

Lobster Lake

Newsletter



SPRING 2023

Thoughts from the President

It is so nice to see the greening up of the trees and the grass this spring. It was most certainly a winter to remember with all the snow we had. Unfortunately, with how extremely dry our fall was last year it seems that much of the melting snow drained into our lawns and woods and not into Lobster Lake. Our water levels are just slightly higher this spring than they were last fall. We can all hope for some steady rains later this spring.

We also had another extremely successful and productive Annual Meeting for the Lobster Lake Association on May 6th. There was a great turnout for the meeting where we discussed the various Lobster Lake activities overseen by our Association such as our aquatic invasive species efforts, water quality testing, our fish stocking, our loon nests and so much more. We are also pleased to announce that our membership numbers are stronger than ever. It is wonderful to see all the renewing members and new members joining the Lobster Lake Association. The speaker at our meeting was Justin Swart from Douglas County Land & Resource Management who explained various local regulations regarding shoreline development including rip rap and answered our members' questions.

I look forward to another wonderful summer on our beautiful Lobster Lake.

Until next time, enjoy YOUR LAKE this summer!

Brian J. Van Nevel

President, LLA

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2022 LOBSTER LAKE A.I.S. RECAP

Below is a recap of last year's Lobster Lake A.I.S. status: (NOTE: This article was to have been included in the 2022 Fall Newsletter but somehow was omitted by the printing firm)

EWM (Eurasian Watermilfoil) - Last summer members of our Association's A.I.S. Committee went out between mid-August and mid-September to inspect for the possible presence of EWM on our lake. The lake is divided into twelve (12) individual, specific inspection areas, each of which parallels approximately one and one-half (1 1/2) miles of shoreline. The inspectors are to advise the committee chairman whether they locate any EWM or not. They report by e-mail or phone, and either is acceptable. Again, last year we were pleased that no inspector found any EWM.

CLP (Curley-leaf Pondweed) - Last year the A.I.S. committee members did not have to inspect for CLP. Knowing that our lake has CLP and has had it for a number of years based on past years' inspections, it was decided by the Lobster Lake Association's Board of Directors that in 2022 CLP control action should be taken. During 2021 the Association, under requirements of the DNR (Dept. of Natural Resources), contracted with a DNR approved aquatic vegetation survey firm to inspect the entire lake for the presence of this invasive plant. The firm located CLP in twenty-four (24) different locations, each having what was a fairly significant number of plants. The locations involved a total of 16.51 acres. Having a professional survey done allowed the Association to apply for a DNR permit as is necessary for herbicide applications. The DNR allowed us to work with 2021 survey results to obtain a control permit for 2022. As we were using the professionally done survey it was believed it not necessary for our inspectors to make inspections this year.

On May 26, 2022, a DNR approved herbicide application firm that was contracted with for chemical applications did apply herbicide to each of the five (5) locations having the most plants. These locations comprised a total of 6.37 acres. Subsequent to the herbicide applications, the firm returned and conducted a follow-up inspection to verify the results of their work. They reported the chemical appeared to have had the desired effect considering the minimal amount of time that had elapsed between when the chemical had been applied and when this follow-up inspection was conducted. Additional time should show even more positive results.

The Association has been advised that complete eradication of CLP is not possible. For maximum control, three (3) applications (one each year for 3 years) will be required. The Board of Directors will consider what future actions to take.

ZEBRA MUSSELS - Every lakeshore owner knows that these invasive mussels exist in Lobster Lake and have since first being discovered here in 2016. Research work continues but currently there still is no method available to effectively eradicate the mussels on a large scale (such for an entire lake) at anywhere near an economical expense. So, we are just going to have to tolerate the rascals for who knows how long.

SSW (Starry Stonewort) - None of this macro algae (looking like a plant) was reported to exist in our lake.

FINAL WORD - The A.I.S. Committee is still in need of one (1) volunteer inspector to replace a long-time inspector that has retired after donating many years of service. The task requires approximately 20-30 minutes of training, about an hour and one-half (1 1/2) of inspection time twice per summer, just three (3) hours total out of an entire open water season. With the minimal time commitment, seasonal property owners as well as year-round residents should consider helping with the project. You need not be able identify every possible vegetation pulled up, you simply need to be able to recognize the three (3) invasives of concern. The A.I.S. Committee has been in existence since 2007 and it functions entirely with volunteers. Without sufficient volunteers this and other LLA programs cannot continue. PLEASE consider volunteering to cover the open AIS inspection area. Contact Hardy Huettl via e-mail at hbbyalex@gctel.net or by phone at (320) 834-3287.

SUBMITTED BY: Hardy Huettl, Chairman
A.I.S. Committee

2023 LOBSTER LAKE A.I.S./C-LP CONTROL PLAN

During 2023 the Association will implement “Year 2” of our CLP (Curley-leaf Pondweed) control effort. This spring activities will be concentrated with work only being done on the same five (5) sites that were treated last year and which involve 6.37 acres. As can be recalled from prior newsletter articles, to get the maximum control of this vegetation, chemical treatments need to occur each year for three (3) consecutive years. Last year was “Year 1”. This information was covered at the recent (May 6th) LLA Annual Meeting.

In order to do a second chemical treatment our DNR IAPM (Invasive Aquatic Plant Management) Permit must be renewed for 2023. There are a number of steps involved in meeting the requirements to acquire the renewal. One is that we must have a new updated CLP survey completed by a DNR approved survey firm. Freshwater Scientific Services of Osseo, MN has been contracted with to survey just the five (5) sites that will again be singled out for herbicide treatment this year. As we will be treating only these same (5) sites from 2022, only those sites need be surveyed again.

Next step is to notify lakeshore owners having property within a specified distance from the proposed treatment sites re: the plans for chemical application near them. These owners have the right to decline treatment of the area adjacent to their property. Letters were sent to involved owners with a date by which they had to notify the AIS Chairman of their desire if they do not want treatment in their specific locale. No owner came forward by the allotted deadline to decline treatment.

Another step is to contract with a DNR approved herbicide applicator to perform chemical treatments. That has been done with Limnopro Aquatic Science of St. Cloud to again do the herbicide applications as they did for us in 2022.

In summary, the new updated CLP survey should be completed during mid-May with copies of the survey results going to the DNR. The required-to-be-notified-owners were notified with no declining treatment near them. Upon completion of the CLP survey the IAPM Permit should be formally approved. All that being done the chemical treatment can be completed by the end of May. So that's what will be taking place re: CLP in 2023.

SUBMITTED BY: Hardy Huettl, Chairman
AIS Committee

Treatment areas for curly leaf



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

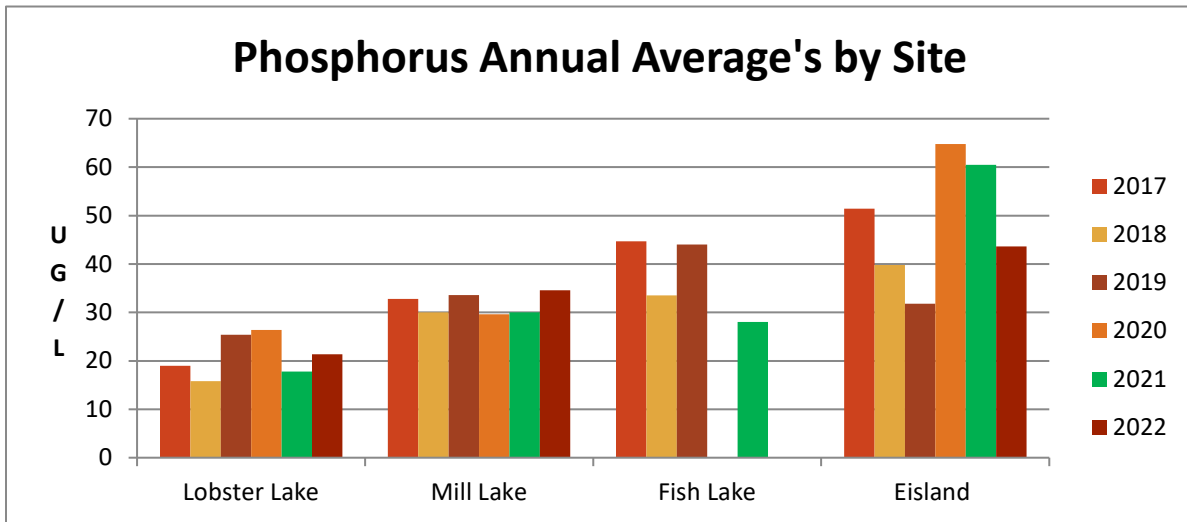
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WATER TESTING CHARTS

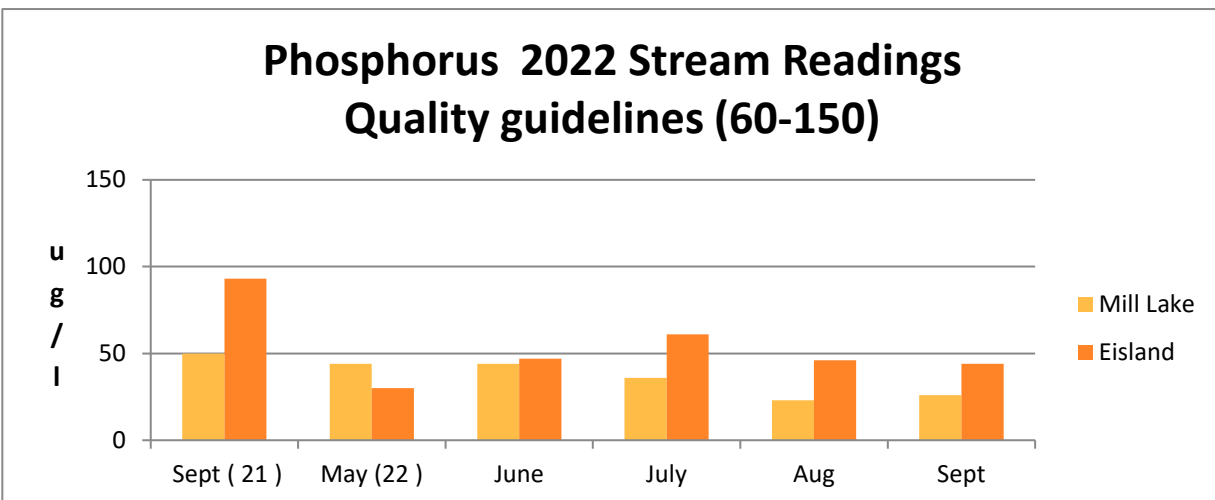
Phosphorus (ug/l) Annual Average's by Site

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Lobster Lake	19	15.8	25.4	26.4	17.8	21.38
Mill Lake	32.8	30	33.6	29.6	30	34.6
Fish Lake	44.7	33.5	44	0	28	
Eisland	51.4	39.8	31.8	64.8	60.5	43.6



Phosphorus (ug/l) 2022 Stream Readings

	Sep (21)	May (22)	June	July	Aug	Sept
Mill Lake	50	44	44	36	23	26
Eisland	93	30	47	61	46	44



SUBMITTED BY: Rod Johnson

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE FOR 2023

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 (Spring and Fall) annual meeting held the 1st Saturday of May, loon nests, water monitoring, weed control to name a few. Optional donations for walleye funds are for walleye restocking which we did this past September and again in December.

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

Thank You to all of you for joining the Association! Our membership keeps growing! Below are the last few year membership numbers:

2021	223
2022	246
2023	226

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Donald & Nancy Stauffer	Pauline's Paradis
Curtis Gabrielson	Rockwood Shores
Marjorie Holsten/Paul Pagel	Pauline's Paradis
Gary & Judy Vorachek	Wrolson Estates
Brian & Michell Peterson	Tall Timbers
Beryl Taylor-Edwards	Happy's Landing
Scott & Denise Erlanson	Rockwood Shores
Kevin & Sheila Thalhuber	Tall Timbers
Clarence & Mary Van Zee	Beauty Point
Tim & Alyson Bents	Tall Timbers
Lu Peterson/Janis Johnson	Happy's Landing
Donavan & Sue Bartz	Beauty Point
Kelly & Paula Ewald	Happy's Landing
Connie & Bob Harding	Happy's Landing
Cherri Anderson/Mike McMahon	Augdahl Subdivision

Submitted by: Mona Strege



2023 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 _____



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Photo by: Linda Dolan



Photo by: Peggy Benson



How big is Lobster Lake?

Lobster Lake is approximately 1,329 sq acres (5 sq km) in size with 17 miles (27.8 km) of shoreline.

How deep is Lobster Lake?

Lobster Lake is approximately 65 feet (19.8 m) at its deepest point with an average depth of 15 feet (4.6 m).

What kind of fish are in Lobster Lake?

Anglers can expect to find a variety of fish including Black Bullhead, Black Crappie, Bluegill, Bowfin, Brown Bullhead, Carp, Largemouth Bass, Muskie, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed, Rock Bass, Walleye, Yellow Bullhead and Yellow Perch in Lobster Lake. Other fish species in the lake include Banded Killifish, Blackchin Shiner, Bluntnose Minnow, Cisco (Tullibee), Green Sunfish, Hybrid Sunfish, Johnny Darter, Mimic Shiner, Spottail Shiner and White Sucker.

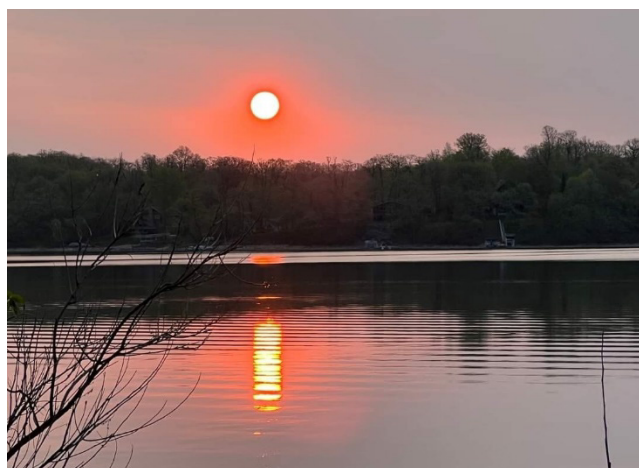


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A big THANK YOU to all who attended the ANNUAL meeting last Saturday! There were 72+ members in attendance. Welcome to all NEW Members!

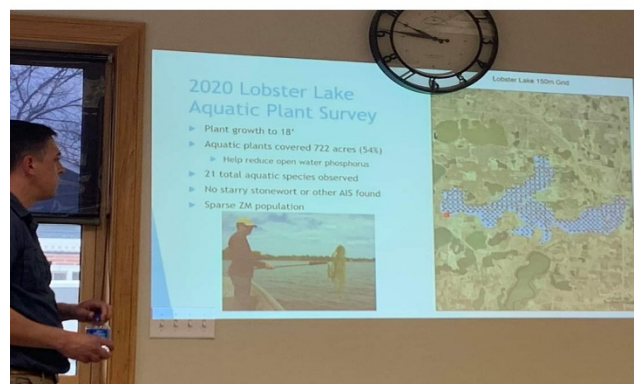
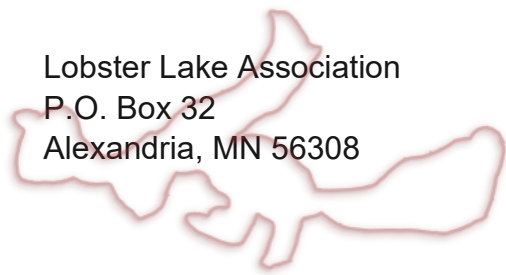


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LOBSTER WEAR PRICE LIST

Adult/Youth Sizing (S-5XL)

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

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

Full Zip Sweatshirts - \$34

Crewneck Sweatshirts - \$26

Hooded Sweatshirts - \$30

¼ Zip Sweatshirt - \$35

Polo Shirts - \$19

T-Shirts - \$20

Long Sleeved Tees - \$22

¾ Baseball Tees - \$21

Ball Caps - \$18

Beach Bags - \$27

Lobster Flags 3x5 - \$10

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