

## **SLACK RESERVOIR ASSOCIATION**

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### **SLACK TIMES – JUNE 2020**

Welcome to the early summer edition of the “**SLACK TIMES**” – the winter is well behind us, Spring has come and passed and we are now in the early stages of Summer – let’s hope it lives up to expectations. The Coronavirus pandemic is still with us and it could well take several months (or longer) before we can return to any form of normality. Please keep safe and keep healthy.

The contents of this newsletter include Coronavirus Assistance, forthcoming General Meeting, Weed Treatment, Article on maintaining a healthy lake, Boating Regulations, 4<sup>th</sup> July Parade, communications, a major birthday celebration, 2020 Dues.

#### **CORONAVIRUS ASSISTANCE**– a message from the President

Following on from the message in the Spring edition if there are any residents who are at heightened risk due to the coronavirus – elderly, those with compromised immune systems, etc. and need help getting groceries or other supplies, please email us at [info@slacksreservoir.com](mailto:info@slacksreservoir.com). We have volunteers who are willing to help.

#### **GENERAL MEETING**

Information and registration link for the upcoming SRA General Meeting will be sent via email. We were hoping to hold this meeting on the beach, but given the government-mandated restrictions on gatherings due to COVID-19, we have decided to host the meeting via Zoom teleconference.

When: Jun 18, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Thank you for your cooperation, understanding, and participation.

#### **WEED TREATMENT**

The annual weed treatment will be carried out on Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> (weather permitting). Please remember that on the day of treatment “**No Swimming**” including **pets**, please remember to turn off any lawn irrigation that pumps from the lake for **five** days.

## **FALLEN TREES AND REMOVAL**

Board Members would welcome any help from residents in removing fallen trees from the lake during June. Please contact the President or any Board member.

Please note that trees which have fallen into the lake from a resident's property (this includes both rental and investment properties) is the **home owner's responsibility** to make arrangements for their removal at the earliest opportunity.

## **STEPS WE CAN TAKE TO PROTECT SLACKS RESERVOIR** from Lynne Wilson

Some ideas from our friends in Maine on some measures which has helped them to improve their lake environment. The article is published by the Lakes Environmental Association and is available on line at <https://mainelakes.org/lake-health/what-you-can-do/top-10-ways-to-protect-your-land-and-lake/> – it makes a very interesting and informative read.

## **BOATING NEWS – Summer of the Pandemic** by Kathleen Gustafson

During this time of pandemic we are reminded how important safety is and how to achieve it by working closely together. As we enter the summer of 2020, I would like to ask for everyone's cooperation so that we can enjoy another safe summer on our lake. We can accomplish this by being mindful of the following:

The Rhode Island Boating Laws require that anyone born on or after January 1, 1986 **MUST** take the free online boater safety course at [www.boat-ed.com](http://www.boat-ed.com) in order to get certified. I would also like to remind all boat owners that they should maintain adequate insurance coverage and that boats and operators should be registered and licensed in accordance with the requirements of the State of Rhode Island DEM.

Slack Reservoir Boating Rules and Regulations should be reviewed before engaging in any activity on our lake and can be found on our website at [www.slacksreservoir.com](http://www.slacksreservoir.com).

We have specific rules which apply to our lake. The maximum speed limit is 35 mph. Non-motorized vessels have the right of way. Motorized vessels should steer clear and avoid creating a wake that could endanger others. PFD's should be kept onboard, one per person. Please note that travel on the lake should be counter clock wise.

The 2020 Slack Reservoir boat stickers should be clearly displayed on all of your vessels so that we can identify those who do not belong on the lake.

Music and voices from your property and on the water should be kept at a reasonable level. Please watch your language, sound carries.

Wildlife should never be disturbed or injured.

Together we can be safe, protect ourselves and our environment and have a whole lot of fun at the same time. **Thank you and stay safe!**

## **DUES - 2020**

Just a polite reminder to those residents who have not paid their Dues and Boat Sticker fees; they are now due for payment in accordance with the associations bylaws. A Remittance Advice is enclosed but a copy can also be downloaded from the association's website – [www.slacksreservoir.com](http://www.slacksreservoir.com). using the download tab.

With regard to **rental and investment properties**, the bylaws clearly state that it is the **property owner's responsibility** to pay the annual dues etc. It is a personal arrangement between the owner and their tenant with regard as to whether the rental includes the annual association's fees. Tenants please check with your landlord. There are several investment properties on the lake who have not paid any dues at all; it is unfair to take advantage of our location and not contribute towards its upkeep!

Please note that dues are payable regardless of whether or not you own a boat; the boat sticker program covers this aspect for boaters who use the lake.

Many Thanks to those residents who have already paid.

## **JULY 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BOAT PARADE**

We hope to hold the annual boat parade again this year (but we will need to take into consideration any regulations still in force regarding the Coronavirus situation). We will keep you informed. If held, please congregate at the Town Beach at **9.30am**, so bring your Flags, Hats and Whistles and have a honking good time!

## **A MAJOR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

We would like to celebrate Rick Bell's **mothers 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>** by holding a boat parade in front of their property located in the cove at 54 Smith Avenue starting at 7.00pm. This is a special occasion for the lake and your support would be greatly appreciated.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Following on from the requests made in earlier editions; please advise if there are any errors in the Name & Address printed on the envelope enclosing this newsletter. Please email Bill Schiefen at [bschiefen2000@yahoo.com](mailto:bschiefen2000@yahoo.com) or Malcolm Griffin at [mtgriffin@windstream.net](mailto:mtgriffin@windstream.net) with any corrections. Please advise us if your email address is not on our mailing list – we only use emails when an urgent communication is required.

## **UPCOMING EDITION OF SLACK TIMES**

I hope you all enjoyed the Board's June edition of Slack Times. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding future issues or an article about the lake (history of the lake, building the new Dam, wild life on the lake etc.) which you feel would be of interest to the members, please contact the writer (or any Board Member).