



Shore Lines

"Promoting Safe Fun on Clean Lakes"

Fifty-first Annual CCROA Picnic

FUN ALERT

The 51st Annual Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Association Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 21, 2013, at a new venue, Vacationland Resort located on Hebert Road just off of Thousand Island Lake Road. (There is a large Vacationland sign at the entrance to Hebert Road.) The resort, which has substantial lake frontage on Thousand Island Lake, offers a more central location on the Cisco Chain. The site features ample parking, a sand beach, a wading area for children and an expansive grassy area for fun and games. We are most appreciative to Owners Craig and Lisa Hesse for the opportunity to host our picnic at such an attractive location.



Young Picnickers - Horn Family

Our welcoming activities including ticket pick-up, raffle ticket sales and socializing with neighbors, will begin at 11:30 a.m. The dinner menu which includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled corn, special desert treats and many other picnic "fixins" will be served beginning at 12:30 p.m. The cost for food tickets is only \$5.00 per person with pre-payment encouraged. Please see page #5 for a prepayment form and mail-in information. As was done in years' past, prepaid tickets will not be mailed out, but will be ready for pick-up at the picnic. The prepaid ticket envelopes will also include a special raffle ticket for each pre-purchased meal and will be valid for the raffle of a one-of-a-kind, unique prize. The special raffle prize tickets will not be given out for meals purchased at the picnic because they are an incentive to prepay. "Arms length" raffles tickets however, will be sold at the picnic for a chance to win one of many other attractive prizes.

Highlights of the day will include the raffle, kid's games, invasive species educational display, apparel sales of CCROA clothing and most importantly a great opportunity to socialize with friends and neighbors. Although children are welcome to use the beach and swimming areas, please be advised that there will be no lifeguard on duty and that a responsible adult is required to supervise all minors.

Lastly, please bring a lawn chair as public seating is limited, and also plan to arrive by car because boat parking is minimal. Come and enjoy the fun, festivities and especially the camaraderie that our picnic promises to provide. See you at the picnic!

*Side note: Our picnic Chairperson, Helen Hayhurst was recently injured in a serious automobile accident. She is recovering in Illinois and we wish her a speedy and complete recovery. In her absence many members stepped forward to fill the gap and to make your picnic a success. Also see item on page #4.

CCROA Collaboration

2013 ANNUAL CCROA BUSINESS MEETING

All CCROA members are encouraged to attend our annual business to be held on Thursday, July 18, 2013, 9:30 a.m. at Cisco Lake Resort. Some topics scheduled to be covered are: invasive species, status of the Cisco Dam purchase, need for member participation in CCROA, slate of Board members and several others. There is always a period of discussion when members are invited to bring their question and comments into the conversation. Coffee and doughnuts will be served!

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9:30 am
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11:30 am
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Conversation with Kully



Welcome to summer 2013, perhaps it has finally arrived. Our spring was very late and we've had almost too much rain and cool weather. My recollection is that this is what it was like forty or fifty years ago when I was about eight or nine years old and spent three weeks on the Chain during the summer months. Cool weather was the reason that so many city folks came to the "Northwoods". Now it appears that that people come for fishing, water sports, biking, hiking and more. This is great and we're glad they are still coming.

When I am out and about, I'm often congratulated about the purchase of Cisco Lake Dam. I need to tell everyone that the deal is not officially complete,

but I am excited and optimistic that the sale will be finalized very soon. Please see the article "Status of Cisco Dam" elsewhere on this page. Also, please read Gloria's piece on CCROA participation, as we have had some turnover with Board and committee members and we expect to have even more as we move forward. Everyone is needed at whatever level or in any area they are able to contribute.

I'm very excited about the new venue for our annual summer picnic. Vacationland Resort is a great place to spend the day. Our menu is a return to traditional picnic fare of hot dogs, hamburgers and "fixins" with

Dam Purchase Update

Since the last issue of Shore Lines (see Cisco Dam Update fall, 2012, p.5), many members have inquired about the current status of our Association's purchase of Cisco Lake Dam.

First, due to the generous donations of the majority of our members, our financial goal was met and we (CCROA) have the necessary funds to facilitate the purchase of Cisco Lake Dam. Second, the period for input and inquiry has expired and we are nearing the end of a designated negotiation period that is only intended for changes to the sales process. This period is tentatively scheduled to expire by the end of July, 2013. For our part (CCROA) everything that could have been done has been done. The power company's (Integritys) "Bond Falls Implementation Group" is waiting for permission from the Federal Government to proceed with the dam sale and we are hopeful that it will be consummated by the end of this summer 2013. Kully Rohlen, President

the price reflecting this change. Gather the kids and all your family members. Come and enjoy your Association's most fun-filled event. Wishing you health and happiness in 2013!

Kully Rohlen
CCROA PRESIDENT

Recognize me?

Not all mosquitoes bite. Male mosquitoes spend their days

peacefully drinking nectar from flowers. Although, female mosquitoes like nectar too, in most species females must drink blood before they can lay their eggs. Unfortunately humans are a good source for their bloody meals.

Female mosquitoes notice people by body movement, body heat and by the way we smell. They do most of their biting after dark when hosts are less active and are unlikely to respond. A mosquito lands lightly on the skin and taps the tip of her

proboscis onto the skin then folds back her hairy lip to pierce the skin with her feeding stylets. She then proceeds to probe in the skin for small veins and capillaries that contain blood. She is usually successful sucking blood through one straw like mouthpart while injecting saliva with another. A mosquito can swallow four times her weight in blood. Once she is full, the mosquito pulls her mouth parts out of the wound and flies

off to lay her eggs. This is all accomplished with surgical precision in less than a

minute.

Swelling and itching are an allergic reaction to the protein in mosquito saliva. If you get bitten many, many times your body may become so desensitized that the bites will no longer itch. Any takers?

Kathy Wollard
EXCERPTED FROM HOW COME?

2013 Aquatic Invasive Species Update

During the slow winter months up north (the ice finally leaving the Cisco Chain by mid May), your CCROA board was busy readying for our 2013 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) abatement program. Among our accomplishments during the past year:

- Formation of an AIS Task Force from a broad cross section of your CCROA board members and neighbors

- Selection of a new Eurasian Water-milfoil (EWM) treatment vendor: PLM Lake and Land Management Corporation <http://www.plmcorp.net/>

- Secured the continued services of Northland College and Many Waters, LLC for surveys and treatment facilitation

- Pursued and was awarded grants from the Wisconsin DNR, the Upper Peninsula Power Company, and the US Forest service for EWM treatment

- Continued our cooperation with the ISCCW

Last May, CCROA members should have received a mailing from your AIS Task Force. This is a very important letter and deserves your attention. In it we further detail our accomplishments on your behalf and request your help in the form of a tax-deductible donation. Please thoughtfully consider your donation amount as we are ultimately working on your behalf to protect the value and enjoyment of your lake property.

EWM surveys began in June with scheduled treatment to follow. This year we expect to treat areas in Clearwater,

Thousand Island, and Big Lake for EWM. We still plan to use orange buoys to mark the location of EWM. Please avoid these buoys as much as possible to reduce the spread of EWM.

We look forward to a very successful 2013 EWM treatment. Your task force, treatment experts and new treatment applicator will be working in concert to ensure an effective mitigation effort. This year will be the cornerstone to a comprehensive long term management plan. Please do not underestimate your individual role in preserving our waters for future generations. Keep informed and support efforts and initiatives to protect this most precious resource, the Cisco Chain.



EWM treatment on Thousand Island Lake

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT AND INITIATIVES

- Tuesday, June 18, 2013 was the day for Eurasian Water-Milfoil Treatment (EWM) on Thousand Island Lake. We treated a large area on the north end of the lake as well as several smaller areas also on the north end and another area near the public boat launch. Hopefully by the end of the month, we will see visible effects of the treatment on the EWM. A survey later in the season will measure its effectiveness.

- On Big Lake, several surveys by Northland College was unable to locate the EWM bed observed last year, thus no treatment was accomplished. Crews will continue to look over the summer. If located, we may attempt a late season treatment.

- For Clearwater Lake, EWM was observed in several areas. Instead of spot treating in 2013 as we have in the past decade, your Association is going to attempt a whole-lake treatment in 2014. This protocol comes with an 80% reduction in EWM guarantee. We will expend resources in 2013 gathering data in preparation for the 2014 treatment. We hope that Clearwater residents and users see a major improvement after we are finished!

- Another resource your AIS Task Force is developing is EWM locations maps placed in 'Realtor' style boxes at all the boat launches on the Cisco Chain. These maps can be used by boaters to identify and avoid areas of EWM.

- Lastly on the morning of July 24, in partnership with the ISCCW, we will be hosting a Aquatic Invasive Species Plant identification class at the Thousand Island Lake boat launch. Participants in this class will be ambassadors to their neighbors and may be called upon to identify suspect plants. Please call Greg Wenzel at 906-358-0242 to register or if you have questions. Bob McGuffin, Vice President CCROA

Bob McGuffin

CCROA VICE PRESIDENT

Participants Needed

Recently one of our most active and long standing CCROA Board members, Clearwater Lake Representative, Helen Hayhurst was seriously injured in a traffic accident. Her prognosis is for a good recovery, but the process may be long and arduous. Helen has made substantial organizational contributions to our annual picnics in the past and certainly planned to continue her efforts this year. Instead, fate intervened. Fortunately a number of our members stepped forward to fill the void left by her absence. Because of their efforts we feel confident that our picnic will

be as successful as Helen had planned.

As Helen's situation depicts, we need to recognize the fact that a number of our Board members have served for many years (and as much as we want to deny the facts) the effects of aging are having an impact. Since the environment and times are also changing, they too will have an impact on our Association's ideas, plans and actions. There is a great need to entertain new thoughts and ideas especially in the area of electronic delivery of information, and for as many members as possible to join in the conversation.

Your participation is greatly needed, and will be valued and appreciated!

Lastly, with present day communication technology, it is no longer necessary for a Board or committee member to be a year round resident on the Cisco Chain. Nearly all tasks can be facilitated via e-mail, voice message, etc. Please call President, Kully Rohlen at 906-358-4460 or e-mail kullyr@gmail.com with your input and for additional information on open positions and other short term needs.

Gloria Andersen

EDITOR

Precious Metal

Did you know that right here on the Cisco Chain we have "precious metal"? Well, not copper or iron and actually not a ferrous material. The "precious metal" I'm talking about is bronze-back, better known as small mouth bass. Small-mouth are known for their fighting ability and are thought of by many anglers as, pound for pound, the best fresh water fighting fish around. What many may not know is that small-mouth bass are slow growing. It takes twelve years for a small-mouth bass to reach 17 inches in length. They are relatively easy to catch and normally do not range over a large lake area. They often school together and if you catch one, you may be able to catch several in the same place and since catching them is usually not difficult, it makes them vulnerable to over harvesting.

Anglers may keep five small-mouth bass per day in Michigan and five per day in Wisconsin. Both states have minimum size limits, but those size limits encourage keeping the larger

more productive fish. Some agencies have come to realize the value of prime small-mouth fishing. On Chequamegon Bay at Ashland, WI the limit is only one small-mouth per day and it must be over 22 inches. Needless to say Chequamegon Bay has become one of the best small mouth fisheries in the world. Ontario Canada has placed a possession limit on small-mouth of one fish under 13.8 inches! Given the quality of Canadian fishing, it can be said that the Canadians know what they are doing when it comes to managing their fisheries and it appears that they intend to keep it that way.

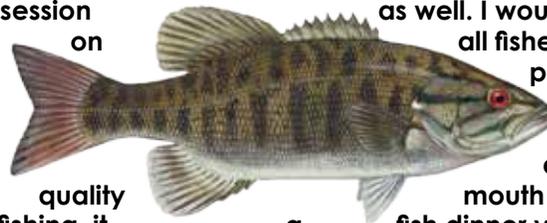
Here on the Cisco Chain, small-mouth bass are a primary predator of rusty crayfish (an invasive species that displaces native crayfish and destroys natural weed beds). In years past, rusty crayfish have devastated the natural weed beds that are crucial for fish

habitat. Although some weed beds have begun to make a comeback, I've noticed an abundance of "rusties" in the clear water that was prevalent early this early summer. We really need to maintain and manage our small-mouth fishery not only to help contain the rusty crayfish, but to provide exciting sport for those who catch them

as well. I would urge all fishermen to practice catch and release of all small-mouth bass. If it's a fish dinner you are after, there are plenty of excellent tasting, walleyes, perch, crappies and bluegills to fill the bill. Since it takes a long time for a small-mouth bass to mature, they truly are a "precious metal" and one of our most valued resources. Please think twice before you subject one to the frying pan or the freezer. Chuck Sauberlich, Big Lake North

Chuck Sauberlich

BIG LAKE NORTH



Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Association Membership Application 2013

NEW RENEWAL DONATION

- Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse _____
- Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
- Home Phone _____ e-mail Address _____
- Name of Lake _____ Lake Address _____
- Lake Phone _____ Lake e-mail Address _____
- Dues are \$25.00 per year. Advance payments are welcomed. Just indicate how many years in advance you wish to pay _____ Amount Enclosed: _____
- Lifetime Membership is only \$450.00. Amount Enclosed: _____
- Amount of Invasive Species Donation: _____
- Amount for Dam Purchase Donation: _____
- Amount for Walleye Stocking Fund: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CISCO CHAIN RIPARIAN OWNERS ASSN.

MAIL TO: CCROA P.O. BOX 687 WATERSMEET, MI 49969-0687

Be a Volunteer! Here is an opportunity to join in and make a difference!

Officer or Lake Representative _____ Picnic Volunteer _____ (only takes one-half hour of your time)

Seasonal Committee _____ Educate at Boat Ramps _____

Opportunity Knocks

Wouldn't you like to be a part of the handsome group pictured here? Participants are needed in many areas on picnic day and you'll only be obligated to offer your services for a one-half hour period of time. If you want to be assigned a specific job or if you want to know where your services may be most appreciated, please contact Lois Bates at 231-357-3738.



Picnic Pre-Reservation Form

Reservation in the Name of: _____



How many Volunteers to work at the picnic?

Phone: _____

No. of Meals: _____ X \$5.00 = _____

Mail form by Monday, July 15th to:
CCROA c/o Lois Bates, 19018 Cisco Lake Rd.,
Watersmeet, MI 49969 Phone: 231-357-3738



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Reminder!
Annual Business Meeting - July 18, 2013
51st Annual CCROA Picnic - July 21, 2013

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**WE ARE IN NEED OF
REPRESENTATIVES FOR
BIG LAKE SOUTH
AND MAMIE LAKE.**
