



Our Glimmerglass

Newsletter of the Otsego Lake Association

Current Threats to Otsego Lake to be Thwarted by Boat Wash

- Paul H. Lord

Spiny waterfleas (*Bythotrephes cederstroemii*) are found in the southern Adirondacks and occur in six waterbodies within two hours of Otsego Lake. Spiny waterfleas would compete directly with larval fishes of all kinds in eating Otsego Lake zooplankton and would further frustrate fish growth by providing fish that eat the Spiny waterfleas with a false sense of fullness arising from the indigestible spines. Great Sacandaga Lake is probably the closest waterbody with public access and Spiny waterfleas. Otsego Lake has numerous fisherfolk that come from southern Adirondack waters to fish. Peck's Lake (48 miles) is closer than Great Sacandaga Lake (57 miles), and it has a private launch accessible to the public for a fee. **Fishhook waterfleas** (*Cercopagis sp.*) are found in Otisco Lake (83 miles away) and Cayuga Lake (approximately 100 miles distant, but both waters are favored by sail boat enthusiasts). They provide similar problems for Otsego Lake fishes. Otisco Lake has private launches accessible to the public for a fee whereas Cayuga Lake has numerous public and private launches. **Quagga mussels** (*Dreissena bugensis*) are found in Oneida Lake, and the Erie Canal. The closest Mohawk River/Barge Canal boat ramp is in the Village of Frankfort (31 miles). Quagga mussels would fundamentally change Otsego Lake, more so than zebra mussels, because they could invade our deep lake waters with soft substrates that are largely unoccupied by Zebra mussels.

Various invasive aquatic plants threaten to outcompete Otsego Lake's native plants – and frustrate Otsego Lake recreational uses by filling in shallow waters with dense plant growth. **Water chestnut** (*Trapa natans*) in Goodyear Lake persists in proximity to Goodyear Lake's most frequently used boat ramp, 14 miles from Lake Front Park. NYS boat launches are maintained on Goodyear Lake at both Silliman Cove and on Route 28. **Hydrilla** (*Hydrilla verticillata*) is found in Cayuga Lake, several Broome County ponds, and is now moving through the NYS canal system and Mohawk River. Cayuga Lake boat launches (approximately 100 miles distant, but both waters are favored by sail boat enthusiasts) include the Dean's Cove Boat Launch, the Cayuga Lake State Park, the Taughannock Falls State Park and the Long Point State Park. The closest Mohawk River/Barge Canal boat ramp is in the Village of Frankfort (31 miles). **European frog-bit** (*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*) is found in Weaver Lake which is 14 miles from Lake Front Park.

UPCOMING EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!

OTSEGO LAKES FESTIVAL
Saturday, June 11 - 12pm-5pm
Lakefront Park, Cooperstown



FESTIVAL

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**'We Love Our Lake' 3rd Annual
DECORATED BOAT PARADE**
Sunday, July 3rd - 3:00pm



Past Parade Participant: Lady Liberty
- Photo by Tim Pokorny

Additional details available at
<http://otsegolakeassociation.org>

ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, August 13 8:30-11am
at Mohican Farm



- Photo by Scottie Baker
Natura Productions, Fly Creek, NY.

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Message from the President

Dear Friends of the Otsego Lake Association:

This has been a most busy year for OLA! BIG NEWS is that we applied for a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to supplement funding for the Aquatic Invasive Species Spread Boat Wash and Boat Steward Program at Lake Front Park. After hours of work by board members and collaboration with our partners, the grant was submitted. We have just received notification that the grant was completely funded, and construction preparations are beginning as I write.

This is significant for several reasons. Invasive species are among the greatest threats to our lake. This grant will enable us to construct an accessible, state of the art boat wash (currently the best line of defense against the transportation of invasive species) at Cooperstown's Lake Front Park as well as increasing funding for the stewards who will man this station and that at Otsego's other launch site at Springfield Public Landing.

Submission of this grant marks a high point in collaboration among local agencies to deal with an environmental threat. OLA and the Canadarago Lake Improvement Association have partnered in seeking state assistance and have been aided by the professional staff at OCCA, who submitted, and will administer, the grant. I also believe that the momentum begun by the members of OLA who donated and advocated for this project was a huge contributor to our positive outcome, as was our history of support for the Lake Front Steward program shepherded by board members Carl Good and Paul Lord.

While this is a huge step forward for OLA and for Otsego Lake, we continue to monitor changes, both natural and man-made to Otsego's fragile balance.

I thank you for your continued support. It enables OLA to persevere in working to protect the health, beauty, and well being of Otsego Lake. I look forward to seeing you at our July 3 boat parade and at our August 13 annual meeting which will be held this year at Mohican Farm, another fascinating historical venue, on the shores of Otsego Lake.

Warm regards, Mickie Richtsmeier



Annual Meeting 2015 - Photo by Tim Pokorny.

OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION

FOUNDED 2002

OUR MISSION is to support and further the implementation of the "Plan for the Management of the Otsego Lake Watershed".

OUR MEMBERSHIP is open to any individual concerned with the health of Otsego Lake. Our membership consists of year-round residents, seasonal residents and local businesses.

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“Gold Standard” Boat Washes Approved

For too long, OLA members have asked why we did not have functional boat washes in and around Otsego Lake. We knew that actions taken to stop the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) on one waterbody reinforce the actions taken on all nearby waterbodies, but there were no boat washes. That is changing rapidly. As noted in our president’s message, NYSDEC is funding boat washes locally which is quite a coup since our area was not deemed a “priority” area in the NYSDEC’s solicitation. These boat washes are “gold standard” systems providing water streaming at cleaning pressures and temperatures of approximately 160o F. That is a temperature hot enough to kill all AIS known to threaten Otsego Lake.

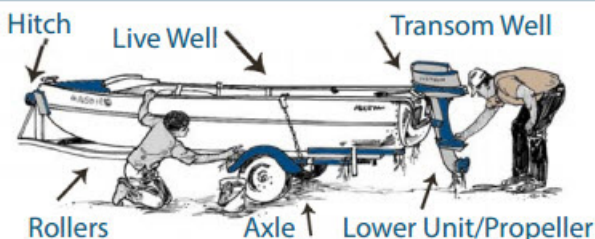
How Boat Washes will Work

Operation of the boat washes on Canadarago Lake, at the Springfield Car Wash, and at Lake Front Park in Cooperstown will be administered by different entities with rules that will be somewhat different in each location. What will be consistent is that boat wash trained personnel will be available to ensure that boats, trailers, and trailering vehicles are properly washed to remove aquatic invasive species (AIS) in a manner that ensures the safety of the people involved.

Boat Wash Available in Springfield

A local business entrepreneur, Randy Stocking, has agreed to respond to requests for boat washings at the Springfield Car Wash on U.S. Route 20. He will have someone meet boat owners there and car wash personnel will wash boats with water heated to 160 degrees F. For an appointment, boat owners should call: 607-264-9016 or 607-434-3556.

WATERCRAFT CHECK POINTS



For more information on aquatic invasive species and how to check your watercraft, visit <http://www.otsegolakeassociation.org/documents/ais%20flyer/AIS%20Flyer%2027Jun15.pdf>

- Paul Lord

How Fish Got Their Names

from Outing Magazine 1904, By C.W.Beebe

The word Fish has passed through many varied forms since it was “piscis” in the old Latin tongue. Of course, there are a host of fishes named from a fancied resemblance to familiar terrestrial animals or other things, such as: The Catfish; those named after the dog, parrot, hog, horse, cow, trunk, devil and angel, sun and moon.

Trout was originally “trutta” which is lost in a very old Greek word meaning eat or gnaw.

Perch harks back to the Latin “perca” and the Romans got it from the Greeks, among whom it meant spotted.



Perch, CCO

The Romans said “minutus” when they meant small, and nowadays when we speak of any very small fish, we say minnow.

Alewife in old English was applied to the women, usually very stout dames, who kept ale houses.

The Pike is so named from the sharp, pointed snout and long, slim body bringing to mind the old time weapon of that name, while the “el” diminutive in the name Pickerel means little Pike.

Salmon comes directly from the Latin “salmo” which literally meant the leaper, from “salire”, to leap. From the Saxon was “stiriga” literally a stirrer from the habit of the fish stirring up the mud at the bottom of the water. The Medieval form “darce and dars” is from the same root word as our word dart, given on account of the swiftness of the fish.

From the Anglo-Saxon “baers” came “bares” from which came Bass.

How few fishermen have ever thought of the interesting derivations of the names which they know so well!

- Submitted by Scottie Baker

Carl Good - OLA Has Lost a Great Friend

- Wayne Bunn

OLA has lost a great friend, member, and Director. Long time OLA Director Carl Good passed away peacefully at his home in Cooperstown on March 14, 2016 after a courageous battle with cancer. Carl, first elected as a Director on the OLA Board of Directors when OLA was founded in 2002, had served in that capacity continuously until the time of his passing – some 14 years. He was always willing to undertake any assignment asked of him and did it in a first class manner. Carl was a true gentleman in all respects and it was enjoyable to be around him. His input at OLA Board meetings was always important and well respected. Carl was OLA's long time representative on the Otsego County Water Quality Coordinating Committee which is comprised of various environmental groups and government agencies to help protect the water resources of Otsego County. Carl was also in overall charge of the Village of Cooperstown's boat inspection and launch program at the end of Fair Street and was very involved in hiring and training inspectors each summer. Carl could literally walk out of his house on Lake Street and see the boat launch so he spent a lot of time there with the inspectors. OLA, in cooperation with OCCA, is planning to construct a new boat washing station at the end of Fish Road next to the bathrooms at the Lake Front Park in the spring of 2016. Carl represented OLA while working with the Village Officials to obtain the necessary approvals and permits for the boat washing station.



To honor Carl's work on the boat inspection program and the boat washing station, OLA has decided to designate the new boat washing station as the "Carl B. Good Boat Washing Station". Carl was also heavily involved with OLA, the Lake and Valley Garden Club, and the Village Officials in the planning, design, and construction of the buffer strip and board walk project at the Lake Front Park – a national award winning project to protect Otsego Lake.

Carl graduated from Princeton University and then resided in Princeton NJ for 36 years while working professionally at IBM, R. J. Newman Company, and Homeasote Company. Carl was proud to have served his country as a U.S. Marine.



He was active in the Princeton community and contributed to the town's many performing arts associations including being a member of the Board of Trustees of the professional Princeton Ballet Company. Upon Carl's retirement in 2002, he and his wife Pamela moved to Cooperstown where Carl dedicated himself to the Village and its natural resources. He was a true environmentalist and a self-proclaimed "tree hugger"! Carl was a very active member of the Rotary Club of Cooperstown. In addition to serving on the OLA Board of Directors, he served on a number of Village committees to preserve the Village and its environment. When not busy with OLA and boat attendant activities, Carl volunteered regularly for various OCCA and Rotary events and functions. One of Carl's greatest pleasures in life was his annual fly fishing trip to Maine each year with his childhood and college buddies.

A memorial service honoring Carl's life was held on May 7, 2016 at the First Presbyterian Church in Cooperstown. Arrangements were under the care of Tillapaugh Funeral Service in Cooperstown.

Donations in Carl's memory may be made to the Otsego Lake Association, P.O. Box 13, Springfield Center NY 13468 or the Rotary Club of Cooperstown, P.O. Box 993, Cooperstown NY 13326.



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- Representing OLA at Community Events
- Working on the Board of Directors
- Working with the Volunteer Dive Team

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OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, August 13 - 8:30-11:00am
Mohican Farm, Springfield Center



Images courtesy of Scottie Baker, Natura Productions, Fly Creek, NY



SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2016
AT MOHICAN FARM/SPAULDING ESTATE
7195 State Route 80, Springfield Center, NY 13468
(entrance between house and barn)

8:30 AM Coffee & Donuts, 9:00 to 11:00 AM meeting

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*A presentation using images and oral histories from the
CGP and NYSHA collections, Presented by
Cindy Falk & Will Walker, CGP*

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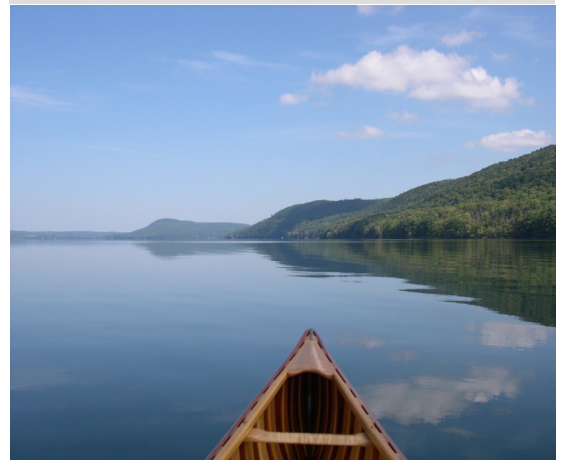
Special thanks to the Clark Foundation & NYSHA
Full program details: <http://www.otsegolakeassociation.org/>

New Mission Statement

The Board of the Otsego Lake Association has unanimously recommended passing the following modification of the organization mission's statement in order to better articulate OLA's goals:

"The mission of the Otsego Lake Association is to educate, advocate and actively participate in protecting the health, beauty, and well-being of Otsego Lake by facilitating the implementation of the Otsego Lake Watershed Management Plan."

The Mission Statement will now be submitted to the OLA membership at the August annual meeting for approval.



MEMBERS NEEDED

to march with OLA in the
Springfield Parade on
Monday, July 4!

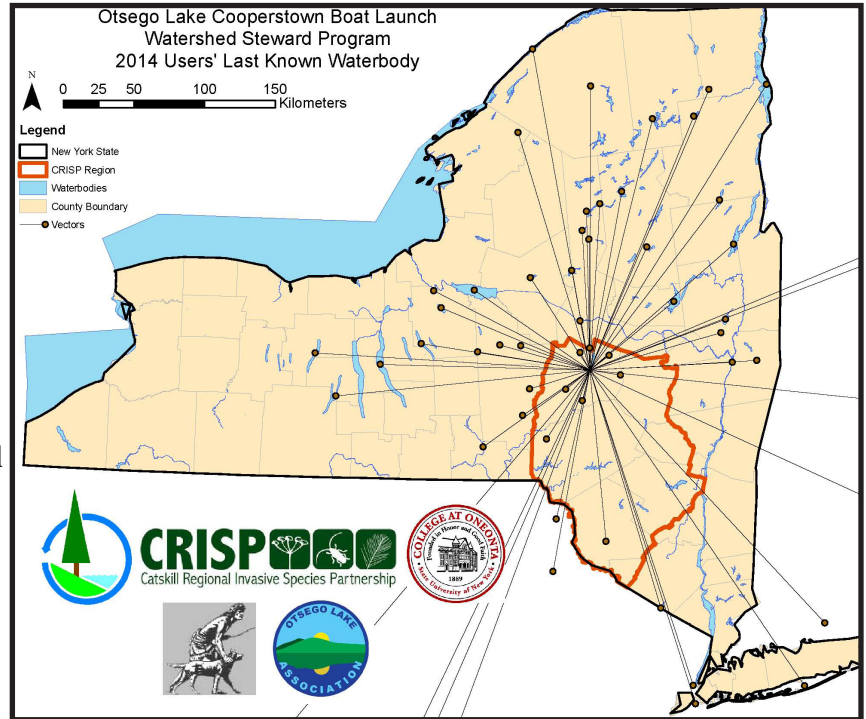
Contact Debbie Creedon at
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Boat Wash Focuses on AIS Threats to Otsego Lake

As noted in the figure, boats launched from the Lake Front boat ramp come to Otsego Lake from a wide variety of waters on every point of the compass. Stopping Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) will protect native species and habitats in Otsego Lake and nearby waters. Also, our Lake Front Boat Wash will facilitate public compliance with the recent law and regulation regarding AIS transportation over public roads.

The Village of Cooperstown has had a boat ramp inspection program for boats launched and retrieved since 2002 which has made use of increasingly rigorous AIS and boat inspection training provided by the Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP). Usage of the boat ramps on Otsego Lake varies from year-to-year, but, for the last year the data are tabulated,

2014, we had 998 inspections at Lake Front Park and 193 inspections at Springfield Landing. Both stations were missing watershed stewards over major portions of the boating season because of funding constraints. Since 2002, Cooperstown also has had a heated power washer procured for boat cleaning which is stored in a Village maintenance shop on a side street, but, because of its location, that power washer is rarely used. The Lake Front Boat Wash is the result of a cooperative exploration of alternatives for providing a boat washing capability in proximity to Otsego Lake's principal access point.



The Lake Front wash station is conveniently located near the busiest boat ramps on Otsego Lake and will be easy to maintain because it uses existing Lake Front Park water and sewage services. Lake Front boat attendants on staff during the 2015 season reviewed, commented on, and helped us refine the proposal. The Village of Cooperstown provided the proposal a full set of reviews by its Public Works Supervisor, Parks Committee, Watershed Supervisory Committee, and Village Board. They reviewed early versions of the engineering plan approved. Otsego Lake stakeholders were informed of the Lake Front boat wash proposal in public meetings and by press coverage. OLA raised funds for the Lake Front boat wash. Additionally, OLA solicited and received bids for construction of the boat wash.

- Paul Lord

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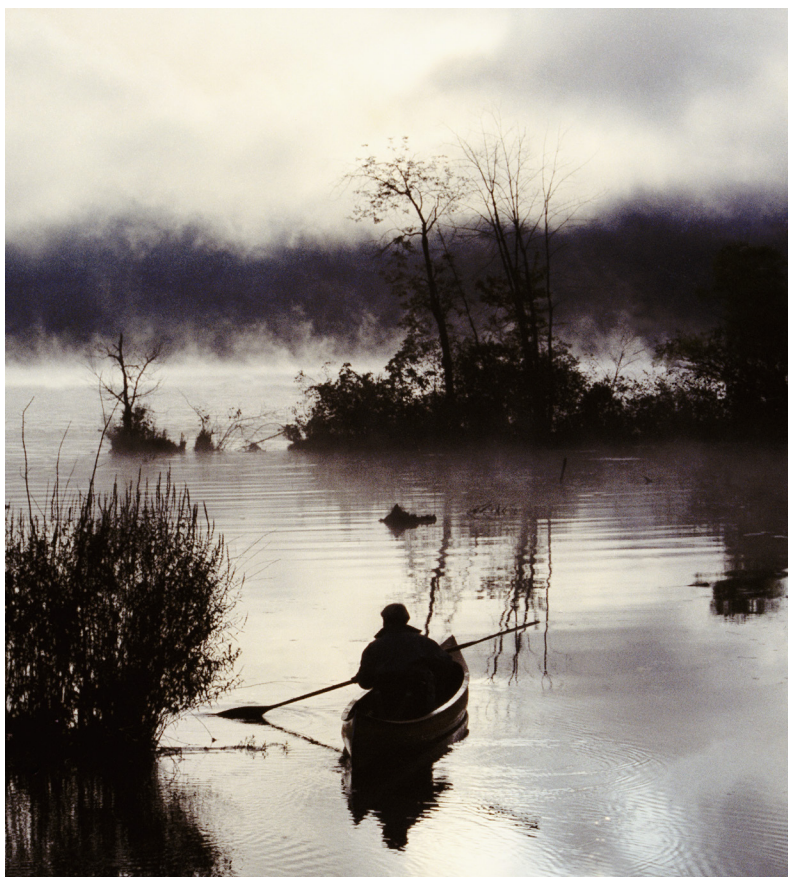


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