

Sylvia Lake Association 2000 NEWSLETTER

Help Keep Sylvia Lake Beautiful

July, 2000

Events & Information 2000

Notice About Association Dues - Your \$5.00 Sylvia Lake Association dues are very important.

It pays for water testing that is a guide line to help us keep the lake clean to keep us healthy.

It helps pay for the association picnic.

It pays for mailings to keep you informed about association meetings and lake activities.

Please give your money to any officer or mail to Mona Allen, Treasurer, 130 Jones Road, Gouverneur, N.Y. 13642

The Association would like to thank Penny Netto, Jo Ann Orford, Mona Allen, Linda Scott, Katie Pistolesi, Ann VanSlyke, Linda Bigarel, Lois Cook and Joanna deLorraine for collecting 1999 Membership Dues and delivering the 1999 Newsletter.

Kite Flying Day - Will be scheduled for July 2nd. Rain date, July 3rd. Any questions please call Missy Besaw at 287-0546. Thanks to Missy for organizing the Kite day which started last year.

Tuesday, July 4th - The Annual Charlie Ferguson Fishing Derby. Trophies provided by the Force Family. Enter your catch on Tuesday the 4th from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at the Ferguson camp. Once again Gale will pay 10 cents for every rock bass turned in. The 1999 Fishing Derby was a great success with 423 Rock Bass turned in. The Petrovic camp had the most with 216. Largest small mouth bass went to Dawn Orford, largest Rock Bass was John Force and largest rainbow was Stan Orford the 11. Thanks to Gale Ferguson for his time and donations. Also thanks to Rosalie & Carlton Force for donating the fishing trophies.

July 10th & 11th Boating Course - Ralph Undercoffler will be teaching the course on Boater Safety. The course will be held Monday morning 9:30 - 11:30 AM and again Monday evening 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. Tuesday Morning 9:30 - 11:30 A.M. It will be held in the Fowler Town Hall. Please pre-register by June 29th with Dorothy Dodds at 562-3640 or 287-2698 or Donna Besaw at 287-2698 or 287-2991.

Saturday, July 29th at 1 P.M. Boat Parade - Let's make this the best boat parade ever. Please support our young people. Do you have a boat but no one to decorate it anymore? Why not co-sponsor an entry with another camp who has the young people to do the work but no boat to use. This might lead to some old fashioned camper friendships. Call Donna Besaw at 287-0546 or 287-2991 or Jeanette Perry at 287-7442 for more information.

The 1999 Boat Parade had 9 entries. In the Pontoon Category 1st place was the Butz Camp, with It's A Jungle Out There. 2nd place, the Leonard Pirates, The Sylvia Lakers and Perry's Woodstock, and third place the Besaw's

Beach Bunnies & Bums. Runabout Category, 1st place Dodds Camp - foanic. Other Category 1st place, Scott Boys, Tom and Huck. 2nd place Captain Bush. 3rd place Sleeping Beauties of Sylvia Lake, Katie, Tess & Katie.

Sunday, July 30th - Sylvia Lake Poker Run, 10 A.M. - 12 P.M. Jeanette and John Perry will host the 4th annual Poker Run. Starting point and rules given out at Perry's Camp dock at 9:30 A.M. Must come by boat. 4 cards collected at different points around the lake. Ante fee for each hand of cards - \$2.00. Limit of first 52 hands of cards. 5th card obtained and results of poker run at picnic grounds of Fowler Town Beach at 12:30 P.M. For more information call 287-0267. Last year's winners were - First place - Joe Netto. Tie for second place - Lynn French and Marilyn LaPierre. 24 hands were played.

Sunday, July 30th - Sylvia Lake Association Picnic - 1 P.M. - The Picnic will be held at the Public Beach area. It will be free to all association members and a charge of \$2 will be asked of all guests and non-members, (over the age of 10 yrs.). Please bring your own place setting and a "Covered Dish" to pass. Hot dogs, sausage, soda and beer will be provided. Rain date of August 6th. If questions call Donna Besaw at 287-0546. Thanks to Linda and Gary Scott, Robin and Mark Truax for making last year's picnic a success.

Bulletin Boards were erected at the entrance to each road of the lake. Any important notices will be posted at each. Thanks to Mona Allen for the signs.

Water Testing - The water will be tested two times, the first week in July and the last week in August. Thanks Lois Cook and Gale Ferguson for taking care of these tests.

FALL MEETING - Thursday, August 17th at 7:00 p.m. Fowler Town Hall.

Sylvia Lake Map - Maps are still available at \$4.00 each. You can purchase the maps from Mona and Lynn Allen 287-2829, Jo, mn.i and Bill deLorraine 287-4652 or Donna and Wes Besaw 287-0546. A big thanks goes to Bill deLorraine and Bart VanSlyke for all their hard work they did on these maps.

Clean Up Around The Lake - Don't let our roads become a gathering spot for all sorts of discarded junk. Be a good neighbor and camper by keeping the woods as beautiful as the view of the lake.

Remember: Pets should be controlled. Fowler has a leash law. Do not allow your pet to become a nuisance to other camps.

WARNING ROCKS - Hazardous submerged rocks and debris. Please beware of their locations.

Have a Fun & Safe Summer

President - Donna Besaw
Work: 287-2991 Camp: 287-0546
Vice President - Jeanette Perry
Camp 287-0267



Treasurer - Mona Allen
Home: 287-2206 Camp 287-2829
Secretary - Joanna deLorraine
Home: 287-4652

Welcome to Sylvia Lake

Please Help Us Keep It Healthy and Safe

Smokers: Use Ashtrays, not the Lake!!!

Campers: Use your shower for shampooing: Fish don't have hair!

Swim, Don't Bathe.

Use trash cans for all foods, bottles and beverage cans. Don't be a Lake Litterer.

Use a low phosphate, bio-degradable detergent for laundry, dishes, etc.

Please keep any "trash fish" you catch, Fertilize your flowers, not The Lake.

It is illegal to dump or burn garbage or trash in the woods. Use your local garbage man.

Be Courteous Afloat:

Keep clear of fishermen.

Stay 100' from docks and swimming areas. Water skiers take note.

Sailboats and canoes have the right-of-way at all times. Watch your wake.

Remember, the bigger your boat - the bigger your wake. Be Responsible!

Be Safe Afloat:

One life saving device for each person aboard.

Use your boat lights after dusk, for your safety and others.

It's wise to have extra line, paddle and anchor aboard.

Water Skiers must have an observer and driver.

Swim Safely:

Know the water depth.

Swim with a buddy.

"Look before you leap!"

Have a boat with you when swimming any long distance.

Road Safety:

Use low speed, good judgement and courtesy on all camp roads. ATV's on camp roads are becoming a problem. Violators are to be identified, parents notified and repeat offenders can be arrested (Campers call Sheriff).

Remember that sound travels far over water. Be considerate of your neighbors before 10 a.m. and after 10 p.m.

Check your motor. Remember leaking gas and oil pollute the Lake.

Have a Healthy, Happy and Safe Summer

Thank you/

Your Sylvia Lake Association

NYS BOATING LAW: Did you know that the NYS speed limit of **ANY** motorized vehicle on **ANY** NYS waterway is **10 mph** within **100 feet** of the shoreline? The distance from the Old Beach Public swimming area is 500 feet. There can be tickets given if an officer of the DEC is around. Be forewarned!! If you have questions about specific NYS Boating Laws and Safety, please contact our Navigation Committee - Ralph Undercoffler and Dorothy Dodds.

ZEBRA MUSSELS..It is believed the nasty critters were released with bilge water from European ships in 1986, and they have multiplied fast. They are vacuum cleaners, greedily eating plankton and leaving no food for the lower end of the food chain. No little fish... no big fish. They could clean a body of water of life. They are blocking intake pipes of water treatment plants, etc. They clog intake valves on boat motors, damaging engines and power drives that cost thousands to replace. To keep them out of our Lake, boaters could use a little caution. If your boat has been in other waters, possibly infested waters, disinfect your boat by wiping it with a cloth dipped in a Clorox solution and mix a cup of Clorox in your bilge water. Dump bilge water before entering the Lake. These things are small...the larvae look like sand suspended in water and boaters are unaware of their presence, but a female can produce 35,000 larvae in a year. Scientists do not know how to control them yet... Beware!!!

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Gouverneur Fire Department-(287-2350)

Gouverneur State Police-(287-2311)

Gouverneur Police Department - (287-2121)

Gouverneur Rescue Squad- (287-1311)

St. Law. County Sheriffs Dept. - (379-2222)

Remember, 911 is now activated.