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The 41st Annual NYSFOLA Conference



We hope that you will be able to celebrate with us at our annual conference *It Takes A Community To Protect A Watershed* at the Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center in Lake George on May 3rd and 4th.

We have another great group of presenters this year including our Keynote Speaker, Nicholas Robinson from the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. Professor Robinson has had a long and fascinating career and will be discussing “Community Leadership For Healthy Lakes In New York”. See a preliminary conference program starting on page 5.

Registration is now open, and we expect to have another large crowd this year.

To register, go to www.nysfola.org. Registration for rooms and meals closes on April 21st.



Black Mountain from the Harbor Islands, Lake George, New York
Asher B. Durand, 1796 -1886



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President's Letter - Tarki L. Heath

Dear NYSFOLA Members and Friends,

Looking out my window at Song Lake in Central NY, mid-February, with a brisk wind, light snow, and open water, I once again lament the lack of winter ice. Winter is not yet over, but the ice this year, as it was last year, has been almost nonexistent.

Warming winters are just one of the many challenges facing our lakes. The pressures, both natural and human-caused, seem overwhelming. Providing proper management practices that integrate responsibility for environmental, economic, and social effects of our human activities has never been more challenging. Over the next few months, NYSFOLA will be looking at these, and other issues, as we conduct a strategic plan review, chaired by NYSFOLA Executive Director, Dave Carr. He will be reaching out to our members, partners, and a wide variety of stakeholders for input through email surveys, phone calls, and at the May conference. We look forward to your input.

This year's NYSFOLA Annual Conference, "It Takes a Community to Protect a Watershed," will attempt to address some of these challenges. We are honored to have as our Friday morning keynote speaker, Professor Emeritus Nicholas Robinson, from the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. He will present, "Community Leadership for Healthy Lakes in New York," sharing his expertise as an international negotiator and legal scholar on water conservation. Our evening keynote speaker, maritime archaeologist and author, Joseph W. Zarzynski, will present on Lake George's "Shipwreck Row." Both are engaging speakers, and we are fortunate to have them at our conference.

Throughout both days, the conference will be filled with interesting speakers,

exhibitors, and water quality professionals. Those who have signed up for the Citizen's Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) training, will spend Saturday afternoon on the lake.

Under the direction of the NYSFOLA CSLAP Coordinator, Nancy Mueller, and the NYS Department of Conservation CSLAP Program Manager Alene Onion, the 2024 CSLAP season is already underway. Be sure to read more about the close of 2023 and start of 2024 in this newsletter under CSLAP-penings.

As many of you are aware, some changes were made in the CSLAP sampling program beginning in 2023, driven by the NYS DEC's 2021 revised Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology (CALM). In 2025, support of all eight sampling sessions by the DEC will no longer routinely occur. Therefore, at the same time that NYSFOLA will continue to coordinate with the DEC for the CSLAP program at four sampling sessions, we will also provide additional, alternative sampling programs for lakes requiring more data. We will keep you informed as the details are determined.

Amid these challenges, I am pleased to state that NYSFOLA is financially sound, with a strong and active board, professional and resolute staff, and steadfast volunteers. It is the strength of our members' support that keeps us afloat and we could not do it without you. As always, please feel free to contact me at tarkiheath@gmail.com with your ideas on how NYSFOLA can continue with its mission to be the best "voice for NY lakes."



Donald Cook of Honeoye Lake Recognized

After this years Finger Lakes Research Conference in Geneva (see page 4) the Finger Lakes Regional Watershed Alliance (FLRWA) awarded the FLRWA 2023 Citizen of the Year Award to Honeoye representative Don Cook.

Outgoing FLRWA President Margie Creamer with newly elected President Jacob Welsh presented the award to Don. Margie stated "It is with deep respect and admiration for Don and his extraordinary lifetime of work to preserve and protect the Finger Lakes, that we proudly recognize Don Cook with the 2023 FLRWA Citizen Award. Don Cook has dedicated over 20 years of service on the Honeoye Valley Association

Board. He has been its representative to FLRWA since the establishment of this alliance in 2010 having served as its President prior to Margie Creamer. Furthermore, he has been a representative for Silver Lake and Honeoye Lake on the NYSFOLA board for more than 30 years, holding the prestigious positions of President and organizer of the annual NYSFOLA Western Regional Conference."

The award, prepared by CSA Solutions of Canandaigua NY, is a wooden plaque illustrating the various depths of each Finger Lake. Above this illustration are the words "Finger Lakes Regional Watershed Alliance Citizen Award in appreciation for the Depths of your Interest in Contributing to our Finger Lakes." The FLRWA is fortunate to have Don continue his role in the upcoming year.



Left to right: Margie Creamer, Donald Cook, Jacob Welsh

New York State Federation of Lake Association's Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Statement

With our mission to protect, preserve and restore the lakes of New York State, NYSFOLA understands that water reaches everyone in different ways and in diverse communities. Environmental equity ensures that everyone has the right to experience the beauty of our lakes, have access to clean water, and live in a safe environment. We acknowledge that diversity, inclusion, and equity must be reflected in the way we do business, how we interact with one another, and the positions we take through our programming, membership, workforce, organizational structure, communications, and all aspects of our work.

Reminder!

We have a new Facebook page using the "NYS" abbreviation! Follow us as:

NYS Federation of Lake Associations

The old **New York State Federation of Lake Associations** page is no longer updated and will be taken down in the future.



Finger Lakes Research Conference

The Finger Lakes Research Conference was held by the Finger Lakes Institute and Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva on January 31st. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC) was a primary sponsor of the event. This one day conference had not convened since the COVID pandemic and was very well attended. Presentations covered a broad range of lake and watershed topics focused mainly on the Finger Lakes region, but often applicable to other regions in New York state.

Lewis Caffrey, a Research Scientist with the DEC started the presentations with an overview of past and present conditions of the Finger Lakes focused on the trophic levels of each. His mentions of CSLAP (page 9) and the important data that is gathered by this program across the state and how it is used by DEC was very much appreciated!

A fascinating presentation then followed by Tom Manley from Middlebury College about bathymetric mapping and analysis of the bottom of Seneca Lake. Images showing various terrains, underwater landslides, and “pock mark” areas are currently being studied to better understand how the lake was formed and how things may change in the future.

Christy Tyler from the Rochester Institute of Technology spoke on microplastics research in Lake Ontario and Conesus Lake, among others. Plastic samples of various types were observed over a years time submerged in the waterbodies. A number of characteristics were recorded as the materials degraded including settling velocity, biofilm formation, and ecosystem impacts.

Alex Koeberle from Cornell University described a project that tracked and monitored reintroduced Cisco (a small fish that serve as valuable prey to Lake Trout and other species)

in Keuka Lake. Using lake wide telemetry array and small tags implanted on baby fish, estimates of juvenile survival rates were estimated. Further, using E-DNA technology and underwater current monitoring devices, general population locations were investigated.

Eric Lavanduski from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry presented interesting research focused on understanding the impacts the family of plastic substances known as PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyls) have on Seneca Lake. The research includes measuring the levels of these chemicals found in Lake Trout and a prey species, Blacknose Dace.

After lunch and a well deserved recognition of his decades of work, Dr. John Halfman gave the Keynote presentation summarizing the monitoring and research he and his teams of graduate students completed from 2005-2022. This work has provided interesting and valuable data describing trends in all the Finger Lakes for characteristics including water temperature, harmful algal blooms, chloride levels and water quality/trophic state.

The final presentation of the day was given by Ian Smith, Seneca Lake Steward, Bruce Murray, Co-Owner of Boundary Breaks Vineyard in Lodi, NY, and Christopher Creelman, Technician

from the Seneca County Soil and Water District. Through extensive planning, drainage design and construction, this valuable partnership solved drainage issues at the vineyard. It also increased the amount of viable land for vineyard expansion while reducing runoff.



Boundary Breaks Vineyard

Dr. John Halfman



John Halfman has taught and conducted research at Hobart and William Smith Colleges for 30 years. His 17 years of research on water quality for the Finger Lakes has resulted in important data, trends, and monitoring and testing procedures that have provided valuable insight into these lakes' health and the challenges ahead in protecting them. Dr. Halfman has also positively influenced countless students and has educated many people from a variety of backgrounds about lake science. His retirement this year is well deserved and we thank him for all the invaluable work he has done!

New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

41st Anniversary Conference May 3-4, 2024

“It Takes a Community to Protect a Lake”

Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center - Lake George, NY

Join lakefront property owners, lake managers, researchers and government officials from around the region for NYSFOLA's annual gathering of people dedicated to protecting and improving New York's lakes.

The Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center in beautiful Lake George, NY provides a perfect setting for a gathering of people who care about lakes. We invite you to join us in celebrating NYSFOLA's 41st anniversary.

2024 NYSFOLA Annual Conference Program (preliminary).

Times and locations subject to change prior to the Conference

Thursday May 2, 2024

3:30pm - 5:30pm NYSFOLA Board of Directors Meeting, Glens Falls Room, Fort William Henry Conference Center

Friday May 3, 2024

8:00am Exhibitor set up begins in Albany and Fort Edward Rooms

8:30am Registration open in Conference Center Lobby

"Morning Nosh" (light breakfast and beverages) * available in the Village Blacksmith Lounge

9:15am – 9:30am **Welcome and Logistics** – Lake George Rooms North and South

9:30am - 10:30am **Plenary Session - “Community Leadership for Healthy Lakes in New York State”**– Lake George Rooms North and South
Nicholas Robinson Professor of Environmental Law *Emeritus*, Elisabeth Haub School of Laws Pace University

10:30am - 10:45am **Break** - Village Blacksmith Lounge/Exhibitor Area/Silent Auction

Session A1 – “Diet for a Small Lake” An Introduction to Limnology - Lake George North

10:45am – 11:45am Dr. Bill Harman, Distinguished Service Professor of Biology, Rufus J. Thayer Chair for Otsego Lake Research, Director of the SUNY Oneonta Biological Field Station - New to NYSFOLA? This is a great place to start. Join Dr. Bill Harman and his staff for a “crash course” in Limnology 101

Session A2 - Environmental Justice and New York Lakes – Lake George South

10:45am- 11:15am 2024 Pilot Project: CSLAP in Environmental Justice Areas and Disadvantaged Communities - Alene Onion, NYSDEC CSLAP Coordinator

11:15am - 11:45am Harmful Cyanobacterial Blooms, Related Loss of Recreational Opportunities and Environmental Justice Areas in New York - Sabina Gifford, Physical Scientist, USGS

Session A3 Funding Lake Management Through Special Tax Districts - Long Lake Room

10:45am- 11:45am Formation and Operation of Special Tax Districts to Aid Lakes - Michelle Anderson, Attorney at Law, Anderson Firm PLLC

Session A4 - iMAP Invasive Species Workshop (Bring a Smartphone or Tablet) – Tupper Lake Room; Mitchell O’Neil, Invasive Species Biologist, New York Natural Heritage Program
 10:45am- 11:15am iMAP Workshop inside
 11:15am - 11:45am iMAP Workshop outside

11:45am – 12:00am (Sessions A1, A2, A3) **Wrap Up and Q&A**

12:00pm – 1:15pm **Lunch*** - The Carriage House, Fort William Henry Hotel (This is a **NEW** dining facility at Fort William Henry!)

Session B1 – Climate Resilience and Your Lake – Lake George North

1:30pm-2:00pm **MyCoast NY: A Statewide Tool for Engaging Communities and Documenting Flood and Storm Events** - Jess Kuonan, Hudson Estuary Resilience Specialist, NYS Sea Grant
 2:00pm-2:30pm **A Survey of the Ecology of Select Lakes and Ponds in Central Park, NYC** - Dr. Fred Lubnow, Senior Technical Director of Ecological Services, Princeton Hydro LLC
 2:30pm-3:00pm TBA

Session B2 -Watershed Land Use and Water Quality - Lake George South

1:30pm-2:00pm **Watershed land use > 25% is a critical benchmark for nutrient loading in NYS Lakes - a potential threshold for prioritizing watershed protection** Alene Onion, NYSDEC CSLAP Coordinator.
 2:00pm-2:30pm **Constructing historic land use – land cover patterns for the Honeoye Lake watershed and exploring their relationship to modern lake condition.**, Dr. Bruce Gilman, Science Advisor, Honeoye Valley Association and Kyle Ritts, Ontario County Planning Aide.
 2:30pm-3:00pm **Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2)** - Ryan Bell, Environmental Analyst, New York State Department of Health.

Session B3 – Lake Associations Doing Great Things – Long Lake Room

1:30pm-2:00pm **Schroon Lake: A Study in Success Through Partnerships** - Gary Karl, Board Member, East Shore Schroon Lake Association
 2:00pm-2:30pm **How the Lake George Association Inspires Action** - Lindsey Kenna, Education for Action Manager, Lake George Association
 2:30pm-3:00pm **Creative Community Engagement** - Tarki L. Heath, Board President, New York State Federation of Lake Associations, and Cortland Onondaga Federation of Kettle Lakes Association
 3:00pm -3:15 **Break**

Session C1 – Aquatic Invasive Species – Lake George Room North

3:15pm - 3:45 pm **NYS Watercraft Inspection Steward Program and Aquatic Invasive Species Updates** - Scott Jamieson, Biologist, WISP Coordinator, NYSDEC
 3:45pm - 4:15pm **Are We Making Progress? Using Lake Management Tracker to Assess Invasive Plant Management Success** – Brian Greene, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy
 4:15pm - 4:45pm **Using Underwater Cameras to Track Aquatic Plant Communities** - Nick Rowell, Natural Resources Specialist, Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District

Session C2 - Harmful Algal Blooms in Low Nutrient Lakes - Lake George Room South

3:15pm - 3:45 pm **HABHAZARD: Predicting Risk of Harmful Algal Blooms in Lake George-** Jonathan Borrelli, Post Doctoral Researcher, Rochester Polytechnic Institute.
 3:45pm - 4:15pm **Cyanobacteria Harmful Algal Blooms in Low-Nutrient NY Lakes: Combined Approaches to Address an Ephemeral Phenomenon** - Rebecca Gorney, Biologist, United States Geological Survey
 4:15pm - 4:45pm **A Paleolimnological Approach to Understand the History of Cyanobacterial Occurrence in Oligotrophic Adirondack Lakes** - Sabina Gifford, Physical Scientist, United States Geo-

Session C3 – Community Outreach and Education – Long Lake Room

3:15pm - 3:45 pm	Submerge NY: Creative Approaches to Flood Risk Communication and Outreach through Public Art - Rewa Phansalkar, Research and Outreach Specialist, New York State Water Resources Institute Cornell University
3:45pm - 4:15pm	Advancing Environmental Education Outcomes within the Great Lakes - Emily Fell, Eastern Great Lakes Watershed Coordinator , NYSDEC
4:15pm - 4:45pm	Educating Youth in the Canandaigua Lake Watershed: K-6 Programs - Lindsey Ayers, Education Program Coordinator, Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association
4:45pm - 5:00pm	Silent Auction/Visit Exhibits
5:00pm – 6:00pm 6:00pm	NYSFOLA Wine and Cheese Party - Village Blacksmith Lounge and Exhibitor Area NYSFOLA Banquet* - The Carriage House, Fort William Henry Hotel - Lake Tear of the Clouds Award, Scott Kishbaugh Secchi Disk Award. Our guest speaker Joseph Zarzynski, Registered Professional Archaeologist, will describe a 1757 raid on Fort William Henry, and the resulting sinking of warships in Lake George.

Saturday May 4, 2024

7:00am – 8:00am	Breakfast buffet* - White Lion Room, Fort William Henry Hotel
8:30am	Registration Opens – Fort William Henry Conference Center

Session D1 - Preventing P Loading From Wastewater - Lake George Room North

9:00am - 9:30am	How is Septic-Related Phosphorus Loading Impacting My Lake and What Can Be Done About It? Steve Souza, Owner, Clean Waters Consulting, LLC
9:30am - 10:00am	LGPC Wastewater Regulations and Inspection Program: 1st Year Results Jason Michael Kokkinos, Environmental Analyst, Lake George Park Commission
10:00am - 10:15am	Break
10:15am - 10:45am	Intricacies of Soil Onsite Wastewater Treatment & Ways to Investigate Nutrient "Hotspots" - Hilary Kenyon, Certified Lake Manager, Applied Watershed Sciences, LLC
10:45am - 11:15am	Peach Lake Restoration Effort over 24 Years - Lorraine Janus, Limnologist, Peach Lake Environmental Coalition, Inc.

Session D2 – Lake Monitoring in NY: Using Data to Make Informed Decisions – Lake George Room South

9:00am - 9:30am	Managing Water Quality in Rapidly Changing Times: Insights from In-Lake Modeling - David Matthews, Director, Upstate Freshwater Institute
9:30am - 10:00am	Lake Welch Clean Water Planning and HAB Mitigation Efforts , Alene Onion, Brian Duffy, and Gabriella CebadaMora
10:00am - 10:15am	Break
10:15am - 10:45am	How CyanoHAB Education Contributed to a 9E Grant - Kiyoko Yokota, Associate Professor, SUNY Oneonta and Patricia Kennedy, Otsego Lake Watershed Supervisory Committee
10:45am - 11:15am	2023 Lake Reports - A Redesigned CSLAP Report Format to Support all NYS Lakes - Alene Onion, NYSDEC CSLAP Coordinator, NYSDEC

Session D3 – Management Tools to Reduce Nutrients – Long Lake Room

9:00am - 9:30am	Aeration as a Lake Management Tool: Impact on Harmful Algal Blooms - Ken Belfer, President, Mohegan Lake Improvement District and Dr. Gregory Boyer, Director for the Great Lakes Research Consortium, Emeritus Professor of Biochemistry, SUNY ESF.
9:30am - 10:00am	HAB Suppression and Control With Peroxide-Based Algaecides - Glenn Sullivan, President, Ready Scout, LLC

- 10:00am - 10:15am **Break**
- 10:15am - 10:45am **Improving Water Quality Through Dredging** - Laurel Wolfe, NYSFOLA Board of Directors, and Association Manager, Sleepy Hollow Lake, Association of Property Owners, Julia DiGiovanni,
- 10:45am - 11:15am **Passive Phosphorus Update, Piloting a Novel Technology for Lake Restoration** - Alejandro Reyes, Aquatic Ecologist, GEI Consultants, Inc
- 11:15am - 11:30am (Sessions D1, D2, D3) **Q&A and wrap up**
- 11:45am – 1:00pm **Lunch* and NYSFOLA/NYSFOL Annual Membership Meetings** – White Lion Dining Room, Fort William Henry Hotel – Annual Newsletter Contest

Session E1 – Invasive Species and Other Biological Nuisances In Our Lakes – Lake George Room North

- 1:15pm - 1:45pm **Phragmites Management Options & Case Studies** - Luke Gervase, Project Ecologist, GEI Consultants
- 1:45pm - 2:15pm **Management of Eurasian watermilfoil at Saratoga Lake** - Dean Long, NYSFOLA Board of Directors, SLPID Consultant
- 2:15pm - 2:45pm **It Takes A Community: Lake Luzerne's ProcettaCOR Experience** - Jane Oppenlander, Robert Bombard, Nick Rowell, Kurt TeKolste,, Mike Schaffer, Jim Niles, and Mark Schaffer, Lake Luzerne Association, Town of Lake Luzerne, Warren County SWCD.
- 2:45pm - 3:15pm **Living Hazards in our Aquatic Environments** - David Wilson, President, Piseco Lake Association

Session E2 - Lake Monitoring in NY: Using Data to Make Informed Decisions – Lake George Room South

- 1:15pm - 1:45pm **The Value of Volunteer Data and the State of Craine Lake** - Derek Shea, Graduate Student, SUNY Oneonta
- 1:45pm - 2:15pm **Characterizing high-frequency dynamics of internal phosphorus loading in a eutrophic polymictic basin of Chautauqua Lake, NY** - Mark Lucius, Software Engineer, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.
- 2:15pm - 2:45pm **Episodic internal loading in a eutrophic lake: characterizing short-term nutrient fluxes using high-frequency sensor data in Chautauqua Lake, NY** - Vincent Moriarty, Research Scientist, IBM Research
- 2:45pm - 3:15pm **Finger Lakes PFAs Project: Targeted Water sampling to Identify Sources of per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances in the Finger Lakes** - Laura Akey, Student Research Assistant, Cornell University Civil and Environmental Engineering and Brune Boukobza, Cornell University

Session E3 – CSLAP Training For New Volunteers – Long Lake Room

- 1:15pm - 1:45pm Introduction to the program and sampling parameters – Nancy Mueller NYSFOLA CSLAP Coordinator, Alena Onion NYSDEC CSLAP Coordinator
- 1:45pm – 3:30pm(?) During the afternoon, volunteers will be split into groups. Some of you will start by learning the “on-lake” sampling procedures while others go through the sample processing and shipping protocols. Once everyone has a chance to complete their first “assignment”, we will switch. We hope to finish by 3:30pm, but it might go longer depending on the needs of the various groups. Dress for the weather as we will be outside for part of the time.

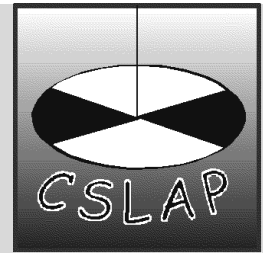
3:15pm - 3:30 pm (Sessions E1, E2) **Q&A and wrap up**

*** Registration for rooms and meals closes on April 21st.** We need to give the venue an accurate headcount for all meals, and meal tickets will be issued to attendees and required for admittance. **There will be no additional meal tickets available for purchase at the conference.**

Room Reservations can be made directly with the Fort William Henry Hotel: (518) 668-3081, <https://www.fortwilliamhenry.com/> Tell them you are with NYSFOLA to get the discounted rate.

CSLAPpenings

Nancy Mueller, NYSFOLA CSLAP Coordinator



Spring is nearly here, and we are gearing up for the largest Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program ever! This year, over 600 volunteers will be sampling 196 sites on 182 lakes across the state. We're so excited to see the level of participation continue to rise.

I want to welcome our volunteers from the following lakes that will be new (or coming back) to the program this year:

Lake Acacia, Wyoming County
Burden Pond, Rensselaer County
Echo Lake, Hamilton County
Goodhue Lake, Steuben County
Lake Hiram, Wyoming County
Lake Louise Marie, Sullivan County
Sixberry Lake, Jefferson County
Solomon Lake, Wyoming County
Treasure Lake, Sullivan County
Wanasink Lake, Sullivan County

Burden Pond in Troy will be part of an on-going attempt to bring lakes located in Potential Environmental Justice Areas (PEJA) and Disadvantaged Communities into the program. We thank our partners at the Rensselaer County Conservation Alliance and the Rensselaer County Soil and Water Conservation District for joining us.

I also want to thank our volunteers who will be leaving the program: Charles and Nancy DiMaggio from Lake MacGregor; Vivian and Denis Gufarotti from Lake Tibet; and Jim and Elaine Hill from Lake Warn. Jim is "turning in his kemmerer" after over two decades of sampling and will be very much missed.

The 2023 reports will be published on the DEC CSLAP Dashboard: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/c32878596a0a47deb5f97ea5e07ec9c5/page/Dashboard/>.



The reports will be interactive, and you can download all of your data from the link within the report. DEC's Alene Onion will be giving a presentation about the new reports at the NYSFOLA Annual Conference. We hope you can join us to hear how to get the most out of your lake's report.

To gear up for the 2024 season, we would like to remind everyone about a few things before we get underway:

1. **Check your equipment.** Is it all there? Is it working? Is it clean? Rinse it well with distilled water, but don't use any cleaning products or soap. Let Nancy know if you need replacements before you start sampling.
2. **Calibrate your thermometer.** The directions are in the Sampling Protocol: <https://nysfola.org/cslap-protocol-forms/>.
3. **Read the Sampling Protocol.** There won't be any changes from 2023, but we encourage everyone to brush up on the procedures. When did you last read it? (It's on our website.) Careful adherence to the Protocol means better data!
4. **Attend a Training Session.** In accordance with DEC's Quality Assurance

Project Plan for CSLAP, all new volunteers are required to attend a formal training session led by DEC and/or NYSFOLA. Volunteers are not allowed to train other volunteers. This is sometimes how mistakes get passed down through the years. The first training opportunity, and only guaranteed weekend event, will be held as part of the NYSFOLA annual conference in Lake George on Saturday May 4th. After that, we'll be setting up regional sessions based on where the greatest numbers of new volunteers are located. These will be held primarily in May and June. We'll keep everyone informed as we get closer to the start of the season.

Potential Revisions to Freshwater Wetlands Regulations

The NY State Department of Environmental Conservation has issued an “Advanced Notice of Proposed Rule Making (ANPRM) for Potential Revisions to Freshwater Wetlands Regulations 6 NYCRR Part 664” found here:

<https://dec.ny.gov/nature/waterbodies/wetlands/freshwater-wetlands-program>

As described on the website, the purpose of the ANPRM is to invite public review and comment on the pre-proposal updates to the wetland regulations. The site also includes detailed information about the New York state Freshwater Wetlands Act (passed in 1975), amendments, mapping, and classifications.

Of note in the ANPRM document (available for review or download) are three primary proposed changes: NYDEC will be relying on aerial imagery and remote data rather than the existing maps; smaller wetlands will be regulated based on one or more of 11 new criteria; and the default size of a regulated wetland will drop from 12.4 acres to 7.4.

These are some very interesting proposed changes. This the opportunity to provide your thoughts and feedback!

Vermont Wakeboard Rules First In The Nation

Our neighbors in Vermont have passed the first statewide Wakeboarding rules with specifics about how and where the sport can be conducted.

The rules describe “wake sport zones” that are at least 500’ from shore and deeper than 20’ on large lakes.

The Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds and the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation will be holding a free Zoom event on March 26, 2024 at 12:00pm that will present the new rulings.

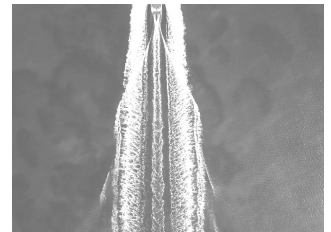
Visit here for more information:

<https://vermontlakes.org/event/vermonts-wake-boat-rule-first-in-nation/>

For detailed information from Vermont DEC on the Rulemaking:

<https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/lakes-and-ponds-rulemaking>

Should New York pursue a similar course of action?



Many Thanks To Walter Dutcher!

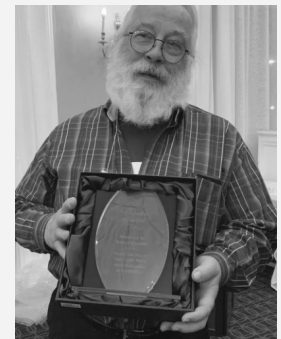
Walter Dutcher has served as NYSFOLA’s treasurer for 14 years. Over that time, the organization has grown considerably, and the Treasurer’s job has become increasingly time consuming. Walter has overseen the growth of our financial resources, prepared and submitted large state vouchers to DEC for CSLAP reimbursement, initiated the use of PayPal for the conference, worked with others to ensure that our financial statements are prepared for the IRS, the NYS Charities Bureau, and that they are audited by Certified Public Accountants each year in compliance with state requirements.

For all his many hours of hard work maintaining NYSFOLA’s finances Walter was recognized in 2022 with the Outstanding Volunteer Service Award at that year’s annual NYSFOLA conference.

He is also active in the Butterfield Lake Association and is their primary CSLAP volunteer.

As we’ve moved into 2024 Walter is handing off his duties to our new Treasurer and Board member Greg Boyer, and Executive Director, David Carr.

We will still be seeing and working with Walter as he continues to serve on the NYSFOLA Board of Directors, but we can’t thank Walter enough for all the work he has done as Treasurer!



2024 Membership Form

New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Lake, Watershed and other Associations:

Small Association (10-74 members)	\$ 75.00
Medium Association (75-149 members)	\$ 125.00
Large Association (150 or more members)	\$ 250.00
Foundation (affiliated with NYSFOLA member)	\$ 150.00

Individual Memberships:

Individual Membership (not a member of a NYSFOLA lake association)	\$ 40.00
Individual Member of a NYSFOLA member lake association in good standing	\$ 30.00
Student Membership	\$ 15.00

Corporate Membership: \$ 350.00

Name of Lake Association or Individual _____

Location (County) _____

(important if your lake is one of many in the state with the same name)

Contact Name _____

Address _____

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