

Waterworks

New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

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Maintaining Our Mission on NYPause

Needless to say, it has been an interesting few months at NYSFOLA. We had just finalized the annual conference agenda, and had started to accept registrations, when we were forced to cancel the event for the first time in 37 years. Our staff shifted from the office to working at home with projects that had been put "on hold" for awhile reinvigorated to the extent possible.

Of course, the conference cancellation brought up other issues: How do we hold the annual membership meeting? What do we do about the members of the Board of Directors whose terms are expiring? How do we adhere to our bylaws in the time of a global pandemic? With guidance from legal counsel, we relied on the *force majeure* clause in our

bylaws. The Board of Directors meeting in March was changed to an Executive Committee meeting via Zoom. The full Board met via Zoom in May, and they essentially left everything intact that had been agreed to the previous year by the membership and upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The members of the Board of Directors did not

change. Those with expiring terms agreed to renew them. The Board elected officers: President-Elect Tarki Heath was elected President, and Don Cook accepted the vacated President-Elect position. Bill Harman remains Vice President. Janet Andersen is staying on as Secretary,



Nancy Mueller (left) conducts CSLAP training at the Eatonbrook Reservoir boat launch in June.

Photo by Jim Cunningham

and Walter Dutcher remains in the Treasurer's spot.

The loss of the conference left us with a financial hole to fill, but perhaps even more importantly, in the short term, it created a gap in our ability to provide important information to our members.

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NYSFOLA's mission is to protect the water resources of New York State by assisting local organizations and individuals through public dialogue, education, information exchange and collaborative efforts.

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President's Letter - Tarki Heath

Dear NYSFOLA Members,

This is indeed a complicated time to begin as your NYSFOLA president, but it is a position that I take on with enthusiasm. We will be contending with the conditions presented by the pandemic for an unknown time to come, but we are planning, adjusting and moving forward.

Logistics: NYSFOLA will proceed to meet our mission goals while following the guidelines set forth by New York State Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. To that end, the Executive Board of Directors held a digital session in April, to outline the process we would use to maintain physical distancing while keeping true to our bylaws and the laws of the State of New York. With the cancellation of our NYSFOLA Conference and General Meeting, Past President Don Cook, with board agreement, extended the terms of four board members and two officers. These board members have graciously agreed to be reappointed for new, three year terms: Jan Andersen, Don Cook, Jim Cunningham, Walter Dutcher, Rich Henderson, and John Murad and on May 1st, we agreed to the appointment of new officers, Tarki Heath and Bill Harman.

Working and Planning: The next full board meeting is scheduled for September. We are assuming that social distancing will still be a part of our lives, therefore, we will continue to prepare

for digital meetings, following the open meeting protocols for our state.

Working from home and slowly re-opening the office, Nancy Mueller is taking our organization through the challenges that meet us. Waterworks was on hold until the printer opened, but we continued to present information to our members through the website, our Facebook page, and e-newsletters. Nancy and Owen Zaengle have sent out a survey to the lake associations participating in CSLAP. Those responses will help us better understand the importance of CSLAP to each lake, how associations utilize the data and how it is shared with others.

The website has been updated. If you haven't been there recently, please check it out. Nancy has been working to take out the old and bring in the new information our members need. Owen has been working on a "Classic Story Map" that will highlight each of our member lakes. If you have not already done so, please be sure your lake is represented by sending a scenic picture to Owen at: ozaengle@nysfola.org

Our state and regional conferences have been cancelled or are on hold. Those opportunities to learn and network cannot be fully replaced, the NYSFOLA Webinar Series, held in June and July, provided high quality and meaningful information to our members. The webinars were professionally co-hosted by the Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center.

We wish you all well. Enjoy your lakes, and be safe.



Foggy morning on Song Lake by Tarki Heath

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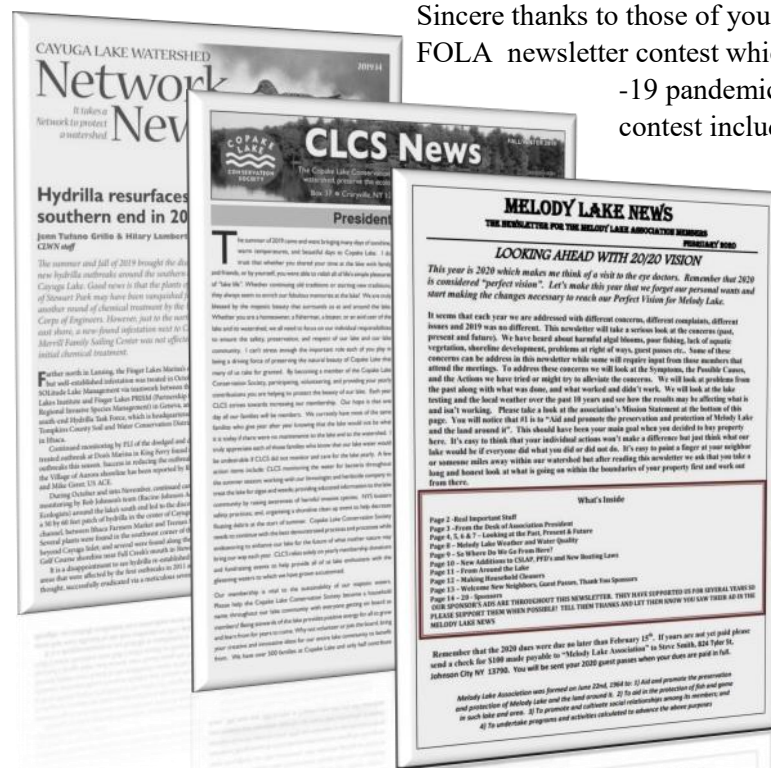
What could we do to fill the gap?

Fortunately, we were able to team up with the Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center, through a grant funding from the US Department of Agriculture, to put together a series of webinars utilizing some of the speakers and popular topics from our annual conference. We are truly grateful for their assistance. In some ways, we are fortunate that this pandemic is happening in a digital era that allows people many communication options beyond in-person, face-to-face. Although, we very much missed seeing you all at the conference. We recognize that Zoom and webinars cannot replace those lunch table and hallway conversations, and we certainly hope that we can once again meet with our members in person.

It goes without saying that the 2020 Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) was very much up in the air. NYS DEC staff were sent home to work. Upstate Freshwater Institute was shut down, and the future of state contracts was uncertain. The safety of our staff and volunteers remained the highest priority, and when it looked like we had the funds and the ability to run the program, most of our volunteers showed overwhelming support. And so, most of them are sampling, albeit in masks and gloves. We have already received hundreds of samples as we go to press.

Newsletter Contest Put on Hold by Covid-19

by Theresa Mayhew, NYSFOLA Board Member and Newsletter Contest Coordinator



Sincere thanks to those of you that submitted entries for this year's NYSFOLA newsletter contest which, like the annual conference, fell victim to the COVID-19 pandemic. The associations and groups that entered this year's contest included the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network, Chautauqua

Lake Association, Conesus Lake Association, Copake Lake Conservation Society, Kasoag Lake Association, Lime Lake Cottage Owner's Association, Melody Lake Association, Otsego Lake Association and the Three Lakes Council. If you submitted an entry and your name was not listed, my apologies. I have been working remotely from home since March 19th. I took the entries I received via snail mail home with me on March 18th and have scoured my email inbox three times; hopefully I captured everyone that sent them either digitally or via the USPS. If we've learned nothing else from this crisis, it's the value of communicating with our publics and being open and accessible to one's readership/membership. Newsletters are a lifeline for getting the word out, especially to those members that you don't interact with on a regular basis.

Kudos to those of you who submitted entries. We hope to resume the newsletter contest next year and be able to present awards at the in-person conference as we have in the past. Again, thanks, for your support of this initiative. In the meantime, keep the flow of vital information going strong to your members!

Also, please don't forget to include NYSFOLA on your newsletter distribution list. Your newsletters, either in paper or electronic form, are an important way for us to find out what's happening at our member lake associations.

NYSFOLA Teams Up With Syracuse University for Webinar Series



Through a grant from the Rural Utilities Service, United States Department of Agriculture, NYSFOLA was able to partner with the Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center & Center for Sustainable Community Solutions to produce a series of lake related webinars. We would like to thank Meredith Perrault, Jessica Eckerlin, Savannah Betkowski and Tess Clark for working with NYSFOLA and our speakers to produce the series. We also thank our speakers Brian Martin, Catherine Gerard, David Matthews, David Andrews, Monica Matt, Jim Cunningham and Chris Mikolajczyk for volunteering their time and sharing their knowledge.

All of the recordings have been recorded. You can link to them all at: <https://efc.syr.edu/new-york-lakes-webinar-series-june-july-2020/> or at www.nysfola.org.



Insurance Coverage for Nonprofit Lake Associations

Thursday June 4th, 2020 10:00AM – 11:00AM

Nonprofits provide a variety of services to our communities. Understanding the risk associated with providing a service and choosing the right liability insurance to protect your nonprofit is not always easy. This workshop will walk attendees through the various types of liability insurance your nonprofit might need, and why you may (or may not) need it.

Presenter: Brian Martin, Licensed Account Representative, Council Services Plus, a subsidiary of NYS Council of Nonprofits, Inc.



Conflict Management for Organizations

Thursday June 18th, 2020 10:00AM – 11:00AM

Does your lake association experience conflicts over how to manage resources or make decisions? Learn from a Syracuse University expert to develop awareness and skills in order to transform conflict into opportunity.

This webinar will feature Catherine Gerard, Director of the Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration (ParCC) at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Finance.



An Introduction to Lake Ecosystems: A New York State Perspective

Thursday July 9th, 2020 10:00AM – 11:00AM

New York State is blessed with a diverse array of nearly 8,000 lake ecosystems, ranging from unnamed small lakes and ponds to some of the largest lakes on Earth. These ecosystems provide a wide range of services, including recreation, aesthetics, water supply, and habitat for aquatic organisms. This webinar will provide an overview of lake science and water quality management from the perspective of New York's lakes. Topics will include temperature stratification, harmful algal blooms, aquatic invasive species, lake food webs, and relationships between land use and water quality.

One of our most popular annual conference sessions went virtual with nearly 300 people “tuned in” thanks to Dr. David Matthews, Director, Upstate Freshwater Institute; David Andrews, Research Scientist, Upstate Freshwater Institute; and Monica Matt, Research Scientist, Upstate Freshwater Institute.



Working with Local Government to Improve Lakes and Communities

Thursday July 23, 2020 10:00AM – 11:00AM

Learn from two long-time experts about the experiences of towns and lake associations working together through zoning, land use planning, and water quality issues.

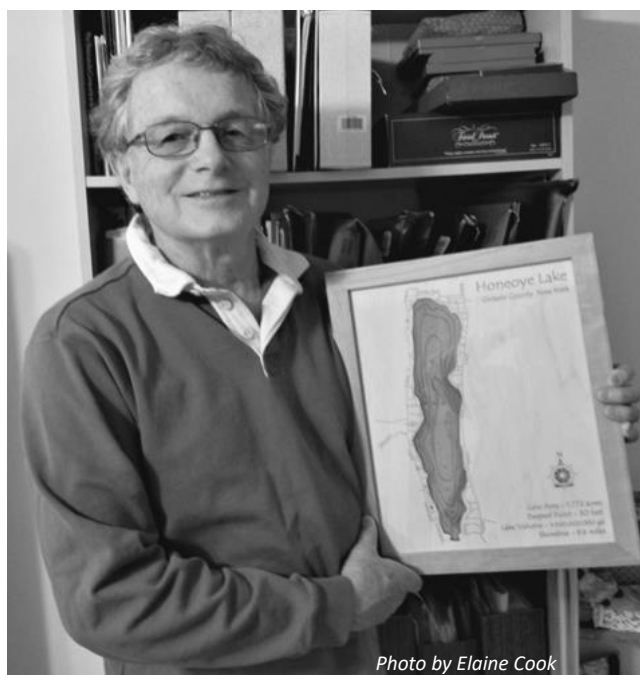
Senior Project Manager-Aquatics Chris Mikolajczyk from Princeton Hydro LLC gave a presentation entitled: “A regional based approach to the management of the Lakes of the Borough of Ringwood” and discussed how the Borough of Ringwood is situated in the heart of the New Jersey Highlands (which provides drinking water to millions of New Jersey residents) and is home to several public and private lakes that sit within the Ramapo Mountains. In order to take an active role in the management of these natural resources within multiple watersheds, the Borough of Ringwood is the first municipality in the state of New Jersey to take a regional approach to private lake management through a public-private partnership (PPP) with four lake associations.



NYSFOLA Board Member, Town of Nelson, NY Supervisor and member of the Eatonbrook Lake Association and Madison County Federation of Lake Associations Jim Cunningham provided a unique perspective about the role of local government in lake management using his decades of experience and examples from Madison County, NY. In addition to his role as Town Supervisor, Jim is also the President of the Madison County Federation of Lake Associations and a member of the Eatonbrook Lake Association. He is also a Past-President of both NYSFOLA and the NY

Water Environment Association and is President of New Water Technologies with decades of experience in the wastewater treatment industry.

Past-President Don Cook Recognized by Western NYSFOLA Members



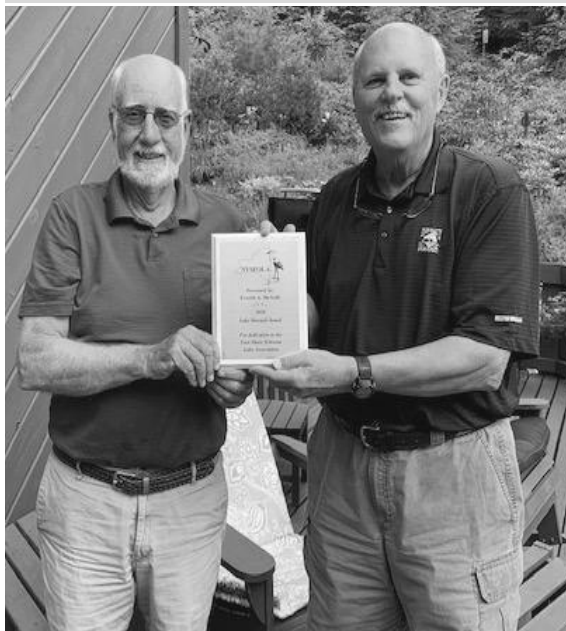
NYSFOLA lake associations in the western part of the state paid tribute to Don Cook last fall at the 25th anniversary Western Regional Conference. Don has been a long time advocate for regional meetings, and his annual fall event brings together lakes on the western side of the state to discuss issues and topics of particular interest to that area.

An anniversary cake was served at lunch, and Don was presented with a wooden topographic chart of his beloved Honeoye Lake.

The NYSFOLA Board of Directors also recognized Don this spring as outgoing President and for his long time dedication to NYSFOLA. Although we were unable to publicly thank him at the annual conference, Don’s service to our organization is nonetheless most appreciated.

Don has served on the Board since 1995 upon the resignation of his wife Elaine who served on the Board from 1986-1995 as a representative of the Silver Lake Association.

NYSFOLA Recognizes Lake Stewards



East Shore Schroon Lake Association (ESSLA) member Everett McNeill (left) receives his 2020 NYSFOLA Lake Steward Award from ESSLA

Each year, NYSFOLA recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to their lake associations. NYSFOLA Lake Stewards are nominated by their lake associations and are usually recognized at the annual conference. Although the conference was cancelled, the Board of Directors felt strongly that tribute should still be paid to our dedicated members. The 2020 NYSFOLA Lake Steward Award recipients are as follows with excerpts from the nominating letters.

Hilary Lambert, Cayuga Lake Watershed Network - Hilary received three separate letters praising her accomplishments not only as a paid staff person, but as someone who has put in countless hours of her own time working to protect Cayuga Lake. *“From the beginning of her tenure with the Cayuga Lake Watershed Association, Ms. Lambert has gone out of her way to reach out, both personally and professionally, to remove barriers and establish a greater degree of partnership between the many organizations, agencies and individuals who call the Cayuga Lake Watershed home. Her down to earth, respectful and forthright style of communication makes her an effective bridge builder, and our Watershed is surely better off for her efforts over the past dozen or more years.”*

Everett McNeill, East Shore Schroon Lake Association - *“Ev first got involved with ESSLA when he agreed to be a Milfoil Scout on Schroon Lake. Now he was caught in the vortex of our volunteer work. Next he was asked to head up that very program, and once again Ev stepped up to the plate. Next, he was invited to become a board member for the East Shore Schroon Lake Association, and once again Ev was there. As Ev first came onto our board, we were in need of someone to take the minutes, and who should agree? Yup, it was Ev. Now he heads up our environmental committee and has created documents describing invasives in our area and those on the horizon. Ev has started to explore terrestrial invasive plants such as wild parsnip. He is educating the public and the town highway department regarding their existence and why they are harmful to the environment. Ev is a tremendous asset for our organization, and every organization should have at least one Everett McNeill.”*

Michael Yellin, Glenwood Lake Association - *“Michael Yellin, simply put is, is our lake keeper. Almost every improvement to Glenwood Lake in New Rochelle over the past several years traces to Michael and his indefatigable drive to make our lake health and as close to its natural glory as possible. Developers have wanted to build next to it. The city does not clean it. Storms have taken their toll. Michael has consistently led the drive to combat any and all adversaries. We, the neighborhood residents, indeed, the citizens of Westchester County who flock to the lake, are the beneficiaries of his labors.”*

Tim Hartmann, Kasoag Lake Association - *“Tim is at every meeting. He attends all work parties. Time will cut a tree if needed, even if he ends up in the lake! He volunteers for our Fishing Derby, duck race, movie night, weed pulling or any task we can come up with. At the end of our season at the lake, we give the volunteers an Appreciation Dinner for all their hard work throughout the year. Many times volunteers are presented with a gag gift for something they may have done. Tim has been presented with a few of these gifts and has always received them with a smiling face.”*

Lake Related COVID Guidance from New York State

Does your lake association own a beach, boat launch or other area where people may congregate this season? The State of New York has issued COVID guidance for beaches, anglers and boaters/paddlers that can be found online. The angler and boater/paddler guidance documents are in a .pdf poster format that can be downloaded and posted at boat launches and other public spaces.

Guidance for Beaches: Guidance from the New York State Department of Health - https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/BEACHES_MASTER_GUIDANCE_05.19.20_FINAL.pdf

Guidance for Anglers: https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/administration_pdf/socialdistancefish.pdf

- Fish Local - Stay close to home. Keep your fishing trip short. Avoid high-traffic destinations.



- Be Safe - Avoid crowds and groups. Recreate only with members of your immediate household. Keep a distance of 6 feet or more from others. When fishing from a boat, make sure it's large enough so persons on board are at least 6 feet from one another. Wear a mask when you cannot maintain social distancing.
- Stay Home - If you're not feeling well, stay home. Anyone 70 and older or with a compromised immune system should postpone their trip.
- Be Adaptive - Move quickly through parking lots and paths. If crowded, choose a different fishing location or time to visit.

Guidance for Boaters and Paddlers: <https://parks.ny.gov/documents/recreation/boating/BoatingSocialDistancing.pdf>

- Boat Local - Stay close to home. Keep your trip short. Avoid high-traffic destinations.
- Be Safe - Always wear your life jacket. Dress for the water temperature. Be prepared
- Keep Your Distance - Avoid crowds, groups, rafting up and beaching your boat right next to others. Keep a distance of 6 feet or more from others. Only boat with those in your immediate household.
- Be Courteous - Please wear a face covering while in public areas. Dispose of single use masks and gloves properly.
- Stay Home - If you're not feeling well, stay home. Anyone 70 and older or with a compromised immune system should postpone their trip.
- Be Adaptive - Depart marinas and launch boats quickly - do not congregate. If crowded, choose a different location or time to visit.

Upcoming Aquatic Invasive Species Webinars

How to Survey for Late Season High Priority Aquatic Species, Hydrilla and Starry Stonewort

Join Finger Lakes PRISM and Finger Lakes Institute staff, for their Invasive Species- Know, Observe & Report Webinar Series.

When? August 12, 2020 12:00 - 1:00PM

Join the webinar here: <https://hws.zoom.us/j/737918814>



Hydrilla - Photo by Jon Reis for NYSFOLA

Starry Stonewort Collaborative

Join the Starry Stonewort Collaborative and Blake Cahill, Ph.D Candidate; Earth and Ecosystem Science Doctoral Program, Central Michigan University for a discussion on Blake's research into the combined application of both chemical control and mechanical harvesting on starry stonewort.

When? August 18, 2020 10:00AM - 12:00PM

To register: <https://hws.zoom.us/meeting/register/>



Starry Stonewort - Photo by Nancy Mueller

NALMS 2020 Symposium Goes Virtual

After careful consideration and in consultation with their partners and planning team, the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS) has decided not to hold their 40th anniversary annual symposium in Minneapolis as planned. Instead they will hold a virtual symposium during those dates (November 16-20) in keeping with the best interest of the health and well-being of their attendees, sponsors, exhibitors, and staff.

NALMS is still in the planning stages of this new format, but they expect the program to include:

Plenary sessions with live Q&A.

Daily technical presentations with live Q&A.

“On your own sessions,” view recorded presentations on your timetable and ask the authors questions.

Poster Session with “lightning” presentations.

Talks and posters will be available to attendees on demand during the conference week, no need to miss any talks of interest due to overlapping times.

Daily meet & greet opportunities and a virtual hospitality room.

Virtual exhibits from new and long time NALMS Corporate Members, Affiliates, and Nonprofits.

Virtual Clean Lakes Classic 5K Run/Walk.

Stay tuned for more detailed information on the program, registration, awards, NALMS Membership Meeting, and more! www.nalms.org



Parts of the State See Little Rainfall This Season

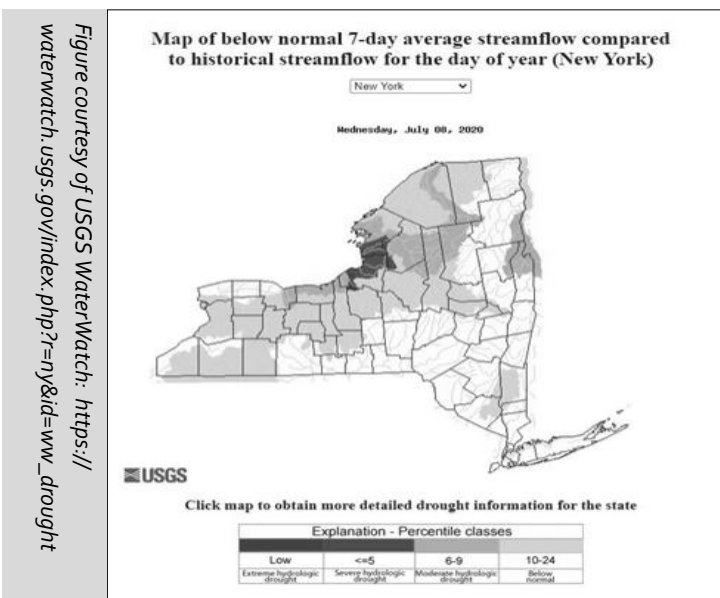
According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), drought conditions are being reported in some parts of New York State. In early July, the combination of Tropical Storm Fay and a low pressure system brought relief to some areas, especially Central NY and the Finger Lakes region. See the maps below comparing data for July 8th (left) and July 12th (right).

The recent hot weather has also resulted in warmer water

floods and droughts, are occurring.

The stream gage-based maps show streamflow conditions for real-time, average daily, and 7-day average streamflow. The real-time streamflow maps highlight flood and high flow conditions. The 7-day average streamflow maps highlight below-normal and drought conditions.

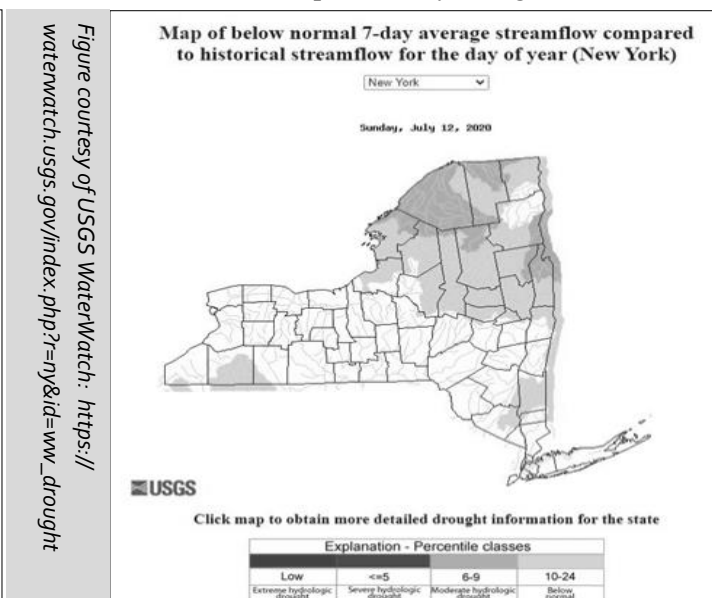
WaterWatch also provides hydrologic unit code



temperatures in lakes across the state.

Are you looking for more information about conditions in your area? According to the website:

WaterWatch (<http://waterwatch.usgs.gov>) is a U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) World Wide Web site that displays maps, graphs, and tables describing real-time, recent, and past streamflow conditions for the United States. The real-time information generally is updated on an hourly basis. WaterWatch provides streamgage-based maps that show the location of more than 3,000 long-term (30 years or more) USGS streamgages; use colors to represent streamflow conditions compared to historical streamflow; feature a point-and-click interface allowing users to retrieve graphs of stream stage (water elevation) and flow; and highlight locations where extreme hydrologic events, such as



(HUC) maps. HUC-based maps are derived from the streamgage-based maps and illustrate streamflow conditions in hydrologic regions. These maps show average streamflow conditions for 1-, 7-, 14-, and 28-day periods, and for monthly average streamflow; highlight regions of low flow or hydrologic drought; and provide historical runoff and streamflow conditions beginning in 1901.

WaterWatch summarizes streamflow conditions in a region (state or hydrologic unit) in terms of the long-term typical condition at streamgages in the region. Summary tables are provided along with time-series plots that depict variations through time. WaterWatch also includes tables of current streamflow information and locations of flooding.

Find out more at: https://waterwatch.usgs.gov/index.php?id=ww_about.

2020 Lake Tear of the Clouds Recipient

Chris Doyle, Aquatic Biologist and Writer

The Lake Tear of the Clouds Award is NYSFOLA's highest honor. This award, named for the "highest" lake in the state, is awarded to a person who has shown the highest dedication to lakes and watersheds, assisted NYSFOLA in its mission and produced exceptional performance in his or her field of endeavor.

This year's recipient is Chris Doyle, Senior Aquatic Biologist and Director of Biology at SOLitude Lake Management. He has over two decades of experience in all facets of lake, pond and fisheries management with SOLitude and Allied Biological. Chris has designed and performed methodologies for full lake GPS referenced aquatic vegetation surveys, developed invasive species identification procedures, studied invertebrate and algal and aquatic macrophyte taxonomy and conducted extensive fieldwork and studies of aquatic environments and species.

Chris is currently the Region 2 Director of the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS). He has also served in a variety of leadership positions for the Northeast Aquatic Plant Management Society (NEAPMS) and sits on the aquatic plant technical advisory board for the New Jer-

sey Invasive Species Strike Team (NJISST). He is an active partner with the Lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (LH PRISM) and is a Certified Lake Manager by NALMS.

NYSFOLA has long benefited from Chris's knowledge, friendly demeanor and willingness to assist us in any way possible. Throughout his professional tenure with SOLitude, and previously Allied Biological, he has been a long time NYSFOLA supporter and conference presenter. He has served as a resource person for us over two decades and has always been happy to answer our questions and emails about lake ecosystems.

Chris is proud to be a New Jersey native and resides in central New Jersey with wife and best friend, Lisa, son, Alec, and two adopted cats.

Photo: SOLitude Lake Management

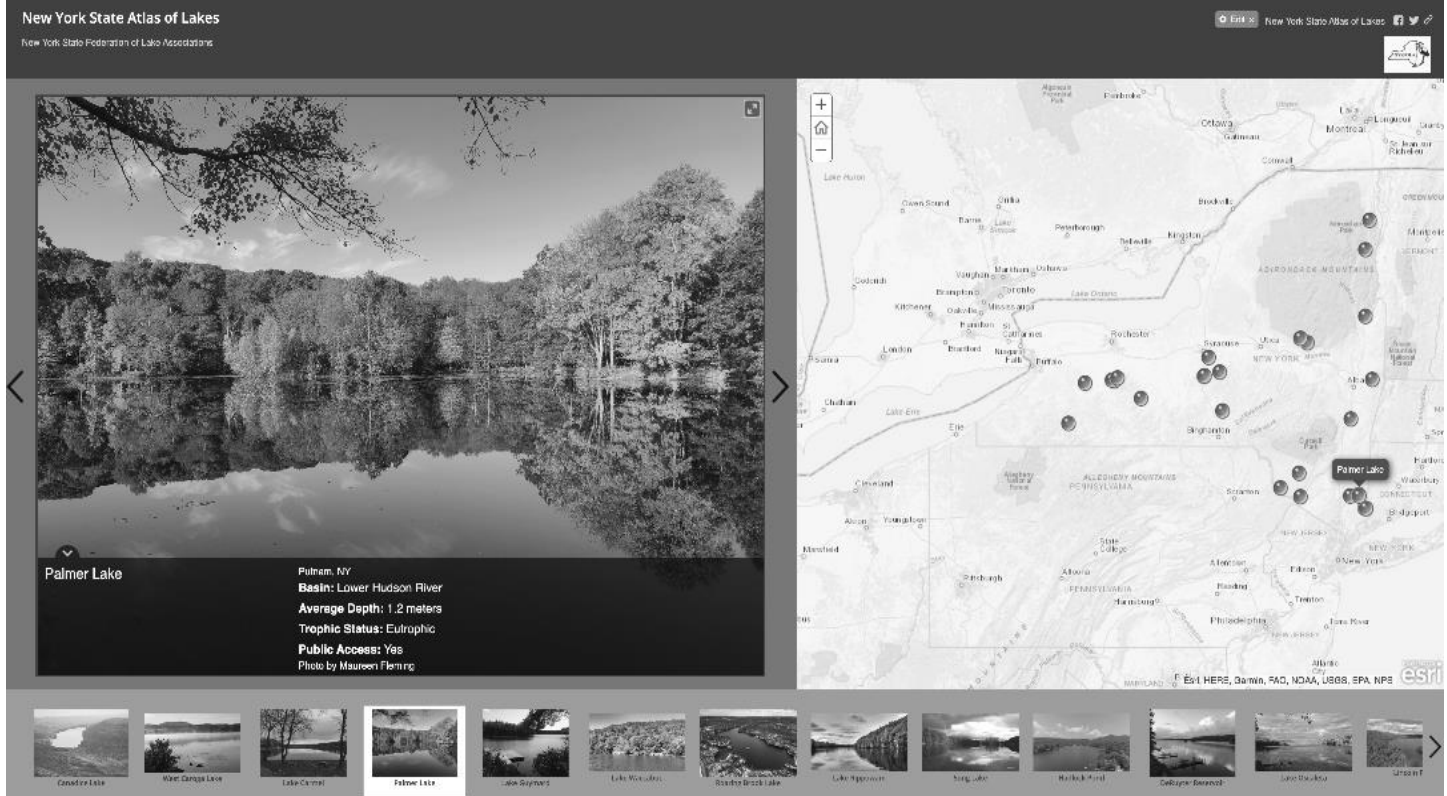


Photo by Carl Heilman II
Lake Tear of the Clouds

What we didn't know, however, is that Chris is also a published freelance fiction author, and he will be leaving SOLitude to pursue a full-time opportunity with his publisher. For now, however, he will be continuing his tenure on the NALMS Board and will be an active part of planning the virtual Minneapolis symposium.

While we were unable to present Chris with the award at the annual conference this year, his achievements and contributions will not go unrecognized. We thank him for his long time support of NYSFOLA and its members, and we wish him all the best as he pursues his new career.

Put Your Lake on NYSFOLA's Atlas of NY Lakes



Our Assistant Program Coordinator Owen Zaengle has used his “work from home” time to create a New York State Atlas of Lakes. It is our hope that this online GIS-based atlas will include all of our membership and become a featured part of the NYSFOLA website, but we still need your help.

We’re looking for an image that you think portrays the overall essence of your lake. Ideally, we’d like the image to capture a scenic view of the lake in landscape orientation. Please help us make this project a complete success by submitting:

- A photograph of your lake (landscape orientation preferred)
- Permission to use the photo
- Photo attribution i.e. who took the photo (optional - so we can give them credit)

Please send a photo to Owen at ozzaengle@nysfola.org. If you have any addi-

tional questions about the project, please feel free to contact him with those as well.

We thank all of the lake associations that have already submitted photos, and we look forward to hearing from the rest of our members.



Lincoln Pond - Photo by Wayne Johnson

It was certainly an uncertain start to the 2020 season. Upstate Freshwater Institute (UFI) was closed under NYPause; NYSFOLA and DEC staff were working from home; the state's finances were (and still are) in dire straights; and our volunteers were in isolation either in New York or in other states or countries with uncertainty as to when they might get back to their lakes again.



Our Chautauqua Lake CSLAP veteran Jane Conroe and her husband Doug (see page 13) have been sampling for over 30 years.

Photo by Doug Conroe.

As things began to improve, UFI received essential business status and subsequently reopened, and DEC upper level management gave the “green light” to move forward with the program. There were many questions to be answered, but our volunteers gave their support to moving ahead while agreeing to do so under the NYPause and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. Some volun-

teers chose to opt out this year, and we fully understood and supported their decision. The health and safety of our staff and volunteers remains our top priority this season.

Training our new volunteers proved to be the most challenging issue this year. We modified the training process and managed to conduct a few small, outdoor group sessions, but it wasn't the normal “on the boat” training. We thank Finger Lakes HUB Research Scientist Lewis McCaffrey and NYSFOLA Board member Dean Long for assisting with training during this difficult time as we were trying to get thing up and running.

Otherwise, the kinks that were inherent as we tried to start up the program in 3 weeks rather than 3 months have mostly been worked out of the system.

Just a few reminders for our volunteers:

- Be sure to collect, process and ship samples promptly. Several of the parameters have a holding time. Samples should be processed immediately after collection, frozen, and shipped within the next day or two.
- Never use bottles from a previous year! This includes the glass amber shoreline HAB bottles. The label is coded for a particular year. Everyone received new bottles for 2020.
- Old, unused shipping labels should also be tossed. UPS prices change every year. So, they aren't going to be the right amount, and we will be slapped with surcharges if you use them.
- If you need supplies or equipment replaced, please put a note on top of the cooler so that the lab staff can send it back to you in the empty cooler. If you're running out of $MgCO_3$, please send the squirt bottle back with your samples and ask for a refill. We'll send it back in the cooler. Squirt bottles, like some other lab supplies, are hard to come by during this pandemic. So, we need your old one, please.
- Don't “chase” satellites. While we encourage the use of the satellite calendar when possible, we still want the 2020 Sampling Protocol and the integrity of the

CSLAP samples to come first. Please stick to sampling approximately every 2 weeks. It's okay to bump dates by a day or so, but please don't "cram" or extend the sampling out too much.

- Please enter your field data online, but also send us the original hardcopies of all of your paperwork: Sampling Record Form, Observation Form, HABs shoreline survey and Chain of Custody Form.
- Don't forget! The 2020 Sampling Protocol and Forms can be found on our website at: <https://nysfola.org/cslap-protocol-forms/>.
- Got algae? If you collect a shoreline bloom, you can report it on the cslapdata.org website which will also link directly to NYHABs. Take photos! Notifications will be posted on NYHABs if the bloom is confirmed. You won't receive individual notifications. It's too time consuming for DEC staff who are often still working remotely.

Everyone should have received their 2019 CSLAP Report, and we are working to get those up on the NYSFOLA website in the very near future. Please let us know if you need a copy.

And finally, thank you all for making 2020 CSLAP happen.



Please stay safe everyone!

Nancy Mueller, NYSFOLA and Stephanie June, NYS DEC

CSLAP Survey - We Everyone's Help!

NYSFOLA has put together a survey to help us gather information about the ways lake associations use CSLAP data and what we can do to make the program better.

We recognize that the survey is somewhat long. However, **this information is very important** - especially as future budget decisions for the program are likely to be determined by how useful the program is seen to "legislative eyes". Let's show everyone (including those working on state budgets) how many ways CSLAP helps lake associations!

The CSLAP volunteers received the survey via email, but lake association members and officers who are not CSLAP volunteers are welcome to fill it out. We just need to know what lake you're from.

Help us gather the data to show off all of your hard work and how it has benefitted your lake. You can find the survey here: <https://forms.gle/gWJXc9D5QW4HBPrt8>. If

you have any problems accessing the form, please contact Owen Zaengle - orzaengle@nysfola.org.

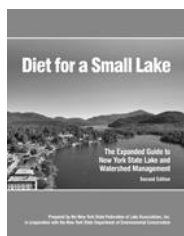
We would like to highlight your lake association's achievements and share your stories.

Note: Although the data will be compiled and shared with everyone, you can fill out the survey without your name being connected to the answers you've given.

Why not fill it out today?



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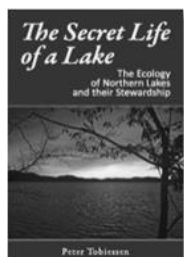


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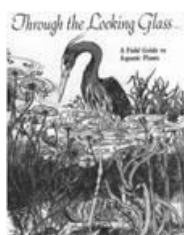
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