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Lake Patrol

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2015

Greetings to all of you,

Hopefully another wonderful summer awaits us after a long, cold winter.

<u>Weed Control</u> Due to the issues last season trying to keep up with all the weeds, the Board has decided for the upcoming season to put our total weed control budget into weed harvesting only, no chemical treatment. We have again contracted with Midwest Aquatics for this work. Residents may harvest weeds in front of their properties. We will keep all apprised via email of the harvesting schedules so you can place weeds at the end of your dock for pick up.

<u>New Weed Harvester</u> The Wisconsin Waterways Commission has approved a grant to Little Cedar Lake in the amount of \$75,625 for ½ of our estimated cost for a harvester, trailer and conveyor. **A special meeting of District members will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 7** to consider and vote on funding options for the remainder of the harvester purchase price. The plan is to have our equipment in place for the 2016 summer season.

<u>Website and Lake Directory</u> We are working on a new website design with a new web designer. The name will remain <u>www.LCLPRD.org</u>. However, it will not be operational until June. After that, please check the website often for updates. We are looking for lake pictures for the website. If anyone would like to contribute pictures, please send them to Mary Therese Breger at <u>breger.mt@gmail.com</u>.

E-Mail Notifications In addition to the new website, we'd like to continue to utilize e-mail communication as a way to notify District residents of both urgent matters, such as the implementation of a temporary slow, no wake ordinance in event of high water, and non-urgent matters, such as dates on which the weed cutter will be available for shoreline or pier pick-ups. In order to assure a current database, we ask that each household notify us of the e-mail address at which they would prefer to receive LCLPRD notifications. Please send your e-mail address to Mary Therese Breger, breger.mt@gmail.com.

Boating Regulations All vessels, including canoes, kayaks and paddleboards, must have at least one USCG-approved Type I,II,III, or V life jacket for each person onboard.

In addition to the requirement for life jackets, one USCG Type IV PFD ("throwable") must be on board vessels 16-feet or longer (except canoes and kayaks) and be readily accessible. Besides being USCG-approved, all PFDs must be: In good and serviceable condition which means no tears, rips, broken straps or snaps; Readily accessible; Of the proper size for the intended wearer. Sizing is based on body weight and chest size.

<u>Boat Registration</u> Wisconsin registration and expiration decals must be displayed as follows: 1) Numbers/letters must be placed on each side of the forward half of the vessel; 2) Registration numbers/letters must be read from left to right; 3) Registration numbers/letters must be BLOCK style at least 3" high; 4) Color of numbers/letters must contrast with vessel's color; 5) Letters must be separated from the numbers by a space of at least two inches; 6) Expiration decals must be affixed three inches behind (towards the stern) and in line with the registration number. The lake patrol has stopped and conducted safety inspections on boats that have not displayed registration and expiration decals in the proper location. Visit the DNR handbook of Wisconsin Boating Laws and Responsibilities (www.dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/LE/LE0301.pdf) for a detailed explanation and diagram of proper placement of these decals.

Boater Safety Classes Anyone born after January 1, 1989 must satisfactorily complete a boating safety course accepted by the DNR in order to legally operate a motorboat or PWC on Wisconsin waterways. (For more specific requirements pertaining to children under the age of 16, please see the DNR Handbook of Wisconsin Boating Laws and Responsibilities referenced in the previous paragraph). The Big Cedar lake Protection & Rehabilitation District (BCLPRD) offers boating safety classes at the BCLPRD building (4480 Gonring Drive). The first session will be held on May 4, 6, 11 and 13 from 6 to 9 p.m.; the second session will be held on June 15, 17, 22 and 24 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. To register for one of these sessions, call Dan Carroll (262.629.9322) or Jack Peters (262.626.4633) or email bigcedarlake@nconnect.net. Wisconsin DNR approved boating safety classes are also available online: www.boat-ed.com/wisconsin/

<u>June Social</u>. The date for the June social is pending availability of the park pavilion. Please check the web page for updates. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Pam Tukesbrey at 847-769-7599.

4th of July Annual Boat Parade: Will be held on July 4th at 7pm. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Pam Tukesbrey at 847-769-7599.

The LCLPRD Board normally meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the West Bend Town Hall. The times and dates are posted in advance at the Town of West Bend and Town of Polk buildings. The next regular Board meeting is at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21^{st.} We hope to see you at these meetings, and please call any one of us if you want to get involved. We are again planning to hold our annual meeting in September.

The Commissioners of the Little Cedar Lake PRD