

Spread Eagle Chain O'Lakes Association, Inc.



Spring/Summer Newsletter 2016

Message from our President

I am starting to write this having just watched a video of the 2016 Pine Mountain Ski Jumping competition. Looks like winter is still in full swing but it won't be long before folks will be holding "Ice-Out" parties.

SECOLA has been a long-time member of Wisconsin Lakes (formerly known as the Wisconsin Association of Lakes). Wisconsin Lakes is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving, enhancing and restoring Wisconsin's lakes by

fostering responsible lake stewardship and by promoting effective, beneficial environmental public policy. They have been useful helping us with invasive species by advocating funding of lake grants from which we have benefited. They also monitor what is happening in the state legislature as it impacts the quality of some 15,000 inland lakes in Wisconsin.

Unfortunately, the last four years that I have been president of SECOLA there has been a deterioration

of bi-partisanship within the state legislature toward the DNR and governance of the lakes.

SECOLA, as a lake association, has not been an advocate for one side or the other on proposed legislation, although several members as individuals have expressed their opinions. My thoughts were that, unless I knew there was overwhelming support among the membership, I was reluctant to be an advocate one way or the other.

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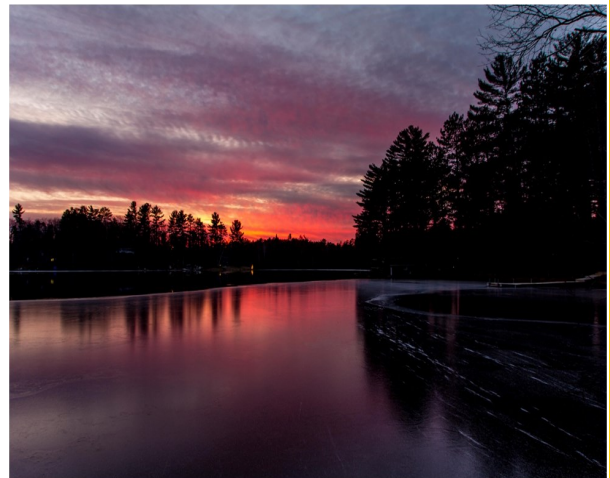
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"LET'S GET THOSE INVASIVES!"

In the last four years, SECOLA has completed four grants all focusing on keeping our lakes clean and healthy, controlling invasive species, and educating lake residents on methods to avoid the spread of invasive species. We are well aware that we cannot totally rid the lakes of the invasive species, any more than we could prevent them from entering our lakes. We do know, however, that we can and must contain them. Spreading the word on "Best Practices" is just part of our on-going effort.

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Photography by Jim Zacks

Message from the President

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I urge you to look at their web-site, www.wisconsinlakes.org, and become aware of the issues. Feel free to talk to any of the board members and let us know what you think. If there are some hot button issues, they will be discussed at the annual meeting.

The above was a bummer, no one wants to talk politics. However, a fun-filled summer is coming and I, for one, can't wait.

Glen Johnson

"Let's Get those Invasive species!"

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As a by-product of our original four grants, we established a baseline from which to work; we developed a plan and procedure for monitoring invasive species, provided workshops to educate lake residents, designed signage and purchased a boat wash station to be used at the public landing on North Lake. Oh yes, did I mention that we also located, and harvested a lot of invasive species? This was no small feat.

This year we have been awarded another grant for the express purpose of monitoring and controlling the spread of invasive species such as Eurasian water-milfoil and Zebra Mussels. Reproduction of invasive species is both fast and prolific. We cannot let up on our work. We must continue our efforts to control invasive species. To aid in these efforts we have purchased two aqua scopes for the divers with funding from the current grant. Under the guidance of our consultants, White Water Associates,

volunteers will dive, harvest invasive species, record their locations, and provide safety for the divers.

Thanks to the many people on the Chain of Lakes and surrounding area, we have made great progress in our efforts to control the invasive species and maintain the lakes in the manner befitting our role as "stewards of the environment." Without the help from all of you, this would never have

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been accomplished. Your SECOLA Grant Committee sends a sincere "Thank you" to each and every one of you who gave so willingly of your time and efforts.

Sails at Half-Mast for

Kent Pearson

&

Jim Andes

You are missed.



Zebra Mussels



Eurasian Milfoil

Respectfully submitted,
Darlin Verley
SECOLA Grant Committee
Chairperson

Railroad Lake Buoys

by Conservation Warden Kelly Crotty

The Railroad Lake buoys placed last summer will be back again this summer and joined by an additional set of buoys placed further into Little Railroad Lake. The second set of buoys were purchased last year, but were acquired too late to place before the end of the summer. The second set of buoys should give boaters a more obvious 'pathway' to follow when traveling through the channel.

As a reminder: any boat traveling above Slow-No-Wake (SNW) speed should operate *between* both sets of buoys when traveling through the channel. SNW is

defined as operating a boat as slow as possible while still maintaining steerage. Even if your boat is not operating on plane, it may still be traveling faster than SNW.

The buoys were placed as a safety measure in an effort to keep boat traffic away from both the north and south shorelines, but still allow boaters to operate through the channel at reasonable speeds. Please use extra caution when traveling in this area, as some boaters may be initially confused by the buoys, and may not know where they should operate. Also please be courteous and

patient with your neighbors, and take the time to explain to the other boaters how the buoys work. Once everyone has time to get used to the buoys, I'm confident that they will serve their purpose. If you have additional questions or comments regarding the buoys, please feel free to wave me down when you see me on the lake, or call (715)-528-4400 Ext. #111.

Under the U.S. Coast Guard's aide to navigation a **Can Buoy** marks the **RIGHT** side of the channel leaving the harbor. It will be **GREEN** and have **ODD** numbers on it.



Under the U.S. Coast Guard's aide to navigation a **Nun Buoy** marks the **LEFT** side of the channel leaving the harbor. It will be **RED** and have **EVEN** numbers on

As you enter Little Railroad Lake, remember the red buoy will be on the north side of the channel, and a green buoy will be on the south side. Here's one way to remember: "**RED-RIGHT-RETURNING**" to harbor. Boats operating at or above Slow-No-Wake will have to stay between these buoys. Any boats operating below Slow-No-Wake speed including kayaks and canoes can go around the buoys.



Building up Courage!



Jeff and Delia Zacks swimming **December 24, 2015** North Lake
Photograph provided by Jim Zacks

Fishing Update– New Regulations for the Chain

by Greg Matzke, Fisheries Biologist, Wisconsin DNR

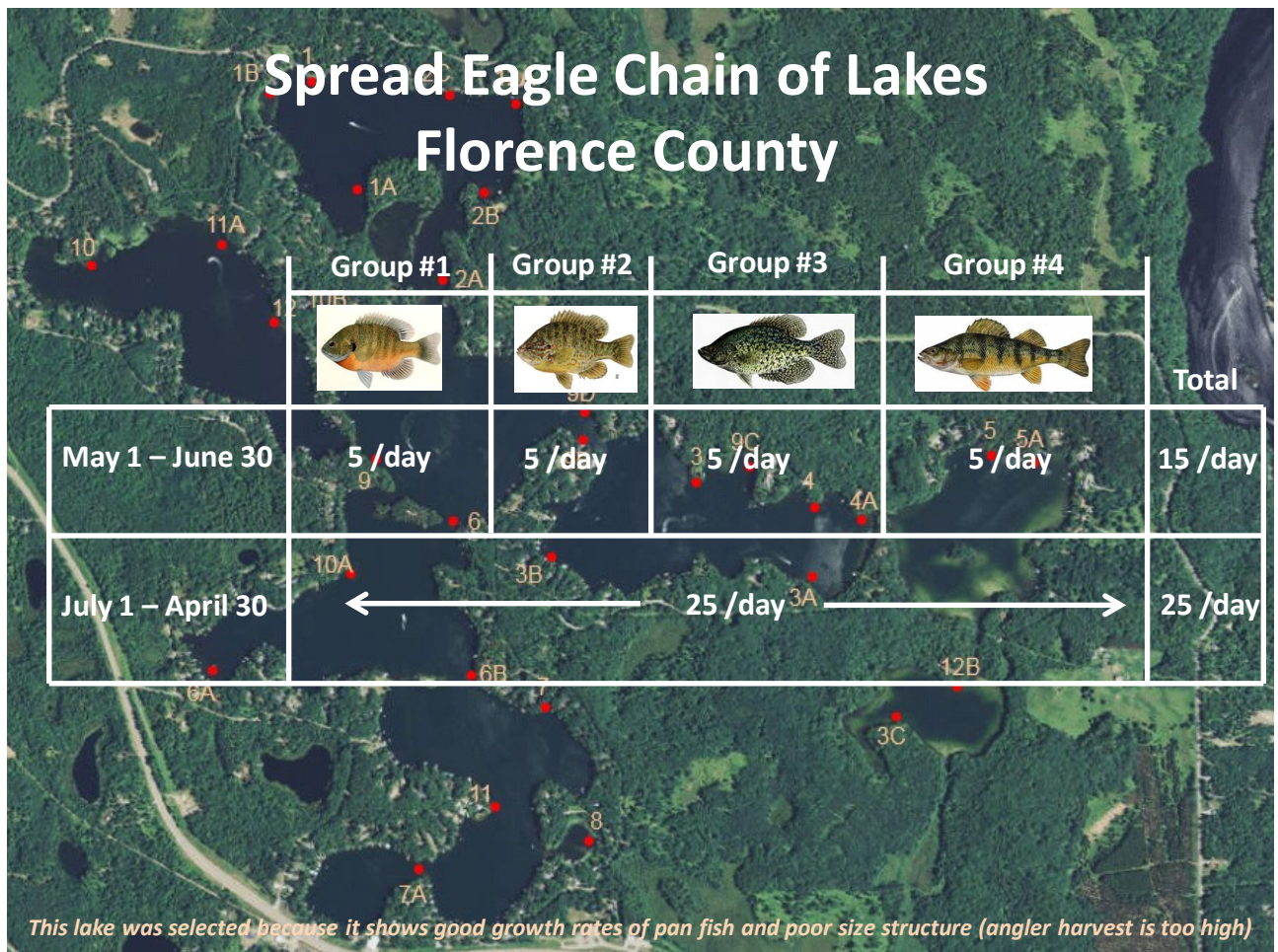
Here is a rundown on the new regulations on the Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes. The pan fish regulations are the hardest to understand, so I made a slide (see below) that I hope will be helpful. Basically during the months of May and June the bag limit for pan fish will drop to 15 total (rock bass are unlimited and do not count as pan fish), but you can have no more than 5 of any 1 species. Then on July 1 it goes back to the regulation you always had (25/day/angler) and it will stay that way through April 30. There is a protective regulation put in place for 2 months out of the year.

Bass (smallmouth bass and largemouth bass):

The bag limit will stay the same as it has always been, 5 fish/angler/day. But there will now be no minimum length limit on bass, however, fish 14.0"–18.0" must be released, and of your 5 fish per day you may have 1 fish greater than 18 inches. This regulation has been put in place to encourage the harvest of largemouth bass, the chain has a very high abundance, and by reducing the number of bass they will grow faster and it will likely help other species of fish by reducing largemouth abundance. The protected slot will allow us to maintain quality bass fishing while promoting the harvest of largemouth bass.

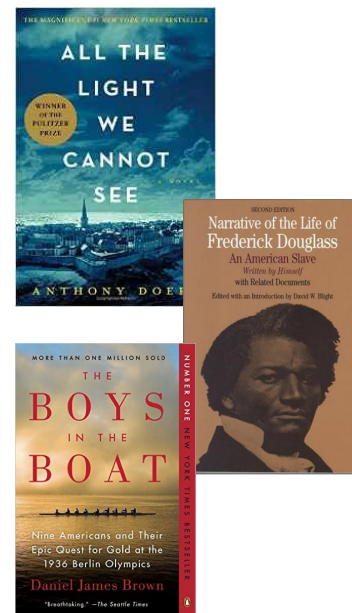
Walleye:

The minimum size limit has been raised to 18-inches and the daily bag limit has been dropped to 3 fish/angler/day. By raising the size limit to 18-inches we will be able to protect female walleye to maturity. Under the 15-inch limit females were being harvested before they had a chance to reproduce.



SECOLA Book Club 2016

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BOOK</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
June 8	The Life of Frederick Douglass	F. Douglas
June 22	Sin in the Second City	K. Abbott
July 13	All the Light We Cannot See	A. Doerr
July 27	The Boys in the Boat	D. Brown
Aug 10	Dead Wake	E. Larson
Aug 24	Population: 485	M. Perry



All meetings take place at the Florence Library (11 am)
All SECOLA members are welcome!

SECOLA GARDEN CLUB 2016



June 9	Common Sense Gardening
June 23	Annual Tea Party / Landscape Design
July 7	TBA at DNR Center
July 21	Marquette Garden Walk
Aug 4	Garden Tours & Annual Meeting
Aug 25	Un-Birthday Party/ Presentation on Hummingbirds

We welcome all new members. Our club ranges from novice to master gardeners. This year we will continue to plant flowers for the Monarch Butterfly Refuge on Bass Island.

Please contact Deb Cini (715)696-3653 or Cathy Curran (715)696-3361 if you would like further membership information. A detailed events letter will be mailed to all garden club members.

Chain O'Lakes History Trivia:

In 1962 Spread Eagle Chain O' Lakes secession from the town of Florence won a decisive victory which was overturned by the Supreme Court June of 1963.

Does anyone remember how the ski jumps got started on Spread Eagle?
Please contact the editors if you want to share some of our lake's wonderful history.

Do you remember????



Contact Information

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From the editors:

This newsletter is published by the Spread Eagle Chain O'Lakes Association, Inc..

We welcome your comments, any articles or photos of general interest to the members for publication consideration. We would like to include articles and pictures that highlight the history of the Chain if you have any stories you would like to share.

Please forward your materials via e-mail to: Deb Cini (debcini @charter.net) or Jane Patrick (grams2745@gmail.com).

Our mailing address is: P.O. Box 413
Florence, Wisconsin 54121.
Articles for the fall/winter newsletter are due September 30, 2016.

Membership Information:

As of January 2016 the number of paid SECOLA members is 141 residents.

If you are interested in becoming a member or have new neighbors on the chain who would like to join, you can find membership forms on our web site www.SpreadEagleChain.org and/or complete the membership form (see insert) and mail to: Spread Eagle Chain O'Lakes Association, Inc. P.O. Box 413, Florence, Wisconsin 54121.

To keep our membership records accurate please contact Jennifer Kellstrom, Membership Chair, if you have a change in your address and/or e-mail address at 715-696-3667.

Your membership helps fund the 4th of July fireworks, adds a voice to lake issues, helps set lake markers, sponsors social dinners and the boat parade. The association is active in obtaining grants to fight the battle of invasive species and much, much, more!

2016 Boat Parade Theme: "Fourth of July at the Lake"



The McGregor Family—Barrett McGregor at the helm.
Circa 2001

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	CONTACTS
ANNUAL EVENTS		
Mon Jun 20	Golf Outing Pine Grove (2pm)	Betty Rahm (715) 696-3305 Nancy Dewey (715) 528-4422
Sun July 3	Fireworks at Dusk	Glen Johnson (715) 696-3751
Mon July 4	Ice Cream Social (Melin's water front) starting at 12pm followed by the Boat Parade (1pm) *	Joyce Melin (715) 629-9300 Cathy Curran (715) 696-3361 Jennifer McGregor (wooden boats) (312) 310-1744
Sat July 16	Annual Meeting (10 am) Svecia Club	Glen Johnson (715) 696-3751
MONTHLY EVENTS		
SECOLA Dinners		
	Cocktails starting at 5pm Dinners at 6 p.m.	
Mon Jun 20	Pine Grove Country Club	Betty Rahm (715) 696-3305 Nancy Dewey (715) 528-4422
Tues July 19	The Chippewa Club	Jane Patrick (785) 478-1814 Ruth Noyce (715) 696-3633
Mon Aug 15	The Chuck Wagon—Picnic on the Lawn	Cindy Weber (715) 696-6128 Joyce Melin (715) 912-9300
Mon Sept 19	El Capitan	Amy Weber (414) 791-6750 Vicki Faust (715) 696-3444
GIRLS NIGHT OUT		
	Ladies of the Lake! **	
Wed Jun 15	The Nagel's 4736 Tall Pines Road- Bass Lake	Martha Nagel (715) 696-3452
Wed July 13	The Weber's 5238 Dunns Point Road-North Lake	Amy Weber (414) 791-6750
Wed Aug 31	Bass Island— pontoon taxi's will be available to pick you up and take you home.	Deb Cini (715) 696-3653
OTHER EVENTS		
Tues Every	Men's Breakfast @ Holiday Kitchen (9am)	Ed Patrick (785) 224-1078
Wed Every	Ladies Breakfast @ Barb's in Florence (10am)	Jane Patrick (785) 478-1814
SECOLA BOARD MEETINGS (NOON)		
Fri Jun 10	Chippewa Club Board Room	Glen Johnson (715) 696-3751
Mon July 11	Glen Johnson's	Glen Johnson (715) 696-3751
Fri Aug 26	Chippewa Club Board Room	Ed Patrick (785) 224-1078

*Kick off for the 2016 Boat parade will start at Melin's waterfront at the entrance of North Lake. There is plenty of sandy beach to anchor for an old fashion Ice Cream Social before the parade. Also a great photo opportunity for families!

** New events for this summer include the **Ladies of the Lake** getting together for a Girl's Night Out hosted at a lake home. Come meet your neighbors, share stories, appetizers and libation!

Be the girl on the right



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Forwarding Service Requested

In an effort to keep our membership records accurate, we are asking you to convey any changes in property owner information to the board.

Check our SECOLA website for news,
events, and updates to the calendar:
www.SpreadEagleChain.org

**New members ALWAYS
welcome!**