

June 2015
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Update



Pelican Lake, Ottertail Co, MN

Greetings!

The calendar says the summer lake season is here. All we need now are the temperatures to consistently be summer-like as well. Here are upcoming events to note. The full calendar is online at [PLPOA](#).

07/04/15	10:00 a.m.	Boat Parade
07/04/15	1:00 p.m.	PLYC Sailboat Race
07/04/15	10:30 p.m.	Fireworks on the lake
07/06/15	1:00 p.m.	PLSS 2nd session of sailing school starts
07/13/15	9:00 a.m.	PLSS 3rd session of sailing school starts
07/24-26/15	See below	PLYC Regatta (51st)
07/25/15	8:00 a.m.	PLPOA Board Meeting (Fair Hills-Pine Room)
07/25/15	9:30 a.m.	PLPOA Member Breakfast (Fair Hills-Dining Room)
07/25/15	10:00 a.m.	PLPOA Annual Meeting (Fair Hills-Dining Room)

New Communications Personnel

At the May 29 meeting Jeff Peltier announced that he will be passing the torch of creating and maintaining the PLPOA website and distribution of the PLPOA newsletter. [John Kruse](#) will replace [Jeff Peltier](#) as Communications Chairman and will be teamed with [Candace Harmon](#) to keep members informed of PLPOA news and information.



John Kruse has been a summer resident of Pelican Lake at Bayview Shores, on Pelican Lake's west side, for 32 years. Bayview transformed from a Resort to a community of Association Members in 2011. A majority of the 30 Bayview Members have become individual members of PLPOA. John was added to the PLPOA Board last August. He has recently retired from Red River Commodities, Inc. of Fargo.



Candace Harmon, formerly Thornberg, was an anchor, producer and reporter (among other things) at Fox, channel 10 and is taking a couple years off to raise children. The family cabin is the Jeff Harmon place on Fish Lake.

Jeff Peltier's expertise, tireless effort and dedication to the PLPOA communications function is greatly appreciated. Jeff extends his thanks and gratitude to all who have helped by contributing news and information over the past 12 years.

The 2015 Directory

The PLPOA directories have been distributed to PLPOA members by Majors and Captains. If you have not yet received your directory please contact your Beach Captain. Thank you Beach Captains for your hard work!

Cleanup Day June 10th- A BIG success

Clean up day for PLPOA members took place June 10, 2015. Chairman [Bert McDonough](#) reports that everything went well taking a day and a half to complete. Ideas are being formulated for even better efficiency next year! Cost has not yet been reported from Ballard.

Pelican Lake Sailing School Is About To Begin

There are currently 35 students signed up for the youth program. All instructors are former students that are US Sailing trained. There are (3) 2-week camps scheduled, with session 1 currently full, session 3 nearly full, and session 2 with room for more. If you have kids or grandkids that are interested contact [Jeff Peltier](#). More information can be found at [PLSS](#).

51st Annual Regatta Set

A fun event is about to return to the water. The annual Pelican Lake Yacht Club Regatta is July 24-26. Sailboat races are Saturday and Sunday with registration Friday night and a banquet Saturday night. Last year's 50th anniversary event had a record turnout. We hope competitors will put on another good show this year. Continue to check [PLYC](#) in the coming days for more information.

Natural Gas

The installation of natural gas service for the Pelican group of lakes has started. Many of you have probably seen the construction equipment running underground gas lines in the northeast corner of Pelican Lake. [Greater Minnesota Natural Gas](#) has been installing lines along the north side of the lake, and down to Young Life Castaway Club.

Company representatives will be at the upcoming PLPOA Annual meeting on July 25th to answer any questions. Cost is of primary interest.

Expectations are that cost will be substantially less than for other fuels.

Many areas of the lakes with private roads will need to give individual easement rights for the gas line to be run to those areas of the lake. Please talk to your neighbors and a gas representative to make sure your area gets

included in the gas service.

Please contact the local natural gas representatives if you have any questions or comments, Greg Palmer, Jessica or Nicky at 888-931-3411.

[Dave Majkrzak](#)

Independence Day- Saturday, July 4th ***CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES***

Boat Parade

The annual Boat Parade on Pelican Lake is held on the 4th of July. The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. and the gathering point is off Haugen's Point (the inlet to Fish Lake). Classic wooden boats will lead the parade. Participants are encouraged to deck out their boats with red, white and blue, but all boats are welcome, decorated or not. The parade will travel clockwise around the lake. Join the parade for the entire trip around the lake, join in for as long as you want, or join in as the parade passes your cabin. When joining the parade en route, join as the last parade boat passes your cabin. Travel slowly, not too close to the boat in front of you, get as close to shore as is safe and wave. Please remember this is for fun only! The real reward is the chance to celebrate Independence Day and to enjoy the lakes with family, friends and neighbors. There is no trophy or monetary reward or great publicity involved. Have fun and don't forget to submit your parade and 4th of July celebration photos to the newsletter!

For questions please contact Boat Parade Chairman: [Paul Horstmann](#) 614-204-0272

Fireworks Display

[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 10:30 p.m. **Wave - 104.1 FM the Lakes best Music** from Detroit Lakes will synchronize the music on your radio for the display. If you use the parking lot, we ask that you please take your litter with you and please be patient when entering and leaving the pasture. **Please, no fireworks in the parking lot!**

A donation envelope will be available at the parking sites for your convenience.

We appreciate the support we have received for these events in the past, and again we do need your support for 2015. Each year the fireworks costs are provided mostly by your donations.

[Jim Prondzinski](#), President PLPOA

Sincerely,

John Kruse
PLPOA Communications