



Round Lake Property Owners Association Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Round Lake Property Owners' Membership Meeting

Saturday, August 5, 2023

at

Powell's on Round Lake

(and via Zoom)

Details will be Emailed & on website

President's Message by Dan Kollodge

Welcome Round Lakes property owners to another edition of the newsletter. One of our favorite visitors has returned to Round Lakes. No, it's not the hummingbird or loon, it's the Canada goose. Property owners surely have a love/hate relationship with them, and they aren't going away any time soon. Well, at least not until October-ish. Since they are here for the summer, I thought I'd share some fun facts about our feathered friends and provide some control tips to try to keep a platoon of geese from invading your property.

There are seven sub-species of Canada geese. In Wisconsin, the most common is the Giant Canada goose (B. c. maxima). Of course, it has to be the giant one because everything is bigger in Wisconsin, or is that Texas? Most adults weigh between five and 14 pounds, with a wingspan of 50 to 73 inches. The birds look for a mate at about three years of age and mate for life, which can be anywhere from 10 to 25 years. In my opinion, about 5 to 20 years too long.

The Canada goose is an herbivore, and will graze grain fields when available, usually in the fall. In the summer months, geese feed on aquatic vegetation, succulents, forbs, and grasses. Turf grass is preferred by Canada geese in urban environments, particularly Kentucky bluegrass and clover. This is where the problem with geese arises. Many property owners appreciate the finely manicured lawn that extends to the waters' edge. There is nothing quite as impressive as an urban lawn in the middle of the north woods.

Unfortunately for the owner, an urban lawn is the perfect food source for Canada geese. It's literally an all you can eat smorgasbord. The more they eat, the more "breakfast sized sausage links" they produce. An adult goose can produce around 1.5 pounds of droppings per day. Multiple that by 20 geese and now you have the equivalent of 25-30 pounds of "sausage" on the lawn. As a result, the lawn is no longer a well-groomed urban savanna, it's a mine field not fit to use by anyone but the geese. They don't really seem to mind walking in their own poo.

Man, in the battle to keep the birds off the perfect lawn, has developed countless methods to keep them at bay. The shiny foil ribbon strung on spindly sticks or a child's parasol spinning in the breeze. The 2D cutout or more expensive life size fox or coyote lawn ornament standing as a silent sentinel over the property. I've even seen an eight foot, black 'Bigfoot' cutout patrolling the shoreline. I thought that was a bit overkill, but I'm sure it struck fear in every goose around. Not even Chuck Norris messes with a Bigfoot. Then, there is fencing, netting, trip wires and other creative means.

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STOP!!! There is an easier way. Instead of all this manmade hocus pocus, use the natural instincts and habits of the goose to control it. Geese and other water fowl are unique because they have command of sky, water, and land. Of these three, geese are most insecure on land. They are slow and clumsy, are in fear of land predators, and have a limited field of vision due to obstructions while on the ground. It's best to use these traits against them. Here are some common sense tips to deter the geese.

- Never feed geese or ducks. They are quick learners and will associate food with people and your property.
- Remove the food source. Geese like to eat the young grass shoots, not the mature blades. Let the shoreline grass grow long and fold over to form a matt that hides the young sprouts.
- Replace turf grass along the shoreline with grasses that grow tall and stand upright. Tall grass blocks their line

of sight from the water. Geese know the tall grass is where predators hide and will be very reluctant to come ashore.

- Use larger rocks and small bushes to make a hedge along the shoreline. You never see a goose playing in the NBA because "Canada geese can't jump". The hedge makes it hard for them waddle onto shore, especially the year's young that can't fly. If the young can't make it through or over, the adults will not feed there.

I hope this gives you some food for thought with regard to managing geese. Use their fear and instincts against them. You will be much more successful with less effort keeping them off your lawn.

On behalf of the RLPOA Board of Directors, welcome back to the lakes, and have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Education and Shoreline Restoration by Joan Buehrle

Last September, we held an education event on Healthy Lakes Shoreline Conservation Best Practices. The presentation was recorded and is posted on the Round Lakes website for you to view.

Presenters for the event were Patrick Goggin from the UW Extension at UW Stevens Point, Kevin Bushnick, fisheries chairman, and David Rutt, AIS co-chairman. Patrick is an expert in shoreline preservation. He talked in detail about several different types of shoreline projects that home owners can implement to protect the lake shoreline and reduce water runoff, both of which are critical to maintaining and enhancing the water quality of the lakes. Kevin talked about the Round Lakes fishery and provided tips for catching more fish. David discussed the Association's AIS control program to combat Eurasian water milfoil, which is present in both lakes.

During Patrick's talk he stated the WDNR has grant money available to property owners to help fund projects. The RLPOA contacted the DNR and signed up for the Healthy Lakes Best Practices grants program. Because we are a member, all Round Lakes property owners are eligible to apply for a grant. Grants provide up to \$1,000 in funding for approved projects.

A grant application is required. As part of the application process, a project plan needs to be submitted for approval. DNR Healthy Lakes Best Practices materials will help you select appropriate control strategies and provide suggestions to improve your plan.

Regardless of applying for a grant, you still need a plan before you start a shoreline project. The DNR has specific and stringent regulations regarding the modification of shoreline property, and they don't accept "I didn't know." for an answer. They will make you restore any illegal modifications. Save yourself a headache and money, by knowing the rules.

I am the RLPOA's sponsor for the program. If you are interested in applying for a grant please contact me. I will provide you with more detailed information, answer questions you may have about the grant process, and assist you in filling out the grant application. You're not alone on this.

FUTURE EDUCATION: The board is committed to educating members. The more you know about the natural environment on your property and how to protect it, the better off the lakes will be. We are planning to provide additional information via our website and future seminars. If you have a topic of interest, please Email joan.buehrle@gmail.com or by phone at 608-788-6585 with your recommendation.



From the Webmaster by Ruth Pauly

Wow - I can't believe I've held the Webmaster position for the past three years. I have been so blessed to be one of the first to hear news from members and see the wonderful photos you send in. Amazing sunrises and sunsets, images of wildlife that live around the lakes, and the impressive fish pictures. Please keep them coming. Message me about anything at webmaster@roundlakes.org

I'd like to increase the community aspect of the site. Have you lost something? Found Something? Have something for sale? Or have a hobby or service that you would like to advertise? We have spots for those things too.

Interested in what is happening to keep our lake safe, clean, and healthy. Want to know what the board has been up to. Or find out more about upcoming social events. Yes, we have some planned for the summer. Check out those pages.

Do you have something you want to share? I'm always looking for interesting articles to post on the site. Write it up and send it in. Or, is there something you want to find out about the history of the lakes? Send in your question and we can try to answer it for you. We have a great board with a depth of experience and contacts to the community, and a legion of senior members who can recall decades of lake history.

We prefer to post as much as possible on the website <https://www.roundlakes.org> since everyone has access. The

website is the primary way information is communicated to the members, with time sensitive information Emailed to members with an address on file. We have a Facebook page as well and try to post everything shown on Facebook to the website, so everyone has the latest information.

On the website, there is some content that is for members only and you do need to log into your account to see it. For those of you that are not members. Yes, there is a Round Lakes treasure map posted in the members' only section of the site. You just need to join the Association to see it.

If you do not remember your user name or password, click on Member Login and use the Forgot My Username/Password button to retrieve your information. If you are a first time member and don't have a member account or have issues logging in, send an Email to membership@roundlakes.org for assistance.

I'd love to hear from you if you have content suggestions. Thanks everyone for viewing our site, keep coming back!



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Fishing Report by Kevin Bushnick

KIDS FISHING WEEKEND

To all Round Lake Property Owners!

First, I'd like to highlight our annual Father's Day Fishing Weekend June 17 and 18. For 2023, we will have 10 categories of fish trophies including panfish. I like to call these programs Youth Muskie Hunts because ya never know when you're gonna catch one and there's some super-tankers in Round Lake! This event is sponsored by the Youth Conservation Alliance, the Round Lake Property Owners Association, Round Lake Marina, Chippewa Valley Bank, Powell's on Round, Tamarack Farms, Retreat Home furniture and many individual families.

The program is very simple. 1) Register for the event. 2) Fish as much or as little as you want Friday starting at 4:00pm; Saturday & Sunday. 3) Keep track of your fish. Measure them, take a picture, and release the fish back into the lake. There's only so many of the big ones out there making "catch & release" very important. This way, someone else can experience the joy of catching. Always keep in mind, it really doesn't matter how many or how big the fish are, what makes it worthwhile, are the kids and parents working together to achieve a common goal. The goal in this case, is to catch a fish! Not always easy on Round.

THIS EVENT IS NO-CHARGE. To register, Email me at kbushnick@theyca.org or call/text me at 847-987-3622 and tell me who you are, plus the names and ages of the kids participating. This program is for kids ages zero thru high-school. Final awards and recognition will be held Sunday at 5:00pm on the patio at Powell's.

LET'S TALK SOME FISHING!

If you've fished Round Lake, you know it's not a sure thing you'll catch anything. Some people think the lake has no fish in it. I've heard people call it "the dead sea." Others think unless you know exactly where the fish-cribs are, you'll never be successful. Well, none of these statements are true. Round has an abundance of many species of fish. It also has an abundance of man-made fish habitat. Regarding habitat, there are roughly a half dozen different types of fish-cribs placed all over the lake. The construction of these goes back more than a half century.

Here's a few tips to catch fish on Round Lake. Keep in mind, Round Lake is not a flowage, a river system, or a traditional water-shed. It's basically a self-contained spring-fed lake with a massive underlying bedrock aquifer. Next, the fish on Round move around constantly during any given 24-hour period. They are very nomadic in nature and while there's a lot of reasons for that, just know that if you're not catching fish in one spot, try another one. Most of the maps you can buy at the bait shops show the location of the older log fish cribs. They also show lake contours. Use these to your advantage. Watch the weather! It's no secret that approaching low pressure systems can trigger fish to feed. Just make sure you allow time to get off the water when the weather hits! Lastly, natural color baits and plastics will produce on Round. Nothing beats live bait. Minnows, leeches and crawlers work great and should provide you with more catching consistency. My best advice, get out at sunrise, fish a few hours and get out of the way of the boaters and jet-skis. TAKE A SIMPLE 4-HOUR NAP, then, set up shop again as the sun goes down. If you have kids up visiting, give me a call or Email me and I may cough up a few hot-spots for you. It's critical to get young children outdoors and provide this experience for them.

Round Lake is truly a treasure and there are few lakes like it in the United States. See you on the water!



AIS Prevention & Boat Landing Blitz

by Joan Buehrle

The RLPOA board would like the Association to participate in the WDNR's Boat Landing Blitz over the July 4th weekend. I'm sure you are asking, "What is a Boat Landing Blitz?" This project is intended to prevent the spread of invasive species in waters of Wisconsin.

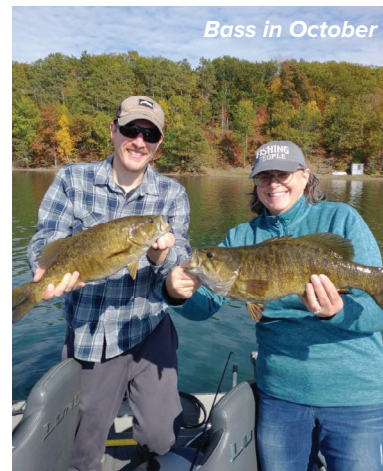
Boats are the primary cause of AIS spreading throughout the waters of America. Why? Because operators don't empty, water holding compartments like the bilge, live wells, and buckets. The water may look clean, but early stage Zebra mussels and water fleas cannot be seen by the human eye. The spread of invasive plants occur when plants are not removed from the boat hull, trailer, and lower unit of the engine. The best way to prevent the spread of AIS is to drain all water from the boat, and inspect the boat and trailer for plant material when it is removed from the water body.

The Boat Landing Blitz program is being promoted by the DNR to prevent AIS from spreading during the busiest boating weekends of the year. For our organization to participate, we need to staff one or more of the boat landings on Round Lake with Clean Boats Clean Waters ambassadors. The program will be active over the 5 day, Fourth of July holiday weekend. An ambassador assists the operator with inspection of their watercraft for AIS contamination and provide information about the spread of AIS and prevention.

We need your help to make the program happen. I am looking for individuals who have the time and talent to work during the holiday weekend as an ambassador. If you are interested, please contact me by June 5, so that I can start organizing the event.

Online training and all necessary materials will be provided by the Association and DNR. These are paid positions of \$17/hour, and open to high school students and adults. A young person can list this experience on a job or school application. There is also an added benefit for the Association; participation in the program will be listed on next year's AIS treatment grant application, which will result in a higher grant score.

Contact me at joan.buehrle@gmail.com or at 608-788-6585 if you have questions or would like to sign up to participate in this project.



A large graphic with a blue background. On the left, there is a logo for the Youth Conservation Alliance (YCA) featuring a stylized blue 'Y' with a silhouette of a person fishing inside it, and the text "Youth Conservation Alliance" in green and blue. To the right of this is a silhouette of a bird in flight. On the right side, there is a large, detailed illustration of a fish jumping out of the water, creating a splash. Below the fish, the text "YCA YOUTH FISHING" is written in a bold, yellow, outlined font. Below that, "ROUND LAKE HAYWARD, WI" is written in a similar bold, yellow, outlined font. At the bottom, the text "For More Information, contact Kevin Bushnick" is written in white, followed by "www.theyca.org • kbushnick@theyca.org • (847) 987-3622" in a larger white font.

Finances by Martin Hanson, Treasurer

The RLPOA is in a sound financial position as of the end of 2022, thanks to our members and benefactors. The year-end balance sheet showed a total balance in liquid accounts of \$93,026. This is \$1,116 less than the previous year, but \$39,571 greater than the average year-end balance since 2014. The Association has three accounts, an operating funds checking account, a holding savings account, and a brokerage account. Because of the negligible interest rates over the last several years no funds are held as certificates of deposit or in other interest-bearing accounts.

RLPOA does not invest in mutual funds, EFTs, or other investment instruments. We do however, accept donations of stock but received no stock donations in 2022. Stock donations allow the donor, in most cases, to transfer funds to RLPOA without paying capital gains tax. By policy, RLPOA will sell all stock donations as soon as practicable after receiving the donation as we are not investment experts.

Total Revenues for the year were \$51,301. This was down \$7,910 (-13%) from the previous year, but close to our annual average since 2014. This was primarily due to a decline in AIS donations which totaled \$15,748, down \$10,553 (-40%) from 2021.

Collection of Membership dues, which includes advance payment for future years, were the same in 2022, trailing 2021 by only \$90 (1%). The only other active revenue account, newsletter advertising, brought in \$2,480 for the 2022 newsletter, which more than covered it's printing and mailing cost. The newsletter is sent to all lake shore owners as well as current members.

Total Expenses for the year were \$52,508, which was \$10,446 (25%) greater than 2021. Expenses related to AIS, management plans, permits, chemicals, and DASH treatments were \$41,785. This was \$11,171 (36%) greater than 2021 and \$8,127 greater than our annual average since 2014.

The Treasurer applied to PayPal for a non-profit status which was approved in early 2022. This new status reduced our transaction fees for online renewals and donations by 36%. Members utilizing the online system for renewals and AIS donations, which make life simpler for the Treasurer, continue to increase. We use PayPal for credit card processing which is a secure transaction and does not require a PayPal account.

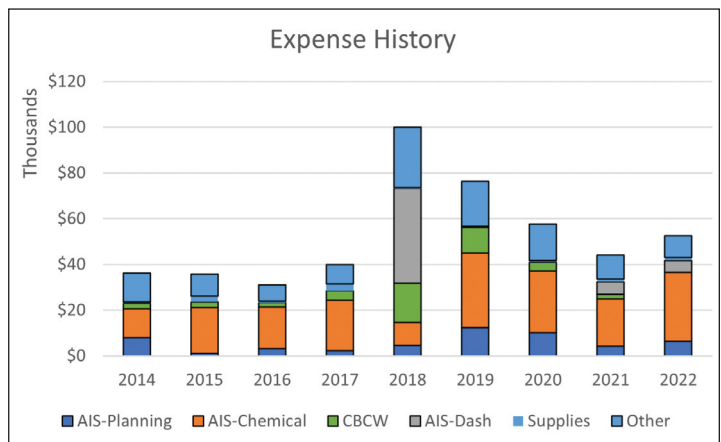
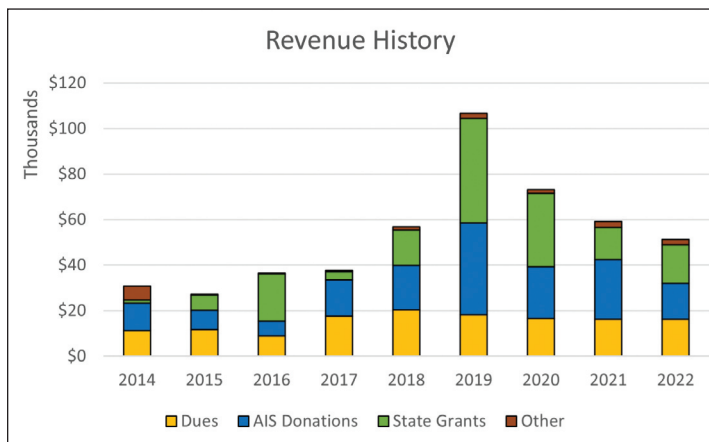
We did not apply for a Clean Boats Clean Water grant for 2022. We experienced the same problem as seen across the county, not being able to find labor to run the program. Therefore, we did not have any expenses related to boat landing inspection for 2022.

Other accounts were close to budget for the year. The Water Safety Committee did have expenses associated with buoy replacement and maintenance. Information technology costs were slightly higher as we implemented a file backup system. Newsletter production and distribution costs were like those incurred in 2021.

Administrative costs as a percentage of total expenses were 8.4% in 2022 compared to 9% in 2021. The largest increases were in the banking fee and membership management software accounts.

The charts included here show the history and breakdown of major revenue and expense accounts over the last nine years. Note the spike in AIS donations in 2019 comes from a special fund raising program in Hinton Bay.

If you have questions on the financial position of RLPOA or would like a copy of the 2022 financial statement, please contact our treasurer at Treasurer@RoundLakes.org.



Hinton Bay on a stormy evening

Social Committee Update by Joan Buehrle

Greetings from your social committee members. Dine Around events were canceled after 2019 due to the pandemic. This year we plan to hold these fun events once again. Dine Arounds provide an opportunity to visit with your Round Lakes neighbors and friends.

The first Dine Around of the season was held at Powell's Restaurant on Round Lake, Thursday April 27, 2023 and was a great success. Carol Kollodge (membership chair) and Ruth Pauly (webmaster) co-hosted the event. We need your participation as a host for future events. Being an event host is simple. The host takes the initiative to find a local restaurant that would like to host a dinner/lunch for 20 to 60 people. Once they agree, work with them to determine a date and menu, and then contact me to get the ball rolling.

We are improving the Dine Around registration process by further leveraging our membership system, which makes hosting and registering for events a snap. Our members can register their party online by clicking on the link in the Email invitation or going to the Round Lakes website. On our website, click the 'Social' button or look for the event under Upcoming Events on the home page.

If you have questions or need to cancel a reservation, please contact the host or me at joan.buehrle@gmail.com.

If you are not getting Emails from RLPOA, your Email on file is incorrect or has not been provided. To get future Emails, login to the system to update your record or simply send your Email to membership@RoundLakes.org.



We ask all attendees of Dine Arounds to be a member or a guest of a member when attending an event. Now is a great time for nonmembers to support our Association by becoming a member. Membership dues are \$35 for 2023.

We look forward to seeing you at these fantastic events.



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Hi! this is from the Dave Anderson Family—first let me say that as I am writing this, it is Friday, March 10th and I am looking out my cabin window over Round Lake and what I see first is what looks like almost 3 feet of snow on my deck!!! — making me look forward to another great summer on our beautiful Round Lake!

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If you have a high school or college student that will be staying on the lake this summer—we would love to have them help us out—and they usually make great tips!

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Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)

Control Plan by Jim Nancekivell & Dave Rutt

This past March the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) committee held its yearly planning meeting with representatives from the Wisconsin DNR, the LCO Nation, Sawyer County, and consultant Sara Hatleli from Aquatic Plant & Management Services. Board members Dave Rutt, Jim Nancekivell, and Joan Buehrle attended the meeting. Tom Connell, who is the Association's contracted herbicide applicator, treatment consultant, and Round Lake resident also attended.

The 2022 lake survey identified 23 milfoil locations in Round and Little Round Lakes. The locations of milfoil found in Little Round totaled 6.14 acres; the Round Lake locations totaled 10.88 acres. The treatment plan presented at the meeting specified herbicide treatment of 4.55 acres in Little Round Lake and herbicide treatment of 3.4 acres in Round Lake, comprising 10 treatment locations. The proposed 2023 treatment plan was approved by the regulating authorities.

Chemical treatment in 2023 will use ProcettaCOR, which is DNR approved. A second DNR approved herbicide may also be used to treat a few locations that have been resistant to chemical control in past years. The owners of property adjacent to treatment areas will be notified when treatment takes place near their shoreline. Due to the significant cost and documented poor treatment results, Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) will not be used in either lake this year.



The plan includes a new treatment component that will be used for the first time. Past post treatment surveys have identified that herbicide treatment is not always 100% effective and can leave residual milfoil plants. These plants could become the nucleus for a future infestation at the same location. The plan proposed that underwater divers are contracted to hand pull these plants at locations that were treated the previous year. This technique will be tested in Richardson's Bay and other locations as time and budget allows. The sites will be monitored over future years to determine if this treatment method is effective.

Funding the Plan to Protect Round Lakes

We're pleased to announce, due to the grant writing skills of Joan Buehrle, the Association was awarded a WDNR grant to treat AIS in 2023 for the requested amount of \$40,553. This amount is 75% of the anticipated cost of AIS treatment. DNR regulations limit the grant amount to a maximum of 75% of project costs. The other 25% (\$10,134) of project costs will be paid with Association funds.

The Association relies on state grants as the primary source of revenue for the AIS control project. Over the past five years grant awards from the state for invasive species control have ranged from \$6,597 to \$38,364. Grants are awarded on a year by year basis, and there is no guarantee the Association will be awarded a grant the next year. Because of the variability of state funding, the financial support of members remains paramount in protecting the quality of Round Lakes in future years.

AIS donations for 2022 were \$15,748, which was down significantly from the three year average of \$24,040. Your continued support is needed to preserve quality of the lakes and protect property values. We encourage every property owner to contribute. Also, encourage your neighbors who are not members (40% of property owners) to join the RLPOA and give generously to the Association. Thank you RLPOA members for your continued support.



Eurasian Water Milfoil





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Water Safety by Don Westereng

As we prepare for summer on the lakes, I would like to share an update on new navigational markers placed in Round Lake; and provide a brief list of Wisconsin operating requirements for motorized boats and personal watercraft. The Wisconsin boating regulations handbook can be found at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Boat>. Please share this information with friends and family who use the lakes.

Navigational Markers in Musky Bay

Three new navigational markers will be placed at the south end of Musky Bay, near Timber Trail Resort. The buoys will mark Slow-No Wake and Hazard areas. RLPOA membership dues support the financial cost for installation, removal, maintenance, and replacement, for all buoys on Round Lake. Your money in action!

Maintaining Speed and Distance

"Slow-no-wake" means "that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control." WI Statute 30.50 (12).

Improper speed and distance is not maintaining a proper speed and/or distance while operating a vessel. Failure to maintain proper speed and distance is the most ticketed boating infraction by law enforcement.

Specifically, it is illegal to:

- Operate a vessel at a distance from other vessels or at a speed that exceeds safe and reasonable limits given the waterway traffic, marked speed limits, weather, and other boating conditions.
- Operate a vessel repeatedly in a circuitous manner within 200 feet of another vessel or person in the water.
- Operate a vessel within 100 feet of the shoreline, any dock, raft, pier, or restricted area on any lake at greater than "slow, no wake speed."
- Operate a vessel at greater than "slow, no wake speed" within 100 feet of a swimmer, unless the vessel is assisting the swimmer.
- Operate a motorboat, other than a PWC, at a speed in excess of "slow, no wake speed" within 100 feet of the shoreline of any lake.
- Operate a vessel faster than "slow, no wake speed" within 100 feet of a patrol boat displaying emergency lights.

A Personal Water Craft (PWC) may not be operated at faster than "slow, no wake speed" within:

- 100 feet of any other vessel on any waterbody.
- 100 feet of a dock, pier, raft, or restricted area on any lake.
- 200 feet of shore on any lake.

IT'S THE LAW!

In Wisconsin, it is illegal for a parent or guardian to allow a child to operate a vessel in violation of the requirements for operating a motorboat or PWC.

Operator Age and Education Requirements for Motorboats

The following are age requirements for operating a motorboat, other than personal watercraft (PWC), on Wisconsin waters. A person born before January 1, 1989, is exempt from the safety course requirement.

- **A person younger than 10 years** may not operate a motorboat.
- **A person 10 or 11 years old** may operate a motorboat only if accompanied by a parent, a guardian, or a person at least 18 years old who is designated by the parent or guardian and the parent, guardian, or designated adult holds a valid boating safety certificate or was born before January 1, 1989.
- **A person 12-15 years old** may operate a motorboat only if he or she:
 - Is accompanied by a parent, a guardian, or a designated adult and the parent, guardian, or designated adult holds a valid boating safety certificate or was born before January 1, 1989, or...
 - Has completed a boating safety course that is accepted by the Wisconsin DNR.
- **A person who was born on or after January 1, 1989, and who is 16 years of age or older** may operate a motorboat only if he or she:
 - Has completed a boating safety course that is accepted by the Wisc. DNR or...
 - Is accompanied by another person in the motorboat who is at least 18 years of age, and that person holds a valid boating safety certificate or was born before January 1, 1989.

Personal Water Craft (PWC)

The following are the age requirements for operating a PWC on Wisconsin waters.

- **A person under the age of 12** may not operate a PWC.
- **A person 12-15 years old** may operate a PWC only if he or she has completed a boating safety course that is accepted by the Wisconsin DNR. (Parental supervision is not a substitute for a boating safety course certificate as with other motorboats.)
- **A person at least 16 years old** may operate a PWC only if he or she has completed a boating safety course that is accepted by the Wisconsin DNR. A person born before January 1, 1989, is exempt from the safety course requirement.

Grim Facts: There were 20 boating related deaths in Wisconsin as of October 25, 2022. Only two victims were wearing life jackets. Boating is a serious business, respect it. One accident is one too many.

Stay safe and boat responsibly. Please have a fun and enjoyable boating experience this summer on the water!

Amazon Smile Program Ending

Amazon has announced they are discontinuing The Amazon "Smile" program. It enabled Amazon users to designate a charitable organization. When they purchased an item through Amazon, the company would donate a small portion of the sale to the organization. With this program members donated \$304 to the RLPOA. Thanks to everyone who participated for your support.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

There are about 700 people who own property on Round and Little Round Lake. As of this spring, about one-half the owners are members, which leaves about 350 property owners who have not yet joined RLPOA. Our membership dues are \$35 for 2023 and increasing to \$45 in 2024. Dues are used to maintain and protect the lakes. The mailing address label attached to this newsletter includes your expiration date. If the expiration date is 12/31/2022 or earlier, you have not paid your dues for this calendar year. Please do so either online at RoundLakes.org or complete/return the form below. Thank you!

- ☐ Enclosed are my dues for calendar 2023 (\$35)
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- ☐ Enclosed is an additional contribution of \$_____ for the Aquatic Invasive Species fund (AIS / Milfoil)

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Are you interested in volunteering? We're always looking for help! Please let us know what interests you:

☐ Future Board Member ☐ Membership ☐ Clean Boats Monitor
☐ Water Safety ☐ Water Cleanup ☐ Milfoil Monitor
☐ Dine Around Host ☐ Other; Please specify: _____

Swimmer's Itch Reminder by Jon Kranov

Swimmer's itch (cercarial dermatitis) is caused by a parasite that lives in waterfowl and snails. People can get symptoms when the parasite penetrates the skin. Swimmer's itch symptoms include an itchy rash, raised red bumps and tenderness of the skin. Symptoms can appear minutes to days after exposure and can last for several days. Most cases do not require medical treatment.

Don't swim, wade or recreate in water with waterfowl, snails or weeds. Avoid areas with cloudy water, blooms and scum. Towel dry thoroughly after contact with water. Rinse off and towel dry at the end of the day. Help spread the word in your community by reporting symptoms of swimmer's itch to your local health department. Do not feed the waterfowl as they will come back to your area more often.

Most cases of swimmer's itch get better on their own. Over-the-counter and home remedies such as anti-itch and corticosteroid creams, cool compresses, Epsom salts, baking soda and colloidal oatmeal baths can help to soothe symptoms. Try not to scratch. Scratching affected areas can cause a bacterial infection. If itching is severe, contact a health care provider, who might suggest prescription strength lotions or creams.



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