



CLCS News

SPRING/SUMMER 2020

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

Sun filled days and warm nights will soon be here for all us to enjoy at our happy place, Copake Lake. Although many of us love the lake for its natural beauty all the months of the year, we tend to see the most activity during the summertime. Copake Lake Conservation Society Inc. (CLCS) is working throughout the year to uphold our mission statement, and, while the Board of Trustees is currently made up of 23 folks, it takes our entire lake community to assist in the sustainability of our lake waters. It is very important that each of us takes pride in knowing what we have and what we want to have for our future generations to be able to enjoy Copake Lake. It takes focus, perseverance, and an involved lake community working together to preserve our natural gem and watershed. I urge each of you, if you are not already a member of CLCS, to please make 2020 the year you come on board and join. We all desire pristine waters that we can enjoy today, tomorrow, and in the future. CLCS needs each of your families' membership support to assist in the conservation of our lake.

• Our spring season starts with CLCS's **Annual Shoreline Clean Up Day**, which takes place this year on May 30th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon on the weekend after the Memorial Day holiday. This will give folks the time to clean up their shoreline over the holiday weekend. Roadside pickup and the dumpster will be at the triangle by County Route 7 and Lakeview Road on May 30th (rain date May 31st). Any debris left by the roadside will be picked up if it falls within the guidelines of the disposal (see Shoreline Clean Up Day article in this issue). If it does not meet the guidelines, then it will be your responsibility to remove the debris. My thanks to all for following the procedures and making this a successful event. Effective environmental care is up to each of us!

• The **CLCS Annual Meeting** on July 11 will be held at the Copake Town Hall at 10:00 AM. We hope that each of you can come and join in learning about what is going on with Copake Lake. 2020 CLCS merchandise will be available for sale. This is a time to meet your lake community and the CLCS Board of Trustees. Reserve the date!

• A starry sky is predicted for the **CLCS Summer Bash** at The Greens on July 18, cocktails at 6:30 PM, dinner at 7:30 PM – Theme: 'A Night At The Races' - Enjoy a fun filled evening out!

• **CLCS Labor Day Raffle** will be held on Sunday, September 6th at 11 AM at The Lighthouse Beach and Boat Club at Copake Lake. Who will be the 2020 winner of the \$1000 Grand Prize or one of the many generous gifts that are donated by a variety of both local and afar establishments. Please buy raffle tickets. Your support is amazing and appreciated!

• December 1, 2020 is **Giving Tuesday**. What a great way to make a difference and give back. A feel-good day!

Whether you are on the water or on the land, the choices you make as individuals living at Copake Lake do make a difference in the preservation and safety of our beautiful happy place!

CLCS encourages a few "Lake Living Principles" that are beneficial for each of us to keep in mind:

- Maintaining septic systems regularly;
- Adhering to New York State Boating Guidelines for everyone's safety;
- Checking motorized vehicle engines for leaks seasonally;
- Using only non-phosphorous fertilizers;
- Being aware of swim area boundaries;
- Driving, biking, jogging, and walking with care;
- Bagging your leaves and lawn trimmings (Outdoor burning during specified dates---always call in your controlled burns);
- Spotting and removing invasive aquatic plant species;
- Protecting the erosion of our shoreline and its habitat with plantings;
- Respecting each other at all times!

All we need is LOVE... and our LAKE... May each of you have unlimited enjoyment, peace, and good health this spring and summer season.

Debra Ruggieri



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CLCS 2020 Committees

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

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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*
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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.

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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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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.

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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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*	Barbara Rindler
Jed Luchow	

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2020 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)

May 2020

*** Treatment for invasive weeds will be scheduled as needed but likely to be in mid-May. There will be a 7 day advance notice of any treatment restrictions on lake use.**

Saturday, May 9, 2020
9 a.m.

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
The Greens Restaurant

Saturday, May 9, 2020
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 23, 2020
9 a.m. - 12 noon

Memorial Day Weekend
CLCS Information Booth opens and 2020 CLCS merchandise will be for sale.
Corner County Route 7 and Lakeview Road

Saturday, May 30, 2020
9 a.m. - 12 noon

Town of Copake Clean-up Day
Corner County Route 7 and Lakeview Road.
Only debris from Copake Lake and shore line; Rain date May 31.

Saturday, June 13, 2020
5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, June 13, 2020
9 a.m.

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
The Greens Restaurant

July 2020

*** Algae treatments will be scheduled only as needed. There will be a 7 day advance notice of treatment restrictions or lake use.**

Saturday, July 4, 2020
1 p.m.

Annual 4th of July Boat Parade
Begins at Southwest Colony

Saturday, July 11, 2020
10 a.m.

CLCS Annual Meeting
Copake Town Hall

Saturday, July 18, 2020

14th Annual Summer Bash
The Greens Restaurant.; Cocktails 6:30 p.m., Dinner 7:30 p.m.
Theme: "A Night at the Races" • Live Band: The Junkyard Junkies

Saturday, August 8, 2020
9 a.m.

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
The Greens Restaurant

Saturday, August 15, 2020

Copake Falls Day
Check website for details. www.copakefallsday.org or call 518-329-3251

Saturday, August 15, 2020
9 p.m.

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

Sunday, September 6, 2020
11 a.m.

CLCS Labor Day Weekend Raffle
The Lighthouse Boat Club

Saturday, September 12, 2020
9 a.m.

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
The Greens Restaurant

Saturday, September 12, 2020

7th Annual Roe-Jan Ramble Bike Tour
8 a.m. Copake Memorial Park
This ride will go through Copake, Hillsdale and Ancram. For more information go to: roejanramble.org or call Tom Goldsworthy 347-952-5764. Registration is free online.

**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*

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



BOOK SHOP HOURS
OPEN EVERY SATURDAY

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

MEMORIAL DAY THROUGH LABOR DAY
(EXCEPT JULY 4TH)

Location: Lower Level of
Roeliff Jansen Community Library
9091 Route 22
Copake, NY 12516 friends-roejanlibrary.org

CLCS Grants Suspended

Due to current budgetary constraints the Copake Lake Conservation Society will be suspending its grants program until further notice. Please see the CLCS website and/or the CLCS Information Board at the Triangle of Lakeview Road and County Road 7 for updated information.

Russ Stein

Chairperson

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Treasurer's Report PROFIT & LOSS

JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2019

Income:

Ads	2,405.00
Contributions Income	71,123.59
Fundraising	10,968.02
Interest Income	2,173.53
Total Income	86,670.14

Expenses:

Pay Pal and Bank Fee	385.73
Administration	3,971.58
Communications	15,070.11
Lake Management	67,062.85
Total Expenses	86,490.27

Net Income / Loss

179.87

2020 Annual July 4th Copake Lake Boat Parade

Mark your calendar for Copake Lake's annual July 4th (Saturday) boat parade. The boat parade starts promptly at 1:00 p.m. from Southwest Colony traveling around the entire perimeter of Copake Lake! We are all looking forward to another great showing of America's spirit at our lake waters for 2020.

Come rain or come shine, your vessel can display one flag or multiple flags; you may have one person or many people on your vessel; you may dress in costumes or come as you are; and, you may cheer from your deck or your dock or simply along the shoreline. The July 4th boat parade is a tradition around Copake Lake that everyone enjoys! Don't miss out as our community celebrates America's 244th birthday. Last year's trophy winners, with its theme "The Incredible Copake Lake", included Captain Jed Luchow and his crew: Jessie Rosen Luchow, Rob Luchow, Sharon Luchow, Ali Luchow Rosenberg, Scott Rosenberg, Sam Rosenberg, Brett Rosenberg, Tami Luchow Sachs, Steve Sachs, Ben Sachs, and Marty Sachs.

The Luchow Family Crew will be the judges for the 2020 boat parade! Be on the look out for the 2020 judges station at the Luchow dock along County Route 7 opposite the President's Roads of Grant Drive and Washington Drive. Come celebrate as a lake community!

Steven Chickery and Debra Ruggieri



*"The Incredible Copake Lake"
Captain Jed Luchow and crew.
Photo by Sharon Luchow*



*Crew: The Luchow Family, The Rosenberg Family,
and the Sachs Family.
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2020 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:

- 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).
- Water Skiing: Water skiers must have a “look-out” over the age of 10 (NYS Law).
- BWI: Boating while impaired or intoxicated subject to fines or imprisonment (NYS Law).
- Fire extinguisher, distress signal and anchor are required on ALL motorized watercraft.

PERSONAL WATER CRAFT (NYS Law):

- Operators must wear an approved PFD.
- Operator must be attached with a cut-off device.
- 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.
- May not be operated within 500 ft of a designated swimming area.
- 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:

- 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.
- Avoid spilling gasoline or oil. Repair leaks immediately.
- Dispose of litter properly in bins on shore.
- 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.

Concerns about speed, noise, or safe handling of any motorized watercraft on the lake should be directed to: COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 518-828-3344.



Photo by Debra Ruggieri

NYS Rules and Regulations for Non-Motorized Watercraft (Kayaks, Paddleboards, etc.)

Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) must be worn year-round by all children under 12 years of age on any boat less than 65 feet in length, unless within a fully enclosed cabin; by anyone engaging in towed activities, such as water-skiers or wake-boarders; and while on board a personal watercraft. Otherwise, a wearable life jacket must be available for every passenger on board every vessel, including non-motorized watercraft such as canoes and kayaks.” New York State Boating Laws and Regulations, 2010, see www.nysparks.com/recreation/boating.

Along with rowboats, kayaks, canoes, and sailboats, paddle boards are considered boats and must have a U.S. Coast Guard approved, properly sized, serviceable, and readily accessible life jacket on board for each person, just like any other boat, mechanized or not. From May 2 through October 31 such persons are not required to wear a life jacket, though it is highly suggested (but they must have one on board and readily accessible).

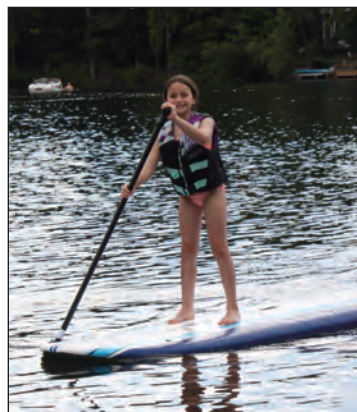
From November 1 to May 1, everyone on all pleasure vessels which include paddleboards, rowboats, kayaks, canoes, sailboats, and motorboats must be wearing a life jacket while underway, which means as long as the boat is not anchored

or tied to a dock. Drifting counts as underway.

Life jackets are the most important piece of equipment on a boat and can save your life; we recommend that they be worn at all times.

Thank you to Ro Woodard, Education Specialist, NYS Parks, Marine Service Bureau for helping to gather this information.

Education Committee



Sofia Powers



Sean Powers

*PFD must be worn (depending on age) or carried on paddleboards
Photos by Jodi Disch*

ARE YOU AWARE OF THE NEW NYS BOATING LAW AS OF JANUARY 1, 2020?

A new boating law, known as Brianna's Law, went into effect on January 1, 2020. By January 1, 2025, the new law requires ALL operators of ALL power boats, including electric motors, to take an approved NYS boating safety course. A 5-year phase-in period applies to all operators of all motorized watercraft, including electric motors.

Under this new law, the phase-in period for all motor boat operators will be as follows:

- Born on or after Jan. 1, 1993 will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2020.
- Born on or after Jan. 1, 1988 will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2022.
- Born on or after Jan. 1, 1983 will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2023.
- Born on or after Jan. 1, 1978 will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2024.
- All motor boat operators regardless of age will need a boating safety certificate beginning on January 1, 2025.

Fines of between \$100 and \$250 will be imposed for failure to comply under the new law that took effect as of Jan. 1, 2020. The New York

State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, which administers the law, estimates that there are nearly one million boaters who will have to take the boating safety course before the completion of the phasing in on Jan. 1, 2025. Further information on this law and classes can be found on the following website: <https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating/education.aspx>.

As a reminder, Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's) are required to be worn by, and securely fastened to, any youth under the age of 12 on boats 65 feet or less in length (NYS Nav. Law Section 40.1(d)). PFD's are also required on every pleasure vessel including canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, and rowboats operated upon the waters of NYS. You must have on board one U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable PFD for each person on the watercraft. In addition, vessels 16 feet and greater in length must also carry a type IV throwable PFD.

Additional information on the use of PFD's can be found at <https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating/documents/PFDLawsofNewYork.pdf>.

Maria Powers and Debra Ruggieri

Education Committee

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CLC~~S~~ membership needs your continuing support in 2020. Since CLCS began in 1974, our Copake Lake community's voluntary membership dues have been \$100 per year to become a voting member. After 45 years, on January 1, 2019, it was necessary for CLCS to increase membership from \$100 to \$150 to become a voting member of the organization. Over the years, aside from the many, many community volunteers, CLCS added a team of professional advisers to monitor all aspects of the Copake Lake watershed and help CLCS develop both short-term and long-term plans. Costs for all aspects of maintaining the health and well-being of Copake Lake have risen. We are very grateful for your understanding of these increases. CLCS would like to thank each of you who support us year after year with your membership and contributions. Without your contributions and dues, we would not have been able to sustain the beauty and health of the waters of Copake Lake. Many current homeowners can still remember the days when the lake waters were not so pristine and swimming, boating, and fishing were not so pleasant experiences. CLCS has helped to change that with all its work including both volunteers and professionals. While the condition of Copake Lake is attached to our property values, it is the personal values it brings to each of us on a day to day basis that is most important. Our joy is priceless!

Our Board of Trustees hopes that one day our entire lake community will become members of CLCS. In the meantime, we look forward to the yearly increase of families joining and supporting CLCS with their dues and contributions which help to sustain our majestic waters. Of the 600 lake families on our mailing list, only 265 are currently CLCS members. Our membership year runs from Jan 1 to Dec 31. Every effort is made to keep our membership list up to date. If you have changes in your address or believe there is an error in our postings please contact us at info@copakelakecs.org Subject Line: update / review. Thank you for your understanding.

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We are grateful for your annual support! It is needed and very much appreciated. We are looking forward to greeting you at this year's annual meeting on July 11 at 10:00 a.m. at Copake Town Hall.

Debra Ruggieri
Membership Chairperson

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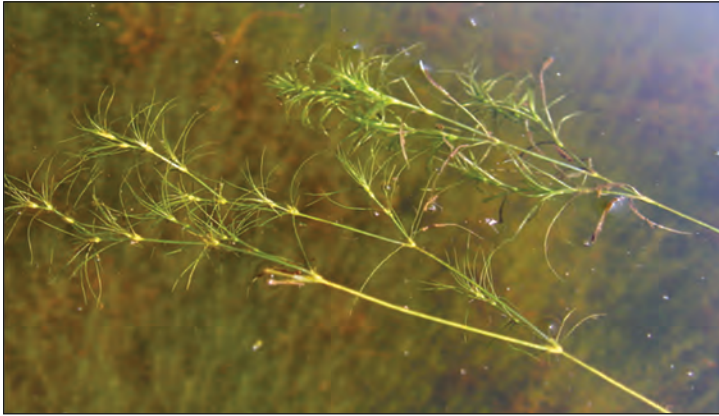
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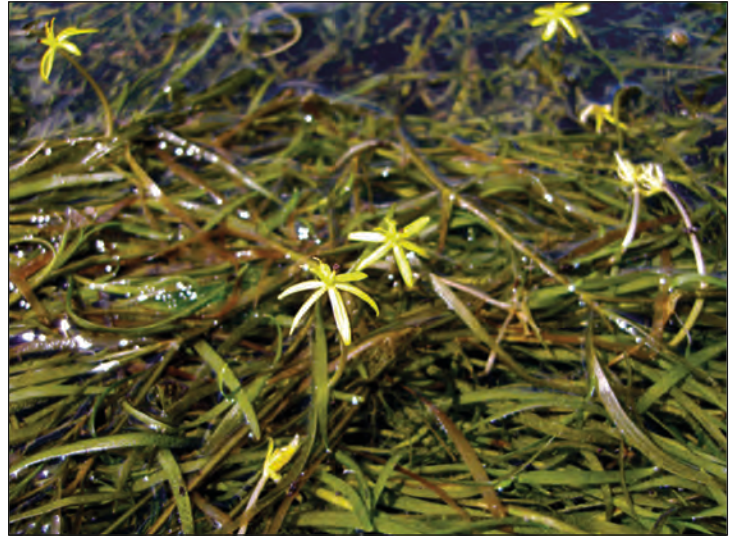
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Copake Lake Aquatic Plants

Native (desirable) Plants



Slender naiad *Najas flexilis*



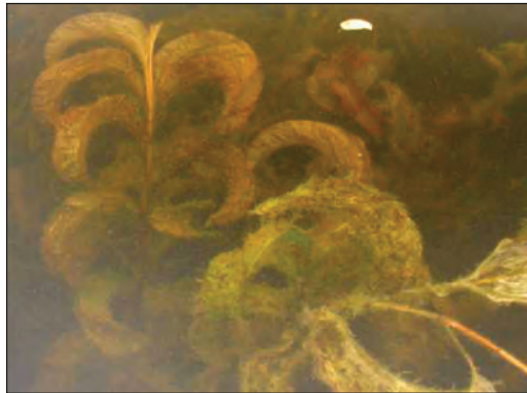
Water stargrass *Zosterella dubia*



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 be!



Curly-leaf pondweed *Potamogeton crispus*

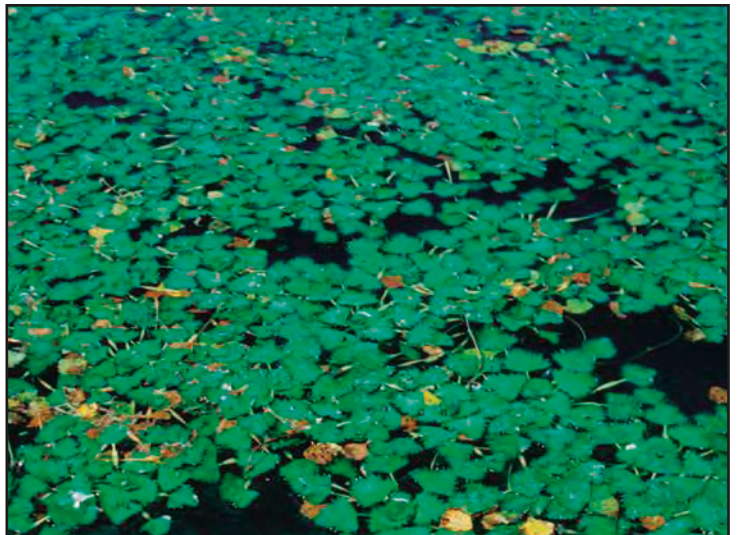


Eurasian water milfoil *Myriophyllum spicatum*

**Be on the
lookout
for these
invasive
plants!**



Hydrilla *Hydrilla verticillata*



Water Chestnut *Trapa natans*

Town of Copake Clean-Up Day (May 9, 2020) Copake Lake Shoreline Clean-Up Day (May 30, 2020)*

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

***Please take note that this is a new date. This is NOT the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. This is the Saturday, one week following Memorial Day Weekend. The CLCS Information and Merchandise Booth will be available on both Saturdays at the Triangle at County Route 7 and Lakeview Road.**

Town of Copake Clean-Up Day is being held on **May 9, 2020** (Saturday) from 9:00 a.m. 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 Conservation Society (CLCS) Shoreline Clean-Up Day is scheduled for **May 30, 2020** (Saturday following Memorial Day Weekend), with rain date of Sunday, May 31, 2020) from 9:00 a.m. 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 Juliana/Jefferson Drives. 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 a.m., 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 Information/Merchandise Booth and the Community bulletin board). This truck will make ONE (1) trip, starting at 10:00 a.m., from Golf Course Road to Lakeview Road to County Route 7 ending at Juliana/Jefferson Drives. We encourage residents to bring your own lake debris directly to the dumpster, if possible. The Town of Copake contributes the tipping fee for the dumpster. Please respect this donation and do not bring any household rubbish to this dumpster. CLCS Board of Trustees members will monitor the

dumpster from 9:00 am-12:00 noon. CLCS 2020 merchandise will be available for sale during these 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 several tons of debris from Copake Lake and its shoreline. The date of CLCS Shoreline Clean Up Day needed to be adjusted from Memorial Day Weekend as the waste management companies in our area are no longer available to deliver and pick up the dumpster on the Saturday morning of Memorial Day Weekend. Please keep this in mind when you put out ONLY lake debris along the roads mentioned in this article.

Jed Luchow

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

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to Russ Funk of RHF Enterprises
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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: Jed Luchow, Liz Nealon,
Jim Murphy, Debra Ruggieri, Belle Frank
Photo by Cherie Berk



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Lake Level on Copake Lake

Copake Lake is a natural lake that is only fed by rainfall and the run off into the lake from rainfall. A small dam was installed in the early 1900s to maintain the level for ice making in the winter. The dam is owned and controlled by the Copake Country Club.

Dam and Valve

The owners of the Copake Country Club consult with the Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) on the timing of the operation of the dam. The dam has a valve that is opened to draw down the level of the lake to avoid winter ice damage to the shoreline that causes erosion. The valve is opened in late fall to draw down the lake no more than 2 feet. The valve is closed in late winter to allow the lake to refill with spring rains.

Lake Level

During the spring/summer season with the valve closed, water flows over the spillway, thus fixing the lake level at maximum. In a wet summer, the lake level will stay constant, perhaps rising after heavy rainstorms. In a dry/hot summer, the lake level will slowly fall due to evaporation.

When Copake Lake receives treatment for nuisance weeds and/or algae, NYSDEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) requires no water flow out of the lake. To hold the water in the lake, the lake level will be kept below the spillway before treatment.

So, once the nuisance weed/algae treatments are done in late spring, the level of the lake depends upon the weather. Please consult the CLCS website under FAQs for additional information (www.copakelakecs.org).

Lake Management Committee

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2019 Lake Management Committee Meeting Report

Summary of 2019 & Action Plans for 2020

Attendees: Barb and Fred Bunker, Lindsay LeBrecht, Buddy Sinisi, Russ Stein, Keith Schaefer, Debra Ruggieri, AJ Reyes of NEAR, and Kara Sliwoski and Ben Casseles of Solitude.

Regrets: Ed Werfelman, Stu Troyetsky, Jed Luchow, Brad Dubler, and Mike Whitcomb

1. Health Monitoring

2019: All samples well under the level of concern. Swimmer's Itch reported in May and June, but there were no reports after early July.

2020: Kara suggested contacting Alpha Analytical in Albany to bid on the CLCS water testing. Stu will continue to sample the lake for coliform bacteria in late June, mid-July, and mid-August for potential sources of coliform contamination.

2020 Budget \$1,500

2. Shoreline erosion:

2019: Barb reported that coir logs installed in 2017 deteriorated quickly due to wave action. Stone added in February 2019 under NYS permit seem to provide good protection.

2020: NEAR to monitor shoreline erosion and report on problem areas.

2020 Budget: \$1000 for education and studies.

3. Grant Program:

2019: One grant request approved by the Grant Committee, but turned-down by the LMC Trustees when it was determined that the work did not materially improve lake quality.

2020: Grant program suspended for 2020.

4. Invasive Species Control:

2019: One visit by Captain Bob got several large carp.

2020: AJ to contact NYS Fisheries to determine if carp in Copake Lake are a serious concern. Lindsay to continue contact with Captain Bob.

2020 Budget: \$500 (until carp issue defined).

5. Lake Level and Dam:

2019: Lake level was satisfactory for all lake users. Dam reclassified as minimum risk A class. Engineering to meet NYSDEC requirements for repair is in progress with Hans Hasnay or WSP Engineering. Changes to spillway to increase overflow rate and simplify lake drawdown and refill will be included in the design.

2020: Drawdown in November, refill to start as danger of ice on shoreline is past.

2020 Budget: \$10,000 if needed to complete dam repair and modification engineering. (We have not spent any of the 2019 budget yet. This should probably be \$10,000 just to cover the 2019 work. Plus at least \$10,000 for the actual work.)

6. Invasive Weed Control:

2019: (See report from AJ Reyes of NEAR). We will be in the second year of our three-year contract with Solitude. Mid-May spot diquat controlled curly-leaf pondweed, but saw new growth in other areas of the lake. Native weeds abundant in August. A few spots of milfoil and brittle naiad seen in September.

2020: Third year of 3-year contract with Solitude. Four options for spot curly leaf control:

#1. Diquat, (if NYSDEC removes 14 day restriction).

#2. Flumoxycyn, which has only a 5-day irrigation restriction, maybe added cost.

#3. Aquathol, used before, with reasonable results.

May consider diver hand-pulling of the small milfoil areas.

#4. For future milfoil control, ProcellaCOR® EC was recently approved by NYSDEC. Procella® requires only a one-day permit and is approved for drinking water. Third year of Solitude contract is \$31,592 plus allocate \$10,000, if needed, for diver harvesting of late season nuisance weed control.

2020 Budget: \$41,492

7. Algae and Clarity:

2019: Lake clarity ranged from 24 feet in June to 8 feet in early September. Schedule issues resulted in heavy filamentous algae late June to early July. July 10th treatment with SeClearG (copper sulfate pentahydrate) controlled the algae for the season. Blue-green algae was not seen in high concentration in 2019.

2020: Secure permits for SeClear and/or copper sulfate as needed to control.

2020 Budget: included in Solitude contract.

8. Stormwater and Sediment Control:

2019: Town worked on adding stone and gabions to some Bird Roads ditches.

2019 Lake Management Committee Meeting Report Summary of 2019 & Action Plans for 2020 (continued)

2020: CLCS will set aside \$10,000 to provide material for the Town of Copake, if needed to work on drainage.

2020 Budget: \$10,000

9. Shoreline Cleanup

Cleanup will be moved to Saturday immediately following Memorial Day Weekend. Waste management companies will not deliver and/or pick up dumpster during the holiday weekend.

2020 Budget: \$600

10. NEAR monthly (May-Sept.) lake monitoring/testing and reporting

2020 Budget: to be determined

Fred Bunger

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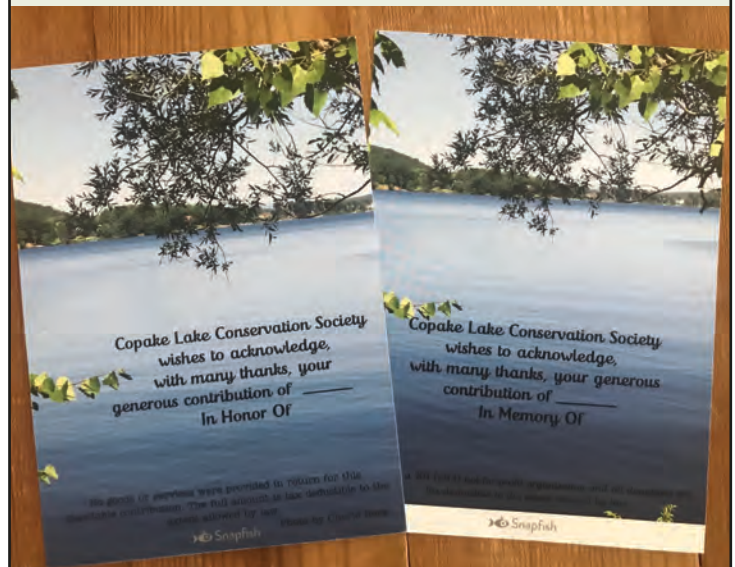


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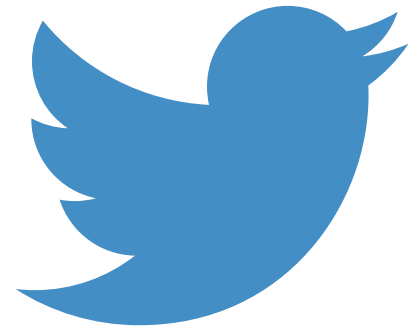
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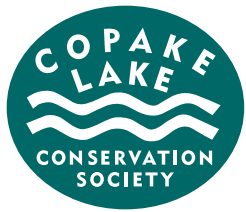
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