

June 2013  
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Update



Pelican Lake, Ottertail Co, MN

Greetings!

### Lake Season gets off to a late start

Hard to believe it's the middle of June with docks and lifts still going in! The lake level is up from last year with the spring run-off as well as rain. With the water temperature just now getting to 60 degrees, not many have been swimming. Some have noticed the water isn't quite as clear this year as last. It's very early in the season and with the late ice-off date, turning of the lake was delay combined with higher than normal run-off from recent rains. Weed growth has also been delayed, so it might appear like there are less weeds, but in reality they are just shorter and further from the surface because of the higher lake level. You can expect them in the same spots they've always been.

### PLPOA "First Annual Ice-Out Winner"

Joe Lawson was the winner of the first annual Ice-Out contest. He guessed May 17th, which was closest to the May 13th ice-out date. He won a gift certificate to the Cormorant Pub for his efforts. Congratulations Joe!

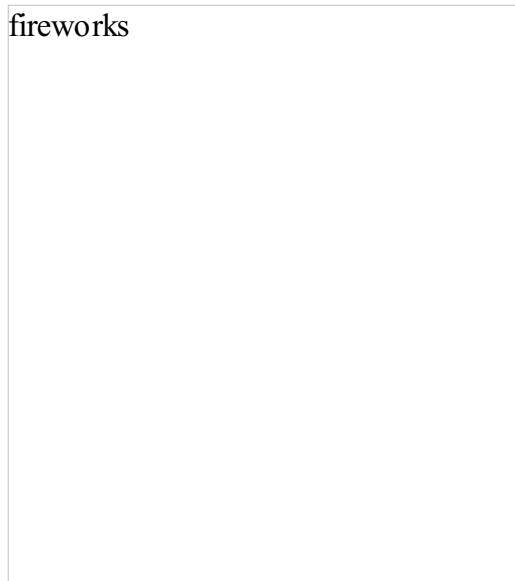
### 4th of July activities

This year's parade has a new twist to drum up enthusiasm. The theme will be a "Favorite Cartoon Character". The parade will start at 10:00am at the Yacht Club and proceed counter clockwise around the lake. Please arrive at the Yacht Club at 9:30am to register and line up for the parade. Registered boats are eligible for prizes and must complete the whole loop, but to get more participation, all lake members are invited to join in at the end of the registered boats at any time, for as long as they would like.

Nick Valentine, chairman, says the fireworks celebration will be one of the biggest between the Twin Cities and the West Coast. The fireworks can be viewed from a wide area on the lake, or the parking lot on County Highway #20, just west of Fair Hills Resort, starting at about 10:30pm. Wave -

104.1 FM, will synchronize the music on your radio for the display. While PLPOA organizes this and funds a good portion through dues, a significant portion of the cost is covered through donations. You can now [donate on-line](#) to this event. Thanks again for helping make this happen.

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## **Provan Beach Over-crowding**

In recent years there has been an increase in activity on Pelican Lake in the area close to Provan Beach (toward the east end of the lake on the south side). Primarily on weekends, that area becomes a parking lot for many watercraft. Residents with nearby property are being impacted by traffic and noise, at times blocking navigation to and from their shorelines. As that area becomes more crowded, it also raises a number of safety concerns. That area is relatively shallow with a sandy bottom and extends from the Provan Beach shoreline to the north. At the present time, there are no water surface use restrictions in that area so we are appealing to residents of our lakes as well as their guests to avoid overcrowding that area during the boating season. The residents of Provan Beach realize that the lakes are for the enjoyment of everyone (both residents and nonresidents) and are not trying to keep anyone from using that area for swimming and boating. They simply are asking for some assistance in the obvious overcrowding that has occurred at times in recent years. The boards of PLPOA and PGOLID support their request in this matter. We think you would agree that most residents who love the peace and tranquility of our lakes, would not enjoy dealing with this issue close to their property.

Therefore our request is this: When you see that area is being congested, avoid anchoring in that area (especially close to the shoreline). Try to maintain a 300 to 400 ft buffer between the shoreline and where you might anchor. Because of the depth of the water in that area those residents have docks and lifts extending into the lake for a number of feet in order to be able to utilize their watercraft. Let's not deny them the enjoyment of their property. The residents of Provan Beach, PLPOA and PGOLID would appreciate your consideration in this matter and thank you in advance for your help.

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## **PGOLID updates**

- Treatment for Curly-leaf pondweed was completed on 32.5 acres on Little Pelican and 33.3 acres on Big Pelican this spring.
- This year, PGOLID is monitoring the densities and distribution of adult Zebra mussels in the lakes. Zebra mussel sampler plates will be placed at three locations in Pelican Lake, and one location in each of Fish, Bass and Little Pelican Lakes.
- PGOLID currently has a Shoreline Habitat Restoration Grant from the DNR that runs through 2014. This money can be used to provide funding to private properties to install trees, shrubs and plants along their shorelines. Take advantage of this opportunity to have your restoration costs covered. More information on this is [on the website](#).

## **Exploring the possibility of Natural Gas around Pelican Lake**

The research has been ongoing all winter and there are now a few more details to share. [Dave Majkrzak](#) has been doing the lion's share of the work and if you have questions, contact him. For detailed information, go to [our website](#).

## **PLYC and PLSS updates**

There has been a great early sign up for the youth sailing program with 35 kids now signed up. The 1st and 2nd sessions are virtually full, but there is still room in the 3rd session July 15 - 18 (Mon-Thu), July 22 - 25 (Mon-Thu) 9:00am to 11:30am. [Click here](#) for more information or contact [Jeff Peltier](#).

PLYC's 4th annual Sail-Fest is June 22nd. All PLYC members, as well as Pelican Lake sailors and friends of sailing are welcome to the Sailing "Meet and Greet" on the water from 3 to 5 pm on the west end of Pelican Lake, followed by a barbecue and music at 6pm at the yacht club. For more information, [click here](#).

## **Road sign at the South Pelican Dr~215th Ave intersection**

Many are aware that Scambler Township had changed a stop sign to a yield sign this spring at that particular intersection that includes many blind spots. After a number of near-misses, people realize this was not a good decision and voted to reversed course at the meeting Thursday night. That intersection will now be a 4-way stop. Going forward, be prepared to stop and look at that intersection to keep it safe.

Sincerely,

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