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Cuba Lake District Newsletter

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District Office Hours:

The Cuba Lake District Office will be open from 3:00 to 6:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday.

Other office hours available by appointment.

Yard Waste Area:

The yard waste area has been a success and it's nice to see people utilizing the area. If you have any questions about what can and can't be discarded there please contact the Lake Manager.

Cuba Lake District meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at our office at 4 Genesee Street

Summer 2011

Wow! It seems like it took forever to get here but once it did the weather has been great. It's nice to see so many people enjoying the lake this summer. Sailing is making a big comeback and it's nice to see more children getting involved.

Speed Limits on Cuba Lake

The speed limit on Cuba Lake is 45 miles per hour during daylight and 25 miles per hour after sunset. Please remember the speed limit in a no-wake zone, which includes any area within 100 feet of shore, is 5 miles per hour.

District Garbage Pickup for 2011

Don't forget the large refuse pickup is the last Monday in August which will be the 29th.

The last regular pickup will be on Monday, October 24.

If you have any problems with service, please contact SDS at 716-372-6905

Water Quality

The Cuba Lake District continues to participate in the CSLAP program sponsored by the New York State Federation of Lake Associations and the N.Y.S.D.E.C.

We have also been included in the New York State Health Department's program to monitor harmful algal blooms. Bloom samples that were submitted last season showed that the level of toxicity was extremely low.

The N.Y.S.D.O.H. recommends avoiding contact with all dense blue-green algae blooms regardless of measured microcystin concentrations, because other toxins (e.g. dermal and or neurotoxins) could be present.

If you or your pet should come in contact with these blooms of blue-green algae, it is best to gently wipe or wash the bloom materials off as soon as possible.

Please let the Lake Manager know if you see a significant bloom of blue-green algae developing so he can be sure to take samples.

E. Coli and Total Coliform testing have shown very low levels of bacterial contamination.

Overall our water quality looks very good.

N.Y.S.F.O.L.A.

The New York State Federation of Lake Associations will be holding the Western Regional Meeting on October 15, 2011 at Moonwink's Restaurant in Cuba, NY.

Guests will include Senator Catherine Young, 57th District, Senator Patrick Gallivan, 59th District, Former Senator Dale Volker, 59th District and Assemblyman Sean Hanna, 130th District.

Agenda will include "Happenings at the Finger Lakes Institute and What the Institute Can Do For Your Lake Association" and "Harmful Algal Blooms: News from the State Agency and Research Fronts"

Please contact Barbara Utter at the CLCOA for more information on registration.

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D.E.C.

We have received the final plans for the N.Y.S.D.E.C. public boat launch.

The project is out to bid and they plan to begin construction this fall. A concrete boat launch and paved road and parking area are to be included in the project. The area will also be lighted with solar lights. The project should be completed before we raise the water in the spring. The project is fully funded by the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Abbott's Creek Bed Stabilization

We are still waiting on permits from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for the stream bed stabilization project on Abbott's Creek. The project calls for installation of sheet piling to create two more step-down weirs to reduce the velocity of the water flow. As soon as we receive the approval from the Army Corp we will open the project to bidding. This project should be completed this fall.

Sediment Control

We have been working on cleaning out the sediment basin at Munger Hollow Creek. Later in the summer we will be cleaning out the Abbott's Creek Basin and this fall we intend to work on the Mount Monroe Basin. The basins are working well at keeping a lot of material out of the lake.

We will also be removing sediment along the South Shore and at the Rawson Inlet.

Lowering the Lake

We will begin lowering the lake on November 1, 2011. Make sure you get your boats pulled.

Cuba Lake Land Use Restrictions

Please remember most construction projects including the installation of buoys and platforms require a permit from the Cuba Lake District. Before starting any project you should check the Land Use Restrictions and Controls listed on our website at <http://cubalake.org> or you may request a copy by calling the Lake Manager at 585-474-3960.

If you are planning any work on a break wall or in the lake bed you will require a joint permit from the New York State D.E.C. and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. Forms are available at the D.E.C. office in Allegany, NY or by calling 716-372-0645.

If you are not sure if you need a permit call the Lake Manager.

Cuba Lake District Annual Election

The Cuba Lake District Annual Election will be:

Date: August 27, 2011

Location: 97 South Shore Road, Cuba, NY

Time: 12 noon – 8:00 pm

Speed Limits and High Water

Per the New York State Navigation Regulations, Cuba Lake has a speed limit of 45 mph during daylight hours and 25 mph after sunset. Please keep in mind that after a heavy rainfall the lake sometime rises considerably in a short period of time. While the water is at a high level any waves caused by boats at higher speeds can cause damage to docks and break walls. There is usually foreign material washed into the lake at these periods which also creates a hazard. Please keep speed at a reduced level during and after these events until the water returns to a safe level.

Comments and Input

Please feel free to offer suggestions and ideas for the Fall Issue.

IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL, PLEASE LET ME KNOW

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Please Help Us Update Our Contact List

We are trying to update our contact data base to include email addresses, alternate phone numbers, emergency contact information, etc. If you have access to the internet, you can update your contact information on our website. <http://CubaLake.org>

If you do not have internet access but would like to add or change contact information, you may mail the information to:

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