

Sylvia Lake Association

1998 NEWSLETTER

Help Keep Sylvia Lake Beautiful

July, 1998

Events & Information 1998

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 dean 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.

Please give your money to any officer or mail to Mona Allen, Treasurer.

July 4th & 5th (Saturday & Sunday) - The Annual Charlie Ferguson Fishing Derby. Trophies provided by the Force Family. Enter your catch on Saturday the 4th or Sunday the 5th 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 6th, 7th, 8th (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday) - Water Safety Course will be taught by Ralph Undercoffler at the Fowler Town Hall 10:30 to 12:30 p.m. If you wish to sign up please call Mona Allen at 287-2829.

Saturday, August 8th 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 Penny Netto at 287-7329 for more information.

Sunday, August 9th - Sylvia Lake Association Picnic - 1 P.M. - The Picnic will be held August 9th 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.

Sunday, August 9th - Sylvia Lake Poker Run - 10 A.M. - 12 P.M. - Roger and Marilyn LaPierre will host the 2nd annual Poker Run. Starting point and rules given out - LaPierre's camp dock at 9:30 A.M. Must come by boat - 4 cards collected at different points around lake. Ante Fee for each band 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 - 287-2141 camp or 287-4801 home.

Bulletin Boards will be erected at the entrance to each road of the lake. Any important notices will be posted at each.

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

Have a Fun & Safe Summer

President - Mark Truax
Home: 287-0643 Camp: 287-0370
Vice President - Richard French
Home: 287-3390 Camp 287-0267



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

Water Testing - The water will be tested two times, the first week in July and the last week in August. Results will be reported at the August 13th meeting at the Fowler Town Hall 7:00 p.m.

Sylvia Lake Map - A new updated version of the Sylvia Lake Map is being prepared by Bill deLorraine and Bart VanSlyke. 911 addresses will be added. The maps will be sold at a nominal cost of \$4.00.

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.

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 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. "No one may legally operate a jet ski under the age of 10 years". "Water safety course required for those under 18 years".

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.

Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) - Boats less than 16 feet in length (including canoes and kayaks of any length) must be equipped with one Type I, II, III, IV or V PFD for each person aboard. However, May 1, 1995, boats less than 16 feet will be required to carry **wearable** PFDs for each person on board.

Welcome to Sy (ia Lake

Please Help Us Keep It Healthy and Safe

Smokers: Use Ashtrays, not the ke III

Combers: Use your shower for shdfffN!ooing: Fish don't habe hair!

Swim, Don't Bathe.

Use trash cans for all foods, bottles and beverage cans. Don't b; = Lake Litttrtr.

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

Please keep any "trash fish" you catch, Fertilize your flowers, in the Lake.

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

Be Courteous About:

Keep dogs, ships, etc.

Stay 100 feet 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. All vehicles 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 lead, gas and oil pollute the Lake.

Have a Healthy, Happy and Safe Summer

Thank you!

Your S'via Lake Association

NYS BOATING LAW: Did you know that the NYS speed limit for a motorized vehicle on ANY NYS waterway is **10 mph** within **100 feet** of the shoreline? The distance from the shoreline to the Old Beach Public swimming area is 510 feet. There can be tickets given if an officer of the State Police is found. Be forewarned!! If you have questions about specific NYS Boating Laws and Safety, please contact our Navigation Committee - Ralph Urffler and Dorothy Dodds.

THE LaPIERRE'S would like to organize a "Poker Run". For more information call them at 287-2141 at their West Shore home.

ZEBRA MUSSELS... It is believed the nasty critters were introduced with bilge water from European ships in 1986, and they have multiplied fast. They are vacuum cleaners 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 - (287-311)

Gouverneur Police Department - (287-212J)

Gouverneur Rescue Squad - (287-1311)

Old MA's Law. Coun. Office Dept. - (379-2222)

Remember, 911 is now activated.