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Fishing on Upper Saranac Lake

Upper Saranac Lake Angler Diary Program – May 2017 Update

By Larry Nashett,
Member, Environmental Committee, USLA

Three of the eight cooperators, who agreed to keep a diary in 2016, returned usable records. We extend our sincere thanks to each of them. They reported an overall total of 44 angler trips and 117.5 angler-hours over 34 days of fishing. Cooperators directing their fishing activity toward smallmouth bass caught 107 smallmouths in 2016 resulting in a catch rate of 0.91 fish/angler-hour. One angler diary cooperator targeted lake trout on three trips, and tallied a catch rate of 0.33 lake trout/angler-hour and a creel rate of 0.22 fish/angler-hour.

The catch rate of smallmouth bass in Upper Saranac Lake indicates the presence of a robust population. Sixty-three of the 84 smallmouth bass used to produce a length frequency distribution



Nancy Harris

were 12 inches (the minimum legal length) or longer. Although this is a stellar smallmouth bass fishery, one of the cooperators, who has maintained personal catch records for many years, reports that since 1998 the ratio of largemouth bass to smallmouth bass caught has increased from 1:20 in 1998 to 1:10 in 2016.

The 2016 catch rate of lake trout in Upper Saranac Lake fell within the low end of the range recorded by the New York State

Department of Environmental Conservation for the Lake George angler diary program between 1987 and 2015. Cooperators on Lake George, considered one of the premier lake trout waters in the Adirondacks, reported a catch rate of 0.58 lake trout/angler-hour in 2015.

If you fish Upper Saranac Lake in the summer or winter, please sign up to become a cooperator. Help monitor trends in Upper Saranac Lake's fishery. We need more cooperators to improve our data set!

To join, or if you have questions, please contact:

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Note: The full report of the above summary fishing report is on the Upper Saranac website

<http://www.uppersaranac.com/2016-usl-angler-diary-report/>

New Regulations Affect Ice Fishing in Upper Saranac Lake

By Larry Nashett,
Member, Environmental Committee, USLA

Changes in fishing regulations, implemented by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), may impact your ice-fishing style on Upper Saranac Lake. The rule changes were part of statewide regulation amendments that became effective on April 1, 2017. In brief, an individual on Upper Saranac Lake is now allowed to use tip-ups for ice fishing, in combi-



Northern Pike

nation with other methods, provided no more than three ice fishing lines are utilized at any time.

The long term prohibition on use of tip-ups in Upper Saranac Lake was part of a management strategy to help restore the lake trout population. Lake trout cannot legally be taken during the winter on this lake, but they can be quite vulnerable to tip-ups.

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Photo: Ari Harris

President's Letter

Susan Hearn

It must be spring. The cover of the recent Adirondack Life reads: "2017 Annual Guide to the Great Outdoors," and the cover of Cottage Life (a Canadian version) reads: "The Ultimate Cottage BBQ Guide." So thoughts are turning to summer at camp and all the associated projects and FUN that entails.

It's delightful renewing acquaintances with summer friends and neighbors, and boating on the lake, investigating the changes that may have taken place since last year. This is a special place and we have a special community here on Upper Saranac.

I hope to see many of you at the USLA meetings this summer. All the USLA committees have been busy over the winter watching out for issues that are important to our members and supportive of our safety and community engagement efforts around the lake. I do hope you'll make the time this summer to partake of some of our Cultural Affairs events, enjoy the boat parade, take our boating safety course, and let us know of issues that you think we should be considering on your behalf. I welcome your input and ideas.

Hope you enjoy your camp opening. It's always a favorite part of the year for me – such anticipation.

Hope to see you around the lake!

Save the Dates for Summer USLA meetings

The Upper Saranac Lake Association will hold its July membership meeting on Saturday, July 8. This year's meeting will be held at The Wild Center in the Flammer Theatre. The meeting will begin at 9:30. Coffee will be available at 8:30 to allow some time to meet your neighbors and catch up with old friends.

This will be a great opportunity to hear about the USLA's activities from our committee chairmen and learn about the summer's events. The Foundation will update us on their activities regarding water issues and we will have an interesting guest speaker.

The USLA annual meeting will be held on Saturday, August 12. It will also be held at The Wild Center, beginning at 9:30, with a social hour at 8:30.

Please mark your calendars and join us for these meetings.

From The Safety Committee: Boating Safety and CPR/First Aid

Michelle Brown Garcia, Chair

With summer around the corner it's time to think about some good times and your safety while you're at the Lake.

Boating Safety

Our New York Safe Boating Course will be offered once again at the Santa Clara Town Hall. The classes are open to children 10–17 years old as well as adults 18+, since you're never too old to learn how to become a better boater. The classes will be taught by Michelle Brown Garcia & Dave Perry. Remember, NYS law mandates all people born after May 1, 1996 must pass a boating safety course to operate a power boat. You must attend all three days and pass a test in order to receive your NYS Safe Boating Certificate.

Our classes will be held on:

July 10th, 11th, & 12th from 9 to 12 Noon.

And, again on August 7th, 8th, & 9th from 9 to 12 Noon.

To register contact Lynne Perry at 518-359-2630 or email lgper2@optonline.net

CPR/First Aid

Sonny Young will be teaching the First Aid & CPR Courses this summer. The classes will be held on July 19th & 20th from 5:30 to 8:30 PM, the location TBA.

For additional information or to register, contact Sonny or Sheila at 518-359-8194 or email adkfoothill@yahoo.com.

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An official interpretation of the NYSDEC definitions pertaining to angling and ice fishing concluded that if ice-fishing is allowed, tip-ups must also be allowed. Ice fishing for smelt and perch on Upper Saranac Lake is an important wintertime recreational activity that NYSDEC wanted to retain. To help protect the lake trout population, the number of ice fishing lines that may be used in the lake by an individual has been limited to three, in contrast to most lakes open to ice fishing where the limit is seven.

Page 25 of the Freshwater Fishing 2017-2018 Official Regulations Guide contains a table of special regulations for Franklin County New York. A portion of it is reproduced below.

Water	Species	Open Season	Minimum Length	Daily Limit	Method
Upper Saranac Lake	Lake Trout	April 1 – Oct 15	23"	3	Ice fishing permitted; Maximum of 3 ice fishing lines allowed

Lake trout must be returned to the water if caught through the ice, unless that occurs during their open season (April 1 - October 15).

An article printed in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on March 18, 2017 mentioned these regulation changes. It also informed readers that the State Comptroller’s Office released a 2015 report finding that in New York “hunting, fishing and trapping is a \$5 billion per year industry and that nearly \$2 billion of that money was spent on lodging food and travel”.

The article also stated that the NYSDEC holds a few “free fishing days” annually when no fishing license is required. The weekend of June 24-25, 2017 offers the next chance to wet a line without a license. Please note that all other fishing regulations still apply. For more info on this visit: www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/89821.html.

Eagle Island Inc.

Paula McGovern, Executive Director

We are changing our name! Friends of Eagle Island, Inc. is becoming Eagle Island, Inc. While our original name reflected our initial role as advocates for the camp, we realized that we have long since outgrown this name. As owners, we are renaming ourselves “Eagle Island, Inc.” to better reflect who we are. Eagle Island will still be your friends, and now we are also your neighbors. The name change will be rolled out over the next several months and we will continue to be “doing business as” Friends of Eagle Island, Inc.” to smooth the transition.

Along with the name change, we have also changed our website domain name to eagleisland.org. We can still be reached at friendsofeagleisland.org, but we all look forward to a little less typing. Finally, we are excited about rolling out our new logo. Klara Blazek, a former Eagle Island camper donated her time and creativity to design this new logo. Klara sought to capture the serenity and natural beauty of Eagle Island with her simple but elegant design. Many of our supporters have been itching for new Eagle Island t-shirts, so you might be seeing more of this logo around town.

While we continue to have loads of work to do on Eagle Island this summer, we plan to take a little time off to host visitors. We will host three Open Island Days: Sunday, July 9th; Monday, July 10th; and Saturday, August 19th. Reservations are required and we will soon update our web page so that visitors can sign up. If you plan to arrive by personal boat, canoe or kayak, the beach will be available. Otherwise, our launch will be available to transport visitors, from Gilpin Bay, although space is limited. This is a great opportunity to tour the historic great camp buildings, see how the island operated as a youth camp and visit with supporters and volunteers.

We are thrilled to be a host site for the Adirondack Plein Air



Mariner Boat House

Festival. Twelve of the participating artists will take their skill, imagination and tools to Eagle Island as part of “Paint the Adirondacks Week” on Wednesday, August 16th. Finished artwork from Eagle Island will be displayed and available for sale during the art show on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon in Harrietstown Town Hall at the conclusion of the festival. For the most up-to-date information, check the festival’s website at <http://saranaclakeartworks.com>.

It is going to be a busy summer on the island with contractors and VOLUNTEERS. Last summer volunteers spent days, weekends and in some cases weeks on the island sharing their time, talent and enthusiasm on a variety of projects. If you would like to volunteer please visit the website <http://eagleisland.org>, tab “take action” and complete the interest form. While we are particularly interested in skilled volunteers (carpenters, plumbers, electricians and masons), enthusiasm is the only requirement. We plan to have volunteers on the island the whole summer and there is plenty of work to do for all skill levels.

Winter Algae Bloom

Guy Middleton, Lake Manager

Over this past winter, a lake-wide algae bloom was detected growing under the ice. Although it may seem unusual for algae to form at this time of year, this particular type of algae does very well in low light conditions, such as those found in deep water and under ice cover. Fortunately, the bloom was relatively short lived and dissipated within a few weeks.

Samples of the algae bloom were taken by the Upper Saranac Foundation and analyzed by The Adirondack Watershed Institute at Paul Smith's College (AWI). AWI identified the sample as cyanobacteria (blue green algae) in the genus *Planktothrix*. This is a common genera of cyanobacteria in Adirondack lakes, and is the species we most often see in the Saranac and St. Regis Lake chains during cyanobacteria blooms.

This bloom, may or may not be a direct result of point source nutrients, such as septic tank failure or storm water runoff. In all likelihood it is probably the result of a combination of natural limnological and cultural eutrophication. Many residents were quick to question the practices of the Fish Hatchery. Although the Hatchery's past practices, up until 1989, may affect the Lake for years to come, through collaboration of the DEC and the Upper Saranac Foundation, the Hatchery has less phosphorous discharge than ever before and are well under the permitted levels.

Unfortunately, there are no quick fixes to algae blooms. Although blooms have occurred before there were even inhabitants to the

lake, humans have influenced the frequency of these blooms. Due to the nature of our Lake, and its biological makeup, we are continually close to pushing the limits of reoccurring blooms. Our actions have the potential to alter the balance between having a bloom or not. We do know that properly working septic systems, limiting waste water, minimizing erosion, controlling storm water runoff, not using fertilizers, and maintaining a shoreline vegetative buffer, all help to limit our impacts and prevent algae blooms.



Concerns associated with blue-green algae include discolored water, reduced light penetration, taste and odor problems, dissolved oxygen depletions, and toxin production. When a blue-green algae bloom dies off, the blue-green algae cells sink and are broken down by microbes. This breakdown process requires oxygen and can create a biological oxygen demand. Increases in biological oxygen demand result in decreases in oxygen concentration in the water, and this can adversely affect fish and other aquatic life, and can even result in fish kills. Because the Lake is often near the threshold of blooms, it is important that we as residents do not tip the scales in favor of a bloom. For ways you can help prevent algae blooms, or if you have any further questions or concerns regarding this topic, or others associated with water quality, visit the Upper Saranac Foundation's web page at: <http://usfoundation.net/>

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Dog Boat by RyanDean

2017 USLA Store

Ron Otten, President, USLA Scholarship Fund, Inc.

The USLA store will be open this year with many great and useful gift items. We have baseball caps, adult and kids' sweatshirts, glassware, USL maps and posters, car decals and Centennial posters. All have Upper Saranac Lake branding and are of high quality.

Items will be for sale at the July 8 and August 12 USLA meetings at The Wild Center, and at other USLA events throughout the summer. They are also available by special order. All proceeds go to support the USLA Scholarship Fund which provides student scholarships annually to a deserving student from both Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake High Schools.

The USLA Scholarship Fund, Inc. is completely separate from USLA and is a tax exempt organization, so a portion of your purchases are tax deductible. The USLA store is the main source of revenue for the USLA Scholarship Fund.

We thank the past members of the USLA Store team including those who ordered, stored and sold merchandise, as well as those who served on the board of the USLA Scholarship Fund, Inc., who conducted fund raising and evaluated students who were candidates for the scholarship. A special thanks to the Ritchie family for their continued efforts and contributions to these scholarships.

Yes, the store is up and running, but we need your continued support to make it successful. The several years that the store was inactive depleted the scholarship reserves and caused the Scholarship Fund to go into debt. We are grateful that the USLA provided support during these past few years, as these scholarships provide much needed support for deserving students and their families, and have had a valuable reputational impact for the USLA and our lake residents. You can support this effort by buying merchandise and/or making a tax deductible contribution so that we can remain solvent and continue to support our local students. Administrators at both schools have told us how much our scholarships mean to them.

So, check out our Upper

Saranac Lake branded merchandise at the USLA events, wear it proudly, and please continue to support this worthy cause. For further information about USLA branded merchandise, please contact Andrea Maikowski at maiksaac@optonline.net. For information about how you can support the USLA Scholarship Fund, Inc., please contact Ron Otten at 518-359-7841.

The USLA Store Team

The USLA Store is BACK!

All proceeds benefit the Upper Saranac Lake Scholarship Fund



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Brown
Canoe
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XL sizes
\$40 each



Cap \$20



Youth Hoodies
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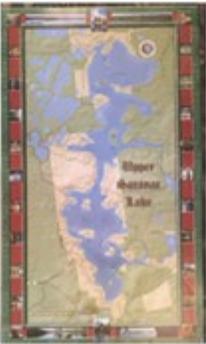
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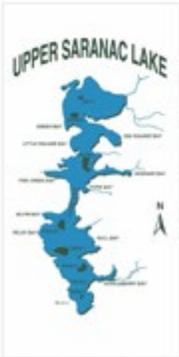
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Environmental Committee of USLA and Upper Saranac Foundation Launching Collaborative Education Program on Septic Systems and Lake Water Quality

By Steve Maikowski, Chair, Environmental Committee
and Guy Middleton, Lake Manager, Upper Saranac Foundation

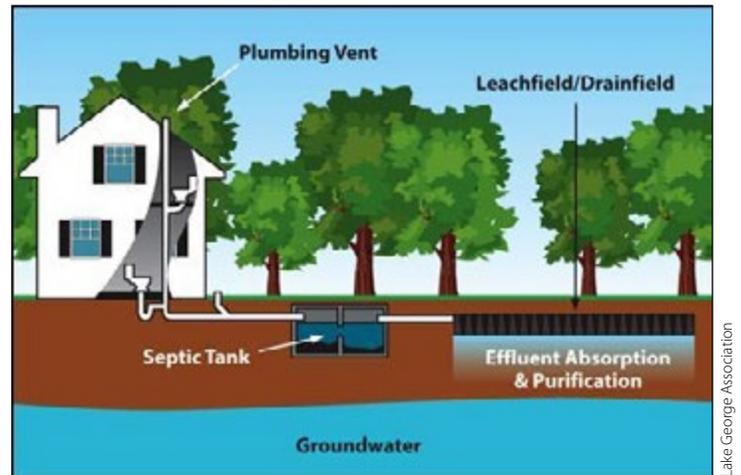
The Environmental Committee and the USF are finalizing plans for an education and outreach program about the importance of properly functioning and maintained septic systems to the health of the watershed of Upper Saranac Lake. The effort will begin with a survey emailed in May 2017 to all USLA members about their current water usage practices, and their knowledge of and maintenance of their septic system. If you are not receiving emails from the USLA, you can access and complete the survey by going to this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G9FM2KR>. We are seeking one response per/household or property from USL watershed residences by June 16th. All responses will be anonymous and completely confidential.

This collaborative effort will also include producing A Homeowners' Guide to Septic System Maintenance flyer. This booklet will include information on:

- The threat of leaking or non-functioning septic systems to the quality of our lake water and related ecosystem
- How a properly designed, constructed, and maintained system can provide long- term effective treatment of wastewater and help protect our lake and each owner's property investment
- How septic systems function
- Signs of a malfunctioning septic system
- Simple steps each owner can take to maintain a septic system
- A maintenance chart to allow each owner to keep track of when a septic system was pumped, tested, or inspected.

This Guide will be distributed to USLA and USF members in Summer 2017 at annual meetings, zone parties, and door-to-door delivery. The Guide will also be provided to local municipal leaders and Planning Board members in an effort to create a cohesive understanding of the issues surrounding Upper Saranac Lake, and illustrate the steps that can be taken locally to protect the lake's water quality.

This effort comes at a time that other lake associations in the Adirondack Park have also identified septic systems as a potential threat to lake water quality. In April 2017, a day-long "Septic



Typical septic system illustration

Summit" was held by The Fund For Lake George in response to algae blooms on the lake. An article about this conference can be read in the Glen Falls Post Star: <https://fundforlakegeorge.org/news/septic-summit-addresses-pollution-potential-in-region>

At the annual meeting of the New York State Federation of Lake Associations (nysfola.org) on May 4, 2017, in Hamilton New York (attended by Guy Middleton), a three-hour morning session was dedicated to septic systems, septic inspections, and lake water quality.

And finally, on the legislative front in Albany on this issue, the final 2017-18 NYS Budget approved by Governor Cuomo and the Legislature authorizes \$2.5 billion in new funding for major clean water infrastructure projects statewide. This clean water funding includes \$75 million for septic system and cesspool upgrades and replacements. More information on this funding will be provided in the next Mailboat.

Land Bank Constitutional Amendment

Cindy Rosenwald, Government Affairs Chair

The New York Senate has unanimously approved an amendment sponsored by our state senator, Betty Little (Queensbury), to the New York State constitution (S2414) that would establish a 250 acre land bank in the Adirondack Forest Preserve. Municipalities and counties could petition to remove small acreage pieces from the Preserve in order to improve public welfare and safety. In exchange, the entities would be required to pay into an account that would fund land purchases to be added to Preserve holdings.

Examples of appropriate projects would be bridge replacements

or water supply projects. An interesting summary and analysis may be found here: <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2017/s2414/amendment/original>.

New York State has a complex process to amend the constitution. The legislation must be passed by two successive legislatures before it is placed on the general election ballot for a referendum vote. In any case, it must first pass the state assembly, so it would not be on the ballot this fall.

Summer Events

Sally Ward, Cultural Affairs Chair

July Events

Calling Boat Parade Go-ers and Crafty Kids!

See the boats up close and personal at Back Bay where they'll be docked for you to admire following the annual boat parade on Saturday, July 1. Plan to arrive at 11—there's parking at the boat launch. We'll have plenty of coffee, donuts and juice as well as a craft table where the kids can paint and personalize decorative canoe paddles. Put this on your calendar and, if you can, pre-register your kids/grandkids so we'll have enough paddles.

Victorian Croquet Tournament at Dancing Waters

Get your competitive spirit on! Round up some lake friends, bring a family team or just show up solo for some good fun on Saturday, July 22 at 3 pm. Mary Watson's natural stone amphitheatre and playing field are straight out of the Great Gatsby. Costumes or period hats are invited but strictly optional. Frosty drinks and homemade cookies will be provided by the Cultural Affairs committee.

Sign up at: cultural@uppersaranac.com

August Events

Sunday, August 6: "Boats and Boating on Upper Saranac Lake" Camp Iroquois — 4-6 pm

Historian and former Adirondack Museum curator, Hallie Bond, will take us on a virtual boat ride through time on Upper Saranac, a heavily used waterway for travel and recreation since the time of the Indians. Following her presentation, enjoy wine and cheese with conviviality while you soak in the ambiance of beautiful private family camp. Thanks to Kevin and Betty Ann Keane for opening their doors to us.

Wednesday, August 16 (Rain date 8/17) -Stargazing at the Adirondack Observatory — 8 pm

Stargaze with an astronomer who will help us identify and appreciate the wonders of the night sky. You'll also learn about the Observatory's plans to grow as an astro science center. This is a family-friendly event.

IN MEMORIAM

BOB WRAY

Bob Wray, of Springhill, FL, died on November 7, 2016 at the age of 82. He was surrounded by his family, daughter Bonnie (George) Weidert, Terry Wray, Susan (Chris) Thompson, and Bob (Cathy) Wray. Bob was grandfather to 9 and great grandfather to 5. Bob and his late wife Ruth loved Upper Saranac and enjoyed spending their summers on Gull Point. Bob was a member of the Island Chapel committee and enjoyed driving the Chapel Bound and the Junie on Sundays. Bob's favorite past time was taking family and friends for boat rides in his 1930 Chris Craft, the **Water Witch**. He also loved participating in the 4th of July wooden boat parade. A private celebration of his life will be held later this summer.

KATHRYN DOHERTY

Kate Doherty, of Worcester, MA died January 25, 2017. Wife of the late Joe Doherty, Kate is survived by her son David, daughters Ellen and Marianne, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter. In 1964, Kate and Joe purchased land at Sekon Lodge on Upper Saranac Lake. Four years later a cabin was built in the woods and Kate called it home every summer until the age of 90. A lifetime of friendships and a deep love for the peace and beauty of the Adirondacks was born. Kate proved her independence, fearlessness and self-reliance through many memorable wildlife

experiences at "the Camp". Kate was an active volunteer and in her later years she volunteered at the Wild Center in Tupper Lake.

ROBERTA GREINER

Roberta Greiner of Plattsburgh and Upper Saranac Lake, NY died April 21, 2017. She is survived by her husband of nearly 62 years, Newton W. Greiner, Sr. son Newton Greiner Jr, and daughters, Cynthia and Barbara. Roberta is also survived by 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Her talents in art, ceramics and needlework were superb, winning best of show, especially in art. Active in Island Chapel, Upper Saranac Lake, Roberta served as Secretary for many years.

CAROLYN HICKOK

Carolyn Hickok of Fish Creek Ponds died May 18, 2017. Wife of the late Robert Hickok, she is survived by sons Robert Roger and William Bryan, daughter Carol Anne, three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and her brother, Donald Clark. Carolyn was self-employed in the family business, Hickok's Boat Livery. She served as town clerk and tax collector for Santa Clara for over 30 years. A member of the Bloomingdale Methodist Church, she served as treasurer and organist for many years.

Lyme Disease On The Rise, Hikers Beware!

Michelle Brown Garcia

The number of ticks infected with Lyme disease is on the rise in the North County, and some are carrying a malaria like illness, according to new research by Paul Smith's College in collaboration with the state Department of Health.

A team of college students along with the Adirondack Watershed Institute stewards have been collecting black-legged ticks, also known as deer ticks, which are tested by the Dept. of Health. They've focused primarily on St. Lawrence, Clinton, Franklin and Essex counties.

The researchers also recently found ticks carrying the agent that causes human babesiosis for the first time ever in the North Country. Babesiosis is a malaria-like illness which can cause fever, chills, sweats, fatigue and anemia. Nearly half of the adult blacklegged ticks and a quarter of the nymphs collected in the North County counties tested positive for the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.

Preventing a bite is as simple as wearing light-colored clothing, tucking pants into socks, wearing insect repellent and remembering to check oneself head-to-toe for ticks at the end of the day. People and pets are especially susceptible from mid-May through July, when nymphs are seeking hosts. These young ticks are small and more difficult to spot. The number of human cases of Lyme disease reported in Franklin, as well as Clinton and Essex counties increased by nearly 200 percent from 2012 to 2015, so be aware while you are out enjoying the Adirondacks!

Announcements!

Guy Middleton, Lake Manager announces two upcoming events:

Adirondacks Lake Alliance 2017 Symposium

August 11 at Paul Smith's College

<http://www.adirondacklakesalliance.org/annual-conference-2017.html>

Upper Saranac Foundation's Water Shield Workshop

Throughout the summer – upon request for groups of 9 or more

<http://usfoundation.net/blog/the-water-shield-workshop/>

Fire Insurance

If you live near the Santa Clara Community Center you may be eligible to have reduced fire insurance rates on your home insurance. There is now a certified satellite fire station at the Community Center and some insurance companies will recognize it.

Check the USLA website www.uppersaranac.com.

Lost/ found items (docks, boats, floating toys etc.) may be listed under News. Also look for announcements, check the Blog and Classified, and look at the webcam and photos. Sara Sheldon maintains the website as a wonderful source for up-to-date information.

Help requested!

Become part of the newsletter team. If you would like to research articles, bring ideas for future articles, assist with the writing/editing, or add your support to this team, contact Lynne Perry at 518-359-2630.

State of the Lake Report

Want to know about the Lake's Health? The Upper Saranac Foundation's State of the Lake Report is now available on the Foundation's web page at: http://usfoundation.net/d.../water-quality/USL_2016_Report.pdf. The report summarizes 27 years of water quality monitoring.

New Area Code For The 518 Area

Michelle Brown Garcia

The 518 area code covers all or part of 17 counties in eastern upstate New York, serving communities from Albany to Plattsburgh who are affected. The new area code is 838 and will serve the same geographic area currently served by the existing 518 area code.

Beginning March 18, 2017, you will need to begin using ten digits whenever you place a call from the 518 area code. If you forget and dial just the seven digits, your call will still be completed.

Beginning August 19, 2017, you must use ten digits for your call to be completed. If you don't a recording will instruct you to hang up and try again.

On September 19, 2017 new telephone lines or services may be assigned a number with the new 838 area code. All calls made within and between area codes 518 and 838 must use both area code and phone number.

For an example: If you now have a telephone number that starts with 518-891-____ and you want to call a 359 number you will need to dial 518-359-____ for your call to go through. Cell phones are also affected.

You will need to reprogram all phones that are currently set for seven-digit calling such as: PBXs, fax machines, internet dial-up numbers, speed dialers, call forwarding settings, voice mail services, medical alert devices, safety alarm security systems and gates, ankle monitors and other similar equipment. Be sure to check your website, business stationery, advertising materials, personal and business printed checks, contract information and your personal or pet ID tags to ensure that your area code is included.

If you have any questions regarding this information you can visit the New York Department of Public Service website at www.dps.ny.gov for further information.

Membership Report

Dean Butts, Chair

In early April, we mailed 768 Membership Dues Statements. We are receiving a good response, and at this time we have 363 members who have renewed for 2017. Names of members who have renewed are listed on our website, www.uppersaranac.com. Thank you for renewing. If your name is not listed, we urge you to renew soon while it is on your mind. You can renew conveniently on line or by mailing the Membership form with your check for \$45 to USLA, PO Box 872, Saranac Lake, NY 12983. Your support enables the Association to plan a variety of events to enhance our summer on the lake. Be part of the action.



Don't Jump by ElizabethMcLanahan

You Are Invited!!!

USLA Picnic at the Wild Center

Monday July 17, 2017 5-7:30 pm In the Tent!



Photo: Wild Center staff

2016 USLA Picnic

You are invited to attend the annual USLA picnic hosted by several lake members. This annual event is an opportunity to share time with your neighbors and have a delicious picnic dinner. Staff at the Wild Center will provide an opportunity for you to learn more about their beekeeper program and answer questions about pollinators and their importance. You will have an opportunity to experience the iForest – a new walk in the forest with special music.

Wild Walk and museum exhibits will be open until 6 pm.

Picnic food will be served beginning at 5 pm. Our program will begin about 6:15 pm.

RSVP by July 10th to 518-359-7800 or rsvp@wildcenter.org. Please let the Wild Center know how many people will be coming. If you have guests, please include them in your total.

MAILBOAT

MAY 2017

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Calendar Summer 2017

May 27	9:00 am	USLA Board Meeting	Santa Clara Community Center
July 1	10:00 am	Wooden Boat Parade	Sekon to Back Bay
	11:00 am	Reception following Parade	Back Bay
July 8	8:30 am	USLA Membership Meeting	Wild Center
July 10-12	9:00 am	Boating Safety Course	Santa Clara Community Center
July 17	5:00 pm	USLA Picnic	Wild Center
July 19-20	5:30-8:30 pm	CPR/First Aid	TBA
July 22	3:00 pm	Victorian Croquet Tournament	Dancing Waters
July 29	5-8:00 pm	Zone 2 Party	26 Loon Over Lane
August 6	4-6:00 pm	Boats & Boating on USL	Camp Iroquois
August 7-9	9:00 am	Boating Safety Course	Santa Clara Community Center
August 12	8:30 am	USLA Annual Meeting	Wild Center
August 16	8:00 pm	Stargazing	Adirondack Observatory