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Fallsburg Fishing & Boating Club

Official Annual Call to Meeting 9/2/2018 Meeting Newsletter

CALL TO MEETING



Our Annual Meeting of the Fallsburg Fishing & Boating Club membership will be Sunday, September 2, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the Pleasure Lake Clubhouse (Labor Day Weekend)

[Click here to view the official Call to Annual Meeting Sheet](#)

In addition, please click the files below for your copy of: [Draft Minutes from the May 2018 Semi-Annual Meeting](#)

FIREWORKS



Our annual Pleasure Lake Fireworks Display was on July 14th.

It was a great show and we thank Mick Meier and all of the members who made a thank you donation to Mick Meier to help pay for the professional show. The costs of the show still have not yet been covered, so if you forgot to thank Mick with your donation, there is still time!

Mick says there are some additional shells that did not go off due to the rain we had that evening, and we are looking at the possibility of getting another permit for a date

Click here to get a copy of a great article from the NYS DEC on algae and Harmful Algal Blooms - [NYS Conservationist Aug 2018 Article](#)

We hope that you will join us for our Annual shareholder meeting. Your participation is valuable and we appreciate all that our members do to make Pleasure Lake great. We look forward to seeing you!

Please remember that only active members who have paid their dues are allowed to attend the meeting. Annual dues were to be sent by August 15th (though checks will not be deposited until September 4th unless you authorized the Treasurer to deposit them earlier per our Club rules).

AIS & HAB Update

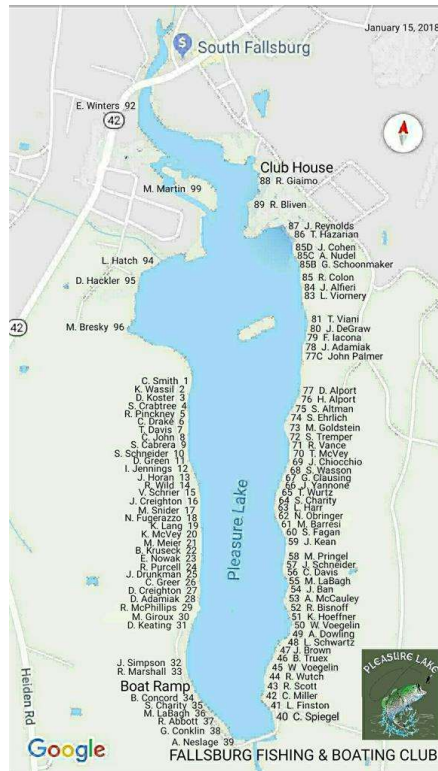


Members will receive an update from our Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) committee at the Annual Meeting. We are happy to report that our control of Eurasian milfoil and water chestnut was again successful and no additional treatments were required this year. Although we have been watching for harmful algal bloom (HAB) issues and working with the Town to handle issues upstream of our lake, we continue to be vigilant.

Our NYS DEC algacide permit expires on September 1st, though HAB issues

this fall to thank those who donated and to add some color to the Pleasure Lake skies this Fall. Interesting idea ...

MEMBER DIRECTORY



AN UPDATED MEMBER DIRECTORY IS NOW AVAILABLE - [Click here for a copy of the Membership List](#) and [Click below for a copy of the Updated Member Map](#)

New House Rule

could emerge in the area beyond that date.

What are Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)?

Most algae are harmless and even large blooms are not necessarily harmful. However some species of algae can produce toxins that can be harmful to people and animals. Blooms of algal species that can produce toxins are referred to as harmful algal blooms (HABs).

HABs usually occur in nutrient-rich waters, particularly during hot, calm weather. We are very concerned about the spread of HABs throughout New York and we are aware that the lakes upstream from Pleasure Lake have been affected by HABs this year.

We continue watching, testing and staying in touch with the DEC and others about HABs; we were informed this week that a test result (following the heavy rains that likely washed materials from the lakes upstream) showed cyanobacteria in some of a lake sample. We believe this might have been a testing error since no HAB blooms have been observed and no bloom sample test vials were provided to test for HABs in the period that covered the results period noting a positive result for Pleasure Lake.

Regardless of whether it was an error or not, the Board of Directors believes it is prudent to advise you to be careful and to use your discretion based upon the DEC's warning. The DEC advised: "The results from your open water bloom sample on 8/12 confirm the presence of a cyanobacteria HAB in Pleasure Lake (Sullivan Co.) based on blue-green chlorophyll a levels of 28.03 µg/L (above the DEC Confirmed Bloom threshold of 25 µg/L) and a microscopic analysis of Microcystis, Anabaena.

Exposure to any cyanobacteria HABs can cause health effects in people and animals when water with blooms is touched, swallowed, or when airborne droplets are inhaled. This is true regardless of toxin levels; some blue-green algae produce toxins, while others do not. Exposure to blooms and toxins can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea or vomiting; skin, eye or throat irritation and allergic reactions or breathing difficulties. For more information go to www.health.ny.gov/harmfulalgae.

Because blue-green algal bloom conditions change rapidly over time, the best prevention is to take steps to avoid waters with visible blooms:



New House Rule AW

As part of our ongoing efforts to preserve Pleasure Lake and its surrounding lands, the Board of Directors has adopted the following new House Rule AW: "A land preservation assessment will be collected by the Club upon any transfer of a share except a transfer between spouses or between a parent and a child where no consideration is exchanged. This land preservation assessment will be in the amount of a minimum \$750 or at the rate of 1.00% of the consideration paid for the share/lot/cabin transfer, whichever is greater. Revenues from such assessment shall be deposited in the Club's Land Purchase Fund. Such assessment shall apply to any transfer of shares occurring on or after January 1, 2019. The purpose of this assessment is to assist with the funding plan to preserve Pleasure Lake and its surrounding watershed. The Club's Land Purchase Fund has been established to help fund acquisitions of interests or rights in real property for the preservation of Pleasure Lake's watershed, including preservation of open space, brooks or streams flowing into the lake and preservation of forested lands surrounding Pleasure Lake. (Added 08/14/2018)"

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Thanks to all who follow the rules and work out issues with neighbors -- we appreciate the courtesy and

- People, pets, and livestock should avoid areas with blooms or surface scums, or water that is noticeably discolored.

- Avoid blooms when swimming, boating, fishing, and don't eat fish caught from areas of water with blooms.

- If you or your pets are exposed to blue-green algal blooms, stop using the water and rinse off with clean water.

- Consider medical attention for people and animals if symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting; skin, eye, or throat irritation; and allergic reactions or breathing difficulties occur after contact with surface waters with blooms.

- Never drink untreated surface water. Even if you treat it in your home with water filtration, chlorine, ultraviolet (UV) light, or other treatment; it's still not protected from blue-green algae and toxins.

[Click here for an excellent article in the August 2018 Conservationist magazine from our friends at the NYS DEC water testing office](#)

[For more information on HABs, click here to see the NYS DEC brochure](#)

Remaining Pleasure Lake Events



Our

annual sailboat races are returning on Saturday, August 18th at 11 a.m.

We are planning a fun paddling race (for kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards, etc) on Sunday afternoon September 2nd following the Annual meeting. The race will be for kids and

cooperation of all members of our Pleasure Lake community.

Some reminders:

* Under no circumstances may any cabin or lake facilities or access to the lake be rented (including short term or AirBnB or any rental whatsoever)

* All watercraft including kayaks and canoes must have lettering at least 3" high identifying the member name. (*ByLaw X, §4; House Rule I*)

* Boats that are new to the lake should be inspected and approved by a member of the Board (including guest boats which must bear the name of the member in 3 inch letters).

ALL BOATS AND TRAILERS (new to Pleasure Lake or returning) that have been previously used on any other lake or waterway, must be cleaned at our cleaning station at the Clubhouse (*See Amended House Rule AO*)

* As to any Club lot, members must obtain permission from the Board of Directors before making any changes to the outside dimension of a cottage (including any addition) or any change to any other structure on a lot, or any alteration to the lot itself.

adults of all ages and abilities. Details will be shared on our Facebook page and at the Annual meeting.

Happy Hours remaining this year: September 8th and October 13th.

Thanks again for all the hard work of our volunteers that brought a full slate of great events this summer ... it was terrific!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Vice-president	Robert Scott
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Treasurer	John Adamiak
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Committees

House: Cliff Smith (chair), Bob Scott, Ken Lang, Mick Meier, Bill Voegelin, Jim Reynolds, Ike Jennings, Dan Green & Roger Wild

Dam: Bill Voegelin, Jim Reynolds, Mick Meier, James Creighton

Membership: James Creighton, Clifford Smith, John Adamiak

Boundary: Michael Meier, Bob Scott, Doug Keating, Jim Creighton

Tree: Jim Reynolds, Mick Meier, Harris Alport & Ken Lang

(House Rule AG)

* Watch your road speeds – 10 mph on all Club roads except 5 mph below the West Shore Hill, and **PLEASE CLOSE ALL GATES.** :-)

* Garbage – Only household garbage in dumpster please. Kindly crush or fold cardboard recycling so it fits in the bins, and separate newspapers, cans and bottles for recycling.

* All members should ensure that they are regularly servicing their septic systems - this is VERY important.

* Finally, all residences on Club property are to be of a seasonal nature. (*ByLaw X, §6*)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Additional Call Info

This email represents official delivery of the CALL TO MEETING by the Fallsburg Fishing & Boating Club pursuant to our Bylaws.

Copies of the Call Sheet and Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes from May 2018 are provided in the linked files above (simply click above to download). All these (and many more) documents are also available to you on the Club website. (The Call documents are available to download and view at the top of the Members' Documents section of our website at

Water Testing: Mick Meier, Bob Scott & Bob McPhillips

Legal: James Creighton

Pavilion Booking: John Adamiak & Jim Reynolds (Caretaker)

Annual Fishing Contest - Ken Lang and Committee

Aquatic Invasive Species - Jerry Chiochio (chairman), Mary Barresi, Gretjen Clausing, Michele LaBagh, Lorine Harr, William Voegelin, Matthew Pringle & James Creighton

Land/Property Committee: James Creighton, Bill Voegelin, Jerry Chiochio and Steve Altman

Town Liason: Steve Altman, Bob Scott, Jerry Chiochio and James Creighton



www.pleasurelake.org . That page of our website is password protected, and all shareholders should have the password (reply to this email if you are a shareholder and need a password reminder).

If for any reason you would no longer like to receive your Call to Meeting packets by email, please reply to this email and confirm your postal address and your wish to have the Club mail them out via USPS (which the Club pays approximately \$1-2 per envelope per member). It is our hope that every member will provide an email address and choose electronic delivery in order to help keep your dues lower and avoid waste of paper. About 75% of our membership receives the Call Documents by email, and we are hopeful to get that number to 100%. If you receive a hard copy mailing as well as this email, please let us know that you received the email so we can remove your name from the hard copy list. Thanks again!

For questions or concerns about roads, access to the lake etc, feel free to contact caretaker Jim Reynolds at (914) 799-1416 [cell phone].

You can also reach our President, Jim Creighton anytime at 914-806-3726 [cell phone] or by email by replying to this email or to jc@pleasurelake.org

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