

Galway Lake Campers Association, Inc.

25 Washington Road, Scotia, New York 12302
A Privately Owned Membership Lake Located in Galway, New York

June 17, 2005

Dear Campers,

Welcome to another beautiful summer of camping at Galway Lake. Thanks to Neil Cayey, who volunteers his time to check lake level and adjust the tower gates, we have a full lake this year, unlike many lakes in the area. This year the spring run-off started almost two weeks before the thick ice pack on the lake went out, but due to Neil's constant attention to the lake controls we have achieved a full lake without causing any shore-side damage.

Regaining a "full-lake" in the spring is the principle responsibility of the lake level committee. Occasionally in achieving this goal, ice damage may occur to docks and other structures left on the lakebed in the Fall. To avoid ice damage, docks and other structures should be removed from the lake in the Fall and placed on the shore above the normal water line. This will be extremely important next spring, as we will be conducting a deep drawdown of the lake this Fall to combat Eurasian Milfoil.

The drawdown will commence on September 15th and we will be drawing the lake down 10 feet below the normal summer level. This start date was selected in order to allow us to meet our drawdown depth by November 1st. From tests run in the past and confirmed during last years winter drawdown it will take 30 days to drop 10 feet from the lake without any additional precipitation or runoff, thus we have added 15 days to the procedure in order to make sure that we achieve our goal for water removal and provide for a dry lake bottom prior to the first hard freeze. For this process to work optimally we need to have a dry lake bottom and have a period of freezing temperatures prior to the formation of the winter snow pack which acts as an insulator for the ground. We plan to complete the freeze out procedure by early January and close the gates to bring the lake back up to level.

Our goals during this procedure are twofold. First we wish to destroy as much Eurasian Milfoil as possible through the freezing process. Secondly we are intent on recovering a full lake for the Summer of 2006. In order to accomplish these goals we will be bringing the lake back to level as soon as possible. Please note this is **not** the year structures should be left on the lake bottom. Our goal will be to refill the lake for the enjoyment of all in 2006 **not** to protect docks and lifts that have not been removed.

The last deep drawdown was accomplished during the winter of 1989–1990 in conjunction with the control tower reconstruction. From a weed control perspective the 1989–1990 drawdown was of great success as we have enjoyed 15 summers of use while the weed growth has returned slowly. We are extremely fortunate that we have the ability to control the level of Galway Lake in an effort to combat our issues with Eurasian Milfoil. The greater number of lakes and waterways that are also dealing with this issue do not have this effective option at their disposal. The attached Galway Lake Preservation Committee, Lake Survey Report for 2004 will provide you with more information on this year's drawdown and the overall health of Galway Lake.

In addition, if your seawall or waterfront is in need of maintenance this will be a good year to take advantage of the drawdown to effect repairs. From past history I would expect the ability for seawall repair will not be available for quite sometime in the future.

Please remember to abide by all boating laws when operating a boat on the lake. Remember that a life preserver must be in the boat for each person on board. For your own safety a life preserver should be worn at all times you are in the boat. Boats with electric motors must be licensed with the State of New York. Identify your boats and rafts with your camp number in the event that they are found adrift they will be easily identified as belonging to you. Please use the "catch and release" policy if you are fishing for sport on the lake. In addition we all value the peace and quiet of Galway Lake, so please be considerate of your neighbors while preserving this special place.

It is especially important that your camp number be at least 3 inches high and clearly visible on your camp so that emergency services can find your camp if needed. Any Grove where year-round residency exists has the responsibility for maintaining its roads to allow year-round access of emergency vehicles and personnel.

Again this year the Board has approved a tentative assessment per camp of \$150. This assessment level will provide for a prudent budget that includes funding for the capital reserve fund to meet future expenditures for capital improvements.

Following is the tentative budget for 2005 – 2006. If this budget is approved at the Annual Lake Association Meeting that will be held at the Ruback's Grove Pavilion on Saturday July 9th at 7:00PM, the assessment per camp will be the same as last year: \$150.

2005 – 2006 Budget

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| Taxes | \$25,000.00 |
| Legal | \$2,000.00 |
| Conservation | \$1,000.00 |
| Audit & Tax Preparation | \$1,400.00 |
| Directory | \$900.00 |
| Donations | \$1,000.00 |
| Insurance | \$25,000.00 |
| Maintenance | \$4,000.00 |
| Clerk Office Expenses | \$4,200.00 |
| Federation of Lakes Dues | \$350.00 |
| Capital Reserve Fund | \$10,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$200.00 |
| Water Testing | \$2,800.00 |
| Contingency | <u>\$800.00</u> |
| | \$78,650.00 |

I would like to encourage you to attend the annual meeting on July 9th to understand more about the lake and present any questions or concerns that you may have about the budget or other points of interest that you may have with regard to Galway Lake. If you are unable to attend please use the proxy designated below to designate someone else to represent your interests. Please send your proxy to Ms. Lois Seyse, Clerk, 25 Washington Road, Scotia, New York, 12302.

Sincerely,



J. Glen Rundell,
President

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TO: Ms. Lois B. Seyse, Clerk
Galway Lake Campers Association, Inc.
25 Washington Road
Scotia, New York 12302

I hereby appoint _____ to act for me in matters to be enacted at the July 9th, 2005 Annual Meeting of the GLCA.

My Grove is _____ Signed: _____
My camp number is _____ Date: _____

Please sign and return this proxy if you do not plan to attend the meeting