

CLCA Lake Management Committee Reports
August 21, 2022 Director's Meeting
Mary Jablonski, VP

Environment and Ecology

Dave Graves - Chair

Annual Loon Census

Jane Davis is registered with The Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation, to participate in the Annual Loon Census held annually on the third Saturday of July. Jane organized this year's census on Canada Lake, on July 16, 2022, from 8:00-9:00am. A total of 7 loons, 2 chicks and 3 nests were sighted. Green Lake: 1 adult, 1 chick. Lily Lake: none seen. West Lake: 2 adults, 1 chick. Canada Lake: 4 adults.

Nests: One nest below Lily Lake with an abandoned egg. One nest on So. Shore Trail Vly with an abandoned egg. One nest in London Bridge Channel. The 2 loon eggs that were abandoned were collected, frozen and waiting to be picked up and taken to the Loon Conservation Center for a necropsy, to be studied and to determine the reason they weren't viable. This year there were 15 volunteers to cover all shores of the Canada Lakes.

There is concern that motor boats and PWC, are frequently observed to speed in areas near the loon nests and nurseries, and many areas around the lake where the loons are fishing. The loon census committee would like to have signs in certain areas on the Lake to request boaters to be aware of loons and their chicks and to avoid close proximity to them when boating.

Water Level / Flood Control

Allen Farber, Henry Eifert and Bill Fielding - Co-Chairs

The water levels are taken by Bill at the Green Lake Bridge each morning at 7:00 AM, for Canada Lake, and Henry tracks the levels for the Stewarts Landing Channel. Bill posts daily information on the water level. This information can be found by going to:

canadalakesconservationassociation.com.

Click on 'Lake Issues' to find current water level information.

Fire Safety

Rick Fink - Chair

All fire pumps have been run this season and the equipment checked at all locations to assure all parts are working in each station.

Water Purity

Merryn Byrnes and John Byrnes - Co-Chairs

At the July 9, 2022 Annual. CLCA Meeting, Nancy Muller, Executive Director, NYS Federation of Lake Associations (NYSFOLA), spoke at length about the water quality of the Canada Lakes. Nancy discussed the continuing positive rating of the Lake, Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) testing, and specific standard parameters measured in the water sampled. There is a “browning” of the lake water that is being further tested as to its cause and impact on the lake. It is being reported in other Adirondack lakes, as well, and is happening at the same time the level of lake acidity is decreasing. This factor may or may not be relevant. There are also changes in the levels of chlorophyll, phosphorous and salt. The CLCA has formed a water quality work group to identify and assess changes in the Lake’s water quality, however, the overall quality of the Canada Lakes remains good.

The 2021 report of the Canada Lakes is on the CSLAP and the DEC web sites.

Invasive Species

Lorrie Mott - Lake Steward, ISC Co-Chair

Randy Fredlund - Lake Inspector, ISC Co-Chair

Volunteer stewards at the NYS boat launch, from 4-6pm, during the Friday, Saturday, Sunday slots, are needed, as many boats launch then.

Lake Inspections for invasive species are being completed and submitted. Lake inspectors are reminded to submit their results soon.

Lake Safety

Bob Baker and Brian Franz - Co-Chairs

Important information for all boaters: This information is

Brianna’s Law, the name of the NYS law signed into effect by Andrew Cuomo, in 2019, is a comprehensive boater education law, requiring ALL operators of motorized watercraft, to obtain a boating safety certificate by January 1, 2025, regardless of age.

- All Jet ski/PWC operators must be currently certified regardless of age.

Updated information for the 8/21/22 Directors' Meeting:

The Fulton County Sheriff's Department and the DEC recently presented a Boaters' Safety Course at the Caroga Fire Station on July 27 & 28. Members attending the 2, 4 hours/day course, were given the required NYS Boaters' Safety Certificate. It was well attended and even experienced boaters knowledgeable of the laws found the course a helpful reminder of them. Another such course will be offered next summer, as well. Additionally, on line courses can be found at: www.safeboatingamerica.com.

The committee has received several reports of dangerous behaviors by jet ski and boat operators near Dolgeville Point, Lily Lake, as well as other areas on the lake. Residents are strongly encouraged to call the Fulton Co. Sheriff's Office and DEC whenever they observe dangerous boating behavior. Call 911 if the situation warrants. Use of a cell phone or camera, to video or take pictures when possible, even if a boat registration number isn't visible. Shane Mann, our designated EnCon Officer, says he can usually track down a boat or jet ski with its description. If the enforcement agencies are not notified about dangerous boating, they will not have the information to do anything about it. Also, there is a noise ordinance that applies to all watercraft. Enforcement is somewhat difficult, as it requires an officer specifically trained, using a decibel meter both while being next to the offending boat and while the boat is in motion. Sometimes, a chat by the officer responding, with the boat owner will take care of the issue.

At last August's Directors Meeting Brian presented information about research he did on buoys with MPH limits and No/Low Wake Zones. He and Marcus have recently contacted DEC, EnCon, the Fulton Co. Sheriff, the Caroga Town Board and other lake associations regarding the Buoy issue. This will be discussed at the 8/21/22 Directors' Meeting, including the possibility of setting aside funds for the purchase of mph signage for next summer.

On Friday, 8/12/22, two EnCon officers patrolled the Canada Lakes, and a similar presence by the Fulton Co. Sheriff's Patrol, is needed.

Fishing

Tom Lyons - Chair

The budget for fish stocking remains at \$1,500.00 for 2022-2023 stockings.

Stewardships

Adopt A Highway - Bob Baker, Chair
Information will be forwarded at a later time.

Adopt A Shoreline - Brian Franz, Chair.

Campsites - Betsy Cannon - Chair

Fire Tower - Open position, Chair
On 6/05/22, Laurie Rankin, Director of the NYS Chapter of the Forest Fire Lookout Association (FFLA), held a Kane Mountain Stewardship Training Program with 10 volunteers, including 5 members of the CLCA, atop Kane Mountain. A schedule of Stewardship presence on the mountain, was made to cover five weekends from 6/11 - 10/09/22. Stewards will be available to share information on the Kane Mountain Tower and Trail history, as well as to be available to answer questions, and assist as needed.

Update, for 8/21/22 Meeting:

Laurie Rankin reports that the pilot stewarding program on Kane Mountain, and its fire tower, has been a great success. The stewards have interacted with over 500 hikers who visited the Kane Mt. Fire Tower, thus far this season. There will be an annual lighting of the fire tower, "Light Up The Night" event, that Kane Mt. will participate in, on 9/03/22, from 9:00-9:30pm. This is an event in which numerous fire towers in NYS will participate. The date coincides with the CLCA annual end of the summer season, flare lighting. As there are usually many lake residents observing this event, they will additionally be able to look up to the tower and Kane Mountain to view the lights. Check the web page: <http://nysffla.org/.light.html> for details of the event.

Island - Rick Fink, Chair

Bruce Bush has volunteered to place and remove the Island dock each year.

The Island has been cleaned four times this summer, and Rick had to eliminate a second fire pit that someone put there. The CLCA is also looking to find a new Chair person for the Island Committee, as Vice President, Rick Fink, will be the CLCA President at the end of next summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jablonski