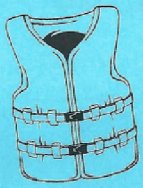


DO YOU KNOW THE RULES?

According to Deputy Matt Umulis, who regularly patrols the lake, there are still a few people that do not know the rules. The most common viola-



tions, says Deputy Umulis, are children without type I or II personal floatation devices (PFD) and personal watercraft (PWC) coming too close to docks

and other boats. Curfew violations (PWC) were also mentioned. PWC's must be off the water one hour BEFORE sunset through 7am. If you or your guests need familiarization with boating regulations, there is a handbook available. Stop by the Sheriff Dept. or flag down a marine deputy to obtain one. *By Kevin Gagnon*

THE BOAT BENEATH

In 1991 while checking out some new SCUBA equipment I came across an old boat on the bottom of Silver Lake. The craft had settled into the silt and only the gunwales were showing. Being only about 30 feet deep, I decided it might be fun to bring her to the surface. I borrowed two "bladder bags", attached them to the bow & stern, slowly began inflating the bags & she popped free.

Once on shore the unique nature of the boat came to light. She was constructed of sheet metal sides over wood ribs. She had been an inboard motor launch, however the engine had been previously removed. I knew that she was old, as the propeller had hammer marks from when it had been manufactured.

I called the Maritime Heritage Alliance (MHA). Television station 7/4 showed up, and we were to learn that she was most likely a transition boat built at the turn of the century by the East Jordan Iron Works. The transition being from all wood boats to steel boats. She was well preserved due to being in the cold fresh water at the bottom of our Silver Lake. The MHA feels that she may be the last of her kind in existence. She was donated to the MHA to be restored and placed on exhibit. *Submitted by Chuck Fricke*



FACTARAMAS!

Silver Lake covers an area of approximately 600 acres and has close to 11 miles of shoreline. At its longest point it is 2-3/4 miles long and is close to 1/2 miles wide at its widest point. Silver Lake is 100 feet at its deepest point!

Submitted by Dave Green

THE ECOSYSTEM

Our Lake is an amazing ecosystem supporting a wide variety of aquatic and terrestrial wildlife. Loons, otter, bald eagles and beavers are common sights. What have you seen lately? With your input, we can list all of the creatures that depend on SL for their survival. Call or email



your more unusual sightings and we will start the list in the next newsletter. Email:

Kgnon53@aol.com,

phone: 943-5226. *Submitted by Kevin*



SLIA ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE: Saturday, August 11, 2001, 9:00am

Where: **Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive**

AGENDA

Meeting called to order & remarks: Chuck Fricke, President
Minutes of 8-23-01 annual meeting: Nancy Knight, Secretary
Treasurers Report: Don Crewes, Treasurer

REPORTS

Drain Status Report: Dave Green, V-President, Drain Liason
Fisheries Report: Kevin Gagnon, Fisheries Committee
Keyholing Ordinance Passage: Chuck Fricke, President
Water Quality Report: Don Crewes, Mike Reed, Watershed Com.
ML&SA Report: Don Crewes, Watershed Committee
Social Activities Report: Barb VanderZouwen, Social Committee
Election of Directors: Chuck Fricke, President

SLATE PRESENTATION

Open Forum: Chuck Fricke, President, Moderator
Special Underwater Video: Kevin Gagnon "Exploring Silver Lake"

CLOSING

Let's all get involved to make this the best year ever for SLIA!

Come early and
join your neighbors
8:30
for refreshments
& get acquainted

*Join the over 100 members of SLIA and
show your support for the lake!*

SLIA Board Members: Charles Fricke - President, David Green - Vice President,
Donald Crewes - Treasurer, Nancy Knight - Secretary, Barb VanderZouwen -
Assistant Secretary, Ben Andrus, Barbara Bloomer, Ruth Bloomer, Don Burrell,
Raelene Collins, Peter Haddix, Jim Lievens, Mike Reed.

- Chairmans Cove
- What's Coming Up!
- Get Your SLIA Nautical Flags
- You Just Gotta Regatta!
- The Boat That Lied Beneath
- The Lake Manager View
- Where's The Walleye?
- Factoramas!
- Slia Annual Meeting Agenda
- Cookin' Corner

Don't miss the meeting - August 11th!

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