



Lobster Lake Newsletter



SPRING 2020

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PREZ Says:

WOW!, what a ride this virus has been! I had my first experience with video conferencing by holding our Directors Meeting via ZOOM. It worked beautifully. Thank you to my Secretary Linda Dolan for being the host for the meeting. The ice is off the lake and I have heard that the ice fishing this season was spotty, so maybe that means a good summer crop waiting to be caught one can hope. Just, for your information, there is a bill in the Minnesota Senate regarding wake boat restrictions. Basically, it calls for a 200 ft. distance from shore, other boats, swimmers, and docks. If it passes, it will be enacted in 2021. It is really common sense. Our lake cannot handle more wave action, as it is destroying our shoreline and adding nutrients to the water. Just what we do not want for our lake!!

Lobster Lake Association WILL have an Annual Meeting at some point this summer. You will receive an e-mail and postcard when the time and place have been decided. Ideas are welcome for time and place! Give any ideas to your Area Director or officer of the Lobster Lake Association. Have a GREAT summer on the lake and stay safe!!!

Bonnie Huettl, President

STOP THE TRANSPORT OF INVASIVE SPECIES

BEFORE LAUNCHING & LEAVING - INSPECT EVERYTHING!



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!
Be A Good Steward.
Clean. Drain. Dry.
StopAquaticHitchhikers.org

IT'S THE LAW! You can not:

- Arrive at a water access with drain plugs in
- Launch a watercraft with prohibited species attached
- Transport water without removing drain plugs
- Transport aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or other prohibited species
- Transport water from one body of water into another
- Release live bait into the water

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- SPRAY with high pressure water
- RINSE equipment with very hot water
- DRY equipment for 5 days
- RUN MOTOR on personal watercraft for a few seconds to remove all trapped plants and water

Readings for Chlorophyll and Phosphorus

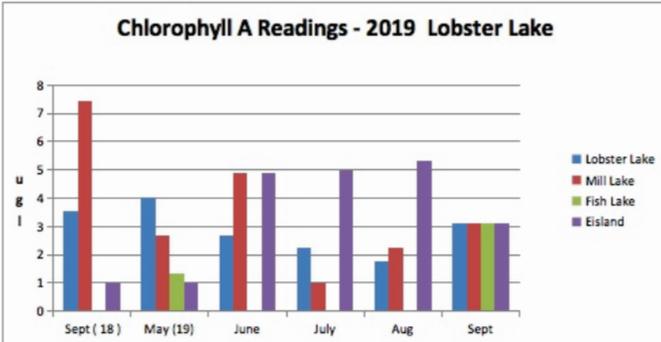
Chlorophyll A (ug/l) 2019 Lobster Lake

Chlorophyll A (ug/l)	Sept (18)	May (19)	June	July	Aug	Sept
Lobster Lake	3.56	4	2.67	2.22	1.78	3.12
Mill Lake	7.45	2.67	4.9	1	2.22	3.12
Fish Lake	0	1.34	0	0	0	3.12
Eisland	1	1	4.9	5	5.34	3.12

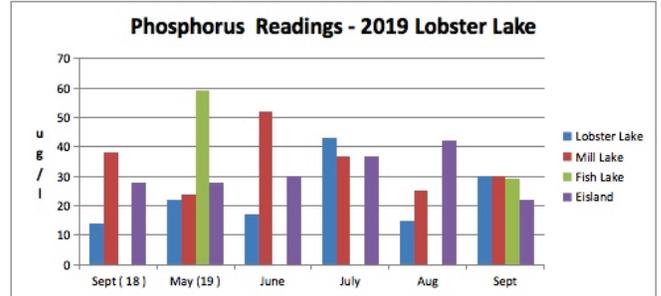
Phosphorus (ug/l) 2019 Lobster Lake

	Sept (18)	May (19)	June	July	Aug	Sept
Lobster Lake	14	22	17	43	15	30
Mill Lake	38	24	52	37	25	30
Fish Lake	0	59	0	0	0	29
Eisland	28	28	30	37	42	22

Chlorophyll A Readings - 2019 Lobster Lake



Phosphorus Readings - 2019 Lobster Lake



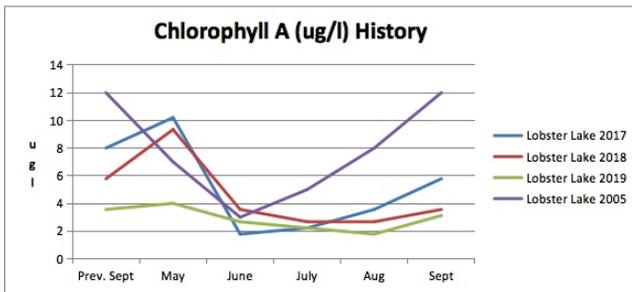
Chlorophyll A (ug/l) History

Chlorophyll A (ug/l)	Prev. Sept	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
Lobster Lake 2017	8	10.2	1.78	2.22	3.56	5.78
Lobster Lake 2018	5.78	9.34	3.56	2.67	2.67	3.56
Lobster Lake 2019	3.56	4	2.67	2.22	1.78	3.12
Lobster Lake 2005	12	7	3	5	8	12

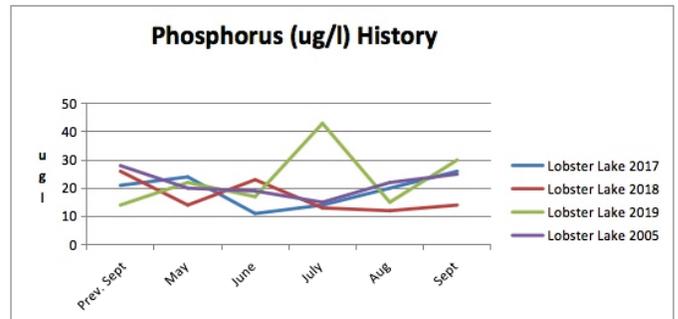
Phosphorus (ug/l) History

Phosphorus (ug/l)	Prev. Sept	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
Lobster Lake 2017	21	24	11	14	20	26
Lobster Lake 2018	26	14	23	13	12	14
Lobster Lake 2019	14	22	17	43	15	30
Lobster Lake 2005	28	20	19	15	22	25

Chlorophyll A (ug/l) History



Phosphorus (ug/l) History



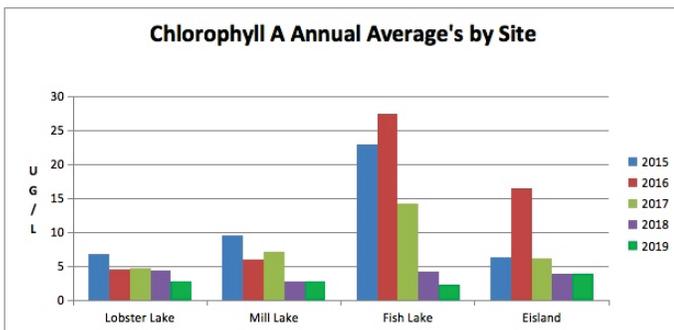
Chlorophyll A (ug/l) Annual Average's by Site

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Lobster Lake	6.8	4.6	4.7	4.36	2.76
Mill Lake	9.6	6	7.2	2.8	2.78
Fish Lake	23	27.5	14.3	4.2	2.23
Eisland	6.4	16.5	6.2	3.9	3.87

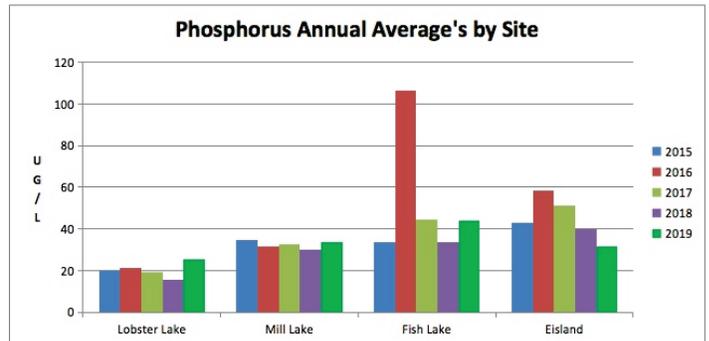
Phosphorus (ug/l) Annual Average's by Site

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Lobster Lake	20.4	21.4	19	15.8	25.4
Mill Lake	34.6	31.4	32.8	30	33.6
Fish Lake	33.5	106.3	44.7	33.5	44
Eisland	42.8	58.4	51.4	39.8	31.8

Chlorophyll A Annual Average's by Site



Phosphorus Annual Average's by Site



Thank you - Rod Johnson for this information!

Wanted

Our Association is in need of volunteer vegetation inspectors for the AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) Committee. Due to the retirement last fall of inspectors that covered several of the twelve (12) inspection areas we now find ourselves seeking some replacements. Dan Welch has come forward and volunteered to cover one of the inspection areas, so just a few more new inspectors are still needed. The retiring committee members began with the group back in 2007 at its inception. After giving the Association and the Committee 13 seasons of volunteering they asked to step down at the end of last season which is certainly understandable. They graciously did their part.

The commitment when becoming a volunteer inspector is quite minimal. Only two (2) inspections are made during the open water season. The first is completed in early summer (May-June time period) and the second is completed in late summer (August-Sept. period). Each inspection involves inspecting out from and along approximately one & one-half miles of shoreline in four to six (4 to 6) feet of water. Each inspection takes about one to one & one-half hours depending on vegetation density. Thus both inspections typically take a total of two to three hours combined during the summer. Inspectors are assigned a specific area to check and they always inspect that same area each time they go out, be it early or late summer inspections or even year after year should they remain with the committee, which hopefully they will. As the annual time commitment is small both seasonal and year-round residents should consider helping and devoting the time required. Training is short and free and will be done prior to this year's early summer inspection.

Remember, our entire Association is made up of volunteers from the President on down. All of LLA's Officers, Area Directors, Committee Chairs plus all of the boots-on-the-ground committee members generously donate their time to help assure we continue to enjoy our lake and protect our investment.

Please do consider becoming a part of the AIS Committee. Contact me ASAP using the info. below if you are willing to volunteer. Help keep Lobster Lake the valuable resource that it is.

HARDY HUETTL, Chairman
AIS Committee, Lobster Lake Assn.
E-mail: hhbyalex@gctel.net
Phone: (320) 834-3287

Ice Out 2020

Ice out this year was on April 11th. I would say that this is average for our lake. The earliest was March 22nd 2012, and the latest was May 11, 2013. To see Ice out dates from 1987, please see Lobster Lake web site. Thank you Jon Stone for this information.

Activities on the Lake

July 4th, 2020

On Saturday July 4th, 2020 starting at NOON, there will be a boat parade. Please join us with your decorated boat, pontoon, wave runner or what have you, to have a parade that starts in the West Bay and ends by Cherry Point as in the proposed route below. All you have to do is follow the lead boat and have some fun. No water balloons or candy that is packaged can be thrown during the parade, but you may have water guns and noise makers during the parade. If the parade has enough decorated watercraft, we are considering giving prizes away next year for the best decorated watercraft.

After the busy day you are welcome to come to the bay by Wildridge Camp Grounds with others to take advantage of staying in your boat on the lake to watch the fire works as it gets dark to end the day. **Usually**, John & Karen Rau provide fireworks to light up the sky for the people of Lobster Lake. We appreciate the fireworks that they provide and hope they do it again this year.



Deer feeding bans in effect

To help prevent the spread of chronic wasting disease, the DNR is adjusting bans on the feeding of deer in certain parts of the state.

In central Minnesota, deer feeding bans expanded February 24th, due to additional discoveries of chronic wasting disease in captive deer in late 2019. New counties included in the deer feeding ban are: Carlton, Chisago, Douglas, Isanti, Kanabec, Pine, and Pope. Find out about what bans are in place where, and details about the bans, at the DNR's "Deer feeding and attractant ban page"

Confiscated hunting and fishing equipment auction

The DNR periodically holds auctions for confiscated fishing, hunting, and trapping equipment. The auctions are open to the public.

Text MNDNR CONSALE to 468311 to subscribe to text updates.

Loon Report



Kevin Weisel and Don Auel braved the cold on April 11th (ICE OUT DATE) to install one of many loon nests that are put around the lake. Looks like they did a GREAT job setting this one up. Please leave these nests alone and look from afar as we would like to see the loons use these nests. Loons are a great benefit for our lake.

FISH STOCKING REPORT

From Kevin Weisel, committee co-chair

Hello from the Walleye Stocking Committee,

We are happy to report that the MN DNR successfully completed their semiannual Walleye stocking of Lobster lake last fall, releasing 22,812 fingerlings weighing in at 1,386 pounds. They also released 343 Musky fingerlings weighing 71 pounds. This information was provided by Mr. Dean Beck, Area Fisheries Supervisor from the DNR in Glenwood, MN.

Dean has recently given our association (LLA) approval to go ahead with our customary semi-annual Walleye stocking next fall. (Traditionally, DNR stocks Walleye on odd numbered years and LLA stocks on even years). The amount that we will release next fall is yet to be determined and is based on funding and the amount that our members and others generously donate to the Walleye stocking fund.

Generally speaking, along with Zebra Muscles comes increased water clarity. As water clarity increases, Walleye tend to be less active during daylight hours and more active during low light and no light hours. We might want to give night fishing try!

As always, please stay safe on and off the water and Happy fishing!

Problem?

It has come to the attention of the Lake Association, that there happens to be the need for cleaning of the ditches along our roads going to our properties. Please help us and everyone concerned for the lake, that if everyone does just a little bit to help clean up the ditches that it will have a feeling of purpose to help the lake we all know and love. A few minutes of your time will make a big difference.



AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES IDENTIFICATION



ZEBRA MUSSELS



EURASIAN WATER-MILFOIL



CURLY-LEAF PONDWEED



STARRY STONEWORT



PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE

If you suspect a new infestation of an aquatic invasive species note the exact location, take a photo or keep the sample, and call a DNR AIS Specialist at 651-259-5100.

Photo Credit - Megan Weber & Riversedge

Membership Campaign 2020

All lobster lake residents received an invitation to join the lake association in March 2020. Membership in the lake association provides financial support for our two newsletters, the lake directory, water quality monitoring, loons nests, and the Lake Management Plan. Dues for membership are \$30.00 per year. A small price to pay to help support Lobster Lake initiatives.

We have approximately 226 members in the lake association out of 387 residents. Help improve our membership numbers by encouraging neighbors and frequent visitors to join the Lake association. If you have not paid your 2020 dues, complete the form in the newsletter and mail it to Lobster Lake Association, PO Box 32, Alexandria, MN 56308.

A New lake directory was distributed in 2019. If you are a paid member and did not get your directory last year, please contact your lake area director or Nancy Wavrin (320-834-3331). Additional copies of the directory can be purchased for \$5.00. We try to keep the database current. If you have moved, changed phone numbers or have additional new information, contact me at tnwav723@gmail.com.

Welcome to our new members and new residents:

New Residents and Members:

Gerald Jr and Susannah Alton	Beauty Point
Samuel and Brianna Herzog	Foslien's North Bay
Andrew and Clarissa Dumdei	Krafthefer
Jennifer Brehrends & Scott Decramer	Paulin's Paradise
Thomas and Ann Bell 111	Paulin's Paradise
John and Jennifer Bring	Paulin's Paradise.
Kevin Johnson	West End

The Lake Association Needs You!!

We are looking for a new membership chairperson. It is with mixed emotions that I am resigning from my position as the membership chairperson in 2021. I am hoping that someone will be interested and work with me this year to learn about the data base and requirements to support our wonderful Lake Association. Contact Nancy Wavrin 612-889-2989.

2020 LOBSTER LAKE ASSOCIATION DUES INVOICE



NAME (S) _____
LAKE ADDRESS _____
HOME ADDRESS _____
LAKE PHONE _____ HOME PHONE _____
EMAIL ADDRESS _____
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE _____ \$30.00
ADDITIONAL (OPTIONAL) CONTRIBUTION TO THE WALLEYE FUND _____
TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED _____
MAIL TO: LOBSTER LAKE ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 32
ALEXANDRIA, MN 56308



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Alexandria, MN 56308



LOBSTER WEAR PRICE LIST

Adult/Youth Sizing (S-5XL)

****Add \$3 for full front logo****

****Add additional \$2 for all sizes 2XL and above****

Full Zip Sweatshirts - \$32

Crewneck Sweatshirts - \$24

Hooded Sweatshirts - \$28

Polo Shirts - \$17

T-Shirts - \$18

Long Sleeved Tees - \$20

3/4 Baseball Tees - \$19

Ball Caps - \$16

Beach Bags - \$25

Lobster Flags 3x5 - \$10

Contact Amanda Topel

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