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**May Lake Report - The President's Letter**

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Greetings and Happy May Day,

I see a lot of activity around the lakes. Many of you are getting the gardens ready. The "snowbirds" are making their way home to open up the cabin for the season. Most of us are tired of the recent gray cloudy rainy days and looking forward to some spring cleaning. Don't forget the lakes area garage sales are Thursday May 13th - Saturday 15th. Some people do open a day early and on Sunday. Let's all purge our stuff and hope our neighbors will buy some of it. Then we can go to their sale and find the treasures they are parting with. Have fun.

Clean up day will be Saturday May 1st from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Another spring activity is putting in the docks and boats. This year it rained a lot. We watched the water rise. Some of us watched our dock tops float away.

Helpful neighbors posted pictures on Facebook of pontoons, kayaks and dock tops floating around the lake. Facebook was a buzz with comments about the high water.. Some were factual, others not so much.

I thought it would be helpful for those new to the lake to have a brief history on high water events. The watershed area for our lakes is huge. I don't know how many acres, but it goes almost up to Foley. When it rains all of the water works its way into our lakes through the river and creeks. The problem is there is only one outlet for the water to exit. That is at the dam/weir on Rush Lake. The water runs into the lake faster than it goes out. So, the water backs up and the water rises. There are studies going on to see what can be done. One study in the early stages is to see if large holding ponds could be built upstream. They would catch the water and slow its entry into the lake. More research needs to be done on that. It would be very expensive to acquire the land and do the construction.

I think one recent change at the dam had a positive impact. The top of the dam used to have a 30" high metal grate. It was installed sometime in the 1930's to be a barrier to keep carp from entering the upper three lakes. It didn't keep the carp out. It did catch a lot of debris like logs, weeds, tree branches, etc. The result was the grate held back and slowed water leaving the lake. In high water events, if the debris wasn't removed from the grate a couple times a day the flooding was worse. In December 2019 the grate was removed. Research indicated removal would let high water out sooner and faster. The result would be "lower" high water levels and shorter no wake ordinance would be in effect.

For many years, Steve Demeules has been the one who monitors and measures water levels. I reached out to him for his thoughts on water levels since the grate was removed.

From Steve Demeules:

Morning Brad, My observation of the water events since the grates have been removed are two fold. One would be the water is going down faster without the grates in place. Two the high water event is not as long in duration as it has been when the grates were in place. Unfortunately. I haven't used my data to determine height and flow and duration. It's more of an observation from doing it for a while. ... Steve

How does Steve measure water levels? Steve has taken the measurements from his property on Briggs Lake since 2011. He is pretty smart. He doesn't stand in the water and see if it goes over the top of his waders. His measuring device is similar to a long yardstick. He has a record of the lake level at "normal levels". As the water levels change he measures from the same place every

time and records the change. We have a lot of history on high water and can predict in advance if a NO WAKE alert is likely.

When we have high water and the NO WAKE ordinance goes into effect we post on Facebook and email everyone on our list that announcement. Prior to water reaching the no wake level Steve sends out daily lake level measurements. The BLCA forwards his email to those who want to know lake level status in advance. If you want to be on that email list, contact Deb Stacey ( [debjs52@yahoo.com](mailto:debjs52@yahoo.com) ) and let her know.

Enough about high water. Let's talk about the 4th of July weekend. The fireworks on Briggs are rescheduled to Friday July 2nd. The original date was Saturday the 3rd. A couple weeks ago the owner of Res Pyro, our fireworks vendor, contacted me and asked if we could change our date. He told me three of his biggest customers, The Minnesota Twins, the city of Minneapolis & the city of St Paul all want their display on the 3rd. He doesn't have enough licensed staff to do any more events on Saturday. It was presented to the board at the April meeting and approved that our fireworks display would move to Friday the 2nd. This is the email I got from Erv saying we will get a bonus display at the finale for making the change.

From Erv:

Brad

We will pump up the Finale for changing to July 2nd.

Thanks! Erv

The boat parade is still scheduled for Saturday July 3rd.

It is time to upgrade our website. We are looking for a volunteer, or possibly paying someone, experienced in website design. Please contact me ( [bradkipp1@gmail.com](mailto:bradkipp1@gmail.com) ) if you are interested or want more details. This would be a short term project and not an on-going position.

I'm saving the best for last. The fishing opener is Saturday May 15th. Have fun. Safety first. Take time this summer to teach a kid to fish. I hope you catch a big one.

I anticipate seeing some of those monster's fish posted on Facebook. Not everyone does Facebook. Take a picture and email it to Deb Stacey ( [debjs52@yahoo.com](mailto:debjs52@yahoo.com) ) and she will include your picture in the June newsletter.

Looking forward to those " lazy crazy days of summer.

Thanks for your support of the BLCA..... Brad

### **Summary of the Healthy Lakes Meeting - March 4, 2021**

The Healthy Lakes group meets on the first Thursday of every month at the Palmer Township Hall at 6:30 PM. This is a group of people that have an interest in the health of all four lakes. Everyone is welcome, you do not need to join, come share your thoughts and interests.

The following items were discussed at our March meeting:

- TLID update
- Grants: TLID and HL
- Sherburne County Park Update (Wiese property)
- Big Lake LID Status
- Early Detection/Rapid Response Plan:
- Gentle Footprint Grant Process
- 2021 Healthy Lakes Goals

The next Healthy Lakes meeting is on April 1st at the Palmer Township Hall at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome!

### **Water Water Everywhere, but not a drop to sell**

By Jeff Forester, Executive Director, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates

Minnesota has an incredible water resource. But at some point – perhaps even not that far down the line – there will be a highly charged public debate about whether Minnesota should recognize water as a commodity, and allow private companies to sell our most precious natural resource on the open market.

In 2019, Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) reported “the surprising news that a company in Lakeville, MN, wants to pump water from below the ground in Dakota County and transport it by rail to the arid western United States.

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates quickly opposed the idea. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources said the plan likely didn't meet state law. The DNR Commissioner refused the permits.

But both times and Commissioners change. Minnesota's law places almost total discretion with the MN DNR Commissioner. In a different time with a different DNR Commissioner, the result could be different. It is clear that the issue will not go away.

Water scarcity is a growing global problem. According to the Bloomberg Green business publication, “2 billion people now live in nations plagued by water problems, and almost two-thirds of the world could face water shortages in just

four years.” Tim McCourt, global head of equity index and alternative investment, said, “The idea of managing risks associated to water is certainly increased in importance.”

What Mr. McCourt and many others mean when they talk about “managing risks” is making water a commodity like grain, oil, gold, other minerals, etc., to be freely traded on a stock exchange. While you were busy in December prepping for the holidays, dodging the pandemic and doing your regular routines, water began trading as a commodity on December 8, 2020, when the nation’s first water market launched on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, with \$1.1 billion in contracts tied to water prices in California, Bloomberg News reported.

The same article notes that “climate change, droughts, population growth, and pollution are likely to make water scarcity issues and pricing a hot topic for years to come.” Guess where many have already begun to look for H2O supply? Yes, the land of 10,000 freshwater lakes and our Great Lakes, chief among them, Lake Superior with an estimated 3 quadrillion gallons -- enough to cover both North and South America under a foot of water.

For now, The Great Lakes Compact of 2008 bans water diversion from the Great Lakes, with some exceptions. But as that 2019 MPR report noted, our state may face its own water shortages: “Minnesota is starting to come to grips with the fact that it does not have an endless supply of water. There’s growing concern in certain parts of the state — including the Twin Cities metro area and farmland in central and southern Minnesota — and that development and irrigation of farm fields are depleting groundwater sources too quickly.”

But even more deeply is the question of water as a human right and public good versus a commodity to be sold and traded. The Magna Carta, the Great Charter of Freedom, written in 1215 governments have upheld the rights of the citizen to access water. In 2010, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution affirming the human right to clean drinking water. One hundred and twenty two nations voted in favor. None voted against, but forty-four nations, including the United States, abstained, suggesting that a right to water was unclear, unnecessary or premature given existing rights and other ongoing negotiations.

So is water a human right or a commodity?

“The problem is that it’s both,” said Peter Gleick of the Pacific Institute in Berkeley. Everyone has a right to safe, clean water, he said, but because of government failures, 1.1 billion people lack access to it,” reported the Los Angeles Times in 2012. “A new trend is clear. Both Suez and Vivendi [big French companies that supply water to urban areas in the first and third worlds] expect double-digit annual growth in their water business, and each already has contracts that total more than \$10 billion a year. Puerto Rico just hired Suez to distribute its water.”

Meanwhile, back on the new water stock exchange, “the market allows farmers,

hedge funds, and municipalities to hedge bets on the future price of water and water availability in the American West. The new trading scheme was announced in September, prompted by the region's climate change impacts of increased heat, drought, and wildfires.

Proponents say the new exchange "will clear up some of the uncertainty around water prices for farmers and municipalities, helping them budget for the resource," according to the Yale Environment 360. The other side is that treating water as a commodity puts a basic human right in the hands of financial institutions, stock market traders and businesses that have no obligation or capacity to protect the public trust.

Minnesota is the headwaters of three continental-sized watersheds. At Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, we believe we bear a responsibility to the people downstream. But Minnesota also has falling aquifers. Fifty-six percent of Minnesota's lakes and rivers are listed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency as impaired. Water is a public good, and not a commodity to be traded or sold. We do not support exporting Minnesota's water out of state through a pipeline, tanker truck, ship or rail car.

The issue is bound to become more focused and controversial as water becomes less available and climate continues to exacerbate water issues. You know the issue has arrived when even Stephen Colbert recently tackled the subject in one of his funny-but-serious "Uh-Oh" TV segments!

And then there's water's potential connection to pipelines. When water becomes more valuable than oil, will those pipelines pump the other direction? This year both the Minnesota House and the Minnesota Senate considered bills to address this issue, and strengthen rules that would prevent Minnesota's waters from being sold out of state. Both set limits of one million gallons annually for destinations either 50 or 100 miles away depending. Both are steps in the right direction. At this writing it is unclear what final provisions will be, but MLR will report specifics in our Legislative Update later this summer.

Even with more protective language, it is clear that there will be ever mounting pressure to redefine Minnesota's public waters from a public good, owned by us all, to a private commodity to be sold in the marketplace. Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates will remain engaged on this issue, and will work to protect our lakes and rivers for future generations.

Jeff Forester is the Executive Director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, <http://www.mnlakesandrivers.org/> and the author of "The Forest for the Trees, How Humans Shaped the Northwoods," an ecological history of the BWCA.

## **Wake Board Boats - Exciting New Lake Based Sport AND Water Quality Threat**

By Jeff Forester, Executive Director, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates

For a number of years Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, MLR has heard concerns from our lake association members about boater behavior:

- Boaters are not taking Aquatic Invasive Species rules seriously. One mandatory roadside inspection effort in St. Louis County had a 33% violation rate,
- Basic safe watercraft operation was slipping. We heard of a lot of unsafe operators on the lakes, as well as those who are inconsiderate. The days of a 16 foot aluminum boat with a 25 hp outboard are long gone. New boats today are larger, more powerful and much, much faster. Some reach cruising speeds in excess of 70 mph.

MLR began discussions with a number of groups about a watercraft operator's certification. All of Minnesota's neighboring states have instituted watercraft operators permits. The training required for the permit can be done online, and would include rules of the road, safety, etiquette.

Then in 2019 MLR began hearing about a new type of boat and watersport - wakeboarding. In wakeboarding a surfer launches from a platform on the back of the boat while the boat is in motion, usually about 10 knots. They then surf the wake right behind the boat, so close they can talk to riders. No tow rope is required.

The sport is possible due to a marvel of engineering, a hull design, massive engine and adjusted drive train, ballast tanks that can be filled to create extra weight and hydraulic plates that can be extended from the hull to drive the boat deeper into the water - all designed to create bigger and more powerful wakes, some as large as six feet.

Wake surfing is emerging as a popular new water sport. Entire families can participate and the slow speeds mean that injuries are uncommon. Boat dealers and industry note that wakeboard boats are one of the fastest growing segments of new boat sales.

But there are problems with wakeboard boats as well:

- In 2018 a study by University of MN and MN DNR found that because the ballast tanks on wakeboard boats cannot be fully emptied and zebra mussel veligers can survive at high densities and for a long time, wakeboard boats are

the highest risk watercraft for AIS transport.

- Lake Associations and shoreline property owners reported that the large, powerful wakes generated by these craft were causing significant erosion of shoreline.
- The large wakes were damaging docks, lifts, boats and other infrastructure,
- The large wakes have knocked down children in the water and washed people off of their docks.
- The prop thrust from these boats was churning up lake bottoms, destroying aquatic plants, reanimating sediments, silting in spawning beds and fueling algal blooms.
- The large wakes caused conflicts with other users, including other boaters, canoists, kayakers, paddle boards and anglers.

On some lakes the negative impacts were so extreme that groups began to call for a ban on these boats. These calls for a statewide ban were growing in volume and gaining traction. The national watersports industry hired lobbyists to fight any attempts to restrict the use of these boats. A big controversy was building in St. Paul, and controversy makes solutions much harder to reach.

Over the summer of 2019 Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Executive Director Jeff Forester met with angling and sportsmen's groups, DNR, watersports industry representatives, and lake associations to define the problem. All agreed that if operated inappropriately, all of the negative impacts listed above were concerns.

At one meeting, a boating industry representative said, "It is not the boats that cause problems. It is the operators."

In that statement MLR saw a solution. We began our work with three primary goals:

1. Get the best science on the impacts of boat wakes and prop wash on lake ecology. Use reliable, peer reviewed data to develop best practices,
2. Protect the ability of local governments to use regulations to protect local resources,
3. Educate boaters in a watercraft operators certification course on these Best Practices so that operators understand, value and protect lake ecology and other user groups.

There are two key questions:

1. What is the wake energy of various boats and how long does this energy take to dissipate?
2. How deep can the prop thrust of different boats go?

In the summer of 2020 MLR and partner organizations partnered with the

University of Minnesota to initiate a CrowdFunding effort to answer these questions. The first phase looked at different styles of enhanced wake watercraft and different runabouts and was estimated to cost \$93k. Many lake associations in Minnesota, a few marina owners, a local boat dealer, and lake associations across the country contributed. By September of 2020 the CrowdFunding effort passed the goal and the oldest fluid dynamics lab in the United States, the St. Anthony Falls Lab, began this important research.

A preliminary report of findings is expected this spring. This data will be used to generate best practices for all watercraft with regard to operating depths and distance from shore to avoid causing ecological damage to our lakes.

Over the summer of 2021 MLR will work with MN DNR to design a watercraft operator's permit course that will include these best practices. We will also include more information on aquatic invasive species, dispel myths and teach boaters how to avoid spreading these species. Other segments of the training could focus more generally on lake ecology, and proper boating etiquette to avoid conflict among user groups.

To date MLR has been reaching out to other groups, including some that have opposed some previous AIS bills, to build a broad cross sector base in support of the research and education. MLR will continue working with our partners to increase the safety and enjoyment of all lake users.

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## UPCOMING MEETING AND EVENTS

TLID Meeting Monday, 5/3 6 pm 1st Monday of month  
Healthy Lakes Thursday, 5/6 6:30 pm 1st Thursday of month  
Palmer Township Monday, 5/10 7 pm 2nd Monday of month  
Clear Lake Township Tuesday, 5/18 7 pm 3rd Tuesday of month  
BLCA Board Saturday, 5/8 8:30 am 2nd Saturday of month  
Board of Adjustments Thursday, 5/13 6 pm 2nd Thursday of month

## SPRING CLEAN UP

Saturday, May 1st is Spring Clean Up Day from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The location has changed to 7938 116th Street S.E. Clear Lake, MN

Payment with cash or check ONLY

Items not accepted: yard debris, building materials, fencing and hazardous waste

more info? [www.co.sherburne.mn.us](http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us)

## **SHERBURNE COUNTY HAS 6 COMPOST SITES**

For more information go to the county website and search for compost  
[www.co.sherburne.mn.us](http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us)

Please be conscious of what you take to the compost sites or we may not be lucky enough to have them

## **DO YOU HAVE A BUSINESS YOU WANT TO ADVERTISE ?**

**Deadline is NOW.....**

Please contact Roger Miller about placing an ad in our annual directory. This directory is distributed yearly to all residents on the 4 lakes. It's a good way to get your information out there.

Rogers information is as follows:

[roglynmiller@gmail.com](mailto:roglynmiller@gmail.com)

952-237-3348

Did you know that there is a book on the history of Clear Lake Township? Lloyd (Bud) Stimmmer and many other area residents have spent an incredible number of hours researching and assembling this book.

If you would like to buy a copy, please contact Bud at 320-761-5793

There is \$\$\$ available through the Gentle Footprints Program to help defer the cost of plantings that will slow the erosion and runoff into our lakes. If you are interested in participating in this program you must be a sponsor of the BLCA and fill out the necessary forms which are on our website. This is an amazing opportunity for our lake association sponsors to do good things on the shorelines.

**This is just an FYI. Notice came out long ago in the form of an email to those who are listed in our database.**

3 LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

4180 105TH AVE Box C

Clear Lake, MN 55319

April 7th 2021

Dear District Property Owners:

The “3 LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT” (3 LAKE LID) has contracted to treat curly-leaf pondweed and/ or Eurasian watermilfoil for Lake’s Briggs, Julia and Rush in 2020.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has granted to the lake association a waiver of the requirement that the association obtain the signatures of approval of owners of lake-shore property. Instead, the lake association will notify property owners of the treatment through alternate form[s]. This announcement is one form that the 3 Lake LID is using to notify property owners. Other forms include notification on the 3 Lake LID web page, <https://briggslakechainassociation.com/3-lake-lid> , and Briggs Lake Chain Association (BLCA) Newsletters.

**With regard to the treatment for this year, proposed between March through August, 2021:**

1. The target species for the treatment: Curley-Leaf & Eurasian watermilfoil
2. The method of control or product being used: Endothall & 2-4D treatment near shore...
3. How landowners my request that control not occur adjacent to the landowner's property:
  - a. If you desire that the treatment not occur adjacent to your property shore, please inform the TLID at: TLID 4180 105th AVE Box C, Clear Lake, MN 55319 immediately using US Mail.

3 Lake Improvement District Board of Directors  
(Deadline for response April 13th 2021)

**Boaters: renew your watercraft registration early, use online renewal**

Boaters, remember to give yourself enough time to renew your watercraft registration if it has expired. As a result of COVID-19 and an increase in requests, the DNR License Center currently is requiring up to nine weeks to process mail-in boat registration renewals. Additional staff have been pulled in to help with the backlog.

To avoid the wait, the DNR is encouraging boaters to renew boat registrations online or at a local deputy registrar’s office, rather than by mail. If you renew online, you can print out the confirmation page as your temporary permit. You also may write down your temporary authorization number from the confirmation page.

Your registration card and expiration decals will then be mailed to you. To renew online visit the DNR website and click on “Get Started” and follow the prompts. To renew in person, visit a deputy registrar. Deputy registrar locations are available on the Minnesota Department of Public Safety website.

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**B.L.C.A. FINANCIALS**  
Income to date \$ 16,307.64  
Expenses to date \$ 4,494.36  
Net Proceeds \$ 11,813.28  
Operating funds checking \$ 15,939.71  
Money Market Rapid Response \$ 100,654.21

Total BLCA Cash \$ 116,593.92

**Below are pictures of the highway 25 clean up that is done by BLCA volunteers.** Thank you to those who worked on this spring's clean up.





**IF YOU LIVE ON ONE OF THE 4 LAKES, AS A GOOD NEIGHBOR YOU SHOULD BE A SPONSOR OF THE BLCA.**

THIS ORGANIZATION DOES A LOT BEHIND THE SCENES FOR ALL 4 LAKES WHICH IS PAID FOR BY THE DUES.

IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT YOUR SPONSORSHIP IN, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IF YOU MISPLACED THE FORM, PLEASE CONTACT DEB STACEY AT 19debjs52 FOR ANOTHER ONE

THE FOLLOWING IS FROM COLE PETROSKY AND SOME IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR THOSE OF US WHO USE THE LAKES

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE SPRING GENERAL MEETING**

The Spring General Meeting will be **Friday, June 11th**

More info will follow in the June newsletter

Minnesota Statute 86B.121 requires a permit be issued before holding or sponsoring any scheduled or public race, regatta, tournament or other competition or exhibition, or trial race on water or ice, whether or not involving watercraft.

The statute further states that the County's issuance of a permit under this section does not make the County liable for any injury occurring at the event.

The applicant shall provide a non-cancellable comprehensive general liability policy with Sherburne County named as an additional insured.

In addition to an insurance policy, proof of notification to the City or Township where the event is being held must be provided. This ensures that the City or Township is aware of the event. Be sure to discuss parking/land use issues with the City or Township. Please note that no more than 50% of a State owned public access may be used for an event. (MN Rule 6212.2700)

Other documents that may apply to your event include DNR tournament permits, food and alcohol vendor permits, pyrotechnic permits, gambling permits, etc. Be sure to include copies of these with the application. To obtain these permits contact the MN DNR or the Sherburne County Auditor Treasurer Department.

The application must be submitted to the Recreational Enforcement Division 30 days prior to the event. Delivery can be done in-person, by mail, fax, or e-mail. All other supporting documents and permits must be submitted 7 days prior to the event. Upon review of all documents you will be notified of approval or denial. Approved applications will be signed by the Sheriff and have a permit number listed in the upper right corner. The application and supporting documents must be on site and readily available during the duration of the event.

Watercraft being used for an event will be inspected by event staff before entering and upon leaving public waters to prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species.

Events held on the ice are subject to adequate ice thickness. Generally, there will be no parking of contestant vehicles on the ice. Support vehicles and event structures may be placed on the ice but must maintain a minimum of 30 feet between vehicles and structures. If water rises above holes drilled in the ice or sagging is observed. All vehicles must be removed from the area immediately. To ensure safety for all, these requirements will be strictly enforced.

Failure to follow guidelines and requirements set forth by your permit will result in the cancellation of the permit

## TEMPORARY STRUCTURE

If you intend on placing any structure, buoy, or sign in public waters within Sherburne County, between sunset and sunrise,

which does not extend from shore, you are required to obtain a permit from the Sheriff of Sherburne County. (MN Rule 6110.1800 & MN Statute 86B.111 Sub. 1)

There is no fee for this permit.

To help expedite the issuance of your permit, please familiarize yourself with the following procedures and applicable regulations for the structure you intend to place in public waters. Accurately and completely fill out the application and accompanying page that diagrams your structure and its location.

After completing the application and diagram, submit all pages to the Recreational Enforcement Division via in-person, mail, fax, or e-mail. Upon review you will be notified of approval or denial. Approved applications will be signed by the Sheriff and have a permit number listed in the upper right corner.

Requirements for all structures:

- 1) Structure must not create a hazard to surface use of the public water.
- 2) Permit number must be displayed on the structure at all times it is on public waters.
- 3) Permit numbers must be 2 inches in height and contrast the background.
- 4) Structure must have a light or reflective material visible from all sides that identifies the size of the structure.
- 5) Anchoring system must not create a hazard to surface use of the public water.
- 6) Anchoring system must not be detrimental to fish or wildlife habitat.
- 7) Structure must be removed by November 1st every year (March 15th for ice rink equipment).

Additional regulations for slalom courses.

- 1) Permit number must be displayed on both ends of the course.
- 2) Course area may not exceed 900 feet in length.

Additional regulations for private swimming areas. (MN Rule 6110.160)

- 1) Area may not exceed 2500 square feet (example 50'x50').
- 2) Area may not exceed 50 linear feet along lake frontage.
- 3) Markers must be placed no more than 15 feet apart along the perimeter.
- 4) Markers must have no less than six inches but no more than 14 inches showing

above the waterline. Markers in the form of a cylinder must have a diameter of at least five inches and not larger than nine inches. Markers with a shape other than a cylinder may not have a length or width greater than 14 inches. Each such

marker shall bear on opposite sides a one-half inch wide band of international orange color forming an upright diamond at least five inches in outside width, dissected vertically and horizontally by a one-half inch wide strip of international

orange color. The border of the diamond and cross outline shall not be less than one-half inch in width. These markers may not be spaced more than 15 feet apart and must outline all of the swimming area.



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