



CLCS News

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

Each year with the ever-changing and challenging work that goes into the preservation of the lake, the Board of Trustees (BOT) continually remains busy and productive planning for the seasons ahead. The BOT and the officers for CLCS are made up of 100% volunteers who have the same thing in common with the lake community --- their love of the lake. They know it takes all of us working together to promote a safe and thriving environment for everyone to enjoy. It is imperative that we all pitch in to support the conservation of our lake. We always need new and dedicated volunteers!

The Lake Management Committee, after countless hours of research, signed a new contract with a different herbicide company this year, The Pond and Lake Connection. With years of experience monitoring and caring for lakes around our area, they bring new ideas and new techniques for serving the needs of Copake Lake. We are very excited for them to bring positive results regarding the care of our beloved Copake Lake. CLCS's limnologist, Dr. George Knoecklein (NEAR, Northeast Aquatic Research), will be in constant communication with James Gorman, Pond and Lake Connection regarding our lake's needs. As always please be sure to keep your distance from their equipment while the contractors are treating the lake. NYSDEC (NY State Department of Environmental Conservation) will be posted around the lake prior to treatments indicating time limits to swimming. CLCS will continue to send out email blasts denoting treatment dates. If you do not receive email blasts, please be sure to go to our website at copakelakecs.org and click on 'Join our Mailing List'. Enter your email to sign up, to stay informed!

The Fundraising Committee had such a great turnout for the 50th Golden Anniversary golf outing that we have reserved Monday, August 5, 2024 for the second annual CLCS golf outing. Save the Date! Additionally, in the works the CLCS Summer Bash will take place on July 20, 2024 at The Greens/Copake Country Club. Mark your calendars for a nice evening filled with laughter and lots of dancing! More details to come. The Annual CLCS Meeting will be held on July 6 at 10:00 AM at Copake Town Hall. Please plan to attend to meet your neighbors and hear the fundamentals about caring for your lake! CLCS will have new merchandise for sale at the lake on three dates: at Shoreline cleanup on June 1, 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon; at the Triangle (corner of Lakeview

Rd/County Rte. 7); at the Annual meeting July 6; and, during Fireworks weekend on Saturday, August 3 at the Triangle (corner of Lakeview Rd/ County Rte. 7). The Communication Committee has been focusing on updating our website and continually making it more user friendly for all to navigate. The Membership Committee will be transforming into a Community Outreach Committee recruiting, educating, and engaging our lake community. It is critical for our homeowners to get involved with CLCS.

An Ad Hoc Committee of CLCS trustees was formed to review and improve the succession of CLCS trustees and officers. It is vital for the next 50 years and beyond to safeguard the preservation of the lake which calls for people willing to volunteer their time. Each of us who own property at and around Copake Lake are stakeholders in the conservation of the lake now and for generations to come. If any of you have website management skills, writing skills, fundraising skills, communication skills, leadership skills, we need you to consider reaching out and being part of Copake Lake Conservation Society. Your volunteer time is essential to our mission statement and your own legacy! If you are interested in volunteering on a CLCS Committee as a community member but not necessarily serving as a trustee, please email us at info@copakelakecs.org. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Wishing all of you a sunny and peaceful 2024 spring and summer season at Copake Lake.

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.

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Joyce Craw
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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*

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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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Debra Fischgrund	Darryn Schneider
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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.

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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*	Janna Meyrowitz
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.

2024 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.

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

9 a.m.

CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting will be held by Zoom. Check CLCS website for details. Future meetings may also be held by Zoom.

Saturday May 11, 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 & 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 20, 2024

Annual Summer Bash

The Greens Restaurant/Copake Country Club. 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.

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Giving Tuesday

Fundraiser for CLCS

**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 ProcettaCOR® 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

A committee is 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 COPAKE LAKE!**

Saturday, July 6, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon,

Copake Town Hall, Mountain View Road, Copake

*For our
Copake Lake Community
IN MEMORIAM*

Tom Cook

Laura J. (Kane) Edgeworth

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2024

Year after year the Copake Lake Conservation Society reaches out asking for critically needed donations to keep our lake pristine and not let it turn into a swamp.

Caring for our lake needs maintenance like a fish tank, a pool or a jacuzzi and we all realize that cost money. Your much needed donations go directly towards the yearly expenses of managing the lake. It is critical that our entire lake community recognizes the increasing costs of lake treatments and that every dollar donated is needed to sustain the maintenance. Fortunately for CLCS we have many folks that give far above and beyond a yearly membership donation. We graciously appreciated their exceptional generosity. We are very blessed by the ongoing support of EACH of our members year after year. Without the loyalty of their yearly donations that assist in covering the annual costs of caring for our lake we would be admiring swamp water. When you look at the lake and see the beauty of it, keep in mind it takes EVERYONES support and countless hours of volunteer work to maintain the majestic water that we have come to love at Copake Lake.

What once was a bacteria infested body of water filled with algae, an overspread of weeds, and an unappealing odor has evolved into a healthy ecosystem from which everyone benefits. This would not have been possible without YOU! We need to strive to engage our ENTIRE lake community in supporting the ongoing beauty of our dynamic lake. Currently fewer than half the families around the lake are members of Copake Lake Conservation Society, yet 100% of the families benefit from the half that donate! Consider submitting your donation for membership today to help sustain our majestic gem. For your convenience, we have included a membership giving envelope or you can donate through PayPal. We are a 501(c)(3) organization, and your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. This is your legacy, this is your investment, this is your joy, please donate!

Thank you in advance for your support.

Debra Ruggieri
Chairperson, Membership Committee

Swimmer's Itch: What Can Be Done?

Swimmer's itch is an itchy rash that can occur after you go swimming or wading outdoors.



Also known as cercarial dermatitis, swimmer's itch is most common in freshwater lakes and ponds, but it occasionally occurs in salt water.

Swimmer's itch is a rash usually caused by an allergic reaction to parasites that burrow into your skin while you're swimming or wading in warm water.

The parasites that cause swimmer's itch normally live in waterfowl and some mammals. These parasites can be released into the water. Humans aren't suitable hosts, so the parasites soon die while still in your skin.

Swimmer's itch is uncomfortable, but it usually clears up on its own in a few days. In the meantime, you can control itching with over-the-counter or prescription medications.

SYMPTOMS

The itchy rash associated with swimmer's itch looks like reddish pimples or blisters. It may appear within minutes or days after swimming or wading in infested water.

Swimmer's itch usually affects only exposed skin — skin not covered by swimsuits, wet suits or waders. Signs and symptoms of swimmer's itch typically worsen with each exposure to the parasites.

WHEN TO SEE A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

Talk to your doctor if you have a rash after swimming that lasts more than three days. If you notice pus at the rash site, consult your doctor. You might be referred to a health care provider who specializes in skin conditions.

CAUSES

The parasites that cause swimmer's itch live in the blood of waterfowl and in mammals that live near ponds and lakes. Examples include:

- Geese
- Ducks
- Gulls
- Beavers
- Muskrats

The parasite's eggs enter the water via their hosts' feces. Before infecting birds, other animals or people, the hatched parasites must live for a time within a type of snail. These snails live near the shoreline, which explains why infections occur most often in shallow water.

Swimmer's itch isn't contagious from person to person, so you don't need to worry about catching swimmer's itch from someone who has this itchy rash.

RISK FACTORS

The parasites that cause swimmer's itch live in the blood of waterfowl and in mammals that live near ponds and lakes. The more time you spend in infested water, the higher your risk of swimmer's itch. Children may have the highest risk, since they tend to play in shallow water and are less likely to dry off with a towel.

Some people are more sensitive to swimmer's itch than others and your sensitivity can increase each time you're exposed to the parasites that cause swimmer's itch.

COMPLICATIONS

Swimmer's itch rarely leads to complications, but your skin can become infected if you scratch too vigorously. Try to avoid scratching the rash.

PREVENTION

The parasites that cause swimmer's itch live in the blood of waterfowl and in mammals that live near ponds and lakes. To reduce the risk of swimmer's itch:

- **Choose swimming spots carefully.** Avoid swimming in areas where swimmer's itch is a known problem or signs warn of possible contamination. Also avoid swimming or wading in marshy areas where snails are commonly found.
- **Avoid the shoreline, if possible.** If you're a strong swimmer, head to deeper water for your swim. You may be more likely to develop swimmer's itch if you spend a lot of time in warmer water near the shore.
- **Rinse after swimming.** Rinse exposed skin with clean water immediately after leaving the water, then vigorously dry your skin with a towel. Launder your swimsuits often.
- **Skip the bread crumbs.** Don't feed birds on docks or near swimming areas.
- **Apply waterproof sunscreen.** This has been reported to protect the skin from the parasite that causes swimmer's itch.

CAN SWIMMER'S ITCH BE CONTROLLED IN THE LAKE?

The parasites that cause swimmer's itch live in the blood of waterfowl and in mammals that live near ponds and lakes. To reduce the risk of swimmer's itch:

- The swimmer's itch parasite is very difficult to control in a natural setting without harming fish and other organisms. The host snails can be killed with high doses of copper sulfate, but a large area would have to be treated with the pesticide to make sure most of the snails were killed. Treating a large area with a high concentration of copper sulfate could cause a fish kill.
- A copper sulfate treatment was recently applied to reduce the clumps of filamentous algae. Controlling the algae and weed beds reduces the snail habitat, which may help to diminish the presence of the swimmer's itch parasite.
- This is not something that the CLCS is able to "fix" or "eliminate." The best course of action for swimmers is to continue to take the recommended precautions.
- Please let us know if you suspect you have swimmer's itch by emailing info@copakelakecs.org and include in your email the date you were in the lake, where you were swimming and if you followed any of the outlined precautions.

Maria Powers, Education Committee

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

Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) Shoreline Clean-Up Day is scheduled for June 1, 2024 (Saturday following Memorial Day Weekend), with rain date of Sunday, June 2, 2024) 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 Lakeview Road and County Rte. 7 up to Juliana/Jefferson Drives. Jon Urban of The Greens Restaurant/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 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 2024 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 merchandise sales can only accept cash and checks.

Jed Luchow

Event Coordinator, Lake Management Committee



Photo by Cherie Berk

Shoreline Clean Up Day 2023. CLCS Information/Merchandise Booth with Ilise Zimmerman, Debra Ruggieri, and Joyce Craw.

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January - December 2023

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FUNDRAISING	18381.25
Interest Income	75.31
Total Income	\$145,719.36

Expenses

ADMINISTRATION	6873.94
COMMUNICATIONS	9862.95
EDUCATION	120.61
LAKE MANAGEMENT	95166.25

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“POST SPAWNING MORTALITY” ON COPAKE LAKE

The term that is used for dead fish along the shoreline of Copake Lake in the spring is Post Spawning Mortality. It is common to lakes and is for the most part unpreventable. (Editor’s note: Fish are not the only ones that find spawning exhausting!).

Fish die at this time of the year because as they try to spawn in shallow water that same water experiences extreme shifts in temperature, oxygen, pH, and ammonia between day and night. Because the spawning fish need to stay at their nest, they must endure these shifting conditions. Fish can go into the spawning period stressed from winter conditions so that they are unable to cope with the additional stress of spawning combined with the environmental fluctuations.

It is our understanding that biologists at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) do not get concerned in the spring by up to several hundred dead fish along the shoreline in lakes the size of Copake Lake, especially if the fish are mixed species such as perch, crappie,

sunfish, pumpkinseeds, and even a few bass. These kills are an example of natural selection by which the weaker fish are removed from the population. The time to be concerned is when all the dead fish are the same species and when the numbers are in the thousands.



It is very likely that Copake Lake contains tens of thousands of fish. Questions about “post spawning mortality” (seeing dead fish along the shoreline of Copake Lake in the spring) can be directed to CLCS’s Lake Management Committee.

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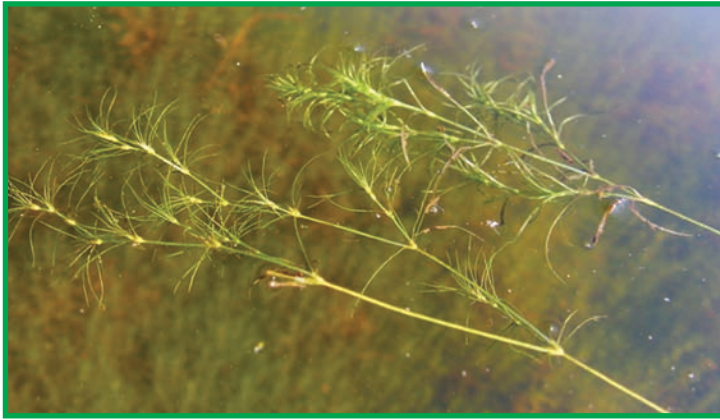


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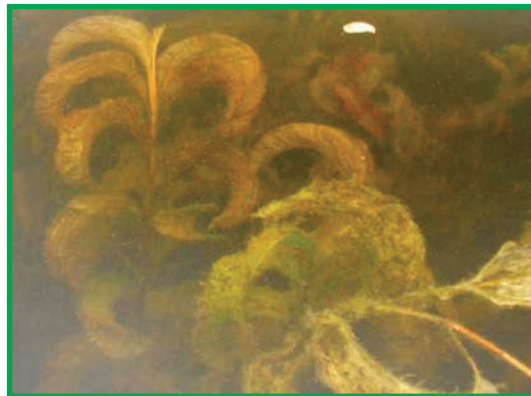
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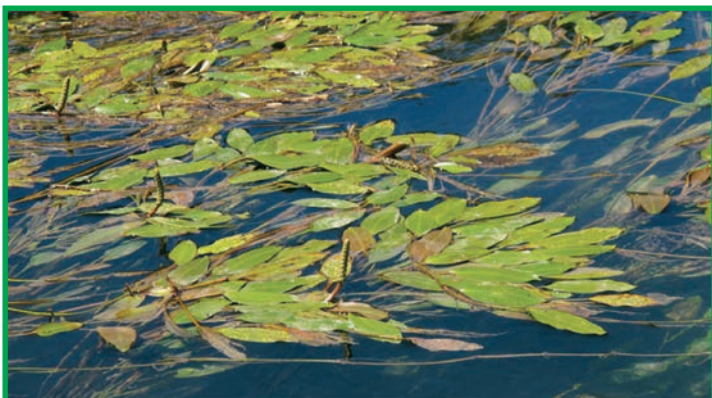
Waterweed *Elodea nuttallii*



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

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Eurasian water milfoil *Myriophyllum spicatum*



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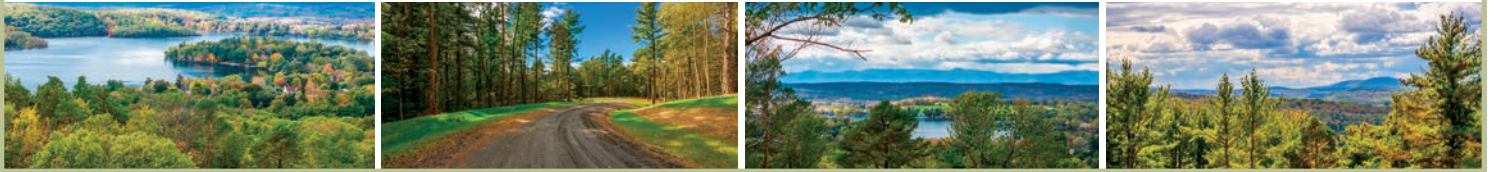
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2024 Copake Lake Boating Rules And Regulations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SAFETY:

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

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (NYS Law):

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

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

ENVIRONMENT:

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

Common sense and respect for others are the way to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone using the lake. CLCS is not

a law-enforcement agency and leaves such duties to the Columbia County Sheriff’s Department, The CLCS has posted rules and regulations and distributes these excerpts to encourage lake users to know the rules and observe them.

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.



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
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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 Denise Chickery
July 4th Boat Parade Winners 2023.
The Peluso Family does it again*

GIVING TUESDAY

We at the Copake Lake Conservation Society are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible outpouring of support during our 2023 Giving Tuesday fundraiser. Thanks to your generosity, we surpassed our goal of \$7,500 and raised over \$9,000! This critical funding will allow us to continue our vital work in protecting the health and beauty of Copake Lake for generations to come. Your commitment is truly inspiring. Fueled by 2023's success, we've set our 2024 Giving Tuesday target on December 3 at \$9,000, aiming to surpass 2023's incredible participation. Together, we can ensure the continued flourishing of Copake Lake!

The CLCS Board of Trustees would like to thank these 2023 Giving Tuesday donors

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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



Sofia Powers



Sean Powers

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



SIMPLY STUNNING
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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. Brianna Lieneck, was an 11 year old girl killed in a boating accident in Long Island's Great South Bay in 2005. Gina Lieneck, Brianna's mother lobbied lawmakers to pass Brianna's Law in honor of her daughter's memory. Brianna's law requires all motor boat operators born on or after January 1, 1978 to complete a safety course to operate a motor boat 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. Check out www.boat-ed.com to register for an online class. Information on how to replace a lost or damaged boating safety certificate can be found here as well. You may add your NYS Boating Safety Certificate to your New York State Department of Motor Vehicle ID. The endorsement will appear as an anchor icon on the face of the DMV ID. [NYSStateBoatingSafetyCertificateOptionalCredentialingDMVDocument.pdf](https://www.nysdmv.gov/Services/BoatingSafetyCertificateOptionalCredentialingDMVDocument.pdf). 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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*Safety on Copake Lake takes each one of us.
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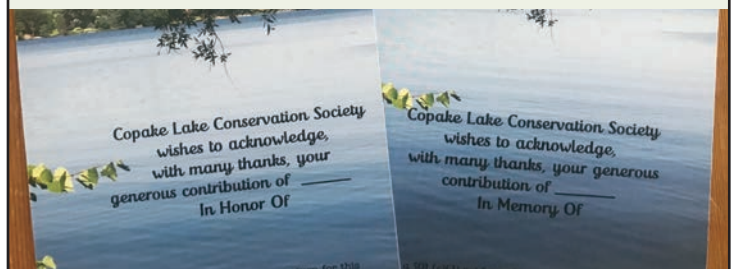
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Neighbors and friends taking the Thanksgiving Day Trot/Plunge 2023.
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