

## Ida

### Type of Resident?

- Seasonal non resident
- We spend 7 months on the lake and 5 months in Palm Springs, CA
- Cabin owner lake ida – weekend use
- Weekend resident on the lake

### Other Lake Activities:

- Biking
- Mountain biking
- biking

### Additional Concerns

- not as long as users obey the law
- not on Lake Ida
- increased zebra mussels/lake itch
- power boats and jet skis close to docks
- holiday visitors, they disregard wake rules and speed too close to docks. Also bass fisherman who fish too close to docks.
- Boats coming too close to the shore at high speeds
- Noise from ski jets a concentrated area at times
- Drinking and boating
- Use of public accessers/boat launches by swimmers. How close and the speed of some boaters to docks. Improper use of some jet ski operators, ie: operating after they should be off the lake. Boat owners using the launches who power load their boats thus creating drop-offs at the end of cement pads
- Boaters who do not understand right – of – way
- Pwc coming too close to docks
- Drinking and boating, paddle boarders with no life jackets on, or none with them, boaters who come too close to our swimming area
- The wakeboarding boats with the fat sacks creating the largest possible wake eroding the shoreline unnecessarily
- Jet skis and big bass boats go too fast and are very rude to other boaters/fisherman
- High speeds
- Fast boats, young and unaware jet skiers, BWI
- Boats pulling wake boards right behind the speed boat
- Boats speeding close to docks and children swimming
- Jet skis/ski doo's etc, going too fast and too close to swimmers and shorelines
- Alcohol related boating, jet-ski use
- People don't follow rules for no-wake and distance from swimmers and scuba flags

- Boating safety and boating common sense
- Boats going too fast 30 ft. from shore
- Jet skis too fast too close to shore
- Yes, I am worried about the number of people that are drinking and boating
- Speeding personal watercraft
- Wakeboarding – I've had boats come within 30 feet while fishing. That type of wave is extremely dangerous at that range. Enjoy the water, but be courteous
- Jet skiers coming too close to other boats and shore
- Boats anchoring within close proximity to homeowners lake shore and drinking excessively. Zebra mussels are out of control
- Motor activity near shore

### **Land Management Suggestions**

- Resist the applications to remove trees, rocks on shoreline
- Concerned about water quality, not as clear
- Ditch 23 on Lake ida
- Try to control as run off
- Ag. Runoff a big concern
- Ease of locating free rocks to put along lakeshore
- Already have enough laws
- Create expansive buffer zones to separate agricultural land from watershed inflows. Limit/prohibit the liberal application of fertilizers and pesticides within 100 ft of the lake
- Provide assistance for rain gardens both on the shore and in the runoff ditches. Maybe even make some ditches a project
- Use of fertilizers that run off into lakes or streams feeding lakes
- Giver permanent residents a bit more (safe) leeway on building projects.
- Do not let "low or unfit areas be developed"
- A better job of tarring most roads is needed. Better walking lanes either wider streets or a separate lane.
- Enforce leaving shorelines where plants and trees removed
- Work with farmers – partnerships
- Enforce existing rules
- Continue to enforce regs. Without this we are going to lose in the future; special and individualize requests have to be acted on with enforcement
- Attempt to keep the land out of the water runoff control
- Farm field run off into the lakes is terrible on in Christopherson's bay on Lake Ida. Especially during heavy rains
- Keeping fertilizer and pesticides out of the lakes
- Enforce buffer laws
- Manure run off from local farmers
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## Aquatic Invasive Species Suggestions

- Need to keep ahead of the invasive species
- Additional communications to all homeowners about AIS
- Zebra Mussels
- Publish annual “scorecard” for each lake showing some type of AIS grade relative to pristine lake, infested lake, etc. Might help to raise visibility of necessary efforts to present AIS spread and/or take AIS cleanup actions (if that is even possible)
- Concerned about rapid growth of brown algae in NW part of lake Ida
- They seemed to be increasing
- Landing inspection
- Keep helping us fight them off
- Continue boat checks
- Please treat aquatic invasive species on a regular basis
- aPPEARS TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT
- treat invasive species areas for all controllable species
- colored pictures of invasive species to put on our fridge as a reminder what they look like
- Zebra mussels
- The weeds are getting worse
- Wish I had an answer for this problem that is affecting so many lakes in Minnesota
- No lake jumping but a license for the lake you want
- Zebra mussels and curly pond weeds
- Continue education of both local AND of those weekenders – information at boat launches, and monitoring
- I wish I knew. There are a lot of people who just don’t care about spreading and some people who innocently make mistakes. Keep researching Zebra Mussels and figure out how we eradicate them. Concern over zebra mussels
- Boat inspection enforcement, proactive management of AIS
- Continue efforts to eradicate
- Need aggressive control methods and monitoring of problems
- Avery concerned as the list of DC lakes involved is growing
- Zebra Mussels
- Raise taxes and do everything possible
- Need to come with a way to get rid of Zebra mussels
- Try to control
- We’re very concerned about zebra mussels and even the introduction of muskies to the lake. Zebra mussels have made the lake more clear but have caused cutting of skin from them. We do not see very many walleye in the lake since the release of muskies.
- Any information or assistance in control
- Already out of control
- More focus on plants
- Zebra mussels

- Spend the money on research not on landings
- The current AIS is a joke – an excuse for lame kids to play cards and fiddle with their phones. Replace them with Co's writing big tickets on weekends if you want to get serious.
- More education
- Keep up with the diligence on this one – don't want to lose the battle
- Active treatment of infected areas
- Need to work with the state to resolve the zebra mussel issue. We should not go alone on this.
- Need to focus on research and eradication. Prevention simply doesn't work long term
- Slow the spread through education
- Use some sort of treatment aggressively
- Get control of invasive species
- Invasive plants especially, zebras controlled but not inspectors unless private landings are regulated also. Otherwise we are just wasting money
- Whatever can be done would be great
- Enable more aggressive use of chemicals and mechanical control by residents
- Zebra mussels, toxicity of vegetation growth in water
- Be more proactive to rid or at least reduce these
- Do anything you can!
- Support scientific research and education
- Find a solution for zebra mussels
- Zebra mussels
- More money
- Unable to control

### **Safety Suggestions**

- Law enforcement patrol
- Educate all of boat safety rules for swimming areas and distances to the shore ear marked for swimming
- Reminder what is needed on boat when out on water
- Boating/PWC/education
- Increase law enforcement presence. Especially during heavy traffic periods.
- We rarely see anyone patrolling Lake Ida – The Sheriff's office should be out there on busy weekends
- I don't have a lot of safety concerns specific to Lake Ida. There is an occasional person who isn't paying attention, but generally people seem well-behaved safety-wise on the lake.
- Hold regular mtgs to teach water safety on lakes for all recreational users
- Speed of boats and other watercrafts going too close to shorelines
- Get citizens help ie follow up on reports from citizens.

- More education
- No issues
- Vacationers driving wild close to shore lines
- See previous regarding jet skiers
- Jet ski speed
- Speed limit enforcement along shore
- Increase patrols so boaters don't anchor on the shore of private property
- Jet skies to fast near shore.
- Signs, tv, radio, reminders, paperwork with water craft license
- USCG mandated adequate

### **Erosion Control Suggestions**

- wake control during high water levels
- little IDA needs erosion control due to waves from speed boats and wind.
- Lakes are at a very high water level...due to developments?
- Shorelines should be monitored for proper trees, vegetation and or ground cover
- What do to help prevent at our site
- Already have laws
- Prohibit removal of native vegetation. Prohibit wake boats from creating wakes within 500 ft. of shore
- Re-engineering roads around lakes, so that the runoff goes into settling ponds, instead of right into the lakes. It would keep salt, oil and road runoff out of the lakes.
- We have to limit or stop the use of boats purposefully creating ocean-sized waves on the lakes. I don't think they realize how much damage they're doing. I don't think education will help, but it also can't hurt. I see the issues on Fish Lake in Maple Grove, MN. The Erosion problems there are terrible and I fear that will happen on Lake Ida. And, it's just a general disruption to anyone trying to relax or fish on the lake.
- Provide ideas and options to counter erosion. What can the landowners do to reverse erosion?
- Yes it is due to shoreline alterations
- More education
- Protect the shores; spend wisely but bolster the front when erosion is moving forward – stop it!
- Better notification/enforcement of no wake limits with times of high water
- High water better communications on boat wake restrictions
- Farm field and sewer plant run off into the lakes
- Enforce buffer law
- Improvements helpful

### **Boat Speed Suggestions**

- Law enforcement patrol

- High speeds only in the middle of the lake not near shorelines.
- Big waves
- Shallow areas should observe no wake rules
- Reminder to us along with upper two things to refresh memory
- Slower speed of boats near shorelines. Limited use of wake boats when lake levels are high
- Again we already have state laws
- Maximum speed of 10 mph within 300 ft. of shore
- No real concerns from me. There are people who drive fast, but it's generally within safe distance of others and people going over 40 mph are relatively few.
- Yes, Jet skis and brass boats.
- Power surfing/shore erosion
- Yes
- No wave zone on Ida between Pilgrims point and Stony point
- Enforce distance & speed limits for all watercraft to shore & docks
- Night speeding with and without adequate lighting
- Yes boats going to fast
- Get citizens help
- More education
- No more than 5mph 30 ft from shore
- It would be great if we had better guidelines on speed close to shore. The issue is more with personal water craft than it is with motor boats
- Wake boats cause shore erosion
- Limit on high water
- Vacationers on plane within shorelines
- Keep speed down
- Enforce speed limits, post signs at entry sites

### **Ice Heave Suggestions**

- Shore stability
- Allow more vigorous repairs
- How to prevent/treat at our site
- Not sure what can be done about ice heaves but are a concern.
- I have not realized an issue here. I'm on the southwest part of the lake. There seem to be more issues that I'm not familiar with on the east side of the lake. I don't get up to the north end much and don't have much knowledge of that area of Lake Ida through the winter/spring season.
- Something here
- The lake creeps up to higher and higher levels... It needs to be better monitored to maintain appropriate levels. Ice heaves occurred this year more so because the lake level is maintained at too high of a level. Dam on the south end of the lake should be lowered

- Help with shoreline repair from ice heaves
- It is private property tax reduction to do the right thing? Education is key.
- Mother nature is uncontrollable
- We are on the north Shore of Lake Ida and have severe issues caused by the ice every year. Despite our efforts with rock and rip wrap. Our annual costs to restore the damage that has been between \$2500 and \$5000. We are desperately in need of a solution. When my grandfather purchased this property in 1954 we had a sandy beach and no issues. The DNR raised the lake level in the 60's and we have had issues ever since. However in the last 78 years it has gotten worse.
- Expensive to repair
- I'm not sure what we can do

### **Other Suggestions:**

- Farm Chemical runoff
- Warm water runoff into lake Ida
- Farm run off
- Co. remiss in not pursuing grant money for lake projects
- Portable toilets at boat launches for visiting boaters
- Stop fishing tournaments!!
- Fishing quality needs improvement
- Zebra mussels are my primary concern. Curly Leaf Pond Weed is secondary. The introduction of other invasives would be my third. Over fishing of crappies is a bit of a concern as well. My main concern is zebra mussels and the impact they may have over time.
- Major concern of water running into the lake from farm land, so much pollution but no action. Know of several neighbors that have tried to prevent this but no one ever does anything about it. Weeds have gotten out of control
- Need to pay more attention to runoff going into lake systems
- If we are looking for nitrates from individuals properties that are running into the lake, I would suggest you test waters in front of the greenest/plushes lawns
- The run off from fertilizing and weed killers on lake property
- Purchased this property in 1954 we had a sandy beach and no issues. The DNR raised the lake level in the 60's and we have had issues ever since. However in the last 78 years it has gotten worse.
- Restrict jet skis
- Grants for removal from private property of boat launch sites

### **Other Tax Suggestions**

- Tax should be state wide
- ONLY IF TAXES ARE NOT INCREASED!!!!!!!
- it is everyone's responsibility- can it go statewide, everyone uses the lakes and groundwater

- Depending on size of levy and how it is used
- I'm in favor of a county wide tax as long as it is county wide as there are many individuals that enjoy the lakes and do not live on a lake. Would also agree with collecting fees from those which are not Douglas County Residents to use the lakes
- No Lake associations should do this
- What is AIS?
- Depends on amount
- AIS is here to stay, name that was eliminated or even managed
- Depends on how the money is used. Inspectors at public accesses only is a waste of money. I have never heard of anything about the private accesses and how they should be regulated. A lot of vacationers use private accesses and could care less about the lake other than to pilage it while they are there.
- Could do more to enable residents to address issues
- Is it usually abused by any government entity
- Depends on amount

**Would like to join but don't know how:**

- Concerned about association thoughts and how they think they know than the department of agriculture or soil and land management