

## Boating Law to Prevent the Introduction and Spread of Invasive Species

Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (Act 451 of 1994) Part 413 has been amended with changes for boaters and anglers that take effect March 21, 2019. The changes are intended to strengthen protection for Michigan waterways against the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species. Article and picture curiosity of Michigan.gov

**What boaters need to know: stop aquatic hitchhikers**—Prior to the amendment, the law only required that a person not place watercraft or trailers in the waters of Michigan if an aquatic plant is attached. In addition to this requirement, the new changes require all of the following prior to transporting any watercraft over land: **Removing all drain plugs from bilges, ballast tanks, and live wells. Draining all water from any live wells and bilges. Ensuring that the watercraft, trailer, and any conveyance used to transport the watercraft or trailer are free of aquatic organisms, including plants. This means that after trailering boats, and before getting on the road, boaters must pull plugs, drain water and remove plants and debris.**

Violation of the law is a state civil infraction and violators may be subject to fines up to \$100.

What you should do: **To comply with the law and prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species, boaters should:**

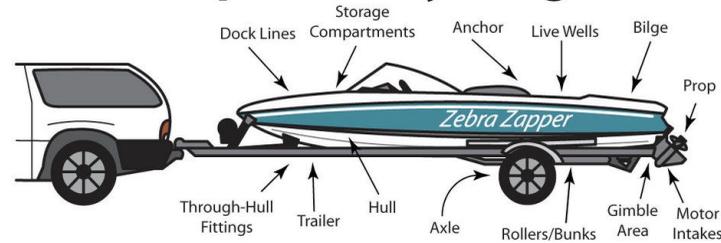
**CLEAN** boats, trailers and equipment.

**DRAIN** live wells, bilges and all water - pull all drain plugs.

**DRY** boats and equipment.

**DISPOSE** of unwanted bait in the trash.

Before leaving and before launching...  
**inspect everything!**



### **From our Area Reps**

It's really great to see home improvements going on in our area already this spring. Keeping our lots clean and maintained adds property value not only to your home, but your neighbor's too. Please be sure to check with your area representative to find out if you need Board approval for your project. We are here to help make your "Dream House" a reality.

Every year we get complaints about people speeding while driving. Please keep your speed down to 25 mph. Remember, during the summer, we have many more pedestrians and children running around. Be sure to tell driving teenagers and guests to be aware of people walking or playing on the roads.

Also please be mindful of the many types of slower traffic on Kapplinger Road and the neighborhood. Golf Carts, Runners and Walkers, Horse and Buggies, Bicycles, Four Wheelers, may appear at any time.

Operating an **ORV**? Please be aware of Clare County ORV Ordinance No 22. BE SAFE & RESPECTFUL.

We are looking forward to another fabulous summer on Five Lakes. Please take time to meet your new neighbors and reunite with old familiar faces.

## **FIVE LAKES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER MAY 2024**

Hello to all of our neighbors. Our newsletter will discuss some of the issues discussed at our board meetings along with other information that may affect our community. Website://[www.fivelake.org](http://www.fivelake.org)

### **FIVE LAKES ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

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### **Notices and reminders:**

- ◆ Please remember that association members are requested to keep their dogs on leashes if outside of the owners property.
- ◆ Again we remind you that our private beach is only for our residents and their guests and not an overflow parking area.
- ◆ Our Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, July 6th, 2024 at the Grant Township Hall. The time of the meeting is 9:00 am, and we encourage everyone to attend. We will be voting for Officers and if you want to be on the ballot please contact Paul Campbell or an Association Officer or Area Representative.
- ◆ Reminder, our monthly meetings are open to everyone and are held at 6:00 PM on the second Monday of each month from April thru October. The location of the meetings are currently held at the Farwell Middle School Library.

- ◆ Our Annual Boat Parade, which is not regulated by the Association, is scheduled for Saturday July 6th. Please meet at the public boat launch at 7:00 p.m. with the start of the parade at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to participate. Voting will be on our Facebook page “Friends of Five Lakes” take a picture of your favorite boats and vote your winning choice.
- ◆ The Annual Fireworks is not sponsored or regulated by the Association, but is usually a spectacular event over several evenings. We want to THANK all those residents that spend the time and money to put on this spectacular event.
- ◆ With the holidays comes our Subdivision Garage Sale. The dates for the sale are Thursday, Friday and Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. This is always a great time for all to meet neighbors and see who has the best bargains.
- ◆ As always we would like to remind everyone to watch out for the loons and the small baby loons when boating on the lake.
- ◆ We, the board members of Five Lakes Association, wish everyone a happy and safe summer on the lake. We hope everyone enjoys our wonderful lake this year. Thank you for keeping our neighborhood looking great we appreciate all your efforts.

### ***BOATING SAFETY***

- ◆ Please do not dispose of any trash/refuse into the lake.
- ◆ Follow the boating requirements **posted** at the boat launch and beach area.
- ◆ When driving a boat or watercraft be aware of your surroundings by looking out for swimmers, kayakers, canoers, paddle boats and surf boards.
- ◆ When pulling skiers or tubers ensure that you have a qualified person assigned as a spotter on the tow boat or personal watercraft.
- ◆ Use common sense and be courteous, we all want to be safe on the lake.
- ◆ When operating a boat or watercraft please refer to the DNR website for operator restrictions.  
Notify your guests of the above mentioned requirements.

## **Welcoming Committee**

We are a group of volunteers that want to bring fun and togetherness to the Five Lakes Community. Current members include: Kellie & John Vincent, Candy Catlin, Sarah Bryant, Susan Rand, Terri Konas, Lisa Sauerbrey, and Jennifer Nuun.

Over the years we have executed meet & greets, ice cream social, chili cook off, fall festivals, holiday light decorating contest, golf cart parade, and have planted flowers/ mulched the entrance signs to the sub. We also created and sold Loon tshirts, calendars, and window stickers. We are currently in the process of planning 2024 events, there will be updated info periodically added to the website ([www.fivelake.org](http://www.fivelake.org)). Hoping to see you at future events! Events are funded by Five Lakes merch sales and fundraisers, thanks to all who have supported us over the past 3 years!

Do you have ideas about what the community would be interested in for future events? Are you interested in volunteering? Feel free to contact Kellie (765.541.8635) or anyone on the committee!

Upcoming Events:

### **Golf Cart/ ATV parade (& decoration contest)**

Date: Sunday, September 2, 2024

Time: 4:45 at picnic area

Place: Drivers meet at the Picnic Area on 5 Lakes Drive – parade will start at 5pm

Details: Drivers show up at the picnic area, we will depart at 5pm. Decorate your golf carts/ ATVs or anything with wheels that can make it around the lake. We are likely to pass out sweet treats, so get your kids ready! Winner of the decoration contest will receive a gift card for a local eatery.

Events with dates TBD (will be added to the website events page ([www.fivelake.org](http://www.fivelake.org)), on unofficial Facebook Group, and signs around the lake

Chili Cook Off (Fall)

Fall Festival (around Halloween)

Ice Cream Social

Potluck

Kid’s fishing tournament

2025 Mother’s Day Flower Sales

### Aquatic Plant Management Q&A

**Q.** Can we swim after a weed treatment?

**A.** NO. There is a 24 hour swimming restriction within 100 feet of any treatment area of the lake. Actually, almost all of the herbicides that we use do not have a swimming restriction on the product label. However, the DEQ does not want you in the water during treatment for your safety and ours. If you see a boat spraying, please exit the lake, we come in close to shore!

**Q.** Will my dog get sick if he drinks the treated water?

**A.** NO. A dog would have to drink several thousand gallons of treated water to observe any noticeable effect. However, we do not want your dog in the water during or right after a treatment. Some of the herbicides we use become inactive if the sediment is stirred up in the water column. Therefore, keep the pets out of the lake for 24 hours!

**Q.** Are the fish still safe to eat?

**A.** YES! There are no fishing restrictions with any of our herbicide treatments. The herbicides used do not accumulate in the fish. They are safe to eat.

### What Does the Color of the Treatment Sign Mean?

**Green** signs/notices indicate NO RESTRICTIONS on any type of water use. **Yellow** signs/notices means one or more of the following restrictions may apply:

- Maximum 1 day swimming restriction within the treatment areas. This restriction is in place to maximize treatment effectiveness; wild-life and pets will not be harmed by entering/drinking water.
- Established grass/turf irrigation is not restricted with most herbicides. Read posted notice for further clarification.
- Flower and garden irrigation may be restricted depending on herbicide used. Read posted notice for further clarification.

### Continuing Maintenance on the Lake

#### Swim area:

The swim buoy floats on the rope have been installed. Thanks to everyone for picking-up after using the beach and being courteous.

#### Burn permits:

A lot of you will be picking-up broken branches and raking leaves after the snow is gone. A burn permit is not necessary in our Grant Township of Clare County. However, you do need to check with the Dept. of Natural Resources to see if it is permissible on that day. This is easily done by going to the Dept. of Natural Resources web site, Burn Permits. Click on Burn Permit Maps. Click on Clare County. There you will see Grant Township. It will say fires are allowed that day or not. That's it!

#### Loon Area:

Loon Nesting Area Buoys have been installed. **REMEMBER**, look out for our **Loons**, be pro-active in helping to protect them.

### ASSOCIATION DUES MATRIX

LOT OWNERS SHALL PAY DUES ON EACH INDIVIDUAL LOT AND BACK LOT PER THE FOLLOWING MATRIX:

**LAKE LOTS – 1 TO 1 ½ LOTS**..... \$175

2 PLUS LOTS (1.5 TIMES).....\$262

**LAKE LOTS AND BACK LOTS- 1 TO 1 ½ LAKE LOTS & 1 OR MORE BACK**

**LOTS (1.25)** .....\$218

2 OR MORE LAKE LOTS & 1 OR MORE BACK LOTS (1,75).....\$306

**BACK LOTS ONLY- 1 TO 1 ½ BACK LOTS (0.5)**.....\$88

2 OR MORE BACK LOTS (0.75).....\$130

### Setback Requirements

The board has received several inquiries regarding the new Grant Twp. building setback ordinance. Because the Five Lakes Association has established its own setback requirements in the Restrictive Covenants we are exempt from the new Grant Township ordinance.

The Five Lakes setback requirements are as follows:

No building shall be located on any lot nearer than ten (10) feet from back lot line, nor nearer than twenty-five (25) feet from lake lot line, (except private boathouses) nor nearer than six (6) feet to any side lot line.

### 2024 Tentative Treatment Schedule

Treatments will be occurring throughout the summer months. Please watch your shoreline for posting signs with specific restrictions. Please also note that you will see PLM on your lake many times this summer. We will not always be treating the lake, but performing many surveys, water quality testing, etc. Thank you for your understanding as we work to preserve and protect Five Lakes. The following weeks of have been tentatively set but may be adjusted as the season progresses due to many factors (permit restrictions, growth, weather, etc. **Always watch for posting signs.**

May 6: WQ Survey; May 13: Weed & Algae Treatment

June 10: Weed & Algae Treatment

July 8: WQ Survey;

August 19: Weed & Algae Treatment, Water Quality

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Please refer to PLM's Newsletter (Spring 2024) or their website for any questions, such as WATER RESTRICTIONS, PRODUCTS, ETC.

## LETTER FROM THE BOARD

**Cleaning of silt traps**– We have contracted with Schiltch Pond to remove/clean only one silt trap. The work will begin on May 30, 2024. We only received a permit for the east side / picnic area silt trap from EGLE. The north end silt trap was denied by EGLE.

**Five Lake Dam**- Dam inspection was completed, passed and filed with the State of Michigan's required departments. The replacement of dam spillway boards have been completed. Volunteers (Carl Kaplinger and others) have stepped forward to help maintain the dam area.

**Beach/Picnic common area**- A committee was formed to update the beach/picnic commons areas. Below is a Master Plan for capital improvements to the beach and picnic areas.

### Picnic/Beach Improvement Overview

The Picnic/Beach committee is planning improvements for the picnic and beach area. We are hoping the improvements will attract more use from the Five Lakes HOA members.

**Goals**-The committee has planned for the following improvements by adding the following items:

- Charcoal grills (picnic and beach areas)
- Picnic tables (picnic and beach areas)
- Fire Pit (picnic area)
- Trash containers (picnic and beach areas)
- Fencing
- Split Rail fence at the beach ( by the water) on property line
- Entry fence placed between the beach and road entry.
- Property Survey (beach area)
- Pavilion (picnic area)
- Shed (picnic area)
- Barn (picnic area/ attached or close to pavilion with electricity)

### Time Line and estimated cost

#### Phase I ( October 9, 2023 upon approval)

- Survey - property lines of beach area \$1000.00 (Statewide - Gladwin) - -Completed

#### Phase II (March-May 2024)

- Layout drawing of placement at the picnic/beach area
- Northern Tool Heavy Duty Steel Park style charcoal grills - \$220.00 x 4 = **\$880.00**
- Uline Wood /Steel frame picnic tables - \$575.00 x 4 = **\$2300 \*\* Or**  
Amish built 8 ft pre treated wood picnic tables - \$300.00 x 4 = **\$1200.00 \*\***
- Lowes 32-gallon black plastic wheeled trash can with lid—\$30 x 2 = **\$60.00**
- Home Depot RumbleStone concrete fire pit with insert - **\$200.00**
- Miller's 8x10 shed T1-11 siding- **\$3000.00**
- Designated wood chip ground cover area for picnic tables / grills/shed - **\$300.00 \*\***
- Prepare membership poll for pavilion to be insert in Newsletter

#### Phase III (July-October 2024)

- Fencing - Split Rail fence at the beach ( by the water) on property line - **\$200 \*\***  
Entry fence placed between the beach and road entry. - **\$7000.00 \*\***

◇ Approximate total for Phases I-III = **\$14,940.00**

#### Phase IV (March-October 2025)

- Home Depot pavilion - 24x32 Steel roof = **\$5500.00 OR Shingle roof = \$7000.00**
- Designated parking for picnic area - ? \*\*Approximate total for Phase IV= **\$7000.00**

#### Phase V (March - October 2026)

- Pole barn attached to pavilion with electricity = ? \*\*

**Total spending for 2024 and 2025 is \$21940**

\*\*Without the barn, we would have \$3060 left for overage or other adjustments from the allotted budget

**\*\*Merchants have not been decided on**

## Five Lakes Improvement Plan Survey

This survey is meant to gather your input on the Picnic and Beach Area improvement plan that has been outlined in this year's newsletter. Please note that this survey is not anonymous.

1. Please list your Five Lakes address. Your address and opinions will not be shared publicly. It is only included to ensure that each member gets one and only one survey response.

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2. How happy are you with the current state of each of the following areas? (1 = Very Dissatisfied and 5 = Very Satisfied)

Beach Area            1        2        3        4        5        N/A

Picnic Area           1        2        3        4        5        N/A

3. Of the ideas that were outlined in the Improvement Plan, which three are the most important to you?

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4. Other ideas for improving the Beach Area.

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5. Other ideas for improving the Picnic Area.

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Please submit your survey by entering <https://forms.gle/a13YLc3JEn2jQXEUA> into your browser, delivering the paper form to a Five Lakes Board member, or scanning the following with your smart device.

Scan me! FIVE LAKES SURVEY

