



CLCS News

Spring/Summer 2022

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

DISCOVERY - Zebra Mussels are in our beloved Copake Lake



While doing their fall survey of Copake Lake our limnologist discovered zebra mussels in our water. Zebra mussels multiple rapidly and are ranked as the worst invasive species a lake can encounter. Copake Lake Conservation Society asked for folks removing docks and boats from around the entire lake to report back to us if they discovered any in their areas this past fall season. CLCS did receive notification of zebra mussels on various docking equipment from around the lake from homeowners and marinas. Many thanks to everyone who reached out to inform the CLCS of their additional findings. It is very helpful when property owners report any aquatic invasive species (AIS) to CLCS. With the information and pictures the Lake Management Committee collaborated with our herbicide company to come up with a plan to treat for this invasive species. If left untreated zebra mussels will quickly take over our water causing an impact to the eco system along with major operating issues to our watercrafts engines, and more importantly to the safety of our physical bodies as these mussels are as sharp as a razor blade posing a bodily hazard to our skin. The herbicide treatment is extremely expensive, \$75,000 dollars and deemed crucial to protect our lake from being overridden with these invasive species. The infestation will continue to spread at an alarming rate if we do not treat. Unfortunately there are no guarantees that we would not encounter this AIS in the future, but we do know that if we don't do anything the infestation will intensify.

As you know Copake Lake has almost 600 families around the lake and less than half the families are members of CLCS. Meaning as contributors to preserve the lake only an average of 260 families contribute towards the conservation of the lake, protect their property value and their legacy. CLCS relies 100% on their members contributions to fund the ongoing maintenance expenses in preventing Copake Lake from

becoming a swamp. Membership is \$150 a year. This is a very small investment for families to be able to enjoy the gleaming waters of Copake Lake year after year. There are several families that contribute above and beyond. Without their extreme generosity as well as all our devoted members, CLCS would not be able to sustain all the yearly treatments that are needed to preserve the lake. This year we are asking for an additional pledge to your membership donation to help offset the cost of the \$75,000 for the eradication of zebra mussels from our lake.

Thank you as always for your love of the lake. There is no other water gem in our regional area that brings the wonders of nature, the majestic surroundings, the serenity, and amazing memories that Copake Lake brings to each of us. Please support CLCS to aid in the conservation of your legacy.

Wishing each of you a spectacular, magical, and healthy 2022 spring and summer.

Debra Ruggieri



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CLCS 2022 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

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NEWSLETTER

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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 Debra Ruggieri
Maria Powers*

Finance

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

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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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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* Annabel Nau
Jed Luchow

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.

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Cherie Berk Turner
Jackie Bernstein Ilise Zimmerman-Posen
Julie Hochheiser Ilkovich
Lindsay LeBrecht

*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.

2022 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 2022

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 7, 2022
9 a.m.

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
Location to be announced

May XX, 2022
9 a.m. - 12 noon

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 4, 2022
9 a.m. - 12 noon

Copake Lake Annual Shoreline Clean Up Day
Corner County Route 7 and Lakeview Road. No household trash.
Rain date Sunday, June 5.

Saturday, June 11, 2022
9 a.m.

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
Location to be announced.

July 2022

*** Algae treatments 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.**

Monday, July 4, 2022
1 p.m.

Annual 4th of July Boat Parade
Begins at Southwest Colony

Saturday, July 9, 2022
10 a.m.

CLCS Annual Meeting
Format for meeting to be determined

Saturday, July 16, 2022

Annual Summer Bash
The Greens Restaurant. Check website for details.

Saturday, August 6, 2022
9 a.m.

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
Location to be announced

Saturday, August XX, 2022

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

Saturday, August 27, 2022
9 p.m.

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

Sunday, September 4, 2022

CLCS Labor Day Weekend Raffle
Event to be determined

Saturday, September XX, 2022
9 a.m.

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting
Location to be announced

Saturday, September XX, 2022

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.

**Lake treatments will be scheduled as needed. Treatment dates will be made firm based on lake testing results. Notices will be posted around lake 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*

2022 LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

We don't want a repeat of last year. The 2021 early, warm spring and delayed treatment timing combined to slam the lake with abundant weeds that were very slow to respond to treatment. Eventually, the lake was clear and life returned to normal. Oops, cannot say normal, because the lake, like life and nature itself is ever changing.

So, what are Copake Lake Management plans for this 2022 year?

ZEBRA MUSSELS

The sudden appearance of invasive, non-native zebra mussels late last summer 2021 threw us a curve. Zebra mussels have been a big problem in the Hudson River for years. It was only a matter of time that bilge water, motor cooling water or a bait bucket out of the Hudson River introduced zebra mussels to Copake Lake. However, it is not only the Hudson River that has become infested with zebra mussels. Owners of all watercraft entering Copake Lake should check to see if zebra mussels are present. So, to fight back, CLCS has contracted with Solitude to treat the lake with EarthtechQZ to attempt to eradicate the invading mussels. The cost will be a whopping \$75,000. The treatment will be done over 1 to 2 weeks early in the season. We are looking for volunteers to help with monitoring to track how well it works. CLCS will try to put up signs all around Copake Lake so that all individuals launching any watercraft into Copake Lake this season will be aware that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation strongly recommends the strategy: CLEAN, DRAIN, and DRY all watercraft. There are directions, a check list, and a video about this strategy at the following website: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/48221.html>.

MILFOIL & CURLY LEAF PONDWEED

Last year's SONAR® treatment should control the milfoil for a few years, but curly leaf pondweed is an annual weed that needs to be treated every year (see photos of invasive aquatic plants in the centerfold of this issue). Solitude will be using Tribune® contact herbicide early in the season to knock back the curly leaf. NYSDEC stirred things up by requiring limitations on the depth of treatment. Areas less than 3 ft deep may get less weed control than in the past.

Also, the posting will call for the usual 14 day limitation on swimming and fishing in treated waters.

ALGAE

Control of filamentous and/or algae blooms with copper sulfate will be planned with Solitude as the need arises. Watch for

postings and announcements on social media. Lake use is limited for 24 hours after treatment.

HEALTH MONITORING

The lake will be sampled for coliform bacteria in swimming areas in late June, Mid-July and Mid-August. With good septic controls, the lake has not seen any issues for several years.

DAM & LAKE LEVEL

The plan is to have the lake level up by Memorial Day, but as always, the amount of precipitation will determine how quickly the lake refills. NYSDEC stirred things up again when they told us that the annual (100+ years) lake drawdown now requires a permit.

APPEAL

The Lake Management Committee asks everyone to be good stewards of Copake Lake.

Keep your watercraft clean and in good shape and be mindful of runoff and debris from your property. Please give generously to pay for all we spend on maintaining the quality of the lake for your enjoyment.

2022 LMC PLAN AND BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2021 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET
Solitude 2021-2023 Contract	\$84,220	\$25,660
• additional copper	-	\$5,350
• EarthtechQZ treatment	-	\$75,000
NEAR monitoring and reporting	\$31,000	\$27,023
• zebra mussel study	-	\$ 1,500*
Health Monitoring	\$1500	\$1,200
Shoreline Protection	\$1,000	\$1,000
Carp control	\$100	\$100
Dam & Lake Level	\$10,000	\$10,000
Stormwater & Sediment	\$5,000	\$5,000
Shoreline cleanup	\$600	\$ 600
TOTAL BUDGET	\$142,700	\$152,453

Fred Bunger

Chairperson, Lake Management Committee

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR! CLCS ANNUAL MEETING

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

**Meeting may be held by Zoom;
see website**

Saturday, July 9, 2022

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

In Honor and In Memory Contributors 2021

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#GIVING TUESDAY



THANK YOU CLCS & COPAKE LAKE FRIENDS!

Once again you answered the call. With your generous donations you helped us raise nearly **\$6,400 on #GivingTuesday on December 2, 2021** – surpassing our fundraising goal of \$5,000. Raising money to maintain the health of Copake Lake is so very important, because we do not receive state funding and our lake management costs continue to increase each year. It is only through your continued support of #GivingTuesday, donations and events, and your memberships that we can fulfill our mission to preserve our beautiful lake and the watershed.



A very special thank you again to this year's CLCS Calendar sponsors **Copake Lake Realty Corp.** and **Great Dog Literacy**. With their support we were able to mail out our 2022 calendar for donations made of \$50 or more.

Lindsay LeBrecht, copakelakerealty.com * Liz Nealon, greatdogliterary.com

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2022

A Zebra Mussel infestation was discovered in Copake Lake. The mussels have expanded around the lake and will continue to multiply quickly if not treated. Zebra Mussels disrupt the ecosystem by depleting the plankton that the native species feed on in the lake. Zebra Mussels attach to your vessel's, props, boat engines, and get inside your engines causing costly expenses along with the loss of time using your vessel. The mussel shells can pose a safety issue of cutting your skin.

THE GOOD NEWS:

The Copake Lake Management Committee and Board of Trustees have approved a spring 22' treatment with the goal of getting rid of the mussels however, unfortunately there are no guarantees they will not return as well as any Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).

THE BAD NEWS:

The treatment is going to cost an additional \$75,000. This is an unexpected expense that will most definitely cause CLCS to operate at a deficit in 2022 — we need everyone's support to help address the problem.

THE BOTTOM LINE:

We need to act fast to address this AIS infestation. **Please consider making an extra donation when you renew your 2022 membership.** We need your help in keeping the lake clean and free of zebra mussels as well as all other invasive species.

CLCS relies solely on member's contributions to be able to treat the lake for aquatic invasive species (AIS). Your yearly support is critical to the health of our glistening water. We look forward to growing our CLCS membership for 2022 and beyond. Please take a moment to reach if you would like more information regarding CLCS membership at Copakelakecs.org -contact. For your convenience your contributions can be mailed in via the enclosed envelop or donating through paypal.

CLCS is eligible for matching company funds: This could be a great way to double your donation through your employer. Check with your employer to see if they are a matching company for charitable donations. Please follow the directions of your specific corporate matching program and then email the information to info@copakelakecs.org.

CLCS is a tax exempt, 501(c)3 organization, so your donations are tax deductible. This is a great opportunity to max out your charitable donations for 2022. (Our Tax ID number is 06-0993942).

We appreciate your ongoing and much need support!

Debbie Ruggieri

Chairperson, Membership Committee



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Copake Lake Shoreline Clean-Up Day (June 4, 2022)

Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) Shoreline Clean-Up Day is scheduled for June 4, 2022 (Saturday following Memorial Day Weekend), with rain date of Sunday, June 5, 2022) 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 2022 merchandise will be available for sale during these hours at the CLCS Information Booth at the triangle at Lakeview Road and County Route 7.

Jed Luchow
Lake Management Committee

Treasurer's Report PROFIT & LOSS

January - September 2021

Income:

Ads	3,255.00
CONTRIBUTIONS Income	101,409.28
FUNDRAISING	13,539.42
Interest Income	145.50
Total Income	\$118,349.20

Expenses

ADMINISTRATION	7,935.04
COMMUNICATIONS	13,368.74
LAKE MANAGEMENT	126,366.00

Total Expenses	\$147,669.78
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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

There are so many reasons you should want to prevent the spread of the zebra mussel aquatic invasive species (AIS) in Copake Lake this summer of 2022. The presence of invasive species (AIS), both plants and animals, makes activities like boating, swimming and fishing difficult to enjoy. AIS can also have serious impact on our lake's ecology and economic value. Once an invasive species becomes well established in the lake, it is very difficult to completely eradicate it. Managing invasive species takes a lot of time and money. Early detection and rapid response to an invasive species infestation makes management efforts much more effective. CLCS will spend \$75,000, in addition to its regular lake management expenses, this spring on a one-time treatment with EarthtechQZ to attempt to eradicate the zebra mussel invasion!

Invasive species are often spread by boats, jet skis, canoes, kayaks, inflatable boats, rafts, and towables that move from an infested lake to a non-infested lake. One of the easiest things you can do to prevent the spread of invasive species into our lake is to inspect your boat for any potential invaders before launching. Some invasive species are so tiny they are difficult to see. In order to prevent the spread of all invasive species, visible and invisible, a thorough cleaning, draining and drying of your boat would help make a big difference. Each one of us at Copake Lake needs to ask anyone launching a watercraft to please inspect their watercraft for zebra mussels. Please see NY Boater's Guide to Cleaning, Drying, and Disinfecting Boating Equipment, hyperlink to this procedure.

Please report the location of any zebra mussel findings to info@copakelakecs.org

Special note to watercraft owners on Copake Lake:

Will the discovery of zebra mussels in our lake last summer (2021) change how I prepare to put my watercraft boat back in the water this spring (2022)?

NO. Watercraft that has been stored for an extended period over the winter so that it has been drying and/or freezing do not need to be cleaned, drained, and dried. The zebra mussels will have died over the winter. Be sure to remove any zebra mussel shells from your boat before launching this spring-summer. Zebra mussel shells can still cut the skin of people or pets.

Maria Powers,
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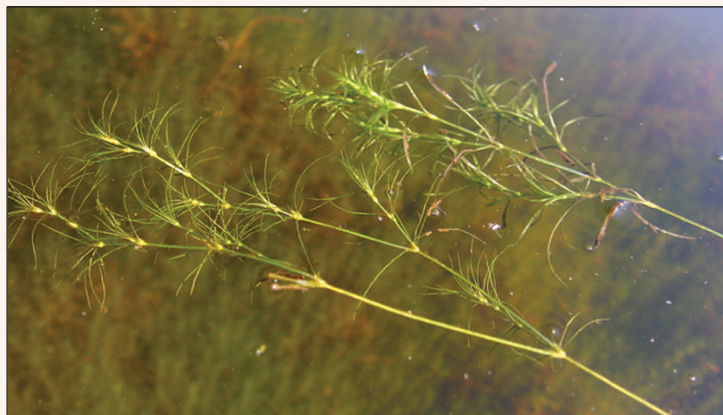
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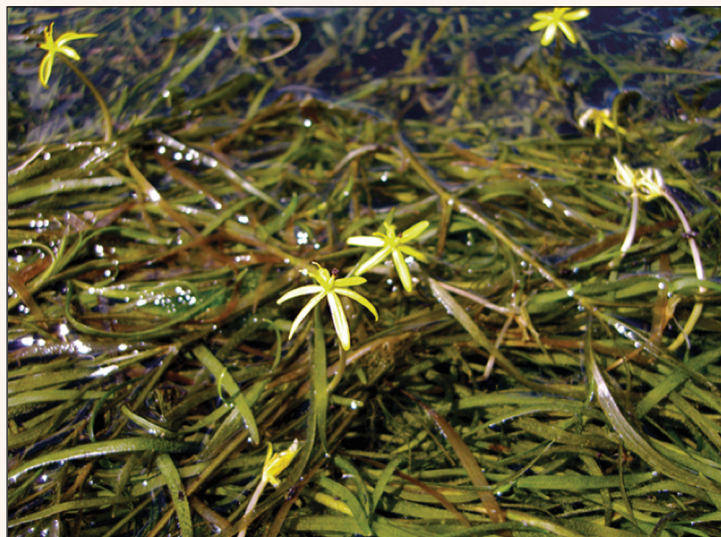
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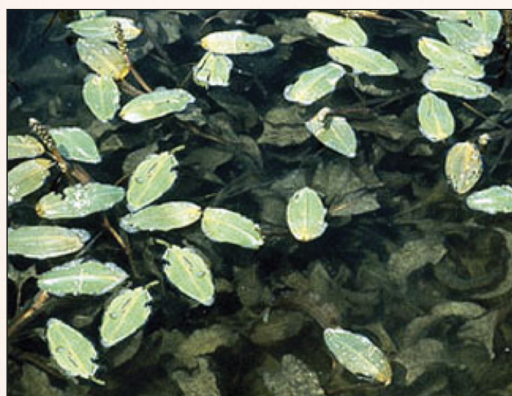
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Water stargrass *Zosterella dubia*



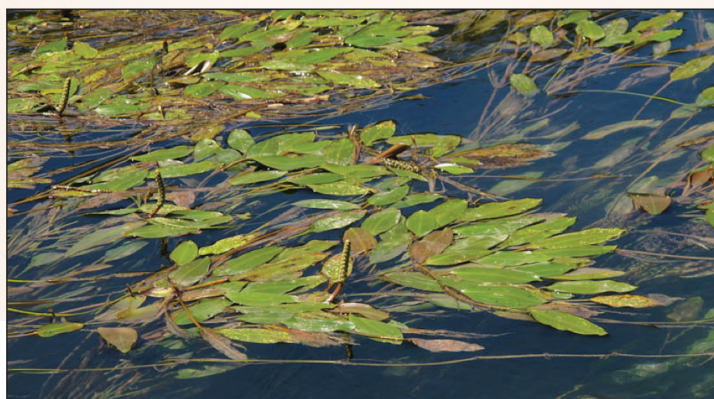
Waterweed *Elodea nuttallii*



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



Curly-leaf pondweed *Potamogeton crispus*



Eurasian water milfoil *Myriophyllum spicatum*

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



Hydrilla *Hydrilla verticillata*



Brittle Naiad *Brittle water nymph najas minor*

2022 Annual July 4th Copake Lake Boat Parade

Mark your calendar for Copake Lake's annual July 4th (Monday) 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 2022.

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 246th birthday. Last year's trophy winners, with its theme "Jaws Attacks Copake Lake," was captained by Peter Marano and crewed by Monique, Morgan, and Ryan Marano, as well as by Lila, Melissa, and Thomas Carroll. The Carroll/Marano Families Crew will be the judges for the 2022 boat parade! Be on the look out for the 2022 judges station.

Come celebrate as a lake community!

Steven Chickery/Debra Ruggieri
Event Coordinators



2021 July 4th Boat Parade Winners,
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CLCS Fundraising 2022: Raising the Money We Need to Keep Our Lake Beautiful

This summer, raising funds to support CLCS is going to be more important than ever due to the need of additional money to keep Copake Lake safe from the Zebra Mussel infestation mentioned throughout this newsletter.

Thanks to our amazing community, we had a very successful summer of fundraising in 2021, but we'll need to raise even more money this summer. As always, we want to provide fun and community building fundraising opportunities, so please save the date for the annual CLCS Bash on Saturday, July 16th.

We are so excited to partner with The Greens again this year and are planning a "Night at the Races" theme. Sign up for the CLCS newsletter at copakelakecs.org and we will let you know when tickets are on sale.

Another way to support CLCS fundraising is through our online store: <https://copakelakecs.org/online-store/>. We have original designs created by our community and will be adding more. Proceeds from each purchase go to support CLCS. We will let you know on social media and through the CLCS newsletters as new designs and items are added.

Do you want to help with our fundraising efforts? We would love to hear from you! Please email us at info@copakelakecs.org if you are interested in being a part of the fundraising committee. And please send along any fundraising ideas! Looking forward to working with our entire community to help raise the additional funds we'll need to keep the Zebra Mussels out of our lake in Summer 2022 and beyond!

Julie Hochheiser Ilkovich
Chairperson , Fundraising Committee



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Having been born and raised in Hillsdale, and currently a Copake Lake resident, I am keenly familiar with the Lake and the surrounding areas of Columbia County. I hold a Master's Degree in Architecture, but for the past 20 years have divided my time as a real estate broker in southern Columbia county, with Berkshire Property Agents, and in NYC, with Compass. The cross pollination of both markets, along with my knowledge of construction, offers an invaluable competitive edge for the properties I sell and the New York buyers I am able to bring.

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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).

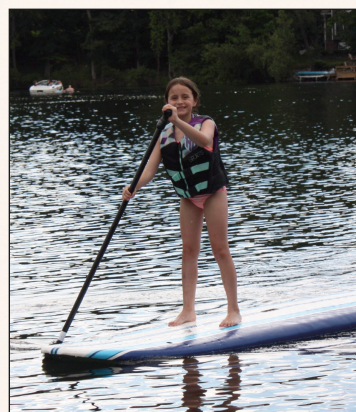
From November 1 to May 1, everyone on all pleasure vessels which include paddleboards, rowboats, kayaks, canoes, sailboats, and motorboats must be wearing a life jacket while underway, which means as long as the boat is not anchored

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



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PFD must be worn (depending on age) or carried on paddleboards
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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 Floatation 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
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2022 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 WATERCRAFT (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:
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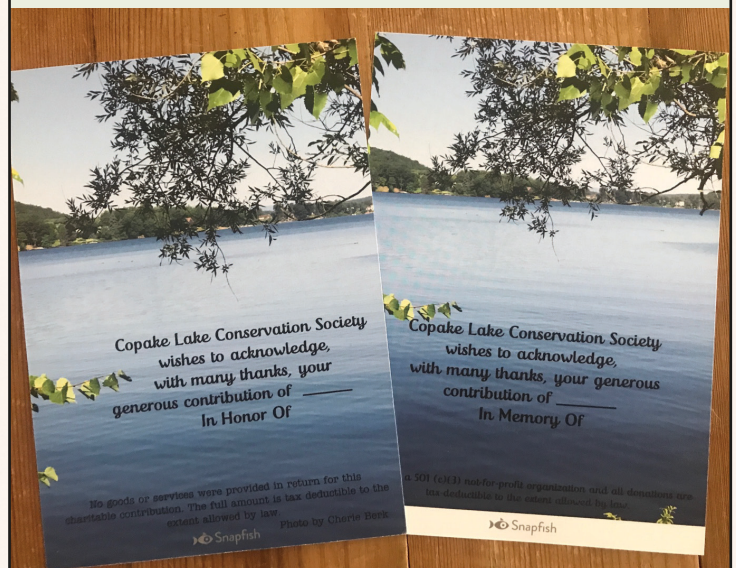
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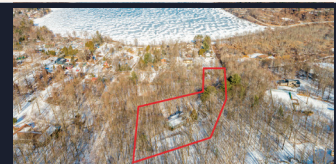
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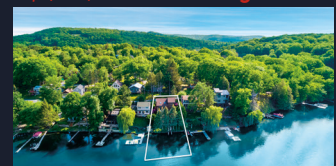
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