



District of Powers Lake

NEWSLETTER

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WISCONSIN LAKES CONVENTION 2011

Commissioners Colleen Keating, Judy Joos, and Nancy Michael attended Speaking for Our Lakes April 12-14 in Green Bay, WI. Judy also presented a day long workshop titled Lake District Commissioner Training. This is the one event in Wisconsin where citizens, scientist, resource managers, businesses, advocates and educators come together from all across the state to develop their capacity to speak up on behalf of healthy Wisconsin lakes. Speakers and presentations highlighted the best practices in communicating about lake protection. The forty breakout sessions and sixteen workshops covered nearly every angle of the complex issues facing our lakes today. Most importantly, it gave those attending the opportunity to use their voices among a friendly audience to ask questions and interact with fellow members. A wide variety of information was able to be consolidated due to the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership which forms a unique team between the WI DNR, University of WI - Extensions Lakes, and Wisconsin Lakes.

AQUATIC INVASIVE TREATMENT - EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL (EWM) AND CURLY LEAF PONDWEED (CLP)

Bonestroo, the consulting firm retained by the DPL, was able to perform our pre-treatment survey on May 1st this year. We are happy to report that we only have 4.42 acres of EWM and .81 acres of CLP to treat. The total area of 5.23 acres compared to the 70 acres that needed treatment 2 years ago is a wonderful result. The target dates for our treatment are Wednesday, May 18th - Friday, May 20th.

Notification by email of this date will be sent to those who have signed up on our website www.districtofpowerslake.org. Maps indicating treatment areas will be available on our website also. Please take advantage of this notification and other important issues facing Powers

Lake. Later in the summer, Bonestroo will conduct a post-treatment survey to continue our monitoring of these invasive species.

In conjunction with our DNR grant, Neal Kuhn will be constructing two Clean Boats/Clean Waters Cleaning Stations to be erected at the DNR and Knolls launches. An agreement was reached with the Town of Randall to install the signs and disposal containers.

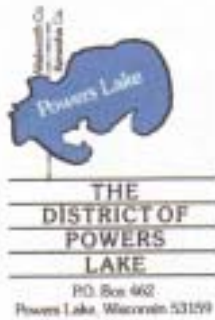
WDNR LAKES PAGES ONLINE!

<http://dnr.wi.gov.lakes> Wisconsin DNR features include:

- Find A Lake - search for lakes by name, lakes with boat landings, beaches, and parks.
- Grants
- AIS - Where species such as EWM have been found
- Clean Boats, Clean Waters - Statistics statewide
- Water Quality - Reports for 100's of lakes across the state.
- Wisconsin Lakes Contacts - Want to know who to contact about Wisconsin lake issues?
List is offered by topic and last name.

POWER BOATING TIPS AND ETIQUETTE

The following is an excerpt from an article in the April 2011 issue of Transworld Wakeboarding magazine written by Travis Moye. Travis is currently a co-owner of The Boarding School in the Orlando, FL area and an athlete at MasterCraft Boat Company. He has also been involved in Research and Development at Toyota Marine Sports. He has spent the majority of his life in and behind the boat. That time has earned him national and world titles as well as the respect of the top athletes in the sport as a coach and driver. He has worked with many of the sport's top riders since its inception in the early 90's. If you have ever been to a professional wakeboarding contest more than likely you have seen Travis sitting behind the wheel. He drives almost every professional event including the MasterCraft



Elected Commissioners:
Jim Michels, Chair
Nancy Michael, Sec.
Brooke Jensen, Treas.
Neal Kuhn
Colleen Keating

Appointed Commissioners:
Judy Jones, Kerosha Co.
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Pro Wakeboard Tour, National and World Championships, and the rest of the King of Wake Series. Travis also helps with the research and development of MasterCraft boats.

Please share this information with the boat drivers in your family AND any guests who may be visiting Powers Lake.

"DON'T BE THAT GUY OR GAL

We've all been on the lake and seen someone driving like a Wally. If you don't know who the Wally is, it might be you. Here are a few things you can avoid to make sure you aren't that person.

Power turning: This topic has been beaten to death, but every time I'm on a public lake there is some guy doing a power turn. A power turn is when you turn around under full power to go back and pick up your fallen rider. This sends rollers down the lake and turns it into a huge mess. Instead, simply chop the throttle when the rider falls and idle back. Then you won't destroy the lake, bounce everyone in the boat and surround the fallen rider with a ton of huge rollers.

Blasting music: Maybe I am showing my age here, but I have a big pet peeve about playing music ridiculously loud. Try to show a little respect for the people who live on the lake and others enjoying it. Once I was going through a canal and could hear music resonating down the lake. I could hear every single word crystal clear, and the boat was more than a mile away from me. Sound travels extremely well over water. So, just try to remember there are a lot of people who can hear what's playing. Don't give the whole boating community a bad name by being disrespectful.

That said, just try to use common sense on the water. A lot of people leave theirs at the boat ramp. Remember, what you do in your boat affects the entire lake."



REMINDER

Please remember to use phosphorous free lawn fertilizer. Most soils in Wisconsin naturally provide all the phosphorus your established lawn needs. Much of the phosphorus (phosphate) you apply actually runs off the lawn before penetrating the soil. Runoff into our lake could contribute to algae bloom and undesirable aquatic plants.

Check the second number on the package formula. 15 - 0 - 10, for example, means zero phosphate. The first number is the nitrogen content, the middle number is the phosphorus content and the last number is the potassium content. **Make sure the middle number on the bag is 0 indicating it is phosphorus free.**

If you use a lawn service, ask your applicator service not to use phosphorus on your lawn. If they are unwilling to do this, contact another provider or consider applying the no-phosphorus fertilizer yourself.

DNR BOATING SAFETY CLASS

Classes will be held at the Randall Town Hall over 3 days.

- Thursday, June 16th 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Friday, June 17th 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Saturday, June 18th 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The classes are open to all at a charge of \$10. For registration and information call the Randall Town Hall 262-877-2165.

QUARTERLY MEETING

Our next meeting will be held Friday, June 10, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public at the Randall Town Hall, 34530 Bassett Road, Bassett, WI. Dr. Jeffrey Thornton of SEWRPC will be speaking about our Lake Management Plan. George Lawrence, Water Patrol Chief, will also be attending and available for questions. 2012 budget preparations will be discussed. Planning will also begin for our Annual Meeting which is scheduled for Friday, August 5th, 2011.

