



Protecting the Lake Against Invasive Species

Cyanobacteria are not the only threat to the health of a lake. Invasive aquatic plants or zooplanktons such as the spiny and fishhook water fleas are species that create problems when they become established in a habitat where they are not normally found. Since there is not always a predator that could limit their growth, these plants and zooplankton species proliferate and can disrupt the ecosystem balance.

To prevent invasive species from spreading from a water body to another, it is important to clean boats and trailers that were on other lakes or water bodies. The use of ballast should also be avoided because it can be a major source of contamination. To learn more about invasive species, I invite you to watch the following English video capsules: from the MDDELCC Québec

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cw_j5Gd362E and from Lake Louisa Property Owner Association <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jMS4ikifall>

New Municipal Bylaw

A new municipal bylaw concerning the compulsory washing of boats came into force in the spring of 2016. For details about washing stations of the municipality, click on the following link:

<http://wentworth-nord.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Emplacement-des-stations-de-lavage-proc%C3%A9dures-et-tarifs-1.pdf>

However, if your boat is used exclusively on Lake Wentworth, you can get a free access permit from the municipality or the APLW. These permits based on honor are valid as long as your boat is not used in a place other than the one you entered in the form. Here is the link to download and print the access permit form: http://wentworth-nord.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Permis-d'acc%C3%A8s-%C3%A0-un-plan-deau_2016-05-06.pdf You need one access permit per watercraft.

The Beach

On May 23, there was a lot of action at the beach following the plane crash on the lake. Thanks to the quick response of the Wentworth-Nord Fire Safety Service and Enviro Urgence, the oil spills were quickly controlled and collected.

New at the Beach

Since August 2015, the association has set up a chemical toilet at the beach. The beach users seem to appreciate this new service.

2016 Summer Events

Summer activities

Become members of our Facebook page for more frequent updates on various activities around Lake Wentworth Les Riverains du lac Wentworth

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/480954828708646/?ref=bookmarks>

Annual Meeting : Sunday, August 7, 2016 Time : 10 AM

- Place : in the Chalet des Loisirs next to Town Hall

Follow up with the RSVL

This year, three aspects of the lake's health status will be monitored by volunteers of the association. The data is sent to the volunteer monitoring network of lakes for analysis. Measures of the water transparency at the usual three places will be taken every two weeks by Julie Gouin. Mélanie Deslauriers is in charge of taking water samples and sending them to the RSVL for chemical analysis. Mr. Jean-Pierre Durand and his daughter continue the periphyton measurements they started last year.

Corn Roast :

Date : Saturday, August 27, 2016 at 11AM.

Cost: Free entrance, corn and hot dogs for members and their minor children. \$ 5 for non-members. Bring your favourite refreshments. Officers in charge: Mélanie Deslauriers and Émilie Tremblay-Wragg.

Lake trout Spawning areas: In August 2015, Biofilia assessed the condition of potential lake trout spawning areas in the lake. The survey showed that there were suitable breeding sites, but the ones they found did not seem to have been used recently. Their recommendation was to clean these spawning grounds, an operation which can be very costly. However, we later learned that, according to Doug Meyer, there was a lake trout spawning area in front of his property located just before the entrance to Bay Lebeau. Biofilia did not examine that site because we did not have that information then.

Fish stocking : Since lake trout are native to Lake Wentworth, the board decided to go ahead with the stocking of this species. After much research, Alain Renaud managed to reserve 1500 lake trout from eight to ten inches for stocking next spring.

Septic tank clean out: The offer is valid all summer. For 750 gallon tanks, Fosses Septiques Miron offers us the complete clean out at \$ 170 plus tax and selective clean out at \$ 145 plus taxes. If it is a sealed tank (typically 1000 gallons), prices are also very competitive at \$ 190 plus taxes. Your septic lids must be exposed at the arrival of the truck. If you are interested, call the company directly at 450-562-5516 or 1-800-336-5516 and mention that you are a member of the association for the protection of Lake Wentworth.

Dues for 2016-2017: \$ 30

- For several years, the annual fee is \$ 30. Several people also contribute to the fish fund. This fund is exclusively used for fish stocking. For two years, members have expressed a desire to contribute an additional amount to the environment. So we added the possibility. Thank you for returning your completed form and your contribution early in the season. To date, we have already received fifty-five member contributions. Thank you! This small gesture saving a lot of time our volunteers. Simply mail your completed form and your check to the address of the association or submit your form and contribution at the general meeting of August 7.

A big thank you to all those who have the environment of Lake Wentworth at heart!