

Galway Lake Campers Association, Inc.

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

June 12, 2013

Dear Member,

Welcome to the 2013 summer season at beautiful Galway Lake. The 2012-2013 drawdown was successful and refill was completed April 20, 2013. Regaining a full lake in the spring is the principle responsibility of the lake level committee and I would like to thank Kurt Ladu, who volunteers his time and effort to monitor and control the level of Galway Lake. Due to Kurt's diligence we all will enjoy a full lake this summer. I would also like to remind you that if you leave a dock or boat on the lakebed you do so knowing it may be damaged or destroyed during the annual refill process.

Lake Preservation

Protecting our beautiful lake is at the forefront of the GLCA's Lake Preservation Committee efforts. Bruce Kniskern and his committee dedicate a great deal of time throughout the year to ensure the health of Galway Lake. For further information on the work that is in process and suggestions on how you can help in protecting the quality of Galway Lake please be sure to read the information provided by the Lake Preservation Committee as an enclosure to this letter, on the GLCA website and attend the Annual Meeting of the Association on July 13, 2013.

Invasive Species

Invasive species represent a significant threat to the health and well being of Galway Lake. All of us need to be aware and work to protect the lake from invasive species. During the Spring 2013 meeting of the GLCA Board a motion was brought forth and passed that will no longer allow the use of commercial and non-GLCA Member's trailers when launching or retrieving a boat on the GLCA boat launch. This motion was brought forth and passed in an effort to limit the lakes exposure to invasive species.

The board understands that this may cause a hardship to some of our members who do not currently own a trailer for their larger boats. The GLCA is taking steps to provide a trailer that will only be used in Galway Lake to allow for the launching and retrieval of Member's boats that do not have a trailer. Kurt Ladu can aid you with this process when you contact him to schedule a time to launch or retrieve your boat.

We dedicate a great deal of time and focus towards controlling weeds within the lake. This control is only part of the solution, reducing the total amount of nutrients allowed to enter and remain in Galway Lake is **critical** to our lake's future. Each of us can positively impact the health of the lake by maintaining an effective septic system, eliminating the use of fertilizer on our property, not disposing of leaves and yard waste into the lake and by discouraging waterfowl from making Galway Lake their home.

Ice Fishing

Over the past several years the GLCA has worked more closely with the New York State, Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) on many fronts to help protect the lake. One of the areas we have worked closely on is to control the illegal ice fishing on Galway Lake. As you know, the GLCA does not allow ice fishing on the lake. Over the years there has been a persistent problem with regard to individuals disregarding this rule and ice fishing on the lake.

This winter DEC Officer Shaw requested and was given the proper legal documents from the GLCA to pursue illegal ice fishing on the lake. During his numerous visits to the lake this year he found that there were several people who claimed to be GLCA Members fishing. This season he gave warnings to those individuals, but next winter there will be no warnings. We want to inform you that this coming winter Officer Shaw and his fellow DEC Officers will hand out citations to those people found fishing on Galway Lake without warning, regardless of your affiliation to the Association. We ask that you abide by the no ice fishing rule and inform your guests that Galway Lake is not open for ice fishing to avoid any problems.

Reminders

While you and your family enjoy the lake this season please remember to abide by all laws when operating a boat on the lake. Please 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 a boat. Boats with electric motors must be licensed with the State of New York. Identify your boat(s) and raft with your camp number in the event that they are found adrift they will be easily identified as belonging to you. Please use a "catch and release" policy if you are fishing for sport on the lake.

We all value the peace and quiet of Galway Lake, so please be considerate of your neighbors while preserving this special place. The Association does not support the use of fireworks on or around the lake, as it is illegal "to possess, use, explode, or cause to explode fireworks in the State of New York," unless you have a license to do so -- New York State Penal Law, Section #270.

It is especially important that you have your home identified with numbers and letters that are at least three (3) inches high and clearly visible so that emergency services can find your home in the event of an emergency. Any Grove where year-round residency exists has the responsibility for maintaining its roads to allow year-round access of emergency vehicles and personnel. The Galway Lake Fire Department needs a **minimum clearance of 14 feet** to navigate its equipment to your home. If your road is not maintained with the proper minimum clearance you are greatly increasing the likelihood of disaster.

In order to control our operating costs and provide regular communications the GLCA would like to know your interest in receiving email communications. Each mailing costs the GLCA approximately \$600, making it prohibitive to send regular communications. As email has almost zero cost to the Association, we will be able to communicate with you on a regular basis. If you are interested in regular emails please let us know by sending an email to grundell@nycap.rr.com. We will continue to send the annual letter via the U.S. Postal Service.

Youth and Novice Sailing Program - Starts July 6

The Galway Lake Sailing Club is running a Youth and Novice Sailing Program during the 2013 summer season. This program was first started in 2011 and has become highly successful and enjoyed by many youth sailors around the lake. If you or any of your family members are interested in sailing on Galway Lake this is a wonderful opportunity to discover what it is all about.

The program will start Saturday, July 6 and will run each Saturday throughout the summer from 9:30 – 11:30 am. If you are interested please visit the GLSC website at www.galwaysailing.org or contact Jesse Aronstein by phone at 845-462-6452 (home and camp) 518-265-2500 (cell) or email him at protune@aol.com to join the fun.

2013 – 2014 GLCA Budget

This year the Board has approved a tentative assessment per camp of \$200. This assessment level is the same as last year's 2012-2013 and will provide for a prudent budget that includes funding for the capital reserve fund to meet future capital expenditures. Following is the tentative budget for 2013-2014. If this budget is approved at the Annual Lake Association Meeting that will be held at the Ruback's Grove Pavilion on Saturday July 13, 2013 at 7:00PM, the assessment per camp will be: \$200.

2013-2014 Budget

Taxes	\$33,000.00
Legal	\$10,000.00
Audit & Tax Preparation	\$2,500.00
Donations	\$1,500.00
Directory	\$1,000.00
Insurance	\$34,000.00
Maintenance	\$4,000.00
Clerk Office Expenses	\$5,000.00
Federation of Lakes Dues	\$600.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$15,000.00
Water Testing	\$4,000.00
Engineering Study – (to address DEC Dam Requirements)	\$10,000.00
Waterfowl Management	\$2,000.00
Contingency	\$5,000.00
	<u>\$127,600.00</u>

I would like to encourage you to attend the annual meeting on July 13th to understand more about the lake and present any questions or concerns that you may have with regard to Galway Lake. If you are unable to attend please use the proxy provided below to designate someone else to represent your interest. Please send your proxy to Ms. Lois Seyse, Clerk, 25 Washington Road, Scotia, New York, 12302.

Sincerely,



J. Glen Rundell,
President

--PROXY--

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 13, 2013 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