

Seeing is Believing...?

White Lake is very shallow, with about half of the lake bottom consisting of muddy sediments. Low-growing, rooted plants as well as mats of algae can be very abundant in muddy bottom areas. Boating activities can “stir up” the mud and uproot the vegetation, and much of this material washes into shallow sandy-bottom areas, causing reductions in clarity.

The boating-clarity connection has been apparent for the past 70 years. In decades past, it was more of a concern during periods of low lake levels; at present the impacts of larger boats on lake clarity (even at normal lake levels) is undeniable.

