

Sylvia Lake Association

1996 NEWSLETTER

Help Keep Sylvia Lake Beautiful

July, 1996

Events & Information 1996

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 pays for awards for our young people in the boat parade. It helps pay for the association picnic.

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

This year we may have to pay for help with the beaver population to lower the water level.

Please give your money to any officer or mail to Lois Cook, Treasurer.

July 6th (Saturday)-The Annual Charlie Ferguson Fishing Derby. Trophies provided by the Force Family. Enter your catch on Saturday the 6th 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.

July 8, 9, 10 & 11- Water Safety Course will be taught by Cooperative Extension at the Fowler Town Hall at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Watch the newspaper for more details. Call Dorothy Dodds at camp 287-2698 or home 562-3640 to sign up or for more information.

Sunday, August 4th at 1 P.M. Boat Parade- Lets support the young people. We would like to have a bigger event this year. 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 Penny Netto at 287-7329 for more information.

Sunday, August 11th - Sylvia Lake Association Picnic- 1 P.M.-The Picnic will be held August 11 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.

Water Testing- The water will be tested one time this Summer, around August 1st. We will have the results at the Summer Association Meeting in August.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN SWIMMING LESSONS OR SAILBOAT RACES PLEASE CALL FAYE HOPPER.

SUMMER ASSOCIATION MEETING: THURSDAY (Note Change) AUGUST 8TH - 7:30 P.M. - Fowler Town Hall

Cans & Bottles - All 5 cent returnable cans and bottles can benefit St. Lawrence Association for Retarded Children. Take them to the ARC redemption store at Trackside Plaza, Gouverneur, N.Y.

Aluminum tabs from pop cans may be collected and taken to the Gouverneur VFW or given to Marie Sullivan (phone 287-0839). This benefits patients on dialysis for kidney disease at Samaritan Medical Center

Jet Skis- As the number of these fun machines grows, riders should be aware that they must abide by the rules of motor boats. Instruct your guests on their safe operation. We don't want any serious injuries from inexperienced drivers. We also expect you to respect other drivers, swimmers and all Lake people with the way you operate your vehicle.

Zebra Mussel's - To keep these nasty critters out of our Lake, boaters should use a little caution. If your boat has been in other waters, possibly infested waters like the St. Lawrence, 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 Lake. Remember: A female Zebra Mussel can produce 35,000 larvae in a year. Scientists do not know how to control them yet ... Beware!!!

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. If we decide on a clean-up day later, you will be notified!

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 will probably **not** be marked this year-so realize where they lie and steer clear of them. The DEC has informed us that marking them leads to being liable for them. The 5 mph speed law should take care of the problem near shore.

Please note back for important information on the Zebra Mussel and Boat Safety.

Have a Fun & Safe Summer

President - Faye Hopper
Home: 287-1691 Camp: 287-3184
Secretary - Ann Van Slyke
Camp: 287-1338 Home: 788 557 (Watertown)



Vice President - Mona Allen
Home: 287-2206
Treasurer - Lois Cook
Home: 287-0445

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!"

Use 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 (further) 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 5 mph within 100 yards of the shoreline? There can be tickets given if an officer of the DEC is around. Be forewarned!

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.

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Gouverneur Fire Department - (287-2350)

Gouverneur Rescue Squad - (287-1311)

Gouverneur State Police - (287-2311)

St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Dept. - (379-2222)

Gouverneur Police Department - (287-2121)

Remember, 911 is now activated.