



Round Lake Property Owners Association Newsletter

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President's Message by Dan Kollodge

Welcome to the 2022 Round Lake Property Owners Association newsletter. Over the past five years there has been a significant effort to increase membership through the newsletter and targeted Email to past members. For property owners who do not have an Email address on file with the Association, letters are sent highlighting the value of the Association and encourage the recipients to join. With these efforts membership has increased to about 60% and has remained steady over the past five years. As of April 29, 2022 there are 365 (52.6%) active members and 329 property owners that have expired memberships or have never been members. The Board believes everyone should be a member.

In a letter mailed to non-members last fall, we requested feedback from the property owners to give them an opportunity to explain why they are not members. The hope was with this feedback the Board could focus on new initiatives to address their concerns. Two individuals did provide feedback and I want to thank them for providing it.

Obviously with two responses, the information obtained is anecdotal at best. Both mentioned the lack of Eurasian water milfoil control efforts adjacent to their property, and one also mentioned that the Association was unsuccessful calling for Sawyer County to actively manage the water level in Round Lakes. Instead, the County decided to relinquish water level management of the lakes. For those of you that are new to the lake since 2015, the story is far too complicated to summarize here. But if you buy me a beer, probably more than one because it's a long story, I will be happy to tell you the story as I know it.

Property owners need to recognize that the RLPOA is not a government entity. It has no legal authority to compel anyone to do anything, nor does it have a magical ability to change nature. It cannot mediate disputes between neighbors or make neighbors less annoying. Give tickets to boaters that break the law. Swat fireworks out of the sky. Make Eurasian milfoil disappear or change the water level of the lakes. And it definitely can't make the County do something that it is not able or willing to do, regardless of what property owners want. This is the reality of being a lake association.

RLPOA is a non-profit organization with a charter to protect and maintain the Round Lakes watershed for the benefit of all who use it. The Association is only successful by working with Sawyer County, the Towns of Hayward and Round Lake, DNR, and LCO Nation to implement projects that fulfill the goals of our mission. As a community, we need to look forward and focus on what we can do today and tomorrow to reach our goals.

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Managing Eurasian water milfoil and water safety are among the highest priorities of the Board. The Association manages the installation and removal of 19 navigation buoys throughout the lake. Three of those are new this year and will be installed along the south shore of Musky Bay. The buoys are owned by the Association and when they need to be repaired or replaced the expense is the Association's.

Please don't run over or damage the buoys. If you see someone doing this, take pictures/video of the boat with identification number visible, and the person(s) involved. Provide this information to the Sawyer County Sheriff. You should also do this if you see illegal or dangerous activity on the water or on shore. The sheriff is seldom patrolling the lakes. You need to be their eyes and ears, and let them know of issues that only the sheriff's department can address.

The other priority is control of Eurasian water milfoil. Two board members, Jim Nancekivell and David Rutt, are dedicated to this task. Previous issues of the newsletter have discussed the effort that they put into this project. For this issue, I want to discuss property owner expectations.

I believe that property owners need to have realistic milfoil control expectations. Milfoil cannot be completely eliminated from the lakes. The best that the Association can do is manage it to minimize its impact on the lakes and those who use it.

There are also limitations with regard to what the Association can actually do. The reality is the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has complete authority and oversight of any treatment activity initiated by the Association. The Association must work within the framework provided by them.

The framework is outlined in a document called the Round Lakes Aquatic Plant Management Plan. This document is written by a consultant working for the Association and submitted to the DNR for approval every five years. Without an approved plan, the DNR will not allow the Association to

perform any AIS control activities. This document is published on the website. I invite you to read it. There is one statement in the document that is the most important. It states that only milfoil fields larger than 0.15 acres (6,534 ft²) can be chemically treated.

It can be hard to visualize size in square feet. For reference, a singles tennis court is 2,106 ft². Doing the math, the minimum size a milfoil field has to be before chemical treatment is allowed is 3.1 tennis courts in size. Over half of the 76 milfoil fields documented in the 2021 fall survey were below this minimum.

For fields that are less than the minimum, the treatment options are hand pulling with bagging, and diver assisted suction harvesting (DASH), which has been discussed extensively in past newsletters. The Association has used DASH in the past and continues to use it selectively because it very expensive per acre compared to chemical treatment.

The members of the Board live on the lake, we see the milfoil, and we are just as frustrated by the situation as you are. Membership dues, AIS donations, and state grants fund the projects that the Association provides throughout the year. Your continued support through membership to the Association and AIS donations are critical to funding the safety and AIS activities that are initiated by the Board.

For those who have not joined the Association we ask you to do so now. Why do you own property on a lake? I assume it is because you believe Round Lakes are a special place and you don't want to be anywhere else. By joining the Association, you can help protect and maintain a jewel of northern Wisconsin.

On behalf of myself and the other members of the Board. I want to thank all of you that are members of the Association for your support and financial commitment. You make this community great. I wish you all a safe and memorable summer on the lakes this year.

Are You Using Amazon Smile?

Amazon smile is a program at Amazon that directs a portion of the proceeds from your purchase(s) to a charitable organization which can be Round Lake Property Owners Association! Since January 1, Amazon has donated \$84.88 from 130 purchases from only 18 unique accounts. We estimate there are many more Amazon shoppers in the Association that could significantly increase these numbers.

The Amazon Smile program is a free program to shoppers—using the program does not increase the price of the items you purchase on Amazon. However, you must use a special sign-on link with your regular username and password to participate. That special link is also on the bottom of the home page of the website. You can also just login to Amazon at smile.amazon.com. If you have not selected a charity, you will be prompted to select one. You are encouraged to select **Round Lake Property Owners Assn Inc.** Select carefully, as there are many charities with the words "Round Lake" in the name.

You do not have to be a member of RLPOA to use this program; we welcome donations from anyone. However, if you are not yet a RLPOA member, please consider joining and helping to support our lake preservation efforts.



Water Quality Update by Jon Kranov

As we head into summer here are some tips to help protect the water quality of the lakes. Reduce or eliminate the use of lawn fertilizer and pesticides. Not only are they costly, when over-applied or if applied before a rainstorm, the chemicals can runoff directly into the lake.

Know your numbers. Each bag of fertilizer has three numbers displayed that indicate the concentration of the primary ingredients: nitrogen (N), phosphorous (P), and potassium (K) in that order. Most lawn fertilizer doesn't contain phosphorus any longer so the middle number should be zero, however lawn starter fertilizer does. Do not use this fertilizer on an established lawn. Even without phosphorous, nitrogen and potassium can cause negative impacts on water quality.

A smart thing to do is have your soil tested to find out if your soil lacks these chemicals. This will help you select the right fertilizer for your yard. Test kits can be purchased at retail stores if you want to perform the testing yourself, or you can send a soil sample to a testing company and have it done for you. Some local government agriculture agencies, farm co-ops, and educational institutions also provide this service.

Scoop up after your pet. At the lake? Yes, at the lake. Pollution from dog droppings has been identified in many areas as a major source of water contamination that is not only harmful for people and wildlife it is actually harmful to your pet as well. Its phosphorus content contributes to diminished water clarity.

Make sure your septic system is up to snuff. Sawyer County requires septic tanks to be pumped out a minimum of every three years. This is an ideal time to have it inspected by a professional. They will look for cracks in the tank, broken pipes, and verify that your drain field is working properly.

Common signs of a failed drain field include a strong unpleasant odor near the drain field or healthy grass while other areas of the lawn are in a less robust condition. Soil that is always soggy or water pooling on the lawn. Water backing up in toilets and floor drains, slow running drains, and gurgling noises coming from the plumbing might indicate a problem with your septic system. It is better to be proactive and find problems well before they have a chance to impact your home and the lakes.

Who wants to cut the grass while at the lake? By allowing a buffer of tall grasses and native plants to grow up at the shoreline, you allow their roots to trap nutrients in runoff, protect your shoreline from erosion, and provide critical habitat for wildlife in the water and on the land. If you notice erosion occurring on your property, plant native plants. Their roots stabilize the soil, reduce erosion and prevent sediment loading in the lake. Ideally, a 30-foot buffer between the shoreline and mowed grass should be maintained but even 10 feet will have a positive impact. And let fallen logs hang out by the water's edge for wildlife needing shelter and a drink. You're not being lazy while you lounge in the hammock. You're helping save our lake.



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Finances by Martin Hanson, Treasurer

RLPOA is again in a sound financial position at the end of 2021, thanks to our members and benefactors. The year-end balance sheet showed a total balance in liquid accounts of \$94,143. The Association has two accounts, an operating funds checking account and a holding savings account. Because of the negligible interest rates over the last several years no funds are held as certificates of deposit or in other interest-bearing accounts.

RLPOA does not invest in mutual funds, EFTs, or other investment instruments. We do however, accept donations of stock and we had a very generous stock donation of \$6,000 in 2021. On behalf the of the Board, thank you for this donation. Stock donations allow the donor to transfer funds to RLPOA without paying any capital gains tax. By policy, RLPOA will sell any stock donation as soon as practicable after receiving the donation as we are not investment experts.

Looking at the Revenue section of the Statement of Financial Activities (income statement), total revenue was down \$13,939 (-19%). This was primarily due to smaller percentage of state grant money received in 2021. The year 2020 was the last year of a 3-year AIS treatment grant. The Association received larger than anticipated reimbursement payments for the first two years, which resulted in less money being available to cover 2020 expenses. Grant reimbursement payments typically lag behind the year the expense was incurred because it is received after the Association's fiscal year ends.

Membership dues collections, which include advance payment of dues where nearly the same in 2021 trailing 2020 by only \$560. AIS donations were up \$3,825 (17%) from 2020 on 226 donations that averaged \$91.72, excluding the \$6,000 AIS donation from the calculation. The only other active revenue account, newsletter advertising brought in \$2,025 for the 2021 newsletter which more than covered it's printing and mailing cost.

Looking at the Expense section of the Statement of Financial Activities (income statement), total expenses were \$11,806 (-22%) less than 2020. Total expenses related to AIS, management plans, permits, chemical, and DASH treatments were similar to 2020 at \$26,440, down only \$586 (-2%) including some advance purchase of chemicals for 2022.

The banking fees at PayPal for processing credit cards were



up 33% in 2021. This means there are more members utilizing the online system for renewals and AIS donations—which makes life simpler for the Treasurer! Noting this increase in expenses, the Treasurer applied to PayPal for a non-profit status which was approved in early 2022. This new status will reduce the transaction fees for online renewals and donations.

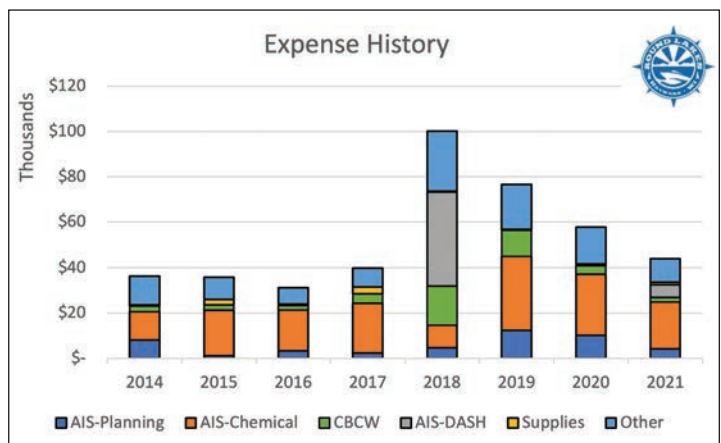
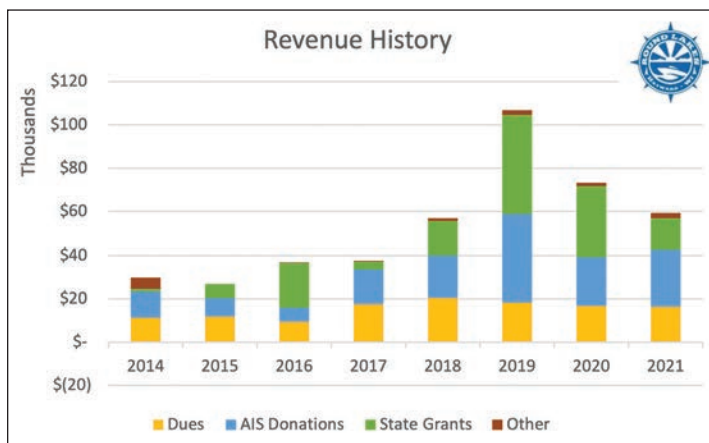
We did not apply for a Clean Boats Clean Water grant for 2021, but the Board approved spending RLPOA funds to continue the program. We experienced the same problem as seen across the county, not being able to find labor to run the program. We did have one boat landing inspector for a portion of the year. Total expense in this account were \$1,795 (-48%) less than 2020.

Other accounts were close to budget for the year. The Water Safety Committee did have expenses associated with buoy replacement and maintenance. Information technology costs were slightly higher as we implemented a file backup system. Newsletter production and distribution costs were slightly lower than 2020.

Administrative costs as a percentage of total expenses were 9% in 2021 compared to 6% in 2020. The largest increases were in the banking fee and membership management software accounts.

The charts included below show the history and breakdown of major revenue and expense accounts over the last eight years. Note the spike in AIS donations in 2019 comes from a special fund raising program in Hinton Bay.

If you have questions on the financial position of RLPOA or would like a copy of the 2021 financial statement, please contact the treasurer at Treasurer@RoundLakes.org



Fishing & Lake Research by Kevin Bushnick

The Youth Conservation Alliance is holding a youth fishing contest on Round Lakes June 18 and 19, Father's Day weekend. There will be 10 categories of fish trophies including panfish. I like to call these programs 'Youth Muskie Hunts' because ya just never know when you're gonna catch one and there's some super-tankers in Round Lake! This event is sponsored by Round Lake Marina, Retreat Home furniture and many other Hayward area businesses. It also has the support of the property owners association.

The program is very simple. 1) Register for the event. 2) Fish as much or as little as you want Saturday & Sunday on Round and Little Round Lakes. 3) Keep track of your fish. Measure them, take a picture, and release the fish back into the lake. There's only so many of the big ones out there making "catch & release" very important. This way, someone else can experience the joy of catching. Always keep in mind, it really doesn't matter how many or how big the fish are, what makes it worthwhile, is the kids and parents working together to achieve a common goal. The goal in this case, is to catch a fish! Not always easy on Round.

THIS EVENT IS NO-CHARGE. To register, email Kevin Bushnick at: kbushnick@theyca.org or call 847-987-3622. All you need to do is send me a quick email or text telling me who you are, plus the names and ages of the kids participating. This program is for kids ages zero thru high-school. Final awards and recognition will be held Sunday at 6:00pm on the patio at Powell's.

Let's talk some fishing!... If you've fished Round Lake, you know it's not a sure thing you'll catch anything. Some people think the lake has no fish in it. Lol. I've heard people call it "the dead sea." Others think unless you know exactly where the fish-cribs are, you'll never be successful. Well, neither of these comments are true. Round has an abundance of many species of fish. It also has an abundance of man-made fish habitat. Regarding habitat, there is roughly a half dozen types of fish-cribs placed all over the lake. The construction of these goes back more than a half century.

Here's a few tips to catch fish on Round Lake. First, make an investment in time learning it. Keep in mind, Round Lake is not a flowage, a river system, or a traditional watershed. It's basically a self-contained spring-fed lake with a massive underlying bedrock aquifer. Next, the fish on Round move around constantly. They are very nomadic in nature and while there's a lot of reasons for that, just know that if you're not catching fish in one spot, try another one. Most of the maps you can buy at the bait shops show the location of the older log fish cribs. They also show lake contours. Use these to your advantage.

Watch the weather! It's no secret that approaching low pressure systems can trigger fish to feed. Just make sure you allow time to get off the water when the weather hits! Lastly, natural color baits and plastics will produce on Round. Yes, you can always catch fish with a white-spinner. But that natural look, should provide you with some catching consistency.

Round Lakes is truly a treasure and there are few lakes like it across the country. See you on the water!

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Aquatic Invasive Species Update

by Jim Nancekivell & Dave Rutt

Controlling invasive species, especially Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) has been a priority for the Association for over 20 years. Throughout spring, summer, and fall, the RLPOA board members and volunteers spend hours on the lakes identifying, monitoring, and developing project plans to treat EWM.

Each fall we hire Sara Hateli and her team at Aquatic Plant and Habitat Services to take the EWM findings and conduct a detailed lake survey that quantifies EWM beds that have been recorded. This team details each bed's size, density, species, water depth and substrate. Using these findings, they create detailed lake survey maps and a report that's used to guide future treatment strategies and DNR grant applications.

The 2021 lake survey, conducted September 3-5, 2021, identified 62 beds of EWM in Round Lake with bed sizes ranging from 0.02-0.71 acres and 14 beds of EWM in Little Round Lake with bed sizes ranging from 0.05-0.27 acres. The combined total of milfoil locations in Round Lake was 11.5 acres and Little Round was 1.9 acres. To determine whether an EWM bed is treatable, it must meet established criteria such as size (must be over .15 acres – 6,534 ft²), density, traffic location, impairment to lake use along with other criteria.

2022 Treatment Plan

Our goal for treatment this spring is to treat up to 9.9 acres of milfoil using ProcellaCOR herbicide on 15 of the most problematic beds in Round Lake and use DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) for two days of treatment on sites in Little Round. Maps of the treatment areas will be posted on the RLPOA website for member access once we have DNR permit approval.

Milfoil will be treated with a chemical called ProcellaCOR, which the AIS team has been testing for the past two years in partnership with the DNR. This is a 'next generation' chemical that has a significantly reduced impact on the environment and equal to or better control than the chemical 2-4-D, which the DNR is phasing out.

2021 Treatment Results

Last year in Round Lake, approximately 6 acres were treated with 2-4-D and 3.54 acres with ProcellaCOR. Seven of the 10 ProcellaCOR treatment locations showed good EWM control two months after treatment, and the ProcellaCOR test site from 2020 also showed good results one year after treatment. Three of the 2021 treatment sites showed less favorable results that we attribute to challenging application conditions. We believe a change in wind direction shortly after treatment and lake current along shore may have caused the herbicide to drift and dissipate too soon. Two acres of EWM were treated using DASH in Little Round over two days and showed favorable results after two months.

We also identified a large new plum of milfoil in Richardson Bay after completing the spring treatment. We purchased additional herbicide with the intent to knock the bed down before the July 4th holiday, but the permit request was denied by the DNR. This nuisance spot and others in Richardson Bay are slated to be included in this spring's treatment.

We also experimented with a weed pulling machine called an EcoHarvester and experienced poor results.

Funding EWM Control Projects

Historically we have relied on funding from the Wisconsin DNR supplemented with donations from RLPOA members to cover the yearly expenses for professional consulting, lake surveys and treatment expenses to control the continued nuisance of EWM.

Last fall we applied for an annual grant with the WDNR, requesting \$54,996 in funding, we were awarded a total of \$22,000. That's a shortfall of \$32,996 that will be covered by funding from the RLPOA thanks to the generous support from association members and property owners. It's important that EVERY property owner on Round and Little Round Lakes realizes that government support to protect the lakes is waning. It is up to everyone on the lake whether you're a member or not to step up and do your part to preserve the beauty and value of Round Lakes today and for future generations. Please consider your continued (or new) support by sending a tax-deductible donation to the RLPOA AIS Fund.

Thank you to the RLPOA board members and property owner volunteers, treatment expert Tom Connell, and consultant Sara Hateli who work throughout the year to help Dave Rutt and myself manage the invasive species initiatives.



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From the Webmaster by Ruth Pauly

Have you viewed the Association's website lately? RoundLakes.org is a great place to visit to keep you informed of happenings taking place around the lakes and what the Association has been up to. I'm excited to support the Association in the role of webmaster and I need your help to make it even better by providing me with interesting content.

Do you have any special facts or items of interest to share? Photos or videos? I love it when lake residents send me relevant news articles, photos/videos they want to share, or ask questions that they have about the Round Lakes community. Maybe you spent time researching what plants work best for this climate. Or the best ways to keep your lawn looking good, while protecting the lake. Write it up and send it in. These can be short or long. I also love your photos, each of us have different views of the lake and surrounding nature at all times of the year. Capture it and send it to me. I love to post them as part of the Snapshot Sunday program.

There is also 'Lost and Found' and 'For Sale' sections where you can post items. It wasn't used much last year, but I think this is a great way to keep items out of the landfill by finding new owners for the stuff you no longer need. Since the website is focused on Round Lakes, it makes it convenient for both the buyer and the seller. One person's old couch is another's new found treasure.

All of this helps keep the website interesting. Since everyone has access to the website and only some have access to Facebook, we prefer to post as much as possible on the website. <https://www.roundlakes.org>

There is some content that is for members only and you need to log into your account to see it. If you do not remember your user name or password, click on Member Login and click on Forgot My Username/Password button to retrieve your information. If you do not have a Email address on file or have issues logging in, Email membership@roundlakes.org. Once you have your account make sure to stop in often to keep up to date with Round Lakes.



Water Safety by Don Westereng

As we prepare for summer on the lakes, I would like to share a few updates and safety reminders to ensure a safe and enjoyable time on the water.

Buoys and Navigational Aids on the Lake

The Round Lakes Property Owners Association oversees the installation, removal, maintenance, and replacement of the buoys on the lake. Your annual RLPOA dues cover the financial cost for the 19 buoys and markers on the lakes. Working in conjunction with local jurisdictions and the DNR, all buoys are permitted and have specific GPS locations to ensure consistency and safety from year to year. As a reminder, it is illegal to place a navigational aid or buoy in the lake that is not properly permitted.

A common question that arises is how to navigate near a No-Wake marker. A boater must reduce their speed to "slow, no wake speed" within 100 ft. of the marker. This is defined as the speed at which a vessel moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control. When two or more markers are in the same area, the space between them is considered a no wake area even if the distance is greater than 200 feet. Please respect these markers on the lakes.

- **Navigational Aids or Markers** give information such as a No Wake or Hazard area. These are the white buoys with orange marking and black lettering.
- **Safe Channel Buoys** are red and green in color and indicate the safe boating channel. Make sure to pass between the buoys, not to the outside of either.

Boating Safety Matters

In 2021 Wisconsin DNR reported 25 boating fatalities, 21 individuals were not wearing a life jacket. There were 2 reported fatalities in Sawyer County in 2021. Below are a few regulations and reminders as we head out on the lake.

Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)

- All vessels (including canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards) must have at least one USCG-approved **wearable** personal flotation device (life jacket) for each person.
- All vessels 16 feet or more in length (except canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards) must have one USCG-approved throwable PFD on board that is immediately accessible.
- Occupants of PWC a.k.a. Jet-skis must always wear a PFD (life jacket).
- While not required by Wisc. State law, please encourage all children who have not yet learned to swim or wear a life jacket while boating or near water.

Watercraft Regulations Reminders

With 3,294 acres of water, we have a beautiful lake for everyone to use. Whether you're a kayaker, paddleboarder, jet-skier or wake boarder, there is plenty of room for everyone to enjoy the lake. Please be respectful and use common sense when on the lake, especially near people fishing and non-motorized watercraft.

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Town of Hayward Wake Ordinance & U of M Study

by Troy Eigner

Prior to the start of another fun summer on the water, we wanted to share the details of a new ordinance (No. 07-2021) passed by the Town of Hayward on July 13, 2021, and the results of a new research study conducted by the University of Minnesota.

As interest in new water activities, such as wake boarding and wake surfing increase, the Town of Hayward wanted to ensure all recreational users of the lakes can enjoy them in a safe manner and that we are all doing our part to preserve these precious resources.

Town of Hayward Motorboat Wake Protection Area Ordinance

The following paragraph is the specific language of the descriptive section of the ordinance. The complete document is posted at RoundLakes.org and the Town of Hayward website.

Section 6 – Motorboat Wake Prohibition Area: No one shall operate a motorboat, as defined in s. 30.50(6), Wis. Stats. on the waters within the Town of Hayward, Sawyer County in a manner to enhance an elevated wake for over 50 feet in length closer than 700 feet from any shoreline, dock, pier, raft or other restricted area(s) within the Town of Hayward, Sawyer County. An elevated wake is a trail of disturbed water left by the passage of a watercraft in excess of 24 inches. Such prohibited operation shall apply to wake enhancement watercraft by the use of ballast, mechanical hydrofoil(s), uneven loading or operation at transition speed. Transition speed means the speed at which the boat is operating at greater than slow-no-wake speed, but not fast enough so the boat is planing.

What Does This Mean To Me?

All government language is a bit complicated. If you are operating a wake boat on Round Lake in a manner that is causing an enhanced wake, you must be further than 700 ft. from shore or shore structures. Due to the size of Little Round Lake, the ordinance prohibits enhanced wake activities on this body of water.

Please see the Association website for enhanced wake ordinance maps of Round and Little Round Lake. They

show what areas of the lakes are available to enjoy activities that produce an enhanced wake. The maps were created by the Association for reference purposes only. Accuracy is not guaranteed.

University of Minnesota Study

The University of Minnesota Study was initiated because “robust scientific data on the size and impact of wake surf boat waves has been lacking.” Jeff Marr, one of the lead researchers on the study and associate director of engineering and facilities at the St. Anthony Falls Lab stated, “This research isn't about trying to limit enjoyment of lakes for boaters, but it seeks to provide the data needed to ensure the lakes can be enjoyed by all for generations to come.” The full report is published at U of M, University Digital Conservancy <https://conservancy.umn.edu/handle/11299/226190>. The report is also available on the Association website along with a link to a Zoom presentation, given by the authors, discussing the research project and results.

Below is a high level summary of the research findings¹.

- When researchers compared the wake waves of the four boats during their most typical mode of operations, the data indicated that wakesurf boats require distances greater than 500 feet from the shoreline/docks and other boats (or the distance of a little less than 1.5 football fields) to decrease their wake wave characteristics to levels similar to the non-wakesurf boats.
- When researchers compared the wake waves of the four boats under conditions that generated the largest wake wave, the data indicated that wakesurf boats require distances greater than 425 feet from the shoreline/docks and other boats to decrease their wake wave characteristics to levels similar to the non-wakesurf boats.
- In both modes of operation, the suggested distance from shoreline/docks for wakesurf boats is more than twice the distance of the 200 feet currently recommended by Minnesota guidelines for common recreational boats.
- Under both slow and fast speed conditions, the wakesurf boats produced the largest waves in terms of height, energy, and power when compared to the non-wakesurf boats.
- Larger, more energetic waves need to travel a greater distance to decrease in wave height, energy, and power.

¹ <https://twin-cities.umn.edu/news-events/university-minnesota-researchers-study-waves-created-recreational-boats>

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All Vessels

It is illegal to operate a vessel:

- At a distance from other vessels or at a speed that exceeds safe and reasonable limits given the waterway traffic, weather, and other boating conditions.
- At faster than “slow, no wake speed” within 100 feet of the shoreline, any dock, raft, pier, or restricted area. Or within 100 feet of a swimmer, unless assisting the swimmer.

Personal Watercraft

It is illegal to operate a PWC faster than “slow, no wake speed” within:

- 200 feet of a shoreline of any lake.
- 100 feet of a vessel that is towing a person on water skis, inner tube, wakeboard, or other similar device, or within 100 feet of the tow rope or person being towed.

Wake Enhancement Vessels

Town of Hayward, Motorboat Wake Protection Area ordinance.

- Activities that require an enhanced wake are prohibited closer than 700 feet from any shoreline, dock, pier, raft or other restricted area(s).

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

There are about 694 individuals who own the 800 properties on Round and Little Round Lake. In addition, there are seven Friends of the Lake (new category!), who are either former property owners who have maintained their membership and/or visitors to Round Lake who asked to be members. Today, about one-half are members, which leaves 329 property owners who have not yet joined RLPOA. Membership dues are used maintain and protect the lakes. The mailing address label attached to this newsletter includes your expiration date. If the expiration date is 12/31/2021 or earlier, you have not paid your dues for this calendar year. Please do so either online at RoundLakes.org or complete/return the form below. Thank you!

- ☐ Enclosed are my dues for calendar 2022 (\$35)
- ☐ Enclosed are my dues for 2022 and 2023 (\$70)
- ☐ Enclosed is an additional contribution of \$_____ for the Aquatic Invasive Species fund (AIS / Milfoil)

Mail Check and completed form to:
RLPOA
PO Box 1070
Hayward, WI 54843

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Lake Address: _____ Home/Cell #: _____

Are you interested in volunteering? We're always looking for help! Please let us know what interests you:

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|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| _____ Future Board Member | _____ Membership | _____ Clean Boats Monitor |
| _____ Water Safety | _____ Water Cleanup | _____ Milfoil Monitor |
| _____ Dine Around Host | _____ Other; Please specify: _____ | |

Social Committee Update by Joan Buehrle

Greetings from the members of the social committee. Due to the pandemic, the committee hasn't scheduled any events since the fall of 2019. It seems like this summer it is appropriate to restart the Dine Around tradition. I am currently planning the first Dine Around of the summer and an educational seminar for property owners. Stay tuned for more information.

As we get back into the swing of things, I'd like to add new members to the committee. We'd love to have you join our group. If you would like to join contact me for details at 608-788-6585 or joanbuehrle@gmail.com. The only absolute requirements for inclusion are a well-developed sense of humor and enjoyment of time shared with others.



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HELP WANTED!

Please contact a Board member if you are interested in volunteering your time / talents or in becoming a future board member. Volunteer help is key in maintaining the quality of the lakes.



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