

To Members of the Twin Lakes Association from TLA President June 8, 2019

Lots to discuss at Spring meeting on June 22 @ 10:00 AM.

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HERBICIDE DELAY: I regret to inform you that our herbicide contractor, Solitude Lake Management, failed to submit our applications to DEEP this Winter due to a clerical error, thus delaying our treatment date potentially into July. We were just informed of this on Thursday, and are in discussions about possible remedies. I will provide further updates as we learn more.

2. FREE SAILBOATS: Used Vanguard Racing Sales Boats for the taking: The Salisbury School is offering two Vanguard sail boats that have been used by the sailing team for a number of years to anyone willing to pick them up and take them away. The boats are about 10 feet long and require two sailors to sail them. They come with "shore trailers" suitable for moving the boat from a sandy shore into the water and then back again after use. In addition, there may be some spare parts like sails, etc. These boats have been well used but are still suitable for use. They deserve a home and can be cleaned up. If interested, please reach out directly to Wayne Farrington at wfarrington@salisburyschool.org. I know Wayne would like to move these boats over the next few weeks, or they will be sent to the transfer station.

3. INVASIVES and NOISE: At our August meeting, TLA membership approved the creation of two committees to address pressing issues. The Invasives Committee has attended a number of seminars and conducted research, and we will be proposing a demonstration project on the 22nd. The Noise Committee has also conducted research and will present some remedies as well.

4. H.B. 6637: The CT House just passed this bill, which calls for a \$5 surcharge on motor boat registrations that will be dedicated to fund the state-wide fight against invasive species in our lakes. This is a growing problem (literally), and DEEP does not have the financial resources under the regular budget to conduct the fight. The surcharge should raise about \$600,000 in critically needed funds. The TLA board endorses the legislation, and asks that members contact State Senator Craig Miner to ask for his support.

5. LAKE TESTING: Kathy and Peter Neely continue to test lake water under Mark June-Wells' guidance, and we are grateful for their efforts. So far, so good!

I look forward to seeing everyone at Town Hall on the 22nd.

Best regards,
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