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EPA Provides Tools to Improve Septic System Management

Local Education Key to Stopping Pollution from Septic Tanks

Stressing the environmental importance of proper septic tank management to prevent pollution from entering the nation's rivers, lakes, coasts, and groundwater, EPA is providing approximately 4,000 city and county public health officials with materials to continue efforts to educate citizens about proper septic system management. Failing and improperly managed septic systems are a significant source of water pollution, potentially causing contamination of drinking water wells or restricting shellfish harvest. Septic systems serve approximately 25 percent of U.S. households, and one in every three new homes built today uses these systems - making proper maintenance essential for protecting America's waters.

"Public education is the key to improving septic system management. Citizens need to better understand the potential harm improperly managed septic systems can have on the environment and public health and what they can do to help," said G. Tracy Mehan III, EPA Assistant Administrator for Water.

As part of EPA's year-long celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Clean Water Act, the Agency has developed a CD-based kit that communities can use to reach out to citizens. Using the CD, communities can inexpensively produce customized brochures, utility bill inserts, and other useful information. Each document contains space where communities can add local information, so citizens will know how to obtain additional information.

To order copies of the Wastewater Month CD or hard copies of these materials, visit the Wastewater Month website at www.epa.gov/npdes/wastewatermonth or contact Nikos Singelis, of the Office of Wastewater Management, at singelis.nikos@epa.gov.

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From the President...by George C. Kelley

Greetings!

I am back in Central New York to enjoy another Spring awakening. My daylilies and horseradish are just beginning to poke above the brown leaf litter that has protected them through this horrendous winter, and the maple trees are vigorously delivering sap. The deep freeze that has covered our state seems to be weakening and cottage owners with cabin fever are relieved to get outside, visit their summer homes and perhaps dream again of all too short a summer of recreation at THEIR Lake.

I look back on the last two years as President of NYSFOLA as a time of friendship, service and satisfaction. I appreciate the efforts of all NYSFOLA volunteers working to prepare meetings, disseminate information, serve on state and regional committees and attend local, regional, state and national meetings. Their efforts have made my tenure easier and sustain our NYSFOLA organization. As I leave office, I look forward to continuing my service with committee work as a "past president".

I urge everyone to attend our expanded 20th anniversary meeting May 2, 2003. I look forward to seeing you at the White Eagle Conference Center in Hamilton, NY.

George C. Kelley, President

To the Editor...

February 24, 2003



Dear NYSFOLA,

Your expert on acid rain failed to discuss the politically-charged issue of the BUSH Administration's loosening of earlier rules related to smokestack emissions that are believed to be the cause of acid rain.

Many environmentalists have protested this loosening which will have the effect of reducing costs for power companies and increasing the level of air pollutants that come down as acid rain.

The Bush Administration is oriented to helping its donors with favors not to long-range thinking.

Roslyn Willett, Past President
Hunns Lake
Member NY Academy of Sciences
New York, NY



Surfing The Web

Lake related websites for everyone to enjoy

The U.S. EPA's *Volunteer Monitor* is available online at www.epa.gov/owow/volunteer/vm.index.html. There is a great deal of information available on this website including some good fact sheets. Look for CSLAP, and you'll find it!

www.gao.gov-Yes! That's the U.S. General Accounting Office. Look for the document entitled *Invasive Species-Obstacles Hinder Federal Rapid Response to Growing Threat* (Washington D.C. GAO-01-724) and others. Not an exciting website, but there is a lot of information if you have the time.

www.NortheastANS.org The Northeast Aquatic Species Panel's website. NYSFOLA Board member Dr. Willard (Bill) Harman serves as our representative (see page .9). Also check out the "cousin" website:

www.ProtectYourWaters.net for information on "Aquatic Hitchhikers".

20th Annual Conference Agenda 20 Years of Lake Management in New York State

FRIDAY MAY 2, 2003

8:00AM-9:30AM **BREAKFAST** – White Eagle Lodge
9:30AM-10:00AM **REGISTRATION** – Kastens Room (Room #1, 1st Floor) Appley Center
10:00AM-10:15AM **OPENING REMARKS**– President George Kelley (NYSFOLA President)
10:15AM-12:00PM **CONCURRENT SESSIONS BEGIN**

SESSION A1: Nonpoint Source Pollution Workshop
Dean Long (L.A. Group, NYSFOLA Board of Directors) Moderator

10:15AM-12:00PM On-site wastewater discussion.

SESSION B1: Boating Safety Issues in NYS
George Kelley (NYSFOLA President) Moderator

10:15AM-12:00PM Speakers and specific discussion points to be announced.

SESSION C1: Pesticide Workshop

Dr. Paul Roland (NYSFOLA Scientific Advisory Board) Moderator
(Note: Certified pesticide applicators will receive credit for Sessions C1 and D1.)

10:15AM-12:00PM “Proposed Regulations for Aquatic Pesticides: Combining 6NYCRR Parts 326, 327 and 328 Under One Roof: A Discussion”

12:00PM-1:00PM **LUNCH** Appley Center
COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS, POSTER DISPLAYS, SILENT AUCTION

SESSION A2: Nonpoint Source Pollution Workshop (continued)

1:10PM-3:00PM *Implementing Phase II Stormwater Regulations in NYS*

SESSION B2: Boating Safety Issues in NYS (continued)

1:10-1:50PM *Status of Local PWC Law in NYS –speaker TBA*
2:00-3:00PM *TBA*

SESSION C2: Pesticide Workshop (continued)

1:10PM-1:50PM- Mark Mongin (SePRO) “Use of Fluridone in Lake Moraine: A Case Study.”
2:00PM- 2:40PM- (speakers TBA) “The Fluridone Permit Process in NYS: The Adirondack Park Dilemma”
2:40PM-3:00PM - Question and Answer Period

3:00PM-5:00PM **Board of Directors Meeting** Kastens Room (Room#1, 1st Floor) Appley Center

5:00PM-9:00PM **Registration** – Lounge, White Eagle Lodge

5:00PM-6:00PM **Cocktails** – White Eagle Lodge

6:00PM-7:00PM **Dinner** – White Eagle Lodge

7:00PM-9:00PM **Welcome** (George Kelley, Bill Harman) – White Eagle Lodge

*Introduction of NYSFOLA Board Members, Manager, Scientific Advisory Board, NALMS Region 2 Director
NYSFOLA 2002-2003 Activities
Announcements*

9:00PM-10:30PM **Open Discussion**

Tepee Open for Refreshments

SATURDAY MAY 3, 2003

7:00AM-8:00AM **BREAKFAST** - White Eagle Lodge

8:00AM-4:00PM **REGISTRATION** – Kastens Room (Room #1, 1st Floor) Appley Center

8:00AM - 6:00PM **COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS, POSTER DISPLAYS, SILENT AUCTION,**

NEWSLETTER CONTEST -Library and vicinity, Appley Center

8:45AM **WELCOMING REMARKS** – George Kelley, NYSFOLA President

Chandelier Room, Appley Center

9:00AM **LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Bill Harman, Nancy Mueller

CONCURRENT SESSIONS BEGIN

SESSION A1: Legal Issues and Your Lake

Conference Room 3 (2nd Floor, Appley Center)

Lew Stone (NYSFOLA Board of Directors) Moderator

9:00AM-9:35AM Speaker TBA– *Lake Law, Rights & Obligations of Lake Property Owners*

9:45AM-10:20AM Speaker TBA– “Do You Need Directors’ Insurance & How to Find It?”.

10:20-10:40AM **BREAK**

10:40AM-11:15AM Speaker TBA (Adirondack Park Agency) – “*New Dock and Shoreline Regulations in the Adirondack Park*”
11:25AM-12:00PM Speaker TBA “*Dam Safety: Who’s Responsible?*”

SESSION B1: *Invasive Species: A NYS Status & Control Report*

Conference Room 6 (2nd Floor, Appley Center)

Bill Harman (NYSFOLA Board of Directors, SUNY Oneonta Biological Field Station) Moderator

9:00AM-9:35AM Amy Samuels (Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County) “*Status and Control of Water Chestnut in NYS*”
9:45-10:20AM David Matthews (Upstate Freshwater Institute) “*Zebra Mussels in 2003*”
10:20AM-10:40AM BREAK
10:40AM-11:15AM Matt Albright (SUNY Oneonta Biological Field Station): “*Community Responses Following Biocontrol of Purple Loosestrife*”
11:15AM-12:00PM Panel: Henning Claussen, (Alpha Boats), TBA, (Enviroscience). Marl Mongin (SePRO), Paul Lord (Otsego Biological Field Station)
“*Harvesting, Chemicals, Bugs and Rakes: How to Control Aquatic Plants*”

SESSION C1: *Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program - Our 18th Year*

Conference Room 2 (1st Floor, Appley Center)

Nancy Mueller (NYSFOLA Manager & CSLAP Coordinator) Moderator

9:00AM-9:35AM Scott Kishbaugh (NYSDEC) “*Your CSLAP Report: What Do All Those Numbers Really Mean?*”
9:45-10:20AM Scott Kishbaugh (NYSDEC) “*What Does a Lake Association Do with the CSLAP Information?*”
10:20-10:40AM BREAK
10:40AM-11:15AM Scott Kishbaugh (NYSDEC) “*What Does DEC Do with the Information? How Does My Lake Compare to Your Lake?: Water Quality Trends in NYS*”
11:25AM-12:00PM Meet the UFI Lab Director. Find out how you can get the best data analysis possible.

SESSION D1: *Watershed Management: Beyond the Lake Shore*

Conference Room 4 (2nd Floor, Appley Center)

Sharon Anderson (NYSFOLA Board of Directors), Moderator

9:00AM-9:35AM Rebecca Schneider (Cornell University Department of Natural Resources, NYFOLA) “*Banking on the Rain: Drought Management*”
9:40AM-10:15AM Speaker TBA, “*Implementing Conservation Easements in Your Watershed*”
10:20-10:40AM BREAK
10:40AM-11:15AM Michael Martin (Cedar Eden Environmental, LLC & NALMS) “*Use of GIS to Evaluate Watershed Conditions*”
11:20AM-12:00PM Carol Ptacek (Environment Canada, Univ. of Waterloo) “*Managing Phosphorous Migration from Septic Systems*”
12:00PM-1:30PM **LUNCH & MEMBERSHIP MEETING Chandelier Room, Appley Center**
Announcements, Commercial Exhibits, Poster Displays, Silent Auction

1:30PM-4:30PM **CONCURRENT SESSIONS CONTINUE**

SESSION A2: *Aquatic Plant Workshop and Survey Identification, Habitat Requirements, Life Histories, Inventories*

Conference Room 2, 1st Floor, Appley Center

Paul Lord (SUNY Oneonta Biological Field Station) and Bob Johnson (Cornell University) moderators

1:30PM-2:50PM Aquatic Plant Workshop, Session I – Paul Lord and Bob Johnson
2:50PM-3:10PM BREAK
3:10PM-4:30PM Aquatic Plant Workshop, Session II – Bob Johnson and Paul Lord

SESSION B2: *Citizens’ Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) Training 2003*

Scott Kishbaugh (NYSDEC CSLAP Coordinator), Nancy Mueller (NYSFOLA CSLAP Coordinator)

Doug Gillard and Carol Matthews (Current & former Laboratory Directors, Upstate Freshwater Institute)

We will gather in the Appley Center Library & proceed to training as a group

1:30PM-4:30PM **CSLAP Training on and around Lake Moraine**

SESSION C2: *Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Lakes (Limnology 101)*

Bill Harman (SUNY Oneonta Biological Field Station, NYFOLA Board) Moderator

Conference Room 6, 2nd Floor, Appley Center

1:30PM-2:50PM Panel: SUNY Oneonta Biological Field Station, Cooperstown NY: Bill Harman “*Basic Limnological Processes*”, Tom Horvath “*Exotic Species Management*”, Matt Albright “*Nutrient Management*”, Mark Cornwell “*Fisheries Management*”
2:50PM-3:10PM **BREAK**
3:10PM-3:45PM Mary Arnold (Consulting Phycologist, SUNY Oneonta Biological Field Station) “*Interpreting Lake History from Diatom Analysis in Core Samples*”
3:55PM-4:30PM Mark Cornwell (SUNY Oneonta Biological Field Station) “*Walleye in Otsego Lake: A Management Tool?*”

SESSION D2: *Miscellaneous Topics*

David Wright, Esq. (NYSFOLA Board) Moderator
Conference Room 5, 2nd Floor Appley Center

1:30PM-2:05PM Chandler Rowell (NYS DEC) *"Impacts of Motorized Water Craft on Water Quality: Lessons Learned from NYS Lakes"*
2:15PM-2:50PM Michael Lipparelli (SolarBee Pump Systems, Inc.) *"Improving Water Quality Through Circulation"*
2:50PM-3:10PM BREAK
3:10PM-3:45PM Speaker TBA *"Landscaping for Water Quality"*
3:55PM-4:30PM Paul Lord (SUNY Oneonta Biological Field Station) *"Biocontrol of Eurasian milfoil"*

4:30PM-5:00PM **SPECIAL SESSION E2 YOUTH PROGRAM: "Kids Against Pollution"**
John Slater (NYSFOLA Board of Directors and the "Kids Against Pollution"
Conference Room 3, 2nd Floor, Appley Center

5:00PM **Wine, Beer and Cheese Party Compliments of SePRO Corporation**
6:15PM **Silent Auction Winners Announced**
6:30PM **BANQUET, Chandelier Room, Appley Center**
Keynote Speaker: NYS Senator Nancy Lorraine Hoffman
Awards & Special Recognitions
8:00PM-10:30PM **Tepee Open for Refreshments Board of Directors Meeting**

SUNDAY MAY 4, 2003

7:30AM-8:30AM **BREAKFAST – White Eagle Lodge**
9:00AM-12:00PM **Concurrent Sessions Begin**

SESSION A1: "How to Find Grant Money for your Lake Projects"
Conference Room 1, 1st Floor Appley Center
Kathleen McLaughlin (NYSFOLA Board of Directors)

9:00AM-10:20AM Kathleen McLaughlin
10:20AM-10:40AM BREAK
10:40AM-12:00PM Continued

SESSION C3: "LEAPE Train-the Trainer Workshop"
Conference Room 6, 2nd Floor Appley Center
Deborah Grantham (Senior Extension Agent, Cornell University) Leader

"LEAPE" (Locally-led Education and Action for Protecting the Environment) is an educational program for local governments interested in protecting water resources in their communities. The program uses computer software in an interactive, easy-to-understand format. This session will be a special session geared to NYSFOLA members. The goal is to enable lake association members to assist local government officials with issues related to nonpoint source pollution. For more information on LEAPE log on to www.cfe.cornell.edu/leape/Overview.htm#what.

9:00AM-10:20AM LEAPE TRAINING SESSION
10:20-10:40AM BREAK
10:40-12:00PM LEAPE TRAINING SESSION

12:00 NOON – CONFERENCE CONCLUSION

**20th Annual NYSFOLA Conference
White Eagle Conference Center
Hamilton, NY
May 2-4, 2003**



**REGISTRATIONS MUST BE MADE WITH THE NYSFOLA OFFICE
NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE WHITE EAGLE CONFERENCE CENTER
Please register early to ensure room availability**

Friday Morning and Afternoon Sessions with Lunch - \$40.00 \$ _____

**Saturday and Sunday Conference Package:
(Friday Evening-Sunday noon)**

Includes (2) nights lodging (Friday & Saturday), 5 meals (Friday dinner-Sunday breakfast), breaks and conference fee

() Single Occupancy - \$219.00 \$ _____
() Double Occupancy - \$184.00 per person \$ _____

Saturday & Sunday Conference Breakout Prices

() Conference, Saturday lunch and breaks (no banquet) - \$40.00 \$ _____
() Student: Conference, Saturday lunch and breaks (no banquet) - \$20.00 \$ _____
() Saturday banquet only -\$30.00 \$ _____

Flexible Lodging/Conference Plans *Includes Conference Fee*****

Thursday Night: ()Single - \$90.00 ()Double - \$140.00 (\$70/per person) \$ _____
Friday Night: ()Single - \$90.00 ()Double - \$140.00 (\$70/per person) \$ _____
Saturday Night: ()Single - \$90.00 ()Double - \$140.00 (\$70/per person) \$ _____

Flexible Meal Plans

Thursday () Breakfast \$10.00 () Lunch \$15.00 () Dinner \$20.00 \$ _____
Friday () Breakfast \$10.00 () Lunch \$15.00 () Dinner \$20.00 \$ _____
Saturday () Breakfast \$10.00 () Lunch \$15.00 () Dinner \$20.00 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

An additional fee of \$20.00 will be assessed for registrations faxed or postmarked after April 10th!

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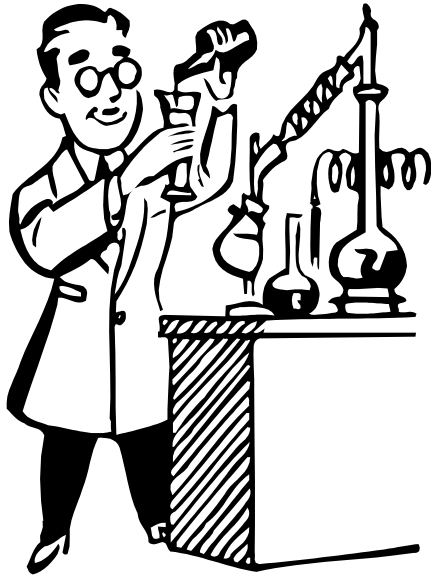
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Ask Dr. Lake

Dear Dr. Lake:

There are a lot of lily pads on my pond. They look like a big landing strip around the shoreline. I'm worried about an invasion of the Amazon flying frogs, and I don't want my poodle Precious to be frightened by the baritone bellowing of those bellicose bullfrogs. How can I get rid of the pads before it's too late?

Lillian Trouble, Paditude Pond, NY



Dear Ms. Trouble,

While I can sympathize with the plight of those who suffer the plague of a plentitude of pads, I caution you against a pernicious or persistent pruning of these precious protectors of your pond. Water lilies filter silt and nutrients that wash into your pond, and stabilize the bottom sediments to prevent clouds of turbidity during each gentle breeze. They are the home not only to frogs gargantuan but also those of a more diminutive stature. They are also the favored foods of fish, muskrats and moose. As for their aesthetic appeal, well, Claude Monet and water gardeners throughout the world would probably disagree with the desire to rip 'em out. It is easier to find information about taking care of water lilies than about taking charge of them, although access to the open water of some lakes and ponds does certainly suffer from an abundance of oar and prop tangle .

The water lilies found in New York are part of a genera of plants (*Nymphaea*) that has over 70 varieties, ranging from delicate dwarfs and gigantic lilies of the Amazon to the common submergent plant called coontail that is also probably in your pond. Although their flowers can encompass all of Monet's color palate, the most common varieties in New York are the white (*Nymphaea*) and yellow (*Nuphar*) lilies.

If you're planning to rid your pond of these pretty protectors, however, there are a few things you should know about water lilies. First of all, the plant is characterized not only by a conspicuous lily pad and fragrant flower, but also a fleshy, gnarled rhizome that is often thicker than Precious' leg. Long-term control of the lilies may ultimately be predicated on the removal of this rhizome. There are also several rare or endangered plants, such as the yellow lotus, that look a lot like our native lilies. Don't forget that like all plants on land and sea, water lilies do best in a friendly environment, such as downhill from a manicured croquet pitch, so control begins at home. (*continued on p. 9*)

That said, the most common methods for controlling nuisance levels of water lilies are cutting, covering, and chemicals. Other strategies such as lake drawdown have only variable success, and

biological control agents such as grass carp prefer to have a little less fiber in their diets, although aphids have been observed to chomp away on water lilies.

Cutting the plants works best if the cuttings are removed (harvested). Since lilies grow so rapidly, multiple cuttings will be required, and future growth will not be curtailed without cutting the rhizome (into pieces smaller than about 4 inches, the approximate limit for spawning new growth). Rotovating, a form of underwater rototilling, has been somewhat more successful, since it displaces the rhizomes, but this operation is much more extensive and expensive. The state of Washington reports some success at longer-term control by removing the leaves (only) and thus depleting the carbohydrate source for the plant over the course of several years... kind of a lake management version of the Atkins Diet?

Covering the pond bottom with an opaque mat, aka benthic barrier or bottom screen, may serve as an effective sunscreen, although it can be frustrating trying to site and anchor the matting material, such as dark plastic tarps, onto the fibrous bottom. These should be sited early in the year, or else the plants will be too difficult to smother.

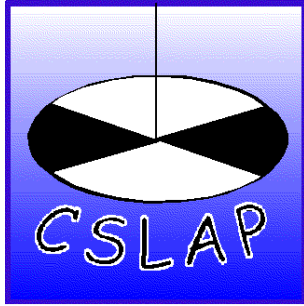
Chemical control has been utilized for thinning or eliminating the populations of water lilies. In general, contact herbicides such as glyphosate ("Rodeo", "Pondmaster", etc.) have been more successful at controlling lilies than systemic herbicides, and those contact herbicides that can be applied directly to the floating leaves have worked better than those applied to the water. However, multiple treatments will probably be required, and the mats of decomposing treated lilies often lift up and form floating islands. Remember that chemical application may require a permit.

Each of these management strategies have demonstrated some success, but all have side effects and can be unsuccessful for one reason or another. While a Bullwinkle stocking program might be the most successful and aesthetically pleasing way to control water lilies, most lake residents have found ways to coexist more or less peacefully with their padded pond partners. *Dr. Lake*



NYSFOLA'S BILL HARMAN SERVES ON NORTHEAST AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES PANEL

NYSFOLA continues to speak out on the threat of invasive aquatic species on behalf of our membership. Dr. Willard Harman, NYSFOLA Vice-President, is serving as our representative on The Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species (NEANS) Panel. This group was established in 2001 under the auspices of the federal Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The panel's mission is to "protect the marine and freshwater resources of the Northeast from invasive aquatic nuisance species through commitment and cohesive coordinated action." NYSFOLA is the only lake organization represented. In fact, Bill has been delegated to represent all lakes (including some he never heard of!) in the region. The panel addresses issues and concerns pertinent to marine and freshwater resources of New York, New England, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. Bill will continue to keep us all updated.



CSLAPpenings

It's coming! While spring is not yet in the air, and despite the dire predictions from Punxsutawney Phil (at least for those sick of winter), the calendar tells us that spring will be coming soon. Really! The ice will eventually melt, the grass will magically reappear, and the sun will someday warm the water enough for swimmers older than 12. While anticipation of these events may require a bold act of wishful thinking, such unbridled optimism is not required to start thinking about CSLAP 2003, **FOR IT IS HAPPENING NOW!!!** Well, at least the equipment purchasing, bottle labeling, paperwork part of it, anyway. When spring finally does emerge from the melting landscape, your faithful CSLAP staff will be ready to start the 2003 CSLAP! Don't forget the training session at the conference in Hamilton - tips for rookies and "experts" alike!

CSLAP reports summarizing the results from the 2002 sampling season are literally leaping off the presses, landing in the hands (or computers) of those for whom reports are high on their (and our) wish list. If you have an upcoming lake association meeting, for which an early CSLAP report will make you a hero among your fellow lake-lovers, or a gaggle of sampling volunteers breathlessly awaiting the results from samples past, please contact us to keep your lake report near the top of our "To Do" list. However, please know that all reports will be done in as timely a fashion as possible, and will be passed along to the lake association immediately upon completion. If you can forward a list of email addresses for all intended report recipients, the keyboard-to-reader process will be even further expedited, in addition to saving more trees and printer ink plants.

We welcome a new lab coordinator to the CSLAP team- Doug Gillard from Upstate Freshwater Institute (UFI). While Doug will be hard-pressed to fill the shoes of Carol Matthews, the recently departed UFI lab director, we are confident Doug will perform admirably as he shepherds samples from the UPS truck to the electronic data file sent to the NYSDEC and NYSFOLA at the end of the sampling season. As in 2002, sampling volunteers are encouraged to contact your CSLAP coordinators, rather than Doug or his hardworking lab brethren, with your questions, comments, or profundities, although the occasional note with your samples requesting replacement supplies or a zoo-plankton recipe is always welcomed. We recommend adding chocolate, too! And as we begin a second year with this laboratory, we are confident that the process from collection to report will proceed smoothly and under sunny skies, or at least warmer skies. Our apologies to those of you sampling on or about October 18th of 2002!!

One important note!!! PLEASE DISCARD YOUR OLD NYS DOH PAPERWORK AND ANY UPS LABELS FROM LAST YEAR WITH UFI'S OLD ADDRESS ON THEM. NEW LABELS WILL BE ISSUED TO EVERYONE!!

Your CSLAP Coordinators,

Scott Kishbaugh, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Nancy Mueller, NYS Federation of Lake Associations



Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program To Provide “Spring Training”

Submitted by Hilary Oles, Program Coordinator, APIPP

Non-native, invasive aquatic and terrestrial plants are expanding throughout New York and are a critical threat to the biodiversity, processes, and services of natural ecosystems.

The Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP) coordinates free training in plant identification and survey methods for volunteers interested in conducting an invasive plant survey.

Information collected is used to determine the distribution of invasive plants throughout the Adirondack Park. Plant distribution maps, fact sheets, photographs and additional resources will be available on the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program website in early 2003.

Early detection of invasive plants allows the best opportunity for controlling them, and public awareness about where they are will help prevent their spread. Whether boating, paddling, hiking, or driving, learn to recognize non-native, invasive plants. Help protect a resource important to you!

Dates for training sessions will be announced later this spring.

***For more information or to participate in APIPP, please contact
Hilary Oles, Program Coordinator
(518)891-4050 ext. 280***

The Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program links invasive plant inventory, management, and education efforts throughout the Adirondack region.

Partner organizations include the Adirondack Nature Conservancy, Adirondack Park Agency, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and NYS Department of Transportation.



Don't Forget the NYSFOLA Silent Auction!

Conference attendees know that the annual Silent Auction brings a lot of fun to the conference while raising funds for NYS-FOLA. Remember when our dear President George hike up the price on a stuffed pooch, and NYSFOLA members came to the rescue of a young girl bidding on it? This year there is another puppy waiting for a home, and many more goodies to be had "if the price is right". Don't forget to make your donation to NYSFOLA's Silent Auction. Items can be brought to the conference or mailed to the NYSFOLA office.

Supreme Court Rules on Prop Guards

On December 3, 2002, the United States Supreme Court made a unanimous decision that will allow victims and their families to sue boat manufacturers for damages when a recreational boat without prop guards causes death or injury. This decision in *Sprietsma v. Mercury Marine* might require boat manufacturers to satisfy different safety standards for recreational vessels and associated equipment in all 50 states, rather than the one set of federal safety standards currently being met. The Supreme Court determined that the Federal Boat Safety Act (FBSA) of 1971, which maintains national safety standards as set by the Coast Guard, does not preempt state tort laws. The FBSA was enacted to improve boating safety, to authorize the establishment of national construction and performance standards for boats and associated equipment, and to encourage greater uniformity of boating laws and regulations as among the States and the Federal Government.



The case revolves around a 1995 boating accident in which an Illinois woman, Jeanne Sprietsma, fell overboard and was struck by a propeller causing fatal injuries. Her husband sued Mercury Marine for wrongful death claiming that the outboard was unreasonably dangerous because it lacked a propeller guard.

The decision by the Supreme Court will allow the plaintiff to seek damages in the Illinois state court.

News from NYSFOLA Members

The **Brantingham Community Association** reports that both Brantingham and Pleasant Lakes will be stocked with rainbow trout and ask fishermen to practice catch and release when possible.

The **Lamoka Waneta Lakes' Association** has received news that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has issued a permit allowing for the treatment of Waneta Lake with fluridone in the spring of 2003. They have also received a 2003 Canada Goose Depredation Permit.

The **Melody Lake Association** has completed their "State of the Lake Report and Lake Management Plan" under the NYSFOLA Watershed Management Pilot Project. Digital and paper copies are available.

Welcome New Members

Josh Bossard, NY Rural Water Foundation
Liz Briggs, Grass Lake Association
Camp Wilbur Herrlich, Gossaman's Pond
Tom & Gina Eshelnan, Lake of the Woods
Forest Lake Park Club (Rensselaer County)
Stanley Hill, Loon Lake Association (Steuben County)
Dale Ingram, Lake of the Woods
Jim Jackson, Black Lake Association
Ed Jakubowsky
Jan Jastrzab, Lake of the Woods
Bob & Betty Jennejohn, Black Lake Association
John Johansen, Timber Lake Estates
Lake Gerry Association
Vic Lucero, Colorado Lake & Reservoir Management Assn.
James & Barbara Moore, Greenwood Lake Commission
David O'Reilly, Lake of the Woods Association
Otsego Lake Association
Paradox Lake Association
Bob & Marilyn Payne, Lake of the Woods
Ed & Denise Robertson, Butterfield Lake Association
Caitlin Ross, Ballston Lake
Rushford Lake Land Owners Association
Roy Schneggenburger, Silver Lake (Wyoming County)

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If you have any questions about your membership, please do not hesitate to contact the office at 1-800-796-FOLA. Thank you for your continued support of NYSFOLA.

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Name of Lake Association or Individual _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

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Telephone _____

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Lake Location (county) _____

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Help Wanted!!

Have you ever wished you could be involved with NYSFOLA in a more meaningful way?

Do you care about New York's lakes and lake associations?

Can you get to Central, NY four times (usually on Saturday) per year?

Have you considered joining the NYSFOLA Board of Directors?

The NYSFOLA Board of Directors is currently accepting nominations (or volunteers) to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors. We are especially looking for a few of you from the "North Country" --Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Lewis or St. Lawrence Counties. We would also like to have a Long Island representative once again. Interested? Contact:

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Calendar of Events

16th Annual NALMS National Conference: "Enhancing the States' Lake Management Programs: Developing and Implementing TMDLs for Lakes and Reservoirs" -Congress Plaza Hotel, Chicago, IL, April 22-25, 2003. For more information , visit www.nalms.org or call Terry Thiessen (608)233-2836.

20th Annual NYSFOLA Meeting and Conference - May 2-4, 2003, White Eagle Conference Center, Hamilton, NY. For more information, contact Nancy Mueller, Manager fola@nysfola.org or (800)796-3652.

10th Annual International Conference on the St. Lawrence River Ecosystem-May 13-15, 2003. Cornwall, Ontario. Contact: Christina Collard, Conference Coordinator, ccollard@riverinstitute.com (613)936-6620.

Moonlight Paddle on Middle Saranac Lake-May 15, 2003. Experience the ambiance of a moonlight paddle with NYS Licensed Guide Lynn Malerba. Sponsored by Adirondack Park Agency Visitor Interpretive Centers (APA VIC) & Adirondack Connections Guide Service. Contact APA VIC at (518)582-2000 or visit <http://www.northnet.org/adirondackvic>

2003 AWRA International Water Congress "Watershed Management for Water Supply Systems", New York, June 26-July 2, 2003. For more information visit www.awra.org or call (540)687-8395.

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