

# ILA *News*

## *The Official Newsletter of the Ida Lake Association*

TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE SERENITY, QUALITY, AND NATURAL BEAUTY OF LAKE IDA

### **2020 Fall Annual Meeting**

**NO FALL ANNUAL MEETING** – Due to COVID-19 and Ida Township restrictions for use of the Township Hall, there will be no Fall Annual meeting. Questions/concerns can be submitted to District Directors. Visit our website [www.lakeidamn.org](http://www.lakeidamn.org) to find your Board Members and District Directors. District Directors plan to meet virtually at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 22, 2020. If you have items to be addressed, please contact your District Director or Board member prior to August 22. **Watch your email for VOTING for even numbered District Directors, VP and Treasurer positions prior to the meeting.**

### **ILA Directories Available**

Directories of ILA are available. Thank you to Tina Lindstrand, Mike Kleve, Jim Peterson, Betty Cichy-Anderson, and Lynette Dempsey for completing this in-depth project. Property owners are listed by lake address, as well as by district. District Directors delivered the directories to paid members. If you haven't paid your dues and you want a directory, you know what to do.

### **Annual Due\$**

As a property owner on Lake Ida (761 of you!) you have a major interest in the well-being of your lake. The property values are directly affected by the water quality. The Ida Lake Association has a vested interest in helping keep our lake clean and healthy. It is important as a resident on Lake Ida that you are a financial supporter of the Ida Lake Association. With the invasion of zebra mussels, curly leaf pondweed and Eurasian milfoil, it takes effort and dollars to maintain good water quality.

Please make a commitment to support water quality and protect your property values by joining the Ida Lake Association. **The annual membership is only \$25!** Please remit with the form included in this newsletter or pay on line (see [www.lakeidamn.org](http://www.lakeidamn.org) website). This is YOUR Lake Ida!

### **Water Quality on Lake Ida**



Ida Lake Association volunteers have participated in the RMB Lakes Monitoring Program since 1997. Water samples are collected from 3 sites, five times per summer. Tests are done for phosphorous and chlorophyll (excess amounts cause algae growth), plus water clarity measurements. Lake Ida has more than 23 years of data which provides an excellent trend line showing the health of the lake and can provide an early warning if the health should begin to deteriorate. This data can be accessed at [www.rmbel.info](http://www.rmbel.info). Thank you to our ILA volunteers!!

### **Walleye Stocking of Lake Ida**

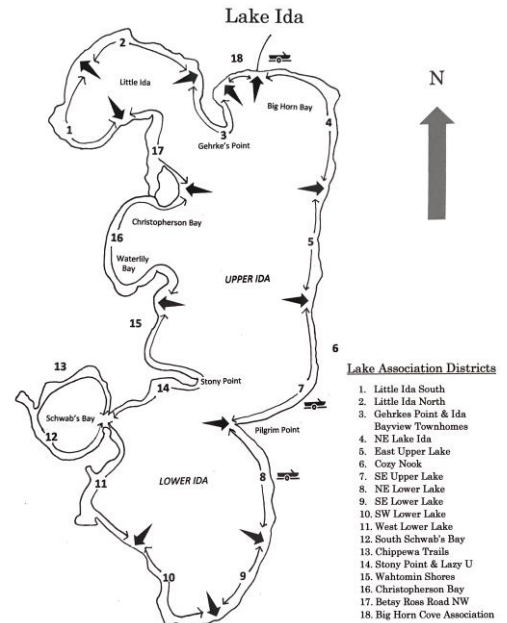
Walleye Fish Stocking will be done by stocking 1000 pounds of fingerlings at two Lake Ida locations in October. Your association dues at work!

## ILA – Directors Needed

Ida Lake Association is comprised of 18 districts, consisting of two District Directors for each district, representing and serving the property owners of Lake Ida.

We currently have District Director vacancies in District 15 in which **two** directors are needed. Districts 2, 4, 10 and 18 need **one** additional director. If your district is needing a district director, please consider being a director to help keep our lake clean and get to know others on the lake.

ILA elects two District Directors to represent each of the districts for a two-year term. The District Directors serve on the ILA Board of Directors along with the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Board meets the 4th Saturday of each month from April through September, so even if you are not a full-time resident, the time commitment is minimal. The Directors promote the care and improvement of Lake Ida and adjoining properties, disseminate information to the membership from the Board, encourage membership in the organization, serve as the voice of the membership in matters of concern, and promote the welfare of lake and watershed management interests. The Association carries liability and "misrepresentation" insurance for all members serving on the Board.



## From The President

We hope that you are enjoying your summer on Lake Ida. The Directors and Board appreciate your cooperation during this difficult Covid-19 period. We are currently meeting virtually or outdoors to meet the guidelines for safety. We warmly welcome and appreciate anyone who would be willing to serve as an officer or on the Board of Directors. This is YOUR association and the projects benefit all lake owners!

Deb Hertzog, thank you for your service to the Association as the newsletter editor. We appreciate all your hard work and can only hope to find someone as capable to replace you.

*Elaine Greer • President Ida Lake Association*

## Wake Zone – Buoys

With more than 820,000 registered boats across the state (roughly one boat for every six Minnesotans), the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds boaters to "Own Your Wake." A 200-foot setback distance is sensible because it addresses concerns over environmental impacts on shorelines from homeowners and local residents. We all share the lake – with residents and visitors alike...please be courteous!

**NOTICE ANYTHING NEW ON LAKE IDA??** Red and green buoys have been placed at the shallow section between big Ida and little Ida. Please travel between the red and green buoys, as it preserves the shoreline of homeowners living near there. Homeowners do appreciate your courtesy!

## Proper Disposal of Unused Live Bait

Did you know that live bait can introduce aquatic invasive species (AIS) and fish pathogens into our lakes, with the potential for damaging consequences? Meg McEachern, a researcher at the U of M, conducted a statewide survey about how anglers dispose of live bait. Over 100 postcard surveys from Lake Ida and the surrounding area were collected. The bad news is that a large percentage of bait shop samples tested positive for undesirable pathogens and AIS, meaning that purchased bait is all-too-often contaminated.

The better news is that about 80% of anglers in the Alexandria area and statewide are properly disposing of their bait by throwing the bait into the trash. The bad news is that about one in five anglers dump used bait into the lake, thus spreading AIS and pathogens that may be in the bait. You can read more about this research and related projects at <https://bit.ly/30LMaYJ>. <https://sites.google.com/umn.edu/phelpslab/home?authuser=0>. <https://sites.google.com/umn.edu/phelpslab/home/research/baitfish-risk?authuser=0>.

## Personal Watercraft (PWC) Rules and Courtesy

Personal watercraft are considered motorboats under the law, so they must follow all the regulations that govern other motorboats. In addition, personal watercraft:

- Are required to have rules decal in full view of the operator
- Operators and passengers must wear a US Coast Guard approved life jacket
- Are required to carry a USCG approved fire extinguisher
- **Must travel at slow-no wake speed (5 mph or less) within 150 feet of shore, docks, rafts, etc.**
- While towing a person on water skis or other device, must have observer on board or wide-angled rearview mirrors
- **May only operate between 9:30 a.m. and one hour before sunset**

As with boating, please be courteous and respectful to homeowners' property by reducing speed to prevent shoreline erosion. This is just a friendly reminder to **slow down, obey the rules, and please be courteous!**

## ILA Membership Emails

ILA Membership email aliases have been updated. If you have provided us with your email address and are NOT receiving ILA emails, please check your junk/spam folds. Please also add: [webmaster@lakeidamn.org](mailto:webmaster@lakeidamn.org) to your address book. Emails you provide for ILA will not be shared publicly. Please note that we have issues with ILA emails not reaching members with apple emails (@icloud.com, @me.com, @mac.com). These can get rejected and we are NOT notified of the kickback. Please contact the ILA webmaster if you wish to have your email updated or removed.

## Boat Parade – July 4, 2020



The July 4<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade was an extreme success. With the COVID-19 pandemic, the boat parade provided an opportunity for members to get out in their boats and greet others from a distance. The parade departed from Pilgrim Point at 9 a.m. led by Jim Conn in his classic Chris-Craft and proceeded to the south end of Lake Ida. With approximately 81 boats participating this year, this may be the largest boat parade on Lake Ida.

Many positive comments were received. Some stood on shore and provided scoring of the decorated boats and pontoons. Fun was had by all!



## ILA Newsletter Editor Needed

Do you like to write and know how to operate a laptop? We have a current opening for creating and editing the ILA Newsletter. The newsletter is published in May and August. Training will be provided. It is simple, as the directors provide articles for the newsletter. If you are interested, please contact Elaine Greer, President, for further information. Please visit the website [www.lakeidamn.org](http://www.lakeidamn.org) for contact information.

# Become a 2020 dues paying member!

## Ida Lake Association Annual Dues and Fees Statement

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Lake Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (list any and all e-mail addresses you wish to be used for ILA business only): \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues: \$25.00

Memorial: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for: \_\_\_\_\_

Walleye Stocking: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

**Remit payment to:**  
Ida Lake Association  
P.O. Box 175  
Garfield, MN 56332-0175

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