



Three Mile
Lake Association

Spring 2018

2018- NEAR HISTORIC HIGH LAKE LEVELS WILL MAKE FOR A GREAT BOATING SEASON!

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Welcoming All New Lake Residents

The Board would like to send a heartfelt welcome to our new neighbors that have joined us on Three Mile Lake in the past year. We look forward to getting to know you all and are excited to have some new members of the Three Mile and Little Three Mile Lake family!

Your Current Board of Directors:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Term Expiring</u>
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2018 Spring Membership Drive



Three Mile Lake Resident Survey
What you'd like to see?



Lake Entrepreneurs and
Business Owners

Water /
Boater
Safety



Board Member
Opening

2018 Spring Membership

We could use your input!

Thank you to all the residents who have



already renewed your due's. (It's only \$20!) this year. If you're a new resident we'd love to have you on the association.

We are very fortunate to not have some of the issues that other lakes in SW Michigan have and we plan to keep it that way. Along with your personal actions membership in the Lake Associate helps ensure we have a

strong voice AND that your voice has a forum to make an impact. Please speak with your neighbors and encourage them to join the association! All are welcome.

Here is what we do

- *Protect the quality of the lake by contracting for lake management services. This helps fulfill one of our core missions to protect lake property values*
- *Hold Annual meetings to discuss current lake happenings, concerns or initiatives.*
- *Keep up to date with the current Riparian property rights developments effecting in-land lakes in Michigan.*
- *Answer questions from in coming residents regarding the lake.*

- *Develop and Maintain our website at threemilelakepawpaw.org (thank you Chadwick Learned!)*
- *Coordinate with the DNR or DEQ on any concerns effecting the lakes.*
- *Long-term planning for the health of our lakes! (please consider taking the survey NEXT.*
- *Annual Lake Picnic!*
- *Email Updates for lake events, lost items found on the lakes etc etc...*
- *Lake Association members receive free advertising on the website!*

Three Mile Lake Resident Survey

We are requesting your input on priorities or concerns you would like the board to explore for possible action. This same survey is online on the front page of our website. You can either mail back the survey response with your membership form OR take it online.

The board will be using your response to guide our actions for future planning.

Please RANK in order the items on the right you believe the board should address in some way. 1-7







- Access to Little Three Mile Lake (ie: exploring ways to ensure easy in/out even on low water years) RANK _____
- South End Weed Patch – (alligator alley) navigation path. The weed patch has been growing for many years and restricting water flow. RANK _____
- Public Access Safety Concerns (Swimming in boat launch area, alcohol use etc) RANK _____
- Ensuring our safe boating rules are followed. RANK _____
- Fish Management (habitat preservation etc) RANK _____
- Herbicide / Pesticide / lake front management education and resources. RANK _____
- Write Your OWN

RANK _____

WHILE THE LAKE ASSOCIATION CAN LOOK INTO SOLUTIONS, COST RELATED TO ANY MAJOR PROJECTS WOULD HAVE TO BE DETERMINED AND THEN A PLAN MADE IF MEMBERSHIP DECIDED TO PURSUE

Lake Entrepreneurs and Business Owners

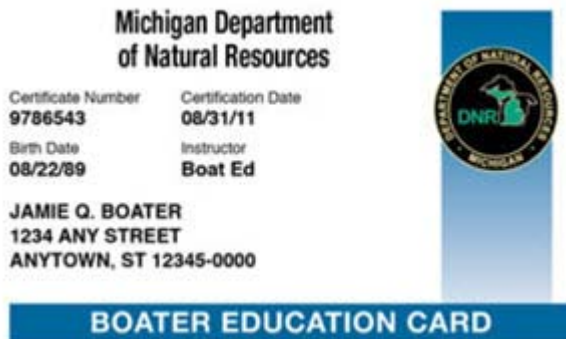
We are fortunate to have many business owners on the lake that can provide products and services! Help support your local community!

 <p>Neil's Hardware and Rentals Warner Supply Do It Center</p> <p>Need a new dock? Neil's helped many a lake owner with some great options. Full hardware store support – plumbing, electrical – weed control and MORE.</p> <p><i>NEIL'S HARDWARE & RENTALS</i> 25300 Red Arrow Hwy., Mattawan</p> <p><i>WARNER SUPPLY DO-IT CENTERS</i> 33310 M-43, Paw Paw 136 E. Michigan, Paw Paw</p> <p>www.warnersupply.doitbest.com</p> <p>NEIL BOFF</p>	 <p>Jill Harring, Independent Beauty Consultant</p> <p>JILL HARRING Independent Beauty Consultant Paw Paw, MI269-657-3767jharring@marykay.com</p> <p>www.marykay.com/jharring</p>
 <p>Mowing(\$25 and up), Beach Rehab, Weeding, Stick Pickup, Odd Jobs, Landscaping, Leaf Raking. Many satisfied Three Mile Lake Property Owners. Service anywhere on Three Mile Lake!</p> <p>Call or Text Logan 269-779-3584</p> <p>Email: threemileyardworks@gmail.com</p>	 <p>Shangri-La Three Mile Lake</p> <p>Cabin and Boat Rentals</p> <p>Call 269-657-4597</p>
 <p>Family Focus Travel Specializing in Disney Vacations!</p> <p>contact Sara Johnson at 630-204-1677</p> <p>sarah@familyfocustravel.com www.familyfocustravel.com</p>	 <p>Firewood by Anabella and Anthony Chlada</p> <p>Happy summer 3 mile lake! My brother and I are young entrepreneurs that are selling wood this summer. Please stop by this summer if you are in any need for wood. Our address is 64924 41st street; we are the third house down. These are the prices: -\$5 for 8 pieces of wood -\$25 for a tractor cart full "campfire ready" *tractor carts delivered on 3 mile lake only</p>

Water and Boaters Safety

Our very high lake levels this year create some unique hazards.

Watch out for floating items in the lake and items near shore like firepits and log piles that were on shore in the fall but may be underwater now. Also please check for your items around perimeter of the lake that may have floated away.



- accompanied on board by their parent, legal guardian or by a person who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian and is at least 21 years of age; **or**
- operating or riding the PWC at a distance of not more than 100 feet from their parent, legal guardian or by a person who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian and is at least 21 years of age.

Those **at least 16 years of age and born after Dec. 31, 1978** may legally operate a PWC only if they have obtained a [boating safety certificate](#).

Those **born on or before December 31, 1978** may operate a PWC legally without restrictions.

Boaters Safety Courses are available online for a fee OR In person for at the Van Buren county sheriffs office or Kalamazoo County etc..

2018 Info:

June 23, 2018

- PORTER TOWNSHIP HALL
- 88040 M40 HWY
- LAWTON, MI 49065
- 8AM - 2PM

June 16, 2018

- SISTER LAKES FIRE STATION
- 92282 CR 690
- DOWAGIAC, MI 49047
- 8AM - 2PM

Michigan Boating Education Requirements

Those **less than 12 years of age** :

- may legally operate a boat powered by a motor of no more than 6 horsepower (hp) without restrictions.
- may legally operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 hp, but no more than 35 hp, only if they:
 - have been issued a [boating safety certificate](#) and have it on board; **and**
 - are directly supervised on board by a person at least 16 years of age.
- may not legally operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 35 hp legally under any conditions.

Those **born on or after July 1, 1996** may legally operate a boat only if they have been issued a [boating safety certificate](#) and have it on board.

Those **born before July 1, 1996** may legally operate a boat without restrictions.

WHO MAY OPERATE A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

Those **less than 14 years of age** may not legally operate a personal watercraft (PWC) (ie. jet ski, wave runner).

Those **14 and 15 years of age** may legally operate a PWC if they have obtained a [boating safety certificate](#); **and is**

FUN FACT – That's right your 13 year old can drive your boat unaccompanied IF they have a boaters safety certificate.



- Two days twice a year, families and friends can enjoy one of Michigan's premiere outdoor activities, Michigan Fishing, for FREE!

The 2018 Free Fishing Weekends are scheduled for this winter: February 17 & 18 and this summer: June 9 & 10.

All fishing license fees will be waived for two days. A **Recreation Passport** will NOT be required for entry into state parks and recreation areas during Free Fishing Weekend. Residents and out-of-state visitors may enjoy fishing on both inland and Great Lakes' waters for all species of fish. All fishing regulations will still apply.

Life Jacket Laws in Michigan



ALWAYS WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET.
WEAR IT!

The Law and You
While there are very few laws that require adults to wear life jackets, life jacket wear is a matter of survival. It's also sets a good example for kids to always wear their life jackets.

www.SafeBoatingCampaign.com

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Life Jacket Laws

Vessels 16 feet and longer, in addition to the Type I, II or III for each person on board must carry one type IV. (Canoes and kayaks over 16 feet are exempt from the Type IV requirement.)

" Type IV is a "throwable device".

Children's Life Jacket Law

In Michigan, boat passengers 6 years of age and under are required to wear a Coast Guard-approved, Type I or Type II life jacket when on the open deck of any boat, while the boat is underway.

Three Mile Lake Corporation, PO BOX 482, Paw Paw, MI 49079

Personal Watercraft (PWC) Life Jacket Law

Any person operating or riding on a PWC is required to wear a Coast Guard-approved, Type I, II or III life jacket. Inflatable life jackets are not permitted.

Towed Sports Life Jacket Law

Any person being towed behind any boat is required to wear a Coast Guard-approved, Type I, II or III life jacket. Inflatable life jackets are not permitted.

Michigan's Muffler and Noise Level Laws

It is illegal to operate a motorized boat that has not been equipped and maintained with an effective muffler or underwater exhaust system. The muffler or underwater exhaust system must prevent noise levels in excess of the following: 90 dB(a) when subjected to a stationary sound level test as prescribed by SAE J2005.75 dB(A) when subjected to a shoreline sound level measurement procedure as described by SAE J1970.

The First Life Jackets – Wooden Wonders

The first recorded use of a life jacket goes back to 1805, when cotton jerseys with wooden blocks sewn onto them were worn by British sailors at the Battle of Trafalgar. Picture someone wearing a suit made out of wooden shingles and you get the basic idea. Functional? Maybe. Comfortable? Not a chance.



Special Boating Rules for Three Mile Lake

With some new lake residents this past year below is a review of the special boating rules the DNR has enacted for our lakes!
Please let visitors know of these rules before using the lake.



Special restrictions regarding high speed boating and towing are in effect by statute for our lakes. Below is the full regulation enacted by the DNR.

For quick reference:

- No one can operate a boat at high speed or tow skiers/tubers on the South Side portion of the lake essentially south of the island – see map to left. AND in all of Little Three Mile Lake
- There is no towing on the ENTIRE LAKE during special times:
- During Eastern Daylight Savings time from 7:30 pm to 11:00 am the following day. March 12th to November 5th 2018
- The remainder of the year the time is 6:30 pm to 10:00 am

SPECIAL LOCAL WATERCRAFT CONTROLS - VAN BUREN COUNTY - LITTLE THREE MILE LAKE AND PORTION OF THREE MILE LAKE - R281.780.2 -

High-speed boating and water skiing prohibited.
2. On the waters of Little Three Mile lake and on that part of Three Mile lake south of the south eighth line of section 21, T3S, R14W, Van Buren county, state of Michigan, no operator of any motorboat shall:
(a) Operate such motorboat at high speed.
(b) Have in tow, or shall otherwise assist in the propulsion of, a person on water skis, water sled, surfboard, or other similar contrivance.
History: Eff. February 14, 1966

RUSH LAKE AND THREE MILE LAKE - R281.780.1 - Water skiing hours.

1. On the waters of Rush lake and Three Mile lake, Van Buren county, state of Michigan, no operator of any motorboat shall have in tow, or shall otherwise assist in the propulsion of, a person on water skis, water sled, surfboard, or other similar contrivance during the period from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. of the following day.
History: Eff. February 14, 1966

R 281.700.3 High-speed boating and water skiing prohibited; time.

Rule 3. (1) On the waters of this state where special local watercraft controls have been established prohibiting high-speed boating and water skiing from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. of the following day, the hours shall be 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 a.m. of the following day when and where eastern daylight saving time is in effect.(2) "Daylight saving time" means the advancing of the standard time by 1 hour, commencing at 2 o'clock antemeridian on the last Sunday of April of each year and ending at 2 o'clock antemeridian on the last Sunday of October of each year in conformity with the federal uniform time act of 1966.



Condolences



Please join the board in expressing our condolences to the families of both Mearl Hunt and Grace Potter. Both longtime residents of Three Mile Lake.



There is an opening on the lake association board of directors. If you have any interest in joining the board please email or call Jim Chlada and/or Chadwick Learned. Our next Lake Association Board meeting is Saturday, May 26th, at 10am.

Treasurer	Jim Chlada	708-610-2065	jimchlada@comcast.net
Secretary	Chadwick Learned	269-779-3636	clearned@gmail.com

Board members are typically voted in at the annual member meeting and lake picnic!

As a friendly reminder Please keep your dogs on a leash when they are outside.