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SLACK TIMES – JUNE 2018

Welcome to the Summer edition of the “**SLACK TIMES**” – pleased to see that summer has arrived, albeit in fits and starts, enough at least for people to get out on the lake and enjoy themselves.

The contents of this newsletter includes notice of the forth coming General Meeting (which is being held at a new venue), 4th July Parade, fallen trees, forthcoming weed/algae treatment, boating safety, dues, wetlands encroachment and communications.

GENERAL MEETING

For a change the Board felt that it would be a good opportunity to hold the next **General Meeting on Smithfield Town Beach on Thursday, June 21st starting at 6.30 pm**, please bring a chair and some light refreshments and enjoy an evening under the stars. We look forward to seeing you all.

JULY 4th ANNUAL BOAT PARADE

There have been several requests in the past for the annual parade to start a little later in the day and, as an experiment, the Board has suggested that we should congregate at the Town Beach at **9.30am**, so bring your Hats and Whistles and have a honking good time!

FALLEN TREES AND REMOVAL

In the Spring edition of Slack Times it stated that several trees that had fallen into the lake from unprotected shorelines which could well present a serious boating hazard – therefore the board is trying to arrange a convenient time to remove these from the water, cutting them up and disposal. Help from residents would be greatly appreciated so please contact the Association on 401 542 4772 if you would like to help.

Trees that have fallen into the lake from a resident’s property is the home owner’s responsibility to make arrangements for their removal – trees and broken limbs can present a serious boating hazard - we want to keep our lake a safe haven for all.

WEED/ALGAE TREATMENT

Solitude Lake Management carried out their annual survey during the last week of May and will be treating the lake first thing Thursday, June 14th. The appropriate notices will be displayed as in the past. Pay attention the notices regarding swimming, pets, and sprinkler restrictions if you have a sprinkler system fed by the lake.

BOATING SAFETY AND REGULATIONS

As mentioned in earlier Newsletters both the Board and Residents who have attended recent General Meetings expressed their ever growing concern at the potentially dangerous manner in which a number of Jet Ski and Speed Boat owners were driving – it seems that it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs. The safety of all lake users is of paramount concern to the Board and if anyone requires practical safety instructions and awareness please do not hesitate to contact a Board member who will make the necessary arrangements.

The Board wishes to remind all boat owners that they should maintain adequate insurance coverage, their boats and operators should be registered and licensed in accordance with the requirements of the State of Rhode Island DEM. Further details can be obtained online, including the availability of instructional courses, at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/law/mandatory-boating-education.php>

Any boats, including Jet Ski's, which are used for tubing or water skiing must have a "spotter" on board for safety reasons and in accordance with state law.

The drivers of water vehicles which are being driven in a reckless manner will receive an initial verbal warning followed by a formal letter if a second offense occurs. Please respect the speed limits.

A copy of the Associations Boating Rules and Regulations can be downloaded from our website.

The boating rules have been prepared for the safe enjoyment of all who use the lake, whether it is cruising in a pontoon boat, speedboat, jet skis, kayak or just a relaxing swim. It is important that we all take other people's lives and property into consideration – **excessive wake can be dangerous to people in small boats or swimming and in more confined areas can cause excessive erosion to our shore line.**

SAFETY IS OUR MAJOR CONCERN!!

DUES - 2018

Just a polite reminder to those residents who have not paid their Annual Dues of \$275.00 plus Boat Sticker fees, these are now due for payment in accordance with the Associations Bye-Laws. A Remittance Advice can be downloaded from the Associations website – www.slackreservoir.com by using the Download tab.

Many Thanks to those residents who have already paid.

WETLANDS ENCROACHMENT

The Board is taking action to prevent encroachment onto the Associations conservation, area adjacent to Roger Williams Drive, by advising all property owners in that location that this area is private property and offers no right of access to the lake by any third party.

COMMUNICATIONS

This is a follow up to the request in the Fall and Spring editions; if you could advise one of the following of any errors in the Name & Address as printed on the envelope. Please email Bill Schiefen at bschiefen2000@yahoo.com or Malcolm Griffin at mtgriffin@windstream.net with any corrections.

We had a very limited response to our earlier requests for residents' email addresses so that we can communicate more quickly and effectively when there are important notices to be sent out eg. Blue-Green Algae Bloom notifications, treatment dates etc. **Please** let us know your email address if you fall within this category. Thanking you in advance for your kind cooperation; we want to keep you informed.

UPCOMING FALL EDITION OF SLACK TIMES

I hope you all enjoyed the Board's Summer edition of Slack Times. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding future issues or an article about the lake which you feel would be of interest to the members please contact the writer (or any Board Member).

M.T. Griffin – Secretary to the Board.

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