

The Lake Effect

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Join Your Lake Neighbors at the Annual Meeting & Picnic July 2, 2011 - 10:30am

The White Lake Property Owners Association annual meeting and picnic will be held on July 2, 2011. The meeting will begin at 10:30am with a picnic lunch to follow. It will be held at the Ollenburgs' property on 19th Avenue where we've had it for the last few years.

The meeting is a great opportunity to learn what's happening around the lake and to bring up any concerns you may have about it. Even better it's a good chance to reconnect with and get to know your neighbors on White Lake.

The 2011 dues notice went out in April. If you haven't had a chance to send in your dues yet, please send them to the WLPOA address above. It's \$30 well spent toward the health of the lake and the strong 'neighborhood' we've built around it.

See page 3 for some other lake events being planned for the 4th of July weekend.

Boating Season Again! Remember the Rules of the Road...er, Lake!

In addition to the State of Wisconsin Boating Regulations, we have our own rules to maintain the safety and shoreline of White Lake. The latest update to the ordinance occurred in 2006 and a link to the entire ordinance is on page 4, but I've summarized the basics below.

- Motors are limited to 75hp for boats and 700cc for personal watercraft.
- There is a speed limit for all watercraft of 35mph
- Boat Traffic must travel in a counter-clockwise direction.
- Slow-No Wake Hours are maintained from 6pm to 10am on Sundays through Thursdays, and 8pm to 10am on Fridays and Saturdays.

These rules are in place to maintain the safety and shoreline of our lake and to balance the needs of people who enjoy different activities on the lake. Please support the White Lake Management District and the WLPOA on these policies and make sure your guests are aware of them as well.

A Letter to White Lake

by Dory Mydlach

Since growing up and coming almost every weekend to White Lake I have realized that it is one of my favorite places in the entire world.

One reason is because of how pretty it is. In the summer you can watch the sun set in the evening and at night you can look at the moon and the stars. In the fall it's as if someone took a paint brush and painted the leaves on the trees. Lastly in the winter it's as if there is a blanket of white sparkling fabric that someone put over the earth.

My final reason is because of how quiet it is. I love coming up and taking a breath of fresh air and welcoming myself back for another adventure. I love reading a book in the peaceful outdoors of White Lake.

For these reasons White Lake is and always will be my favorite place in the world!

Sincerely,

Dory Mydlach



2008 Fall Colors on White Lake

Other 4th of July Fun

A few of us are considering a **second annual Peacock Triathlon**, likely to be held on Sunday Morning, July 3. This will not be Ironman or even Olympic distance. The swim will be around 300 yards, followed by a 9.25 mile bike ride and 2.0 mile run. We'll firm up the details at the meeting on July 2, but if you're interested, please let Eric Elfner or Ken Pientka know. Or just send an e-mail to whitelakepoa@gmail.com.

There's also been a suggestion to have a **Independence Day Boat Parade**, probably on the afternoon of the 3rd. Details will be finalized and communicated at the meeting as well, but if you have any ideas, please send them to Eric.

Fall Cleanup

For the past two years, Bill and Lesa Vich have coordinated a volunteer crew to cut and remove weeds and other debris from the lake before the ice sets in. The purpose of this is to remove dying organic material before it decays and adds to the lake's phosphorus levels.

Many thanks to Bill and Lesa and their crew of volunteers who dedicate a fall Saturday to this effort.

They are planning to hold another one this year and will try to set the date before our annual meeting. If you can join this effort it's great to work with your lake neighbors for the good of White Lake.

Spring 2011 Lake Conditions

by Tom Kielich

Lake conditions for White Lake as of May 22, 2011: The year of 2010 was not that good for our secchi disc readings. Our secchi disc average July thru August was 14'. We have had four other years with readings this high in 1993, 1995, 1996 and 1997 so I am not too concerned about it yet, but we need to keep a eye on it. The good news is that ice was on December 2nd 2010 and ice was off April 11th 2011 so this means that ice was on for about two weeks longer this year. Our first water test was done April 23 and the secchi disc reading was 21'. On May 22nd it was 30' so hope this keeps up. Everything else is good . . . our phosphorus level is consistent for the last four years and our chlorophyll has been going down for the last three years. The lake level was at 93.78' on October 27th 2010 and 94.32' on April 23rd 2011.

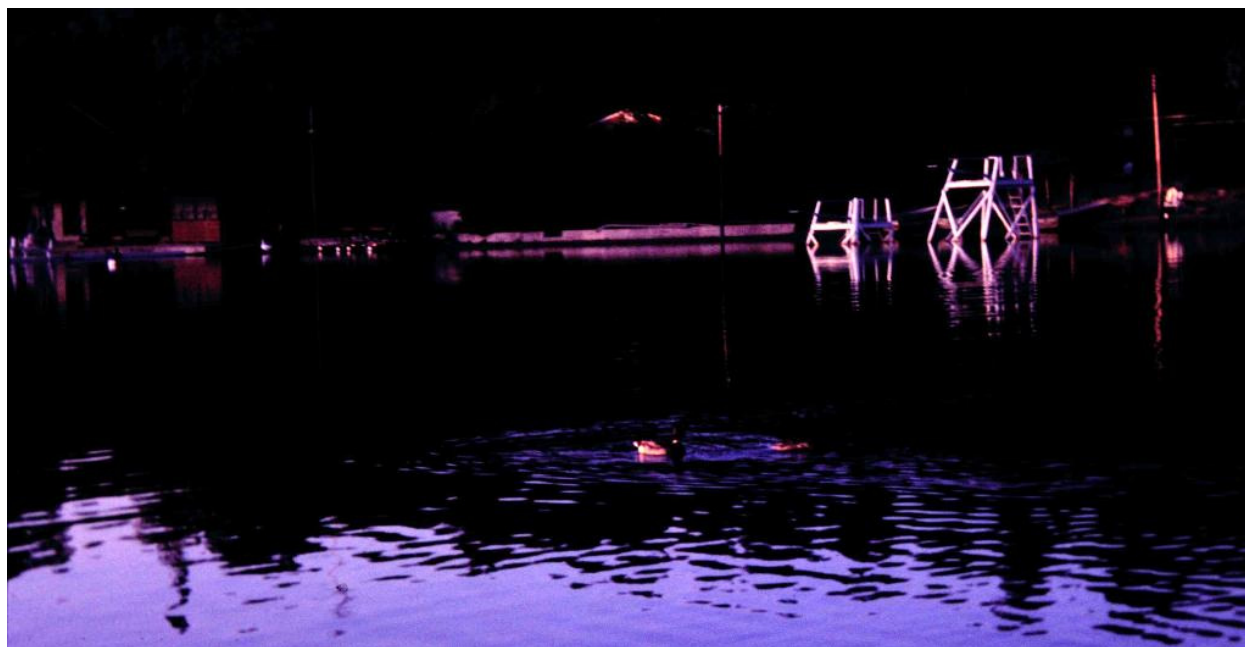
(Update - At the June 11, 2011 WLPOA meeting, Tom Reported that the Lake level was now at 94.44', see history at <http://www.whitelakepoa.org/History/Water Levels.html>)

Scharenbergs White Lake Beach Resort in the Marquette County Tribune

Since I did my little write-up on the former Buck's Resort (<http://www.whitelakepoa.org/...>) I've had the thought that I should do another one on the history of Scharenbergs White Lake Beach Resort, which is still going strong. Someone beat me to it and published a very nice article on its early history in the Marquette County Tribune. I have scanned it and placed it on our website if you're interested:

http://www.whitelakepoa.org/2011-05_Marquette_County_Tribune-Scharenbergs.pdf

The current owner is PJ Schultz and the article says he has brought back Myra Scharenberg's duck recipe for Thursday night. I'm looking forward to checking it out!



Ducks in front of Scharenbergs White Lake Beach Resort at sunset in 1984

Link to our 2006 WLMD Boating Ordinance (see page 1)

http://www.whitelakepoa.org/2006_White_Lake_Boating_Ordinance.pdf

Our Mission: The White Lake Property Owners Association is dedicated to preserving and protecting the quality and enjoyment of White Lake for all present and future stakeholders.