

**Hitchcock Lake Improvement Association, Inc. (HLIA)
2025 Membership Drive**

Greetings to all Hitchcock Lake residents! Hitchcock Lake is a beautiful natural resource right in our own backyard. Our properties are very desirable and valuable. Your neighbors, working through the Hitchcock Lake Improvement Association, need your help in preserving and enhancing the quality of the Lake. Our biggest challenges are controlling weed growth and protecting the dam to maintain the health, beauty and recreational quality of the lake. **Weed treatment and environmental surveys designed to help us maintain and improve Hitchcock Lake represent over 75% of our budgeted costs. Our taxes do not pay for this. Without everyone's support, we will not be able to preserve the quality of the lake.** Even if you do not swim, boat, or fish, we all benefit from a clean, healthy and beautiful environment, and the higher the quality of the lake, the more valuable our homes.

Dues are the same as last year: \$175 for lakefront residents (or owner of a motorized craft), or \$50 for deeded off-lake residents. An additional fee of \$50.00 is due for each motorized boat. If you are new to the lake, or new to boating on the lake, and need to register a motorized boat, please see the HLIA website for guidance or contact the HLIA by email. Additional donations to the *Renew the Lake Fund* will be used for extra expenses to protect lake quality. **We invite you to register online, which is preferred method;** by mail; or this year, at one of two scheduled in-person registration events: (1) at the HLIA April 28th meeting at the Firehouse, or (2) at the Kick-off the Season Gathering at the Sussman's house (28 Birch St.) on May 10th.

Steps for Membership registration:

1. Fill out the online registration form found on the website: www.hitchcocklake.com/membership or sign and return the attached form to Hitchcock.lake@gmail.com
2. Mail the attached form and a check payable to HLIA, PO Box 6224, Wolcott, CT 06716
3. Bring the form and supporting boating documents to one of the two in-person events

Options to pay dues-- please use one of the following methods:

- a. For PayPal users: www.paypal.com Send to hitchcock.lake@gmail.com Include name and address in the notes field and type of membership and fees being paid.
- b. More payment options available on the HLIA website: <http://www.hitchcocklake.com/membership> No account needed for credit card payment. PayPal, and Venmo options. HLIA does not have a Venmo account. Do not send directly through Venmo, use the option on the HLIA web-site to send by Venmo.
- c. Mail a check payable to the "HLIA", PO Box 6224, Wolcott, CT 06716

REGISTRATION FORM, INCLUDING BOATING INFORMATION IS ATTACHED.

HLIA REGISTRATION FORM

Please print your name and contact information legibly and fill out information completely.

Name: _____

Lake Property Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

*Email (required for boaters): _____ Cell Phone for boaters and notices # : _____

TYPE of MEMBERSHIP and DUES: _____ TOTAL:

Lake Front Resident and/or Owner of a motorized craft: \$175 \$ _____

Motorized Boat Stickers: \$50 each x # _____ \$ _____

Off Lake Front Resident: \$50 \$ _____

Century Club Member: \$200 \$ _____

Contribution to HLIA "Renew the Lake" Fund** \$ _____

Contribution to our Community Development Committee: \$ _____

Method of Payment: (please circle) Check or PayPal Total Enclosed: \$ _____

*Providing an email address for ALL members saves on mailing expenses. We don't share email addresses and can more quickly inform you of safety concerns, weed treatments (required by state law), and social events. **Contributions to Renew the Lake support maintenance programs, weed treatments, dam repairs, buoy purchases, water testing and other expenses that keep the lake healthy and safe. We greatly appreciate your contributions!!

Your signature below indicates that you (and all household members) have read and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Wolcott Land and Conservation Trust for Hitchcock Lake and acknowledge the no-wake maps available on the website. Rules apply to all Lake residents and Guests.

BY MY SIGNATURE, I ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE USE OF HITCHCOCK LAKE CARRIES WITH IT CERTAIN INHERENT RISKS THAT CANNOT BE ELIMINATED REGARDLESS OF THE CARE TAKEN TO AVOID INJURIES OR DAMAGE AND I ASSUME ALL RISKS OF INJURY INCURRED OR SUFFERED WHILE BOATING OR SWIMMING IN THE LAKE. IN ADDITION, BY MY SIGNATURE I, FOR MYSELF AND FOR MY FAMILY, HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES DO HEREBY AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE WOLCOTT LAND CONSERVATION TRUST AND THE HITCHCOCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS, INSURERS AND/OR AGENTS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS ARISING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FROM OR RELATED IN ANY WAY TO OUR USE OF HITCHCOCK LAKE.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Motorized boat owners must provide the following information to obtain registration stickers: (1) State of CT Personal Watercraft/Boating Safety Certificates for ALL Household operators of the vessel(s). (2) Certificate of Insurance showing liability coverage for each vessel for the 2025 boating season (policy limits, not the bill) (3) 2025 State of CT Boat Registration for each vessel. Further information and specifics are detailed in the WLCT Rules and Regulations (emailed with this registration form and available at www.hitchcocklake.com Please email a copy of each of the following documents to Hitchcock.Lake@gmail.com. Once all information is received a boat sticker will be mailed.

Boaters are reminded that Connecticut now requires any person who operates a vessel on inland waters to have an AIS Stamp which provides funding for the "Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation Account." Information regarding this stamp can be found at <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/boating/faqs/faq-ais-stamp>