

# Sylvia Lake Association

## 1995 NEWSLETTER

*Help Keep Sylvia Lake Beautiful*

*June, 1995*

### **Events & Information 1995**

**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 signs when we need them.  
Please give your money to any officer.

**July 3rd & 4th Fishing Derby - The Annual Charlie Ferguson Fishing Derby will be held for two days this year. Trophies provided by the Force Camp will be awarded. Enter your catch 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 3rd&: 4th Dock Sale • Something New**  
Do you like garage and lawn sales? Now is the time to round up all those things you would like to part with at the camp. Maybe you have a canoe or boat, or furniture (indoor or outdoor), or bar-b-que, or your kids toys, or books, or puzzles, or life jackets, or swimsuits, or ANYTHING. Just put it down on the dock with a price on it. Or put up a sign advertising what you might have up in your camp for sale. Time is from 10 to 6. **THIS SALE IS FOR CAMPER, NOT THE PUBLIC.**

**July 5, 6, 10, 11 & 12 - 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 Faye Hopper at 287-1691 or 287-3184 or Dorothy Dodds 287-2698 to sign up or for more information.**

**July 16 Association Picnic - 1 P.M.**  
Sylvia Lake Picnic - The Picnic will be held July 16th 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, soda and beer will be supplied. There will be charcoal fires if you want to cook your own hamburgers or sausage.

**Sunday, July 30th Boat Parade- We need a chairman!**  
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. Contact one of the officers.

**IS THERE ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN SAILBOAT RACING? RALPH UNDERCOFFLER WOULD LIKE TO SEE TIEM STARTED UP AGAIN. SEE HIM IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.**

**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.**

**Summer Meeting - Friday, August 11th  
7 P.M. at the Fowler Town Hall. See You There!**

**Jet Skis - As the number of these fun machines grow - 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. Scientist 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- Ralph Undercoffler  
Camp: 287-2988  
Secretary - Ann Van Slyke  
Camp: 287-1338



Vice President - Faye Hopper  
Home: 287-1691 Camp 287-3184  
Treasurer - Lois Cook  
Home: 287-0445 Camp: None

# 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 beverages. Don't be a Lake Litterer.**

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

**Please keep an "Hush" fish" yo!!, fertilize your lawns, not the Lake.**

**It is illegal to dump or bury garbage or trash in the woods. Use your Zee! garbage man.**

**Be Courteous Afloat:**

**Keep clear of fishermen.**

**Stay 100' from docks and swimming areas. Water skiers taken out.**

**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. A TV'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 it's illegal to drive over water. Be considerate of your neighbors before 10 p.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 rewarded!**

**ZEBRA MUSSELS...It is believed the nasty filters were released with bilge waters from European ships in 1986, and they have multiplied fast. They are...cum 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, damage engines and power drives that cost thousands to replace.**

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### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

**Gouverneur Fire Department - (287-2350)**

**Gouverneur State Police - (287-2311)**

**Gouverneur Police Department - (287-2121)**

**Gouverneur Rescue Squad - (287-1311)**

**St. Lawrence County Sheriffs Dept. - (379-2222)**

**Remember, 911 is now activated.**

