



# The Sugar Lake News

MAY 2022

## Sugar Lake Association Minnesota Waters' 2010 Lake Association of the Year 2009 Star Lake Recipient

2022

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Planned 2022 Dates

June 16– SLA Meeting\*

July 21-SLA Meeting\*

August 18-Annual Meeting/  
Board Election\*

September 15– SLA Meeting\*

October 20-SLA Meeting\*

*Meeting Day & Time Changed  
SLA meetings have been changed to  
Thursday at 6:30 p.m.*

We are meeting in-person at the Corinna township hall. We will also have a zoom virtual option for those of you that cannot meet in-person. We will practice social distancing with masks per the state and township rules.

\*SLA meetings are held at the Corinna Township hall at  
6:30 p.m.

Send Newsletter submissions to:  
Don Peterson

E-mail [don@sugarlake.org](mailto:don@sugarlake.org)

For membership,  
address, e-mail, or property owner  
changes contact :

E-mail [sugarlakemember@gmail.com](mailto:sugarlakemember@gmail.com)

## Understanding the Key Elements of Your Association's Bog Policy

- The Association's Bog Policy only provides for the following:  
A lake wide permit for you to remove bogs (that migrated to your property). You must manage properly. (See [sugarlake.org](http://sugarlake.org) under "more" Bog Policy for proper management and permit requirements)
- A list of pre-screened vendors if you need help. You must contact, arrange and pay in full. No mechanical means on your property may be used to remove a bog.

Financial assistance is available to members if you have hired a pre-screened vendor and the charges are in excess of \$500 per property owner where multiple properties are impacted.

All properties on the lake may use the Association's permit. When bogs overlap to other property, you are encouraged to work a removal arrangement out with your neighbors.

Only property owners that have been members of the Association for at least 30 days may seek financial assistance.

All property owners (whether members or not) must provide the following information: Name, address, estimated size, a photo and your plan for removal and disposal. Please send to [bog@sugarlake.org](mailto:bog@sugarlake.org)

Do Not Push a Bog Off Your Property so Others Have to Manage.

Do Not Remove Bogs That Are Stationary-Rooted.

Do Not Remove a Bog that is 15 feet by 15 feet (225 Sq. feet.) Contact Association at [bog@sugarlake.org](mailto:bog@sugarlake.org) for assistance

*A single large bog alone will cost SLA more than twice what SLA budgeted (\$5,000) for bog removal in 2022. If you can help by contributing extra to SLA for Bog removal, please mail a check to Sugar Lake*

*Association, PO Box 373, Annandale, MN 55302 and note for bog removal. Or contribute online <http://sugarlake.org/give-to-sla.html> Thank you!*



## The latest lake report

By Dan Erdmann

Water physical condition a 2 on 1 (good) to 5 (poor) scale.

Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
05-16-12	11'	65°	75°	22.5"	28"
05-25-13	11'	56°	58°	18.5"	23.5"
05-23-14	9.5'	48°	49°	24.25"	28.25"
05-17-15	9.0'	60°	67°	20.50"	23.00"
05-20-16	12.0'	64°	70°	22.00"	27.00"
05-19-17	9.0'	58°	55°	20.50"	25.50"
05-19-18	8.0'	65°	72°	16.16"	22.00"
05-17-19	9.0'	60°	71°	22.00"	27.00"
05-16-20	10.0'	56°	66°	16.25"	21.50"
05-22-21	17.0'	66°	79°	19.25"	24.75"
05-16-22	16.0'	57°	60°	27.00"	32.50"

*Historical, 100 year, ordinary high water mark is 15-1/2"*

## Membership

If you know someone new in your area that might be interested in becoming a member of the SLA, notify Membership at the email listed below. Notify us of any changes to the directory information including address or phone changes.

Contact membership by email at:

[sugarlakemember@gmail.com](mailto:sugarlakemember@gmail.com)

## Treasurer's Report

As of March 31, 2022

General Fund	\$67,091
Lake Improvement Fund	\$50,178
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	<u>\$175,710</u>
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$292,979</b>

## Township News

**Corinna Township** Town Board meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. The Corinna Town Hall is located on Ireland Ave, 1/3 mile north of County Road 39.

Clerk: Mary Barkley Brown 320-274-8049

- Visit the Corinna Township website at [www.corinnatownship.com](http://www.corinnatownship.com).
- Junk Clean Up Day scheduled for July. See website for details.

**Clearwater Township** Town Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. The Clearwater Town Hall is located on Highway 24, 3-1/2 miles south of Clearwater.

Clerk: Jean Just —Town Hall Phone:  
320-558-6790

- Visit the Clearwater Township website at [www.clearwatertownshipmn.govoffice2.com](http://www.clearwatertownshipmn.govoffice2.com).

## Chair's Corner

On the top of everyone's mind this spring was no doubt the 2 large bogs that ended up making their way around Sugar Lake this spring with the high-water level. Although things did not happen overnight, we eventually received all the proper authorization and permits from the DNR and Parks and Trails branch to remove the offending vegetation from our lake. Hopefully any remaining migrating bogs will fall under our bog policy and won't require any special attention. I want to thank all the people who helped in getting the bog to the north landing and all who responded to our appeal on the news flash. It went as well as can be expected but I hope to never have to go through all that again. I would also like to thank all who contributed additional money to help offset the additional expenses. A final bill has not been received but we were looking at between 10 and 15 thousand dollars for removal. Our budget was \$5000 for the year. Everything else is moving forward and we will be looking for new members to serve on the board for a 3 year term in August. We are currently 2 short of our 18 members so if you would like to be appointed to fill a vacancy please contact me. Thank you and hope you had a great Memorial Day weekend as we remember all who have served our great country.

Dan Erdmann

## **2022 Events**

### **Annual Fishing Contest Saturday, June 25th!**

When: 9 a.m. to noon. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Weigh in at noon.

Where: Home of Rick & Mary Olson, 6611 123 St NW Annandale, MN 55302

Cost: \$5 per person. All entry fees applied to the prize fund.

Prizes: First, second, and third prizes awarded for the largest fish in each category.

Who: Open to members and friends. The Kids contest is for ages 0-8 and 9-15. Kids can share in the prize money if they pay the entry fee.

Hot dogs and refreshments will be served afterward.

If you have any questions,  
call Lynne Bonine at 320-980-2586 (cell)  
or 320-274-2005(home).

*If you have one of the traveling trophies awarded last year, please return it to Lynne Bonine before the fishing contest, or call Lynne and arrange to bring it to the contest.*

## **Save The Date**

Boat Parade Saturday, July 9(3 to 4 pm)

### **Sugar Lake Benefit Golf Outing, July 30**

The Sugar Lake Association will be holding a golf outing at Southbrook Golf Club in Annandale on Saturday, July 30, with a 1:00 p.m. shot-gun start. The "tournament" will have a scramble format, so non-golfers are encouraged to participate for loads of fun. Supper will follow. Invite your wives, husbands, kids, families, and friends for an afternoon of fun. Prize donations and hole sponsorships are welcome.

For more information, or to sign up, contact Greg Selle at 612-719-1824 or [gselle4844@gmail.com](mailto:gselle4844@gmail.com).

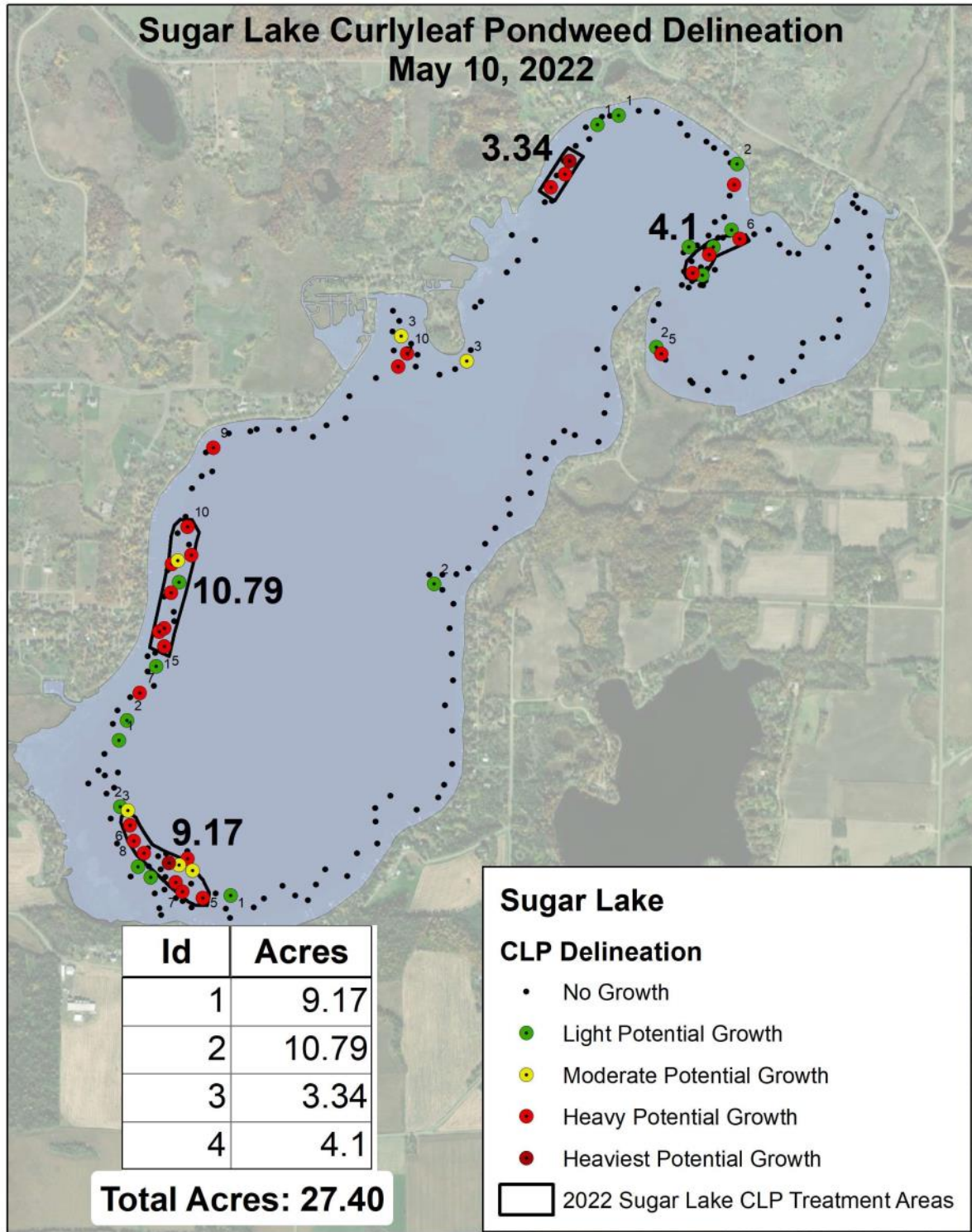
### **Picnic Saturday, August 6**

Rachel Property (Noon to 3)

Light Up the Lake, Saturday, September 3

# Vegetation

Curly leaf pondweed was treated on Friday, May 20 with Aquathol K. The map below shows areas where curly leaf was found.



Data Collected May 10, 2022

Sugar Lake ID: 86023300



UTM NAD 1983  
Blue Water Science



## Honor someone special by making a donation

Recognize a special family member or friend, past or present, by making a donation in their honor to preserve the beauty of Sugar Lake. Please follow the link below to make a donation in recognition of your honoree with a debit or credit card.

[SLA Donation - Honoree Recognition](#)

These individuals will be given honorable mention in an upcoming newsletter. Even better, you may also send a note and picture via email to the [sugarlakemember@gmail.com](mailto:sugarlakemember@gmail.com) to help us create a SLA newsletter article to honor your special person.

Honoree donations may also be mailed via check payable to Sugar Lake Association to the address below. Please include a note with your honoree designation and any information you'd like included in the newsletter.

Sugar Lake Association  
PO Box 373  
Annandale, MN 55302

## Donations made in honor of others

Sandra Ducharme in memory of Tom Ducharme 30 year resident north end

Ron and Doreen Peifer in honor of Toby Ironside.

Ron and Doreen Peifer in honor of Jean & Joseph Urista

Jim and Janet Tift in honor of Toby Ironside

Trudy Richter in honor of Betty and Bob Knippenberg, Gamble Family Cottage

Ross and Kathy Gamble in honor of Betty and Bob Knippenberg, Gamble Family Cottage

Erica Richter in honor of Betty and Bob Knippenberg, Gamble Family Cottage

Eric & Lisa Bergland in honor of Betty and Bob Knippenberg, Gamble Family Cottage

Al Heinen in honor of his wife Dorie.

Al wrote the following note about Dorie and Sugar Lake:

Dorie and Al live in Champlin, MN. Dorie and family rented a cabin at Warner's resort for about 30 years. When Warner's was to be sold Dorie found a cabin across the lake that she and Al bought in 2015 and she retired in 2015 planning to spend lots of time at the cabin. In July of 2016, while at the cabin, she had a massive stroke and spent about 4 months in intensive rehab and about 4 years of rehab. She was able to make it to the cabin a few times. It was a place she loved to be. It brought her peace. Then on May 31, 2020, she had another massive stroke after doing what she loved to do, a sundowner pontoon ride. She died on June 2 peacefully in St. Cloud Hospital. Ironically both times she was at the place she loved to be, Sugar Lake.

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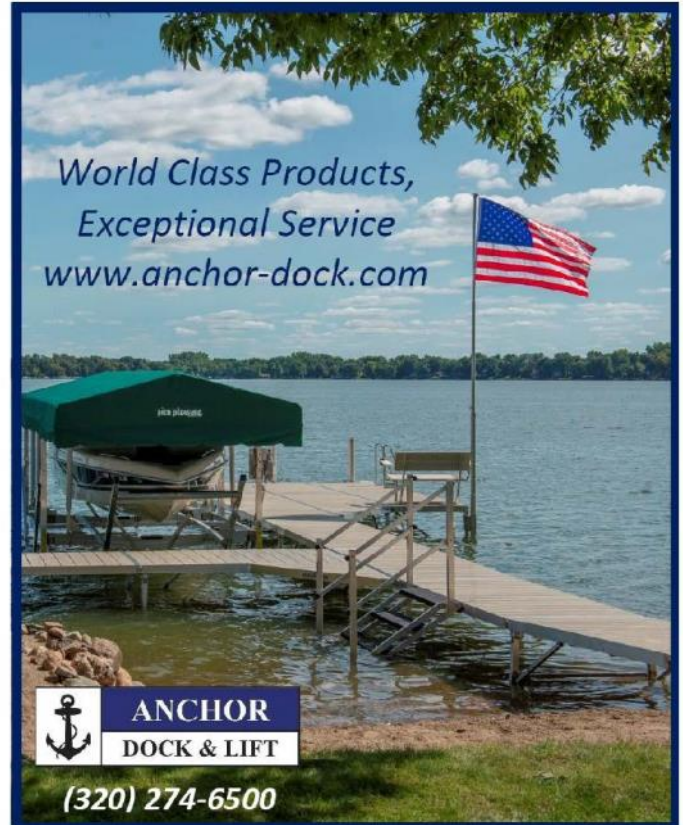
[werace@lakedalelink.net](mailto:werace@lakedalelink.net)  
16628 45th St. NW. Annandale MN.

# Sugar Lake Association Board Nominations

Are you interested in becoming a Sugar Lake Association board member? Do you know someone who may be interested in the position or you believe would be a good board member, please contact

[sugarlakemember@gmail.com](mailto:sugarlakemember@gmail.com)

The nominating committee would like to have a slate of candidates ready before our June meeting. Our eighteen-member board administers the SLA. Each board member serves for 3 years and then is required to take a year off before being eligible to be elected again. Board members can serve on committees including water quality, vegetation, education, fisheries, communication as well as helping with annual events like the picnic. It is a great way to learn about the lake and be involved in what is happening.



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## Connect with the Sugar Lake Association

### Sugar Lake Rummage Sale Group

To support our informal buying and selling of items around the lake and to have this activity be self-supporting, we established a closed group on Facebook called the Sugar Lake Rummage Sale. This is a closed group so only those that request access will be admitted and only see posts once access is gained.

Here is what you need to know:

If you don't have a Facebook account, you will need to get one or use a family member's account.

Log into Facebook

- In the search bar at the top of your Facebook page type Sugar Lake Rummage Sale
- A white banner menu bar will appear at the top, under the Facebook search bar, click on \*Groups\*
- You should see the Sugar Lake Rummage Sale
- Click "Join"
- Your request will be sent to the Admin and you will be added to the group.

### Sugar Lake website

For the latest news on Sugar Lake visit our website:

[www.sugarlake.org](http://www.sugarlake.org)

### News Flash

The Sugar Lake Association maintains an email list for communication with membership:

**News Flash:** This list is used to send information about invasive species treatment, event announcements, member information, government information, etc. To subscribe to this list send an e-mail to [sugarlakemember@gmail.com](mailto:sugarlakemember@gmail.com) requesting addition.

If you wish to unsubscribe follow the instructions in the email you receive from the list or send an email requesting removal to the addresses listed above.

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### Facebook

Visit our Sugar Lake Facebook Group

#### Sugar Lake Spirit change on Facebook

A new Facebook Group Page with the same name we used before, Sugar Lake Spirit, has been set up.

There is a new Facebook Group for those who live on, enjoy and care about Sugar Lake in Annandale MN. Please like this group and share with others who would like to post photos, news, and events about Sugar lake.

### Nextdoor

Sign in or sign up for the Sugar Lake neighborhood on Nextdoor:

[https://nextdoor.com/events/3647049?init\\_source=copy\\_link\\_share](https://nextdoor.com/events/3647049?init_source=copy_link_share)

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## Personal Watercraft

It is a good time to review the Minnesota Personal Watercraft Laws. Here are some excerpts from the MN DNR pamphlet.

### LAWS

Every personal watercraft operator has the legal responsibility to know the law, so please take a few minutes to review the following regulations.

### WHAT IS A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT?

A personal watercraft (sometimes called PWC or by brand names such as Jet Ski, Wave Runner, Sea Doo, etc.) is defined by law as a motorboat powered by an inboard motor powering a jet pump or by an outboard or propeller driven motor and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the craft, rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside a motorboat.

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 a rules decal (provided at no charge by the DNR) in full view of the operator.
- Operators and passengers
- must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III, or V personal flotation device (life vest).
- 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 (except when a PWC is launching or landing a water skier by the most direct route to open water), docks, swimmers, swimming rafts, any moored or anchored watercraft, or non-motorized watercraft.
- While towing a person on water skis or other device, must have an additional person on board to act as observer. Wide-angle rearview mirrors may be substituted for an observer but they must be factory-installed or specified by the PWC manufacturer.
- *The Wright County ordinance in effect on Sugar Lake states:*  
*No person shall operate a watercraft on the public waters of this county while towing any person on water skis, water tube, aqua plane, surfboard, saucer, or similar device on a federal holiday, on Saturday or Sunday or in a congested area at any time unless another person is on the watercraft and in a position to continually observe the person being towed.*
- Cutoff lanyards must be properly used and attached to the person, life vest or clothing of the operator.
- May only operate between 9:30 a.m. and one hour before sunset (click the link below for a sunrise-sunset schedule).

<https://sunrisesunset.willyweather.com/mn/wright-county/silver-creek.html>

### You may not . . .

- Chase or harass wildlife.
- Operate while facing backward.
- Operate in a way that endangers life, limb or property.
- Operate a personal watercraft if the spring-loaded throttle mechanism has been removed or tampered with so it interferes with the return-to-idle system.
- Weave through congested watercraft traffic or jump the wake of another watercraft within 150 feet of the other boat.
- Travel through emergent or floating vegetation at greater than a slow-no wake speed.

### AGE RESTRICTIONS FOR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

Contact the MN DNR for home-study materials for a youth watercraft operator's permit.

It is unlawful for a PWC owner to permit its operation in violation of the age restrictions.

#### Less than 13 years old

May not operate, even with an adult on board.

#### 13 years old

Must either have:

someone at least 21 on board, or a watercraft operator's permit and be in continuous visual observation by someone at least 21.

#### 14-17 years old

Must either have:

a watercraft operator's permit,

or

someone at least 21 on board.

### USE SOUND JUDGMENT

- **Keep the neighborhood peace and quiet in mind.** Try not to ride for long periods in a small area. Instead, do your riding out in the lake and away from shore and other boaters.
- **Talk to your neighbors.** See if your riding bothers them. Sometimes, just taking them out for a short ride will help them understand the fun of personal watercraft riding.
- **Don't modify your machine or do anything to make it louder.** It's illegal and discourteous to others around the lake.
- **Steer clear of illegal drugs and alcohol.** Intoxicated operation of a watercraft is not only illegal, it's also highly dangerous.



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