

## **CLCA Lake Management Committee Reports**

June 22, 2024 Directors' Meeting

Mary Jablonski, VP

### **Environment and Ecology:** Marcus Harazin and Kate Freeman, Co-Chairs

An Emerald Ash Borer infestation has been found on Canada Lake. The Borer is a distinctive looking fly that can destroy an ash tree in 2 years. If you believe you have an ash tree with a Borer and would like to treat your trees contact CLCA member, Paul Corr, pcorr@skidmore.edu.

The Hemlock Woolly Adelgid invasive has been discovered in multiple places in the nearby Rockwood Forest. Keep monitoring your Hemlocks for any infestations.

### **Fire Safety:** Rick Fink, Chair

The fire pumps are inspected and ready to use. The Committee is planning a refresher demonstration of the fire pumps on the Lake, later this July. It will be held in conjunction with the Caroga Lake Volunteer Fire Company. When the date is set, the information will be posted on the CLCA Newsletter.

### **Fishing:** Tom Lyons, Chair

The Association Committee arranged 2 stockings this spring, of 220 rainbow trout each time. The CLCA paid for both stockings and a receipt for the 2nd stocking of \$1,000, was submitted to the Caroga Town Board for reimbursement to the CLCA.

The State DEC put 2600 lake trout Canada Lake in April.

Stocking information for the other lakes and streams in the Town of Caroga was noted and will be in the Echo.

### **Invasive Species:** Lorrie Mott, Lake Steward Chair

Randy Fredlund, Lake Inspector Chair

The Town of Caroga Lakes Management Committee met in the spring . The CLCA participated in the meeting with other Caroga Lake Associations. Marcus encouraged the other Lake Associations to continue or begin participating in the CSLAP and ALAP programs to monitor water quality. Salt contamination of wells, due to salt usage on town roads in the winter was also discussed.

The CLCA has also sent the Town a draft ordinance requiring boat owners to have their watercraft washed at the Town boat wash station, prior to launching them in a body of water, or be fined.

A representative of the Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI) is having a training session for all Lake Stewards and Lake Inspectors, on June 28th, at 10:00 am, at the boat wash station, across from the Town Hall, in Caroga Lake. It will include an update on identifying and inspecting watercraft, a complete boat wash demonstration, and the providing of educational material.

There are several open times that volunteers are needed to help with inspections, at the boat launch. Please check with Lorrie Mott, for the latest State Boat Launch Site coverage needs.

Randy Fredlund asks for additional volunteer Lake Inspectors, also, and encourages all residents to monitor their own lake front areas, as well. Spread the word and remember the mantra; “Clean, Drain, and Dry” your watercraft, to prevent the introduction of invasive species to Canada Lake. Also, contact Randy if you find any plant growth in our Lake you are concerned about.

Brian Greene, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, for the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP) is offering three free training programs this summer, for improving your ability to identify and report invasive plants and animals in the Adirondack waters. They are:

-June 25th, Virtual Training, 9-11 am

-July 13th, at the Peck’s Lake Marina, with their Lake Protective Association

-August 16th, at the Adirondack Interpretive Center, with a SUNY Environmental, Science, and Forestry representative.

Visit website, [www.adkinvasives.com](http://www.adkinvasives.com) to register for any of the programs. Brian is also leading a webinar about “Lake Management Tracker,” and the data learned from the past 6 years of assessing milfoil management, on June 26th.

During this past Fall and Winter the CLCA assisted Town Council members in writing and obtaining a 3 year \$100K grant for providing continued staffing for the Town's invasive species and decontamination programs.

**Loon Conservation:** Jane Davis, Chair

This year's Adirondack Loon Survey is July 20th from 8-9 a.m.

Committee members are assigned to observe and record loon sightings for specific areas. The area on the Lake from Point Breeze to the former Michaels' camp, across from the Island, needs coverage. Please contact Jane Davis at (518)-835-3707, or [jphteam@comcast.net](mailto:jphteam@comcast.net), if you are able to observe this assignment area.

**Lake Safety:** Brian Franz, Chair

Tentative dates for a NYS Boaters' Safety Course are July 23rd and 24th, at the Caroga Lake Fire Station. Dates will be confirmed when notified by the DEC. Signing up ahead of time is necessary. An online course is also offered free of charge at [BoatUS.com](http://BoatUS.com).

This year, in the enforcement progression of persons' ages requiring boating certification, in "Brianna's Law," any motorized watercraft operator under the age of 47 is required to have taken the course and have proof of certification. By 1/01/25, anyone and everyone operating a watercraft must be certified.

Prior to placing speed limit buoys on the Lake, the Caroga Lake Town Board needs to approve and adopt a new law establishing a Vessel Regulation Zone, to be on Canada Lake. A draft ordinance for adopting the law was completed and submitted to the Board for their consideration, by Marcus Harazin. At the June 12th monthly Town Board Meeting, an introduction of this Proposed Local Law #2-2024, was on the agenda to be discussed or approved. Board Member, DeLuca, stated the Board was unprepared to act on this item, as more time is needed to discuss the matter. When the Town Board is done with their part, the CLCA will apply to the State DEC, to place the buoy(s).

How might we increase the frequency of police monitoring on our Lakes?

**Water Level / Flood Control:** Bill Fielding and Henry Eifert, Co-Chairs

Bill checks the water level, at the Green Lake Bridge each morning at 7:00 a.m., for Canada Lake and Henry tracks the levels for the Stewarts Landing Channel. Bill posts

information on the water level on the CLCA website. Regardless of a few heavy rains this spring, the committee and the DEC Stewarts' Landing Dam operator, worked together to control/adjust the water level on our Lakes.

**Water Purity:** John Byrnes - Chair

Eight CSLAP samples are scheduled for this summer between late May and the end of September. Two samples have been collected and everything is fine so far.

Data reports from CSLAP, taken in 2023 will be posted on a link on the CLCA website. Archer Newell volunteered to take over the ALAP sampling for Janes Long. She will sample Canada, West, Green, and Irving Pond, four times this summer.

Salt levels in local wells in the Town of Caroga (including Canada Lake) have shown an increase this past year. Ways to reduce the amount of salt used by the Town, when treating icy and snow covered roads, needs to be researched.

**Stewardships:**

**Adopt A Highway** - Bob Baker, Chair

**Adopt A Shoreline** - Brian Franz, Chair.

There is an abandoned/floating dock, in a bay on the Lake, that the committee plans to remove.

**Campsites** - Betsy Cannon - Chair

**Fire Tower** - Marcus Harazin Chair

Laurie Rankin, Director of the NY State FFLA (Forest Fire Lookout Association), and members of the CLCA met on June 15th, to discuss plans for the 100th year anniversary celebration of the Kane Mt. Fire Tower, in 2025. Marcus Harazin and Nancy Meyers attended. An additional report will be given at the Directors' Meeting.

Kane Mountain Stewards have been signing up to be present on the Mt. top, on various weekends. There are about 6 Canada Lake Stewards, and there is a need for additional

volunteers. (You get a free cool T-shirt and patches that make you look like an official ranger!)

Being a steward is a fun and interesting experience, due to the variety of climbers, the distances they have traveled from, and their stories. Their enthusiasm is contagious. Contact Marcus if you are interested.

**Island** - Brian Franz, Chair

The Island dock is in.