



Winter 2009 LOLA Newsletter

Concerned citizens for a better lake community

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<http://www.LOLAinfo.org>

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LOLA Board of Directors
Box 446
Lake Orion, Mi. 48362

Or e-mail to:
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Contact the Oakland County Sheriff's Dept., Marine Division

Patrol hours- - 8am to 10pm
weekends from Memorial Day thru Labor Day.

Call jump boat:
248-391-0256 during office hours;
248-858-4951 at all other times.

Dial 911 in case of emergency.

Boater Safety Classes available through Marine Division

Class schedule available at
www.oakgov.com/sheriff
Click on Safety Tips and Courses

New boating laws at Michigan DNR
Phone 517-373-1230

Overview of 2008 Activities

Several members and relatives took the Marine Division's Boater Safety Class. Even long-time boaters learned something new, especially with respect to operating PWCs. Instructor Milt Williams pointed out the two most important things for safe boating... "Keep butts in seats and wear an appropriate flotation device." Getting a Boating Safety Certificate is valuable for everyone, but required for anyone born after 1978 to operate a PWC.

In July, the Association participated in a fishing tournament coordinated by American Bass Masters for residents of the Crossroads for Youth facility. In a catch and release process, some boats went for quantity, while others went for trophy fish, but everyone was focused on boater safety. Prizes were awarded in various categories and a good time was had by all.

In August, Association members helped clear debris from Paint Creek between the dam and Children's Park. Working with Paul Zelenak, Village Manager, and the DPW staff, weeds, brush and a variety of discarded trash were removed.

Miss LOLA, the pontoon used for the No-wake Buoy program, was refurbished utilizing donated plywood and carpeting plus volunteer elbow grease. General consensus... "She should be good for another 25 years."

The Association continued to participate in the State of Michigan's water quality testing program. Water quality parameters being monitored include nutrients (e.g. phosphorus), chlorophyll and water clarity. Tests were conducted throughout the season, with readings and samples provided to the state for incorporation into a state-wide information database.

Several meetings have been held with the Marine Division as well as the Village and Township on a variety of topics, including consistent enforcement of boater rules & regulations and control of lake water levels. If you would like to provide input, please contact the Association. There is concern that budget constraints may eliminate funding for marine patrols after summer 2009.

A new Association website is being developed at www.LOLAinfo.org. Content will evolve, including addition of a Paypal account capability.

No-Wake Buoy Status

Most residents agree buoys encourage courteous boating near shore and in narrow channels. Last season, careless boating again severely damaged several buoys, making repairs or replacement necessary. The buoys were removed in late September, with anchors and chains being inspected. Repairs during the winter will ensure readiness for the spring 2009 boating season.

Lake Association Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held at 7:00pm on April 22 at the Eagles Club, 317 W. Clarkston Rd. Watch for additional information and please plan to attend.

2009 Membership Dues are Due

Please fill out the attached form and forward it with a check for \$20 payable to LOLA. Dues support a range of activities, including the no-wake buoy program, water quality testing, special events, web site development and communications on issues affecting lake owners. If you would be interested in serving on the board or getting involved as a volunteer, please check the appropriate box on the information form.

Neighborhood Self-Help Groups for Weed Management

Coordinators will shortly begin contacting their neighbors with information regarding the 2009 treatment program. The process will be similar to last year, with April 30 targeted as the final day for signing up.

Results for Association 2008 Lake Survey: (percent responses add to 100%)	Yes %	No %	Unsure %
1. Do you believe additional lake patrolling would improve adherence to the boating rules & regulations?	46	35	19
2. Do you believe there should be stricter enforcement of rules & regulations for boaters?	35	42	23
3. Are you in favor of stricter enforcement of violators of No-Wake areas?	69	23	8
4. Do you believe the no-wake buoys are effective?	87	4	9
5. Would you be in favor of a lake-wide aquatic weed management program supported by establishing a special assessment district?	71	10	19
6. Do you believe Lake Orion water quality has improved over the last five years?	53	15	32
7. Are you in favor of an annual one-foot winter lake drawdown?	35	46	19
8. Are you in favor of the deep (2-3 Foot) drawdown of the lake conducted every 4-5 years?	74	20	6
9. Do you believe the DNR public access is adequately controlled on weekends and holidays?	42	19	39



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