

HARRISONS BAY NEWS

Fall 2023

Photo by Steven Bernstein
Above Lake Minnetonka



WHAT'S INSIDE:

- ✓ CARP UPDATES
- ✓ UPCOMING EVENTS
- ✓ WESTONKA WALLEYE
- ✓ TWO MIKES FERTILIZER
- ✓ SEASONAL INFORMATION
- ✓ RAIN GARDENS & BARRELS
- ✓ MEMBERSHIP & FINANCIAL UPDATES

OKTOBERFEST

WHEN: Monday, October 2nd 5:30pm
WHERE: Back Channel Brewing Co.

- Food and Beer
- Fun games
- Silent Auction
- Community



HARRISONS BAY APPAREL



Open for orders
through October 16

<https://harrisonsbay.itemorder.com>



WHAT A FUN SUMMER WE HAD!



HARRISONSBAY.ORG



HARRISONSBAYASSOC@GMAIL.COM



HARRISONS BAY GROUP

UPCOMING EVENTS

JOIN US FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL



CELEBRATION & FUNDRAISER

BEER - FOOD - COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 2ND, 5:30-8:30 PM
BACK CHANNEL BREWING, SPRING PARK

We hope to see you at this year's Oktoberfest! Your ticket includes a German brat meal with dessert, games, the opportunity to outbid your neighbor at our silent auction, and a great time!

Our family fun event is only \$20 per person in advance, or \$60 per family. Tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$25 per person, or \$75 per family.

Are you a Harrison Bay Association Member? If so, you should have received an email with a link to the discounted tickets. The discount is \$5 per ticket or \$15 for a family.

If you're not a member now, become a member and we'll send you the email with the link!
<https://harrisonsbay.org/membership-sign-up>

Purchase tickets and preview the Silent Auction at <https://givebutter.com/c/2023HBAFUN>

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE EVENT MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE SILENT AUCTION. THERE ARE SOME GREAT ITEMS AVAILABLE. THE AUCTION STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 28 AND CLOSSES ON OCTOBER 2 AT 8 PM.

Do you know who your neighborhood skipper is?

These fun people help us get the word out about what's happening in Harrisons Bay!

Want to join us? We can always use more helpers!
Feel free to contact the board or your skipper:
<https://harrisonsbay.org/contact-us>



MEMBERSHIP YEAR CHANGE

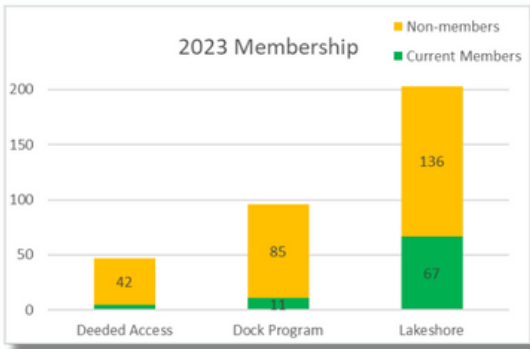
Our Financials

September 2022 - August 2023

| | |
|-------------|----------|
| Revenue | \$47,095 |
| Expenses | \$29,976 |
| Net Surplus | \$17,119 |

In August the board decided to change our financial year to the calendar year. Originally we thought September to August would provide us the opportunity to raise money ahead of the spring treatment schedule. We now know that is confusing and that your charitable giving is done on a calendar year for tax purposes.

Beginning September 1 we will measure membership based on donations in the current calendar year. If you haven't renewed your membership in 2023, please do. There is power in numbers!



| | # Households | 2022 | | 2023 | |
|---------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | # New | # Renewed | # New | Total |
| Deeded Access | 47 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Dock Program | 96 | 14 | 6 | 5 | 11 |
| Lakeshore | 203 | 64 | 38 | 29 | 67 |
| Total | 346 | 85 | 48 | 35 | 83 |

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED. BECOME A MEMBER!

All donors of \$50 or more become members of the Harrisons Bay Association.

<https://harrisonsbay.org/join-donate>

Show your support! Donors of \$275 or more get a yard sign.

2022-23 Fundraising Goal: \$40,000

Use the QR Code to make your tax-deductible donation via PayPal or mail or drop-off your donation with this form to: Harrisons Bay Association, PO Box 464, Mound MN 55364



YES, I would like to help by contributing to the Harrisons Bay Conservation Fund

- _____ \$275
- _____ \$500
- _____ \$1,000
- _____ \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **Harrisons Bay Association**

Name: _____

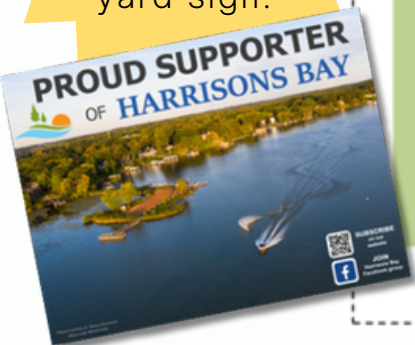
Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

HBA is a 501(c)(3) organization



CARPE CARP!

BOWFISHING TOURNAMENT

We have been busy with Westonka Carp Project this summer! In July, we helped organize the Hometown Hero's Bowfishing tournament. This is the first time in over a decade that the LMCD allowed night fishing. More than 8,000 pounds of carp were removed from Lake Minnetonka!



Sadly, none of those carp caught came from Harrisons Bay because our water was too murky to be able to clearly identify a large fish as a carp. It would be tragic to spear a Northern, thinking it was a carp. Next year we will host the event in early summer before the water gets too green.



U OF M FEEDING EXPERIMENT

The University's MAISRC (Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center) installed two carp feeding stations on opposite ends of the bay, one on the northeast shoreline, and one on the southwest shoreline. You may have seen some solar panels and green buckets suspended on a pole in 4 feet of water. The goal of the project is to see if carp can be acoustically conditioned to synchronize feeding aggregations with the goal of making harvesting efforts more efficient. One station had an underwater speaker that played a sound when the food (corn) was released from the bucket. The other had no speaker.

Fifty fish at each location had been previously tagged; when they came to the feeding stations, they could be identified. For two weeks the sound was played at one station when feeding happened, this is when the carp are conditioned to associate sound with feeding, exactly like Pavlov's Dog experiment. The next part of the experiment is when the sound randomly turned on. Activity is monitored. Can carp be conditioned to associate sound with feeding? The data is in and results are being calculated, we will let you know the conclusion. We'd like to give a shout-out to the Johnsons and the Johnstons for hosting their lakeshore to conduct this important experiment! Here! Here!

CARPFEST 2023

...was a blast! Saturday August 26th two bands, our own Abiders and Six-Foot-Apart, played from Harrisons Bay most west shoreline to more than 40 boats on the bay, and 150 folks on shore. The goal was to raise \$10,000 to net the carp that were trained to feed at the two stations mentioned above in the MAISRC experiment. Although we didn't quite reach our goal, we still have the opportunity to engage our neighbors on West Arm and Jennings Bay. We plan to have an even bigger CarpFest 2024. Shout-out to the Hallings and Leas for hosting! Cheers!



WESTONKA WALLEYE

Thanks to the generous donations from private donors, the Westonka Walleye Program has stocked over \$300,000 worth of 8-13" walleye in Lake Minnetonka over the last 10 years. 175,000 of those have been placed in the West Tonka Bays of Lake Minnetonka!

The Westonka Walleye program was graciously donated a 1995 Sea Ray 300 Sundancer this year. The sale of this boat would allow for more funds to go towards this cause! It retails for over \$30,000 elsewhere and we have it listed at Blue Lagoon Marina for \$14,999.



Learn more: <https://472fish.org>

TWO MIKES FERTILIZER

Behind the walls of an innocuous garage located in an alley of North Minneapolis, Mike Roisum and Mike Kloosterboer use the carp that they've caught bow fishing to manufacture organic liquid plant fertilizer that they sell to local small garden shops. This year they are making a custom private-label batch with the carp caught by the Hometown Heros in July from Lake Minnetonka.



Mike and Mike are regular guys with demanding day jobs. Bright individuals got their undergraduate degrees in Engineering from Notre Dame and UW-Madison. They re-connected after college and rekindled their passion for fishing. They were challenged with what to do with the carp they caught. They are also gardeners and value organics. Thus, Two Mikes Green Fin Plant Care was launched.


Surprisingly, the process of making the fertilizer does not smell! Neither does the product! HBA is selling organic fertilizer as a fundraiser through Two Mikes.

IT'S BETTER THAN MIRACLE GROW! Harrisons Bay Association receives over \$15 from each gallon sold!

Pre-Order Today! →

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdl2ZusMhBrc03TLj1RADurmcreJEPCLZ5xqJ6IH-Vwmqv7og/viewform>

WELCOMING THE FALL



Fall...sometimes it can be the hardest time of the year for all of us who enjoy Summer on the lake. We have just come off three months of hot weather adventures, splashing in 80-degree water and hosting friends and family out in the sun. Fall is one of the most important and sometimes untapped, times of the year for any lake person. It signals our time to think about preparations for the off-season, put in some elbow grease to make sure our lake gear is ready for next year and not miss the amazing experiences a changing season can provide on the bay. Here are a few things to consider as we welcome the fall on Harrisons Bay.

OFF-SEASON PREP



Every day we see more and more trailers showing up in driveway and boats starting to come off the lake. Now is the time to make sure all of your equipment is ready for the long off-season “nap” and ready to rock next Spring.

- Hull cleaning is easiest right after boats are pulled from the lake and accumulated debris are soft from being in the water all Summer. Always be conscious of any chemicals you might use to clean your hull, knowing that some of the runoff from your driveway may make it right back into the lake!
- Invasive species may spend an entire season (or just a single day) trying to find a way to use your boat as a way to get to another lake. Always check for vegetation (Eurasian Milfoil, etc.) and hitchhikers like Zebra Mussels. Always make sure to clean off your gear and pull your plug at the launch.
- Fall temperatures can drop pretty quickly and put your engine/motor at risk of freeze damage. For outboards, always leave your motor in full down trim position if a cold night is projected – allows the water to drain out of the upper engine and avoid freeze risk. For stern drives and inboards, boats are always better in the water than on the lift, as water temperatures are above freezing and may help keep your engine warm if a freeze is in the forecast. (Always better to get boats out and winterized before freeze, though).
- Boat interiors and cuddy areas are always a favorite spot for rodents to find a cozy winter home. Sometimes a well placed set of dryer/softener sheets is just enough to discourage any new residents.

Outside of the more practical aspects of off season preparation, remember that fall is one of the most beautiful times to be out on the lake if you can. Fall colors, low boat traffic, and a lake that gets increasingly uncluttered with docks, lifts and boats can make for really nice afternoons on the lake. Sweatshirts + blankets + a hot beverage + crisp fall day = great way to end the boating season. Happy winterizing!

More information on fall boat storage prep is available at = How to Winterize a Boat | Winterization Guide: <https://discoverboating.com>



RAIN GARDENS

This summer we have developed site plans for two rain gardens at end of Apple Lane & Cardinal Lane that drain into Harrisons Bay. Construction is slated to begin on the Apple Lane rain garden this month. The beds will be installed and mulched awaiting planting in the spring. Watch for an invitation to our event which will include food, rain garden information and the opportunity to play in the dirt.



Rain barrels capture water from roof tops and hold it for later use in watering lawns, gardens or indoor plants. Capturing this water prevents it from flowing off your property.

RAIN BARRELS

In 2023 we sold 72 rain barrels to our community and held the Soak it Up Educational Event as part of the distribution of these rain barrels. In 2024 we hope to double our order. The City of Mound has agreed to support this initiative with a \$20 discount for Mound residents.

A rain barrel will save most homeowners about 1,300 gallons of water during the peak summer months!



We are working to get the support of the City of Minnetrista for their residents. Stop by the Soak it Up table to sign up to receive an email when the sale is open and to learn more about what we all can do to keep pollutants out of our bay. You can also indicate your interest in a rain barrel at this link <https://harrisonsbay.org/rain-barrels-distribution-1>

SOAK IT UP - WHAT CAN WE DO?

That was the question we asked of the experts...what can we do to improve the water quality of our bay? We've learned so much and continue to learn. As part of "Soak It Up" we decided it was important to create resources for you to get answers to the question. Storm Water Run-off is the number one cause of pollution in urban lakes and rivers. This pollution comes from us: from our lawns, patios, roofs and vehicles. If we can learn how to keep our run-off within our property, we can stop this run-off from making its way to our bay. We've created resources on our website and will keep expanding this information. Check out what we have: <https://harrisonsbay.org/gardening-clean-water-1>

