



CLCS News

Fall / Winter 2023

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

2023 was a special and reflective year for CLCS, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the formation of a group of lake homeowners on a mission to save Copake Lake from being a complete swamp.

Fortunately for all of us the Copake Lake Conservation Society and its mission statement were formed in 1973. This year was a grand celebration of the 50th anniversary for CLCS with the sale of our commemorative T-shirt, the Golden Trivia Bash, the First Annual Golden Golf outing, and the capturing of the past 50 years of stories and pictures to share with the community at these events.

Once a lake that had high bacteria levels, algae blooms, excessive weeds, and foul-smelling shorelines was transformed into a healthier lake for each of us to enjoy. This was quite a spectacular achievement. I for one am very grateful for the focus and dedication of all the volunteers on the Board of Trustees of CLCS and the entire lake community for its ongoing commitment to maintaining the lake over the past 50 years. Without the perseverance of each of us who cherish Copake Lake, our amazing gem would not bring you the joy that it does today. We need everyone's help in the continuing conservation of Copake Lake. CLCS needs folks to be willing to volunteer their time, step up to be a part of the organization, gain an understanding of the ecology of the lake, and realize the financial backing it takes to maintaining and preserving Copake Lake for the next 50 years and beyond. Are you someone who has time, aspires to gain knowledge within a 100% volunteer organization, and possesses the dedication for the conservancy of the lake? If you do, please reach out to info@copakelakecs.org to become a volunteer. We need you!

Every homeowner and boater needs to be aware that each of us plays a huge part in the health and safety of our lake. Without your steadfast focus helping to mitigate erosion of our shoreline by replanting shorelines with plant life, utilizing the middle of the large lake basin for wake surfing, and placing rocks on the shoreline to assist with the ebb and flow of our lake waters we will continue to lose our shorelines.

Monitoring your household septic system and ensuring it functions effectively is a must; mark your calendars to ensure your system is checked regularly. Following NYS boating regulations is a must. However, overall general safety practices always makes good sense in preventing accidents from occurring. Follow the 6 mph watercraft speed limit from 8p.m. to 9a.m. Stay close to shorelines while kayaking, paddle boarding and always have a life vest on kayaks and boards. Most important is to show respect for one another as we all use the lake for our recreational and peaceful enjoyment.

The CLCS Lake Management Committee along with our limnologists (NEAR), and the herbicide applicator company (Pond & Lakes Connection) are working to address the weed beds of the invasive species (non-native lake aquatic plants). The invasive plant life engulfed many areas with an overgrowth this season as well as the native plants which are becoming nuisance plants. Next steps are being reviewed to assist in reducing future impact while still maintaining an Eco balance. The once-a-month treatments that we endured this summer were recommended for ongoing treatment of zebra mussels and used as a treatment for algae. We thank you for your patience and support as we continue to work through the challenges that nature bestows on Copake Lake each year.

Enjoy the up-and-coming fall and winter months.

Many Blessings to all, Debra Ruggieri

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CLCS 2024 Committees

Communications

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

ELECTRONIC

Lindsay LeBrecht
Darryn Schneider*
Roger Kaplan*

NEWSLETTER

Joyce Craw
Jed Luchow (*editor*)
Sharon Luchow**

Debra Ruggieri
Marcia Untracht**

PUBLICITY

Cherie Berk
Edward Werfelman

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*

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.

Jennifer Oliveira
Debra Ruggieri

Edward Werfelman*

Fundraising

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

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Janna Meyrowitz Turner
Ilise Zimmerman-Posen

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

Annabel Nau

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.

Alex Almond**
Barbara Bunger**
Fred Bunger*
David Craw
John Erensberger
Julie Hochheiser
Ilkovich
Lindsay LeBrecht
Jed Luchow
Debra Ruggieri

Keith Schaefer**
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Ed Werfelman
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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*
Cherie Berk
Jackie Bernstein
Julie Hochheiser
Ilkovich
Lindsay LeBrecht

Janna Meyrowitz
Turner
Ilise Zimmerman-Posen

*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.

2024 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)

Early May 2024	Treatment for invasive weeds will be scheduled around this time but advance notice will be given and restrictions posted. Always check CLCS website for updates and information.
Saturday, May 4, 2024 9 a.m.	CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting Location to be announced
Saturday May xx, 2024	Town of Copake Clean-Up Day Town Garage, 47 School Road. No construction or demolition waste.** Four (4) tire limit. Call Town Hall 518 329-1234 Ext 2 for more information and updates.
Saturday, June 1, 2024	Copake Lake Annual Shoreline Clean Up Day Corner County Route 7 and Lakeview Road. No household trash. Rain date Sunday, June 5.
Saturday, June 8, 2024 9 a.m.	CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting Location to be announced.
June - August 2024*	Algae treatments of Copake Lake will be scheduled only as needed. There will be advance notice of treatment restrictions or lake use posted around the lake and on CLCS website.
Thursday, July 4, 2024 1 p.m.	Annual 4th of July Boat Parade** Begins at Southwest Colony
Saturday, July 6, 2024 10 a.m.	CLCS Annual Meeting Copake Town Hall at Mountain View Road.
Saturday, July XX, 2024	Annual Summer Bash The Greens Restaurant. Check website for details.
Saturday, August 3, 2024 9 a.m.	CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting Election of CLCS officers.
Saturday, August XX, 2024	Copake Falls Day Check website for details. www.copakefallsday.org
Saturday, August 3, 2024 9 p.m.	Annual Fireworks** at Copake Country Club/The Greens Not a CLCS Event. Supported by community donations.
Monday, August 5, 2024	2nd Annual Copake Lake Conservation Society Benefit Golf Tournament. Copake Country Club. See CLCS website for details.
Saturday, September 9, 2024 9 a.m.	CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting Location to be announced
Saturday, September 17, 2024	Roe-Jan Ramble Bike Tour This ride will go through Copake, Hillsdale and Ancram. For more information go to: 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 the lake prior to treatments. Check our website for dates and information. www.copakelake.org ** Columbia County Hazardous Household Waste Collection www.columbiacountyny.com

Special Thanks!

CLCS would like to thank the Copake Lake Boat & Ski for waiving launch fees and providing assistance to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, NEAR (Northeast Aquatic Research, LLC), and Solitude Lake Management when these organizations come to Copake Lake. NEAR is responsible for sampling, measuring, recording, and analyzing data collected in spring, summer, and fall and reporting to CLCS members at the annual meeting. Solitude Lake Management is responsible for using NEAR's data to work with the CLCS Lake Management Committee to plan out the annual herbicide treatments and general lake management.

Lake Management Report (Plan for 2024)

Summary of Lake Management Committee CLCS Trustees Meeting 9/5/2023.

NEW 3 YEAR APPLICATOR CONTRACT PROCESS

The LMC Bids Sub-Committee recommended that the LMC award the next three year contract (2024-2026) for herbicide treatment of Copake Lake to Pond & Lake Connection.

All treatments have been completed for the 2023 season. Areas not treated with ProcellaCOR® are showing growth of milfoil. Native weeds, largely water stargrass and big leaf pondweed, are abundant throughout the areas of the lake with muddy bottom. Some shoreline owners have taken steps, at their own expense, to remove weeds from their adjacent waters using weed harvesting equipment with removal from the lake.

SWIMMER'S ITCH

An experimental limited-area (Southwest Colony and sandbar area near cove) was treated with additional copper sulfate on July 13 (cost to CLCS \$5350.00).

Few dead snails were noted. There were no subsequent reports of swimmer's itch, but it is also likely that the active swimmer's itch season had passed. The experiment is inconclusive.

For the future, a protocol will need to be established before another experimental treatment is considered. A set of suggestions for dealing with swimmer's itch will be included in the spring/summer 2024 CLCS News. This material will also be on the CLCS website.

A shout out of thanks to Austin Urban of Mickey's Marina for his gift of 10% of the cost towards the experimental treatment for swimmer's itch.

LAKE LEVEL

Lake level remains 3-4 inches above the spillway. Due to some very severe storms and four inches of rain the lake level rose dramatically July 13th causing docks to flood and increasing shoreline erosion. Damage to property from the high winds and trees falling was reported. Lowering the lake by opening the valve

in the dam was delayed because a change in personnel at Copake Country Club left no one who knew how the dam and valves operate. Keith Schaefer set up a training meeting July 19th with Jordy, the golf course superintendent of CCC, to open the valve and begin lowering the lake level. Subsequent meetings clarified responsibility and operation of the dam as well as the interaction with Zeky's Pond.

For future planning, an expensive modification of the dam to simplify lake level control is being considered by Copake Country Club golf course.

The winter drawdown to protect the shoreline from ice damage will begin the second week of October.

BACTERIA SAMPLING

Stu Troyetsky's August 28th sampling showed all areas with less than 10 colonies of fecal coliform, except for a 17 at swim cove, against report level of 200. Water remains safe!

CARP/KOI

Jed Luchow and Lindsay LeBrecht are still working on getting a carp tournament set up to help rid the lake of invasive carp/koi.

BOAT SURVEY

Informal boat survey taken August 8, 2023.
Total motorized watercraft: 403
(2022 = 399, 2021 = 411, 2020 = 395, 2010 = 333)
Pontoon boats: 161
Personal Watercraft: 67
Wave making boats: 9

Fred Bunger

Chairperson, Lake Management Committee

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! CLCS ANNUAL MEETING

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

Saturday, July 6, 2023

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Copake Town
Hall, Mountain View Road, Copake

For our Copake Lake Community **IN MEMORIAM**

Corky Clough
Ann Hauseman
Teresa Okula-Polak
Chris Quinby
Eli and Judy Rosman
Christopher Russell
Evelyn Singleman

CLCS Contributors (as of September 30, 2023)

STILL TIME TO HELP SUPPORT THE PRESERVATION OF OUR LAKE

The fall/winter listing of contributors is by alphabetical order, not by categories and is YTD data only (as of September 30, 2023). The spring/summer newsletter will include all contributors by giving categories, by donations, by business supporters, including In Honor, and In Memory from January 1-December 31, 2023. Every attempt is made to ensure our lists are kept up to date. If you have contributed to CLCS between Jan 1 -Sept 30, 2023 and you do not see your name on this list, please contact us at info@copakelakecs.org to review. Thank you as always for your ongoing support!

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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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CLCS *ad hoc* 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee Report

I would like to thank our entire Board of Trustees for stepping up to be on the 50th Anniversary Celebration *ad hoc* committee.

Here is what we accomplished since January 1, 2023.

1. Thanks to Ed Werfelman and Debra Ruggieri we designed a CLCS 50th Anniversary tee shirt that sold for \$20 (cash or check only) and was available at the CLCS Information Table on Memorial Day Weekend, Shoreline Clean Up Day, the Annual Meeting, and the Bash. We nearly sold out 2 orders.
2. At our Annual Meeting at Copake Town Hall on July 8, aside from the sale of CLCS 50th Anniversary merchandise, the committee needs to thank Ilise Zimmerman-Posen and Jed Luchow for putting together several display boards of articles and photos expounding on the 50 years of CLCS from 1973 to the present. These display boards have been made available to the Roe Jan Historical Society for the upcoming Town of Copake Bicentennial in 2024.
3. At our Annual Meeting, brief remarks were made by CLCS past presidents Jane Landers (honoring her mother, Lucille Landers), Tom Williams, Barbara Bunker, Lindsay LeBrecht, Dave Craw, and Buddy Sinisi. Special remarks were given by Mark Karn in honor of his father, Moose Karn, who along with Lucille Landers were the founders of CLCS.
4. Julie Hochheiser-Ilkovich and the wonderful members of her team gave us another Bash event that featured a fun Trivia Night and another opportunity to sell the 50th Anniversary tee shirts and to make available the display boards and other CLCS memorabilia. A special shout-out goes to Kyleigh Zengen and the entire staff at The Greens Restaurant for their continuing participation and support.
5. Very special thanks go to Collen Gursky, Rachel Stein, and a wide-range of BOT trustee volunteers for putting together the First Annual CLCS Golf Tournament at the Copake Country Club honoring the 50th Anniversary of CLCS. The success of this event was truly a team effort. Save August 5, 2024 for the Second Annual Golf Tournament.
6. The *ad hoc* 50th Anniversary Committee is certainly open to any suggestions for additional activities from now until this committee disbands on December 31, 2023.

Jed Luchow, Chairperson
50th Anniversary Committee



Photo by: Ilise Zimmerman-Posen
Putting Contest Winner, Sascha Malas with her father, Lex.



Photo by: Ralph Berk
1st Annual Copake Lake Conservation Society Benefit Golf Tournament Volunteers. Colleen Closson and Debra Ruggieri, Event Coordinators.

Copake Lake Shoreline Clean-Up Day (June 3, 2023)

Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) Shoreline Clean-Up Day was held on June 3, 2023 (the Saturday following Memorial Day Weekend) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

This event is sponsored by CLCS 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. Austin Urban of The Greens/Copake Country Club, in cooperation with golf course Superintendent Jordany Hernandez donated the services of a pick-up truck and maintenance workers (Joe Briso, Jordany Hernandez, and Donald Matteson), who drove along the shoreline beginning at 10:00 a.m., picked up the debris, and disposed of it in the dumpster at the triangle at County Route 7 and Lakeview Road.

The dumpster was monitored each hour from 9 a.m. to 12 noon by CLCS trustees Dave Craw, Jed Luchow, and Ed

Werfelman. Additional volunteers at the dumpster included Belle Frank, Ilise Zimmerman-Posen, and Debra Ruggieri .

CLCS trustees set up an Information/Merchandise Table at The Triangle that included the sale of CLCS 50th Anniversary tee shirts and assorted CLCS items.

Stay safe, stay well, and see you next year on Saturday, June 1, 2024.

Jed Luchow

Event Coordinator, Lake Management Committee



*Photo by Debra Ruggieri
CLCS Annual Shoreline Clean Up Day, Volunteers*



*Photo by Jed Luchow
Volunteers Belle Frank and Ilise Zimmerman-Posen
literally cleaning up Copake Lake.*

Treasurer's Report

PROFIT & LOSS

January - September 2022

Income:

Ads	1,680.00
CONTRIBUTIONS Income	101,426.50
FUNDRAISING	10,562.61
Interest Income	64.61
Total Income	\$113,733.72

Expenses

ADMINISTRATION	4,776.65
COMMUNICATIONS	6,419.24
LAKE MANAGEMENT	82,326.25

Total Expenses **\$93,522.14**

NET OPERATING INCOME	\$20,211.58
NET INCOME	\$20,211.58

MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2023

Copake Lake needs each family to help support the conservation of the lake. Each year our cost for maintaining the health of the lake increases as we are faced with the constant challenges of nature. A great strain is often placed on our finances. CLCS's mission is to protect and preserve the greater Copake Lake water shed. That takes both money and the ongoing support of the entire lake community. If you have not already done so, please donate for this membership year January 1-December 31, 2023; it's not too late. If you have donated this year your name will appear on the YTD as of Sept 30, 2023 contribution list. We thank you wholeheartedly for your contributions that directly contribute towards the preservation of Copake Lake. CLCS's membership list consists of approximately 50% of the families around the lake who could contribute yearly; this is rather disheartening! Do you enjoy the recreational use of the lake; do you enjoy the aesthetics of the lake; and, do you enjoy the property value of your home? These are all benefits that are driven by the fact that Copake Lake is a healthy lake. Supporting the

Copake Lake Conservation Society enables us to monitor and manage treatments for the water and the shoreline to keep it healthy. This ongoing maintenance of the lake prevents the lake from turning into an offensive swamp! Enjoyment does come at a price and that is why it is vital that all our families contribute. We appreciate each of your contributions over the past 50 years that allowed CLCS to aid in the preservation of the lake for everyone to enjoy. Our hope is that for the next 50 years conservancy will abound and for all to live "IN-JOY" when at Copake Lake!

Please become a CLCS member and contribute generously. Membership starts at \$150.00 yearly and runs from January 1 - December 31. You can donate using the enclosed envelope or via PayPal.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Debra Ruggieri

Chairperson, Membership Committee

Copake Lake Conservation Society Annual Recognition Award

Year	Recipient	Award
2023	Ed Werfelman	Engraved glass sculpture
2022	Joyce Crow	Engraved glass sculpture
2021	Sharon Luchow Liz Nealon	Engraved glass sculpture Engraved glass sculpture
2020	Cherie Berk	Decorative wood sign "Lakehouse"
2020	Muriel Muldorf	Honorary Award - framed photo montage of Copake Lake
2019	Colleen Closson	Engraved glass sculpture
2018	Jackie Bernstein	Engraved glass trophy

CLCS ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARD 2023

This year the CLCS Board of Trustees presented their Annual Recognition Award to Ed Werfelman for outstanding service to CLCS. Ed has been chairperson of the Fundraising Committee, served on the Shoreline Clean Up team for over 10 years, served on the Communications Committee, served on the Lake Management Committee, and he is currently vice president of CLCS.



*Photo by Jed Luchow
CLCS Annual Award. Cherie Berk presenting to the 2023 awardee, Ed Werfelman*



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On, Saturday, August 19th the skies over Copake Lake were lit up with what many are saying was the best fireworks display in any of the previous 20 years. The excitement started building on Friday evening when the wonderful Aloha Taco Truck did a pop up at Copake Lake Boat and Ski and fed hundreds of happy lake residents and guests while they danced the night away. There was quite a buzz in the air as the weather forecast for Saturday was perfect. Whether people were watching from their shorelines, the water, taking part in the pig roast at the Greens or dining inside the newly renovated restaurant, everyone was anticipating a fabulous evening on Saturday, and they were not disappointed!!!

Thanks to the generosity of more than 90 different donors and the continued efforts of Denise Chickery, the entire lake community was treated to a perfectly timed and choreographed display that rivals any pyrotechnics in the Columbia County area. The launching area was moved up slightly this year, and that may have contributed to the overall view for the audiences around the lake. Many thanks to Jon and Kim Urban, the Copake Country Club maintenance staff, Legion Fireworks and all who help to keep this tradition alive. The fireworks are always held on the Saturday in August that is closest to the new moon. This way the sky is darkest and the colors that light up the sky are more pronounced. Next year the display will take place on Saturday, August 3rd, so mark your calendars, invite your favorite, generous guests and get ready for one of the best weekends of the summer at Copake Lake.

The fireworks display is not a CLCS Event, but they help to publicize it as a community building asset.

Denise Chickery and Lindsay LeBrecht
Event Coordinator



*Photo by Denise Chickery
Another great fireworks display over Copake Lake thanks to Denise Chickery and Lindsay LeBrecht.*

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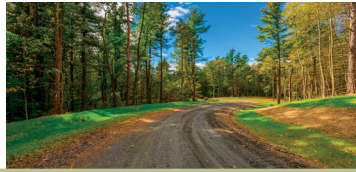
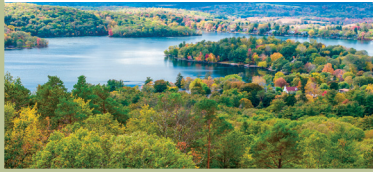
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CLCS celebrated our 50th anniversary in style, with a Summer Bash Golden Trivia night in July and a Golden Golf outing in August. We loved seeing our community come together to support our beautiful lake! We couldn't have made either event happen without the incredible support of Copake Country Club, The Greens and their staff. Thank you to The Urbans, Kyleigh Zengen, John Kading, and the incredible team that made our CLCS summer fundraising events a success for 2023! We also want to thank Dean Ruggieri and Tanner Urban for their design services for our events, and The Alander for hosting the Trivia Company.

CLCS would like to give a huge shout out of thanks, gratitude, and appreciation to all our generous 2023 summer sponsorships:

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Our community is so incredibly supportive of CLCS! An enormous thank you to those who sponsored a hole at the 50th Golden Anniversary Golf outing:

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Thank you to the wonderful friends of CLCS who donated raffle prizes and their time.

We appreciate each of you and look forward to seeing you next summer!

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CLCS -hat & historic book	Brian Orville - handmade cutting board
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2024 Annual July 4th Copake Lake Boat Parade

Mark your calendar for Copake Lake's annual July 4th (Thursday) boat parade. The boat parade, led by Cort Wright and his crew, starts promptly at 1:00 p.m. from Southwest Colony docks traveling around the entire perimeter of Copake Lake! We are all looking forward to another great showing of America's spirit in 2024.

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! The trophy winning boat, for the second time in four years, was crewed by the Peluso Family including Jack and Ann, and their children and grandchildren, Aislinn Burns, Amy Burns, David Burns, Kieran Burns, Maeve Burns, and Nora Burns. **Be on the lookout for the Peluso Family at the 2024 Judges Station.** Start planning your theme and decorations now for 2024. Don't miss out as America celebrates its 248th birthday. All watercraft are welcome!

Come celebrate July 4th (Thursday) as a lake community!

Steven Chickery
Event Coordinator



*Photo by Tami Luchow Sachs
July 4th Boat Parade Winner's Cup*

GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

For the fifth year, CLCS is participating in GivingTuesday, a global day of giving to local non-profits and causes.

This year's fundraising goal is \$7,500.

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Winter Safety on Copake Lake

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

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

For additional information about snowmobiling laws and regulations, including operator requirements, vehicle registration, insurance, safety helmets, etc., consult the following website for the New York State Snowmobiler's Guide (2014), a sample of which is included below.

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

From, New York State Snowmobiler's Guide (2014)

Operator Requirements

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

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

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

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

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



New York State Snowmobile Safety Education Program.

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

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

Jed Luchow

Lake Management Committee

COPAKE LAKE CONSERVATION SOCIETY PAST PRESIDENTS

TERM IN OFFICE	NAME
2014-present	Debra Ruggieri
2010-2014	Denise Chickery
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1979-1980	Dr. Henry "Hy" Lowenheim (founding president of CLCS, Inc. as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization)

THE NYS BOATING SAFETY LAW CHANGES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025

A 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 Floatation Devices (PFDs) 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)). PFDs 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 PFDs can be found at <https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating/documents/PFDLawsOfNewYork.pdf>.

Maria Powers and Debra Ruggieri
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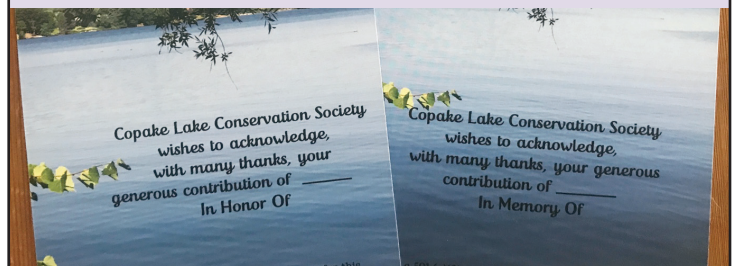
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*Yes. This really the evening sky over Copake Lake in early July 2023.
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*Early July wildfires from Canada over Copake Lake at sunset.
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