



The Voice of Squash Lake

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Mission Statement

The Squash Lake Association's mission is to preserve and protect Squash Lake and its surrounding ecosystems, and also to enhance the water quality, the fishery, the wild natural habitats, boating safety, and the aesthetic values of Squash Lake, as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations.

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Caveat Emptor – Buyer Beware

We tend to think about controlling aquatic invasive species and boat landing inspections in terms of people who own boats and other watercraft. We often forget that a significant number of people rent or borrow boats as well, whether for a day or a few days enjoyment on area lakes. It is true that a rental facility is obligated to inspect a boat and trailer for AIS before releasing it into your possession. However, should you trust that they've done their job, and met DNR regulations pertaining to illegal transport of AIS? No!

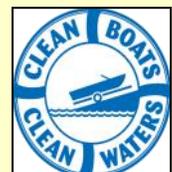
All too often, boats and other watercraft that are rented to customers have not been properly checked for AIS by the rental facility. Once in your possession, you become responsible for any aquatic vegetation that may be on the equipment at the time you pulled away, trailer in tow. This means that you may become liable for any fines for violating the regulations on illegal transport of AIS.

If you choose to rent, or even borrow from a friend, any watercraft, do yourself a favor. Inspect the boat and trailer for AIS before leaving the parking lot. Cruising on the water can wait the extra 10 minutes it takes to check over the equipment. If you find any vegetation, insist that the rental facility remove it, or that they provide you with another boat that is clear of any vegetation. If they refuse, you should not rent the equipment and report the situation to the DNR. Once in your possession, it becomes your problem.

They are old sayings, and still true today, "Let the buyer beware", and "Possession is 9/10ths of the law." Heeding that advice will make for a more pleasant day on the water.



The Squash Lake Association proudly participates in the Wisconsin DNR, and the UWEX Lakes, Clean Boats Clean Waters Program.



Donor Challenge

The Squash Lake Association recently received a \$1000 donor challenge from an anonymous lake resident.

We are very pleased to report that the challenge was met and we have been able to add \$ 2000 to our EWM account to use to pay the divers.



Annual Meeting Report

A great time was had by all at the July 20th SLA annual picnic. The weather was perfect. Thirty-eight Squash Lake residents attended. Two new lake residents were present. They were Gretchen and Larry Lillwitz . The silent auction raised \$777 dollars which equates to ~ 38 hours of scuba diving to remove EMF from our lake. Auction items ranged from fine art, pottery, and camping cots to wine and cheese baskets. A big thank you to the generous donors and those who bid. And all of the board members were re-elected to the board.



YOU ARE INVITED

One of our very own residents, Karen Isebrands Brown, will be having a one woman art show at Nicolet College gallery this fall. The showing of her photography opens Thursday, September 12th and hangs until Monday, October 7th. She has been photographing for over40 years on four continents. Karen has an eye for the extraordinary in the ordinary and approaches her subject matter with a sense of wonder and awe. Don't miss this show. Nicolet College gallery hours: M-Th 8-8, F& Sat 8-4.



NEED PONTOON BOATS for TOUR

Hi, Folks. The Northwoods Land Trust which holds the Dugan and Degris property in a perpetuity nature conservancy is giving a tour by water of these lovely shorelines and the bay sanctuary in the southwest bay. Jim and Karen Brown have volunteered to drive the tour group around the lake on their pontoon boat. We need two more pontoon boats captained by their owner to do the same. The tour is scheduled for Tuesday, August 27th at 10 AM. Please help us out. Thank you. Call Karen at 715

Annual Meeting, Picnic and Silent Auction



Slow, No-Wake Reminder

We want to avoid any accidents on our lake. For the sake of all concerned, please observe the DNR regulations that follow... Please share this information with any of your guests that may be out on our lake. Thank you. Have a safe summer.

- **Slow, no-wake is defined as the minimum speed to maintain steerage (control of your watercraft).**
- **Boats** shall operate at slow, no-wake when within 100 ft. of the shore.
- **Personal Watercraft (PWC)** shall operate at slow, no-wake when within 200 ft. of the shore.
- **All motorized watercraft** shall operate at slow, no-wake when within 100 ft. of docks, piers, rafts, and buoyed restricted areas (such as dive flags, designated swimming areas, shallow water markers, etc).
- **Special caution should be observed in shallow areas to minimize erosion, such as near sandbars and shallow bays.**

The map on the next page was prepared to assist our residents and visitors in judging distance on the water.

It shows both the 100 ft. and 200 ft. shoreline no wake limits for boats and PWC respectively. It is also suggested, that boaters and PWC operators observe slow, no-wake in the following areas, even though it may be allowed based on the DNR regulations, to avoid accidents and shoreline erosion:

- **Finger Bay** – completely slow, no-wake based on DNR regulations
- **Serenity Bay (next to Finger Bay)** – slow, no-wake a bay entrance for PWC, limited open water for PWC to operate at wake speeds. Suggest no PWC operation in this bay.
- **Between both islands and the nearest shoreline** – PWC wake operation prohibited based on shore-to-shore distance. A small no-wake stretch for boaters exists between the Big Island and the shore. Suggest boaters observe the PWC no-wake restriction between the islands and shore to limit shoreline erosion.
- **Loon Bay (SE corner of lake)** – Wake speed operation is permitted in a very narrow area at the center of the bay. However, due to the sandbar at the entrance, narrowness and shallowness of the bay, and the sensitive, wild habitat within the bay, it is suggested that all watercraft observe slow, no-wake speeds beginning at the sandbar.

While only the official DNR regulations are enforceable, it is hoped that boaters and PWC operators will use caution in the areas where it is suggested that they operate at slow, no-wake speeds to reduce the likelihood of accidents and minimize shoreline erosion.

**We have divers harvesting EWM beneath the surface of the lake all summer .
Please, be extra observant of the no wake restrictions in the Diver Flagged areas.**

Please refer to the map on the next page (page 4)

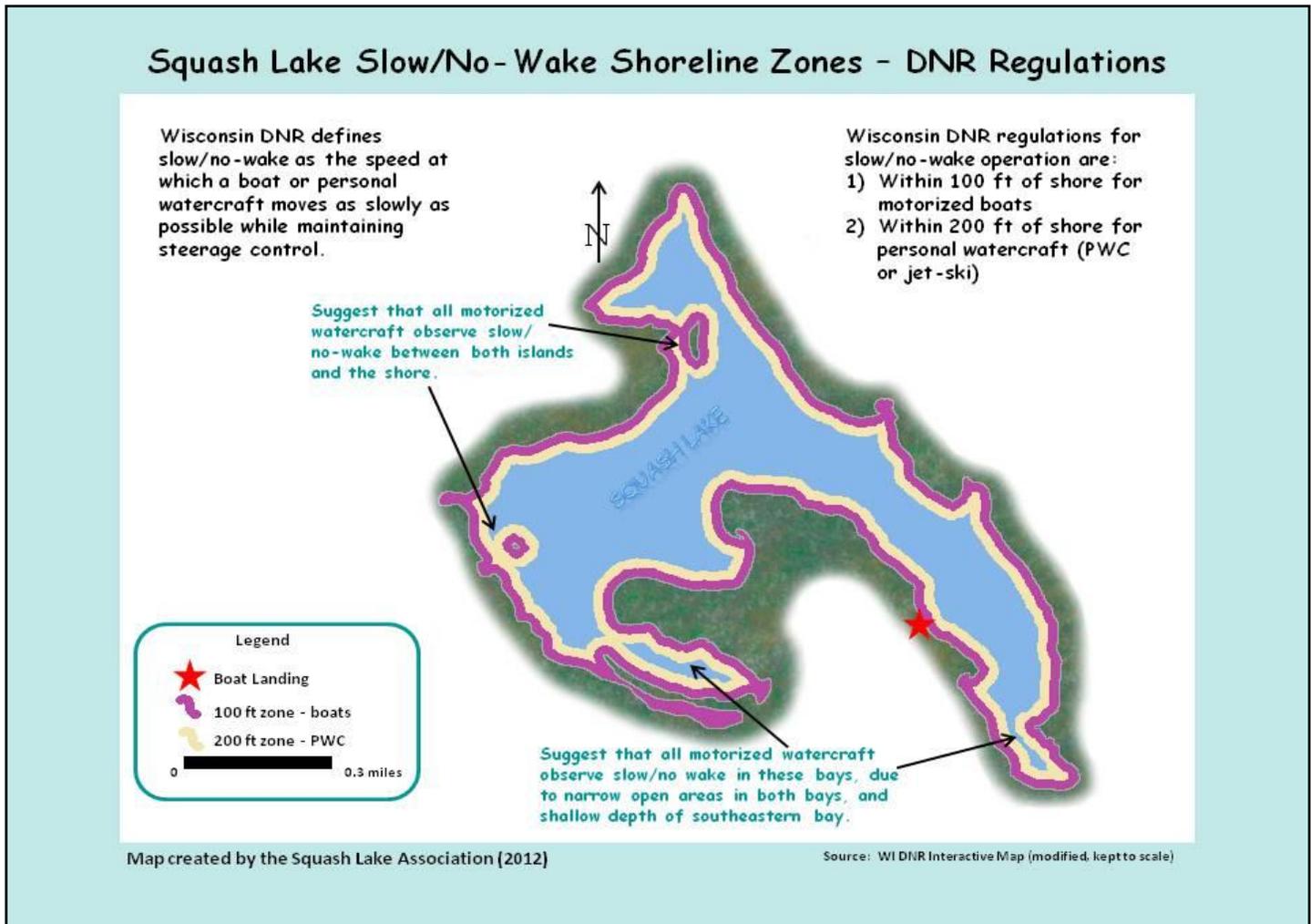


Have You Renewed Your Membership?

We would like to remind our members that annual memberships expire June 30, 2103. Please consider renewing your annual membership for 2013/2014 today. If you've already renewed, thank you! Your membership dues go a long way to help us maintain the quality of our lake.

SLOW / NO – WAKE SHORELINE ZONES

For your convenience, you can print this map and keep it with your watercraft as a reference.



Call For Volunteers

By Janet Appling

The Clean Boats/Clean Water program is in great need for 3 kinds of volunteers: Every year the DNR requires us to have minimally 200 volunteer hours at the landing. This is a value of \$2400 that doesn't have to come out of our treasury and can be used for EWM control.

CALL VOLUNTEERS: We need 2-3 people that are home most of the time and would be willing to call the already trained boat landing volunteers to schedule them into the vacant slots in the calendar or remind them of their times

BOATLANDING VOLUNTEERS: We need the trained volunteers to schedule themselves for minimally 3 shifts if they haven't already.

BOATLANDING VOLUNTEERS TO BE TRAINED: We need more people to lighten the load for everyone. Beside the classes offered by the DNR, we have several people that are qualified to train you at your convenience at our own boat landing.

WE NEED EVERYONES HELP, PLEASE.

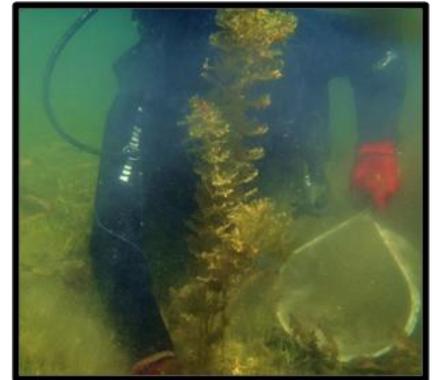
Janet Appling 282-5884 or
Bill Akan 369-3773 or
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Notes from the Milfoil Terminator

Article and photos by Steph Boismenu

Please support Squash Lake Associations Eurasian water-milfoil (EWM) hand-harvesting efforts.



Squash Lakes EWM being harvested by the divers



Over 400 lbs of EWM harvested in one day



EWM has adventitious roots, which are slender hair-like roots that emerge along the growing stem before the plant auto-fragments. In addition, fragments caused by human activity will often develop adventitious roots while the fragment is free-floating around the lake. Wherever fragments are carried to, they will most likely set root and start new plants.

Please remember that we will never get rid of the EWM. However, with your financial support and/or volunteer time, we can continue to do an excellent job of removing, reducing, and managing the EWM in the most environmentally sound method available.

Schedule of Events

July 20, 2013: Annual Members' Meeting. Roger Degris' Beach. 9:30a.m. to noon. In case of bad weather, it will be at the Crescent Town Hall

Aug 24th Board meeting at the Crescent Town Hall at 7 p.m. This is an open meeting and anyone interested in the lake is welcome to attend.

Aug 27, 2013 10 A.M. Lake Tour of Northwoods Land Trust Shoreline on Squash Lake.

Meet at: TBA Call Karen Isebrands Brown 715-282-5730

Sept 2., Labor Day Holiday

Sept 12, 2013 through October 7, 2013
Karen Isebrands Brown, Photography Exhibit at the Nicolet College Gallery M-Th 8-8, F& Sat 8-4.



Help Your Neighbor

- 16 ft sail boat for sale, single hull double sail, good condition : \$400 or OBO call 715-282-5884
- For sale: Used 8' Brunswick Hawthorn pool table, excellent condition - \$1500. Contact Dan Butkus @ 608-628-5151
- Wanted: Used recreational kayak Contact Barb DeLew, 2801 Bay Dr.



Wish List for The Terminator Crew

The items include: unused but functional coolers to be used as dry boxes for the divers, two anchors, Contact Stephanie Boismenu at stephboismenu@squashlake@hotmail.com

July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Holiday	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Anul Meeting
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22		24 Brd Meeting
25	26	27boat tour	28	29	30	31

September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Holiday	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12photo exhibit	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30					

Annual Dues July 2013 thru June 2014

Please support your Squash Lake Association:

\$_____ Annual Dues \$25

\$_____ Donation to control Eurasian Water-milfoil

\$_____ Donation to General Fund

\$_____ **TOTAL**

Please send your contribution to:

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