



# 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

**Greetings and Happy Spring!** I'm thrilled to introduce myself as the new President of the Board of the Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS). I'm honored to help continue the vital work of preserving and protecting our lake for swimmers, boaters, fishers, and water skiers, as well as sports and wildlife photographers, birdwatchers and shoreline picnickers. Copake Lake is more than just a body of water- it's a natural resource we must safeguard. I hope to meet you and work together to ensure the lake's health and vitality for generations to come.

Copake Lake has been a special place for my family for many years, a retreat where we have built lasting memories. My older daughter introduced us to this magical location when her elementary school friend's family invited us for lake weekends. In 2012, we purchased our own home in Craryville. A decade later, my younger daughter was married at the Copake Lake Country Club. She and her husband held their ceremony at sunset, so their guests could fully appreciate the Lake's splendor. To give back to our community, I volunteered to serve on the CLCS Board. Fascinated by the Lake's history, I prepared a photographic timeline used as part of the exhibition at the Copake Historical Society's 50-year celebration.

Given my background in non-profit management, I was asked to Chair CLCS' Succession Planning Committee. This committee was formed when several key organizational leaders expressed an interest in retiring, some after 20 years of exceptional service. Subsequently, I was honored to be elected President. I'd like to thank the many community members who have generously donated their time, energy, funds and support to transforming the Lake from a near swamp to the safe body of water that exists today. The CLCS continues to be a strong organization.

We owe thanks to CLCS' 10-year departing President, Debbie Ruggieri. Deb's love of the lake is deep. She is knowledgeable and passionate about ensuring that Copake Lake never returns to its previous unhealthy state. She has given countless hours of her time. As we move forward, I am committed to building on her leadership and the work of all former CLCS Presidents to guide our continued progress.

As President, my goals include broadening our neighbors' appreciation of CLCS' work and expanding participation in our activities. To help achieve this, the Board has formed a Community

Outreach Committee that will hold events to share more about our organization's purpose and impact. Our Communications Committee will focus on strengthening our website and social media presence. Our Board Committees will become more proactive in identifying opportunities for volunteers and encourage everyone living in and around the watershed to contribute their innovative ideas.

This past cold winter provided an ideal environment for ice fishing, ice sailing and snowmobiling. By the time you read this, the ice and snow will have melted. Springtime allows us to monitor the height of the Lake, measure the growth of weeds (both local and invasive species) and analyze bacteria volume. Our Lake Management Committee already has put plans in place to maximize water clarity and promote water safety. Our Education Committee will be broadcasting key information on New York State's boat safety regulations which changed in January of this year.

The health of Copake Lake depends on the people living in the Copake community. I welcome you to write to me at [info@copakelake.org](mailto:info@copakelake.org) with your questions. I also encourage you to join us at one of our new Community Outreach events. Your input, ideas, and collaboration are essential to our organization's efforts. Working together gives us the best chance of successfully preserving and protecting our Lake.

Here's to all that we will accomplish together!

Warmly,  
*Ilise*  
Ilise Zimmerman

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# CLCS 2025 Committees

## Bylaws

*The Bylaws Committee will review the CLCS Bylaws annually and recommend revisions to the Board of Trustees as needed.*

Joyce Craw	Jed Luchow**	Debra Fischgrund***
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## Communications & Technology

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

<b>Electronic</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Publicity</b>
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## Community Outreach

*The Community Outreach Committee will hold events to share more about our organization's purpose and impact*

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Joyce Craw***		Janna Meyerowitz Turner

## Education & Safety

*The Education & Safety 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***
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## 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, & filing of tax returns.*

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Jennifer Oliveira**	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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## 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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Barbara Bunger*	Debra Ruggieri	Austin Urban*
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John Ernsberger	Buddy Sinisi**	Mike Whitcomb**
Lindsay LeBrecht	Stu Troyetsky	Ilise Zimmerman

## 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	Janna Meyerowitz Turner**
Annabel Nau***	

## Chairperson\*\*\*, Vice Chairperson\*\*, Member/Volunteer\*

Join any of the committees listed above or consider applying to join the Board of Trustees. It's a great way to meet new people and help your lake community. Go to [info@copakelakecs.org](mailto:info@copakelakecs.org) to let us know of your interest.

# 2025 PROSPECTIVE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

<b>Tuesday, March 25</b>	<b>Meeting of the Board of Trustees 5 PM</b>
<b>Early May</b>	<b>Possible treatments for invasive weed.</b> Advance notice will be given and posted.
<b>Tuesday, May 6th</b>	<b>Meeting of the Board of Trustees 5 PM</b>
<b>Saturday, May 10</b>	<b>Town of Copake Clean-up Day.</b> Town Garage, 8AM-12 Noon, 47 School Road. No construction waste, 4 Tire limit. Call Town Hall 518 329-1234 Ext 2 for more information/updates.
<b>Saturday, May 17</b>	<b>Copake Grange Flea Market, 9 AM-12 Noon</b>
<b>Saturday, May 24</b>	<b>Memorial Day Weekend.</b> CLCS Information Booth will be open. CLCS 2025 merchandise will be for sale (cash or check only). 9 AM-12 Noon.
<b>Saturday, May 31</b>	<b>Copake Lake Annual Shoreline Clean Up Day, 9 AM- 12 Noon</b> (please no household trash). CLCS merchandise will be for sale. Corner of County Route 7 and Lakeview Road.
<b>Tuesday, June 3rd</b>	<b>Meeting of the Board of Trustees, 5 PM.</b>
<b>June-August</b>	<b>Algae treatments will be scheduled as needed.</b> There will be advance notice of Treatment restrictions or lake use posted around the lake and on the CLCS website.
<b>Tuesday, July 1</b>	<b>Meeting of the Board of Trustees 5 PM</b>
<b>Friday, July 4</b>	<b>Annual July 4th Boat Parade</b> (celebrate America's 249th Birthday). This is NOT a CLCS event. Parade starts at Southwest Colony at 1 PM.
<b>Saturday July 12</b>	<b>CLCS Annual Meeting (time and place TBA)</b>
<b>Saturday, July 19</b>	<b>Annual Summer Bash at The Greens.</b> Theme is Mardi Gras. Stayed tuned for details.
<b>Saturday, July 19</b>	<b>Copake Falls Day, 10 AM-4 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 29</b>	<b>Meeting of the Board of Trustees 5 PM</b>
<b>Friday, August 1</b>	<b>3rd Annual CLCS Benefit Golf Tournament Copake Country Club</b>
<b>Sunday, August 17</b>	<b>Copake Falls Day</b> Check website for details. <a href="http://www.copakefallsday.org">www.copakefallsday.org</a>
<b>Saturday, August 23</b>	<b>Annual Fireworks at the Copake Country Club.</b> This is NOT a CLCS event. This event is supported by Community donations.
<b>Tuesday, August 26</b>	<b>Meeting of the Board of Trustees 5 PM</b>
<b>Saturday, September 20</b>	<b>Roe-Jan Ramble Bike Tour</b> This is NOT a CLCS event. This ride will go through Copake, Hillsdale, and Ancram. For more information go to <a href="http://Roejanramble.org">Roejanramble.org</a> or call Tom Goldsworthy 347 952-5764.
<b>Tuesday, September 30th</b>	<b>Meeting of the Board of Trustees 5PM</b>
<b>Thursday, November 18</b>	<b>Board of Trustees Meeting 5 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 2</b>	<b>"#GIVINGTUESDAY" Fundraiser for CLCS</b>

\*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 any treatments. Check our website for dates and information. [www.copakelake.org](http://www.copakelake.org) .

\*\*Columbia County Hazardous Household Waste Collection

# Lake Management Report (Plan for 2025)

## Meeting by Zoom on 03/05/2025

**Attendance:** Alex Almond (chairperson), Austin Urban, Barbara Bunger, Fred Bunger (vice chairperson) Lindsay LeBrecht, Jed Luchow, Debra Ruggieri, Keith Schafer, Stu Troyetsky. Bob Untracht, Mike Whitcomb, Ilise Zimmerman.

The LMC, joined by George Knoecklein, Kendra Kilson and Lauren McManus from NEAR, along with James Gorman and Zach Davis from The Pond and Lake Connection, discussed the plan for treatments on Copake Lake this year (2025).

### We also touched on:

Zebra Mussels,  
Water levels and valve close date,  
Posters for treatments,  
Shoreline Cleanup,  
Opening of the guardrail at the County Corner (County Rte. 7 and Lakeview Road).

### Points to note:

- All treatment dates are approximate and it was discussed that we did not want them to interfere with holiday weeks or weekends during the summer.
- Necessary treatments with SONAR will be an additional expense.

### SUMMARY:

#### Permits from the NYSDEC:

- James highlighted that all permits were applied for and received except for the Wetlands permits (Applied for, waiting on approval).

**Photos of Invasive and Non-Invasive Aquatic Plants may be found in the spring/summer 2025 CLCS News (newsletter).**

#### Milfoil (invasive species):

- Agreed with the attending members of the LMC that whole lake treatments with SONAR were scheduled for 7/1, 8/1, and 9/1 (approx). We discussed the slight adjustment of these dates based on holiday weeks and weekends to cause the least disruption (No swimming for 24hrs after treatment)
- Discussed that Sonar treatment will include Copper Sulfate where needed to remove any obstructions to SONAR on the surface of the Milfoil plants.

#### Curly Leaf Pond weed (invasive species):

- Discussion between George and James on the most effective herbicide for curly leaf pond weed. We used Aquathol May 1st to control Curly Pond Weed and August 6th to control native Stargrass (non-invasive species) with good effect. Diquat proves to be more effective. We have permits for both Diquat and Aquathol and will use as needed, taking particular care to monitor the areas treated in 2024 with Aquathol for effectiveness and regrowth levels (Diquat can only be used if there is no outflow from the lake. April lake survey by NEAR will determine treatment areas and timing of treatment for Curly Leaf)

#### Copper Sulphate:

- Treatments are for water clarity, Algae and impacting the bacteria that causes Swimmers Itch. It also allows herbicides such as SONAR to adhere to plantlife and therefore be more effective at killing the plants. It also may have some effectiveness with Zebra Mussels although different to the Copper treatment specifically designed for the treatment of ZM.

- Agreed with the attending members of the LMC, that treatments will be in key areas for swimmers itch, as noted on maps previously made and distributed to James and Kendra
- Agreed with the attending members of the LMC, that one treatment a month will take place. James noted that these treatments will not necessarily be full lake treatments and at a high dose, rather, where needed and may coincide with SONAR treatments

#### Zebra Mussels:

- Kendra and Lauren will continue to place Zebra Mussel 'Hotels' on docks around the lake, looking for any increase in population.
- It was noted in our last meeting that while more prevalent, an expensive treatment could possibly wait until next year as a full lake treatment of SONAR was needed this year.
- It was agreed by the attending members of the LMC that we will continue to monitor and use treatments of copper sulphate in key areas if needed.

#### Notification Posters:

- The attending members of the LMC agreed that the posters should overstate the areas and chemicals used while also stating that all areas may NOT be treated unless necessary. This gives James the flexibility to give the notification period to the DEC and change the plan of treatment if we get more growth in the interim period. Basically we notify about everything and then only treat what is needed.
- Lindsay does a great job putting up the posters along Birch Hill Road and Golf Course Road and will continue. Jed will continue to do RT 7; Debra will continue along Lakeview Road. Volunteer help is always needed.
- It was discussed that SONAR posters need to remain up while CS can come down after the 24hr period so as not to confuse lake goers.

#### Water Level and Valve Opening:

- It was noted that the ice formed when the lake was high after rainfall in December, which has caused some damage to decks around the lake. Since then the water level has dropped considerably which has created a crack around the shoreline which will hopefully stop any further damage when the ice recedes and moves.
- Lake is now 18 inches below the spillway. Based on that information, ice out date is 3/20/25. Keith's recommendation is to close the valve on or about 3/12/25: assuming no wind or rain between now and then. Sooner, if the ice starts candling.
- The ice has now started to recede from the shoreline 3/7/25.

Thanks as always to everyone involved. Here's to a great 2025 season on Copake Lake!

#### Alex Almond

*Chairperson, Lake Management Committee*

# CLCS Contributors (2024)

Every effort is made to keep the membership list up to date. We apologize for any errors.

If you have contributed and your name does not appear on the list please email us at [www.copakelakecs.org](http://www.copakelakecs.org)

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR! CLCS ANNUAL MEETING

Plan to attend our Annual meeting  
Open House to learn what is going on  
with Copake lake!

**July 12, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon,**  
The Greens Restaurant,  
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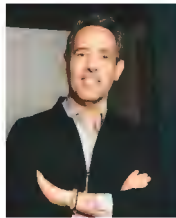


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# Swimmer's Itch: What Can Be Done?

**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 swimmers itch by emailing [info@copakelakecs.org](mailto: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.

**Debra Ruggieri & Maria Powers**

*Education and Safety Committee*

# Copake Lake Shoreline Clean-Up Day (May 31, 2025)

Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) Shoreline Clean-Up Day is scheduled for May 31, 2025 (Saturday following Memorial Day Weekend), with rain date of Sunday, June 1, 2025) 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 and Austin Urban of The Greens Restaurant/Copake Country Club will donate the services of a pick-up truck and maintenance workers (thanks to Donald Matteson and Joe Briso), 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 (thanks to Dave Craw, Jed Luchow, and Ed Werfelman). Additional volunteers at the dumpster included Jackie Bernstein, Belle Frank, Debra Ruggieri, and Ilise Zimmerman. CLCS 2025 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; you will be able to take your purchase with you.

**Jed Luchow,**  
Event Coordinator,  
Lake Management  
Committee



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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Saturday,  
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at 9 p.m.

*\*Not a CLCS event; privately sponsored*

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January - December 2024

### Income:

Ads	1240.00
CONTRIBUTIONS Income	108,578.05
FUNDRAISING	22,638.61
Interest Income	2,663.68
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$135,120.34</b>

### Expenses

ADMINISTRATION	6,321.22
COMMUNICATIONS	5,744.41
EDUCATION	687.69
LAKE MANAGEMENT	72,127.47

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$84,880.79</b>
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While we didn't quite reach our \$10,000 goal, this milestone is a powerful reminder of what we can achieve together. Every dollar you've donated is already hard at work—protecting wildlife, keeping our lake clean and ensuring future generations can enjoy the natural beauty we all love.

The CLCS Board of Trustees would like to thank these 2024 Giving Tuesday donors

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# Copake Lake Aquatic Plants

## Native (desirable) Plants



Slender naiad *Najas flexilis*



Water stargrass *Zosterella dubia*



Waterweed *Elodea nuttallii*



Large leaf pondweed (*Potamogeton amplifolius*)



Large leaf pondweed - underwater (*Potamogeton amplifolius*)



Long-leaf Pondweed *Potamogeton nodosus*



Common elodea *Elodea canadensis*



Tape Grass *Vallisneria americana*

# Copake Lake Aquatic Plants

## Non-Native (invasive) Plants

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



Eurasian water milfoil *Myriophyllum spicatum*



Hydrilla *Hydrilla verticillata*



Curly-leaf pondweed *Potamogeton crispus*



Brittle Naiad *Brittle water nymph najas minor*

# 2024 Year-end Birding and Birdhouse Recap, Copake Country Club and the Copake Lake region

## THE SCORE FROM '24:

### Eastern Bluebirds:

For the first time since we started this project (in 2011), Eastern Bluebirds, everyone's favorite, were our top nesters:

- 22 successful nestings (up from 15 in 2023); late March to mid-August.
- Egg counts are tricky, but the average Bluebird brood is 4-5 eggs, so likely up to 100 eggs hatched.
- Just 1 nest failure (4 in '23).

### Tree Swallows:

Our perennial nesting leaders came in second for the first time.

- 20 successful nestings (19 in '23); late April to early August.
- Tree Swallows have 5-8 eggs per nesting, so the egg count probably exceeded the Bluebirds'.
- 3 failures (4 in '23).

### House Wrens:

- 5 successful nests (3 in '23); mid-May to August.
- 0 failures.
- 5-9 eggs per (beautiful rust-red coloring).

### Removed: 7 House Sparrow nests.

The bad guys, invasive and aggressive, as we remind people every year; removing their nests is strongly encouraged for anyone with 1 birdhouse or 20.

Here's why: <https://www.sialis.org/hosp/>

(or email questions to [tomjack.walsh@gmail.com](mailto:tomjack.walsh@gmail.com))

- In 2022, we removed 30 of them. The past 2 years, it was 7 per year — our vigilance is keeping them at bay.

### Golf Course

Seventeen of the course's 18 holes now have from 1 to 4 birdhouses each. The only one with none: the 5th. Our ultimate "love-hate" hole stands alone.

### THE BALD EAGLES: Our local rock stars.

The Bald Eagle nest high in a tree on the property at the end of Golf Course Road, just east of the 15th tee, got off to a very promising start early last winter. (The nest had been active for nearly 10 consecutive years, probably longer, until it went silent in 2022 and 2023.)

- Two adult Eagles were seen in and around the nest in late January '24. Three weeks later, I saw egg-sitting behavior (Mom Eagle unmoving in the nest for half an hour at a time). We had many similar observations through February, March, mid-April.
- Then . . . unexplained . . . the activity stopped. No adults seen on or flying around the nest. No signs of hatched heads peeking from the nest.
- The stats: Bald Eagles usually reuse the same nest year after year; lay 1-3 eggs generally mid- to late February; Mom sits on eggs for around 35 days until hatch; babies are then fed and nurtured in the nest for 10-12 weeks.



Photo by Tom and Jack Walsh

- So if there were indeed eggs starting in late February. . . we should've seen regular activity up there until late May or longer.
- What happened? It's a mystery of nature. Eggs might have failed; nest raided by predator; an adult disappeared.
- So, in December 2024: Eagle calls heard from the Copake Lake cove near the nest. Hope springs eternal again. (The nest is a sight to behold. Best places for you to view it from a distance when trees are bare in fall and winter, with the naked eye or binoculars: Stand on the cart path between the 5th green and the 17th green; look south to the tallest tree on the horizon. Or look from the 6th tee box.)

### Neighborhood Participation

Congrats to members of our growing neighborhood birdhouse empire — I've had the pleasure in recent years of helping locals who have posted nesting boxes in their yards, up to 36 now. Another excellent year for their Bluebirds, Tree Swallows, House Wrens, Tufted Titmice, Black-capped Chickadees.

- On Golf Course Road: Gips, Ehrlich, McCarthy, Kleeschulte, Casey — 11 boxes
- Also in the lake region: LeBrecht, Bouril, Ernsberger, Mende-Boyle — 11
- Elsewhere in Copake and Hillsdale: Hussey, Dix, Stock, Grubin — 14

**Thomas Walsh,**  
*CLCS Member*

# 2025 Copake Lake Boating Rules And Regulations

Source, *New York State Office of Parks Recreation & Historical Preservation* ([www.nysparks.com/recreation/boating](http://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.



Photo by Debra Ruggieri

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# 2025 Annual July 4th Boat Parade (America's 249th Birthday)

The Copake Lake boat parade is on Friday, July 4th, starting promptly at 1:00 p.m. from the Southwest Colony lakefront.

While not a CLCS event, the boat parade has been a tradition on Copake Lake for well over 45 years. It brings much joy and laughter as we celebrate America's birthday with boats carrying people with flags and wearing costumes. Whether on a boat, or on the docks, decks, or shorelines the cheering can be heard around the lake!

Steven Chickery, many years ago, added an additional sparkle to this lake tradition by introducing a boat decorating contest. Even though Steven will no longer be with us his presence will be felt as we parade around the perimeter of the lake. Please consider decorating your watercraft and joining the parade this special year in memory of Steven and the celebration of America's birthday.

The 2024 trophy winner was the "Ice Cream, you

scream, we all scream for Copake Lake" vessel with Captain Pete Marano, 1st Mate Monique Marano, and crew members Ryan, Morgan Marano along with Ricky, Melissa, Thomas, and Lila Carroll. Captain Pete and crew will judge the participants of the 2025 boat parade from their dock at the lakeside of Robin and Lakeview Roads near Mickey's Marina. The grand prize will be having the names of the winners engraved on the official trophy and having the trophy remain with the winning crew for 2025 with all the bragging rights until they become the judges for the 2026 July 4th Boat Parade.

Even if you choose not to decorate your boat for the contest, please join the parade and take a spectacular 30-minute tour of beautiful Copake Lake in remembrance and festivity.

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**Deb Ruggieri,**  
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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](http://www.nysparks.com/recreation/boating).

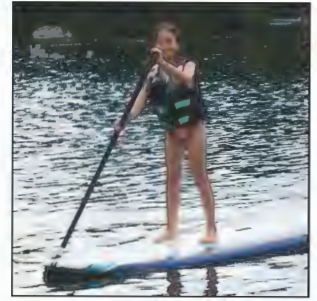
Along with rowboats, kayaks, canoes, and sailboats, paddle boards are considered boats and must have a U.S. Coast Guard approved, properly sized, serviceable, and readily accessible life jacket on board for each person, just like any other boat, mechanized or not. From May 2 through October 31 such persons 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.



Sofia Powers



Sean Powers

Education & Safety Committee

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

**Thank you  
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**Your work has never been more  
important than it is today.**



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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](http://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. [NYStateBoatingSafetyCertificateOptionalCredentialedDMVDocument.pdf](https://www.nysdmv.org/Forms/OptionalCredentialedDocuments/NYSBoatingSafetyCertificateOptionalCredentialedDMVDocument.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.

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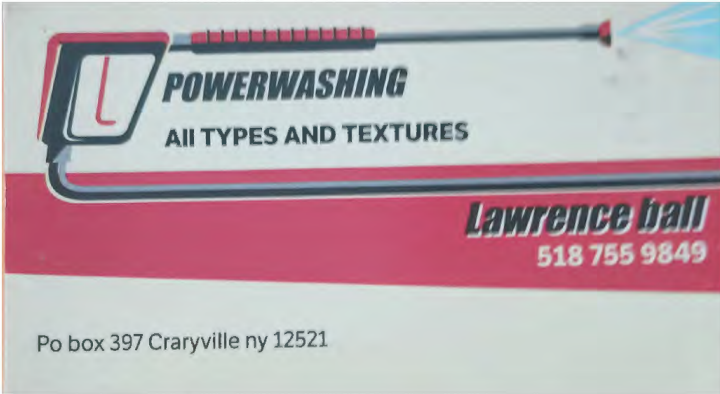
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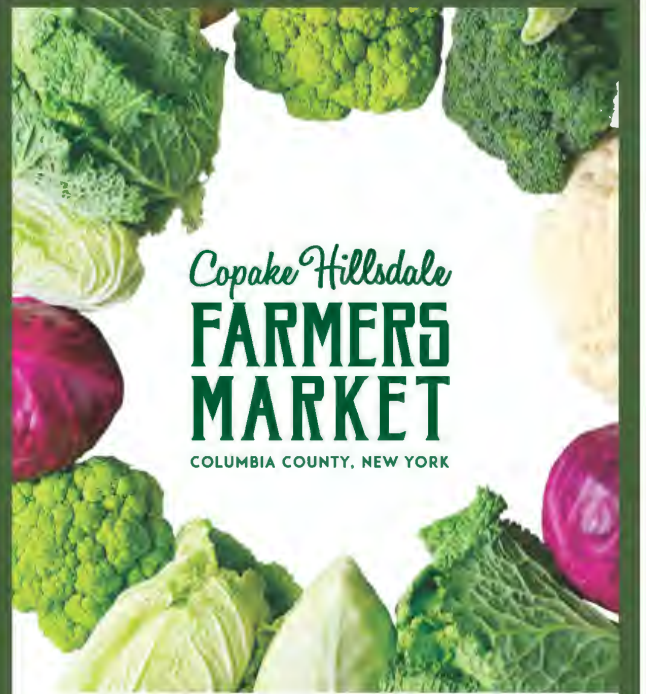
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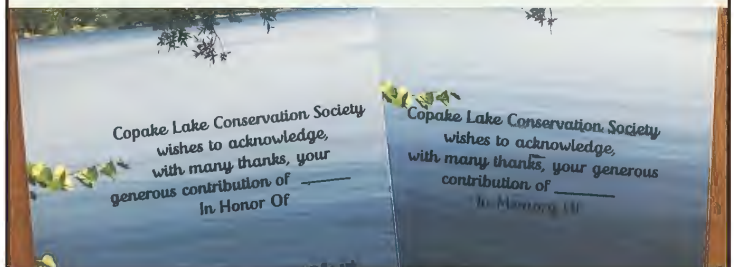
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