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Dam Repairs to Begin This Fall

As discussed with members of the KLC at the June Informational Meeting and August Membership Meeting, the Kinderhook Lake dam is in need of repairs. The gasket around the sluice 'gate' is leaking and needs to be replaced; this is the gate that is lowered or raised to control the water level. The sluice 'pipe' is corroding and allowing water to seep in through the seams, and needs to be repaired; this is a 20-foot long, 4-foot diameter steel pipe passing through the bottom of the dam.

The KLC has already received a DEC permit to complete this project, and the restoration is planned in two phases starting this fall.

Phase I will require placement of a coffer steel dam in front of the sluice gate. This temporary dam will allow us to drain water away from the sluice gate so the gasket can be replaced. Once the gasket is replaced, we will better be able to investigate the leaks in the sluice pipe and determine their origin. We will also obtain a better understanding of our dam's core structure. The knowledge obtained from this investigation will help us determine the process needed to repair the sluice pipe, as well as the likely cost of the work. Phase 2 of the project will, therefore, be to repair the sluice pipe and also repair surface damage to the downstream face of the dam at the end of the sluice pipe.

The Dam Fund currently has adequate funds to complete Phase I of the project. However, it is very likely that additional funds will be required to complete Phase 2 of the project.

As of this writing, we do not have a firm start date for Phase I, but we will post the date on our website as soon it is determined. In the meantime, we started to lower the water level as usual on October 15 and the Lake will be brought down to its normal winter level. The normal winter level is typically 28" to 32" below the main spillway (without the summer boards installed) or approximately 47" to 51" below normal summer water levels.

Once repairs begin on the sluice gate, control of the Lake level will be limited for a brief time. All residents should be aware that, during construction, Lake levels could vary from normal winter level to as much as 2" to 4" above the spillway, or a variant of perhaps as much as 36".

Important Warning: There is the potential for more hazardous conditions for people venturing out on the ice this winter. The lack of control of the water level below the ice during construction could cause thinner ice and more hazardous conditions. If you are not sure, please stay off the ice.

As work on the dam progresses, updates will be posted on our website and in future newsletters. Please check the website often for updates throughout the winter.

If you have any questions or concerns about the work on the dam, feel free to contact one of the members of the Dam Committee:

- * Bernie Kelleher: 784-4717
- * Russ Camadine: 784-2087
- * Bill Cleary: 477-7802

Remember...

Without the dam there would be no lake!



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View of leaks
inside the
sluice pipe



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View of surface
damage outside
the sluice pipe

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Fourth of July Events

The Fourth of July was definitely a fun day to be on Kinderhook Lake. This year's events were well attended, especially the new **Kayak Race**. The Kayak Race wasn't actually a race to the 'finish', but a race to collect tickets for the prize drawing. The more tickets you collected, the better your chances of winning a prize. Since it was not really a race to the finish, perhaps we should give this event a new name for next year; maybe the 'Kayak Gymkhana,' or something like that. If you have any suggestions, please pass them along to any Board Member or send to klcnews@archman8.com. Regardless, over 35 non-motorized boaters (kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, etc) attended the event. Thanks to Board Member Russ Camadine for suggesting and organizing this new event. Congratulations to the prize winners:

- * Darcy Duggan (\$100 cash)
- * Dan Nelson (\$50 KLC Logo Merchandise)
- * Jason Duvrey (\$25 KLC Merchandise)
- * Betty Bried (2 KLC BBQ tickets)



Also, thanks to the following folks for contributing their time to help make this event so much fun:

Nancy Deegan, Robert Pfaff, Jim Ballbank, Dave Schecter, Frank Miller Jr., Ray Meyer, Lauren Desharnais, Rachael Hauley, Joel Potts, Ken Hague, Curt Gobrecht, Tom McNay, Merl Smith, Niel Stever, Steve Sigler, Bernie Kelleher, Mike Weldon, Mark Vohrutka, Bill Johnston, Derek Almsted, Gais Ingnall, Charlie Zeilman, Paul MacAvoy, Jay Montague, Dan Langer, Tim Block, Tim Kelly, Amy Billkowski, John Mueller, Bill Mooney, Sharon Grubin, Debbie Lans, and Tom Bried.

The **Fishing Derby** was also a fun event for kids of all ages. This year's winners included:

- * Dominic Camadine, 1st place, 1-5 yr olds
- * Joshua Camadine, 2nd place, 1-5 yr olds
- * Madison Camadine, 3rd place, 1-5 yr olds
- * Daniel DeLaura, 4th place, 1-5 yr olds
- * Amanda Crockett, 1st place, 7-10 yr olds
- * Collin Beck, 1st place, 11-15 yr olds
- * Amanda Crockett, longest carp
- * Eva Nelson, next longest carp

Again, thanks to Board Member Russ Camadine for organizing and overseeing this event for so many years.

Many boats joined this year's **Boat Parade**. Parade winners included:

- * Steve Sigler, Most Patriotic Boat
- * Kathy Balfoort, Most Original Boat
- * Jason Kelleher, Funniest Boat

And thanks to Board Member Paul Winslow for organizing and leading the Parade for many years.

If you were out on your boat around dusk, you would have enjoyed the **Ring of Fire**. This year's Ring appeared to be bigger and brighter, with more participants than in the previous few years. Thanks to all the shoreline owners who participated.

Photos of 4th of July events can be found on the GALLERY page of our website. If you have additional photos you would like to share, please email them to klcweb@archman8.com or put them on a CD and mail them to the KLC, PO Box 53, Niverville, NY 12130.



Important Dates to Remember

October 15

Water drawdown begins.

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Board Notes

Discussed at recent Board Mtgs:

- Review of financial reports
- Election of officers
- Water quality / water level issues
- Phase I dam repairs
- Insurance issues arising from dam condition / repairs
- Fund raising ideas
- Improving membership
- Welcome pamphlets for new residents

Another Successful BBQ

The 3rd Annual Chicken BBQ and Fund Raiser was another successful event. Great food, fun prizes and entertainment were enjoyed by the many attendees. 265 dinners were served and the KLC collected over \$1800 to help its efforts to continue to maintain and improve Kinderhook Lake. Thanks to all who attended; your support of this event is truly appreciated. And a special thanks goes out to the event organizers and to the local businesses who donated wonderful gifts for the prize raffle.



DEC Reminds Ice Anglers to Await Safe Ice as Ice Fishing Season Approaches

(DEC press release from last winter, 1/10/13)

A Minimum of Three to Four Inches of Solid Ice is Usually Safe for Anglers on Foot

With the onset of winter, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today [1/10/13] reminded ice anglers to enjoy the ice responsibly. DEC cautions that the presence of snowmobile tracks or footprints on the ice should not be taken as evidence of safe ice conditions. Individuals are strongly encouraged to check ice conditions for themselves and avoid situations that appear to present even a remote risk.

"During warm winters such as the one we are currently experiencing, some anglers take risks that they would otherwise not take," said DEC Commissioner Joe Martens. "Last year [2011-2012] safe ice did not form on many larger waters, but smaller lakes and ponds eventually provided sufficient ice for safe angling. Although the wait can be frustrating, falling through the ice is not a risk anyone should take."

Ice thickness varies on every body of water or even within the same body of water and anglers should be particularly wary of areas of

moving water and around boat docks and houses where bubblers may be installed to reduce ice buildup. For more information on ice fishing visit the DEC website.

"Ice fishing provides a great opportunity for people to get outdoors during the long winter months," added Commissioner Martens. "According to a recent DEC survey, ice fishing participation has doubled over the past 10 years. Unlike other angling techniques, ice fishing is relatively simple and all one needs is a warm pair of boots, a good ice auger, some tip-ups or a jigging rod and the willingness to experiment to have success."

The use of fish for bait is

very popular when ice fishing and baitfish may be used in most but not all waters that are open to ice fishing. Visit the DEC website for a list of special regulations by county to find out where bait fish can and cannot be used, and for other regulations that apply to baitfish.

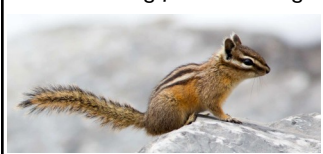
Anglers are reminded to take these important steps when using baitfish while ice fishing:

- ♦ Follow the baitfish regulations to prevent the spread of harmful fish diseases and invasive species.
- ♦ Use only certified disease-free baitfish purchased at a local tackle store or use only personally collected baitfish for use in the same water body in which they were caught.

Additional information on ice fishing, ice safety, and regulations can be found on DEC's website.

Did You Know?

Chipmunks don't like hot sauce. Mix some hot sauce with water and spray around your lawn and around their nests. It will hopefully send them searching for sweeter digs.



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Seaplane Pilots Can Help Stop the Spread of Invasive Species

(from the NYS Invasive Species Clearinghouse, www.nyis.info)

Aquatic invasive species are mainly transported by watercraft. However, evidence points to seaplanes as an additional vector, if not equally as critical. The fact that seaplanes may reach isolated bodies of water inaccessible to towed watercraft, means cleaning invasive species off of seaplanes is just as important as cleaning them off of boats.

By following a few simple guidelines, seaplane pilots can help stop the spread of these aquatic nuisances. These guidelines are outlined in a 20-minute video produced by the Seaplane Pilots

Association and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). The video is followed by a short Air Safety Institute quiz and a certificate is available for pilots who see the video and pass the quiz.

If you know the pilots who land their seaplanes on Kinderhook Lake, please ask them to visit the AOPA website (www.AOPA.org)

to find the video, "How to Stop the Spread of Invasive Plants and Animals by Seaplane." Seaplane pilots too, can help stop the spread of invasive species.



Adding More Fish to the Lake

On behalf of the KLC, Board Member Russ Camadine recently received a fish stocking permit from DEC. 250 10"-12" large mouth bass were ordered from Hickling's Fish Farm in Edmeston, NY, and were dispersed in various weed beds around the Lake by Board Member Bernie Kelleher.

In addition, the Lake was stocked in August with 5000 6"-8" tiger muskies and again in September with 1700 8"-10" tiger muskies by DEC, at no cost to the KLC. As long as the tiger muskies survive, it should help reduce the over-abundance of white perch found in our Lake.



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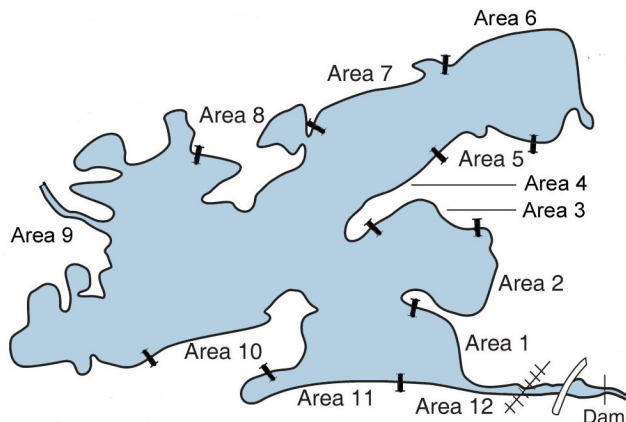
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