



# CLCS News

FALL/WINTER 2018

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

Copake Lake is a diversified crowd of proud home owners who all have one thing in common... the love of "their lake". We all love to be at the lake sharing our laughter with friends and families. Each person holds onto special memories from years spent at the lake. Each one of us needs to continue to take responsibility for the choices that we make in caring for our lake. Choices include such behavior as practicing safety in and around our waters, or above all, being respectful to each other in our lake community. Taking a few moments to contemplate our choices could be the difference between a positive or negative outcome. Reviewing the New York State Boater Safety Regulations manual regularly, ensuring proper use of a life jacket is adhered to, having an age appropriate spotter when doing motorized water sports, and observing the 5 MPH within 100 feet of shoreline will make a difference. Simple things such as caring for your septic tanks regularly, asking your lawn company to use phosphorus-free products, planting or keeping greenery along the shorelines can ultimately produce a positive outcome for our lake community. Working together to maintain a healthy lake environment will only enrich us so that we all benefit.

Our lake community is growing. The utilization of the waters is on an upsurge with both motorized and non-motorized watercraft. As a community we must work together to instill core elements of safety, including the awareness, receptiveness, and implementation of healthy boating practices. We are One Lake and the need for each of us to be courteous and law abiding on our lake waters is essential. What you do has a profound impact on the people around you. The Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) would like to remind each of you, if you see something unsafe to say something by contacting the Columbia County Sheriff's Department (518.828.0601). Acquire the registration number of the watercraft, or the person's name, and report the incident to the sheriff's department. They will conduct an investigation of the case being reported. Do not be the enforcer; let the Sheriff address the issue directly.

Each year CLCS focuses on what the best options are for treatments of the lake, endeavoring to keep our lake healthy. With every year comes the struggle of increased costs that face us in keeping our lake as pristine as it has been over the years. After conducting an in-depth analysis of our financial status, the conclusion to increase our individual membership dues from \$100 to \$150 will be implemented beginning January 2019. It has been over 40 years since Copake Lake Conservation Society's inception. There has not been an increase until now. We are very hopeful that you will understand and respond positively to this financial impact. I can't help but reflect on how the lake used to be, where for years you would have to back your boat up 400 feet. or more

from your dock before you could go forwards because the weed beds were so thick, your boat could not operate. There were many years that the pea green algae covered the lake water and clung to your skin with an offensive odor. Bacteria levels were high enough that people became very ill. Is this the kind of lake that you want to own property on and invite friends and family to visit? Do you prefer our pristine waters of today? Many of us managed through it all, but I have to say the glistening waters of today are far more desirable and valuable! There are many families that are members of CLCS, but numerous families that are not. It is my certainty that by reaching out and encouraging those who don't make a donation to consider doing so; we can only help in the preservation of Copake Lake. My sincere thank you for the continued support of all our members, friends, and business supporters.

May you each have a blessed fall and winter season filled with an abundance of good health.

**Debra Ruggieri**



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# CLCS 2019 Board Of Trustees

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# CLCS 2019 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	Barbara Rindler
Jed Luchow <i>(editor)</i>	Debra Ruggieri
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### ELECTRONIC

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	Deborah Sprague

### PUBLICITY

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

## 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	Barbara Rindler
Jennifer Oliveira	Debra Ruggieri
	Edward Werfelman*

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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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Jim Murphy	

## 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. Grants Committee (GC) is a sub-committee of Lake Management Committee.

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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
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## 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
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\*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](mailto:info@copakelakecs.org) to let us know of your interest.

# CLCS Contributors (through October 1, 2018)

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](http://www.copakelakecs.org)

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# 2019 “Prospective” Schedule of Meetings and Events

**Note:** This calendar reflects the traditional meetings and events at or around the Copake Lake community area.  
Please consult the CLCS website for up-to-date information ([www.copakelakecs.org](http://www.copakelakecs.org))

## April-June

## Treatment with Sonar(R) to control invasive weed growth\*

**Saturday, May ??, 2019**  
9 a.m.

**CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting**  
The Greens Restaurant

**Saturday, May ??, 2019**  
9 a.m. - 12 noon

**Town of Copake Clean-up Day**  
Town Garage, 47 School Road. No construction or demolition waste.  
Call Town Hall 518 329-1234 Ext 2 for more info

**Saturday, May 25, 2019**  
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 26, 2019

**Saturday, June ??, 2019**  
9 a.m.

**CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting**  
The Greens Restaurant

**Saturday, June 8, 2019**  
5 p.m. - 7:30 pm

**Roeliff Jansen Community Library Gala**  
Roeliff Jansen Community Park, Harvest Barn 9140 Rte 22, across from the library.  
Check website for further details [www.roejanlibrary.org](http://www.roejanlibrary.org)

## Late June

## Treatment with Se Clear G if required to treat for algae\*

**Thursday, July 4, 2019**  
1 p.m.

**Annual 4th of July Boat Parade**  
Begins at Southwest Colony

**Saturday, July 6, 2019**  
10 a.m.

**CLCS Annual Meeting and Open House**  
Copake Town Hall

**Saturday, July 13, 2019**

**15th Annual Summer Bash, Theme: “To Be Announced”**  
The Greens Restaurant.; cocktails 6:30 p.m., dinner 7:30 p.m.

## Late July

## Treatment with copper sulfate if required to control algae\*

**Saturday, August ??, 2019**  
9 a.m.

**CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting**  
The Greens Restaurant

**Saturday, August 24, 2019**  
9 p.m.

**2019 Annual Fireworks at Copake Country Club**  
Organized by Denise Chickery and supported by community donations.

**Saturday, August 1?? 2019**

**Copake Falls Day**  
Check website for details. [www.copakefallsday.org](http://www.copakefallsday.org) or call 518-329-3251

**Saturday, September ?? ,2018**  
9 a.m.

**CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting**  
The Greens Restaurant

**Sunday, September 1 ,2019**  
11 a.m.

**CLCS Labor Day Weekend Raffle**  
The Lighthouse Marina & Boat Club

**Saturday, September ??, 2019**

**76th Annual Roe-Jan Ramble Bike Tour**  
10am Copake Memorial Park  
This ride will go through Copake, Hillsdale and Ancram.  
For more information go to: [roejanramble.org](http://roejanramble.org) or call Tom Goldsworthy 347-952-5764.

*\*Lake treatments will be scheduled as needed. Treatment dates will be made firm based on lake testing results. Notices will be posted around lake 7 days prior to treatments. Check our website for dates and more information. [www.copakelakecs.org](http://www.copakelakecs.org)*

*\*\* Columbia County Hazardous Household Waste Collection. Check website for date: [www.colombiacountyny.com](http://www.colombiacountyny.com)*



Sunset over Copake Lake from County Rte. 7,  
photo by Michael Bienstock



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## Treasurer's Report

### PROFIT & LOSS

JANUARY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

#### Income:

Ads	1,660.00
Contributions Income	37,770.60
Fundraising	6,581.92
Interest Income	553.82
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>46,566.34</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>46,566.34</b>

#### Expenses:

Administration	2,415.68
Communications	6,280.31
Education	344.47
Lake Management	87,124.95
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>96,165.41</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>-49,599.07</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-49,599.07</b>



## Annual 4th of July Boat Parade on Copake Lake

This year's boat parade was blessed with beaming sunshine and warm temperatures. The boat parade always takes place on the 4th of July rain or shine (except thunderstorms!). This year July 4th fell in the middle of the week and there still was a great turn out. Over 30 boats participated. The parade starts and ends at South West Colony. Promptly at 1p.m. Cort Wright, his wife Maria, daughter Ari and boyfriend TJ led the parade around the entire perimeter of the lake. There were several spectators cheering and waving flags from the roadside, docks, lawns, and decks displaying their patriotic spirits!

This year the trophy winner was Barn in the USA with their Captain Peter Marano at the helm along with his crew Monique, Ryan, and Morgan Marano and Lila, Melissa, Ricky, and Thomas Carroll all aboard. This was their first entry in the boat parade aboard their brand new vessel. Congratulations Captain Peter and Crew!! Press Briefing vessel came in 2nd with Captain Doug Lyons and Old Navy vessel with Captain Beth Feeney and crew placed 3rd. Hats off to all the winners and an abundance of applause to all who participated! The

2019 boat parade will be judged by Captain Peter Marano and crew from their dock on Lakeview Road. Watch for their judging station!

Thanks to all of you that help in keeping the July 4th lake parade an ongoing tradition upon our waters!

Happy Birthday America from all of us at Copake Lake!

**Steven Chickery/Debra Ruggieri**



*Barn in the USA,  
photo by Denise Chickery*

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*Niece Izzie and friend Julia enjoying Copake Lake,  
photo by Denise Chickery*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### SUMMER BASH 2019

at The Greens

**Saturday, JULY 13, 2019**

Theme: To Be Determined

Cocktails at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

## 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 6, 2019  
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**

**2019 CLCS merchandise for sale**

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## Membership 2018 (and new plans for 2019 and beyond)

**D**ear CLCS Members and Copake Lake neighbors:  
As president of the Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) and chairperson of the Membership Committee, in this past spring/summer 2018 newsletter, I thanked you for your years of generous support and reminded you that “Your contributions are the pillars that support Copake Lake.”

Since 1974, we have been asking you, our Copake Lake friends and neighbors, for a voluntary membership of \$100 per year to become a voting member and supporter of the CLCS. **After 45 years**, your CLCS Board of Trustees (BOT) has seen the need to increase our membership as of the January 1- December 31, 2019 fiscal year due to the increased costs necessary for the care and maintenance of our lake.

**A membership, which supports our work and includes one individual's right to vote at our annual meeting, will increase from \$100 to \$150**

There will be four Household categories of Membership Donations

- Lake Angels \$1000 +
- Lake Fanatics \$500-999
- Lake Lovers \$300-499
- Lake Friends \$150-\$299 (includes 1 individual household membership)

- Non-membership donations to CLCS will be listed in the newsletter as: General Donations, In Honor of Donations, and In Memory of Donations.

- Homeowners' Associations do not have a voting membership and will be listed in the newsletter under General Donations.

- Business Supporters for a donation of \$100 or more for the fiscal year January 1- December 31 do not have voting membership and will be listed in the newsletter under Business Supporters.

In closing, I remind you that CLCS has maintained its recommended membership donation of \$100 a year for the past 45 years. Now, we are calling upon each and every one of you to continue to support us, encourage your neighbors to support us, volunteer for a CLCS committee or activity, and increase your generous giving so that we can all enjoy the beauty of Copake Lake and the greater Copake Lake Watershed for ourselves, for our children, for our children's children and for so many others in the years to come.

Peace and limitless blessings to all

**Debra Ruggieri**

*President and Membership Chairperson*





# Annual CLCS Shoreline Clean-Up Day

Copake Lake Conservation Society's (CLCS) annual shoreline clean-up day was held on Saturday, May 26, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This event helps us clean up unwanted debris from the lake and along the shoreline. This year we again did a one-time sweep of the shoreline along the roads starting at 10:00 a.m., from Golf Course Road, along Lakeview Road, to County Route 7 ending at Juliana/Jefferson Drive. The debris was then transported to the dumpster at the triangle at the intersection of Lakeview Road and County Route 7 where CLCS sets up an information table. With special thanks to Jim Murphy and Ed Werfelman for taking on the task of developing CLCS merchandise, CLCS sold out most of its first round of 2018 tee shirts, sweatshirts, and caps.

CLCS volunteers helped at the information table and also monitored the dumpster so that only debris from the lake could be deposited. This year's "Guardians of the Dumpster" included: Dave Craw, Jed Luchow and Dave Tamburro (DT). Volunteers included: Fred Bunger, Joyce Craw, Maria DiSalvo, Ron Flaum, Jim Murphy, Debra Ruggieri, Kim Schokman, Dean and SLB Tow and Ilise Zimmerman-Posen.

This year CLCS hired the services of Carmen Barbato, Inc. for a dumpster that allowed us to remove nearly two tons of lake debris. We especially thank the Town of Copake for paying the tipping fee. We would also like to thank Jon Urban of the Copake Country Club/The Greens Restaurant for providing us with a pick-up truck and workers including Lorenzo Luna and Elizabeth, Rosieo, and Sandra, to go

along the roads and gather lake debris for transport to the dumpster.

Next year, CLCS Shoreline Clean Up Day will be on Saturday, May 25, 2019 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Again, this will be the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. The rain date will be Sunday, May 26, 2019. CLCS will have 2019 merchandise available at that time.

**Jed Luchow**

*Event Coordinator*

**Lake Management Committee**



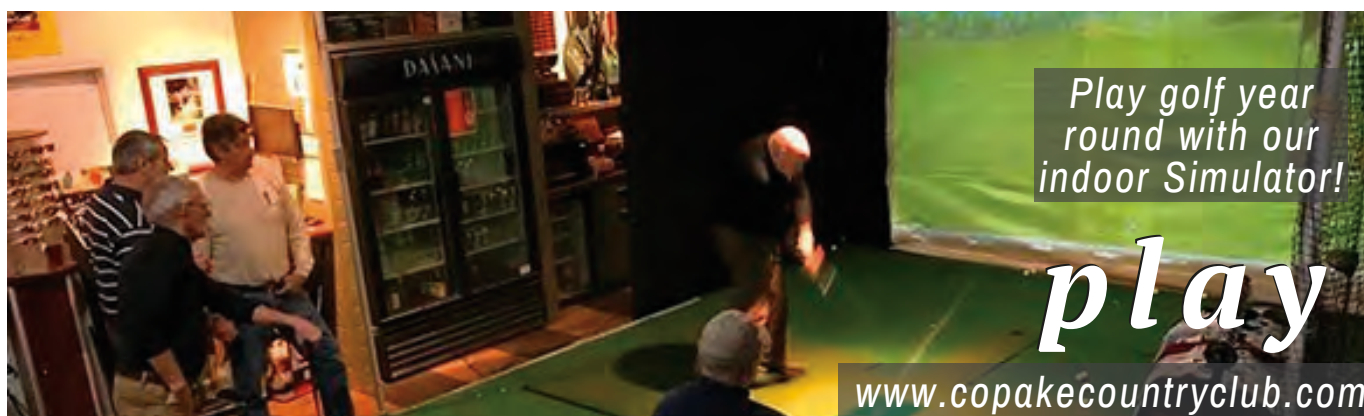
*Look what came out of Copake Lake on Shoreline Clean Up Day with Gabe, Jack, and Peyton Chaimowitz. Adult is Amy Chaimowitz. photo by Frances Pross*

## 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.



*Shoreline Clean-Up Day, Joyce Craw, Ilise Zimmerman-Posen, Debra Ruggieri, and Jim Murphy. photo by Cherie Berk*



# WINTER HAPPENINGS

*Sign up for our Newsletter to stay in the loop!*

Trivia Sunday • Mexican Monday • Thursday Pasta Night • Prix Fixe Fridays  
Comedy Night November 24th - buy tickets online!

*the Barn*  
at Copake Lake

the **greens**



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# Summer Bash: Denim and Diamonds Delivers!

The theme for this year's Bash, held on July 14, was Denim and Diamonds. The sell-out crowd of 194 people came ready to party and were just as eager to support the CLCS. With Anthony Marchione and Kaylee Kading as our hosts from The Greens, the guests were treated to an excellent array of appetizers served by a very attentive wait staff. This was followed by a bar-b-que style buffet from chef Glenn Strickling.

While Mother Nature attempted to dampen spirits with a passing rain squall, Anthony rolled out the canopy and "DJ Daddy" kept the dance floor rocking. As the skies cleared, it was auction time. As our auctioneer, Steve Chickery's performance could best be described as titanic. We had some really unique items this year, and to show them, Theresa Westlake and Denise Chickery channeled their inner Vanna White as they paraded the gifts before the audience. The reason the auction was so successful is twofold: firstly, the generosity of our donors, and secondly, the generosity of those who did the bidding. We would be remiss if we didn't take the time to name our donors! Donors included: the

Bungers, the Chickerys, The Greens Restaurant, Lia's Mountain View in Pine Plains, Harney and Sons, Keith Schaefer, the Urbans, and W.B. Mason. Thanks to you all!

We also want to acknowledge all the guests who dug into their pockets to purchase 50/50 tickets. This year broke last year's record, and congratulations to our winner Millie DiSalvo, who has lived at Copake Lake forever!

The leaves have turned and fallen! As this year's lake season draws to a close, we extend our thanks to all who support the work of the CLCS. It is we, you and the board of trustees, who are the caretakers of Copake Lake for the generations to follow. As the holidays approach we wish all our neighbors and friends of all faiths a Blessed Holiday and a healthy prosperous New Year.

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# 2018 Labor Day Weekend Raffle

The weather at the lake made for a wonderful Labor Day weekend for 2018. The Copake Lake Conservation Society annual weekend Labor Day raffle was once again a great success. Many people attended the raffle in hopes they would be the lucky winner of the \$1000 grand prize. We would like to thank all the supporters listed as contributors of our 2018 raffle. Your generous gifts make this fundraising event possible.

A shout out of thanks to all who acquire the raffle gifts. Without your assistance our fundraiser would not be a successful one. Much appreciation goes to all the folks that take the time to reach out to the community to purchase raffle tickets for this CLCS fundraising event. This year Rick Aluisio sold 95 raffle tickets! Thank you Rick for your dedication to CLCS. A special thank you to Buddy Sinisi at the Lighthouse Marina for hosting our Labor Day Weekend raffle year after year. Thank you to all for attending this annual fundraiser; your attendance makes for an enjoyable event! Finally, congratulations to all the 2018 winners and

our \$1000 grand prize winner, Bela Costello. Arlene Riley happily accepted the prize on behalf of 11 year old Bela. Enjoy!

**Debra Ruggieri /Colleen Closson**  
Fundraising Committee



2018 Labor Day Raffle winner Bela Costello (age 11), accepting for Bela is Arlene Riley, with Debbie Ruggieri and Colleen Closson, photo by Deborah Sprague

CONTRIBUTOR	GIFT	WINNER
CLCS	\$1000 in Cash	Bela Costello / Arlene Riley
Catamount Ski	Two Ski Lift Tickets	Ed Nelson
Copake Lake Boat & Ski	Safety Package-2 life vest, flares, orange flag, whistle, first aid kit	Kristine McConnell
Catamount Aerial	Two Admissions	Marcia Troyetsky
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The Lighthouse Boat Club	\$100 Cash	David Crow
Harney and Sons	Assortment Gift Basket	Adam Peck
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Sky Farm Riding Stables	One Hour Riding Lesson	Ilise Zimmerman Posen
The Greens	\$50 Gift Certificate	John and Mary Canevari
CLCS	CLCS Hat, 5 Wine Bags & 2 Lanyard	Jackie Bernstein
Poochini's Pet Salon	Basket of Pet Goodies	Larry Brown
Thrifty Beverage	Metal Corona cooler and folding Bud Light chair	Muriel Muldorf
CLCS	2018 T-shirt, Bag, Koosies, Copake Lake Book	Kevin Kline
Stewart's Shoppes	\$30 Gift Card	Ron Hansen
Taconic Valley	40lb. Non Phosphorous Fertilizer	Aidan William
Dad's Diner	Breakfast for Two	Sister Martha Marie
Thrifty Beverage	Wooden Heineken Adirondack chair	Charlie Zabata
IGA	\$20 Gift Card	Rick Aluisio
Thrifty Beverage	Southern Tier Cooler w/wheels	Pat Kirwan
CLCS	2017 T- shirt, canvas bag	Sam Beneventano
Thrifty Beverage	Corona Light cooler	Brenda Marchione
CLCS	CLCS Tote Bag	Trudi Iglesias & Joe Maymi

# Fireworks\* Lit Up Our Sky Over Copake Lake!

*\*Editor's Note: The summer fireworks display is NOT a Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) event and is not financially supported by CLCS. However, CLCS supports the fireworks by advertising the event in this newsletter, its Facebook page, and its website. CLCS encourages support of the summer fireworks display as well as other activities that seek to enhance the quality of life around our lake community*

This was the 16th year for our fireworks display at Copake Lake and it was a doozie! Due to the generosity of many people, we were able to make this year's show bigger and better than ever! Jon and Kim Urban, owners of The Greens/Copake Country Club, once again allowed us to have our event on their golf course. The weather cooperated and it was fabulous! Frank Colluccio's Legion Firework's staff did an outstanding job from start to finish. I want to thank the Urbans, Legion Fireworks and once again all of the donors who made this possible. A special thank you to Colleen Closson, Lindsay LeBrecht and Debra Ruggeri who help me collect the donations every year from our lake community. With everyone's continued support, we can keep this fun and exciting lake tradition going. The 2019 spectacular display will be on Saturday, August 24th at 9:00 p.m.

**Denise Chickery**  
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# 2018 Shoreline Boat & Dock 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 the numbers are not repeatable. The trends, however, are interesting.

## 2018 Comments:

- **Powered craft are up 4% from 2017 & 15% from 2010 with the biggest increase in pontoon boats.**
- **Watercraft are up 3% from last year, 34% since 2010 with the biggest increase in kayaks.**
- **There are 375 dock spaces on the lake, including 75 at the two marinas. Dock space definition was simplified this year**

**Data by Fred & Barbara Bunger**  
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*Miles Braffett sailing Copake Lake,  
photo by Denise Chickery*

Type of Watercraft	2001	2006	2007	2009	2010	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Inboard	71	119	111	119	125	116	129	130	133	129	138
Large outboard	73	64	64	55	58	36	33	39	38	40	36
Small outboard (<15 hp)	34	20	20	20	18	15	14	13	15	17	16
Pontoon boats	35	70	78	71	73	89	102	108	126	127	138
Personal Water Craft	40	71	55	54	59	47	43	52	60	55	54
Total power craft		344	328	319	333	289	321	342	376	368	382
Row boats	48	51	65	58	56	40	37	35	37	31	38
Sailboats	30	36	32	18	19	15	20	19	19	22	19
Canoes	51	48	49	43	49	40	44	40	31	35	37
Kayaks	19	98	109	112	122	159	186	206	220	218	223
Paddleboats	20	16	18	19	18	11	10	13	20	16	18
Paddleboards					0	20	23	17	31	50	55
Total watercraft	421	593	601	569	597	571	640	672	734	740	765
Number of Dock Spaces								308	428		375



## CLCS Grants (up to \$5,000)

Improve or protect the Copake Lake watershed. CLCS is offering grants to support proactive projects. The grant will support up to 50% of the cost of the project, not to exceed \$5,000. Please go to the CLCS website, [www.copakelakecs.org](http://www.copakelakecs.org), for guidelines and the application form for submitting a proposal.

**IMPORTANT: All grant proposals must be submitted to and approved by the Board of Trustees before any work on a project can begin. Before any grant funds can be disbursed, all work must be inspected by members of the Grant Committee to insure that the project aligns with the description in the initial proposal submission and to all CLCS Grant Guidelines.**

**Russ Stein**

*Chairperson*

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Year	Recipient	Award
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2016	Buddy Sinisi	Engraved clock
2015	Rick Aluisio	Engraved plaque
2014	Denise Chickery	Engraved plaque
2013	Karen Schutzer	Engraved plaque
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 Crow	Certificate of Appreciation
2005	Barbara Bunger	Framed kayaking picture with friends
2005	Elayne Dix	Framed kayaking picture with friends
2004	Jim Carmody	Certificate of Appreciation



*Annual Recognition Award presented by Cherie Berk  
to Jackie Bernstein, CLCS Secretary,  
photo by Ralph Berk*



*Sailing into fall at Copake Lake,  
Photo by Debra Ruggieri*

# Lake Management Committee (Summer 2018)

## Weed Treatment:

Milfoil, the most persistent invasive weed in Copake Lake, was totally controlled this year. A whole-lake treatment with fluridone (Sonar®) was applied May 15th. CLCS contracted with Solitude to try to achieve a 3 year control of milfoil. The \$158,000 contract price includes a 3 year guarantee of 85% control.

A native weed, yellow star grass showed vigorous growth through the season. It became heavy near the end of the season but has provided cover for the fish since all other weeds were removed by the Sonar® treatment.

## Swimmer's Itch

Several cases of "swimmer's itch" were reported in June. An e-mail notification was sent to CLCS members along with information about the cause and treatment of the itch.

## Lake Clarity / Filamentous Algae

The lake clarity remained exceptionally good all season starting above 20 feet and ranging down to 10 feet by the end of August.

Spot areas were treated with copper sulfate June 13th to control filamentous algae.

## Shoreline Erosion Survey

A survey to determine the level of interest in shoreline erosion was given out at the July 7th annual meeting and conducted on-line the following week. Report elsewhere in this newsletter

## Lyngbya wollei algae concern

A 15 acre area along Lakeview Drive near the "Bird" roads was found to have Lyngbya wollei algae. This algae was found to contain saxotoxins which contaminate shellfish. The lake water in this area was tested and found to contain only traces of saxotoxin.

## Drawdown plan

The lake returned to full level in early May after the winter drawdown. The lake will be drawn down 15-to 18 inches in November to avoid ice damage.

## Health Testing

Samples of lake water were drawn twice at swimming areas around the lake. All samples showed extremely low levels of fecal coliform.

## Invasive Species Control

Additional Invasive Species Prevention signs were posted at the County Corner and the Copake Lake Boat and Ski regarding invasive species protection. We partnered with Hudson DMV, Walmart and Copake Town Hall to distribute DEC AIS prevention pamphlets with fishing licenses and boat registrations. A Clean, Drain and Dry Campaign is ongoing.

## Fred Bunger

*Chairperson*



*From the Cove on Copake Lake,  
photo by Colleen Closson*

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Marybeth Bradway

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To be considered, a completed application must be submitted and can be found here:  
[https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/remediation\\_hudson\\_pdf/hrewtftap14.pdf](https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/remediation_hudson_pdf/hrewtftap14.pdf)

The application deadline is March 1 for a planting in spring. We strongly encourage you to apply before the application deadline. Preference will be given to larger areas of land.

Therefore, it is recommended that neighboring shoreline property owners band together and submit a single application.

You can download an overview of applicant requirements at:  
[https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/remediation\\_hudson\\_pdf/hrewtft14new.pdf](https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/remediation_hudson_pdf/hrewtft14new.pdf)

You can find more information about the programs at:  
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**For more information about the Trees for Tribs program please contact:**

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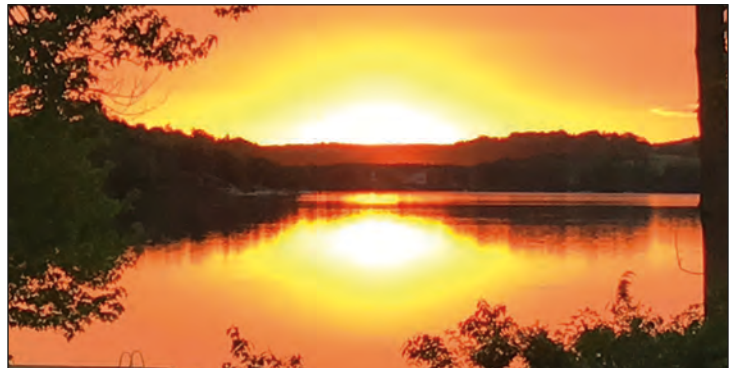
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**Sunset over Copake Lake from County Rte. 7,  
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*Black Bear on Spring Street at Copake Lake, July 8, 2018,  
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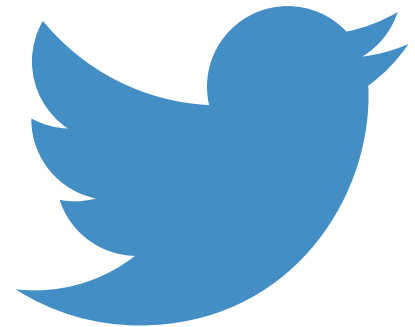
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**Deborah Sprague**  
Communications Committee

# Results From Shoreline Erosion Survey Copake Lake 2018

**T**he CLCS wants to thank the 120 people in the community who filled out the Shoreline Erosion Survey. Your responses have provided us with much useful information.

**In summary,** the survey reflects the following:

- 84% of responders have been coming to Copake Lake for more than 10 years.
- Shoreline erosion is a very important concern for 71% of responders.
- 78% have noted shoreline changes.
- 84% think that protecting the Natural Habitat is very important.
- 41 out of 68 shoreline property owners (who responded to survey) have done work to protect their shoreline from erosion.

**In conclusion:** Shoreline erosion is of concern for CLCS members and is a problem for Copake Lake. The severity of erosion varies from one location to another around the lake. It will continue to be an issue

for shoreline property owners because it is a natural process. It is affected by ice damage, waves from strong rain and wind storms and wakes from boating activity.

**What to do.** For property owners, the best way to **PROTECT** the shoreline is to take **PREVENTATIVE** measures against erosion. The NYSDEC “encourages the use of “soft” or natural shoreline measures over “hard” or structural methods”. The “soft” measures are also much better for protecting the Natural Habitat, which is very important to survey responders and is better for the lake.

For more erosion control information, check out the Lake Management section on the CLCS website at: [www.copakelakecs.org](http://www.copakelakecs.org).

**Barbara Bunger**

Erosion Sub-Committee  
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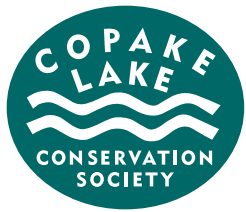
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