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Citizens League**

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Celebrating 52 Years of Service to White Lake Residents

Spring 2013

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2013 Summer Celebrations

Monday, May 27, 2013: The 6th Annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast will be held at the White Lake Inn from 8:30 - 11:30 am.

Saturday, June 8, 2013: The 2nd Annual WLCL Fishing Tournament will be held.

Saturday, June 22, 2013: The 4th Annual White Lake Home Tour will be held.

Saturday, June 29, 2013: The Annual Boat Parade will start at 2:15 pm at the bay near Mitchell's Marina. The theme is "Super Heros."

Saturday, June 29, 2013: The premium 2-barge Fireworks Display will begin at dusk.

President's Corner

The goals of the White Lake Citizens League are to improve the water quality of the lake and, just as importantly, to improve the quality of lake living for all of the residents of White Lake. With your support and involvement, and a record membership last year of almost 50% of the lake residents, these goals were easily achieved. We are fortunate to have a very dedicated Board of Directors, and groups of volunteers who work hard to make all of our activities and events happen.

Last year, we added a Fishing Tournament and Coast Guard Auxiliary safety inspections to go along with the annual Pancake Breakfast, Home Tour, Boat Parade, Fireworks, and the weekly spectacle of Sailboat Races. We see all of these activities and events continuing in 2013.

We also proposed funding for a dredging project, promised nearly thirty years ago, to be completed over the next five years. The White Lake Improvement Board voted to include this funding in the Special Assessment District. We rejoined the Michigan Cooperative Lakes Monitoring

Program (CLMP) to measure water quality for our own and the state's use, and we continue to attend the Michigan Lake and Stream Association's annual conference to keep abreast of such things as state programs, water quality issues, riparian rights, and marine law. We continue to be actively involved in managing the weed control and Sheriff Marine Patrol programs with the White Lake Improvement Board.

This year we are hoping to institute Coast Guard Auxiliary boating safety classes, and a Welcoming Committee for new lake residents. All of these activities take considerable effort to accomplish, and we can use not only your financial support but also your personal involvement. Please attend one of our monthly meetings to learn how you can help. We are considerate in distributing efforts among many volunteers, and those who participate find it both enjoyable and rewarding.

Tom De Santis

White Lake Citizens League President

**WLCL 2013
MEETING
SCHEDULE**

**WLCL
MEETINGS
are open
to everyone,
and are
held the on the
4th Wednesday
of each month
(except November
December,
and January).**

LOCATION*

**White Lake
Township Offices
7525 Highland Rd.
7:00 PM**

**2013 MEETING
DATES**

**Feb 27, 2013
Mar 27, 2013
Apr 24, 2013
May 22, 2013
Jun 26, 2013
Jul 24, 2013
Aug 28, 2013
Sept 25, 2013
Oct 23, 2013**

***NOTE:**

**Some meetings
may be held at an
alternate location.**

**Watch
www.wlcl.org, the
facebook page,
and your email
for details.**

2012 Membership Drive

As you can see in the table below, annual memberships in the WLCL have improved almost steadily over the last several years:

Year	Membership	Percentage of Residents	Average Total Contribution Per Member*
2006	156	26%	\$51
2007	205	34%	\$55
2008	250	42%	\$60
2009	236	39%	\$58
2010	263	44%	\$61
2011	260	43%	\$57
2012	291	49%	\$63

*based on Membership dues (\$25) plus any additional contributions to the Fireworks/General Fund received with the membership form.

Happy Spring everybody! Of course, with the budding of the trees, the return of the birds, and the renewal of our boat registrations, comes our annual membership drive. In 2012, thanks to the generosity and commitment of our membership, and the hard work of our Block Captains, we had a record paid membership of 291 homeowners and 36 area businesses. This translated directly into what is arguably the finest private fireworks display in the county. In order to keep up the momentum, we are setting a goal for this season of 310 members (a 3% increase). We're hoping you will support this goal with both your membership and donations, as well as in encouraging your friends and neighbors to join. We all enjoy the fireworks program, and many of us plan gatherings of family and friends around this day.

For many years, we have had Block Captains canvassing the neighborhoods to receive dues and donations. Please welcome your Block Captain when they call - they are all volunteers, and are a great help with the membership drive. We always need more block captains, especially along Duck Lake Road, in the canal area off Jackson Boulevard, and in several other areas. Please contact **Carol or Gary Webb at (248) 887-4838** if you can help in this important way.

Please send in your membership and fireworks donation check with the form provided in this newsletter. If you haven't joined the WLCL in the past, please consider all of the information contained in this newsletter as you make your decision.

Dredging Project

Last summer, the WLCL hired an engineering consulting firm to study and develop a plan for dredging the channels leading from the northwest bay to the 7 Harbors canal. The resulting engineering study determined the scope and cost of a project, to be completed within five years.

At a public hearing on September 24, 2012, the WLCL Board of Directors recommended that the rates for the Special Assessment District be increased to provide funding for the dredging project during the 5 year period from 2013-2017. After listening to comments from residents, the White Lake Improvement Board (WLIB) unanimously approved the project. The entire WLCL presentation can be viewed by clicking on the link on the "Special Assessment District (SAD)" page of our website.

The nature of the assessment will allow funds to build in the Special Assessment District to cover the cost of each phase of the project during the 5 year period. The phases include the actual dredging, temporary storage and dewatering of the spoils, and permanent disposal of the material (at a site with contaminant levels similar to those in the dredged spoils).

There is still a great deal that needs to be done to insure the successful completion of this project. This includes locating suitable temporary and permanent disposal sites, preparing a bid document, and letting the contract. Anyone who has experience in these areas, and who would like to assist, please contact **president@wlcl.org**. With some help, there are opportunities to reduce the overall cost of the project below the current estimates and expedite the completion of the project.

2013 Summer Celebrations

The summer of 2013 officially begins with our **6th Annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast** at the White Lake Inn on Monday, May 27th from 8:30 until 11:30 a.m. Volunteers will be serving our delicious pancakes, sausage, and scrambled eggs, with milk, juice, and coffee included. Adult beverages will be available for purchase. Our ongoing success with the Pancake Breakfast is due to your ongoing support. Thanks to everyone who has helped make this a successful social event - those of you who bring your family and friends, and those of you who volunteer your time.

At Noon, after our Memorial Day breakfast, we will again honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our beloved country. "Taps" will be played, and we will sing our national anthem while we raise the flag to full mast. Watch for Lenny and his team who will be at the White Lake Inn on Friday nights starting sometime in May. He will have some new and exciting fundraising merchandise available for sale. Merchandise will also be available on Memorial Day at the Pancake Breakfast. **The Annual Independence Day Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, June 29th.** The Boat Parade will start at 2:15 p.m. leaving from Mitchell's Marina bay. Our theme this year is "Super Heros!" Decorate your boat and your crew - there are lots of directions to go with this year's theme! Start planning now so you can join in the fun!!!

We will have a special addition to the parade this year – a

Veteran's Boat – featuring our own local Super Heros. The Veteran's Boat will follow our lead boat, and we all want to honor them and thank them for their service to our country. If you are a veteran and are interested in being on this boat, please contact **Vicki Myers at (248) 330-1864.**



Votes will again be taken "American Idol" style by phone from all of our friends and neighbors watching on shore or on boats ... "by land or by sea!!" The phone number and voting instructions will be on our website and on the lead boat. As in the past, there will be prizes donated by our generous and supportive local businesses for the winning boats.

Of course, our spectacular two-barge fireworks display will be the culmination of the day on Saturday, June 29th starting at dusk. Watch our website and email newsletters for location details.

And once again, let's all "decorate and light up" our docks and waterfronts for the holiday weekend. This is something EVERYONE can participate in ... fun for adults, children, grandchildren, and families! Use whatever you already have, so your family and friends can enjoy a festive weekend. You can decorate your docks and waterfronts for the weekend even if you don't participate in the Boat Parade! (Remember to plug any lights that you use near the water into a ground fault protected (GFCI) outlet.) Families and friends can enjoy cruising around the lake on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights viewing and enjoying the lights.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Membership Meeting of the White Lake Citizens League will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at the White Lake Township offices. One important part of this meeting is the nomination and election of residents to serve a two year term on the Board of Directors.

Any resident who is interested in serving on the Board of Directors is encouraged to contact President **Tom De Santis** by email at president@wlcl.org or by calling the **Hotline (248-887-5658)**. Residents who are 2013 members of the WLCL are eligible to vote at the meeting. Full details are in the Bylaws of the WLCL, which are available on the "Publications" page of our website.

Marine Sheriff Patrols

Last summer, the Oakland County Sheriff Marine Unit patrolled White Lake for 205 hours on weekend, holiday, and random midweek days. During these patrols, the Sheriff made 838 contacts, conducted 155 safety inspections, and issued 13 tickets and 170 warnings. Detailed statistics provided by the Sheriff's office are available on our website.

These statistics, along with the lack of any serious incidents, and generally favorable informal feedback, convince us that these patrols were helpful in making White Lake a safer place for many activities. The patrols cost just under \$6,500 in 2012

(about \$11 per household, funded from the SAD), and similar funding is budgeted to continue the patrols in 2013. We continue to formally encourage Oakland County to restore county funding for these patrols.

Residents are reminded to report serious incidents or dangerous activity immediately by calling 9-1-1. Those having an issue with the officers are encouraged to contact the **Oakland County Marine Sheriff** directly at **(248) 858-1664**, and also to let us know by contacting the **WLCL Hotline at (248) 887-5658** and/or emailing us at patrols@wlcl.org.

Weed Control

All in all it was a good winter. Those of us who don't flee south during the winter have figured out ways to entertain ourselves during the cold months - which seemed excessively long this year! On White Lake, there's ice fishing, cross-country skiing, snowmobile riding, motorcycle races, and the White Lake Inn sponsored a number of events throughout the winter, including TWO ice golfing tournaments this year.

But now comes, for most of us, the reason we live on White Lake - the warm summer season. Along with that warmth comes the growing season, which includes lake weeds. We have had an organized way to deal with those weeds for the past 25 years or so, and this year will be no different. This year we are planning a conventional treatment program, much like what we executed last year with overall success. Success, we believe, is measured by our ability to keep the lanes of navigation clear, as well as other areas of nuisance weed growth in swimming areas and near docks and beaches. We also should mechanically remove weeds near our shorelines by raking where we can. As residents, we must realize that we don't want the lake to look like a swimming pool. We can't eradicate all of the weeds on the lake, and we don't want to.

The weeds in areas near the islands and coves where people generally don't navigate should be left alone for fish habitat, and that has been our philosophy all along.

We do several lake surveys during the summer to identify weed growth problem areas, and you may see us treating some areas of the lake - but not others - based on the results of these surveys. We also depend heavily on lake resident's calls to the **Hotline (248-887-5658)** to alert us about weed problems we haven't identified. So if there are excessive weeds in your area, please call in and we will respond.

Also remember the 5 items that help keep our lake clean:

1. Use fertilizer sparingly, and use only low-phosphorous types.
2. Have your septic tank pumped every 2 years.
3. If you have tree branches hanging over the water's edge, trim them off.
4. If possible create a buffer zone of natural plant growth 6 to 8 feet at the shoreline, and don't apply fertilizer in this area.
5. If you are able, keep your shoreline clean by raking the material off the bottom.

Water Quality Testing

The White Lake Citizens League participates in the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) sponsored by the Michigan Clean Water Corps. The Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps) is a network of volunteer monitoring programs in Michigan. It assists the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in collecting and sharing water quality data for use in water resources management and protection programs in the state.

It is important to measure our water clarity and certain chemical markers to ensure that we can monitor changes that naturally occur during the season and from year to year. Results of our testing, and a comparison to other lakes in our county and statewide, are available on the CLMP website, which is linked from

the "Water Quality & Weed Control" page of our website.

During 2012 we focused on 2 water clarity test procedures - Secchi Disk and Total Phosphorus. The Secchi Disc is a relatively simple test that is performed every 2 weeks to measure visual clarity at the deepest part of the lake. The White Lake data showed a range of 14-20 feet. These values are "normal" for the size and depth of our lake in comparison to other lakes in Oakland County. Rapid changes in this data from year to year would be an important warning signal.

Total Phosphorus measurement is a controlled test involving the collecting and sending of several bottled samples of lake water to the designated CLMP labs for testing. This test is conducted

once in spring (called overturn) and once in late-summer. Phosphorus is the most important nutrient impacting algae growth.

In 2013, we will add the "Exotic Aquatic Plant Watch" to our testing. Plant life is an essential element for any healthy lake. However it is important that we monitor our current plant life and watch for the plants that do not naturally belong in our Michigan lakes. We will map out the lake and sample plant life from key areas of potential concern, where non-native plants can be introduced via pollution/contamination. We would welcome any voluntary assistance from residents on this task. Please contact **Roy Eastham (rleastham@comcast.net)** if you are interested in helping.

Lake Level Management

You probably know that we are extremely fortunate to have a "Lake Augmentation Pump" to keep the water level of White Lake fairly consistent during the summertime. Located in the North Canal, the pump draws water from a deep well to raise the level of the lake when necessary. If you have friends who live on lakes without a way to manage the level, they probably experienced significantly low levels during the hot, dry summer last year. With the current environmental regulations and political climate, it is almost impossible to install new augmentation pump systems in lakes which do

not already have them.

The cost of operation of this pump (electricity, maintenance, and monitoring) is billed to lake residents in the "WHITE LAKE LEVEL" assessment on your Winter Tax Bill. (Note that this is a different assessment than the "WHITE LK IMPRV" assessment, which is the Special Assessment District that finances weed control, water quality testing, Marine Sheriff patrols, and dredging.) You can read more about both of these assessments on the "Lake Financial Information" page of our website. *(Cont. on next page)*

Lake Level Management (cont.)

Unfortunately, there were mechanical problems with the pump late last summer, and you probably noticed that the lake level fell at the end of the season (although we like to have it lower during the wintertime anyway). The pump motor was removed and repaired over the winter, and the pump impellers were pulled up from the well and cleaned. We have been assured by the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner, who is responsible for the well, that everything will be working in time for this year's season. The cost of these repairs is projected to be about \$75,000,

and this will be added to the normal 2013 operating costs of the well in your Winter 2013 tax bill. The assessment rate varies by the type and location of your property, but it is projected that this will add less than \$10 to the bill of off-lake properties, and less than \$140 to most lakefront properties. None of us like extra charges on our tax bill, but this augmentation pump system is one of the more valuable assets of our lake, and we feel lucky that these repairs were able to be completed in a cost effective manner before the summer boating season.

New Residents

We have developed a Welcome Package designed to help new residents of our White Lake community. It contains information about the lake and the community, including offers from local businesses. There is information about boating safety and regulations, and about enjoying and navigating around our lake.

If you become aware of a newly arrived family in your area, please contact **Bill Maine (membership@wlcl.org)** or **Bob Parrett (communication@wlcl.org)** with their address (and their name, if possible). Please don't assume that someone else has already contacted us! Ideally, we would like to get a Welcome Package into the hands of each new resident within a week of them moving into their new home.

Sailing

Once again, sailing season is rapidly approaching (or so the calendar says), and soon the racing fleet will be preparing their boats. Though winter was long this year, there are signs that soon we will see glassy water and cat's paws (ripples) showing the racers the fastest way to the finish line. From the beginning to the well-seasoned sailor, all have enjoyed "just being out there" and sharing the experience with others.

We race on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and our season starts in June and will run weekly through September. For information, check the "Sailing" page on our website. If you have a sailboat and would like to join us, or would just like to find out more, contact **Richard Gilbert**

at (248) 887-2024 or send an email to richjac_g@yahoo.com.

Home Tour

As long as we are able to find enough homes, the 4th Annual White Lake Home Tour will be held on Saturday, June 22nd this year. As in the past, the tour will consist of a pontoon boat ride to each of the homes, wine and cheese on the boat, and guided tours of each of the homes. Tickets will be \$30.00, and will be available starting at the Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast. All proceeds benefit the WLCL fireworks. (Tickets sold out last year, so be sure to buy yours early!)

If you are willing to help with this significant fund raiser by showing off your home this year, contact communication@wlcl.org. Watch our website for pictures of the homes on this year's tour as the time gets closer.

Recycle Your Batteries

Steve Cemer and Darlene Mauer are WLCL members and owners of the Discount Battery locations at 1230 S. Milford Road, Highland, 2977 Dixie Highway, Waterford, and 2505 Union Lake Road, Commerce. Drop off your dead auto, truck, or boat battery at any of their locations, be sure to mention the WLCL, and Discount Battery will donate \$10.00 to the WLCL Fireworks Fund! No purchase is necessary. Call the Highland store at (248) 714-6333 if you have any questions.

If your business would like to set up a promotion to benefit the WLCL, send an email to communication@wlcl.org.

Fishing

The 2nd Annual WLCL Fishing

Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 8th from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Registration starts at 6:00 am at the White Lake Inn, with a \$20.00 entry fee per boat. There is no limit to the number of fishermen on a boat, but the boat owner must be a resident on White Lake. Cash prizes will be awarded based on the largest combined weight of 3 fish per boat. All of the details and rules will be available on our website. This day is part of a Michigan Free Fishing Weekend, so anyone can participate without buying a license.

Remember that "The White Lake Fisherman" writes a monthly fishing report available on our website. Just click on the "Fishing" tab on the left side of our website.

Hunting Regulations

It appears that occurrences of illegal hunting on White Lake have been reduced since we began publicizing the regulations regarding hunting on the lake. As a reminder, there is no hunting allowed anywhere on the portion of the lake within White Lake Township, and no hunting allowed within 450 feet (150 yards) of any property on the portion of the lake within Highland Township.

Details about both township's ordinances are available on the "Lake Access & Firearms Ordinances" page of our website. You can also find information about the **DNR REPORT ALL POACHING HOTLINE (800-292-7800)** there.

The WLCL is working with Highland Township officials to encourage them to amend their ordinance to match White Lake Township's ordinance.

A BIG THANK YOU to these local businesses who supported the WLCL in 2012!

An updated list is always available on the "Community Businesses" page of our website. Many of the businesses also have a link to their website there.

Abe's Storage

10433 N. Holly Road
Holly, MI 48442
(810) 694-7707

American Marine Shore Control

6777 E. Highland Road
White Lake, MI 48383
(248) 887-7855

Americana Design Company Inc.

2961 E. Highland Road
Highland, MI 48386
(248) 889-1688

Aqua Weed Control, Inc.

414 Hadley Street
Holly, MI 48442
(248) 634-8388

Timothy A. Brendel Excavating

5450 Grass Lake Road
White Lake, MI 48383
(248) 887-2116

Classic Design Concepts

28266 Beck Rd.
Wixom, MI, 48393
(866) 624-7997

Clippers Lawn & Landscape

Maintenance

13320 Stark Road
Livonia, MI 48150
(734) 522-0025

Dave's Coney Island & Breakfast

101 Nordic Drive
White Lake, MI 48383
(248) 889-3600

Discount Battery

2977 Dixie Highway
Waterford, MI 48328
(248) 674-2565

Duck Lake Market

3711 N. Duck Lake Road
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 887-4542

Exclusive Floor Covering

2967 E. Highland Road
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 889-4350

Exclusive Hardwood Flooring

2045 E. Commerce Road
Commerce Township, MI 48382
(248) 363-9933

Famous Market

9610 Highland Road
White Lake, MI 48386
(248) 698-3958

Graceland Party Shoppe Inc.

7505 Highland Road
White Lake, MI 48383
(248) 698-1070

Highland Auto Repair & Tire Center

7421 Highland Road
White Lake, MI 48383
(248) 887-2944

Highland Hills Golf Club

2075 Oakland Drive
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 887-4481

Highland House Restaurant

2630 Highland Road
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 887-4161

Lakes Area Glass

312 W. Commerce Road
Milford, MI, 48381
(248) 684-7550

Lucky Dollar

2221 E. Highland Road
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 757-0405

Jay-Cor Candle Company

3580 Reserve Court
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 939-1408

Jet's Pizza

401 Nordic Drive
White Lake, MI 48383
(248) 889-0011

MTL & Associates

2998 Summit Drive
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 889-0301

Neighborhood Dump Trailer Rental

2210 Duck Lake Road
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 714-5803

Pet Suppliers

2825 E. Highland Road - Suite 127
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 887-1881

Rite Aid Pharmacy

2880 E. Highland Road
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 887-4121

Tantrum Salon

5951 Highland Road
White Lake, MI 48383
(248) 887-8338

The Root Restaurant & Bar

340 Town Center Boulevard
White Lake, MI 48386
(248) 698-2400

S & D Seasonal Services

9988 Sedlock Street
White Lake, MI 48386
(248) 698-4518

Skybox Sports Grill

2825 E. Highland Road
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 889-7591

Sparkies Bar and Grill

2868 E. Highland Road
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 887-2610

Stanton Business Forms, Inc.

4400 N. Duck Lake Road
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 887-7000

Waterfall Jewelers II

340 Town Center Boulevard
White Lake, MI 48386
(877) 884-4000

Wine Basket Market

3542 N. Duck Lake Road
Highland, MI 48356
(248) 887-1921

White Lake Inn

3955 Ormond Road
White Lake, MI 48383
(248) 887-1818

White Lake Supermarket 3393

Ormond Road
White Lake, MI 48383
(248) 887-5200

Wolfenbarger Development Co.

2335 Ridge Road
White Lake, MI 48383
(248) 529-6800

Businesses donating \$50 or more to the WLCL are listed here and on our website. To add your business, please use the special Business Contribution Form, which is available at www.wlcl.org/business.shtml.

2013 Membership Dues and Contributions

Membership dues and General Fund contributions should be remitted now. The annual membership dues are \$25 per household. General Fund donations go to our annual firework show and board approved activities/expenses. Please donate generously and support our activities!

Mail to: WLCL, PO Box 851, Highland, MI 48356 (*envelope enclosed*)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

(*please print clearly*)

Membership Fee \$25 + Fireworks/General Fund Donation \$ _____ = \$ _____

I am interested in: USCG Safety Inspection USCG Boater Safety Class

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Block Captain | <input type="checkbox"/> Boat Parade | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Fireworks | <input type="checkbox"/> Weed Control | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Tour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Beautification | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | | |

Please make checks payable to WLCL

BUSINESS DONATIONS: Please send separately from household membership dues, and clearly indicate your business name on the check. A special form is available on the website. Businesses donating \$50.00 or more will be listed on the website and in the Current newsletter.



Communications

Remember that there are several ways to receive information about White Lake activities, programs, and concerns during the year:

- Our email communications list has now has over 430 addresses. If you're not receiving email news and announcements, include your email address (printed legibly!) on your membership form, or send an email to **communication@wlcl.org** to start receiving e-newsletters.
- Our Facebook page already has over 70 followers. Click on the "follow us on facebook" link on the left side of our website, or enter "WLCL" in the search field at the top of your own Facebook page to find our page.
- Of course, our website (**www.wlcl.org**) continues to grow and provide residents and visitors with a wealth of information about the lake and area resources.

We also maintain several email addresses which you can use when you have specific comments and questions:

- **communication@wlcl.org** - general comments and questions for the WLCL
- **DNRLiaison@wlcl.org** - questions about DNR policies and programs
- **fishing@wlcl.org** - questions and comments for "The White Lake Fisherman"
- **membership@wlcl.org** - questions about WLCL membership
- **patrols@wlcl.org** - concerns and comments about the Sheriff Marine Patrols
- **president@wlcl.org** - direct line to the WLCL President
- **sailing@wlcl.org** - information about sailing and the sailboat races



White Lake Citizens League
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**NEWS AND IMPORTANT
INFORMATION FOR
WHITE LAKE RESIDENTS**

CURRENT RESIDENT OR

Vessel Safety Inspections/Boaters Safety Course

Last year we hosted a very successful Vessel Safety Inspection Campaign for WLCL members, thanks to our friends at the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Upon the successful completion of the safety inspection, members received a Coast Guard Inspection Sticker for their watercraft. We plan to offer these inspections again this year.

Michigan Public Act 62 of 2012 became effective on November 1, 2012: "If a watercraft bears a safety check decal from the U.S. Coast Guard, a peace officer may only stop the vessel if there is suspicion that the boat or operator is in violation of marine law or engaged in criminal activity." This law minimizes so-called "bikini stops" of vessels displaying a current Inspection Sticker.

New this year - the WLCL and the U.S. Coast Guard will be offering the Official Boater Safety Education Course for WLCL members 12 years and older. This certification is required for most PWC operators, and for ALL boat operators aged 12-15. It is recommended for anyone operating a watercraft in Michigan! The cost is \$20.00 and will consist of 2 evening classes at 4 hours each.

Watch our website and your email newsletters for the dates and the opportunity to reserve your time for either of these programs. Make a note on your membership form so that we can gauge interest. Any U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary questions may be directed to: **Patte Day (patrols@wlcl.org)**.

DNR Boat Launch Closing

The DNR posted a sign last fall at the Duck Lake Road boat launch indicating that it intends to close the launch during a "remodeling" project. The WLCL has been actively communicating with the DNR to determine the impact of this project on the residents of our lake.

Our most recent communication with them indicates that any disruption "will most likely be AFTER Labor Day". We will continue to monitor this situation, and report any updates we receive on our website and in emails.

Patte Day is our WLCL liaison with the DNR. She will gladly assist you with any DNR issues or questions, and work on getting a timely response and resolution. Contact her at **DNRLiaison@wlcl.org**.