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The Song Lake Property Owners Association

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We depend on our neighbors to tell us what's going on. If you have news you want to share or even an item you want to sell send us an email at:

songlakeassociation@gmail.com

and check out the website at:
www.songlakewatershed.org

We decided to bring back an old Song Lake Association tradition and hope you enjoy the flags this year.

Have a Happy and Safe Fourth of July!



The August **SLPOA General Meeting and Picnic** will be held on **August 19, 2018** at Carol Levine's house (1872 Fulmer Road). The general meeting will commence at 3:00 and following the meeting, food will be provided from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is a voting year, so be sure to attend!

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Join us for our next Board Meeting

Monday, July 24th 6:30

Call any board member for details.

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND WATERSHED SUPPORTERS!

Renew Your Membership OR Become a Member Today!

Dues continue to be just \$25 per year.

Make your checks payable to: The Song Lake Property Owners Association.

Please consider making a much appreciated donation to the SLPOA Watershed Fund.

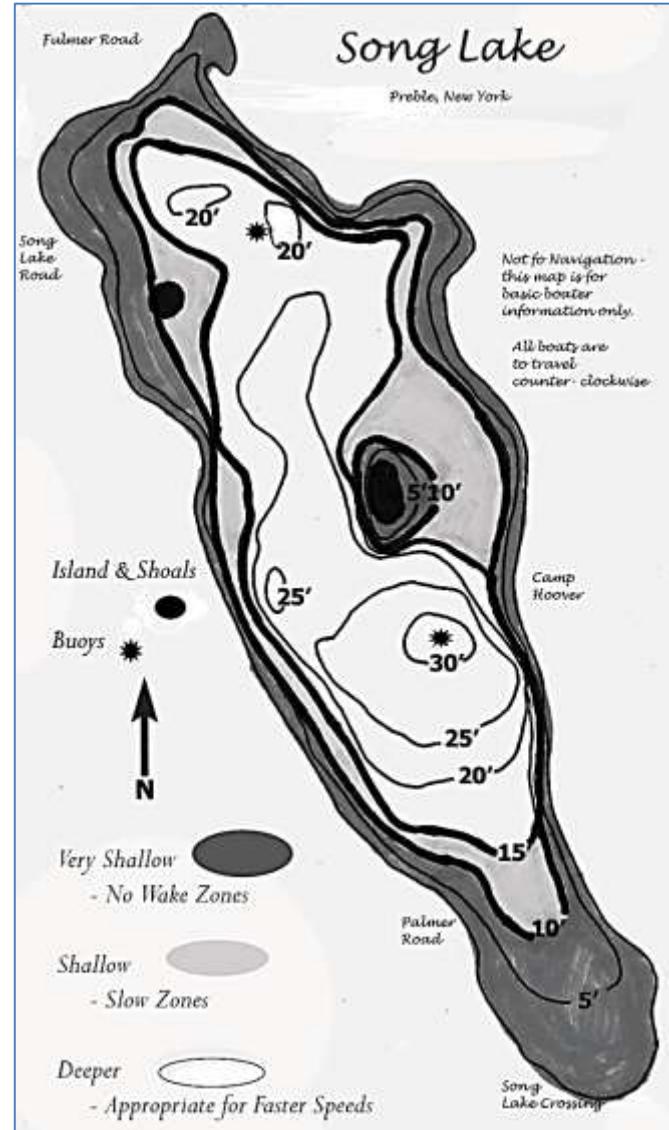
Complete the form and mail it with your check to:

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Song Lake

Summer Newsletter

From the Song Lake Property Owners Association



On The Water

As more boats return to the water, it's important to remember the "rules of the road."

- ☑ All motor boats need to travel in a counter clockwise rotation around the lake.
- ☑ All swimmers, skiers and non-motorized boats have the "right of way"
- ☑ Watch out for the shallow areas. Song Lake has some deep spots, as noted on the map, but also shoals and shallow areas that may harbor unseen debris. Be sure to mark your boating path carefully to avoid boat damage.

☑ In New York, all watercraft using a motor (electric or fuel-driven), no matter how small the craft or the motor, must be registered with the Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV). You can register your boat online at www.dmv.ny.gov/registration/register-boat or call the DMV at (518) 486-9786.

If you have questions about boating requirements & boating safety, please call the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historical Preservation (OPRHP) at (518) 474-

0456. Classes and exams are offered online at: www.boaterexam.com/usa/newyork

We Are All Lake Stewards!

Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program

Water Quality **Testers** will be testing every two weeks again this year, at the 30 foot depth just south of the island and marked by a buoy. Come by and say “hello,” and find out what we are up to. We’ll start testing on June 16th at 8:30.



Yes, We have Zebra Mussels in Song Lake

We just found our first zebra mussels last year. There is currently no way to eradicate or even control zebra mussels once they have infested a lake. We must learn to live with them.

Protective water shoes will be needed.

One caution now is to be aware of the sharp edges that result from shell breakage. When masses of zebra mussel collect, they make walking on the shore or shallow areas dangerous. This precaution may also be true for pets, but is certainly true for children. Cuts have been reported deep enough to require medical attention.

Don’t spread them to other lakes!

Although a boater did not use the protocols to keep them out of our lake, we need to be responsible and prevent the spread to others. If you move your boat off of Song Lake to another waterbody that is not infested, be sure to CLEAN, DRAIN and DRY the boat before launching on a pristine lake.

What are those buoys? SUNY Oneonta is doing a study on our Zebra Mussels.

There are five zebra mussel traps around the lake marked by the CSLAP and orange buoys. We hope to learn more about these mussels from this study. Call Stradder, if you have questions: 585-350-5673



Please Don’t Share the Invasion

Boats, trailers, waders and other fishing equipment can spread invasive species from waterbody to waterbody unless properly cleaned after use.

Septic System Incentive

The SLPOA continues to offer an incentive for Septic Maintenance. If your septic hasn’t been maintained in three years, now is the time to take action! To find out more, go to www.songlakewatershed.org/Page_10.html or call Al Socha (315) 810-4049.

There will also be a **Septic System Workshop** on July 21st at 10:00am at the Preble Town Hall. You can receive \$100.00 off your next septic maintenance by attending this workshop!

Working and Playing Together to Keep Our Lake Healthy and Beautiful!

Our Stormwater Improvement Plans

The *National Fish and Wildlife Fund, Chesapeake Bay Technical Capacity Grant* is complete. See all the [Plans for Mitigating Stormwater](http://www.cofokla.org) including the one for Song Lake, at: www.cofokla.org Some lakeside homeowners are working with COFOKLA and Cortland County Soil and Water to find money for shorescaping projects to help reduce runoff. If you are interested, email cofokla@gmail.com

Harmful Algal Blooms need food... that usually means nutrients in the form of phosphorus and/or nitrogen. Phosphorus enters the lake through stormwater, but in Song Lake, years of phosphorus and nutrients are isolated in the sediment until re-suspended by natural storm events, oxygen depletion or even boat activity. This is another reason to keep boats with larger motors in the deep areas of the lake. A 10 horsepower motor boat can disturb sediments at 6 feet. Most of our lake is very shallow, so boaters should be aware of the motor size and appropriate boating zones.

Horse Power	Mixing Depth
10	6 feet
28	10 feet
50	15 feet
100	18 feet

Harmful Algal Blooms

Algae are a necessary part of the food web, and most algae are harmless, however, Song Lake does experience periodic Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) also called CyanoHABs. CyanoHABs contain cyanobacteria and come in many different strains with different toxins. Song Lake has been monitoring these “blooms” for several years now, and each year produces moderate to highly toxic blooms with a variety of strains. Poisoning from these blooms appears to require direct contact and/or prolonged inhalation. Children and pets are most at risk.

The Watershed and Environment Committee has a Rapid Response Team to send pictures of a suspected bloom to both the NYS DEC and EPA, with a sample of the bloom to a qualified lab for toxicity testing. Be sure you know what to look for. There are pictures on our website: www.songlakewatershed.org and on the index card enclose with this mailing. If you see suspicious algae, please call Carl Grillo at (315) 696-5963/ or Tarki Heath at (315) 696-5262 and take a picture of the bloom!

Learn more at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/77118.html>

The Song Lake Property Owner’s Association is looking for board and committee members. To become a part of our exciting efforts to keep Song Lake healthy and our community well informed, call any of the board members listed in this newsletter.

Let’s support each other as we enjoy this shared resource.