

# Clark Lake Newsletter

September, 2024

## A Note From the Editor

Welcome to the Clark Lake Association Newsletter!

This newsletter will be issued on a quarterly basis...November, February, May, and August. The intent of this newsletter is to keep lake residents informed of news and events happening within the Clark Lake community. Anyone wishing to contribute a photo or an article for the next newsletter publication should submit it to Terry Schneider at [Carters2052@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Carters2052@sbcglobal.net) by November 15th, 2024.

Happy Labor Day  
from the Clark Lake  
Association Board!



A Message from the Clark Lake Association President...  
Mike Brunet

### Greetings:

Where did the summer go? Despite the windy and rainy weather, I hope that you and your family were able to squeeze in some nice outings and create some family memories. With Fall approaching, please plan ahead for the drawing down of the Lake levels, boat removal, and dock removal. I want to emphasize five main items (almost too many to address):

**VOLUNTEER** - The CLAA Team worked hard to plan and run a number of family events for the last few years to get the next generation involved in having fun, getting to meet other residents on the lake, educating them to be good stewards to take care of and help protect Clark Lake for future use. CLAA has noticed a decline in participation in these events. These events are planned for your enjoyment. CLAA has changed a few of them, dropped some, and added some to increase your participation. I am asking the members to contact our Board members to provide feedback about why you did not attend/participate and discuss what we can do better to increase your involvement.

Message Mark Weisse for details about becoming a Clark Lake Ramp Volunteer



Please sign up to be a Clark Lake Ramp Volunteer  
Educate boaters how to preserve our lake and prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species  
2 hour shifts are available every Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer.  
*Even one shift can make a difference.*

Reminder

Fall Dinner - Lodge at Leathem  
Smith, September 15th

Well Testing - Saturday, October  
4th

# Continuation of Clark Lake Association President...

## Mike Brunet

CLAA really needs your help and participation to make these events successful. CLAA is short four Board members. You are not required to be a Board member to chair a committee or event or volunteer on projects such as Ridges dock removal and installation, boat ramp education and inspection. Please see CLAA website ([clarklakewi.com](http://clarklakewi.com)), (not Clark Lake Facebook) for committee duties or calendar of events. But we cannot do it alone. Please get involved and give us a few hours of your time and talent.

Please take time to read the articles and announcements in this newsletter and participate in your organization. Share it with your neighbors that are not members. Please provide feedback to Terry and Carly about the newsletter. They put a lot of effort gathering information and putting the newsletter together. I thank them for their efforts.

**WAKE SURF BOATS** – CLAA has been working with Kangaroo Lake Association to adopt ordinances in Baileys Harbor, Jacksonport, and Sevastopol to prohibit the use of the wake enhancing devices (ballast tanks, fins, etc.) on the boats on Kangaroo Lake and Clark Lake. Please see separate article in this newsletter.

**CLARK LAKE DAM** - CLAA is working with the Town of Sevastopol and the DNR to have the Dam inspected because of its deterioration, age, allowing Carp and other species into the lake.

**FALL DINNER** – Sunday, 9/15, Leathem Smith Lodge. We are lucky enough to have two speakers from Sevastopol – Mark Haen, chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee and Ryan Brungraber, Dam manager to give us an update on the Dam on Clark Lake

**ANNUAL MEETING** – proposed change to the Third Saturday in July (7/19) due to conflicts with some of our Board members. The shorter meeting format should help us attain a quorum, have our annual meeting, and get back to Clark Lake.

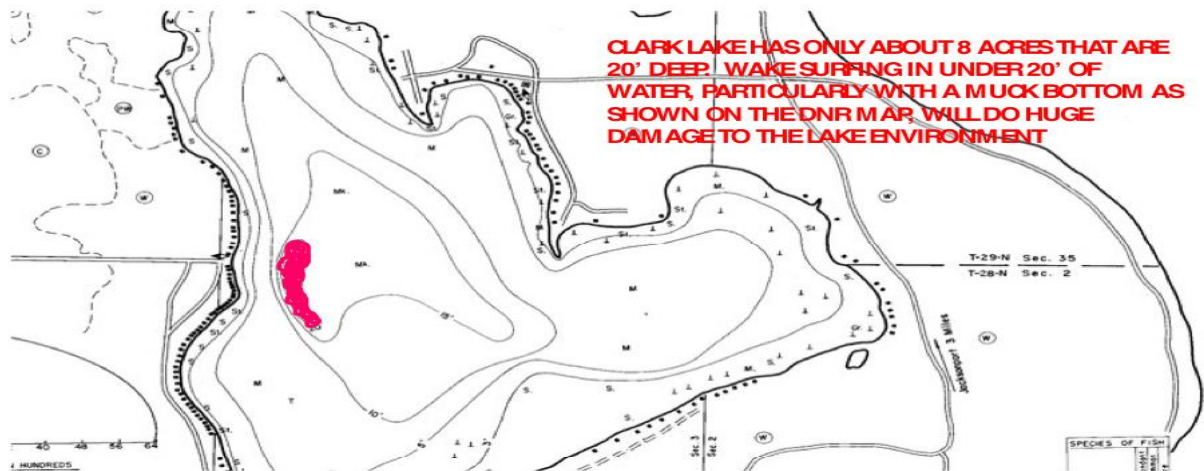
I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend. Thank you for the taking the time to get involved in the betterment of Clark Lake.

Mike Brunet

# Wake Surf Boats

By Gwen Graboyes

WAKE SURF BOATS – CLAA has been working with Kangaroo Lake Association to adopt ordinances in Baileys Harbor, Jacksonport, and Sevastopol to prohibit the use of the wake enhancing devices (ballast tanks, fins, etc.) on boats on Kangaroo Lake and Clark Lake. Briefly, two of the main issues are environmental (destruction of the lake bed and transfer of aquatic invasive species in ballast water) and safety concerns for other boaters. Clark Lake has less than 1% of its surface area overlying depths greater than 20 feet, which is an absolute minimum for wake surfing.



To date, 31 municipalities in Wisconsin have passed ordinances prohibiting wake-enhancing boats on small inland lakes. We are working with a group (Last Wilderness Alliance <https://lastwildernessalliance.org/wakesurfing>) who has shared their expertise in this endeavor. To be successful CLAA needs not only the support of voting town residents who are part of CLAA but also those not residing on the lakes who want to protect Clark Lake for all future generations to enjoy. CLAA has requested time at upcoming committee meetings at both Towns to present and discuss educational material and to delineate a pathway to adopt an ordinance. More on this later. Please Contact Gwenn Graboyes at [gwenn.graboyes@gmail.com](mailto:gwenn.graboyes@gmail.com) for more information or if you want to get the word out to other members and local residents.

# 2024 Clark Lake Summer Activities



**June Taco Lunch at Island Fever**



# 2024 Clark Lake Summer Activities



## 4th of July Boat Parade



# August Kayak Poker Run



**First Place Winner  
Nicholas Fritzemeier**



## Upcoming Events



# CLAA Fall Dinner

Sunday, September 15th

## The Lodge at Leathem Smith

**Menu**

Cocktails - 5:30 PM	Salad	Rolls	Stuffing	Vegetables
Dinner - 6:30 PM	Honey Baked Chicken	Beef Tips	Mashed Potatoes w/gravy	



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## Fall 2024 DOOR COUNTY PRIVATE WELL MONITORING PROGRAM

**TESTING PARAMETERS**

- Total coliforms/*E. coli* (quantification)
- Nitrate (Nitrate + nitrite as N)

**Cost is only \$30\***  
\*Discounted rate for the first 300 registrants; \$45 for those registering after the first 300 registrants.

Optional arsenic, pH, alkalinity, hardness and iron tests available at an additional cost of \$25

**ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

The University of WI Oshkosh has been offering discounted well water quality testing through this program since 2019. The goal of this program is to provide education about the importance of testing your well water as well as build a database of groundwater quality data in Door County.

**HOW IT WORKS**

- RSVP using the link or QR code below by October 4<sup>th</sup>
- Receive sampling kit in mail
- Attend a virtual forum to learn how to sample
- Return your kit October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at designated drop-off locations
- Receive your results & countywide summary of study

**Registration accepted through October 4<sup>th</sup>**

RSVP online at <https://uwo.sh/doorco-wells-fall24> or using the QR code

\*Prepayment using a credit card is accepted when you RSVP online, otherwise mailed checks are accepted made out to UW Oshkosh. Note that sampling kits will not be mailed out until payment is received.

**Sample drop-off is October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – mark your calendars!**



For more information, contact Jackie Behrens at [eric@uwosh.edu](mailto:eric@uwosh.edu) or (920) 424-3148

## Disclaimer/Clarification

The Clark Lake Advancement Association is working very hard to communicate with all its members. Any announcements regarding the condition of the lake, special events, meetings, or Board minutes will be posted on the CLAA Website or will be emailed directly to association members. People who do not have access to email are still receiving paper copies of coming events through regular mail. We ask you to be patient as we transition in this electronic age. Please keep your contact information up to date and current. All changes of contact information should be forwarded to Jill Carstens at [jcarstens@att.net](mailto:jcarstens@att.net) .

Please understand that the Clark Lake Facebook page is **not** affiliated with the CLAA. This is stated on the page. Occasionally last minute updates or event reminders may be posted on Facebook, but Facebook should not be the first place to go to when looking for CLAA sanctioned events. Check the CLAA web page first! The FB page is a place for neighbors around the lake to communicate with each other, show off lake pictures, or sell items. Thanks goes to Frank Christensen for acting as the Clark Lake Facebook administrator and for helping to keep spam and inappropriate material off the site.

## The Spirit of Volunteerism



Everyone is...busy...has their own life...or has limited free time. Some people just do not want to make a commitment to an event or organization because they don't want to be "locked in" or be guilty into doing something. Others are afraid of burnout or feel they do not have the skills to make a difference. Everyone **CAN** make a difference! When you volunteer, you can make a very positive difference. Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and neighborhood to make it a better place. It also provides for an opportunity to develop new friendships and to build relationships with our neighbors. We at the Clark Lake Advancement Association **NEED** volunteers! There are a variety of options to help our association such as assisting at the boat launch...becoming a board member...heading a committee...or participating in lake/water quality activities. Our association will only be successful if we have our members' participation. Please consider becoming a CLAA volunteer!

VOLUNTEER  
**SPOTLIGHT**

The CLAA would like to recognize the following members who helped to make the Kayak Poker Run a success. Thanks goes to the following people who sat at their docks to hand out cards: **Bob Fox, Joe Otto, Bonnie Stickle, Carly Vondrak, Steve Koch, Erika Ward, Dick Martin, Jill Carstens, Terry Schneider, and the Brighams.** Your help for this event was appreciated.



## A Summer Memory From Jane Reis...A Continuation of the Oral History of Jane Hall Reis



Time was more simple back in the 1930s...Jane Hall Reis described her time with her brother, and sister, Mary, during hot, still summer days on Clark Lake. July and August could get very stifling living in those small cottages along the lake. To cool off, Jane and her siblings would row their boat to the South of Clark Lake and then hike to the dunes to play at the beach. There were fewer people around back then so it was understandable when the kids got lost in the woods making their way to the big dune. Poison ivy was everywhere as it still is today. The kids spent their time sledding down the big dunes and ended up on the beach. They would play in the water which never seemed too cold.

How different climbing the dunes are today! Sliding down dunes in protected areas are no longer allowed. Today people must stay on the board covered pathways while hiking in the park. The area is now a designated state park so rules must be followed when spending time on the beach and dune areas. 90 years ago the Clark Lake area and the beaches along the Whitefish Bay area were serene and peaceful.

