

KLA 2023 Annual Meeting Saturday, July 8, 9:00 AM Keuka College, Dahlstrom Student Center Dining Room Continental Breakfast 8:30

Meeting Information and Proxy Cards (one vote per 2023 membership) will be sent out prior to the meeting.



KLA NAVIGATION & RECREATION COMMITTEE—STEVE HICKS



MAINTAINING AN ANNUAL TRADITION. THE KEUKA LAKE ASSOCIATION (KLA) NAVIGATION AND RECREATION COMMITTEE RECENTLY MET OVER LUNCH WITH KEUKA LAKE MARINE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS.

The event took place on May 4th at the Lakeside Country Club and, along with KLA directors and officers, attendees included:

Yates County Sheriff's Office:

- Ron Spike, Sheriff
- Ed Nemitz, Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant
- Pam Housel, CSO/Marine Patrol Officer

Steuben County Sheriff's Office:

- James Allard, Sheriff
- John McNelis, Undersheriff

Department of Environmental Conservation - DEC ECO Patrol:

- Matt Lochner, Lieutenant
- Ron Gross



After a welcome message by KLA President, Steve Brigham, and introductions, the group discussed the following topics:

Contact information for issues around the lake. The KLA has received questions from its members regarding who to contact and at what number for various issues around the lake including. Law enforcement officials confirmed that for the following issues the public calling 911 would be appropriate:

Floating docks or large debris in the water. Erratic boat operation such as speeding. Your stranded on a boat due to engine failure or no gas

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Construction along the water or creeks without a permit

Dumping of chemicals or other pollutants into the lake or streams.

In addition, for anyone wishing or needing to report potential or ongoing violations of law but remain anonymous - there are the following contact options are available:

Steuben County Sheriff:

Anonymous Tip phone line: 844-378-4847

Website: https://www.steubencountyny.gov/551/Anonymous-Tip-Links

Yates County Sheriff:

Anyone with a cell phone may send an anonymous tip to the Yates County Sheriff's Office.

Option 1: Text Message - Open a text message and enter 847411 (tip411) in the "To" field. In the body of the text, text the keyword YATES and then add your tip.

Option 2: Download the Yates County Sheriff's app in the iTunes Store and/or Google Play Store.

For those who wish to contact the **DEC** directly:

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC):

- •For general complaint reporting and inquiries: the DEC 24 Hour dispatch number is **1-844-DEC-ECOS** (1-844-332-3267).
- •In addition, DEC Lieutenant Lochner was kind enough to provide us with his state issued cell number #315-836-6137 for KLA members who wish to speak with a local officer directly.

His name and title are:

Lieutenant Matthew T. Lochner

Supervising Environmental Conservation Officer NYS EnCon Police, Region 8, Zone 4

- <u>2022 Sheriff Statistics:</u> The sheriff provided statistics for 2022 regarding their law-enforcement activity on the waters of Keuka Lake. These may be published in our June 2023 newsletter and available online.
- <u>Boating Under the Influence:</u> the sheriffs asked us to please remind our members that operating a boat under the influence of drugs or alcohol is illegal. Same as operating a vehicle. They also noted that due to the legalization of cannabis, they are finding more instances of operators of boats operating under the influence of cannabis, which is illegal.
- <u>5MPH speed limit</u>: The group also discussed the KLA's ongoing initiative of reminding boaters that there is a speed limit of 5 mph within 200 feet of shore and docks.
- <u>Boating safety topics</u>: KLA Secretary, Ira Goldman reviewed several topics with the sheriffs including peer to peer boat rental apps that allow individual boat owners to rent out their boats, but they are not considered liveries under NYS law so the boat owners need to ensure renters are properly certified or trained including having a Safe Boating Certificate; and the accessibility of the America's Boating channel with its collection of boating safety and education videos.
- Starry Stonewort and invasive species: Lexie Davis from the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) provided an update on the KLA's plans to remove and track invasive species including DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) and the placement of Benthic Mats in parts of Keuka Lake scheduled for July.
- <u>Wake boats</u>: KLA VP Mike Gow updated the law-enforcement officials on the KLA efforts to educate its members on wake boating. The officers noted that they received many complaints related to wake boats specifically- erosion, strong waves created by wake boats and loud noise.
- <u>Fisheries & Fishing</u>: no update on fisheries this year. The DEC officials noted that there is a youth fishing day on July 24 (additional information on this event is available by contacting Cynthia Crain 315-350-4083). The DEC officials advised us that there have been reports of more Walleye being spotted in Keuka.
- Bow fishing: The DEC reminded us that Carp may be taken from May 15 September 30 with a longbow where fishing and the discharge of a bow is permitted (must possess either a fishing license or hunting license). No other fish may be taken with a bow. It is illegal (i) to bow fish within 50 yards of any inhabitable structure and (ii) to dispose of any fish carcasses into the water within 100 feet of shore.
- <u>Lake level</u>: the Sheriffs noted that they will issue an *advisory* on boating activity if lake level becomes too high; and are able to declare a *state of emergency* and impose restrictions on speed limits and other activities only when there is an actual emergency.
- <u>Funding:</u> Steuben Sheriff will have additional patrol hours on Keuka this summer due to additional funding allocated by the county legislature last year.

NEW YORK STATE NAVIGATION LAW **BOATING REGULATIONS FOR KEUKA LAKE-2023**

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Powerboat Operation: New Requirements under Brianna's Law: Persons born on or after January 1, 1983 must have successfully completed a New York State approved/ NASBLA, Power Squadron, or Coast Guard Safe Boating Course in order to operate a mechanically propelled vessel. Please refer to the NYS Boaters Guide. Certificates or a NYS driver's license with the "anchor" symbol must be in the operator's possession (on the boat).

Personal Watercraft: Operators must be at least 14 years old. Operators of all ages are required to have passed one of the NYS approved boating safety courses. Certificates must be in the operator's possession.

- Maximum Speed & Noise Limits: 45 mph during daylight hours, 25 mph after sunset until sunrise and times of reduced visibility • Maximum 90 decibels stationary, 75 decibels underway (mufflers must remain in place) • 5 mph within 200 ft. of shore, docks, floats or anchored boats (except when pulling up or dropping off a water skier) • In times of high or low water, be alert to additional restrictions announced by the Sheriffs • Organized events that desire exceptions to NYS laws must apply for a Marine Regatta permit, see https://parks.ny.gov/documents/recreation/boating/RegattaPermitApplicatio.pdf
- **Bow Riding** is not permitted, passengers must be seated within the vessel, not on the gunwale, motor hatch or stern while underway.
- Children under 12 on board a vessel under 26 feet must wear an appropriately sized Type I, II or III USCG Approved life jacket while boat is underway. (Type III & V inflatable Life Jackets not approved under 16)
- Water Skiing: Tow boat must have an observer at least ten years of age, in addition to the operator Skier must wear an approved Life Jacket designed for water sports - not an inflatable life jacket • Water Skiing is prohibited between sunset and sunrise and times of reduced visibility
- Diver Down Regulations: All boats must stay 100 feet from "diver down" flags, these are the Alpha Flag (blue pennant with white stripe at base) and the Diver Flag (red rectangle with white diagonal stripe).

Boating Equipment	Motor Boats	<u>PWC</u>	Manually powered vessels and Sailboats under 23 ft.		
 Life Jackets 	1 per person	1 per person	1 per person (incl. paddle craft ¹)		
 Throwable Device 	Type IV ²	Not Required	Type IV²		
• Fire Extinguisher(s) - B1/5B/20B**	All	Federal Rules Require	Not Required		
 Visual Distress Signals 		See Boaters Guide, p.23	.		
Nighttime - 3 Red Flares *	16 ft & up (under 16 ft - nigh	Not Required ³	Sailboats from Sunset to Sunrise (not req'd on manually powered vessels)		
Daytime - Distress Flag	Day Only	Required	Not Required		
 Anchor 	All	Not Required	Not Required		
Horn/Bell/Whistle - Mechanical	39 ft & Over	Not Required	Not Required (Whistle Req'd on paddle craft)		
Whistle or Horn - Mouth	Under 39 ft	All	Not Required		
 Navigation Lights 	Bow & Stern	Not Required ³	White Lantern⁴		
 Emergency Cutoff Switch use 	Required	Required	Not Required		
*The Sirius Signal SOS distress light is approved by the US Coast Guard and NYS in place of flares					

**US Coast Guard regulations put a 12-yr expiration on all disposable fire extinguishers. See https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/fire-extinguisher-faq.php for details

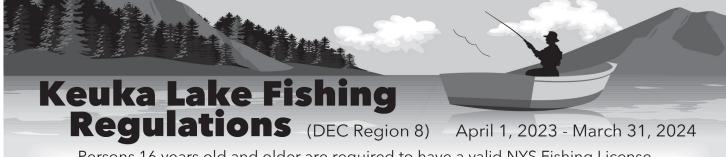
- Paddle Craft include canoes, kayaks, stand up paddle boards and pedal boats.
- All boats 16 ft and longer (except canoes and kayaks) require a buoyancy cushion or other throwable device.
- PWCs operation is not permitted from sunset to sunrise and during times of reduced visibility
- 4 Sailboats under power must exhibit navigation lights required of a motor boat

THE COLD WATER LAW requires all occupants of a vessel 21' or less to wear a Life Jacket from Nov. 1 to May 1 while underway - if the vessel is not tied to the dock, it is "underway".

PLEASE BE AWARE OF EXPIRATION DATES ON FLARES AND MFG DATE ON FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

Additional Suggested Equipment: First Aid Kit, Bailer, Boat Hook, Paddle, Compass, Marine Radio

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Persons 16 years old and older are required to have a valid NYS Fishing License except on the Free Fishing Days: O6/24-25/2023, 09/23/2023, 11/11/2023

Fishing licenses are now available instantly on-line and on smart phones via https://decals.licensing.east.kalkomey.com/ or by calling 1-866-933-2257

For a complete listing of NYS Laws and Regulations, please refer to the "New York Freshwater Fishing 2023-24 Official Regulations Guide https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/fishguide.pdf

or the Central NY Fishing Hotline (607) 753-1551 or (844) DEC-ECOS

Sign up for email updates from the DEC at www.dec.ny.gov & Get the Official NYS Fishing App at iTunes and Google Play

FINGER LAKES SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

Lake Trout, Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout And Landlocked Salmon Season: All Year. Daily Limit: 5 Fish In Combination (Max Of 1 Rainbow Trout Or 3 Landlocked Salmon). Minimum Length: 15"

Black Bass (Largemouth And Smallmouth) Season: June 15- March 15*. Daily Limit: 5. Minimum Length: 12"

*Special Season: March 16-June 14, Catch And Release Fishing Is Allowed - Artificial Lures Only

Northern Pike Season: May 1-March 15. Daily Limit: 5. Minimum Length: 22"

Walleye Season: May 1- March 15. Daily Limit: 3. Minimum Length 18"

STATEWIDE REGULATIONS

Pickerel Season: May 1 - March 15. Daily Limit: 5. Minimum Length: 15"

Crappie Season: All Year. Daily Limit: 25. Minimum Length: 10"

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Yellow Perch Season: All Year. Daily Limit: 50. Minimum Length: Any Size

Sunfish - Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Redbreast Season: All Year. Daily Limit: 25. Minimum Length: Any Size

Smelt Dipping (Dip Net 14" Dia Max) Season: All Year. Daily Limit: 8 Quarts. Hours: Anytime

Ice Fishing Keuka Lake fishing regulations apply to take any species from November 15- April 30. 7 ice fishing lines may be used. *Ice Fishing Line* means any device <u>that uses a hook and line to fish</u> through the ice, including but not limited to hand line, historical cross style tip-ups, tip downs, etc.

Keuka Lake Tributaries From the Lake upstream to the first barrier impassable to fish: **Lake Trout, Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Landlocked Salmon** Season: April 1 - December 31. Daily Limit: 3 fish in combination (max of 1 Rainbow Trout). Minimum Length: 15"

Keuka Lake Outlet From first barrier (Railroad trestle bridge in Dresden) upstream to Keuka Lake; (Seneca Lake rules apply in the Keuka Lake Outlet downstream of railroad trestle bridge in Dresden) **Trout** (Brook, Brown, Rainbow) Season: April 1-Oct. 15. Daily Limit 5. Any Size (no more than 2 > 12"). Oct. 16-March 31 - Catch and release only - artificial lures only. **Lake Trout** Season: April 1 - Oct. 15. Daily Limit: 3. Minimum size 21". **Atlantic Salmon** Season: All Year. Daily Limit: 3. Minimum Length: 15".

PLEASE NOTE: A specific list of baitfish that may be purchased has been established by the DEC (Purchase baitfish only from a dealer selling certified disease-free bait)

NYS Invasive Species Law requires all boats to be clean, drained and dried prior to launching or leaving the lake!

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Please join the KLA on our website:

www.keukalakeassociation.org

REMINDER: NYS Motor Boat Education Requirements:

- All operators must be at least 10 years of age.
- As of January 1, 2020, new education requirements for motor-boat operators- including PWCs-went into effect under Brianna's Law. Your date of birth will determine when you must have a boating safety certificate by, with all operators required to have a certificate by 2025. The chart below shows the latest phase in.

If you were born on or after:	You will need a boating safety certificate when operating a motorized vessel in			
January 1, 1983	2023			
January 1, 1978	2024			
All operators of motorized vessels, regardless of age, will need a boating safety certificate by January 1, 2025				

• The New York Safe Boating Course teaches basic boating skills and encourages common sense and courtesy to all who share the water. Boaters can earn their certificate by taking a classroom course with certified New York State instructors or through approved online courses. You must be at least 10 years old to take a safe boating course.

For information on courses click on this link: https://parks.ny.gov/boating/boating-safety-class.aspx

NYS Engine Cut Off Switch Legislation- by Ira Goldman

As of April, 2021 the US Coast Guard announced Operators of recreational vessels less than 26 feet in length will be required to use an engine cut-off switch (ECOS) and associated ECOS link (ECOSL) as the U.S. Coast Guard implemented a law passed by Congress. Section 8316 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2021 requires individuals operating covered recreational vessels (less than 26 feet in length, with an engine capable of 115 lbs. of static thrust; 3 HP or more) to use ECOS "links." Using the ECOSL is required only when the primary helm is not within an enclosed cabin, and when the boat is operating on plane or above displacement speed. Common situations where ECOSL use would not be required include docking/ trailering, trolling and operating in no-wake zones. More information can be found at https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/engine-cut-off-switch-faq.php

The Coast Guard announcement stated that seven states currently have ECOS use laws for traditional recreational vessels, and 44 states (including NY) have ECOS use laws for personal watercraft (PWC). This has led to some questions about whether this law applies to motor boats being operated in inland waters under the jurisdiction of NYS? According to the NYS Department of Parks and Recreation, the NYS legislature has been requested to add this provision to NYS law but as of March, 2023 that has not yet happened.

However in anticipation of the legislature changing the law, the current December 2022 edition of the NYS Boaters Guide https://www.nxtbook.com/newyorkstateparks/nysparks/ https://www.nxtbook.com/newyorkstateparks/nysparks/ https://www.nxtbook.com/newyorkstateparks/nysparks/ https://www.nxtbook.com/newyorkstateparks/nysparks/ https://www.nxtbook.com/newyorkstateparks/ https://www.nxtbook.com/newyorkstateparks/ https://www.nxtbook.com/newyorks/ <a href="https://ww

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Total Vessel Engine I	Hours	919.5	Engine	run time. Use o	ne engine	e for multi-engine vessels.	
Man Hours Aboard Ve	essels	1834	Total man-hours your officers spent aboard vessels while on patrol.				
Man Hours - Non I	Patrol	554.5	Total man-hours related to marine administrative work, investigations, training,				
Total Hours of	f MLE	2388.5	boating	safety outreach	etc.		
# of Accidents Investig	gated	5					
# of Accident Reports Subr	mitted	3	Reporta	ble accidents m	ust be su	bmitted to OPRHP.	
Search and Rescues Cond	ucted	8	Respon	se to a request i	nvolving	a person or vessel in peril.	
# of Vessel/Person As	ssists	38	Aid where there is no immediate danger to the vessel/persons.				
# Vessels Reported Stoler	n/Lost	8					
Total Vessel Inspec	ctions	824	Inspections are comprised of contact between an officer and an owner/operator of a vessel, where the officer physically examines req'd safety				
On Water Inspec	ctions	582	equip. and the vessel reg. where applicable. On water insepctions refer to those made while the officer is underway. All others should be considered a Launch				
Boarding Reports Comp	oleted	3	Site/Marina Inspection. OPRHP recomends the use of a boarding repot to docume on water inspections.				
Launch Sites/Marina Inspec	ctions	242	on water inspections.				
Paddlecraft Inspec	ctions	2446					
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Insufficient Wearable PFDs (§	40.1.a)	8		43		NYS PARK & RECREATION	
Insufficient Throwable PFD (§4	40.1.b)	3		6		BUREAU OF MARINE SERVICES	
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Total Vessel Engine Hours	127		e engine	e for multi-engine vessels.
Man Hours Aboard Vessels	293	Total man-hours your officers spent aboard vessels while on patrol.		
Man Hours - Non Patrol	243	Total man-hours related to marine administrative work, investigations, training,		
Total Hours of MLE	536	boating safety outreach etc.		
# of Accidents Investigated				
# of Accident Reports Submitted		Reportable accidents mu	st be su	ibmitted to OPRHP.
Search and Rescues Conducted		Response to a request in	volving	a person or vessel in peril.
# of Vessel/Person Assists	3	Aid where there is no imi	nediate	danger to the vessel/persons.
# Vessels Reported Stolen/Lost				
Total Vessel Inspections	49			contact between an officer and an nere the officer physically examines req'd safety
On Water Inspections	48	equip, and the vessel reg. where applicable. On water insepctions refer to the made while the officer is underway. All others should be considered a Launch Site/Marina Inspection. OPRHP recomends the use of a boarding repot to docur on water inspections.		
Boarding Reports Completed	7			
Launch Sites/Marina Inspections	1			
Paddlecraft Inspections	43			
NAVIGATION LAW	Citations/Arrests	Warnings		MAILING ADDRESS
Insufficient Wearable PFDs (§40.1.a)		1		NYS PARK & RECREATION
Insufficient Throwable PFD (§40.1.b)			_	BUREAU OF MARINE SERVICES
Failure to Wear PFD (§40.1.d, §73.3, §73-a)				ALBANY, NY 12238
Sound Producing Device (9 NYCRR 445.1)				Phone 518-474-7600
Fire Extinguisher (§40.6)		7		Chad Juenker
Visual Distress Signals (§40.7)		2	•	Chad.juenker@parks.ny.gov
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All Other NYS Navigation Laws		2		
Total Navigation Law		12		
Registration Violations (V&T §2251)		3		
All Other Laws and Regulations			Includ	es Local laws and ordinances
Totals		15		
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Science on the Water

Lexie Davis, Natural Resources and Watershed Educator



Looking to get involved with the Keuka Lake Association? There are 5 different programs that utilize volunteers! Take a look at what your KLA is doing to study and understand water quality:

- 1. Lake Water Sampling and Analysis—Funded by the KLA 31st year of sampling at 12 sites in the middle and along the shores, once a month April October. Clarity is measured with a Secchi disc, plankton is netted, pH, dissolved oxygen, chlorophyll, and temperature are measured by probe. The samples are analyzed at Finger Lakes Institute for nutrients, Nitrogen and Phosphorus, chlorophyll, and urea.
- 2. Citizen Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) Funded by the KLA—7th year of sampling a single site June-September. This is Managed by the Department of Conservation (DEC) and the New York Federation of Lake Associations (NYSFOLA). Volunteers collect, process, and ship the samples for analyses at a certified DEC lab. The DEC provides a thorough report the following spring.
- 3. Water Assessment by Volunteer Evaluators WAVE—Funded by the DEC—1st year of monitoring streams for benthic invertebrates as they are indicators of water quality in tributaries and watershed health. Volunteers use kick nets to collect samples living in the stream bottoms. These are sent to the DEC for identification. Data collected are compiled and examined by the DEC to look for trends.
- 4. Stream Sampling—Funded by a grant from Finger Lakes Lake Ontario

Watershed Protection Alliance (FLLOWPA) - 6th year of sampling in tributaries flowing into the lake from areas associated with water quality issues such as harmful algal blooms (HABs), sediment plumes, and agricultural runoff to identify and quantify non-point sources of pollution. Volunteers sample 8 locations three times per year, including a rain event. A Quality Assurance Project Program (QUAPP) was developed to ensure all data collected will be useful in securing grnat money for watershed restoration projects.

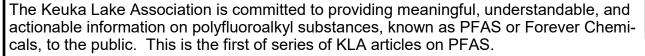
5. Shoreline Monitoring Program—Funded by the KLA—5th year of monitoring our shorelines for Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) and aquatic invasive species (AIS). Volunteers use a smart phone or computer to record HABs and AIS locations, size, and appearance once a week from June-October. Samples of HABs are taken to the Finger Lakes Institute to be analyzed by fluoroprobe for the amount of blue green chlorophyll associated with HABs.

Want to become a volunteer?

We need volunteers for all of these programs!
Contact **Lexie Davis** to become a citizen scientist:

E-mail: **abd97@cornell.edu**Call: (315) 536-5123

WATER QUALITY—MIKE GOW THE FOREVER CHEMICALS—PFAS





Most of the following information is taken directly from the EPA...and we recommend visiting the EPA website to learn more. The KLA is working with Cornell Cooperative Extension, the Finger Lakes Institute and the DEC to better understand, anticipate and respond to any presence of PFAS in Keuka Lake. Our initial focus is to better understand PFAS testing procedures, including: *methods, frequency, accuracy and costs.*

PFAS are a group of manufactured chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products since the 1940s because of their useful properties. Due to their widespread production and use, as well as their ability to move and persist in the environment, surveys conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) show that most people in the United States have been exposed to some PFAS. Most known exposures are relatively low, but some can be high, particularly when people are exposed to a concentrated source over long periods of time. Some PFAS chemicals can accumulate in the body over time.

What EPA Has Learned So Far

- PFAS are widely used, long lasting chemicals, components of which break down very slowly over time.
- Because of their widespread use and their persistence in the environment, many PFAS are found in the blood of people and animals all over the world and are present at low levels in a variety of food products and in the environment.
- PFAS are found in water, air, fish, and soil at locations across the nation and the globe.
- Scientific studies have shown that exposure to some PFAS in the environment may be linked to harmful health effects in humans and animals.

There are thousands of PFAS chemicals, and they are found in many different consumer, commercial, and industrial products. This makes it challenging to study and assess the potential human health and environmental risks.

Learn more about the DEC's current understanding of PFAS:

https://www.epa.gov > pfas > pfas-explained

What We Don't Fully Understand Yet

- EPA's researchers and partners across the country are working hard to answer critical questions about PFAS:
- o How to better and more efficiently detect and measure PFAS in our air, water, soil, and fish and wildlife
- o How much people are exposed to PFAS
- o How harmful PFAS are to people and the environment
- How to remove PFAS from drinking water

How to manage and dispose of PFAS

The above is some basic information. We hope to provide more specific information on **testing** in the next article.

SENECA-KEUKA 9E PROJECTS UPDATE

Steve Butchko-KWIC, Mark Morris-KLA and Colby Petersen - Keuka Lake, Watershed Manager







2023 Soil Health & Nutrient Management Workshop Update

The 2023 Soil Health & Nutrient Management Workshop was a great success. There was a variety of



speakers who discussed a wide range of topics including national weather patterns, soil testing, manure management, cover cropping, soil erosion, weed management and watershed planning. In total, there were approximately 100 attendees that came out to the event, held at the Ontario Produce Auction.

Matt Reardron from Nutrien Ag Solutions travelled from the Midwest to talk about "Weather Solution Impacts on Agriculture" and had a fascinating presentation on weather patterns across the country and how they are impacted by global climate and precipitation trends. He included some spring and summer weather outlooks for

our region. Chad Stoeckl and Henry Kelsey from Western NY Crop Management spoke about how to interpret your soil test results and actions to take based on these results. Mike Stanyard from the Cornell Cooperative Extension Northwest New York Dairy, Livestock and Field Crop Program, talked about some of Western New York's toughest weeds, how to identify them, their biology, and management options. Part of the workshop involved the discussion of 9 Element Watershed Planning and Implementation by Kevin Olvany. Our local farmers are critical partners in watershed management and planning so it is great to be able to include this topic at this annual agricultural event. Tucker Kautz of Ontario County SWCD and Tom Eskildsen of Yates County SWCD discussed best management practices for nutrient reduction and erosion control on farmland, including lots of examples of local implementation. The day wrapped up with Kirsten Workman of Cornell Pro Dairy who had an engaging presentation on "Managing Manure in the Context of Conservation Cropping Systems." We received a great deal of positive feedback from the farming community regarding the workshop content.

Thank you to Ontario County SWCD, Yates County SWCD and the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association, for all their hard work to help make this workshop possible. Thank you to our sponsors AgroLiquid, Phelps Supply, Farm Credit East, Alleghany Farm Services, and King's AgriSeeds for their incredible support! We also want to thank our local partner agencies who ended the workshop to spread the word about resources they can share with our local ag community. Stay tuned for our summer field □ based workshop and feel free to reach out with ideas for future speakers and topics.

COMMUNICATIONS—DOUG DEFRANCO

We hope you are looking forward to summer as much as we are! A few things to consider in order to ensure you are keeping updated with the KLA and all that we do.



Monthly E-Newsletter

In addition to this quarterly newsletter, you also should be receiving our monthly e-newsletter. If you are not receiving these on the first day of each month and wish to, please check with us to ensure we have an updated and accurate email on file. Also keep in mind that each member can provide us with up to 2 email addresses in case you want a second family member to receive it as well. Once you confirm your proper email address is on file and if you are still not receiving it, please check your spam file to see if it is being sent there.

◆ Social Media

The KLA is on many of the social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, If you are on these platforms, follow, like or subscribe to keep in touch.

◆ Press Releases

The KLA is making a concerted effort in 2023 to provide local media outlets with press releases informing the general public about what we do to preserve and protect our lake. It is our hope that this will encourage anyone who values this lake to join our cause.

♦ Web Site

The most popular part of our website remains the water level and lake temperature. While, we realize how important those tools are, take a moment to check out current announcements and explore the other great resources and educational material that can be found there.

◆Business Spotlight

A new feature in our monthly e-newsletter is the business spotlight. This feature is designed to introduce our members to local businesses and services that support the KLA. We hope you will consider supporting any of our business members when buying products or services around the lake!

MEMBERSHIP—JOHN HAGREEN

Hello KLA Members,

Of course, we are now entering lake season, the best time on Keuka Lake!! It is a great time to sit back with family and friends and enjoy natures beauty, that is our lake. As we enter this summer season, the membership committee has been busy trying to convert many of our lakefront residents into our membership base. We hope to improve our membership numbers with a campaign reaching **all** residents on our lake. We need your help if possible, to find a non-member friend or neighbor and share the many benefits you enjoy from our active lake association. Our goal is to improve our overall membership base by an additional 20%. We will connect with non-members throughout the summer by a number of pathways.

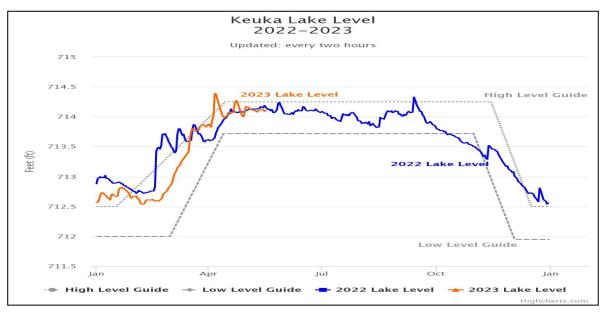
Some of the wonderful values of our KLA organization are captured below:

- * Supporting the preservation and protection efforts keeping Keuka Lake safe, healthy and vibrant
- * To become part of a community who loves the lake as much as you do and contribute to the sense of friendliness, inclusiveness and belonging that makes Keuka Lake so special.
- * To help maintain the quality of life, including access to all the lake life amenities, that we enjoy as lakefront property owners
- * To ensure your investment in lakeside living continues to benefit you and yours well into the future
- * To gain access to exclusive information about Keuka Lake including Navigation and Recreation guidance, Water quality and temperature along with working collaboratively with the multiple towns to insure proper lake levels.

Thank you for your support, as always, and have a great summer!

LAKE LEVEL—WAYNE HAND

The chart below is a screen shot from the KLA lake level page as of mid-May, which compares the actual lake levels thus far this year (shown in red), against the actual lake levels for 2022 (shown in blue). The dotted lines indicate the lake level objectives range throughout the year, which for much of the time amounts to about a 6 inch window. KLOC's strives to maintain the lake level within these objectives.



As can be seen above, KLOC has done a good job thus far this year in maintaining the lake level within the objectives. Only for a brief time during the winter and a couple days in April did the lake level move outside of the objectives, and only by a few inches. Thank you to KLOC and the Penn Yan municipal resources, who operate the controlling gates for KLOC, for your performance.

Mother nature has also been very kind to us with mild winter temperatures, hardly any ice, and no extreme rain events. Let's hope that future precipitation continues to be more typical "normal". However, lets not forget that extreme rain events do happen periodically where the lake level can raise substantially within a few hours, and there is little that KLOC can do to prevent these high levels. Please maintain your dock and boat lift heights appropriately, and have a plan to deal with higher levels, when this happens, ... because history has shown, that it will. We last experienced two of these events in August and October of 2021, and about every 4-5 years prior to then? We recommend that you keep track of lake levels on the KLA website and have an action plan to proactively prevent your boats, dock boards, and other shoreline assets from floating away, ... when this happens again.

Have a great summer season on the lake!

Congratulations to the KLAeidoscope of Keuka Winners for 2024 Calendar

Cover: View from Dutch St.— Tom Eichorn July: Rainbow—Tanva Loomis Sunset - Stephaine Smith-Simone Jan: Aug: Fly-in breakfast—Ken Nykiel Blue and gray from West Lake Rd, PY -Feb: Sept: Curtiss Salute—Lawrence Barnes Kevin Sax Oct: Mist and Clouds - Gary Brown Almost time for fishing—Nancy Mest Mar: Nov: Bluff up and down—Tom Eichorn Look, sun and Keuka Lake - Kris Gilbert Apr: Dec: Storm clouds—Carl Dietze May: Keuka Rainstorm—Nancy Feinstein Back cover: Sycamore Point—Lou Glantz

June Sailor's delight or warning, sunrise or sunset

- Nancy Mest Thanks to all who submitted photos!!!!!

Beware the Ticks-Critter Corner-David decalesta

Deer ticks and the diseases they can transmit are now common in yards and forests adjacent to Keuka Lake. Any walk in the woods (e.g. along the outlet trail from Penn Yan to Dresden) will put you at risk of getting bitten. You may pick up one or more ticks simply by walking around your yard. They are spread to your property by deer, mice, chipmunks, and squirrels. Knowledge and preparation are key to avoid getting infected with one or more deadly diseases from tick bites. Between 2004 and 2016 New York State was number 2 in recorded diseases from tick bites - almost 70,000.

Biology. The tiny 6 legged larva (also called "seed" ticks) hatch in spring and do not carry disease organisms but pick them up after their first blood meal from an infected host such as deer. Most tick bites occur during tick season (May-July). After their first blood meal larvae fall off the host and molt into 8 legged nymphs. Nymphs molt after another blood meal, becoming adult ticks during fall when they breed and produce the next generation of ticks. To date, the deer tick seems to carry most of the organisms that attack us, but because dog ticks can carry Rocky Mountain spotted fever, all tick bites should be evaluated. Deer ticks are small, flattened, dark arachnids (like spiders and mites, they have 8 legs except for the newly-hatched nymphs) rather than insects (6-legged critters). Deer ticks are smaller than dog ticks (Fig.1) and like them go through the three stages.

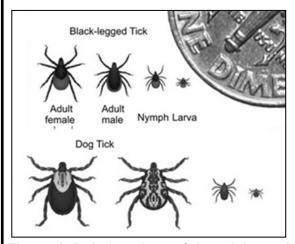


Figure 1. Relative sizes of deer ticks and dog ticks (from Center for Disease Control). Signs and symptoms of tick bites/infections.

Some people can detect an attached tick-they itch. But most of us cannot and have to rely on visual detection (spotting an embedded one at typical sites – at the beltline, between legs, behind knees, in armpits – but they can attach anywhere) and symptoms. Once attached, it takes ticks about 18 hours to transmit disease organisms to us, so early detection is critical. Walks outdoors during tick season (May-July) should be followed by a complete visual body scan.

Diseases and symptoms caused by tick bites.

Disease organisms transmitted by ticks can be debilitating and deadly, do not take them lightly: In addition to Lyme disease organisms, deer ticks also carry Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Babesiosis, Ehrlichiosis, anaplasmosis, and the recently-discovered and fatal Powassan and Bourbon viruses (fortunately the last two organisms are extremely rare). Descriptions of symptoms and disease are:

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection symptoms of which include loss of the ability to move one or both sides of the face, joint pains, and severe headaches with neck stiffness or heart palpitations. It is the most common of diseases caused by tick bites. It is estimated that in New York between 30 and 50% of deer ticks are infected with Lyme disease. Appearance of reddened areas surrounding tick bites (the bulls-eye of Lyme disease - Fig. 2) or sudden onset of chills, nausea, headaches and/or muscle pain in the days following a tick bite signal it's time to get medical help. Months to years later repeated episodes of joint pain and swelling may occur. Occasionally shooting pains or tingling in the arms and legs may develop. Despite appropriate treatment about 10 to 20% of those affected develop joint pains, memory problems and tiredness for at least six months. Effective treatment is oral antibiotics for ~ 10 days.



Figure 2. Typical bulls-eye appearance of Lyme disease on a forearm (from WebMed).

Babesiosis is parasitic disease. People infected with babesiosis gradually develop malaise and fatigue, followed by a fever. Hemolytic anemia, in which red blood cells are destroyed and removed from the blood, also develops. Chills, sweats, and thrombocytopenia are common symptoms which may last from several days to several month: organ failure may follow, including adult respiratory distress syndrome. Babesiosis usually is treated for at least 7-10 days with a combination of Atovaquone plus azithromycin; or. Clindamycin plus quinine.

Ehrlichiosis is a bacterial infection Specific symptoms include fever, chills, severe headaches, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, confusion, and a splotchy or pinpoint rash. More severe symptoms include brain or nervous system damage, respiratory failure, uncontrollable bleeding, organ failure, and death. *Treatment is by doxycycline* antibiotic until at least

Anaplasmosis is caused by Anaplasma bacteria and is referred to as "yellow bag" or "yellow fever" because infected humans can develop a jaundiced look. For some, this infection can be even more serious than Lyme disease. Symptoms of anaplasmosis include fever, chills, headache, muscle aches or nausea - which can start one to five days after the tick bite. Other signs of infection include weight loss, diarrhea, paleness of the skin, aggressive behavior, and high fever. The immune system will try to fight off infected red blood cells, but will also kill healthy red blood cells. There are no vaccines for anaplasmosis, but tetracycline drugs are an effective treatment. Early detection and treatment are critical, do not wait for symptoms to go away but seek medical help right away.

Powassan virus can cause encephalitis. Symptoms appearing 1 to 3 weeks after infection include fever, headache, nausea, occasional confusion, and weakness. With severe Powassan illnesses the victims should be hospitalized, because the disease may progress to meningoencephalitis with: seizures, aphasia, cranial nerve palsies, paresis and altered mental status. About 10% of powassan encephalitis cases are fatal and half the survivors have permanent symptoms that affect their brain. There is no medication to treat Powassan virus infection. People with severe disease often need to be hospitalized to receive support for breathing, staying hydrated, or reducing swelling in the brain.

Bourbon virus causes high fever, headache, decreased appetite, muscle aches, joint pain, fatigue, malaise, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and a rash on the abdomen, chest and back. In rare cases patients may die. There is no specific treatment or vaccine for the virus other than palliative care.

Detecting tick bites:

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How to avoid Lyme and other tick-borne diseases

After EVERY trip to the woods and fields *and* your yard examine your body for ticks. Ticks mostly embed in the groin area, along belt lines, under arms and behind knees, but look everywhere, including your ears and scalp. Use tweezers to remove embedded ticks by grasping them with tweezers as close to the skin as possible, and pulling upward without twisting. If you develop any of the symptoms of disease described above seek medical treatment immediately.

Eliminating tick habitat: Keep grass trimmed to short levels and rake and remove leaves from last fall to reduce tick habitat.

Spraying shrubs/lawn with an insecticide: Doesn't work. You need to get the spray directly on the tick and they are usually underneath the vegetation you are spraying. I tried with no success.

Mouse treatment. An effective area treatment is use of use tick tubes. Tick tubes reduce the risk of exposure to an infected tick by up to 97% on a treated property. How do they work? Tick tubes are cardboard tubes that contain cotton wadding treated with permethrin, a tick neuro-toxin. Permethrin-treated cotton wadding is gathered by mice to line their nests. Permethrin in the cotton rubs onto the fur off the mice. Ticks climbing on the mice are exposed to permethrin and die. Tick tubes are safe for dogs but can be toxic to cats. Permethrin is not absorbed through contact with the skin even if the permethrin is sprayed onto the skin. Permethrin kills honey bees but using it only in the controlled and confined settings of tick tubes avoids this hazard. Tick tubes are sold by local hardware stores.

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Put tick tubes out twice a year (spring and mid-summer). They are biodegradable, so you do not need to recollect them when they are spent. Six will cover about 1/4 of an acre, which is the size of the typical suburban yard. If you live in a rural setting with more space and outbuildings, you may want to double or triple that number. Place the tubes in locations where you expect mouse activity:

Piles of firewood or leaves, tree limbs, and trash

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Check tubes every few days to see if mice are removing the cotton wadding, and move as needed.

Chipmunks. After being bitten by ticks after almost every time I trimmed our shrubs in Tennessee I began to associate their presence with the humongous number of chipmunks in our yard. In one summer alone, I removed 100 chipmunks from our yard. Next year I found nary a tick on my body after mowing and trimming. It took about 2 years before we began to be overrun by chipmunks again. Chipmunks are not protected in New York: it is legal to remove them from your yard. Some live-trap them (chipmunk traps are available in hardware stores) and either take them for a ride and release them miles away or submerge cage and chipmunk in water off the dock.

Past "Critter Corner "articles by Dave deCalesta can be enjoyed on the KLA website.

Select "Education > Wildlife & Nature



KAYAKER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KROSSIN' KEUKA

Keuka Comfort Care Home (KCCH) is looking for kayaker volunteers for its most important fund-raiser, Krossin' Keuka, the morning of Saturday, July 29th. If you are not familiar with KCCH, we provide hospice-like, end-of-life service to residents and their families at no cost. We are able to do this through donations and fund-raising events. One of our largest fund-raising events is Krossin' Keuka, where participants get sponsors and swim across Keuka at Keuka College's Point Neamo, approximately 2/3 of a mile.

Such an event requires a large number of volunteers to assure the safety of the nearly 150 swimmers. We are in need of some additional kayakers who line the course and provide support for the swimmers as they proceed. The event begins at 8 a.m. and wraps up around 11 a.m. There will be an orientation/training session on an evening the week before the event, specific time and date to be determined.

If you are interested in this fun, but important volunteer opportunity, we would appreciate your help. Contact me by email kmjring@gmail.com or phone 585-261-8375, and I will fill you in on further details. Thanks for your consideration.

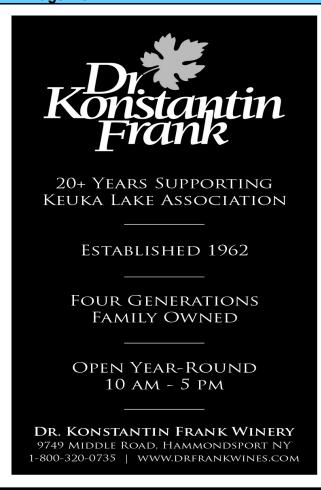
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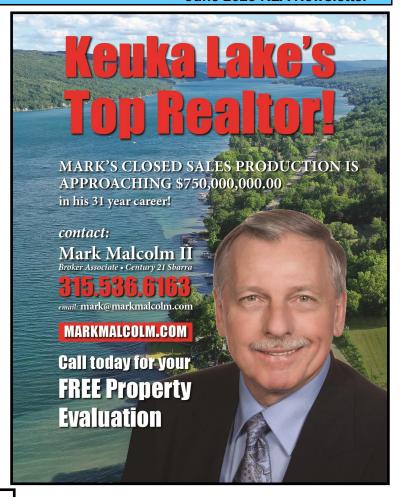
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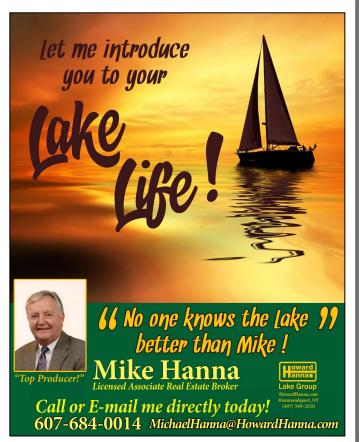
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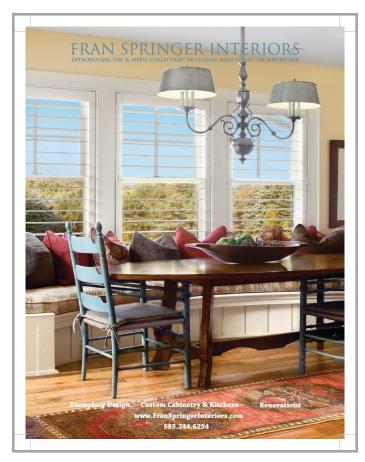




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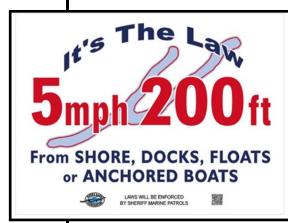
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Ex-Officio	Mark Morris		
Consultants	Colby Peterson	Lexie Davis	Lisa Cleckner

Dock Plate 6"x12"	(<u>excluding #s</u>) - \$	30 incl.	S&H
\$25 if purchased at tl	ne KLA Office		

Dock Plate 8"x12" (including #s) - \$45 incl. S&H*

*Larger plate is special order only—house # plus road or cottage name:

Numbers for 6x12 plates—\$1.00 each Fill in your desired numbers below



KLA DECALS—FREE Two KLA decals -





_ Two Business decals

NEW 5.200 decals and lawn signs are available in the KLA Office

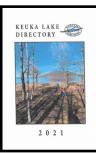
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LP HOLDERS: \$8.00 incl. S&H
Also available in the above local stores

2021 Directories: \$10.00 incl. S&H





4th Annual KLA Golf Tournament @ Lakeside Country Club 4-person Scramble Monday, July 10, 2023

9 AM Registration \$100/Person

10 AM Shotgun Start \$400/Team

Includes: tee prize, lunch, appetizers & prizes following golf HOLE-IN-ONE ON #9 WINS A ONE-DAY STARCRAFT BOAT RENTAL CERTIFICATE—\$900 VALUE!!

Name & Phone Number:

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Sign up by June 29, 2023

Checks can be made out to Keuka Lake Association (KLA) and mailed to KLA, PO Box 35, Penn Yan, NY 14527. Indicate "KLA GOLF" on your check.

Corporate & personal hole sponsorship is available. Call 315-694-7324.

All proceeds benefit the Keuka Lake Association





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YOUR JUNE NEWSLETTER HAS ARRIVED!

The KLA's mission is to preserve and protect Keuka Lake and its natural beauty for future generations.



KLA Calendar available:

Longs' in Penn Yan
Browsers and Cinnamon Stick in
H'sport
Crooked Lake Mercantile in B'port
Lyon-Smith Brewing Co.—
Keuka Park

A huge KLA Welcome to our new Executive Assistant, Amanda Marino

She is replacing Margo McTaggart, who is retiring after 22 years as the KLA's Admin. Asst.

Amanda is a lifelong fan of Keuka Lake. Growing up, she spent many lazy summer days on the water with her family. She, and her husband, Matt, made the decision several years ago to move their family

here and make Keuka Lake their yearround home. They love raising their children on the west side and enjoying all 4
seasons on the water. Amanda graduated from SUNY Geneseo with a BA in
Psychology. Over the course of her career she has worked in various positions
in sales, marketing and investments as
well as starting and growing her own
businesses. But her favorite job has
been raising her 3 children for the past
12 years. Amanda is excited to join the
KLA and for the opportunity to make an
impact protecting our beautiful lake for
generations to come.

