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Letter from your President

To CLCC Members and Cedar Lake Friends,

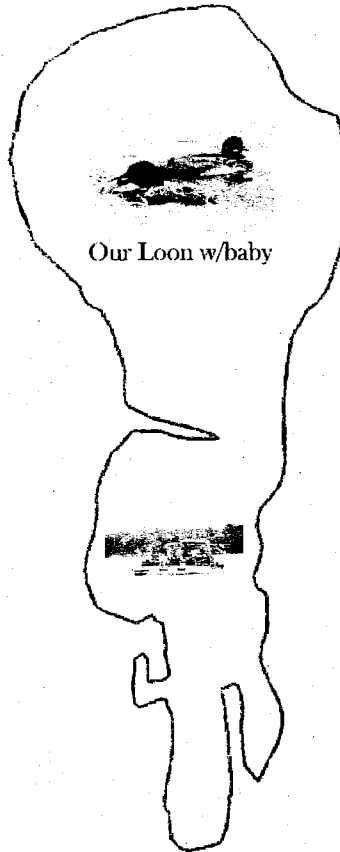
By: Bill Westhoff, Association President

It has been a great summer on Cedar Lake -- a little dry, but plenty of warm weather for lake activities. Your CLCC Board has been busy with social activities as well as attending meetings to learn about and protect our environment.

A quick review of our activities in 2007: An Open Forum meeting for all CLCC members was held on May 19 at the Corinna Township Hall where we received an update on the Clearwater River Watershed District project for Cedar Lake (Carp Barriers were successfully installed and the process of harvesting carp from the upland lakes has begun); The Annual Potluck dinner was again held at the Maple Lake American Legion on May 26 (a great time to meet new friends on the lake and renew old friendships -- always lots of discussion about winter activities and summer plans); The Annual Fishing Contest began on the opening day of the fishing season and we have added a new category in 2007 -- Rough Fish (this includes Carp and Bullhead), have your fish weighed at Geardink's, but don't put the Carp or Dogfish back in the lake!

The Boat Parade was held again on July 4, with a good contingent of pontoons, ski boats and fishing boats. We awarded three prizes again this year but this year, rather than 1st, 2nd & 3rd places, we chose three categories: Most Patriotic, Most Creative and Most Enthusiastic, and provided \$25 gift certificates from A-1 Marine, Kaz Hardware, and Little Jim's. The winners: Most Patriotic -- the Wolds with Uncle Sam and Lady Liberty on the front of the pontoon; Most Creative -- Burringtons/Knaups with a U of MN and Fourth of July theme; Most Enthusiastic -- the Diers with a group that kept cheering and hollering all the way around the lake. The editor of our newsletter, Kale Danberg even got into the spirit with an unofficial

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Our Loon w/baby

The Start of Something Big

Representatives of 8 lakes in Wright County recently got together to discuss the idea of forming a coalition of lakes. The purposes of such a coalition would be to speak with a more powerful voice when confronting issues affecting our lakes, to support each other and to share information that would help us become more effective associations. Each Lake Association Board discussed the idea, voted to move ahead and appointed representatives to participate in a working committee that is being lead by Dave Wagner (Cedar Lake). The lakes involved are: Cedar, Clearwater, Sylvia, Pleasant, John, Augusta, Sugar and Francis.

There is a large amount of work that needs to be done to make this a reality. We are very encouraged to find examples of existing coalitions who have been successful and who are very

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entry for the Most Patriotic Dock. We still have more activities planned for this summer. Our Annual Meeting will be on August 11 at the Maple Lake VFW. Social Hour starts at 5:00 pm with a great dinner of roasted turkey and dressing beginning at 6:00 pm. Plan to attend as this is a good time to get an update on CLCC activities. A short business meeting will include another update on the CRWD project, plus the election of new Board Members. Your CLCC Board will put forth a slate of Directors for the next year, but if you want to become involved in the governance of the board, please let us know. There will be lots of great door prizes and raffle prizes, plus games and activities for the kids. Lots of neat Cedar Lake merchandise will be on sale. Prizes for the 2006 Fishing Contest will be distributed – don't miss this fun/informative evening.

Still to come this summer is a very important meeting, called a Visioning Session for Cedar Lake (see the article on this event in the newsletter). The meeting will be held on August 25 at the Corinna Township Hall at 4:00 pm. Please attend to learn about lake management and provide your input on items of importance to you. A picnic lunch/dinner will be provided and a professional facilitator will lead us.

The Cedar Lake website is up and running. Check out cedarlakecc.org. Our Board Member, Melvin Dykhuizen spent many hours working on this project and we thank him for his efforts! Your CLCC Board sees this as a major step forward in providing more information to the membership about activities on Cedar Lake. We hope you provide us with your e-mail address at the Annual Meeting so you too can be kept up to date on important Cedar Lake issues.

Finally, I want to add a word of caution about shore-land management. Weed-Rollers, Lake-Maids and other mechanical devices for controlling lake weeds are becoming more common around the lake. You must apply to the DNR for a permit to operate these machines in the lake. The fee is only \$35/year and the application can be downloaded from the DNR website. A DNR officer must visit to see that the machines are not removing lily-pads or bull-rushes, or operating where the bottom silt exceeds 3 inches. Operation without a permit can result in a fine of up to \$750.

This letter has been very long, because the CLCC does a lot to promote the lake and protect this great resource. This is my last meeting as your President. It has been an honor to serve and I thank you for the opportunity.

Bill

Cedar Lake Website

cedarlakecc.org

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willing to share their experiences with us. One of the most difficult issues they face are finding people who are willing to serve so I am asking early on that if you see the importance of such an initiative and you are willing to make it a reality please contact Dave at 320-274-1164 or email him at dwagner@lakedalelink.net.

We will keep you informed of the progress of this initiative in future Newsletters or through our email distribution list.

**REMEMBERING THE RAINBOW**

If you are online and are interested in local history you might want to read "Remembering The Rainbow" written by your editor—available at <http://www.annandalearea.com/Main.asp?SectionID=6&SubSectionID=6&ArticleID=7144>

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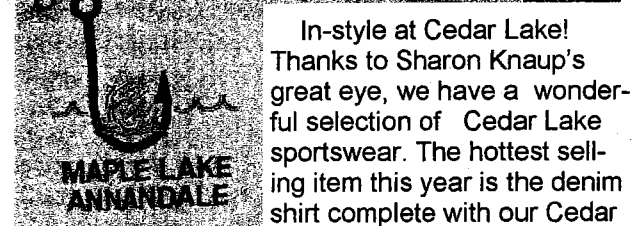
Most Patriotic



Patriotic pictures from Independence day. Next year let's all decorate our boats and/or our shoreline and/or our docks to celebrate this very important day to all Americans.



Sue Nash in denim



In-style at Cedar Lake!
 Thanks to Sharon Knaup's great eye, we have a wonderful selection of Cedar Lake sportswear. The hottest selling item this year is the denim shirt complete with our Cedar Lake logo. This shirt fits in any situation, casual enough for a cook-out with friends or just right for going out to dinner at the Waterfront. We added to the collection a series of bright colored short sleeve tees for all ages. These too are going fast. The rainbow of colors means you'll find one just right for you! As we all know evenings can turn crisp fast here at the lake, so this year Sharon added a series of long sleeve options that are just right for boating across the lake, or sitting by the evening fire. The casual white long sleeve tee shirt and the new line of gray sweat-shirts offers just the right combination of comfort and warmth. New this year! We decided to try and offer an on-line purchase option. If you e-mail me, I'll make sure you get your shirt in 7-10 days time. This way you won't need to wait until our annual meeting to get your shirt. These also make great gifts for family and our lake guest friends. So e-mail me at: nash@augensburg.edu and I'll arrange a drop off of the shirt that fits your needs.

- Prices: Denim: \$25.00
- Short Sleeve Tee Shirts: \$12.00 Children \$10.00
- Colors: Bright Green; Dark Green; Spring Green; Fuchsia; Pink; Dark Blue; Cobalt Blue; Yellow; Purple & much more!
- Long Sleeve Tee Shirts: \$15.00
- Crew Sweat Shirt \$20.00
- Grey Hoodie \$22.00 Specify Size: XS S M L XL

Sue Nash

Twelve ways to save our 10,000 lakes

Lake lovers have an important agenda that, if actively pursued, would benefit the entire state. But fighting for sustainability is a do-it-yourself project. Don't stand by while Minnesota's water goes down the drain. **Jim Schwartz**

Published: July 15, 2007
HACKENSACK, Minn.

The Star Tribune is to be commended for opening a dialogue on the status of what is arguably Minnesota's most precious resource: its water. Anything that will promote awareness is helpful. But time is running out. What's needed now is action -- state-wide.

In 1994, Gov. Arne Carlson introduced Minnesotans to the eminently sensible concept of sustainability. Since then, however, neither governors nor legislators have demonstrated the vision or the courage to develop the truly innovative, long-range policies and programs needed to protect and preserve some of the critical targets of sustainability: lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands.

My particular interest happens to be lakes. For more than 80 years I have fished and boated Minnesota lakes, from the southern border to the northern lakes region. Those experiences and the testimony of other observers have convinced me that, to a greater or lesser extent, almost all lakes are suffering from a variety of ailments: property development that is either inappropriate or excessive, septic and other waste contamination, airborne and non-point-source pollution, fishing and boating pressure, wind and water erosion, agricultural runoff, industrial and municipal discharges, invasions of exotic species, habitat destruction, careless shoreland management practices and more.

Each alone is a clear threat to long-term resource health. Combine them and they spell serious and continued damage to the jewels in Minnesota's crown -- the thousands of lakes that annually draw hordes of visitors to the state, entice natives to vacation at home (and, increasingly, to retire

there), thereby providing a boost to the state's economy. All of that bounty will fade if the lake country is allowed to slide into decline.

Can anything be done? Yes. Thanks to initiatives by individuals, lake associations and other local groups, and to the leadership and support provided by Minnesota Waters, whose goal is to preserve and enhance water resources, a few hundred lakes are benefiting from protection programs. But on far too many, nothing of the sort is happening.

Wherever that's the case, lake dwellers must pick up what is essentially a loose ball and run with it -- that is, launch a sustainability campaign of their own, lake by lake. It won't be easy and it will cost money, but with diligence it can become a reality.

My model is Ten Mile Lake in Cass County, where I have spent most of each summer for 46 years. What began there as a modest preservation effort about 30 years ago has evolved into a full-blown program with enthusiastic support from most residents. More to the point, its effects so far are positive: Water clarity has improved and nutrient levels have declined; quality indices are better than when we began our effort.

Lakes age over time. The immediate challenge is to slow that process, reduce the effect of man's footprint, and even, where possible, reverse negative trends. Positive results don't happen overnight, so those who want to adopt this approach should be prepared for a long-term campaign whose aim is steady, measurable progress.

For those who are uncertain about how to get started, here is a road map:

1 Organize. If your lake doesn't have an association, form one. (Help is available at www.minnesotawaters.org.) It's wise to organize as a non-profit association.

2 Sell the idea. Convince association officers, directors and the membership that sustainability is a worthy goal. It could spell the difference between whether your lake continues to deteriorate or benefits from a dedicated pres-

ervation/conservation ethic.

3 Prepare a long-range management plan. Set attainable goals for your lake and its watershed, measure progress, and review and revise the plan as needed.

4 Study your lake. If you are not already doing so, conduct Secchi disk (clarity) readings weekly at designated sites from May to September. Generally speaking, the clearer the lake, the better its relative health. (A Secchi disk may be obtained free from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, along with instructions about how to use it.)

5 Do chemical analyses. Arrange for chemical testing of the lake's water at least three times annually during the summer season to determine baseline enrichment levels and to begin plotting trends. Top-to-bottom temperature and dissolved oxygen profiles are important as well. (You will need professional help and advice from a state-certified laboratory, plus funding, to plan and carry out these studies.)

6 Identify pollution sources. Whether it is upstream contamination, outmoded septic systems, excessive erosion or other problems, pinpoint them and seek correction, mitigation or elimination.

7 Start a newsletter. Inform residents about association activities, educate them about what it means to be a responsible lake steward, keep them up to date on regulations and developments in lake property management and encourage their support.

8 Sponsor demonstrations. Good candidates: seminars on best shoreland management practices, lake-shore landscaping, waste treatment system updates and maintenance, and wildlife and fishery habitat restoration. Wherever you can, call on the expertise of state agencies such as the Department of Natural Resources and the Pollution Control Agency.

9 Get involved. Seek appointment to the county's zoning and planning **SAVE OUR LAKES** *continued on pg 5*

August 25th Visioning Session PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

Please join us on August 25th at 4:00 PM at the Corinna Township Hall for a picnic (food and drink provided) and "Visioning Session" for Cedar Lake. The purpose of this session is to:

Identify 3-4 goals of what we want to achieve over the next 3-5 years toward improving or sustaining the health of our lake

Identify what needs to happen to enable us to achieve our goals

Identify tangible "indicators of success"

Understand the next steps and provide opportunities to participate in the development of a Lake Management Plan

The session will be facilitated by Don Hickman, Program Manager of the Initiative Foundation Staff and member of the Healthy Lakes and Rivers Partnership Committee.

Background:

Board members Carter Diers, Kevin Kolstad, and Dave Wagner and CLCC members Mark Christian and Pat Thompson attended two training sessions sponsored by the Wright County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Healthy Lakes and Rivers Partnership Committee to learn techniques designed to help us identify and implement high priority action items to improve our lake. This activity is totally separate from the work undertaken last year by the Clearwater River Watershed District. The training was step one of several steps that could lead to total grants of \$7400 for improvement of our lake. Step two is a Visioning Session which will take place on August 25th.

Details:

4:00 -5:30 Picnic Social

5:30-8:00 Visioning Session

Place: Corinna Township Hall

9801 Ireland Ave NW

Directions: Turn North on Ireland off of County 39.

Ireland is about 1/4 mile from the intersection of Hwy 24 and County 39. The Township Hall is about 1/2 mile north on Ireland. Hwy 24 will likely not be open at this time due to construction.

RSVP: Dave Wagner 320-274-1164

dwagner@lakedalelink.net

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boards, where most of the crucial decisions are made. At the very least, attend township and zoning adjustment board meetings.

10 Look for allies. Help organize or join existing county coalitions of lake associations for idea exchanges and to present a united front to county commissioners.

11 Know your legislators. Work with them in proposing measures designed to protect and preserve the state's water resources. Oppose legislation that threatens harm to the environment.

The CLCC has made an attempt to expand communication to the membership. Due to the expanding avenues of correspondence, like the CLCC Website and e-mailings, the board members felt it appropriate to have all correspondence covered in the By-Laws to ensure long-term stability and democratic process. Changes (changes are in italics) to be voted on by the membership in attendance at the annual meeting on August 11, 2007.

Proposed Cedar Lake Conservation Club
By-Law Amendment changes

Article IV Section 7

The vice president shall fulfill the duties of the president in the event of his absence or disability, or as directed by the president. *The vice president shall be the chairman of the membership committee.*

Article V Section 1

There shall be such committees as established by the Board of Directors. "same just numbered."

Article V Section 2

The Membership Committee's mission shall be to encourage membership and involvement in the Cedar Lake Conservation Club. The committee shall be responsible for overseeing mass correspondence; for example: The Cedar Lake News, The CLCC Website, Membership Directory, and all electronic mail to the membership.

Article V Section 3

The Water Quality Committee's mission is to promote the beautification and conservation of Cedar Lake. The chairman shall be appointed by the president. The chair of this committee shall assist in communication with outside agencies specifically related to conservation. The committee is responsible for on-going lake core water sampling, invasive species searches, and writing water quality updates for The Cedar Lake News.

Article IX Section 1

The meetings of the members shall... (to remain the same just numbered differently)

Article IX Section 2

All mass correspondence shall be a representation of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club and its mission. The mail and e-mail lists should be the property of the CLCC. The website shall be managed as part of the membership committee.

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12. Raise money. Increase membership, boost dues, find an "angel," sponsor fundraisers, sell T-shirts. Whatever works, do it.

Jim Schwartz is a retired journalism professor.

BOATING SAFETY

Four or five years ago we had a neighbor whose children quit coming up to the lake because they feared for the safety of their children (her grand children). She had a neighbor whose kids ran their power boat so dangerously that they didn't dare let their kids swim or go boating. Finally this lady sold because it wasn't any fun to be up at her place if her grand children couldn't come up to visit her.

There are many, many more examples like that with kids (and many times adults too) running power boats and personal watercraft crazily and without any regard for other boaters.

But this last thing that finally tipped the scales and made me write this article is when a neighbor told me there were two kids chasing loons with their personal watercraft. That blew my mind. You know how we all feel about our loons. He went out with his boat to take down their license numbers so he could report them but ended up going over to them and asking why they were chasing the loons! Now listen to this – they answered: "We didn't know they were loons!" Well for heavens sake what difference does it make if they're ducks or geese or loons – should they be out scaring any birds, animals or people half to death? They got off easy with a warning – I would have reported them and I think it's up to all of us to report such behavior as well as reporting dangerous boat operating. If we want to live on a lake that is safe for our children and grand children it's our responsibility to report boaters who operate their crafts unsafely.

We all know that should a very serious accident happen and our lawmakers get the chance to make new laws they will over react, as usual, and our laws will be so stringent we'll be afraid to even turn our boat motors on. So lets have fun but lets not operate unsafely.

From Boating Safety Rules:

Operating Your Boat—Safely

Collisions can be prevented easily if every boater fulfills three major responsibilities.

Practice good seamanship.

It is the responsibility of every boat or PWC (personal watercraft) operator to take all necessary action to avoid a collision, taking into account the weather, boat traffic, and limits of other boats. Such action should be taken in ample time to avoid a collision and at a safe distance from other boats.

Keep a proper lookout.

Failing to keep a sharp lookout is the most common cause of collisions. Every operator must keep a proper lookout, using both sight and hearing, at all times. Watch and listen for other boats, radio communications, navigational hazards, and others involved in water activities.

Maintain a safe speed.

Safe speed is the speed that ensures you will have ample time to avoid a collision and can stop within an appropri-

ate distance. Safe speed will vary depending on conditions such as wind, water conditions, navigational hazards, visibility, surrounding boat traffic density, and the maneuverability of your boat or PWC. Always reduce speed and navigate with extreme caution at night and when visibility is restricted.

Encountering Other Vessels

There are rules that every operator must follow when encountering other vessels.

Two terms help explain these rules:

Give-way vessel: The vessel that is required to take early and substantial action to keep well away from other vessels by stopping, slowing down, or changing course. Avoid crossing in front of other vessels. Any change of course and/or speed should be large enough to be readily apparent to another vessel. (A series of small changes should be avoided.)

Stand-on vessel: The vessel that must maintain its course and speed unless it becomes apparent that the give-way vessel is not taking appropriate action. If you must take action, do not turn toward the give-way vessel or cross in front of it.

The action a vessel operator should take when encountering another vessel depends on the answers to two questions.

How are the two vessels approaching one another?

Meeting head-on: A vessel operator sees another vessel ahead or nearly ahead

Paths that cross: Two vessels are on crossing paths so as to involve risk of collision

Overtaking: A vessel is coming upon another vessel from behind or nearly behind the other vessel

The rules that follow cover most of the situations you will encounter as a recreational boater. However, be aware of these exceptions to the rules.

If you approach a vessel that has less maneuverability than your vessel, the other vessel will usually be the stand-on vessel

Remember—Every operator is responsible for avoiding a collision. In complying with the navigation rules, operators must consider all dangers of navigation; risk of collisions; and any special conditions, including the limitations of the boats involved. These considerations may make a departure from the navigation rules necessary to avoid immediate danger.

Courtesy On the Water

While these rules of courteous operation are especially important for PWC operators, they apply to all other motorboat operators as well.

Jumping the wake of a passing boat, or riding too close to another PWC or boat, creates risks and is restricted or even prohibited in some states. Here's why.

The boat making the wake may block the PWC operator's view of oncoming traffic and also conceal the

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PWC operator from approaching boats. It can be very stressful for boat operators to have PWCs continually in close proximity to their boats.

Wake jumping and riding too close to other boats are common complaints others have against PWC operators.

Do not attempt to spray others with the wake of your PWC. Not only is this discourteous, but it is also dangerous and reckless operation.

Excessive noise from personal watercraft often makes them unwelcome with other boat operators, as well as with people on shore. Here are some tips on how you can be a courteous PWC operator.

Vary your operating area, and do not keep repeating the same maneuver.

Avoid congregating with other PWC operators near shore, which increases annoying noise levels.

Avoid making excessive noise near residential and camping areas. Excessive use in one area can be an irritant to people who are there to enjoy a quiet and relaxing time.

Avoid maneuvers that cause the engine exhaust to lift out of the water because it increases noise levels.

Do not modify your engine exhaust system if it increases the noise. Improperly modified exhausts will not make your PWC faster and may raise the noise to an illegal level.

Share the waterways responsibly with other boaters, fishermen, swimmers, surfers, or skiers. Respect their right to use the waterways safely and enjoyably.

Environmental Considerations

When operating your personal watercraft, always consider the effect you may have on the environment.

Make sure that the water you operate in is at least 30 inches deep. Riding in shallow water can cause bottom sediments or aquatic vegetation to be sucked into the pump, damaging your PWC and the environment.

Avoid causing erosion by operating at slow speed and by not creating a wake when operating near shore or in narrow streams or rivers.

Do not dock or beach your PWC in reeds and grasses. This could damage fragile environments.

Take extra care when fueling your PWC in or near the water. Oil and gasoline spills are very detrimental to the aquatic environment. Fuel on land if possible.

Never use your PWC to disturb, chase, or harass wildlife.

Other PWC Considerations

A PWC is very maneuverable and responsive to slight turns of the steering control. At high speeds, a quick turn can make the PWC unstable, causing the operator and passengers to fall off. This is why most states require that everyone on board a PWC wear a personal flotation device (life jacket). Any passenger on a PWC should be able to securely hold on to the person in front of them or to the handholds, while keeping both feet firmly on the footrests. Children who are too small to be able to do this

should not ride.

A passenger on a PWC should never be seated in front of the operator.

The jet of water exiting the steering nozzle at the rear of the PWC can cause severe internal injuries. Anyone riding on a PWC should wear a wetsuit or other clothing that provides similar protection. Also, keep everyone clear of the steering nozzle unless the PWC is shut off.

Know your limits, and ride according to your abilities.

Boaters Tips

Because a PWC is very maneuverable it is possible to get into trouble fast. Here are some important things to do when operating a PWC.

Do not ride too closely behind another PWC. If it turns sharply or if it stalls, you could collide with it; if the other rider falls off, you could run over him or her.

Always look behind you over both shoulders before making turns; another boat may be too close behind you.

Be aware of all traffic in your boating area; don't focus just on the short distance ahead.

Always remember that operating a PWC has the same responsibilities as operating any other motorboat.

Safety Lanyards Prevent Self-Inflicted Propeller Strikes

Each year, many boating accidents involve an operator and/or passengers who fall overboard for a variety of reasons. Wearing an ignition safety switch lanyard not only ensures that your boat or PWC stays close if you fall overboard, but it also prevents you from being run over by your own boat. When the operator isn't wearing a lanyard, the unmanned boat tends to run in hard, fast circles, often resulting in a severe injury or death from a propeller strike. Wearing the lanyard minimizes the risk of a propeller injury and makes it easier to re-board the boat.

Operating Your Boat—Safely

Avoiding Propeller Strike Injuries

If you've ever seen a propeller strike accident, you want to do everything in your power to prevent another one. They can be the most gruesome of boating accidents. Anyone in the water around a boat—a swimmer, scuba diver, fallen water-skier, or someone who's fallen overboard—is a potential victim. Many propeller accidents are caused by operator inexperience, incompetence, negligence, and intoxication. However, most accidents can be prevented if operators follow a few simple safety practices.

Turn off the engine when passengers are boarding or disembarking. Propellers should not be spinning when a passenger is in a vulnerable situation.

Prevent passengers from being thrown overboard accidentally.

Never release the steering while the boat is in motion.

Never start a boat with the engine in gear.

Never ride on a seat back, gunwale, transom, or bow.

Make sure passengers are seated properly before getting underway. Some operators cause injuries by putting the engine in gear while people are still swimming or diving from the boat.

Assign a responsible adult to watch any children in the

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boat and sound the alarm if a child falls overboard.

Maintain a proper lookout for people in the water.

The primary cause of propeller strike accidents is operator inattention or carelessness.

Slow down when approaching congested areas and anchorages. In congested areas, always be alert for swimmers and divers.

Learn to recognize warning buoys that mark swimming and other hazardous areas.

Keep the boat away from marked swimming and diving areas. Become familiar with the red and white or blue and white diagonally striped flags signaling that divers are down.

The "Circle of Death"

Every year, serious injuries and deaths occur when boat operators let go of the steering wheel or outboard steering handle while the boat is moving. A phenomenon called steering torque forces the motor to slam to the left causing the boat to swerve sharply to the right, throwing the victim into the water.

The boat continues to travel in a circle and returns to strike the victim in the water, inflicting massive propeller wounds—thus the term, "circle of death."

The way to avoid this type of accident is to never let go of the steering wheel or handle until the boat has stopped moving. You should also use the automatic shut-off lanyard if your motor is equipped with one. Be sure that clamp-on swivel seats are tightly secured and seat backs are sturdy enough to withstand the shock of a victim being thrown against them. And finally, if you notice that it takes extra pressure to hold your boat's steering, have it professionally serviced immediately.

Here's what I think boating rules should include and perhaps if persons continue to operate boats dangerously I will work on forming a state organization to lobby for such rules.

Speed boating – Restricted to the hours between 11 AM and 6 PM.

Minimize motor noises.

Minimal wake other hours allowing fisherman, sight-seers, kayakers, canoeists, sail boaters, rafts etc to also have a time to enjoy the lake.

Power boats, when traveling at high speeds, should stay at least 200 feet away from loons, swimming areas, docks, shoreline, sailboats, canoes, kayaks, rafts, fishing boats and slow down as you pass. If you have to pass closer – BE SURE you create no wake and minimal noise.

Treat others on the lake as you would like to be treated and in the case of younger people—treat others as you would like others to treat your grandmother and grandfather if they were out in a boat.

*Written and compiled by Kale Danberg
A long, long time lover of Cedar Lake.*

Unique and Useful Tips!

Newspaper weeds away Start putting in your plants; work the nutrients in your soil. Wet newspapers put layers around the plants overlapping as you go cover with mulch and forget about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic they will not get through wet newspapers.

Broken Glass Use a dry cotton ball to pick up little broken glass pieces of glass- the fibers catch ones you can't see!

No More Mosquitoes Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep the mosquitoes away.

Squirrel Away! To keep squirrels from eating your plants sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. The cayenne pepper doesn't hurt the plant and the squirrels won't come near it.

Flexible vacuum To get something out of a heat register or under the fridge add an empty paper towel roll or empty gift wrap roll to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow openings.

Foggy Windshield? Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car. When the windows fog, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth!

Goodbye Fruit Flies To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass fill it 1/2' with Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dishwashing liquid, mix well! You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever!

Get Rid of Ants Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it 'home,' & can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, esp. if it rains, but it works & you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed!

Take baby powder to the beach Keep a small bottle of baby powder in your beach bag. When you're ready to leave the beach sprinkle yourself and kids with the powder and the sand will slide right off your skin.

INVOLVEMENT

As part of the Cedar Lake family here are some things you might like to do:

- Write articles about the history of Cedar Lake and area as you remember it.
- Volunteer and/or suggest items for the newsletter and /or the website.
- Serve on a committee under the direction of the Board.
- Help set up and/or clean up after the Spring Potluck and/or the Annual meeting.
- Furnish your email address so the Board can include you in all the latest updates.
- Volunteer to help in the search for invasive species (Asian milfoil, etc)
- Attend the annual meeting.

Slow down summers & speed up winters.

Fixit: Water spot remover gets rid of white scales on boats

•**Q** How can I get the whitish, scaly stuff off boats and Jet-Skis? This stuff comes from boats just being in the water, I think.

•**By Karen Youso, Star Tribune**

•**Q** How can I get the whitish, scaly stuff off boats and Jet-Skis? This stuff comes from boats just being in the water, I think.

•**A** The spots are mineral deposits, and Ducky Water Spot Remover (\$1.99 a quart) handles them best, said Joe Hausladen of Hannay's Marine in St. Anthony. Hausladen said you just spray it on and wipe off. Other products can be used, such as rubbing compounds, but it's a lot more work, he said. If the sun has baked the surface and the gelcoat is starting to degrade, however, you'll need an oxidation-removing product to get rid of spots, followed by a coat of wax or sealant.

•In general, when cleaning, painting or doing maintenance on your boat, Clean Boating America recommends:

• Choose products carefully. Read product labels and buy nontoxic cleaners (such as Ducky's). Avoid

those that warn "do not get in eyes" or "always wear gloves" because these can harm the environment. (Also be careful when buying products by mail order. Any product used to clean or paint your boat must be approved for use in Minnesota.)

• Consider scrubbing with alternative cleaners, such as baking soda, lemon juice and vinegar. Avoid those with bleach, ammonia, lye or petroleum distillates.

• Think about where all the dirt and solvents will go; choose a method that reduces the chance of getting any in the water. Do as much hull work inside or under cover where rain can't wash materials into the water. Clean boat bottoms ashore, over hard surfaces or a tarp, where debris can be contained.

• A little cleanser goes a long way. More does not necessarily work better and can be harmful. Keep caps on bottles while cleaning, as an open container might spill into the water. Buy only as much cleanser as you need, so you don't need to dispose of leftovers.

•In addition, it's very important to look for and remove exotic species from your boat and motor each time you enter or leave a waterway and when you do boat maintenance.

• Remove aquatic plants and animals from the boat motor and trailer. For help in identifying them, go to www.seagrant.umn.edu/exotics/index.html.

• Drain lake or river water from the live well, bilge and motor.

• Dispose of unwanted live minnows and worms in the trash.

• If the boat is moored more than 24 hours, rinse off the boat and equipment with high-pressure hot water to remove zebra mussels.

• If that's not possible, set the boat, motor and trailer in the sunlight for five days to dry. You want to keep zebra mussels out of our waterways, but also out of the engine cooling system and off fiberglass hulls, which they can destroy.

• Includes information from Minnesota Sea Grant Program in Duluth.

• Send your questions to Fixit in care of the Star Tribune, 425 Portland Av. S., Minneapolis, MN 55488.

DUES ARE DUE - THANK YOU!

Annual Membership dues for our Cedar Lake Conservation Club were due by June 1st. The dues are \$15.00 per family of which \$8.00 goes into the General Fund and \$7.00 into a special fund to help finance controlling lake-threatening weed growth should we be so unfortunate to have it threaten our lake. This fund is set up in a special account for Cedar Lake use only.

If you are not presently a member of the Conservation Club, please take this opportunity to join because your support and input is needed. Also if you're aware of others who are not members please encourage them to

join also.

It's so easy to put things off and then forget completely. Please take a minute right now to send in your check. And remember, you need to be a paid-up member to qualify for the annual fishing contest.

Thanks - very much for your support.

NOTE: If your dues are due an addressed envelope is included. Or your dues may be paid at the Annual Meeting.

Name: _____ Amount Included: \$ _____

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ANNUAL DINNER SAT. AUG. 11th, 2007 AT MAPLE LAKE VFW CLUB

SOCIAL HOUR: 5:00 PM

COST: \$8.50 Adults

Reservations are due by Tuesday,
Aug. 7, 2007. Please send check to
Cedar Lake Conservation Club, P.O.
Box 192, Annandale, MN 55302

DINNER: 6:00 PM

\$6.00—12 & under**

Adults attending: _____ Children 12 and under: _____ Total Amt included: \$ _____

Menu: Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, veggie, rolls and fruit plus coffee and milk

Name: _____ **Amount Included:** \$ _____

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**Thank you very much for
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