

Silver Lake

SPRING 2023

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Caring for the future of the lake

Silver Lake Kids Fishing Tournament ...

Sunday, June 11th, 9 am, @ The Boat Launch

It's time for another great adventure for our Silver Lake Kids! Last year was such a success with all of your help – so round up those kids and grandkids and meet us at the Boat Launch at 9 am sharp and we'll do it again. It is Michigan's free fishing weekend so no licenses required. See all the details on the enclosed flyer, fill out the registration form on the back and come join us for a great time!



Another Great Big Silver Lake Beach Ball!

We know that the Silver Lake beach ball is one of the most popular and enjoyable things that we have yearly on the lake! Last year there was a shortage in the supply chain, and we were fortunate enough to get one at the last minute. **Unfortunately we are experiencing the same thing this year, the ball needs to be the correct one to fit the anchor system, we are persevering and believing that we will find it!**



our Silver Lake gmail and on the website and the ball will be on the lake starting a week before July 4th, anchored in a different location each day. ... **and you can take the opportunity to sign it, leave comments, take selfies and enjoy!** Remember this ball belongs to the whole lake community so treat it with respect. (No advertising or political messages please.) If you see that the ball needs attention, don't hesitate to call me at 231-313-0177. See you on the lake!

Chuck Hathaway, Beach Ball Chairman



IT'S THE INDEPENDENCE DAY REGATTA ON SILVER LAKE!

With the Red, White, and Blue proudly displayed!!!

Decorate your boat and come join in! Not decorating? Display the flag to salute and celebrate the day – it's meaningful and so much fun!

WE ARE A COMMUNITY!

Judges will be stationed around the lake and prizes awarded to the winners at the Annual Meeting.



REGISTRATION – HERE'S HOW:

Fill out the enclosed entry form and bring completed with you to the **DNR boat launch, promptly at 1:30.** Display a large number prior to registration on the "Shoreside Facing" side of your boat. Large enough to be easily identified by the judges and cameras, you might be a winner!

Parade begins sharply at 2:00. There will be a "Lead Boat" setting the pace, allow space between boats to "perform" in front of judges while not lagging too far apart.

To water fight or not?? Mind the "X's"! If you prefer not to get into water battles, place a large "X" on the shoreside of your boat, to be given safe passage from land or sea water blasters. If you enjoy participating in these "shenanigans" –

be mindful of the "X's" and **Hold your fire** while they pass – remember we are a community and there may be small children on board or on shore! Please do not fire on shoreside docks or spectators unless they are looking for a skirmish!

Water Balloons are no longer allowed. They are harmful to the lake environment and water creatures, we are permitted by the DNR for this parade and don't wish to jeopardize this. Water blasters are so much fun and inexpensive at the dollar stores.

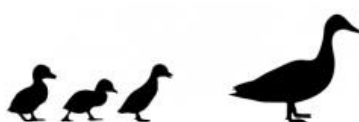
SHORELINE SPECTATORS – Cheer the boats on – Remember they love the scorecards! (If you get some really great pics, let us know, we can use them!)

If you have any questions, contact us at TC.Silver.Lake.Association@gmail.com



Remember – Feeding ducks = Swimmers itch!

(If you are not aware of the cycle, please contact a board member or visit our website for information.)



CHAIRMAN'S COVE

As the spring season unfolds we hope everyone can find the peace and happiness of Silver Lake.

The SLIA board is already busy working to improve and preserve Silver Lake. In addition to organizing events like the kid's fishing tournament and the July 4th regatta, we are continuing efforts to ensure the drain flows steadily to alleviate excess water, and coordinating the Eurasian milfoil reduction program.

In 2023, we will continue to emphasize boating safety and etiquette. We plan to install brochure holders at the boat launch to include the DNR Boating Safety Handbook, and a Silver Lake brochure with reminders about safety and etiquette, and "Who to Call" numbers.

- Our Shoreline Stewardship committee is working to further educate us on shoreline preservation.
- Our Township coordinator had a productive meeting with the leaders of Blair and Garfield Townships. One of the topics discussed was on-site sewage disposal inspections when lakefront properties change hands as in Long Lake Township.
- We are looking at some novel techniques used by a lake in Michigan to reduce Eurasian milfoil without the use of herbicides. Look for more information and discussion on these topics as we get closer to the annual meeting on August 5, 2023.

Ken Kaufman, SLIA President

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

EURASIAN MILFOIL TREATMENT

We are once again preparing for our spring lake survey and treatment for Eurasian Milfoil in Silver Lake. Restorative Lake Sciences (RLS) is planning to do the survey of the lake in late May to early June. We should have the maps by the 2nd week of June which we will send to the riparians who have given us their email addresses as well as have them available for viewing on our web site.

PLM is the company who will be treating the lake which usually occurs 7 days following the results of the survey. This will give us at least 10 days prior to the July 4th weekend to be finished with this project. We will send out a g-mail and post on our website the day the treatment will be occurring a few days ahead of the treatment.

If it looks like there is Milfoil being treated at or adjacent to your property, please keep your families and your pets away from the lake for 24 hours. Also refrain from watering your lawns and gardens for 48 hours if you are using lake water to hydrate your lawns and gardens.

If it appears that you believe you have milfoil at your property that is not present on the maps, please call me at 231-463-9365 to let me know. I am working full time so leave me your name, phone number, and address of your lake property. I will inform RLS who will then check out your property.

Scot Ogden, Environmental Committee

WATER SAFETY GUIDES FOR SILVER LAKE

As we transition to the most beautiful months to enjoy Silver Lake, we as a board would like to provide a few resources and reminders of safe boating practices. Please make sure that your family and guests adhere to the Michigan Boating Laws, and guidelines to help make boating a positive experience for all.

A few highlights and reminders:

- Lake traffic is counter clockwise around the lake
- It is illegal to operate a PWC (Personal Watercraft) during the period that begins at sunset and ends at 8:00 a.m. "Sunset" means that time determined by the National Weather Service
- Proper distance for operation of a vessel is 100 feet from the following:
 - Shoreline
 - Any moored or anchored vessels
 - Docks & Rafts
 - Any marked swimming area or person(s) in the water
- PWC operation is:
 - 200 Feet from shore
 - 150 Feet behind another vessel when crossing their wake

Two websites with further information on Michigan boating laws and safe operation watersports

- <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/boating/rules-and-regs>
- <https://www.wsia.net/>

If you see any illegal activity on the lake, please reach out to the Grand Traverse Sherriff's Marine Division. - Sargent Ben McManus, bmcmamus@gtsheriff.org, or 231-922-2112

Jeff Heydlauff, Safety Committee

SHORELAND STEWARDS OF SILVER LAKE COMMITTEE

The SLIA Board has approved the formation of a new committee to promote and educate on protection of our Shorelines, the Shoreland Stewards Committee. The health of our lake includes not only the water itself, but our shorelines, as they are a major contributor to the quality of our lakes. Shoreline erosion due to high impact methods that change the natural condition of the lake is something we should all be concerned about. There are healthier ways to protect our shoreline than traditional hardening methods such as walls, and our committee is here to help promote and educate on alternatives such as bio-engineering and natural shorelines through native vegetation.

Silver Lake is a member of the Michigan

Shoreland Stewards Program (<https://www.shorelinepartnership.org/shoreland-stewards.html>). The program recognizes lake front property owners for maintaining your property in a manner that reduces the negative impacts on our lakes.

Do you want to know how well your property rates? There is a simple web based questionnaire you can take to learn best practices and rate your property: <https://www.mishorelandstewards.org/rate.asp>

If you are interested in learning more about what you can do to protect your shoreline, feel free to contact one of our committee members!

*Melanie Rippentrop (Chair),
Tim Brock and Mike Lahey*

2022-23 SLIA BOARD

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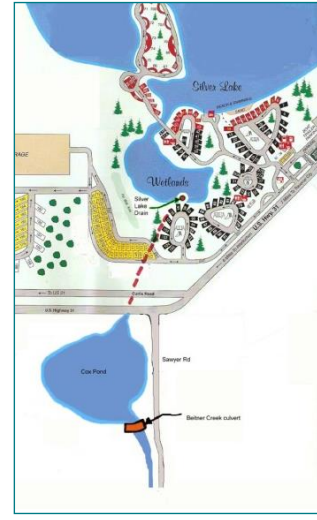
VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

Adopt-a-Road - Ron Grin, 231-715-0920

Beachball - Chuck Hathaway, 231-943-3912

Drain Maintenance - Al Strange, 231-313-4973

DRAIN REPORT



The Silver Lake Drain is working as designed to this spring. The established high water level before draining is 862.

The Roman Drive gauge was at 862.40 on 5/11/23 which is 4.80 inches above the threshold and was at 862.28 on 5/9/22 which is 3.36 inches above the threshold of 862.00.

The water level as of 5/12/21 was 862.16 or 1.92 inches above the threshold. As of 5/8/20 the level was 862.50 or 6 inches above the threshold. Water drains out of the lake when the level is higher than 862.00.

As you can see, levels for 2023 are higher compared to 2022 and 2021, but lower than 2020 for this time of year. Typically water levels decline throughout the summer because of evaporation and home irrigation systems. Of course rain helps refill the lake.

Gary Borucki, Drain Liaison

SAVE THE DATES

SLIA Adopt-A-Road, 2023

"Many hands make light work!"

The next road cleanup will be scheduled in mid-July. It will be posted on the website and a g-mail notice will be sent to members to confirm the date. Questions? Contact Ron Grin at 231-715-0920

SLIA Annual Meeting, 2023

Saturday, August 5, Garfield Twp Hall
Meet & Greet, Refreshments, 8:30 a.m.

MEETING - 9 a.m.

You will receive a notification letter with the agenda and membership form for year 2023-2024 in the mail one week prior to the meeting and it will be posted on the website as well.

OUR LOONS ARE THRIVING ...

Our loons are back and nesting, hopefully we will have a chick soon, or even maybe twins as has happened before. Be sure to watch out for them and if you see anyone harassing them, please educate, and let's enjoy their calls throughout our summer season!



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WHO DO YOU CALL?

Life threatening or dangerous violations.....911

Boating violations, Wildlife harassment
(MC number required), Launch site violations
Central Dispatch.....231-922-4550

General Marine questions (Leave Msg)
Sheriff's Marine Division.....231-922-2112

DNR Traverse City Office.....231-922-5280

Lost and Found

TC.Silver.Lake.Association@gmail.com

More information at
www.silverlakeimprovement.com