

Sylvia Lake Association 1999 NEWSLETTER

Help Keep Sylvia Lake Beautiful

July, 1999

Events & Information 1999

Notice About Association Dues - Your \$5.00 Sylvia Lake Association dues are very important.

It pays for water testing that is a guide line to help us keep the lake clean to keep us healthy.

It helps pay for the association picnic.

It pays for mailings to keep you informed about association meetings and lake activities.

Please give your money to any officer or mail to Mona Allen, Treasurer, 130 Jones Road, Gouverneur, N.Y. 13642

The Association would like to thank Penny Netto, Jo Ann Orford, Sally Besaw, Mona Allen, Dawn French, Fay Hopper, Hannah Saide!, Linda Scott and Joanna deLorraine for collecting 1998 Membership Dues and delivering the 1998 Newsletter.

Sunday July 4th - The Annual Charlie Ferguson Fishing Derby. Trophies provided by the Force Family. Enter your catch on Sunday the 4th from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at the Ferguson camp. Once again Gale will pay 10 cents for every rock bass turned in.

The 1998 Charlie Ferguson Fishing Derby was a great success with over 900 rock bass turned in. The Force camp had the most with 439. Kyle Link won a trophy for the largest small mouth bass turned in. It was a 14". Mark James Truax caught an 11" rock bass. Thanks to Gale Ferguson for his time and donations. Also, thanks to Rosalie & Carlton Force for donating the fishing trophies.

Saturday, August 7th at 1 P.M. Boat Parade - Let's make this the best boat parade ever. Please support our young people. Do you have a boat but no one to decorate it anymore? Why not co-sponsor an entry with another camp who has the young people to do the work but no boat to use. This might lead to some old fashioned camper friendships. Call Donna Besaw at 287-0546 or Penny Netto at 287-7329 or 287-1461 for more information.

The 1998 Boat Parade had 9 entries. First place went to the Butz camp. Their theme was the Sylvia Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. Second was the Gates camp as Haunted Party Boat and Third the Besaw/Netto was clowning around. Thanks to Harland Brown for donating the Boat Parade Trophies. Thanks also to Donna Besaw and Penny Netto for making the Boat Parade a success.

Sunday, August 8th - Sylvia Lake Association Picnic - 1 P.M. - The Picnic will be held August 8th at the Public Beach area. It will be free for all association members and a charge of \$2 will be asked of all guests and non-members, (over the age of 10 yrs.). Please bring your own place setting and a "Covered Dish" to pass. Hot dogs, sausage, soda and beer will be provided.

All were in agreement that the 1998 Summer Picnic went very well. There were 115 people in attendance. Marylou and Robert Tropp donated T-shirts for the door prizes.

WARNING ROCKS - Hazardous submerged rocks and debris. Please beware of their locations.

Have a Fun & Safe Summer

President - Mark Truax

Home: 287-0643 Camp: 287-0370

Vice President - Richard French

Home: 287-3390 Camp 287-0267



Treasurer - Mona Allen

Home: 287-2206 Camp 287-2829

Secretary - Joanna deLorraine

Home: 287-4652

Thanks, guys. Thanks to Linda and Gary Scott, Robin and Mark Truax and Dick French for making our Picnic such a huge success.

Sunday, August 8th - Sylvia Lake Poker Run - 10 A.M. - 12 P.M. - Roger and Marilyn LaPierre will host the 3rd annual Poker Run. Starting point and rules given out - LaPierre's camp dock at 9:30 AM. Must come by boat - 4 cards collected at different points around lake. Ante Fee for each hand of cards \$2.00. Limit of first 52 hands of cards. 5th card obtained and results of poker run at picnic grounds of Fowler Town Beach at 12:30 P.M. For more information - 287-2141 camp or 287-4801 home.

Last year's winners were: First place - Katie Tyler, Second place - Barb Mailey and Third place - Roxann Tyler. Thanks Roger and Marilyn for a fun one.

Bulletin Boards will be erected at the entrance to each road of the lake. Any important notices will be posted at each.

Water Testing - The water will be tested two times, the first week in July and the last week in August. Thanks Lois Cook and Gale Ferguson for taking care of these tests.

FALL MEETING - Thursday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m. Fowler Town Hall.

Sylvia Lake Map - A new updated version of the Sylvia Lake Map has been prepared by Bill deLorraine and Bart VanSlyke. 911 addresses will be added. The maps will be sold at a nominal cost of \$4.00. You can purchase the maps from Mona and Lynn Allen 287-2829, Joanna and Bill deLorraine 287-4652 or Donna and Wes Besaw 287-0546. A big thanks goes to Bill deLorraine and Bart VanSlyke for all their hard work they did on these new maps.

Cans & Bottles - All 5 cent returnable cans and bottles can benefit St. Lawrence Association for Retarded Children. Take them to the ARC redemption store at Trakside Plaza, Gouverneur.

Aluminum tabs from pop cans may be collected and taken to the Gouverneur VFW or given to Marie Sullivan (phone 287-0839). This benefits patients on dialysis for kidney disease at Samaritan Medical Center.

Clean Up Around The Lake - Don't let our roads become a gathering spot for all sorts of discarded junk. Be a good neighbor and camper by keeping the woods as beautiful as the view of the lake.

Remember: Pets should be controlled. Fowler has a leash law. Do not allow your pet to become a nuisance to other camps.

Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) - Boats less than 16 feet in length (including canoes and kayaks of any length) must be equipped with one Type I, II, III, *Nor V* PFD for each person aboard. However, May 1, 1995, boats less than 16 feet will be required to carry **wearable** PFDs for each person on board.

Welcome to Sylvia Lake

Please Help Us Keep It Healthy and Safe

Smokers: Use Ashtrays, not the lake !!!

Campers: Use your shower for shampooing: Fish don't have hair!

Swim, Don't Bathe.

Use trash cans for all foods, bottles and beverage cans. Don't be a **Lake Litterer**.

Use a low phosphate, bio-degradable detergent for laundry, dishes, etc.

Please keep any "trash fish" you catch, Fertilize your flowers, not The Lake.

It is illegal to dump or burn garbage or trash in the woods. Use your local garbage man.

Be Courteous Afloat:

Keep clear of fishermen.

Stay 100' from docks and swimming areas. Water skiers take note.

Sailboats and canoes have the right-of-way at all times. Watch your wake.

Remember, the bigger your boat - the bigger your wake. Be Responsible!

Be Safe Afloat:

One life saving device for each person aboard.

Use your boat lights after dusk, for your safety and others.

It's wise to have extra line, paddle and anchor aboard.

Water Skiers must have an observer and driver.

Swim Safely:

Know the water depth.

Swim with a buddy.

"Look before you leap!"

Have a boat with you when swimming any long distance.

Road Safety:

Use low speed, good judgement and courtesy on all camp roads. A7V's on camp roads are becoming a problem. Violators are to be identified, parents notified and repeat offenders can be arrested (Campers call Sheriff).

Remember that sound travels far over water. Be considerate of your neighbors before 10 a.m. and after 10 p.m.

Check your motor. Remember leaking gas and oil pollute the lake.

Have a Healthy, Happy and Safe Summer

Thank you!

Your Sylvia Lake Association

NYS BOATING LAW: Did you know that the NYS speed limit of ANY motorized vehicle on ANY NYS waterway is 10 mph within 100 feet of the shoreline? The distance from the Old Beach Public swimming area is 500 feet. There can be tickets given if an officer of the DEC is around. Be forewarned!! If you have questions about specific NYS Boating Laws and Safety, please contact our Navigation Committee - Ralph Undercoffler and Dorothy Dodds.

ZEBRA MUSSELS. It is believed the nasty critters were released with bilge water from European ships in 1986, and they have multiplied fast. They are vacuum cleaners, greedily eating plankton and leaving no food for the lower end of the food chain. No little fish... no big fish. They could clean a body of water of life. They are blocking intake pipes of water treatment plants, etc. They clog intake valves on boat motors, damaging engines and power drives that cost thousands to replace.

To keep them out of our Lake, boaters could use a little caution. If your boat has been in other waters, possibly infested waters, disinfect your boat by wiping it with a cloth dipped in a Clorox solution and mix a cup of Clorox in your bilge water. Dump bilge water before entering the Lake. These things are small... the larvae look like sand suspended in water and boaters are unaware of their presence, but a female can produce 35,000 larvae in a year. Scientists do not know how to control them yet... Beware!!!

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Gouverneur Fire Department -(287-2350)

Gouverneur State Police-(287-2311)

Gouverneur Police Department - (287-2121)

Gouverneur Rescue Squad -(287-1311)

St. Law. County Sheriffs Dept. - (379-2222)

Remember, 911 is now activated.