



Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District

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Message from the Chair

2018 is here and what a start! Ice out is not as early as last year but as I sit and watch out the window, open water is creeping up to buoy distance from shore. Expect an early season for piers, boats and weeds. We welcome Terry Anderson, who resides on Rice Lake, to the Board as Secretary with overall Chemicals responsibility. He is marshalling several initiatives, including a study to improve Rice Lake water clarity, a shoreland reinforcement pilot with Tom Ganfield. Teresa and Gerhard Stegmann are doing a rerouting of the State Park nature trail at the Rice Lake lagoon where it is collapsing.

Tom Potrykus and team are negotiating the Walleye reef with the DNR. Whitewater is on the schedule for 1,250 large fingerling pike (7.5-10" average), which will likely be stocked in mid-September or early October.

If your children, nephews, nieces or friends need service hours for school or other organization, have them stop by JNT's Parkside Marina for available time slots to monitor launches. Contact Jerry Grant for more information on monitoring for clean boats.

Finally, the Safety Committee and Safety Patrol are again offering a boat/PWC safety class that will certify your household members providing training in state regulations AND local ordinances that the Sheriff's department enforces.

Larry Brady and I will be up for reelection this fall. Anyone wishing to be a candidate for the Board is encouraged to send me a short resume for publishing in the next newsletter to be eligible. Please send to me by June 15 at rich@whitewaterlake.org.

Get those billabongs and boogie boards ready. Go enjoy the lake, have fun and be courteous to those around you.

Rich Charts, Team Leader 

Equipment Report

- All current weed harvesting equipment will be removed from winter storage and prepared for launching during the month of May.
- A new SC-34 Shore Conveyor has been ordered and is being built by Aquarius Systems for our weed harvesting and bog removal operations. The new unit is to be delivered on or about June 1, 2018.
- A new dump truck for our weed harvesting and bog removal operations will be purchased to be used in conjunction with the new shore conveyor. The new truck will be put into operation in early June, 2018.
- 2018 Self-Pay Envelopes will be available in the Self-Pay Boat Launch Fee Collection Boxes before the start of the boating season. The payment procedures and fees will remain the same for all three Town of Whitewater public boat launch sites on Whitewater Lake. These sites are Cruse Lane, RW Townline Road/Chapel Drive, and RW Townline Road/Krahn Drive. No parking of vehicles or trailers are allowed at the Town of Whitewater public boat launch sites.

Chuck Chamberlain, Commissioner 

Safety Team report

A Boaters' Safety Course will again be offered by the District on May 19th & 20th at the Whitewater Township Office from 8 Am till noon both days. Students from 10 years to any age may take the course. Operation of a Motor Boat in Wisconsin (& Illinois) requires the operator or supervising adult to have a Boater's Safety Certificate if they were born after January 1, 1989. The Course is also available at dnr.wi.gov (cost \$25). This course includes ordinances and laws enforced on Whitewater-Rice, the DNR course is generic. District class cost is \$10 per student. Information on the course is available from Larry Brady 847-975-6334 / larry@whitewaterlake.org or Deputy Sean Blanton at sbclatz03@sbcglobal.net.

As the weather warms, lets all think "Safety." Please practice safe boating & show courtesy to your fellow boaters/PWC & skiers. "Safety is NO accident".

Larry Brady, Commissioner 

Weed Spraying

Whitewater and Rice Lakes' weed management is strictly regulated by Wisconsin DNR. We have two strategies that can be used on our lakes, one is weed treatment, and the other is weed harvesting. Clean Lakes Inc. will be doing our weed treatment (Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly-leaf Pondweed.) Based on previous years, we are anticipating these invasive weeds and we will do our best to control them, using our budget dollars, and harvesting equipment. We will again not be doing any chemical treatment on Rice Lake this year until our study is completed for best water clarification practices.

During April and May, our web site will post the DNR permit, and the Lake Maps identifying the extent of weed distribution after the Spring weed survey with timing for chemical spraying. We will use Facebook and our web site for continued updates. Prior to lake treatment, a notice will be attached to all docks in the vicinity of treatment with precautions. Those of you who use irrigation systems from the lake would you please email me at gooseislandretreat@outlook.com so that I can notify you when the chemical treatment is scheduled so that you don't turn on your irrigation system. In addition, the following notice is prescribed by the DNR:

Terry Anderson, Commissioner 

Whitewater-Rice Lake Management District Notice

The Whitewater-Rice Lake Management District intends to chemically treat specific areas of shoreline on Whitewater Lake with aquatic herbicides to control exotic weed species (Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly-leaf Pondweed).

Approximately 175 acres on Whitewater Lake only may be approved. Treatment will take place between April 22nd and October 15th, 2018.

Within 5 days of this notice following procedures set forth in the Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 107.04, five or more individuals, organizations or units of government may request a public informational meeting. The request must specify the topics to be discussed at the meeting, including problems and alternatives, and must be sent in writing to Whitewater-Rice Lake Management District, P.O. Box 301, Whitewater, WI 53190 and copied to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, c/o Heidi Bunk, 141 NW Barstow St. Rm 180, Waukesha, WI 53185.

Summary of 2017 Financial Results:

2017 finished the year with a net surplus of \$121,397. We expected and reported at the annual meeting to have a surplus related to Weed Harvesting and Chemical Treatment due to favorable weed conditions, though each surplus came in slightly higher at \$20,580 and \$66,487 respectively. We assumed our total budget for Bog Harvesting would be consumed though surprisingly, the bog maintained a relatively low presence during the season. Consequently, the decision to suspend bog harvesting was made resulting in a surplus in that expense area of an additional \$23,408. As luck would have it, the very next week more bog surfaced but the equipment had already been removed from the lake.

Though this is the highest surplus we have ever had, the carry over into 2018 will result in a direct reduction of the tax assessment that will need to be budgeted for 2019.

Our capital fund started 2017 with a balance of \$45,196, to which we added the 2017 budgeted contribution of \$56,000 and the 2017 contribution to the fish hatchery reserve of \$3,000. The fish hatchery project is now fully funded with a balance of \$9,000. Capital expenses in 2017 were \$26,505 consisting of new paddle wheel motors for \$8,005 and the deposit for the 2018 production of the new shore conveyor for \$18,500. Our ending balance in the capital fund was \$77,805.

Brad Corson, Treasurer 

2018 Whitewater Lions Club Ice FISH-A-REE Winners

Blue Gill – Gary Smith – 6.0 Oz., 8 3/4 In
Perch – Eric Holum – 7.25 Oz., 7 1/4 In
Crappie – Gary Smith – 1.00 Lb., 11 3/4 In
Walleye – Charlie Goes – 3.80 Lb., 21 1/2 In
Bass – Nick Munding – 5.60 Lb., 21 In
Northern – Matt Felland – 8.00 Lb., 31 In

Weed Harvesting

After a brutal January, “Spring” maybe looking up. Recent warm spells may signal an early ice out like we saw last year. With open water come boats, skiers, PWCs &, of course, Aquatic growth – commonly referred to as “weeds.” The Lake has been somewhat kind to the boaters/swimmers with lower overall growth & fewer invasive varieties. Your Management District hopes that the trend continues but they are planning for what may occur. New equipment is on order (conveyor & dump truck) and the expectation is this will make removal of the harvested aquatic material more efficient & cost effective.

A new initiative will be active primarily on Whitewater Lake. “Wisconsin Clean Boats” personnel will be on

duty at the boat launches to aid & instruct boaters on the need to remove all aquatic material from boats/PWCs prior to launch & at removal from the lake. The plan is “less material into the lake = less material to be removed from the lake).

The Saturday pick up of weeds from piers will continue. Please have the aquatic materials on the ends of the pier no later than 8 AM Saturday. Pickup will be from 8 to noon. Any concerns or issues can be addressed by calling or emailing Larry Brady at 847-975-6334 or larry@whitewaterlake.org.

Thank you for your cooperation with these efforts.

Larry Brady, Commissioner 

Canada Goose Report

We have had an early spring so far and many of our Resident Geese have already returned to our lake. With their good GPS system, I am sure that many more will return. Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management Board has again passed a motion to continue to control the Canada Geese population on our lakes in 2016 utilizing our Canada Nest and Egg Depredation Program and our Round-up Program. We will never come close to eliminating all of the Canada Geese on our lakes but our goal is to reduce them to a manageable level. We are definitely making progress.

Canada Geese have a life expectancy of about 20 years. Each Mature Canada Goose deposits about 2 ½ pounds of feces each day in our lakes and on our shorelines bringing E-coli bacteria and increased

phosphorus loading in our waters. Any reduction in our goose population will improve the quality of our lake waters and shorelines. Water tests have already shown that.

Many of the nests are hidden especially well under a deck or in a hidden area. Please notify me in early to late April with location of any nests that you see in your area of the lake. (608-883-2483) or daveandfrancleven@gmail.com.

If you do not want the geese to be gathered on your property, please contact us and we will respect your wishes.

We all look forward to another fun year on Whitewater/Rice Lakes.

Dave Cleven, Wildlife Team Leader 

Permission for Entry to Property for Goose Management

I authorize representatives from United States Department of Agriculture – Wildlife Services and Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District to access the property listed below for the purposes of goose management (egg oiling and/or Round-up). This permission form has no expiration date and remains in effect unless you request to be removed from the approved site list. You will have an annual opportunity via newsletter or direct mailing to remove your property from the approved site list. Thank you for your assistance.

Printed Name: _____

Lake Address: _____

Phone: _____ Signature (Mandatory): _____

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