



LAKE SHORE ASSOCIATION ☐ Box 63 ☐ HOWARD CITY, MI 49329 ☐ June 2002



Summer
is
finally
here and
the warm weather
is here to stay
(we hope!).

We have several
updates for your
summer



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4th of July Events Thursday, July 4th



BASS TOURNAMENT

The bass tournament is scheduled for July 4th. Meet at the boat launch at 6:15 a.m. Please contact Mike Moodt at 937 6338 or you may get other information on the web site at www.indianlakes.org.



BOAT PARADE

The boat parade will be handled by Jody McPherson. The theme is **PATRIOTISM**. You may contact Jody at 937 4645., if you have any questions.

There will be **NO SKI SHOW** this year.

FIREWORKS

Fireworks start at dark. Please remember to stay at least 600 feet away from the island, if you are in a boat.



WEED KILL UPDATE



The weed kill is working. You can tell by the conditions of the weeds. Most weeds are turning brown and soft. The weed kill takes a good 90 days to be effective. We added an \$8,400.00 boost.

DOCK SPACE PERMITS

(For those who do not have lake front property)

Dock space is assigned on "first come" basis to members whose dues are paid. Consideration will be given **when possible** to the relationship of address to dock space. There currently are three (3) areas where space may be available:

1. On the west side of the lake in the area called Cedar Point.
2. At the boat ramp.
3. At Birch Park on the east side of the lake.

Permits are available from Shirley Westveer at 937-5280

All docks will be shared. You are responsible for constructing and maintaining your dock. If the dock is not kept in good repair, or if dues become delinquent, it may be removed by LSA at the assignee's expense.

If you received a permit last year, please call Shirley to confirm that you plan to continue using your assigned space.

Dock space will be relinquished when the assignee's property is sold.

Please call Shirley at 937-5280 so we can keep our records current



BOATERS:

Please adhere to the
NO WAKE TIMES. . .

Before 11 a.m. and
after 8:30 p.m.

Please respect the
fishermen. Thank you

This 'n That.....

Boat Launch update:

There is no power loading of any type of water craft at the boat launch. The sand is being washed away. A sign will be posted shortly.



Painted Parks:

All the buildings at the parks have been painted. They really look great. We will be updating some of the park equipment, swings, grills and other items.

Association news:

Update Association Lawsuit with
Burmania's-- total
billing to date—
\$6,809.45.

Please **DO NOT** park
On the grass at the parks
THANK YOU!

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The board has two new board members. Steve Pritchard and Tammy Williams. Don Postma and Mitch Visser have stepped down.

THANKS DON & MITCH:

We would like to thank
Don and Mitch for their
hard work!

REQUEST FROM THE BOARD.....

If you have new neighbors, please let a board member know.
This would help keep lake records current
and new members paying dues.

THE COMMON LOON

If you are new on Indian Lake, you may not be aware of how fortunate we are to have a pair of loons who have been returning to our lake for about 18 years to nest and, hopefully, raise a chick or two. Except for a few isolated southern Michigan lakes, loons in Michigan nest only in the upper half of the Lower Peninsula and the entire Upper Peninsula. We are at the southern limit of their range.

Common Loons are large, goose sized, black and white diving birds that spend their summer on open fresh water lakes and winter on the seacoast. They feed mostly on fish. They are 2-3 feet long, weigh 8-12 pounds and have a wingspan of 4-5 feet.

It is estimated that Michigan has fewer than 500 nesting pairs remaining in the state...and we have one of them!

Nests are usually made on small islands or in quiet bays, coves and inlets.

They are especially vulnerable to personal watercraft entering these critical areas.

The nesting season in May and June is the loon's most Critical Time.

Loons lay only two eggs, which both parents take turns incubating for 28-29 days.

Loon parents leave if watercraft come within 150 yards of the nest leaving the eggs without warmth or protection. If disturbed often, loons abandon the nest.

Loon chicks rest, feed and grow in and around their territory during the month of June, July and August. They have adapted to our boating habits here. If you are fortunate, you may have one come near your boat, dive and pop up as if to say, "Hello."

However, Boat Traffic Can Cause Loss of Chicks!

> Facts: Young chicks are not waterproof!

They need to be able to climb up on their parents' backs to stay warm and dry. When watercraft come close, parents leave their chicks to defend their territory.

- > Young chicks are very buoyant and can't dive quickly to get out of the way. They can be run over by a careless boater.

> Chicks tire easily.

The presence of watercraft causes them to keep swimming instead of feeding and resting.

> Loons give a warning call.

Their distress call sounds like a laugh. Listen for and heed this call.

It means: "Please move away."

If you see a loon "dancing" straight up out of the water, and slapping with its wings, it is urgent that you move away. You are in their territory!

WHAT EVERYONE CAN DO

Enjoy the loons from a distance. Listen to their lovely, haunting calls.

Enjoy the special solitude of our lake. Loons need this solitude to breed and raise their young.

If loons are gone, your solitude might be slipping away, too.

To Report Harassment of Loons, call the DNR Report All Poachers Hotline at 1-800-292-7800



If you would like to learn more about loons, go to www.MichiganLoons.org



THE SIGNALS

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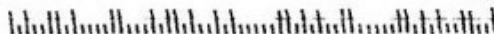
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BOAT RAMP NEWS

Tammy Williams will be at the boat ramp spot checking boats, to see if they are properly stickered and whether people using the ramp are members and that they have paid their dues. Violators will be video taped and turned over to the Lake Attorney for prosecution.

PLEASE notify the board if you see lake violations. This includes boating violations, trespassing, and destruction of lake property.

Please do not hesitate to take pictures of violators.

PLEASE PUT CHAIN
BACK UP
AT THE
BOAT RAMP
THANK YOU!



The beauty of Indian Lake is up to YOU!