

# District of Powers Lake NEWSLETTER

Published for all those who use and love Powers Lake

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## Spring Rains

Another weather report from Powers Lake. We are having an unusual spring with so much rain that the lake water is at an all time high. The current advice is to put your pier as high as possible since most piers will be under water or right on the surface. Everything always seems to get pretty normal sooner or later. Powers Lake as well as all of the lakes in the area is in "slow no wake" mode. With the gas prices so high this is the ideal year to take up canoes, kayaks and sailing. There is no faster way to go through a tank of gas than pulling a skier.

## Boat Launch Fees



Randall Township has raised the launch pass fees to \$7.00. Residents can buy an annual launch pass for \$15.00 and non-residents annual pass can be purchased for \$37.50. These are available through Randall Town Hall in Bassett on week days. They are both available through the mail. Both launches will be supervised weekends and holidays to make sure those boats are clean when launched and when taken out of the lake. To have a wash station would only wash undesirable material on boats into the lake. The new Wisconsin law is that all minnows must be trashed after leaving a lake so they are not taken to another lake because of the VHS concern. This is a new fish disease that the state is trying to prevent from getting into all lakes. It is now in Lake Michigan and Lake Winnebago. Once it is in a lake it is there forever.

## Slow No Wake

Mark your calendars. Starting in June, the 4th Sunday of each month will be "slow no wake" days. June 22nd, July 27th and August 24th are the days this will be in effect. This will make some folks ecstatic and others unhappy.

## Water Patrol Safety Classes

The Water Patrol will hold the Water Safety Classes for kid's twelve and older, June 12th, 13th and 14th Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Classes Thursday and Friday will be from 11:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.. and the Saturday class on June 14th will be from 8:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. Registration is through Randall Town Hall either by phone or in person. The fee is \$10.00 per

student. A parent must accompany the student to the first class to sign the register. They will be held at Randall Town Hall in Bassett. Upon completion of the classes they earn a certificate and are allowed to drive a boat and jet skis at twelve years old. Without the classes they will not be allowed to drive a boat until they are 16, and jet skis are not allowed to be driven even with a parent aboard without the certificate. There is a new state law that anyone born on or after January 1st, 1989 cannot drive a jet ski or boat without the certificate before 19 years old. They can ride behind someone but not drive. Students need to bring a snack or lunch and a drink and a pen. Check the DNR Website for more information if needed.



## Sailing Classes

Sailing classes are available through the Powers Lake Yacht Club for kids from 5 to 16. Opties and Butterflies are the boats. The lessons are given for six weeks every Thursday and Friday, June 26 through August 1. Opties classes are mornings and Butterflies are afternoons. Classes are held at Carol and Dan O'Connells at the mouth of the channel in Jefferson Bay. Class fees are \$150.00. Call Carol O'Connell for registration at 262-279-3786 or 708-246-3842 or check the website [WWW.POWERSLAKEYACHTCLUB.COM](http://WWW.POWERSLAKEYACHTCLUB.COM). The kids not only learn to sail but also race sailboats, which has always been an important activity for Powers Lake residents. A great way for the kids to get acquainted.

## Rules of Powers Lake

The Rules of Powers Lake are enclosed so check for distances to keep, what is the right of way and rules for overtaking another boat. ~~George Lawrence, Police Chief of the Water Patrol would~~ like to caution drivers when towing tubes and skiers in crowded conditions that a bobbing head of a fallen skier is a tiny spot in the lake. Be sure to allow space between your boat and others in case there are spills. We urge you to keep it handy so that your guests can read them when they are out on the lake. George finds that most mistakes are made by our guests because they are not informed. It would be wise if residents review them from time to time also.

## BOATING & SKIING SAFETY

Powers Lake has consistently been a very safe lake. Since we are the major users of the lake it is important that we are careful and keep it safe. George Lawrence, Chief of the Water Patrol would like to remind all boat drivers how important courtesy is. Your head has to be a 360 degree swivel, but that is also why your observer is so important when towing a tuber or skier. He would like to advise skiers when they go down to put a ski up. A skier's head is such a small spot in the water and a ski adds to the visibility for other boats to see you.

Remember your boat, ski rope and skier or tuber must be 100 feet from anything else at all times. This is the job of the driver. Anytime you are in doubt, stop your boat. Keep your skier safe, they can always get back up, but collisions are big trouble. Skiers also have to realize they must not swing out close to other boats, people or jet skis.

When boats are stopped by the Water Patrol they often complain that someone was in the traffic lane. He wants everyone to remember that the whole lake is a traffic lane and you must watch your distances. Jet skis are to keep safe distances the same as boats. Size does not permit them to be closer.





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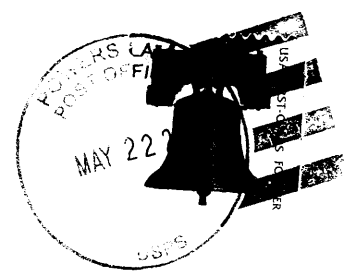
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### Lake Pollution

This is the time of year when we like to caution all about their septic systems in order to protect our lake from pollution. Keep track of when you should have your septic pumped. Be careful about what goes into your septic so it will work efficiently. Be cautious about water usage. Systems are designed to handle only so much water. Garbage disposals are a problem for septic systems. Keep your system healthy. Another caution is to be careful what chemicals you put on your lawn so your well is not contaminated as well as the lake. Keep those fresh waters fresh. Use only fertilizers with the O in the middle of the three numbers which is phosphorus free and a state requirement by law.

### The First Hundred Years

A reminder if you haven't acquired "THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS OF POWERS LAKE, LAKE BENEDICT AND TOMBEAU LAKE" by Dee Wells. It is still available at the Spiral Staircase in Genoa City and at Solid Brass Fine Antiques in Richmond. They are \$25.00 tax included. A real treasure of the history of the area from 1830 to WW II.

### Adopt-A-Lake Program

The Adopt-A-Lake program with Karen Reddin, teacher at Randall School is in full swing again. The third grades, kindergarten and with the assistance of high schoolers who have helped in the past are all geared up and excited about the program again this year. A catch and release session will be held. The Water Patrol will be added as well as water testing. The students learn about wetlands, water clarity, and more.

### June Meeting

The June meeting of The District of Powers Lake will be held Friday, June 20th at 5:00 p.m. at Randall Town Hall in Bassett. All are welcome.

