

June 2024

HOGBACK LAKE newsletter

Welcome back neighbors!

Next Board Meeting:

July 6, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Rose Lake Township Hall

Winter on the lake was beautiful and peaceful; but now we're ready to have you all back. I, for one am looking forward to hearing the wonderful sounds of summer; boats cruising the lake, water splashing, beer cans opening... you get the picture. Bottom line: We've missed you.

The Farmers' Almanac forecast for the summer of 2024 calls for a warm, hot, and muggy summer (farmersalmanac.com, n.d.). Which means that we'll be spending many days on or in the water. Below is a list of things to keep in mind as you are cooling off:

There are two terms that help explain these rules.

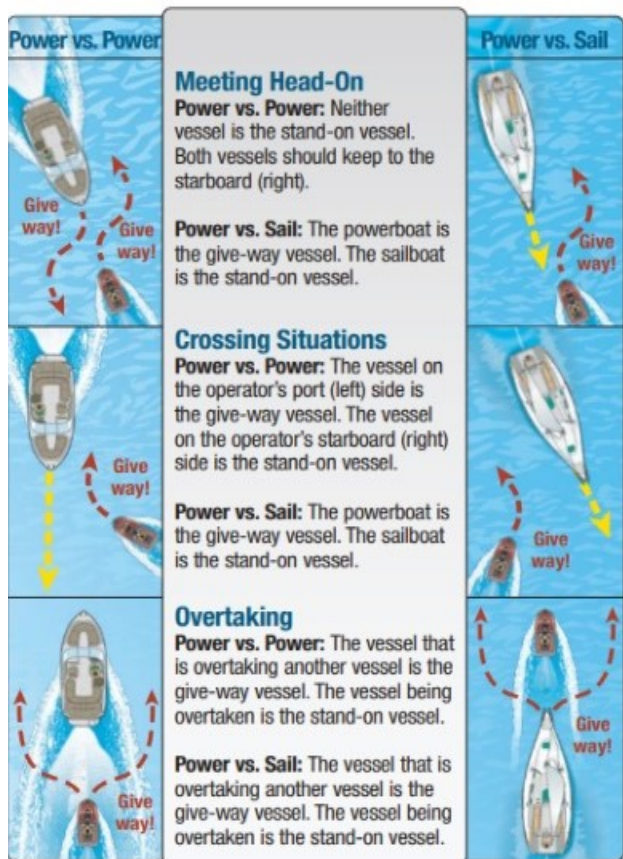
- **Stand-on vessel:** The vessel that should maintain its course and speed
- **Give-way vessel:** The vessel that must take early and substantial action to avoid collision by stopping, slowing down, or changing course

- Watercraft shall operate in a counterclockwise direction (keep the shoreline to your starboard/right side).
- Motorized vessels shall give way to non-motorized vessels.
- When overtaking another vessel heading the same direction, the vessel overtaking must give way (go around) the vessel they are passing.
- Oncoming powered vessels passing each other should both give way and keep to the right.
- When crossing paths, the vessel on the captain's port (left) side shall give way.
- Tubers, skiers, etc. should be pulled at least one hundred feet (100') from any docks, rafts, etc. unless they are being towed at a no-wake speed.

You may find these along with other rules and regs in the Handbook of Michigan Boating Laws and Responsibilities at:

<https://www.michigan.gov/dnr>

No wake times on Hogback Lake: 8pm – 8am
Don't forget to inform your visitors/guests
Let us keep Hogback Lake safe!



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CHECK OUT THE NEW AND IMPROVED HOGBACK LAKE WEBSITE:

You can find information regarding newsletters, flyers, meeting minutes and more on the newly updated association webpage at:

www.hogbacklake.org

HE'S AT IT AGAIN...

Shaun has been stocking the lake with fish for the past few years. On April 15, 2024, Shaun Killeen planted 200 yellow perch in the lake, which he bought and transported from Laggis' Fish Farm in Gobles, MI with the help of Garth Killeen and Mike Bassett.

The fish are purchased solely with donations, typically collected from Hogback Lake residents (and their families and friends). With the increased cost of purchasing fish, Shaun often finds himself personally covering, out of pocket the additional costs.

If you're considering donating or helping with the fish planting, please contact Shaun Killeen or any board member.



You know what they say about opinions... everyone has one. On Saturday, July 6th at 9am, you'll have the opportunity to let us hear what **you** have to say. I know that 9am can be early; well, maybe you have a different time or date in mind. Why not let us know your thoughts at the next lake association meeting?

Listen, I've heard every excuse out there, and even made a few of my own. My humble opinion: Lake decisions affect us all and they should be discussed by as many affected property owners as possible. So, why not come out and let us know your thoughts; or just listen to what others have to say. Members in good standing have the extra benefit of VOTING! Dues may be remitted to the lake treasurer, Mike Bassett, or contact any board member.

Penny For Your Thoughts

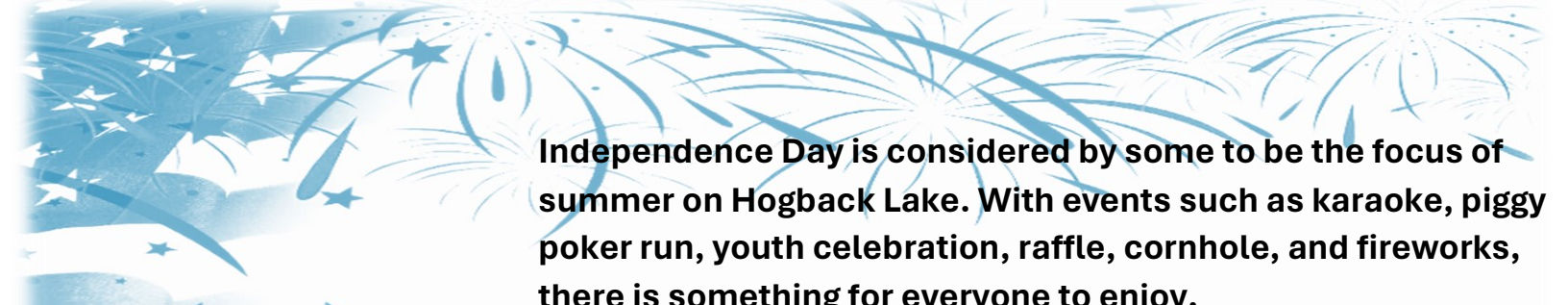


Notice all the weeds in the lake last summer??!!

Well, it's that time again where you may see weed control treatment on the lake. PLM has been serving some of our neighbors on the lake for several years. If you are curious about what goes into this treatment, you're in luck! Sal Adams, a senior field technician from PLM Lake and Land Management will be attending our annual association meeting. This would be a perfect time to find out exactly what goes into the lake treatment and ask any questions you may have.

We encourage anyone with question or concerns, or just plain old curiosity to attend the association meeting this year at the Rose Lake Township Hall on Saturday, July 6th at 9am. Yes, it's the holiday weekend; yes, it's a Saturday; and yes, it's early after a night of fun and shenanigans. However, the weeds are growing in our lake like... well, like a weed! Come to the meeting and learn how we can take control of the weed invasion. Besides, you can always sleep in on Sunday.





Independence Day is considered by some to be the focus of summer on Hogback Lake. With events such as karaoke, piggy poker run, youth celebration, raffle, cornhole, and fireworks, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

These events, however, do not coordinate themselves; there are folks behind the scenes donating their time and talents to make Independence Day on the lake a success.

It is said that many hands make light work. If you are interested in joining our team of SUPERSTARS, please contact Nikki or any board member! Any level of talent and/or amount of time would be appreciated. Below is a list of opportunities for you to be amazing:

YOUTH CELEBRATION:

- Set Up
- Supervision
- Run Games
- Tear Down

POKER RUN:

- Donations
- Prizes
- Stops
- Tally

RAFFLE:

- Prizes
- Tickets
- Luminaries

CORNHOLE:

- Set Up
- Registration
- Concessions
- Boards (Donation)
- Tear Down

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 5

Karaoke at dusk: Riemersma's located at the far west end of the lake. American Idol has nothing on us!

SATURDAY, JULY 6

Independence Day activities will begin with the annual lake association meeting at 9am to be held at the Rose Lake township hall.

- **Piggy Poker Run** will begin at 12pm and will end at 3pm. There will be clear and visible flags this year to help you easily navigate the five (5) Poker Run stops.
- **Children's Field Day** will be held during Poker Run time (12pm – 3pm) at the Szymkowski's property located at the far northwest side of the lake.

Parent's, please pick up your children after you turn in your poker cards. ***Children under the age of 4 must remain accompanied by a parent or guardian.***

Juice boxes and light snacks will be provided to children participating in the Kiddie Field Day event.

PLEASE NOTIFY NIKKI OF ANY FOOD ALLERGIES.

- **Annual Cornhole Tournament** will be held on Keelean's beach located at the northeast end of the lake. Boards will open at 3:30pm; bags fly at 4pm. Registration opens June 15, 2024 (look for information on the Hogback Facebook page or contact me by email at: jkeelean@live.com). The first **22 teams** to register will compete in a double elimination bracket for a cash prize, trophy, and bragging rights. There is a \$5.00 per/person registration fee which must be paid PRIOR to competing.
- **Fireworks** will begin at dusk. If you plan to watch from your watercraft, please keep a safe distance from the firework docks which will be anchored in the middle of the lake.

Note: All prizes and events are made possible and are funded by cash/gift donations, proceeds from raffle & 50/50 tickets, and volunteerism.

SHAUN SPEAK...

Hello fellow Hogback Lakers! It's our favorite time of year when we can get back to the lake and look forward to the upcoming summer season that we enjoy so much.

Just a couple of reminders. Although we are a private lake, we must still abide by the state boating laws. For example: always navigate the lake in a counter clockwise direction, be courteous to other boaters and, although it's not a law, respect the "no wake" times of 8pm – 8am for fellow fishermen.

Also, July 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. is the Lake Association meeting at the Rose Lake Twp. Hall. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and stay current with all things Hogback Lake.

Finally, thanks to Judy, Nikki and Josie for their hard work in creating, distributing and editing the newsletter.

Have a fun and safe summer!

-Shaun

LAKE BOARD MEMBERS

Shaun Killeen
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Mike Bassett
Treasurer

Nikki Szymkowski
Secretary



DID YOU KNOW??

- The beautiful display of Northern Lights in Michigan this past month was an age-old phenomenon. The earliest datable observation of the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) was in 567 BC by King Nebuchadnezzar II. If you were lucky enough to see them, you were in the company of Kings.
- The ancient Greeks blamed the hot temps, drought, and sickness that occurred during the days between July 3rd and August 11th on the "Dog Star" (Sirius) which is located in the constellation known as Canis Major. This period has come to be known as the "dog days of summer".



NORTHERN LIGHTS OVER
MACKINAC BRIDGE BY KEITH

THE COOKING CORNER

If you're a chef extraordinaire; or at the very least, if no one has ever vomited after eating your cooking... we'd like to hear from you.

Nikki would like to start a Lake Family Cookbook next year. So, break out those favorite recipes and submit them to Nikki at:

flutterbug4@hotmail.com.

These would make a great Hogback Lake keepsake or gift.

