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## Annual KLC Picnic Planned

Following in the path of last year's very successful picnic and fund raiser, the KLC has arranged for this summer's picnic to take place on Saturday, July 27th, again at the Kinderhook Elk's Lodge on Rt. 9H. Over 300 dinners were served last year and the organizers, Board members Rick Theriault and Mike Weldon, anticipate even more meals will be sold this year. Great raffle and door prizes are also expected.

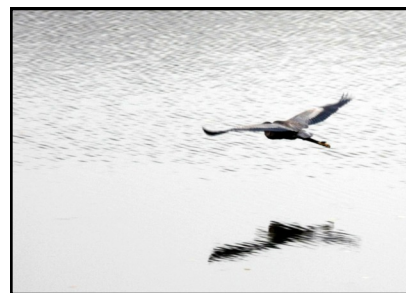
Please check the KLC website for further updates and information about purchasing your meal tickets. Meals tickets will be \$12 in advance, \$13 at the door.

**Starting in July, newsletters will be sent/emailed to KLC members only. If you haven't done so already, please renew your membership as soon as possible. Remember that it's your support that allows the KLC to continue to maintain the lake for all to enjoy.**

## New Lake Guidelines

In light of recent concerns regarding preserving our fish population, reducing the potential of invasive aquatic species entering the Lake and keeping the Lake enjoyable for all, the KLC is instituting several new guidelines.

1. Fishing tournaments will not be permitted on Kinderhook Lake without written permission in advance from the KLC Board of Directors. In addition, all tournament attendees must be current KLC members. Please contact Russ Camadine at [camadinep164@yahoo.com](mailto:camadinep164@yahoo.com) 30 days in advance if you wish to sponsor a fishing tournament.
2. Launch gate keys are for KLC members only. Do not share keys with non-members or you risk losing your gate privileges. Please remember to lock the gate after every use to prevent non-member access.
3. In response to member's suggestions at last year's public meetings, new "Recreation Guidelines" have been adopted by the KLC. They will be posted at the Rt. 28 launch site, other lake access points and on our website.



## NYS Boater Safety Course

The KLC is pleased to announce that it has once again organized a NYS Boater Safety Course for this coming summer. It is designed as a comprehensive boating course, teaching the fundamentals of safe boating operation. It is an 8-hour class and anyone over the age of 10 can attend at no cost.

The course will be taught on Saturday, June 15th, at the KLIA Hall, from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Please bring a bag lunch as there will only be about 30 minutes for lunch. Your instructors will be Rob and Marian Williams, who have taught this course at the KLIA hall for many years.

If you are interested in attending, please send an email with contact information to Rob and Marian at [ber01098@fairpoint.net](mailto:ber01098@fairpoint.net) or call 518-784-3024. Pre-registration is required no later than June 1st. A minimum of 10 attendees are required or the class will be cancelled.

A copy of the 2013 edition of the "New York Safe Boating Textbook: A Course on the Safe Operation of Boats and Personal Watercraft" can be downloaded to your computer, phone, or tablet by going to <http://nysparks.com/recreation/boating/education.aspx>. Hard copy textbooks will be available at the class for those who would like one. We are encouraging you to be green by using the electronic copy of the textbook. When you send your contact information to Rob and Marian, please let them know if you will be using an electronic textbook or need a hard copy.

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## Record Black Crappie

Congratulations to Rick Otty of Hudson who, on January 28th, managed to catch the state record Black Crappie through the ice in Kinderhook Lake. The fish measured 18.5" long, 16.5" girth and weighed 3 lbs-13 oz. This broke the previous state record black crappie of 17.75" and 3 lb-12 oz caught in Duck Lake, Cayuga County, from way back in 1998.



## DEC Permits

Kinderhook Lake is designated by DEC as a Freshwater Wetland. As such, DEC requires that you apply for approval of permits for certain low-impact regulated activities that take place within 100-feet and/or 300-feet of the shoreline. According to DEC, one of three potential permits is required:

1. Protection of Waters General Permit
2. Freshwater Wetlands General Permit
3. Shoreline General Permit

A sampling of work requiring one of these permits includes construction or replacement of porches, decks, sheds, fences, wells, septic systems, driveways, building additions, retaining walls, docks, shoreline bulkheads, placement of rip rap or other shoreline stabilization measures, boat launches, and more.

Many of these activities have been found not to have a significant environmental effect and any approvals granted contain permit conditions to further protect lake water quality and aquatic resources. An application form, Environmental Assessment Form, project description, sketch plans, location map, and photos must be submitted to DEC with your application for a permit.

You can review a full list of activities requiring DEC permits at [www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6048.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6048.html). You can find further information about which permit you may need by calling DEC at 518-357-2069.

## Water Rising

In accordance with DEC, the sluice gate at the dam is to be closed two (2) weeks after ice-out to allow the lake to return to its summer level. This may have already happened by the time you read this. Please be sure your shoreline projects are complete.

## Donations to the Dam Reserve Fund

If you refer back to Page 3 of the September 2012 KLC Newsletter (available online), you'll find the article about the need for dam repairs related to the leaking sluice gate and corroding outlet pipe. While the Board is hopeful that the current dam reserve fund will be adequate to cover the cost of these repairs, the actual cost cannot be determined until

DEC approves our permit to further inspect and evaluate the problem areas.

With this in mind, we ask that all members consider making an additional donation to the dam reserve fund a high priority.

It's easy to donate from the KLC MEMBERSHIP page on our website.

Thanks in advance for your support.

## New Website Links

The KLC is striving to keep our website updated with the latest information regarding life on the lake, water quality, and other important issues.

Recently added to the LINKS page of the website is, "**Maintaining Your Septic System—Special Considerations for Shoreline Properties.**" Prepared by the Cornell University Cooperative Extension, this document lists important information about how septic systems work in shoreline areas, the effects of septic systems on lakes and streams, how to tell if contamination is reaching the water, how to prevent problems and where to go for help.

Updated on the LINKS page of the website is the "**2013 NYS Boaters Guide.**" Used as the textbook for the NYS Boater Safety Course, this guide is a good resource for all boaters.

And, as a reminder when thinking about taking care of your lawn this spring, please refer to the DEC's "**FAQ for Lawn Fertilizers**" also found on the LINKS page.



## Important Dates to Remember

### June 29

KLC Membership Meeting 10:00 AM at the KLIA Hall. Special presentation on *Invasive Aquatic Species*. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Please bring your neighbors.

### June 27

NYS Boater Safety Course 8:00AM at the KLIA Hall.

### July 4

Panfish Derby, Boat Parade, Ring of Fire. More info to follow on the website.

### July 5

Kayak Races (new this year). More info to follow on the website.

### July 27

KLC Annual Picnic at the Kinderhook Elks Lodge on Rt. 9H. More info to follow.

### August 24

KLC Annual Membership Meeting 10:00 AM, KLIA Hall.

## Letter to the Editor — Invasive Aquatic Species

**No swimming. No fishing. No boating. Property values drop dramatically.** Can't happen to Kinderhook Lake? Read On...

- "Crisis deepens on Lake George" Times Union 10/2/12.
- "Clams ... cause problems in Lake Tahoe" Times Union 9/23/12.
- "Lake George is now infested by a species that could reduce tourism, business activities and property values" Times Union 9/23/12
- "Lake George needs help, now" Times Union 12/2/12.
- "Crisis Time in Lake George" Times Union 2/8/13

Lake George, Lake Champlain, the Hudson River, and the St Lawrence River are a few New York State waterways that are infested with multiple invasive species which **cannot** be stopped. Zebra Mussels, Asian Clams, and Spiny Water Fleas are three **uncontrolled** invasive species found in Lake George. The Lake George Association and DEC have spent millions of dollars trying to **manage** these species. These organizations are unable to eliminate these species.

The Spiny Water Flea, (about a half-inch long), looks like bristly masses of jelly with black eye spots that can reproduce rapidly. They alter the structure of the in-lake food web, eliminating the forage base for larger fish and foul up fishing lines and tackle. Asian Clams are tiny, quickly multiplying mollusks which, because of their excretions, fuel massive algae blooms. When dead, the clams wash up in shallow water where their razor-sharp shells make walking dangerous. Zebra Mussels are small, finger-sized mollusks

which colonize on surfaces such as docks, boat hulls, and water in-take pipes. They can clog exhaust pipes, cooling systems of boats, bilges, and ruin props and motors. They are voracious feeders, which bind excess food with a mucus disrupting the freshwater food chain, resulting in decreased fish population. *All three invasive species have no natural predator or any current means of elimination.*

Warren County, the location of Lake George, has unanimously passed an invasive species transport law. This ground breaking law prohibits the introduction and transport of aquatic invasive species into the County's water bodies. This is one of several steps taken to prevent the continued introduction of these species into their lakes. Any watercraft that is moved from Lake George or any of the other infested lakes and then launched in Kinderhook Lake will transport and introduce these invasive species into our lake. **It is time for the KLC to become proactive before our lake becomes infested.**

### What Kinderhook Lake needs to do:

- Accept the seriousness of invasive species
- Boat inspection for all boats entering Kinderhook Lake from other waterways
- Support and institute the "Clean, Drain and Dry" procedures for boats leaving and entering the Lake
- Establish the Rt. 28 Launch site as the **ONLY** launch site for the lake, closing all other public access sites
- Establish and maintain a boat cleaning station, paid

for by the Town of Kinderhook, KLC and KLIA

- Have the Town of Kinderhook and Columbia County enact an invasive species transport law
- Enforce the DEC policy for launching only "car top or non-motorized craft" for non-lake owners
- Suggested Launching Fees:
  - KLC Members: no charge
  - Non-KLC Members: \$200 per boat per year
  - Gate Fee: \$200 per year
  - Launch Permit sticker provided and required to be affixed to permitted watercraft
- Discussion needed with the Kinderhook Lake Improvement Association
- Eliminate all non-KLC supported fishing derbies or other non-KLC supported boating activities
- Establish a paid Lake Steward Program to monitor boat inspections and educate boat owners

The prevention of invasive species in Kinderhook Lake is a **critical** issue. It needs to be aggressively addressed now. As we have learned from Lake George, the management of invasive species is very expensive, and does not work. The KLC and all lake property owners must aggressively support the preventive actions listed above before our lake is infested and our property values are devalued.

The KLC Directors and lake property owners must act **now** to protect our lake.

**WILL YOU OR WILL YOU NOT LET OUR LAKE DIE?**

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### Cleaning Your Lakefront

I have lived on Kinderhook Lake for over 18 years. Every spring before the lake is raised I rake the lake bed and remove leaves and debris. Each fall after draw-down I rake and remove the fallen leaves and pull up any weeds that sprouted up during the summer months. It's a lot of hard work but I think it's worth it. I now have a beautiful swimming area free of weeds and muck.

Neighbors around me do not clean their lake bed in the

spring and fall and, sadly, have very poor swimming areas along the shoreline; and about 6 to 10 feet from shore they are knee deep in black sediment full of weeds. Most people have no problem raking the leaves off their lawns, so why not keep going and rake their lake front?

Also, riparian owners should be discouraged from blowing leaves into the lake bed in the fall after the draw-down. This just adds to the large amounts of debris that is

pushed into my lake front, and everyone else's, as the water is raised in the spring.

If you want a cleaner lake, here is a easy way to start. Get together with your neighbors. Put some beverages in a cooler and food on the grill and do a spring clean up of your lake fronts. You will see a huge improvement in the cleanliness of your lakefronts in the future. If we all chip in we can make a big difference.

*Russ Camadine*

### Board Notes

#### Issues discussed at recent Board Meetings

- Membership and sponsors update
- Water quality treatments for 2013
- Fish stocking and fishing tournaments
- Invasive aquatic species
- Future dam repairs and DEC update
- June membership meeting agenda and DEC speaker
- July 4th events, adding kayak races
- Launch site cleanup, maintenance and security
- Summer picnic / fund-raiser
- NYS Boater Safety Course
- Attendance at NYSFOLA conference
- Recreation Guidelines approved

#### Don't forget...

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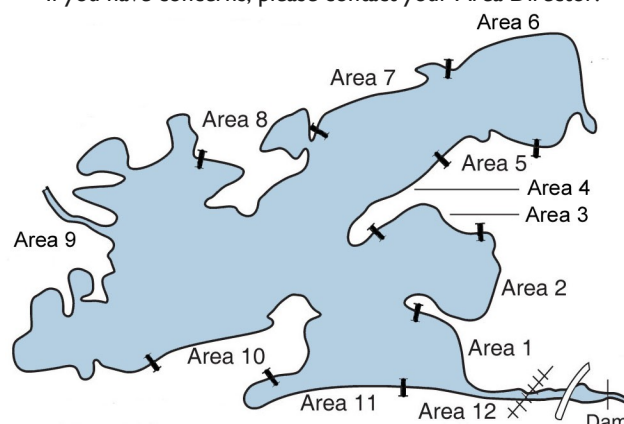
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### Area Directors

KLC Directors are responsible for certain programs and for representing residents in shoreline areas indicated on the map.

If you have concerns, please contact your Area Director.



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