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Crescent Lake News

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CRISIS UPDATE

EWM FOUND AT BOAT LANDING!

On July 4, while working the boat landing between 7 and 9 a.m., CLA president Jim Gehrke noticed a sample of vegetation about 8" long on an incoming boat. DNR later confirmed that the sample was of two different plants entwined – one of which was Eurasian Watermilfoil.

One more reminder of how very important it is that we keep up our inspection efforts all summer and fall!

EVERY property owner on the lake, permanent and seasonal resident, has a stake in keeping EWM out of Crescent Lake.



Lake vegetation monitoring

May 2010

On May 27th, eight members of Crescent Lake Association met at the boat landing and conducted the first inspection of vegetation on the lake this year.

Boats were provided by Jim Gehrke and Connie Anderson and each drove his or her boat. Rake throwers were Bill Hoppe and Bob Kitzman. Identifiers were Rich Lower and Shirley Lower. Recorders were Ashley Binder and Ruth Kitzman.

The group did the entire perimeter of the lake concentrating on the area around the boat landing on Hwy 8 and the landing near the Bible Camp. The board of directors wanted to do the inspection early in case some invasive was in the lake undetected over the winter.

The rakes were thrown a total of 192 times and no evidence of an invasive plant was found. Fifteen different types of plants were caught and identified. All of the plants were recorded for the record as was the density of the growth and the

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message message from Eileen

Hi Neighbors,

Something strange happened here on Crescent Lake this summer. There has been no whining about the weather! We've had close to a perfect summer.

It started early with a warm, warm Spring and then sunny days consistently in the 70's and 80's with regular rains to help replenish the groundwater and the lake level.

The lake water temperature has held steadily near 80 degrees and it is so beautiful to be in it, on it, or just watching its ebb and flow.

The national news programs have

shown the sweltering cities throughout the U.S. and one wonders what those people would give to be near our lake with its cool water and gentle breezes, or even just to sit in the shade of our towering forests.

We've been residents on the lake for almost forty years now and this summer especially, makes me smile.

It's not only because it's such a perfect summer but because there are so many of our lake neighbors stepping forward to help maintain Crescent Lake's clear water quality. Our year round and summer residents have volunteered to give their time to help monitor the boats that are launching at the boat landing. We're working hard to keep the lake free of the invasive species that can cause environmental havoc so easily.

It's a wonderful feeling of old time community spirit. Makes our lake a neighborhood instead of just homes sharing common boundaries.

Thanks to all of you and enjoy the rest of this summer.

- Eileen Ronyak

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composition of the lake bottom and the depth at which the plants were found. One hundred and sixteen of the rake tosses resulted in no vegetation being brought to the surface. This was possibly due to the early date of the monitoring. (EWM grows quickly in spring and chokes out native plants.) At many of the locations it was easy for the rake thrower to see the bottom and determine that no vegetation had begun to grow as of May 27.

A second monitoring of the lake will be scheduled this fall. If anyone wishes to participate, please call Jim Gehrke at 282-5924.

This the sixth year of monitoring and data from the program is used to understand current plant vegetation and monitor any new species.

next meeting

Mark your calendars for:
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Our fall meeting will be held at the Town of Crescent Fire Hall. Plan to find out what's happening in the area that affects our beautiful lake and our pocketbooks.

For lively discussion, plan to attend!

address changes

Contact Al Heerey with your address changes (local and home, if different).

Call Al at 282-6768 or email him at:
heerey@charter.net

ANGLERS! Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers

To prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species and VHS, Wisconsin Law requires that you:

INSPECT your fishing equipment and

REMOVE any attached aquatic plants or animals (before and after entering lake).

DRAIN all water from equipment including buckets or containers with fish when leaving water.

DON'T MOVE live fish away from a water body.

BUY minnows from a Wisconsin Bait dealer. Use leftover minnows only under certain conditions.

For more information, visit:
www.dnr.wi.gov/invasives/aquatic

dues are due

Dues are due at the first of every calendar year and cover the entire year. So dues are due now. (If you have already paid, you can ignore this plea.)

Please send \$10 membership dues, payable to Crescent Lake Association, to PO Box 265, Rhinelander WI 54501. Or pay in person at the next meeting. Those of you who wish to have two votes at meetings (or simply wish to support the Association by contributing two membership fees), please send \$20.

Please also include your donation to the July 4th fireworks display.

The strength of Crescent Lake Association is the support of its members. Thanks for your help!

Welcome to Jane Pfeifer AIS Grant Coordinator

– Jim Gehrke, president



Jane Pfeifer, our new AIS Coordinator

On June 2nd a committee of members from the three Crescent Township lakes that have lake associations met to interview an applicant for the coordinator position for Aquatic Invasive Species activities on Crescent Lake, Lake Julia and Squash Lake. Present from Crescent Lake Association were Connie Anderson and Jim Gehrke. Upon completion of the interview it was decided that Jane Pfeifer had the qualifications for the position and should be offered a contract for the 2010 season.

Jane has accepted the job and is already working to become the new Glen Peterson for Crescent Lake.

She lives just west of Minocqua and will do much of her work by phone and email. She will be present in the Town of Crescent about once a week to conduct trainings of boat inspectors and pick up data sheets at the landing. She will also keep an inventory of supplies at the landing so that inspector's job will stay as convenient as in the past.

What are her qualifications? She has performed almost identical duties at Lac du Flambeau for the past five years. She started the

program there and recruited their first volunteer and continued training and scheduling until they did not get a follow up grant. She has met with Glen and Jim to go over the particulars of our grant and entering data on the network.

She is looking for additional volunteers to help with boat inspections, a chair for our First Response Action Plan if we find invasive plants, and words from anyone that can help in any other way. She will also plan our volunteer recognition program in the fall.

Please take the time to contact Jane and offer your help. Her email address is janientom@yahoo.com.

When you email her, please put AIS in the subject line.

hodag muskie tournament GOOD NEWS!

The 2010 Rhinelander Hodag Musky Challenge will take place on Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 12 – and Crescent Lake will NOT be paired with any lake with EWM. In fact, we are paired only with Lake Julia. And the number of boats allowed to participate on our lakes has been limited to 25.

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New 2010 board positions and committee appointments will be announced in the next newsletter.

Henkel's Town Pump

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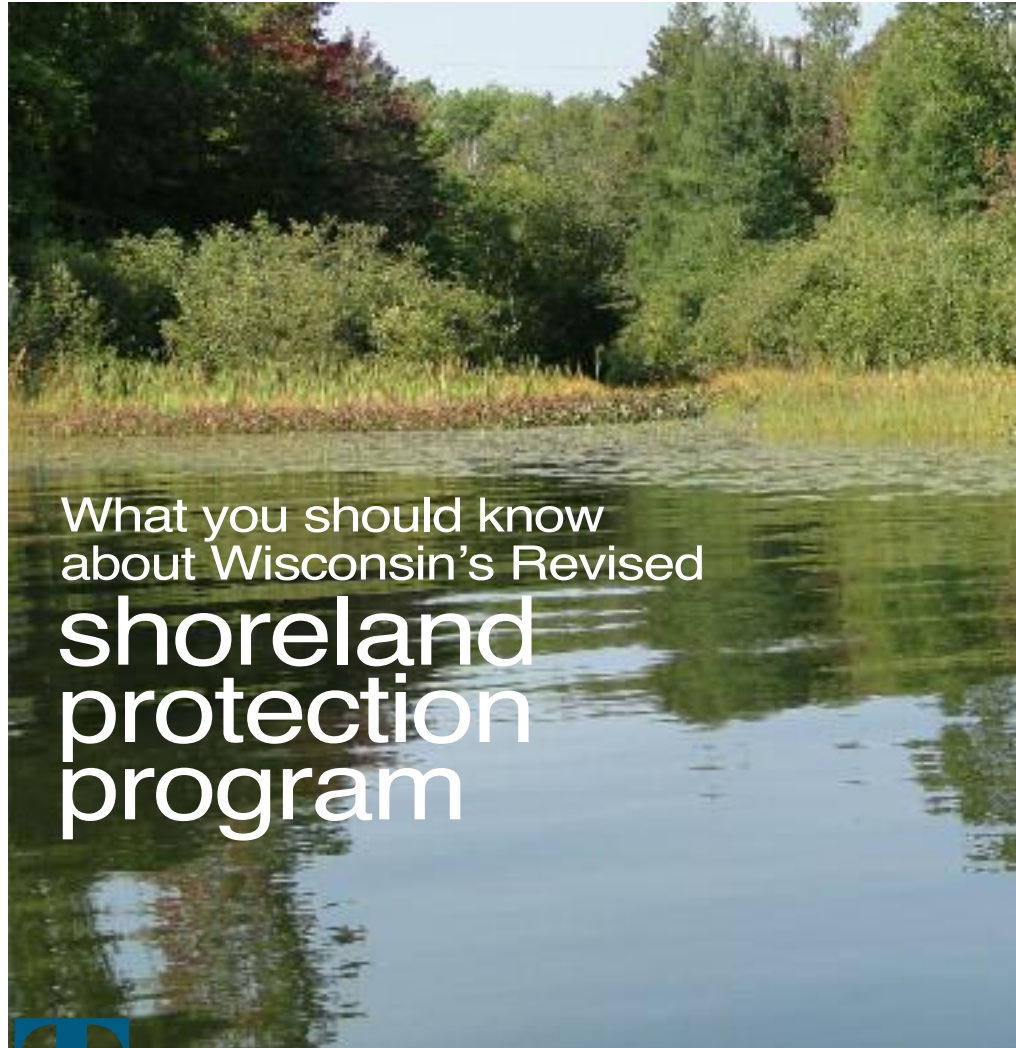
This website will automatically let you know when something new is posted!

Bookmark it as a favorite and come back often to visit. Great way to get your newsletter without an email or printed snailmail - and to revisit some of our rich past through pictures, past news, even past newsletters.

This very professional website was created by and is maintained by Mike DeWolf, board member and techno savvy Crescent Lake resident. He is eager to add more content, so please send him your pictures of our beautiful lake and any past information you may have collected about the lake.

Note the links at the top - just below the Crescent Lake Association masthead. Clicking on each link brings you to much more information about our lake. Be sure to check out the Aquatic Invasive Species link and watch the video. Many of the pictures were taken next door at Squash Lake. Is not pretty.

Send Mike your pictures; simply attach to an email: crescentlakewi@charter.net



What you should know about Wisconsin's Revised shoreland protection program

The Wisconsin Legislature adopted new Shoreland Protection standards in 2010 (NR115). Oneida County will be required to bring its Shoreland Protection Ordinance into compliance with these new standards by February 2011. Oneida at one time had one of the most protective Shoreland Ordinances. During the past decade, the ordinance has been revised and weakened so that now the Ordinance is nearly the weakest in the entire state.

Oneida County has 1,129 lakes and 296 streams covering 93,900 acres. Together with Vilas County's 1,321 lakes, our waters represent one of three of the largest aggregations of freshwater lakes anywhere in the world.

Vilas, Lincoln, Langlade and other surrounding counties already have in place ordinances that are suitably protective of this most valuable resource.

Oneida County's lakes and waters are its single most important and valuable resource. They are the economic engine that gener-

ates a majority of revenues to the County. They directly and indirectly account for substantial revenue and employment throughout the County. It is imperative that the County's revised Shoreland Protection Ordinance provide special protection (economic, social, habitat, recreational and aesthetic value) to these premier assets.

A number of lake associations have already pledged their support to see the Oneida County Shoreland Protection Ordinance be revised to provide more than the minimum protection afforded our waters as in NR115.

To learn more about the state's revised Shoreland Protection Standard go to the Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association website: oclra.org.



Beautiful fireworks; reflection courtesy Crescent Lake



Rhinelanders Parade Float; thank you Lake Julia, Squash Lake, Crescent Lake volunteers



MOST PATRIOTIC Hodag winner: Jim Binder Family



Crescent Lake Association Annual Meeting on July 17; GREAT FOOD & COMPANY



2010 FRIEND OF THE LAKE AWARD; President Jim Gehrke with awardee David Hibbard



2010 summer Crescent Lake

Images courtesy Mike DeWolf

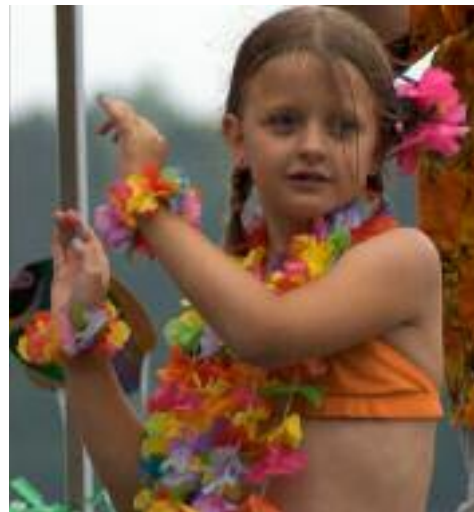
Left, MOST CREATIVE winners, Randy Kurilla Family



WILD N CRAZY winners, Jeff Leinss Family



MOST CREATIVE winners, Charlie Zarzecki Family



*WILD N CRAZY
winners, Rich
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MOST PATRIOTIC winners, Connie Anderson Family



*Below,
MOST PATRIOTIC
winners, John Knutson
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