

The Waterline

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Hello Friends and Neighbors,

The colors of **Spring**. The smells of **Spring**. The sounds of **Spring**. The energy of **Spring**. I can't get enough of it! It must be how a bear feels after months of hibernation when the warm temperatures coax it to come out of its den. We certainly don't need any coaxing now; Mother Nature has given us plenty to look at and plenty to do! Let the Spring Sprint begin! Yard work to do, boats to clean, gardening and flowers to plant...the list goes on and on! These activities may not be as exciting as sitting naked in your hot tub with a glass of wine but...it sure does feel just as good when you have it all done! So, take advantage of the warm temperatures and the sunshine and get it in gear! Why???? So, you can enjoy your fabulous summer and not feel guilty! Maybe I'm just speaking for myself but once it's done, I can relax, and isn't that what summers on the lakes are for??? I am writing this to motivate you, encourage you and make you feel guilty...just like ME! Balance is the key here, a little work, a little admiring your work, a little more work, a little more admiring. Whatever floats your boat, just do it! This way, you can "float your boat" all summer long!



That's all for now!

Kindly,

Wendi Davidson

WCLA President

Past Events, Upcoming Events, Updates and Other Stuff!!!

Past Events:

April Social Dinner at El Rancho. When I said these social dinners just keep getting better and better, I wasn't lying! **We took over the place with close to 50 lake friends having a great time!!! Who has more fun than we do.... NOBODY!** If you missed it, don't cry, just come to the next one and let happiness swallow you up!!

Board Meeting held Monday, May 13th. See Website for all Board meeting minutes:

<https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>

Upcoming Events:

May Social Dinner Friday, May 17th, Turke Lake at 6:00 pm. Start your weekend off right! Sit back and relax, it's all about fun and friends and we will have a lot of both! Everyone is welcome to come!! **RSVP Candie at candieritsema@yahoo.com or text her at 616 835-2488.**

Ladies of the Lakes Wine and Charcuterie Night: Wednesday, May 22nd at 6pm. Joslayn Jones will be hosting this fun gathering for the ladies at her beautiful home on Half Mile Lake: 13467 Oakcrest Ave, Gowen 49326. She will supply a surprise wine variety and a tasty charcuterie board. If you're not a wine drinker, come anyway! It's all about getting to know the Ladies of the Lakes (that's YOU)! **The cost is \$15.00 per person.** Please RSVP Josalyn by May 15th at Josalyn1025@gmail.com or text her at 231 349-6010. **CHEERS!**

Pancake Breakfast: June 1st at Camp Greenwood 8-11 am. Cost: \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids under 10 years. Bring a little extra for the 50/50 raffle **We have a cook and volunteers!!** Bring your family and enjoy a wonderful breakfast that you didn't have to cook!

WCLA GOLF OUTING: Get that swing lube out ladies and gentlemen! The WCLA Golf Outing is just around the corner!! Saturday, June 15th at beautiful Candlestone Golf Course. Who doesn't love sunshine, golf and friends (and a sipper)!?!? See the attached flyer for details. **Hurry...this will fill up FAST!!**

See the Calendar of Events below for more events and tentative events through September.

Other Stuff:

Water Sustainability Committee: We now have a committee that is working closely with PLM and the township to be sure our lakes are getting all needs addressed properly including treatments for weed and algae management. We will keep you updated with any important information.

The new email platform is up and running! This new platform will allow us to include text messages to those who also prefer that mode of communication for reminders. Please text Angie Peterman at 616-213-9252 if you have concerns about email communication and she will make sure to get any issues resolved for you!

Open Treasurer Position. Bruce Veldman will be stepping down in September after many years of exceptional service to the WCLA. **So, if you have just a couple extra hours a month** and a little accounting/bookkeeping experience and would like to be a part of our wonderful Board, please contact Bruce. He will be happy to go over his responsibilities with you before you make a decision. Of note, the Treasurer will be voted in at the September Board meeting. Contact Bruce at 616 826-4844 or bruceveldman@gmail.com if interested.

DID YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE???? If it did, please let Kris Ferguson know at:

scrambledeggs85@gmail.com so you don't miss out on important information and notifications.

WCLA Photo Directory: WHO IS THAT PERSON, I CAN'T REMEMBER??? Don't forget to send Phil a picture of yourselves and a picture of your house from the lakeside view. Phil Sliva is developing a photo directory that is now on the WCLA Website: <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com> for your convenience. Participation is optional but we hope to see all of you in the directory! If you would like to participate, please email Phil the photos you want him to use at: philsliva@chartermi.net

IT'S SPRING! DON'T WAIT! RUN TO YOUR COMPUTER OR CHECKBOOK AND PAY YOUR 2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES: It's only \$40.00!!! A small price to pay to keep our lakes clean and safe, our fish plentiful and support the fun events we want everyone to enjoy! You may pay online at <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/pay-dues> or pay by mail. **Make checks payable to WCLA.**

The Kindy boat launch and Camp Concordia boat launch are only available if you have paid your membership dues. Paying now means you don't have to worry later!!

Boater's Safety Class: NOW, NOW, NOW is a great time for kids and young adults to take this class! This is an ongoing opportunity to **receive an Amazon gift card for \$15.00 to anyone age 12-20 who completes the Boater's Safety Course anytime, all year long!!!** You can be a kid or young adult that lives on the lakes, or grandkid to someone who is a paid member of the lake association and take this course online at your convenience anytime throughout the year!! Just email a copy of your completion card to davidsonwendi@gmail.com and you will receive your gift card. It's so easy and important so take advantage of it and help keep our lakes safe! **Click on this link to begin your Boater's Safety Course online:** <https://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/>

A big THANK YOU to all our sponsors who paid to advertise in the Waterline. Please check them out!! They can help you with many of your needs!

The Waterline: Our WCLA newsletter is put out 3x a year and filled with valuable information. If you have ideas for articles you would like to see in the Waterline, please let Wendi know at davidsonwendi@gmail.com. Even better...if you would like to write an article for the Waterline, that would be greatly appreciated!!! **Next Waterline will be in SEPT.**

Welcome New Families! If you know of new families on our lakes, please let our Welcome Team, Phil and Denise Sliva know so they can welcome them properly! Contact Phil Sliva at philsliva@chartermi.net or (616) 970-2273.

The Meal Train is always available to help you in the event of illness, injury or death of a loved one that lives with you. Your friends and neighbors are here to help! **Please contact Mara Iteen at iteenmm@yahoo.com or text 616 255-6081.** Even if you only need a few days of meals, the Meal Train is here for you!



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Also.... if you want to be a part of the Meal Train to provide meals, please let Mara know. This is how you get on the list to help when families are in need. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

SHARING IS CARING! If you have anything you would like to share such as ideas for social events, healthy recipes, lake concerns, or you simply want to listen to what the board is up to in person; you are encouraged and more than welcome to contact me, your Lake Representatives, or come to the Board meetings. We are always happy to see some new (and old) faces at the Board meetings!

Officers, Lake Reps and Administrators for the 2024 year will be available on the WCLA Website:
<https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>.

DID YOU KNOW.....??

There is a site where you can learn about:

Erosion and maintaining healthy shorelines

Get the basics about shoreline erosion control options instead of a seawall

Review lists of recommended native options for your lakeshore.

We want to keep our lakes as beautiful as possible while maintaining areas for wildlife to live and prevent erosion from becoming a major problem. If you are interested in learning about ways to do this, please visit

<https://www.shorelinepartnership.org/>

REMEMBER OUR MISSION:

The Woodbeck Chain of Lakes Association will promote the preservation of lake/water quality, provide education about boat safety & etiquette and initiate social activities to promote community friendships and interaction. It will encourage membership and participation in the Association and will facilitate a sense of community amongst riparian property owners.

Calendar of Events for 2024: Remember, some of these events are tentative and we need volunteers to make them happen. With your help, we can offer fun events that will run smoothly and successfully. Without volunteers these events are not possible. If you would like to help, please contact Wendi Davidson at davidsonwendi@gmail.com or (616) 799-0412 or Nan Holmes at holmes.nanette@gmail.com or 616 213-8247 or Candie Ritsema at candieritsema@yahoo.com or 616 835-2488.



Tentative Calendar thru September:

- May 13th: Board Meeting 6:30 pm at Camp Greenwood
- May 17th: Social Dinner Turk Lake 6pm
- May 22nd: Ladies of the Lakes Wine and Charcuterie Night 6pm
- June 1st: Pancake Breakfast 8-11am at Camp Greenwood
- June Social Dinner: TBD
- June 15th: WCLA Golf Outing
- July: Fireworks????
- July 6th: Elvis In the House (not a WCLA event)
- July 7th: Boat Parade
- July 8th: Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- August 3rd: Poker Kayak Run and Band to follow
- August Social Dinner: TBD
- August 29th: Annual Meeting
- September 7-8th: Share Your Plants Plant Sale
- September 9th: Board Meeting



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The Magic of Rain Gardens and How They Can Benefit Our Lakes

As summer quickly approaches, our lakes begin to wake up with family and friends gathering to enjoy the many opportunities such as fishing, boating, swimming or just sitting and watching nature evolve around us. The memories that are created during these times play an important role in the reasons why we as lake residents want to have a healthy lake ecosystem.

As a community, we strive to keep our lakes clean, however, there is silent threat that is often overlooked: stormwater runoff. A good rain is always welcome but, an excessive amount of rain turns into stormwater runoff, which is laden with pollutants from roads, rooftops, and paved surfaces, this runoff poses a significant threat to the delicate ecosystems of our lakes.

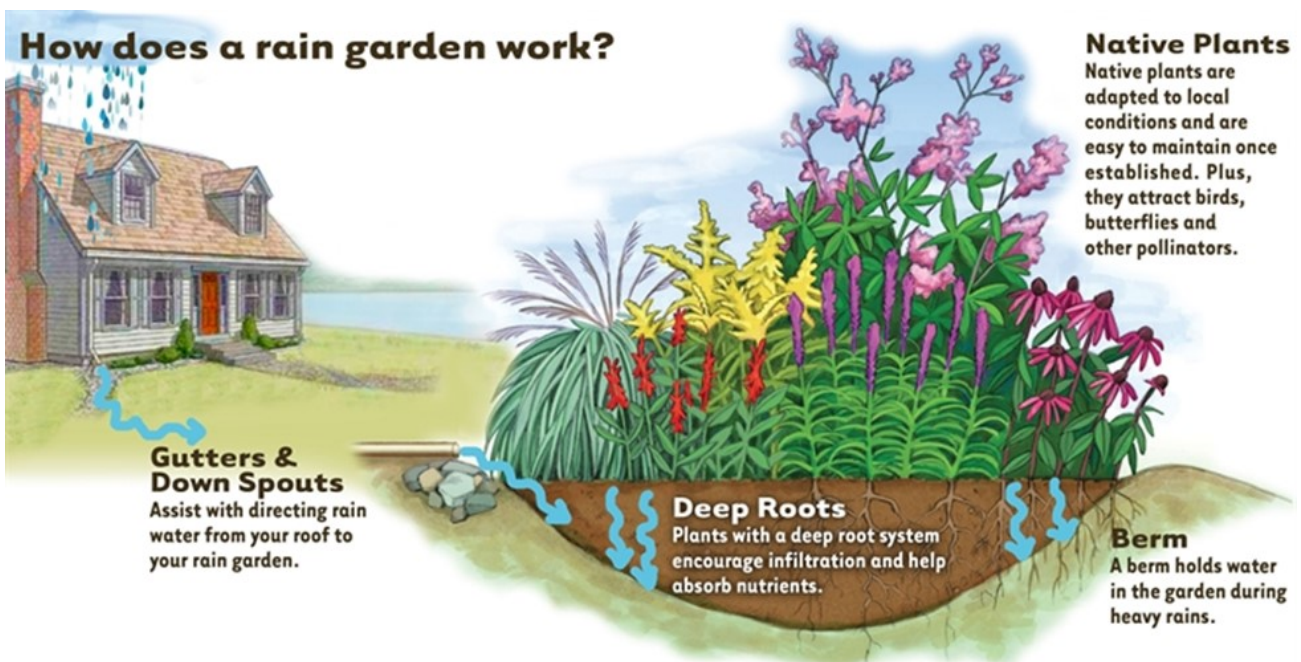
For example: A modest 1,500 square foot home produces 1,000 gallons of water from a one-inch rainstorm. The water runs off from roofs, driveways, patios and even the lawn. Once the stormwater reaches the lakes the pollutants that it carries can wreak havoc on water quality, leading to algal blooms, habitat degradation, and loss of biodiversity.

But amidst these challenges, there is a glimmer of hope: **rain gardens**. Rain gardens capture the rainwater that lands on our roofs, driveways, and lawns. The purpose of a rain garden is to clean, slow, and soak in the rainwater close to where it lands.

The magic of rain gardens lies in their ability to mimic nature's natural processes- effectively removing pollutants and excess nutrients from runoff. As water trickles through the soil and roots of native vegetation, impurities are filtered out, leaving behind clean, clear water that replenishes groundwater stores and sustains the surrounding ecosystem.

The basics of a rain garden is that it is a shallow basin filled with beautiful native plants that collect rain water and runoff and lets it soak into the ground naturally. The rain garden fills with the rain that falls on it, plus rainwater that runs off from hard surfaces like a roof or driveway. They help to clean the water, protect our rivers and lakes plus reduce flooding. Overall, rain gardens enhance water quality, biodiversity, and resilience in our landscapes, thus benefiting our lakes and preserving them for future generations.

Marilyn Klemm, Half Mile Lake
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Woodbeck Chain Of Lakes has been scheduled for the **week** of:

WEEK OF	Description	WEEK OF	Description
4/8/2024	Spring Water Quality Sampling	7/15/2024	Weed & Algae, E.Coli Testing
5/6/2024	Spring Vegetation Survey	8/12/2024	Weed & Algae, Purple Loosestrife
5/20/2024	Weed & Algae	8/26/2024	AVAS, WQ
6/17/2024	Weed & Algae		

EGLE permitting restrictions, national holidays, and/or weather conditions may influence the timing of treatments throughout the 2024 season. PLM treats each lake according to a schedule or season plan, established with the cooperation of your lake association, lake board or residents on the lake. The treatment schedule is approximate. Please watch your shoreline for the posting of the 8.5x11 inch, yellow or green signs. The signs will indicate the date of the treatment, the products used, and any restrictions on the use of treated water for swimming, watering lawns, etc. The property owners in this area are planning to have the waters chemically treated to control lake weeds and/or algae. This notice is being circulated in accordance with Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) procedures. Below is a list of herbicides that **may** be applied to the lake and the associated use restrictions. On the day of treatment, signs will be posted along the shoreline within 100 feet of treatment areas that indicate what products were used and specific water use restrictions that apply:

Chemical product/active ingredient	Chemical trade name	Do Not Use this water for swimming or bathing until	Do Not Use this water for ornamentals or turf irrigation until	Do Not Use this water for domestic purposes or agriculture irrigation until	Do Not Use this water for livestock watering or similar purposes until
Endothall Diquat Dibromide	Aqua Strike	1 Day(s)	3 Day(s)	5 Day(s)	14 Day(s)
Glyphosate	Aquaneat, Glyphosate 5.4	1 Day(s)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Endothall	Aquathol K, Hydrothol 191	1 Day(s)	N/A	14 Day(s)	14 Day(s)
Flumioxazin	Clipper, Propeller, Schooner	1 Day(s)	3 Day(s)	5 Day(s)	N/A
Florpyrauxifen-Benzyl	ProcellaCOR EC 2x22	1 Day(s)	Site-specific recommendation* No restriction for established turf/grasses	N/A on domestic; assay indicates no detect at the water intake	N/A
Triclopyr liquid	Renovate 3	1 Day(s)	120 Day(s) or until approved assay indicates 1ppb or less; No restriction for established turf/grasses	120 Day(s) or until assay indicates 1ppb or less. N/A on domestic	N/A
Triclopyr granular	Renovate OTF	1 Day(s)	Site-specific recommendation* No restriction for established turf/grasses	120 Day(s) or until assay indicates 1ppb or less. N/A on domestic	N/A
Diquat Dibromide	Tribune	1 Day(s)	3 Day(s)	5 Day(s)	1 Day(s)

PLM Blue, Cygnet Select, Aqua Shadow Black: water dye (tracer), **Copper Sulfate, Cutrine Plus-Ultra, Captain-XTR, Earthtec, SeClear and SeClear G, Formula F-30, K-Tea:** chelated copper, **Cygnet Plus, PolyAn:** Adjuvant, **Pak 27, AquaSticker, Green Clean L and Green Clean 5.0:** oxidizer, **AquaPrep:** enzymes & non-ionic surfactants, **M.D. pellets, Muck Biotics:** gram negative, naturally occurring bacteria. **PLM Enzyme:** enzymes, **Phoslock:** phosphorus locking technology, EutroSORB phosphorus binding media.

No Restrictions on swimming, bathing, irrigation, domestic purposes or livestock watering.

For a complete listing of all product labels, please see our website.

N/A= Not Applicable INDEF= Indefinite

*Site-Specific recommendations to limit ornamental irrigation with ProcellaCOR, Renovate & Sculpin granular treated water will typically last 2-14 days. Contact PLM for further information.

The chemicals used for Aquatic Nuisance Control are registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy. The potential for damage to fish and other non-target organisms is minimal provided that the product is used as directed on the product label and the permit. To minimize the possible effects on health and the environment, the treated water is restricted for the above purposes.

Method of Application: Chemical application will be made via boat, back pack, and/or land vehicle applying liquid surface products by surface spray and/or injection. Granular product application will be surface broadcast.

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SUMMER IS HERE!!

**Summer is here – and so is a reminder to all Lake Residents to KNOW and FOLLOW all Boaters Safety LAWS and REGULATIONS on our Lakes!!
Knowing the LAW is YOUR responsibility!!**

COMMON BOATING LAWS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

PERSONS UNDER 12 MAY ONLY OPERATE A BOAT with 6 horsepower or less.

PERSONS 12 AND OVER may operate a boat with a motor of 6 horsepower or more – but no greater than 35 horsepower IF:

They have been issued a boating certificate (keep it on board), and;

Are directly supervised by a person 16 years of age or older.

They may not operate any boat powered by over 35 horsepower motor.

PERSONS BORN on or after July 1, 1996 – may only operate a boat legally if they have been issued a boating safety certificate (keep it on board).

PERSONS BORN before July 1, 1996 may operate a boat without a boaters safety certificate.

Personal Watercraft (PWC)

PERSONS UNDER 14 may not legally operate a PWC.

PERSONS 14 and 15 may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate and...

He or she is accompanied on board by his or her parent or legal guardian or by a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian or...

He or she is operating or riding the PWC, at a distance of not more than 100 feet from his or her parent or legal guardian or from a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian.

PERSONS 16 years of age WHO WERE born after December 31, 1978 may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate.

PERSONS born on or before December 31, 1978 may operate a PWC legally without a boaters safety certificate.



Unlawful and Dangerous Operation

Michigan law designates these dangerous operating practices as illegal.

Reckless Operation of a vessel or reckless manipulation of water skis, a surfboard, or similar device is defined as operation which disregards the safety or rights of others or endangers the person or property of others.

Some examples are:

Weaving your vessel through congested waterway traffic or swerving at the last possible moment in order to avoid collision

Jumping the wake of another vessel unnecessarily close to the other vessel or when visibility around the other vessel is restricted

Chasing, harassing, or disturbing wildlife with your vessel

Causing damage from the wake of your vessel

COMMON BOATING LAWS AND RESPONSIBILITIES cont.....

Failure To Regulate Speed is operating a vessel at speeds that may cause danger to life or property of any other person or at speeds that will not permit you to bring your vessel to a safe stop. It is illegal to operate a vessel:

- In excess of 55 mph unless you are at least one mile offshore on the Great Lakes or Lake St. Clair
- At greater than “slow, no wake speed” when a person is in the bow of a vessel without proper seating
- Faster than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions (weather, vessel traffic, etc.)

Improper Distance is not maintaining a proper distance while operating a vessel or towing a person. To maintain a proper distance when you are operating at greater than “slow, no wake speed” (except in channels that are not posted), the vessel or persons being towed must not be within 100 feet of:

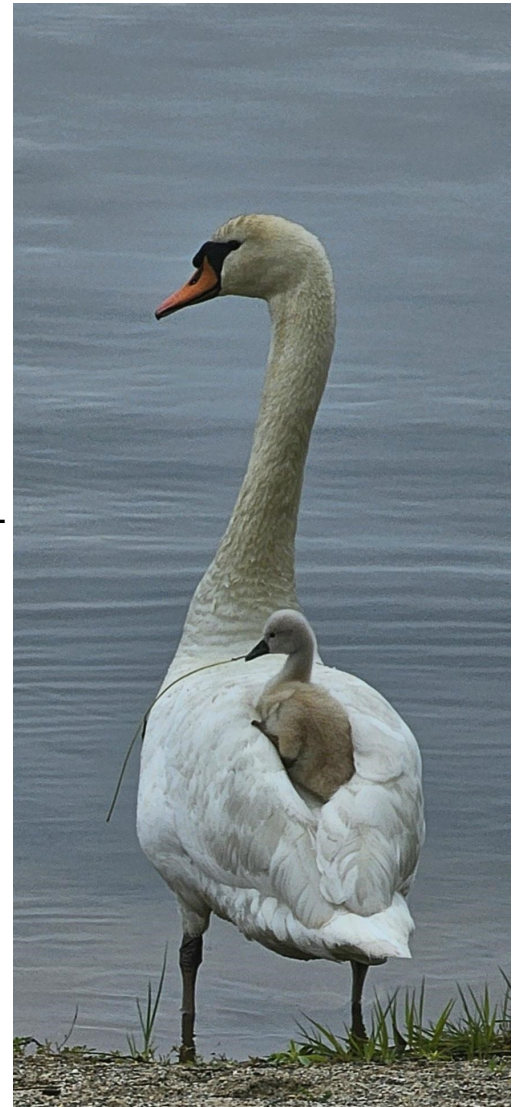
- A shoreline (if operating in water less than three feet deep)
- Any moored or anchored vessel
- A dock or raft

Requirements Specific for PWCs

- Each person riding on or being towed behind a PWC must wear a U.S. Coast Guard–approved wearable Type I, II, or III PFD. Inflatable PFDs may not be used.
 - You may not allow a child under 7 years of age to ride on or be towed behind a PWC unless with a parent or guardian or designee of the parent or guardian.
 - The lanyard of a PWC’s ignition safety switch must be attached to the person, clothing, or PFD of the operator.
- It is illegal to operate a PWC during the period that begins at sunset and ends at 8:00 a.m. “Sunset” means that time determined by the national weather service.**

PWCs must be operated in a reasonable and prudent manner at all times. It is illegal to:

- Jump the wake of another vessel unnecessarily close to the other vessel.
- Weave your PWC through congested traffic.
- Swerve at the last possible moment to avoid collision.
- A PWC must be operated at “slow, no wake speed” if crossing within 150 feet behind another vessel unless the other vessel is also a PWC.
- You may not operate a PWC within 200 feet of a Great Lakes shoreline unless traveling at “slow, no wake speed” perpendicular to the shoreline.
- You may not operate a PWC in waters less than two feet deep unless you are operating at “slow, no wake speed” or are docking or launching your PWC.
- It is illegal to harass wildlife or disturb aquatic vegetation with your PWC.



The Handbook of Michigan Boating Laws & Responsibilities can be found here: <https://assets.kalkomey.com/boater/pdfs/handbook/michigan-handbook-entire.pdf>

Boater Courtesy

Along with State Boating Laws and Responsibilities comes Common Boating Courtesy. While these are not laws - they are common courtesy's we appreciate all members following:

Be mindful when Launching:

Proper launching and docking techniques are essential knowledge for any watercraft owner. Knowing your launch area, keep the process efficient and courteous to other boaters, and practice safety to keep people and property safe!

Watch the Activity on the Lakes:

When the lakes are very busy with activity, consider waiting to water ski, jet ski or even boat until there is less activity.

Boat counter-clockwise so as to avoid any confusion!

Channels can be shallow or have trees & limbs in the bottom!! Always pay attention to where your boat is at all times through all channels!! WCLA is not responsible for damages occurring to your vessel should you hit anything in the channel.

Watch the Wake:

While you're blissfully cruising away, your vessel is kicking up waves, otherwise known as wake. Those waves might be fun if you're a surfer or a wake boarder, but for other boaters, they can be annoying and potentially even dangerous — a speeding vessel's wake may cause damage to other boats and even injure passengers. It's important to be mindful of the wake your boat creates, particularly if other boats are nearby!

Stay away from shore if creating wake! This is causing terrible erosion to our shorelines and seawalls. Be mindful of the destruction your wake can cause.

Never go through a channel with a wake.



Keep it Clean:

Be careful when refueling not to spill into the water. Check fuel lines and tanks and have a spill kit on hand. **Never, ever throw your trash into the water. (It's also helpful to pick up any other trash you may see, particularly in the water.) Collect it and dispose of it properly when you're shoreside.**

REMEMBER - YOU are legally responsible for any damage caused by you, your boat or guests to any person(s) or property!

We can all have a happy, SAFE summer if you follow



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