



Canada Lakes Conservation Association

Summer 2025

What a great winter it has been with record snowfall and snowmobilers, skiers and snow shoers enjoying the best season in over a decade. But now it's time to focus on a very exciting and event packed upcoming summer season.

The committee is finalizing the 2025 directory to be available in early summer. Please review your personal information and make sure it's accurate and make corrections soon on the membership form.

The 100-year celebration of the construction of the Kane Mt. fire tower will be held August 14-17 with many interesting topics and events scheduled. Details will be emailed to all members this summer.

I would like to announce that in partnership with the Caroga Lake VFD, we will now have a fully equipped fire/rescue boat on the lake during the summer season. I can't overemphasize how important this will be for a quicker and more effective response to emergency calls for non-road access residents but also for those where a lake access response will be optimal. Please consider a separate donation to the VFD as they are in the process now of purchasing a pump, hoses, EMT equipment etc. to outfit this vessel. We have added an option to contribute to the VFD in the membership form.

More and more NYS lakes and streams suffer the consequences of aquatic invasive and terrestrial species. Due to great organizational and volunteer efforts, the Canada Lakes have avoided this scourge, but we need help. Please consider volunteering even if for only a few hours per week. We need you.

Last year we enjoyed a great fireworks display, however this year's celebration cost has increased. As you know the display is funded through donation exclusive of your membership dues, so if you wish for this to continue please consider a donation here as well.

As a reminder, all boat and jet ski operators must have completed and passed a NYS boater safety course and have received their certificate. Happy summer!

Rick Fink, CLCA President

2025 Calendar of Events

JUNE

21 (Saturday) Directors' Meeting, Caroga Town Hall, 8:30 am

JULY

5 (Saturday) Boat Parade and Party, 2:00-6:00 pm *

5 (Saturday) Flare Lighting and Fireworks, 9:30 pm **

12 (Saturday) CLCA Annual Meeting, Caroga Fire Department, 7:00 pm

19 (Saturday) CLCA Picnic, Dykeman's, 230 Fulton Rd., 12:00-3:00 pm

23 (Wednesday) Lake Luncheon, 11:30 am. Location TBA

AUGUST

2 (Saturday) CLCA Kids / Youth Event, 11:00 am- 2:00 pm. Location TBA

2 (Saturday) Ice Cream Extravaganza, 2:00-4:00 pm, Bates's Camp, 345 Kasson Dr.

14-17 (Thursday-Sunday) Centennial Celebration for Kane Mountain Fire Tower (details to follow)

24 (Sunday) Directors' Meeting, Caroga Town Hall, 8:30 am.

30 (Saturday) Labor Day Flare Lighting, 9:00 pm.

* The Boat Parade will begin at 2:00. Location: McCormack/Newell Dock, 202 Sand Point Rd. The party will follow at the McCormack/Newell's from 3:00-6:00 pm. All boat and dock participants are welcome to attend. More information to follow in the Echo.

** Please wait until 9:30 pm to light your flares. Please be advised that all boats are required to be at least 500 feet from the island during the show.

Note: Check the bulletin board on the porch of the Canada Lake Store or the calendar tab on the CLCA website for updates and additional activities. canadalakesconservation.com

ECHO SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Send to: echo@carogalake.com

Please adhere to the deadlines below for submitting items:

- Stories of Interest - revolving around lake events, local history or Adirondack living. Special attention will be given to stories related to the Fire Tower, due **Monday, March 31st**
- Photo Contest - **Monday, March 31st** (**Please see below on how to enter*)
- President & Committee Reports - **Monday, March 31st**
- Calendar - **Monday, March 31st**
- Committees, Officer Changes, - **Monday, March 31st**
- Echoes – Family News - **Monday, April 7th**
- Remembrances/In Memoriam - **Monday, April 7th**
- Kid's Corner (News, Stories, Poems, Etc. From Our Youth) - **Monday, April 8th**
- Last Minute Changes - **Monday, April 21st**

*For this year's **photo contest, to celebrate the Fire Tower's Centennial we are limiting entries to photos related to the tower: of or from the tower or group pictures.** Please adhere to the proper submission instructions listed below:

- **Landscape format only for back cover**, portrait format can be submitted, however, only for second place on the inside back cover.
- **Proper image format** such as a **.jpg, .png or .tif, as an attachment, not in the e-mail body.**

Please! Also include the **photographer's name and a title for the image.** We need this in the text of the e-mail. Not all pictures are taken by the person e-mailing us.

Any documents you send please use the following formats: **.rtf** (Rich Text Format file) or **.doc** and **.docx** (Microsoft Word files). If you must use a different format, contact us.

Any images you would like to add must be in a proper image format such as a **.jpg, .png or .tif.** Make sure it is **sent as an attachment**, if you want to put it in your story for placement send the images as an attachment as well. **Please send all the Echo submissions as soon as possible.** Be advised that submitting work by the dates listed above will guarantee entry into the 2025 *Echo*. Anything submitted after deadlines may not be published for this year.

Phones: **Preferred: Cell (Mark) - (631) 987-9891, Cell (Christine) - (631) 525-7290.**

SUMMER POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE TOWN OF CAROGA'S AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM

Applications for paid full time and part time Lake Steward positions for the Town's Invasive Species Program are being accepted for the coming boating season. Stewards will work at the West Lake Launch or the Town Decontamination Station. Training will be provided.

If you are interested contact the Town Steward Coordinator, John Olm at (518) 265-5846 or by email at john6490@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!

- **Invasive Species Program**

Please consider offering up a few hours of your time this summer as an Invasive Species volunteer this summer.

Volunteer stewards are needed to inspect boats launching at the West Lake launch during the early morning and late afternoon periods to examine incoming boats when paid staff are not present.

We also need volunteers to help inspect and survey the lake for potential invasive species growth and monitor aquatic weed growth.

The AIS committee will meet in April or May to plan for the season. We have many great volunteers. We would like to see some younger lake residents step up and help keep the lake free of invasive species for future generations.

If you are interested in learning how you can help, contact our Invasive Species Committee Co-Chairs: Randy Fredlund temporary Co-Chair for Lake Inspectors (j.randy.fredlund@gmail.com) and Lorrie Mott Co-Chair for Lake Stewards(lorriemott120@gmail.com).

- **The Kane Mountain Steward Program**

The CLCA works with the NYS Forest Fire Lookout Tower Association and the DEC to provide volunteer stewards for Kane Mountain Fire Tower. In 2024, stewards helped greet and educate over 1,850 visitors and averaged over 78 visitors per day from June through September! 2025 will mark the 100th anniversary of Kane Mountain! Several celebration events are planned. The CLCA needs volunteers to help with the events. If you are interested in volunteering as steward this season or helping with the 100th anniversary events contact Marcus Harazin at marcusharazin@gmail.com.