



Sylvia Lake Breeze



Sylvia Lake Association Newsletter

Spring, 2014

SHOOTING THE BREEZE

Barb Maloy Kane, SLA President

To quote Henry Van Dyke, "The first day of Spring is one thing and the first Spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month. This definitely describes the past few months.

Waking up to birds chirping (didn't care that it was 4:30 in am) was an undeniable and welcomed sign of Spring. Longer days, trips to the farmer's market, and opening the windows are just a few things I will not take for granted after this winter.

This will be the only newsletter for 2014. For updates, please refer to the website and postings on the roads. The SLA will have them up beginning of June. If your road is missing the activity schedule for the summer, please let us know.

As always there are many activities planned throughout the summer for which there may be last minute changes depending on the weather.

If anyone has any questions, concerns or need to report something, do not hesitate to call me or email someone on the board. Contact information is in this newsletter and on the website.

Have a wonderful and safe summer! *Barb*



SYLVIA LAKE COMMUNITY WEBSITE 2003 - 2014

The Sylvia Lake community website has been online for 11 years. Stories and archives are available from way back in 2003. Take a stroll through Sylvia Lake's last decade on the Featured Stories page. Shari is always happy to receive fun stuff to share and to continue to keep the community connected.

SUMMER KICK-OFF — JUNE 20

Gouverneur Country Club



The Sylvia Lake Association Board, would like to invite everyone to the 8th Summer Season Kick-Off at the Gouverneur Country Club on Friday June 20th at 6pm. There will

be free Hors D'oeuvres, raffles and cash bar. This is a great opportunity to catch up with your friends and neighbors.

Summer events will be outlined at a short business meeting. There are lots of opportunities to become involved in summer activities.

ICE OUT 2014 — April 15, 2014

Correctly guessing this date:



- Sonny Goodison
- Ralph Undercoffler
- Mark and Laurie Leonard
- Barbara Maloy Kane

A big thank you goes out to Gary Jones (our judge), Judy Butz and everyone who participated. The winner's mugs have been delivered! Thank you to Shari for running the contest and rewarding the winners. For a list of ICE OUT dates from 1938-present, visit the website.



2014 ASSOCIATION DUES : \$25

Special thanks to those that have generously donated to the Sylvia Lake Association and /or who have paid their dues. Dues cover the calendar year (Jan 1—Dec 31.) Dues help fund standing and special committees, mailings, water testing, 911 road signs, concerts, milfoil, abatement, navigation aids, the Sylvia Lake website and other miscellaneous projects and activities. There are 3 ways to pay:



1. Mail your \$25. dues directly to:
Robyn Estey, 72 Cambray Street, Gouverneur, NY 13642
2. Pay securely with a credit card online through PayPal at www.sylvialake.org.
3. Attend the Summer Kick-Off and pay your dues then.

Reminder: Please don't forget to pay your ROAD DUES to your designated person.

Sylvia Lake Summer Fun



Spring SLA Board Meeting : Saturday, May 31, 10:AM at the deLorraine's

Summer Kick Off : Friday June 20, 6:00 PM - Gouverneur Country Club

Charlie Ferguson Memorial Fishing Derby : Friday, July 4th & Saturday, July 5

Weigh-in 10:AM to 4:PM Friday and Saturday at the Ferguson dock.

Sylvia Lake Boat Parade : Saturday, July 5 - Line up at Indian Head @ 4:15 - Parade starts at 4:30 PM. Winners will be announced at the concert. Grand Marshals Carlton and Rosalie Force!

Summer Concert : Saturday, July 5, 6:30 PM - Kalina/Turner Dock.

Michael Welch	Stewart Foster	Robert Reynolds
Spence Ritchie	Steve Manders	(& other surprise guests?)

Safe Boating Course: EITHER July 8-10 OR July 15-17 | 5:30 - 7:30PM Contact Ralph Undercoffler 287-9092

Fall General Meeting : August 15 - 7: PM - Location TBA.

Fall SLA Board Meeting : August 30 - 9: AM - Location TBA.



SLA OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS



(L to R) Lea Dickson, Shirley Putman, Jim Jackson, Barb Maloy Kane, Ralph Undercoffler (absent) Robyn Estey, Michele Lallier, Bill deLorraine

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SAFE BOATING UPDATE — New Law Effective May 1, 2014

All individuals born on or after 5/1/96 are now required to successfully complete an approved course in boater education in order to operate a motorboat. Regardless of age, all personal watercraft (PWC) operators still need a boating safety certificate.

The Sylvia Lake Association has sponsored this safe boating course for many seasons. (Thanks, Ralph Undercoffler!) The class has to have a minimum number of participants in order to offer it. Ralph plans to offer the class EITHER July 8-10 OR July 15-17, 5:30 - 7:30PM. Watch the website & trees for details or Contact Ralph Undercoffler 287-9092.





The Association provides lots of opportunities to get involved...

Thank you from the Association to all of those who serve on the committees and volunteer. We can never emphasize enough how much we appreciate all that you do to keep the annual events going.

Due to the dwindling attendance at the summer picnic, the board members have decided to put it on hold this year. The attendance in the past 7-8 years has decreased from 80 to 40. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please let one of the board members know. As always, the more people that get involved, the easier it is to plan an event.

There are five “standing committees” specified in the Sylvia Lake constitution. If you are interested in getting involved or just curious about what a specific committee does, contact one of the committee members below.

Sanitation/Water Testing

Jim Jackson
Lea Dickson

Safe Boating Course

Ralph Undercoffler

Boat Parade

Robyn Esty
Barbara Kane

Fish and Game

Ralph Undercoffler
Gale Ferguson
Gary Scott

Social Committee

Linda Syrek
Faye Lockwood
Shirley Putnam

Communications, etc.

Shari Barnhart

Navigation

Gale Ferguson
Sandy Kraker

Concert

Gale Ferguson
Sandy Kraker
Barbara Kane

Nominating & Constitution

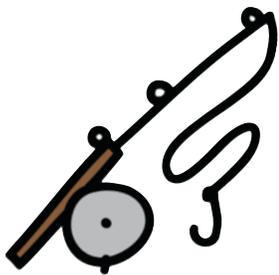
Olive Horning
Linda Syrek

Picnic

(on hiatus)

CHARLIE FERGUSON MEMORIAL FISHING DERBY - (this year, July 4 & 5th)

In addition to SLA sponsored events during the summer, the family of the late Charlie Ferguson holds a memorial fishing derby over the July 4th weekend. The Derby was started by Marilyn and Roger LaPierre to honor Charlie Ferguson and his family has continued to offer the event every year since 1982. Thank you to the Force family for providing awards and to everyone who contributes to the success of this event.



Results from 2013

Youngest Fisherman - Trent Roberts
Largest Rock Bass - Claire Mannahan
Largest Small Mouth - Danny Riley
Best Fish Story - Loudon Porter

Most Dedicated Fisher - Hillary Cook
Largest Largemouth Bass - Wyatt Porter
Largest Lake Trout - Danielle Syrek
Most Rock Bass - Jones Camp,
Katie Peck





EMERGENCY ~ Call 911. Don't forget to post your 911 address in a prominent location on your property and camp. Be sure you are registered... call the 911 operator from your camp phone to verify the directions to your place. Tell them "This is not an emergency..." then give them your location information.

NEW YORK STATE BOATING RULES OF THE ROAD ~ DEC officials and the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Dept. regularly patrol Sylvia Lake. Some general rules of the water are:

- You may not ride within 500 feet of a marked swim area except when going directly to or from a launch site. Speed is restricted to 10 MPH.
- In New York State, speed is limited to 5 MPH when within 100 feet of the shore, a dock, pier, raft, float, or an anchored or moored boat.
- A PWC (jet ski) is subject to all the laws that motor boat operators must follow. Regardless of age, all personal watercraft (PWC) operators are required to have a boating safety certificate.
- New law requires everyone born on or after 5/1/96 to successfully complete an approved course in boater education in order to operate a motorboat.
- You may not ride between sunset and sunrise and times of restricted visibility.
- Weaving in and out of traffic, jumping boat wakes, splashing others is dangerous and illegal.
- You must have and carry your boating safety certificate on board.
- One life saving device for each person aboard.
- Use lights after dusk
- Be wise and carry an extra line, paddle and anchor.

SWIMMING ~ Swim with a buddy, have a boat with you when swimming long distance. Look before leaping. Do not wash your hair/body/clothing in the lake unless you use environmentally neutral soap.

SUBMERGED ROCKS AND DEBRIS ~ Be aware of their locations. Water level changes, storms and ice break-up create new hazards every year. Some hazards may not be marked.

AVOID GAS AND OIL SPILLAGE ~ Check your motor for leaks. Fill up the tank away from the water.

CAMP ROADS ~ Use slow speed (15 mph is recommended) Please be courteous, ATV riders please use good judgement and avoid roads where you may be considered a nuisance. If you think violations have occurred, identify the violator and call the sheriff or state troopers. Call parents when appropriate. Please remind family and guests to not use the woods to discard bottles, cans and garbage. Be a good neighbor and keep the woods beautiful.



OUR PETS & OWNERS ~ The Town of Fowler has a Leash and Nuisance Law. Dogs may not run at large, bark habitually, or chase or intimidate any person. Complaints may be filed with a peace officer, Town Justice or Fowler Dog Warden, Neil Hooley : 315-528-7988

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ~ Watch for suspicious activity, trees falling, evidence of broken pipes or anything unusual. Be aware that smoky campfires can drift through neighbor's windows. Be considerate, noise carries over water... so remind your guests or renters of the "quiet time." We share this beautiful space and each of us enjoys different ways to recreate. Have a great season!

Suggested "quiet time" around the lake is from 10:00 PM until 11:00 AM.

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Sylvia Lake Boat Parade 2013

- Life of Pi** - The O'Shaughnessy Camp
- Red Neck Yacht** - The Porter Camp
- Super Heroes** - The Dodds Camp
- Sylvia Queen** - The Smith Camp
- Syracuse Celebration** - The Ferguson Camp
- Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles** - Sprague Camp
- Welcome to the Circus** - The Kirby Camp

Thank you to the Parade Coordinator, Robyn Esty and her fellow "Wrangler," Missy Jones.

And to our generous Harland Brown for providing the award plaques.

AWARDS

- Best of Show/Original Theme** – Pontoon Boat : Smith Camp: "Sylvia Queen"
- Best of Show/Original Theme** – Small Boat: Dodd's Camp: "Super Heroes"
- Creative Children's Award** – Kirby Camp: "Welcome to the Circus"
- Spirit and Enthusiasm of Sylvia Lake Award** – Ferguson Camp: "Cheers for Syracuse"
- Honorable Mentions** – Porter Camp: "Red Neck Yacht Club," Sprague/Gadbaw Camps: "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" and O'Shaughnessy Camp: "Life of Pi"

See boat photos and more on the website sylvialake.org



2013 Boat Parade Grand Marshal Mary Jo Whalen