



STAR LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Letter by Gary Miller

I suspect many of you are old enough to remember a TV program titled "Fantasy Island." If you remember, the show would open with Tattoo (actor Herve Villechaize) singing out "The Plane, The Plane" to announce the pending arrival of well-heeled guests to the island resort to entertain their desired dreams. So, let me begin the Spring 2019 President's letter by singing out "The Lake, The Lake." That is what your Association truly exists to promote and protect, correct? We are committed to preserving the lake and its:

- (1) excellent water quality
- (2) bountiful and varied fishery
- (3) natural wildlife havens
- (4) its orderly and proper development

We are fortunate to hold property on one of the more beautiful lakes in Otter Tail County and the state of Minnesota. But, only through support of association members and engaged property owners can the mission be carried on. With the suspension of plans by the White Earth Nation to build a hotel and casino, I get the sense that many owners feel all we have to do now is enjoy the lake.

After a winter with brutal cold and winds, we again will enjoy the return of open water, nice weather, and the many activities that make Star Lake a recreational resource. Summer will also bring the ongoing challenges of keeping invasive species like zebra mussels, curly leaf pondweed, Eurasian water milfoil, and Asian carp away from our water. That is an effort of the many vs the few.

We need to ensure our boats, pontoons, jet skis, and lifts are clean. We need to keep our septic systems tuned up and efficient. We need to practice proper lawn and shoreline management with proper chemicals and practices. We need to practice proper catch and release to help our fishery. Yes, I understand there are many non-property owners that use the lake as well. Your Association will continue to work with local and state officials to conduct ramp and on-water inspections. We will continue to educate the public users on the proper way to use the Star Lake resource. We will work with the DNR fishery experts to analyze our 2018 test netting results and ways to improve the fishery. I encourage you to read the report prepared by Carolyn Herron that appears in our 2018 Fall newsletter on water quality. Our water quality "has" been good, but some of the recent readings are concerning. We will continue to monitor water quality indicators and analyze trends.

SLPOA has many challenges and projects ahead. We need your support (and that of the owners currently not members) to keep the Star Lake resource we all enjoy according to our mission.

Together we can do great things! Join us, get active, sing out "The Lake, The Lake," as this is why we are all here.

Enjoy your summer 2019!

- Gary P. Miller, SLPOA President

SLPOA Membership Update

We ended the 2018 year with a membership of 170. I want to thank all of you who maintain your membership in the SLPOA. My concern is that this number represents less than half of the property owners on the lake. We would like to see our membership grow.

As we see more and more proposed development on Star Lake, it is important that we preserve and protect Star Lake for future generations. We all need to be in this together. There is only one Star Lake. The more members we have, the better chance we have of working together to accomplish our mission. There is power in numbers.

The membership dues are only \$30. With that money, the SLPOA maintains the buoys, monitors the water quality of the lake, updates the membership with 2 annual newsletters, maintains an updated website, promotes projects for the betterment of the lake, sends out emails on urgent matters concerning the lake, monitors our fishery, hosts a Lake Wide Picnic, and hosts an annual

meeting which allows you a vote on projects and issues concerning the lake.

The SLPOA board meets monthly from May to November and as needed during the winter months. These people work hard to stay attune to things potentially affecting the lake. Their meetings are open to all property owners and they try to get the facts out to the entire SLPOA members. They are our voice and it has been proven that the voice of the SLPOA membership is being heard! I believe if we stand together, we can protect the wonderful resource God gifted us.

So, if you are a current member, thanks for your continued support. If you have friends and neighbors who are not members, please suggest that they become members. Now with our 501(3)c your dues and contributions are tax deductible.

-Peggy Maasjo, SLPOA Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

SLPOA 2018 fiscal year ended December 31, 2018.

We ended the year with a balance of \$16,918.61.

Our current balance is \$15,595.09.

- Peggy Maasjo, SLPOA Treasurer



Annual Meeting

ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

Our 2018/2019 annual meeting will be held on Saturday, June 22nd, 2019 at Camp Joy. Please plan to join us! There will be a breakfast served from 9:00 am until 9:45 am. The annual business meeting will begin at 10:00 am. The agenda currently scheduled is as follows:

AGENDA

- (1) Call to Order – Gary P. Miller, President
- (2) Treasurer’s Report – Peggy Maasjo, Treasurer
- (3) Annual Audit Report – Independent Member
- (4) Chris LeClair, R.E.H.S., Director Land & Resource Office
“Update on Septic System Regulations and Maintenance Tips”
- (5) Jim Wolters, MN Area Fisheries Supervisor
“Review of 2018 Test Netting Results and Overview of Lake Stocking Process”
- (6) Jim Lilenthal, Retired MN Fisheries Manager
“Impact of Small Northerns On Minnesota Fish Populations”
- (7) Update on Current Lake Happenings – Gary and All
- (8) Election of Board Members – Gary and All
- (9) Door Prize Give Aways

We will do our best to end the meeting by 11:30 am. Please remember that your 2019/2020 dues of \$30.00 need to be paid. To be an association of value, we need your membership and involvement! Thank You! See you June 22nd, 2019 at Camp Joy.



Lakescaping Grant Program (SLPOA)

The Star Lake Property Owners' Association (SLPOA) and its Board of Directors are committed to preserving this natural resource to include but not limited to:

- Its excellent water quality
- Its bountiful fishery
- Its natural wildlife haven
- Its ordinary and proper development

To fulfill and enhance its mission, the SLPOA offers a lakescaping shoreline restoration grant program to members with support from the East Otter Tail Soil & Water Conservation District Office. The grant program is aimed at creation of natural shoreline buffers and erosion control projects on and around Star Lake. The program promotes the use of native plants, grasses, and trees.

GRANT PROCESS

- To be considered, the project partner must be a current member in good standing.
- The potential project partner must submit a written application with a full description of the project being considered. The description should include a complete project location, project needs listing, and the type of native plants, grasses, or trees to be included in the shoreline restoration.
- The SLPOA Board of Directors will review the written application and project description and ask for information to move the project forward as necessary.
- If the project description is deemed to meet SLPOA requirements, the SLPOA Board will work with the East Otter Tail Soil & Water Conservation District Representatives to assist the member in completing the Conservation District's cost share and other appropriate program documents.
- The SLPOA Board retains full right to approve or deny the project application based not only on the merits of the project but also the current financial position of the Association.
- All applications are to be submitted to the attention of the SLPOA President

GRANT CRITERIA

- A written grant application with the project description is required to be submitted
- If approved, the grantee is expected to maintain the location for the project for a period of at least 10 years
- The SLPOA may inspect or appoint someone with the required expertise to inspect the project upon completion and annually thereafter if desired
- 50% of the grant will be paid at the time the project is approved and 50% will be provided upon completion of the project inspection and approval by the SLPOA Board of Directors.
- The grant amount can be up to a maximum of \$2000.00 per project. Partial funding of projects will be considered.
- If an approved, funded, and completed project is abandoned or radically altered before the end of the 10 year commitment period, the SLPOA will receive a prorated refund amount of its cost share amount for each year not completed (ie: if the project has existed for 6 years and radically changed, the Association will be entitled to receive 40% of the grant amount in the form of a cash refund)
- Rip Rap Rock is not encouraged for grant dollars but may be considered if erosion control is clearly enhanced by its inclusion in a project
- The project partner will be responsible for maintenance of the site

Native shoreland buffers are a valuable tool for maintaining and improving water quality and riparian ecosystems. These buffers are designed to filter pollutants from stormwater runoff, reduce erosion, and provide habitat for a variety of aquatic and terrestrial species. Your lake association is proud to be able to offer this program to its members!

For more information, you might also want to view the Otter Tail County Lakeshore Landscaping Manual found on the EOT SWCD website: <http://www.eotswcd.org>

Camp Joy Shoreline Project

We would like to highlight and thank Matt Larson and Camp Joy for their proactive approach to shoreline restoration and conservation. Camp Joy has worked with The East Ottertail Soil and Land Resource office to develop a plan to do a shoreland restoration on approximately 700 feet of shoreline as well as create a beautiful butterfly garden at the Camp.

The total project estimated cost will be just over \$16,000.00 and take a couple summer seasons to fully implement. This is part of the description presented by Matt on behalf of Camp Joy to the SLPOA Board to ask for support under our newly approved lakescaping grant program:

“Camp Joy is converting their lakeshore into a native buffer and adding a butterfly garden for pollinators. The current groundcover is sparse to full lawn grass along with several mature trees and in certain areas there is rip rap along the shoreline. The area has dry, sandy soil that is noticeably compacted near the shoreline and has full to partial sun. The terrain of the camp near the lake is gently sloping towards the lake. The cabins and different shelters are within 12 to 15 feet of the shoreline and do not have gutters installed, leaving high potential for stormwater runoff to enter Star Lake. The native planting along the shoreline will help reduce erosion and sediment washes due to wave action and ice heaves as well as protect the lake water by filtrating and breaking down pollutants. Coir logs along the shoreline (where there is no rip rap) will be installed and the logs are designed to absorb the impact of the waves while protecting the soil. The coir logs will eventually decompose but by that time the native plants will be established and able to handle wave impact.

The shoreline planting area is approximately 7,832 sq ft total. The area will be seeded with a mixture of short savanna seed mix and quick establishing pioneer seed mix, appropriate for the soil conditions. The butterfly garden area is approximately 452 sq ft. The butterfly garden will be placed between the chapel and the road. The area will be seeded with a pollinator seed mix suitable for dry to mesic soils.”

Camp Joy made application to the SLPOA Board for support under our newly created “Lakescaping Grant Program.” It is the first program request to gain approval under the new program. The Star Lake Property Owner’s Association is proud to be able to help promote this type of project. It benefits not only the users of Camp Joy, but all who have an interest in maintaining the water quality of the lake and promoting conservation helpful to other plants and animals on the lake. Our congratulations on a great project plan!



Status of the Fishery

DNR TEST NETTING RESULTS 2018

2018 was a year when the Minnesota DNR, involving both fish traps and gill netting, surveyed Star Lake. They do this on a periodic basis to keep an accurate picture of the health of the fishery in the lake. The biologists were looking at quantities and quality of the fish which are found in our lake. Additionally, they look at the condition of the lake: turbidity, water levels, vegetation....all factors which effect the quality and quantity of the fish in the lake.....which is a major factor in angler satisfaction with their experience on the lake. This also aids in creel limits, stocking decisions and management approaches to the lake's populations as a whole.

The reports are lengthy, 20+ pages, and written in scientific wordage, so a brief summary is included here. The full reports are posted on the SLPOA website (on the About Star Lake page) if you really want to examine the details. There are two reports:

- Spring Trap Netting targeting Bluegill
- Gill Netting targeting Northern Pike, Walleye, Yellow Perch

Simply put, most folks are interested in the primary fish species, Northern Pike and Walleye. The report summary is positive on the status of these two species. Northern Pike are in the highest level in the DNR district for lakes of Star Lake's category, with pike reaching the 25 " by their fifth year and the greatest length 'captured' was in the 30" range. Numbers of fish in the lower lengths are strong. Walleye are also doing well in our lake, with fish in excess of 29" trapped. One interesting point is that while natural reproduction is 'alive and well', there is a distinctive bump up of year class fish from years when stocking of walleyes has occurred. Since the DNR does stocking on an irregular basis the report does imply that an annual stocking effort could boost year class fish in the lake.

Of equal, and perhaps more, importance is the exercise of selective harvest of these two predatory fish by anglers. Simply put, leaving the larger fish in the lake leads to better natural reproduction and, in the long run, a better fishery for all. So, perhaps the best conclusion we can draw from all this information is that the best 'trophy' you can possibly take from fishing in Star Lake is a picture of your big northern or walleye just before you release it. Yes, keep the smaller pan size ones and enjoy them but send the big guys back to keep the fish coming, year after year.

And perhaps the secondary conclusion we should draw from the report is the importance of vegetation in the lake along the shoreline. Not only does it slow erosion, it filters run-off both of chemicals and suspended solids, and provides the necessary nursery for all species of fish to spawn and reproduce. You should all be aware that to remove water vegetation along your shoreline requires a permit from the DNR. Yes, IT IS THAT IMPORTANT.

So, settle for a single path thru the wild rice to your dock or boat hoist, your fishing success will be improved. I know, it is a pain in the XXX to clean your lower unit but I like to catch fish so it is a small price to pay.

Jim Wolters, the regional fisheries supervisor for the DNR will be at the annual meeting in June to make a presentation and answer your questions. Jim is knowledgeable and willing to explain everything to you so join us and learn from the 'fish whisperer'...he knoweth of what he speaks.

- Dick Fultz, SLPOA Director



Hammering Out a Healthier Fishery!

What's up with all this talk about hammer-handles, snort-rockets, slimers, snakes, lure-stealers, and many other even less complimentary names? As is often the case, in North Central MN lakes, Star is one of many waters that has a real overabundance of runt sized Northern Pike. Star has abundant shallow vegetated spawning bays, moderately high fishing pressure, and clear waters. The proper shallow habitat allows for consistently high recruitment (successful spawns), the fishing pressure and clear water allow for noticeable harvest of larger specimen by fishermen and spearers (clear water). It's increasingly rare to find truly large average size and trophy specimen in MN any more. Unless you have remote lake (think Canada), stained or muddy water (Red, Missouri River type Reservoirs) or extremely large vast open water basins with abundant suspended roaming forage types offering hard to pinpoint population (Mille Lacs, Leech, Lake of the Woods), it's really hard to have healthy northern populations.

So what you might ask? Well besides often being a nuisance to area fishermen, they are definitely not a sign of a healthy fish population biologically speaking. Commonly we are finding many lakes just like Star where you can hardly keep them off the hook and it's increasingly rarer to find a sizable specimen over a pound or two. Besides it being annoying, what's the big deal you might ask?

Well in the fisheries management world it is one of the major issues being faced today. Besides obvious woes such as Shore and Water Quality issues such as poor development, pollution, erosion/runoff problems, and AIS, this 'hammer-handle' issue is truly negative affecting our prize resources and fish populations. In fact, through thousands of hours of data examination biologist have poured over survey numbers (test net, creel survey, electrofishing) and found some pretty uniform correlations they'd long suspected. When stunted northern pike populations skyrocket, in almost every case, walleye & their primary prey population (Yellow Perch) population dwindles, and in many cases, effectively collapse.

What negative repercussions could be linked to this? By not only outcompeting MN's most popular gamefish species (walleye) for their primary forage (perch) and

essentially destroying that supply, they can also grow faster and actually get to a point where they are eating same age walleye fingerlings. In all reality they are not only altering expensive stocking programs, but they in many lakes are rendering it ineffective and eating up the public and private dollars in the process.

Esox Lucious (Latin for Water Wolf) has been known to reach enormous size in many areas and is regarded by many to be quite sporting and great tasting, essentially immensely more popular if allowed to reach larger sizes. Record sizes have exceeded 30 pounds and catches over 20 are considered trophies in most waters. Anyone who's filleted and fried them will say they even compare with walleyes or better. So what's the reason more don't target the smaller ones??? >> Y-bones! These fish have a well noted thicker slime layer, a dense strip of heavy y-bones, and can seem more difficult to utilize.

What can we do to change this?

- 1) Reduce harvest of mid to large specimens of pike – think, no older 60's to 80's pictures of 20+ pike stringers ranging from 6 – 20 lbs...
- 2) Focus more ways to increase harvest of 'hammer-handle' sized pike and try to reduce existing population through utilizing DNR created opportunity increasingly liberal bag limits on small pike in this region (up to 10 under 22"). Whether pickling, grinding into fish cakes, or getting better and deboning steps when cleaning, it's very encouraged to better utilize these tasty fish.

At our annual meeting, plan to hear much more from current and retired fisheries biologist on how to better do your part and take advantage of this fun and delicious species while helping increase the health of the lake through proper management. Look for contests, cleaning tips, recipes, and perhaps even a cleaning demonstration if weather and time allows after.

- Jason Gorr, SLPOA Vice President



Remodeling Project Tips

HOW TO LIVE WITH YOUR REMODELING PROJECT

(reprinted from the Builders Home and Sports Magazine)

Remodeling your home or cabin is uniquely different from building a new one. With remodeling, you live side by side with the project from start to finish. Once construction begins, you'll probably long for simple pleasures like a dust-free environment or a fully functioning kitchen or bath. But the end result will be well worth the inconveniences.

Here are some tips to help minimize the stress involved with your project:

1) Open the Lines of Communication

Consistent and open communication between you and your remodeler/builder will enhance your understanding of the project, provide an opportunity to exchange ideas, and help to make the experience a positive one for everyone involved. To facilitate this process, you need to:

- Determine who you and your remodeler should contact for daily decisions or an after-hours emergency. For example, your contact may be the lead carpenter for the job, while the remodeler's contact could be your spouse.
- Designate a backup for each contact person to assure continuity in anyone's absence.
- Create a place where the contact persons can leave messages for each other (on-site a securely anchored notebook is a good idea since it is less likely to disappear).
- Speak up. If you are uncertain about any aspect of the project, be sure to let the contact person know your concerns.

2) Prepare for the Pre-Construction Meeting

One way to ensure the success of your project is to plan for and actively participate in a pre-construction meeting. This allows your remodeler to clarify procedures and explain how the project should progress. Some of the issues you may wish to cover at this meeting include:

- Have all the required and appropriate permits governing the construction been secured?
- Will you allow your remodeler/builder to place a company sign on your property? Signs help contractors and suppliers locate the site.
- Are any areas of your cabin off limits to workers?
- Does your property have an alarm system? Will workers need a key or code?
- How will you ensure that your children, pets, and visitors stay out of the work area?
- How will trash removal be handled? Will there be a dumpster located on your property? If so, where?
- Does the project anticipate any interruptions of utilities? If so, when and how long? Will basic household necessities like water and electricity be interrupted? Will you need to vacate the property at any time?
- What are expectations regarding clean up? Daily sweeping ok or a more thorough cleaning in order to use the space?

Remodeling Project Tips cont'd

- When will workers begin and end their day?
- Where can workers park near the jobsite?
- Will bathroom facilities in the property be available for workers?
- What is the remodelers/builders policy on smoking on the jobsite?
- Are you concerned about the use of profanity by workers? Does the remodeler have a policy?
- Can music be allowed to play on the job site at a reasonable volume? Is there any type of music you would prefer not be played?
- When are payments expected?

3) Preventing Remodeling Fever

The train-station atmosphere of a remodeling project can lead to remodeling fever. The main symptom is the feeling of loss of control that results from disrupted routines and the impact on personal space. The best way to prevent this is to prepare well, remember that "this too shall pass" and focus on the progress being made. Also;

- Prepare for the inconvenience. A kitchen remodel will disrupt meal planning. But, you can setup a temporary cooking area by moving the refrigerator, toaster oven, microwave, etc. to another room. If the weather is nice, fire up the grill and dine alfresco.
- Find at least one space to escape the chaos and commotion.
- Dust has the unfortunate tendency to appear everywhere from lampshades to plates during a remodeling project. Try to seal off doorways and stairs. Turn off the central air or heat when sanding is taking place. Change your furnace filters often. Have deliveries made through only one designated entrance. Use doormats and floor coverings where appropriate. Cover what you can with plastic drop cloths that are taped shut.

Finally, maintain a good sense of humor! Remodeling truly can be an adventure. Good luck and enjoy your journey to a new updated space.

Roadside Clean-up

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Thank you to those volunteers who braved the cold, wet and windy weather on Saturday, May 18 to pick up the ditches along Highway 41. Your hard work is appreciated!



PLEASE BE CAREFUL DOING ROADSIDE CLEANING

With spring cleaning in full force, we want to caution anyone who may be involved in any type of roadside cleaning project. If you should come across a capped soda or sports drink bottle that has an unusual looking substance inside, please be extremely cautious. Pop bottles with straws in the caps are also a sign. Individuals will manufacture Methamphetamine in what is referred to as "shake and bake" method. Once they obtain their Meth product, they will often discard the bottles in roadside ditches. If these bottles were to be opened and oxygen is introduced to the volatile chemicals inside, the bottle could blow up and cause serious injury or even death. If you come across such an item, please do not touch it and contact law enforcement immediately. Please share, it could save someone's life.

(Reprinted from Dodge County Sheriff MN Facebook page)

Amazon Smile Program



“It’s Free, It’s Free!” How many times have you heard that and thought – SURE-what’s the catch? Announcing a new program that truly is free and has no catch for you. Want to support SLPOA? You can now do that by simply ordering items through AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your lake every time you shop, at no cost to you. You will find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and shopping ease as Amazon.com with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price to SLPOA!

If you currently use Amazon.com or Amazon Prime, you can order the same products at the same prices, but benefit your lake by selecting STAR LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (identifier number 80-0594188). The value of your purchase will be credited to SLPOA and, at the end of each month, Amazon will donate a percentage of the total purchase value to our lake association. Any donations received will be credited to our “lake protection fund.” That fund is restricted to projects that directly benefit the lake.

That’s it! No fees, no obligations, no catch for you to help support your lake. All you need to do is select SLPOA as your charitable organization when you first sign in to AmazonSmile. After that, shop away!

We will put a link on the Association website to enable you to access the AmazonSmile site as well. EASY, SIMPLE, IMPORTANT as we continue to try to find ways to increase our revenue and our ability to have the funds needed to help maintain Star Lake as the tremendous resource it is.

THANK YOU for your support!

Welcome to Bell’s Resort, Bar & Grill

One of our newest SLPOA members is Rhonda Bell, the new owner of Bell’s Resort, Bar & Grill (previously The Galaxy). “I was looking for something to invest in, and I love Otter Tail County,” said Rhonda, who has worked in a number of hospitality-related businesses including Thumper Pond in Ottertail, as well as establishments in Wadena and Moorhead. “I fell in love with the people and the lakes ... this was a perfect fit.” Rhonda is from Verndale, and a graduate of Verndale High School.



Bell’s Bar & Grill opened Super Bowl Sunday. Since then they have run various bar and dinner specials. They will have a new summer menu beginning Memorial Weekend. They are currently busy getting the cabins, deck and beach area ready for the summer season.

This spring the bar and grill have had limited hours (closed Monday and Tuesday) but after Memorial Day plan to be open seven days a week. On Friday night, May 24th, they will have live music featuring local band Whiskey Business.

Come by boat, pontoon, car or motorcycle to checkout Bell’s Resort, Bar & Grill this summer! Follow Bell’s on Facebook to see daily specials and promotions, or check out their website: bellsresort.com

SLPOA Membership Form

Star Lake Property Owners' Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 155, Dent, MN 56528

2019/2020 Membership Information Form

(New _____ or Renewal _____)

*Please note: SLPOA Membership runs from June Annual Meeting to June Annual Meeting.

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Legal Mailing Address: _____

Star Lake Street Address (if different): _____

Email Address **: _____ Phone(s): _____

**Please consider providing your email address – it will help reduce costs. Email addresses will not be sold or given to others, and will not appear in our directory without your written permission.

I/we certify that we _____ARE _____ARE NOT Star Lake property owners.

Dues: \$30 -Star Lake Property Owner: Individual, Family, Corporation, Partnership. (Voting Membership)
\$25 -Associate Member: Non-Property Owner supporting the objectives of The Association. (Non-voting Membership)
\$ _____ Lake Protection Fund Donation. Consider making an additional donation to help us protect the interests of Star Lake. Funds donated to this account will only be used for projects directly tied to lake improvement.

I am interested in volunteering in Association activities as follows:

___ 1. I/we would be interested in working on the following SLPOA Projects:

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ___ a. Water Testing | e. ___ Adopt A Highway Project |
| ___ b. AIS Monitoring | f. ___ Shoreline Restoration |
| ___ c. Membership & Publicity | g. ___ Fisheries Improvement |
| ___ d. Water Safety (Buoy placements) | |

___ 2. I am interested in serving on the board of Directors.

___ 3. I want to be a member, but prefer not to volunteer at this time.

Ideas or comments for the board of directors: _____

USE BACK OF FORM IF NECESSARY

This authorizes the Star Lake Property Owners Association to utilize my/our email address for official SLPOA communications.

Signature(s)

Date

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM & MAIL WITH DUES PAYMENT TO THE SLPOA, P.O. BOX 155, DENT, MN 56528. It would be greatly appreciated if dues were paid by mail PRIOR TO the Annual Meeting. Thank You.

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SAVE THE DATE: SLPOA ANNUAL MEETING is June 22nd



Source:
MN DNR Minn Boating Guide

LIFE JACKETS SAVE LIVES.

Top Five Boating Safety Tips

- Wear your life jacket – And make sure children wear theirs.
- Stay sober – Booze and boating don't mix. Alcohol is the #1 factor in boating fatalities.
- Tell a friend – Tell someone where you're going and when you will be back. If you're not back, they should call 911. Bring a phone or VHF radio.
- Be weather aware – Don't let a storm sneak up on you – delay your trip or head to shore. Go slow in rough water to avoid capsizing.
- Boat smart – Take a boating safety course. Know your boat; stay alert while scanning for dangers; stay seated and low in the boat to prevent falls overboard.