parade. It’s a sight to behold and a wonderful tradition to be part of this event!

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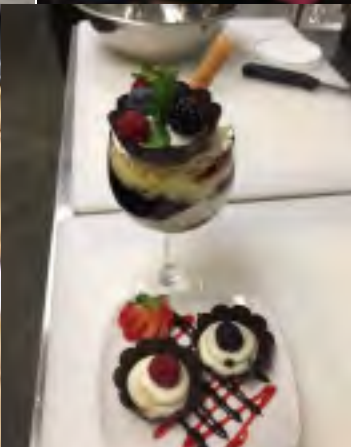
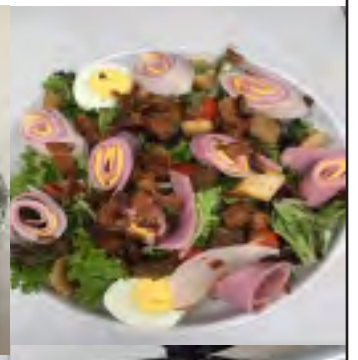
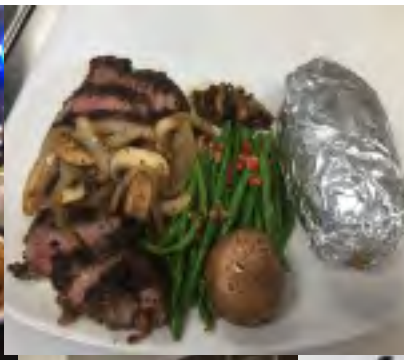
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