

Lobster Lake

Newsletter



SPRING 2022

Thoughts from the President

FINALLY...spring seems to have made its appearance. I will admit there were times that many of us probably wondered if the ice was EVER going to go off Lobster this year. But it did as it always does and now the grass is greening up, the trees have burst open and we are firing up our mowers and weed wackers.

Unfortunately, nature can be fickle as many of us know after the terrible storms we had on Thursday, May 12th. and again on Sunday the 30th of May. But if there is a silver lining to such events, I saw it right here on Cherry Point as my neighbors and I worked together to clear trees off the roads and to check on our other neighbors to make sure they were all right and to see if they needed anything when the power went out. Such events always remind me how fortunate I feel to live in our little community called Lobster Lake.

Another big event this spring was the Lobster Lake Association Annual Meeting. We had an absolutely tremendous turnout and all those who attended were able to get caught up on Lobster Lake activities such as our aquatic invasive species efforts, water quality testing, our fish stocking and so much more. We also handed out the brand-new Lobster Lake Directories. If you haven't gotten yours yet, please see your area director for your copy. Lastly, we had a very informative question and answer session with our local DNR Conservation Officer, Mitch Lawler, who answered many of our members' questions about lake and shoreland activities. One thing Mr. Lawler did emphasize is the necessity of our boaters, jet skiers and wakeboard boaters to know and follow the rules laid out by the DNR for the safety of everyone.

A huge thank you to everyone who made this meeting such a success.

As we discussed at our annual meeting, we could really use a few additional volunteers to ensure the continued success of our efforts on behalf of Lobster Lake and all of you. Currently we are still looking for the following:

1 director for Foslein Bay North, Norlana Lane & Eternity Point, 2 AIS inspectors, 1 member-at-large and a Lake Captain. If anyone would be willing to help out please do contact me at brianvannevel@outlook.com. Thank you.

Finally, as I mentioned in my letter to you last fall, nature often has a cyclical way of doing things as we can all see with the much higher water levels this spring. Hopefully, we will continue to get timely rains (and not too many storms) to keep the lake level up and our docks and lifts functioning as they should.

Until next time, enjoy YOUR LAKE this summer!

Brian J. Van Nevel
President, LLA



Don't forget safety – and your life jacket – when fishing.

A lot of fishing is done from boats, canoes and kayaks here in Minnesota, which has more than 800,000 craft registered to ride its waters. How important is a life jacket? The two largest contributing factors to boating fatalities are not wearing a life jacket and operator inattention. And the most common causes of boating accidents are falling overboard and capsizing.

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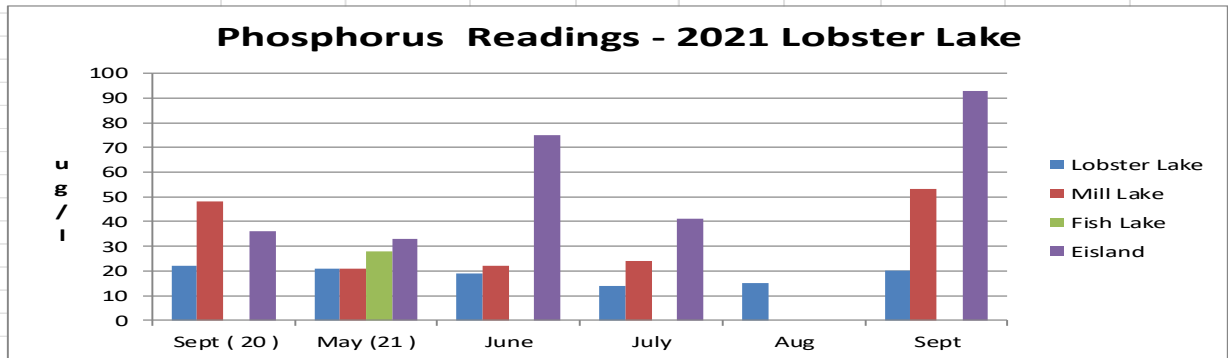
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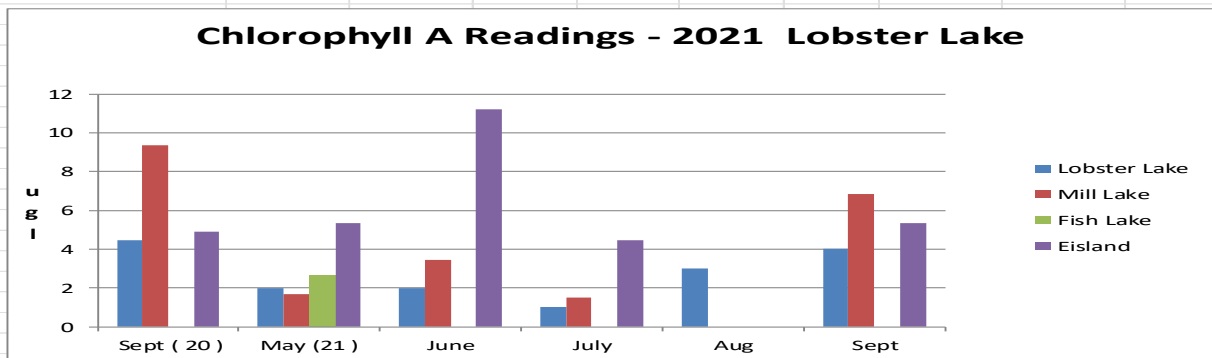
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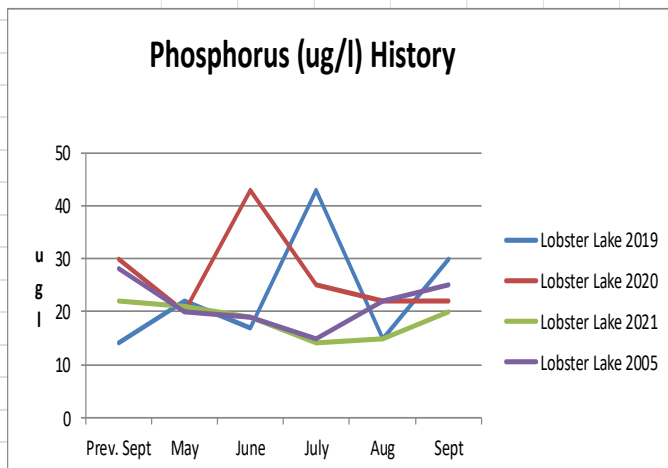
	Phosphorus (ug/l) 2021 Lobster Lake								
	Sept (20)	May (21)	June	July	Aug	Sept			
Lobster Lake	22	21	19	14	15	20			
Mill Lake	48	21	22	24	0	53			
Fish Lake	0	28	0	0	0	0			
Eisland	36	33	75	41	0	93			



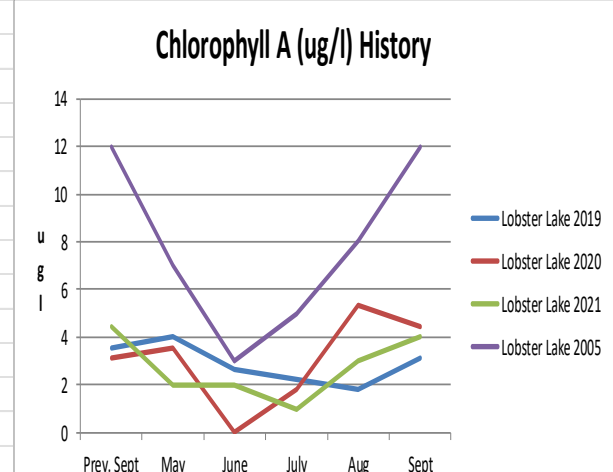
	Chlorophyll A (ug/l) 2021 Lobster Lake								
	Sept (20)	May (21)	June	July	Aug	Sept			
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Lobster Lake	4.45	2	2	1	3	4			
Mill Lake	9.34	1.67	3.43	1.48	0	6.82			
Fish Lake	0	2.67	0	0	0	0			
Eisland	4.9	5.34	11.2	4.45	0	5.34			



Phosphorus (ug/l) History						
Phosphorus (ug/l)	Prev. Sept	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
Lobster Lake 2019	14	22	17	43	15	30
Lobster Lake 2020	30	20	43	25	22	22
Lobster Lake 2021	22	21	19	14	15	20
Lobster Lake 2005	28	20	19	15	22	25

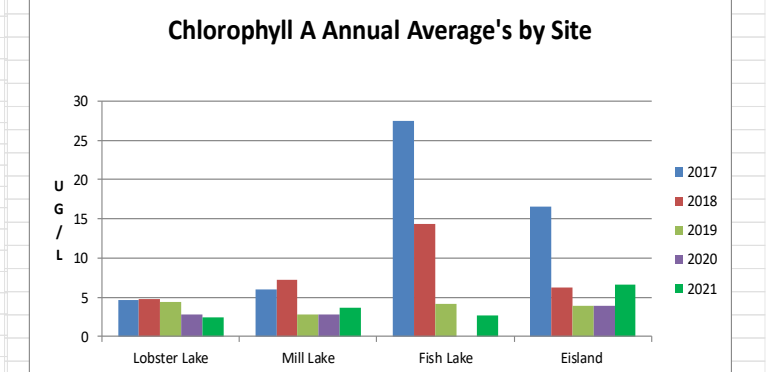
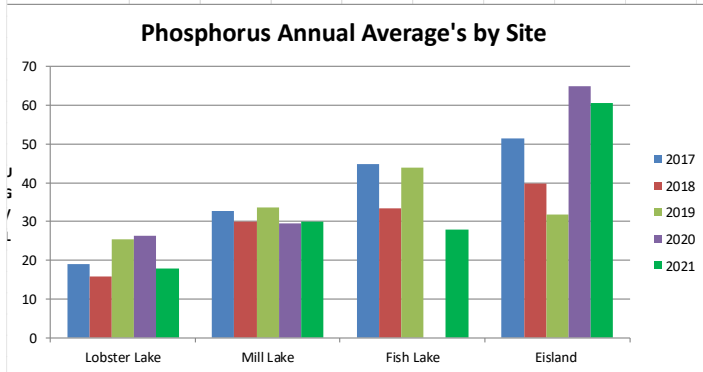


Chlorophyll A (ug/l) History						
Chlorophyll A (ug/l)	Prev. Sept	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
Lobster Lake 2019	3.56	4	2.67	2.22	1.78	3.12
Lobster Lake 2020	3.12	3.56	0	1.78	5.34	4.45
Lobster Lake 2021	4.45	2	2	1	3	4
Lobster Lake 2005	12	7	3	5	8	12

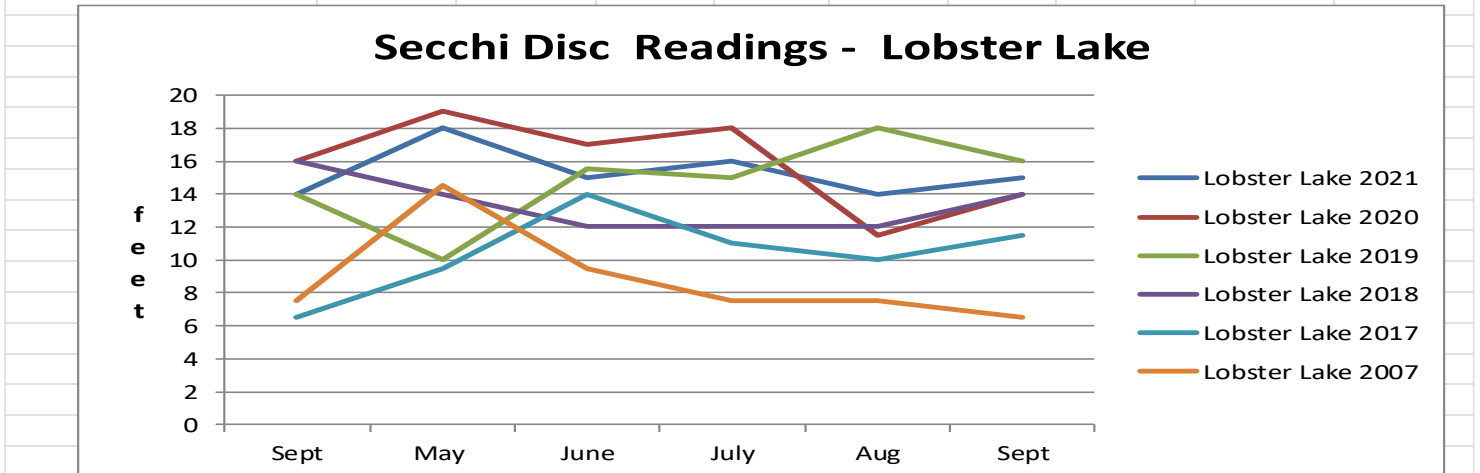


Phosphorus (ug/l) Annual Average's by Site					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Lobster Lake	19	15.8	25.4	26.4	17.8
Mill Lake	32.8	30	33.6	29.6	30
Fish Lake	44.7	33.5	44	0	28
Eisland	51.4	39.8	31.8	64.8	60.5

Chlorophyl A (ug/l) Annual Average's by Site					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Lobster Lake	4.6	4.7	4.36	2.76	2.4
Mill Lake	6	7.2	2.8	2.78	3.6
Fish Lake	27.5	14.3	4.2	0	2.67
Eisland	16.5	6.2	3.9	3.87	6.58



Secchi Disc Readings						
	Sept	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
Lobster Lake 2021	14	18	15	16	14	15
Lobster Lake 2020	16	19	17	18	11.5	14
Lobster Lake 2019	14	10	15.5	15	18	16
Lobster Lake 2018	16	14	12	12	12	14
Lobster Lake 2017	6.5	9.5	14	11	10	11.5
Lobster Lake 2007	7.5	14.5	9.5	7.5	7.5	6.5



Submitted by: Rod Johnson

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Moe Township <https://www.moetownship.org> **LaGrande Township** <https://lagrandtownship.com>
Facebook "Lobster Lake Association" **Lobster Lake Association Website** <http://www.lobsterlake.org>

LOBSTER LAKE'S A.I.S. SITUATION

In our Association's 2021 Fall Newsletter the status of the four (4) AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) that are inspected for here was covered. Again, basically the findings were: EWM (Eurasian Watermilfoil) – None found. SSW (Starry Stonewort) – None found. Zebra Mussels – They are all over our lake because there still is no economical method available to treat large areas, such as an entire lake. Unfortunately, Zebes will remain with us. CLP (Curly-leaf Pondweed) – Found in 24 sites involving a total of approximately 16.51 acres. A larger story regarding CLP follows.

The tale of our dealing with CLP goes like this . . . Back in February of 2021 knowing that CLP has been in our lake for some time, it was thought the Association should determine where and how much CLP is in our lake. Once knowing this it could be decided if something should be done in an effort to control it. The Minnesota DNR was contacted where it was learned that the first step is to have a DNR approved aquatic vegetation survey firm survey the lake specifically for CLP. DC Environmental Consulting of St. Cloud was hired to conduct the survey. They found concentrations at twenty-four (24) sites. A report was written where it listed each site by GPS coordinates, listed the approximate acreage involved at each site, and showed the approximate water depth at each site. This report was delivered to us and in turn a copy was forwarded to the AIS Specialist at the DNR's Office in Fergus Falls.

After reviewing the report, it was decided by the LLA's Board of Directors that a control measure involving a chemical herbicide should be employed to the five (5) largest sites having a size of 1-2 acres each. An application for an IAPMP (Invasive Aquatic Plant Management Permit) to treat the five (5) sites involving approximately 6.37 acres was submitted to the DNR. Many conversations between our Association, the survey firm and the DNR took place in the months to follow so as to get all on the same page so to speak. A request for bids went out to three (3) DNR approved herbicide applicators. One was finally chosen, that being the one from Limnopro Aquatic Science of St. Cloud who quoted their services at \$4,542.

While all of this was going on we applied to the MN-DNR and the Douglas County Land & Resource Dept. for some grant monies available for 2022. The grants would help cover the treatment costs. The MN-DNR authorized a grant of \$1,500. Douglas County authorized one for \$2,702. This leaves LLA to fund only \$340 of the total treatment cost. GOOD DEAL!!

Finally on May 11th, the IAPMP was formerly approved. Now we were set to have the herbicide applicator come to do their job. The treatment took place the last week of May on the 5 sites on Lobster. All CLP herbicide treatments statewide must be completed by May 31, 2022, per DNR regulations.

So, there in a nutshell is what has been happening with regard to Lobster Lake's CLP situation.

Submitted by; Hardy Huettl, Chairman, AIS Committee

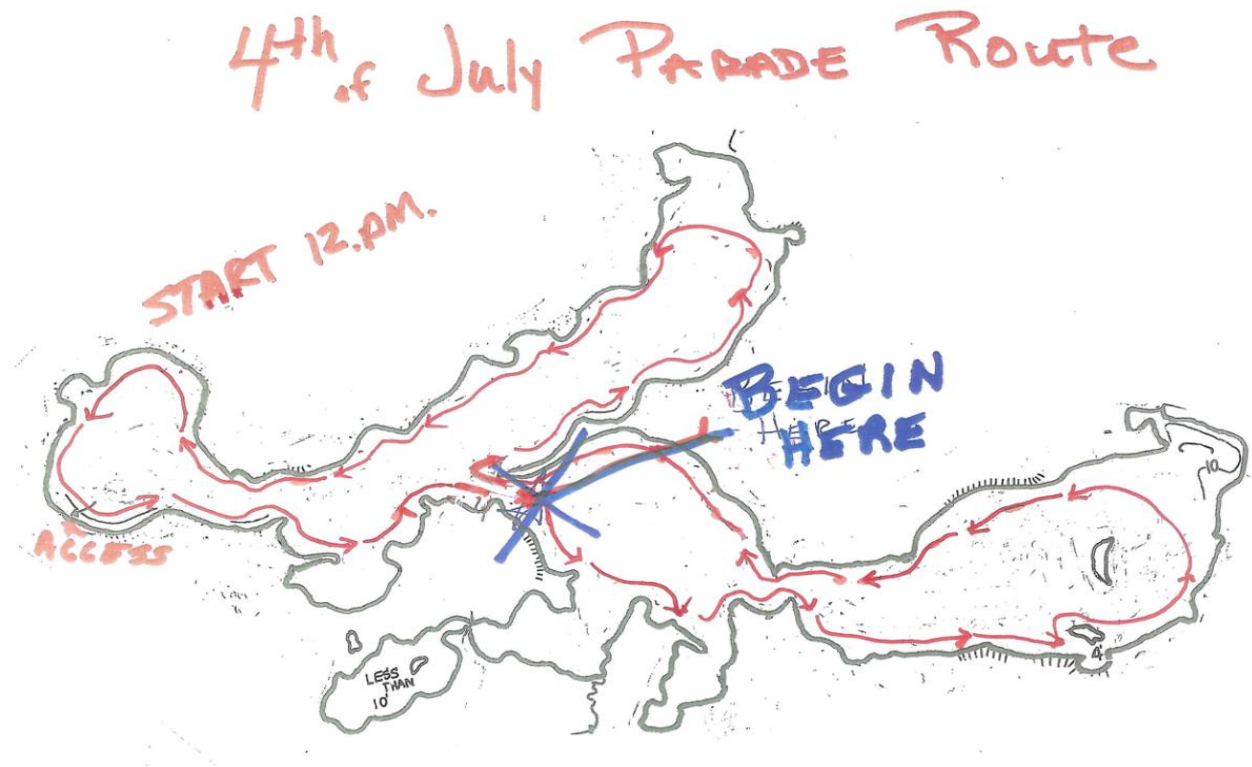


<https://mnlakesandrivers.org>

FISH STOCKING REPORT

First of all, for any newcomers to the association, the Lobster Lake Association has been stocking Walleye fingerlings, typically about 6 to 8 inches in size, into Lobster Lake (in cooperation with the MN DNR) for many years. DNR stocks Lobster on odd numbered years and our association stocks on even numbered years. Our stocking is primarily funded with private donations from our members and friends. This year we are happy to report that donations are going well and we are on track to proceed with our stocking this coming fall. Anyone wishing to donate can send a check to Lobster Lake Association, PO box 32, Alexandria, MN 56308. Please write Walleye stocking on the check. We appreciate any and all donations, as they make our stocking program possible.

Kevin Weisel, committee Chairman



2022 ANNUAL MEETING PHOTOS



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE FOR 2022

All Lobster Lake Residents are encouraged to join the Association. The \$30.00 membership dues help pay for various things, such as 2 newsletters per year, the annual meeting, loon nests, water monitoring and weed control to name just a few. Optional donations for walleye funds are for walleye restocking. If you have not paid your 2022 dues yet, please consider doing so by sending the invoice below to: Lobster Lake Association, PO Box 32, Alexandria, MN 56308

We try to keep the database up to date so if you have moved, changed email address, changed phone numbers, etc. please send me an email at monastrege1963@gmail.com.

We are standing at 204 members as of May 13th for 2022!

If you have renewed already, THANK YOU for supporting our Lake!!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Dick & Suja Roberts	Rowland's Cove
Richard & Rebecca Webber	Wildridge
Mark & Chris Palmer	Tall Timbers
Paul & Terri Swiderski	Tall Timbers
Neil & Thriesa Mahlun	Wildridge
Jered Ramin	Rockwood Shores
Ron & Diane Fritcher	Tall Timbers
Jason & Danelle Dehne	Paulin's Paradise
Cindy Carpenter/Slovek/Deko Trust	Tall Timbers
Janna & Mark Kovach	Happy's Landing
Steve & Heather Sulflow	Happy's Landing
Cathy & Brent Muth	Cherry Point

Submitted by: Mona Strege



2022 LOBSTER LAKE ASSOCIATION DUES INVOICE



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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE _____ \$30.00
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****Add additional \$2 for all sizes 2XL and above****

Full Zip Sweatshirts - \$34

Crewneck Sweatshirts - \$26

Hooded Sweatshirts - \$30

1/4 Zip Sweatshirt - \$35

Polo Shirts - \$19

T-Shirts - \$20

Long Sleeved Tees - \$22

3/4 Baseball Tees - \$21

Ball Caps - \$18

Beach Bags - \$27

Lobster Flags 3x5 - \$10

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