



PAUSE FOR A MOMENT and REFLECT... WHAT IS IT WORTH?

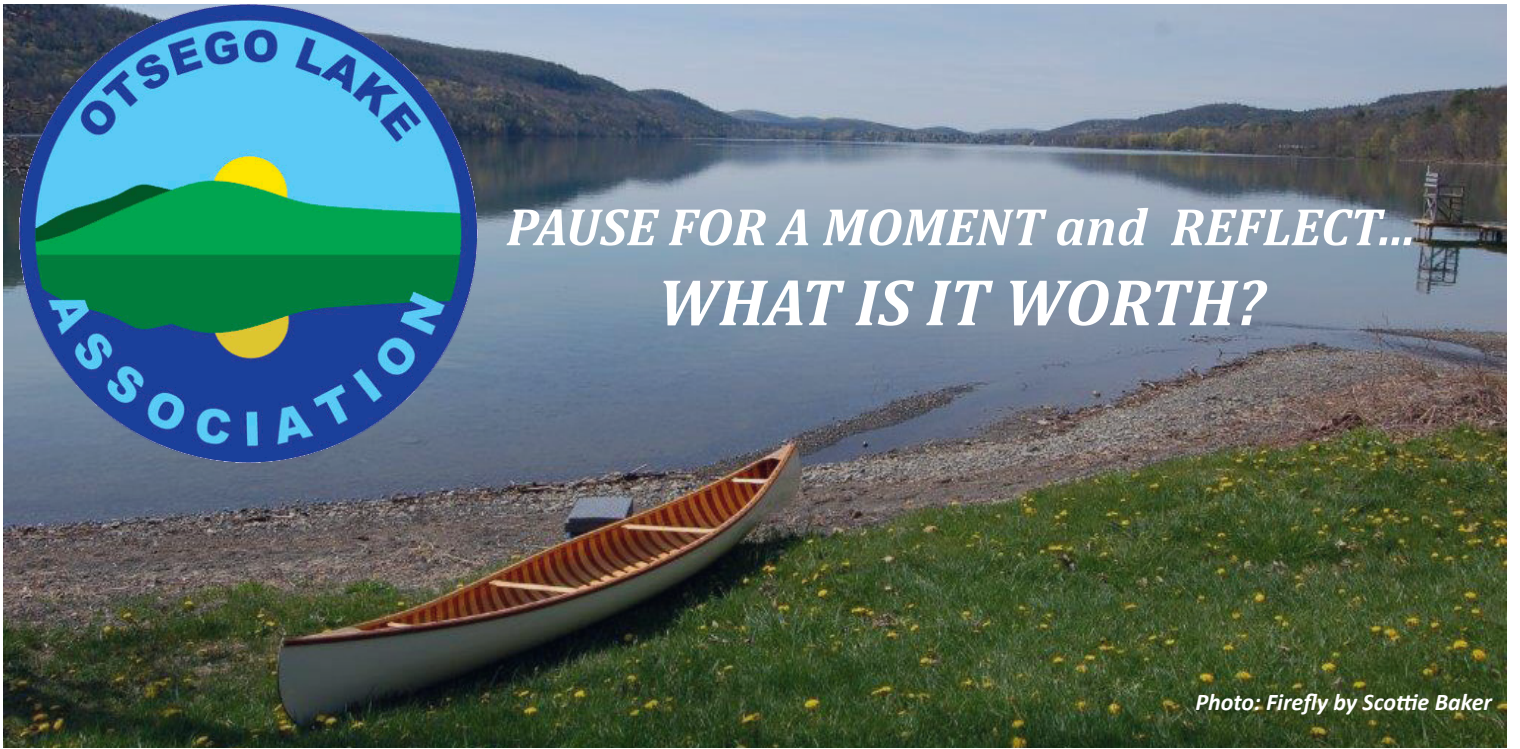


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Dear friends of Otsego Lake,

What a splendid sheet of water we share! Its surface and nearly half of its shoreline barely changed from Fenimore Cooper's description.

If you fish it, or if you sail it, swim in it, dive under it, ski on it, cruise it, tee off alongside it, soar over it, bike beside it, If you photograph it, paint it, or if you study it, if you skip smooth shale stones across it, If you dwell on its shores, if you dine along its edges, if your business relies on it, If you get your drinking water from the lake.

WHAT IS IT WORTH?

If you haven't before, it is time for you to join your Otsego Lake Association to help us preserve our clean, healthy lake. If you already are on our team, thank you! Be sure to stay with us!

We are the only 100% volunteer organization devoted exclusively to the well-being of Otsego Lake!

We are on a mission to defend the Lake's essential values. Together, we pay attention to the lake day by day, always alert to emerging threats. We share information and create educational opportunities. We conduct research. We also "get our feet wet" building shoreline buffer strips, maintaining navigational buoys, inspecting at boat launches and so much more.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: _____ RENEWAL OR _____ NEW MEMBER

ANNUAL RATES: Individual (\$25) Family (\$35) Business (\$50)

MEMBERSHIP AMOUNT \$ _____

ADDITIONAL DONATION AMOUNT \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____



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KEEP OLA AFLOAT

Mail this form with payment to:
Otsego Lake Association, PO Box 13, Springfield Center, NY 13468.

**STOP THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES!
AFTER TRAVELING ON ANY WATERWAY:**

CLEAN



ALWAYS

Remove mud, plants and animals from your boat and gear. Dispose of them in a trash container or on land away from waterbodies.

IF POSSIBLE

Rinse your boat inside and out, including rudder, paddles and other gear. Use hot water when available.



DRAIN



ALWAYS

Drain water from hatches, boat wells, bags and bailers while still at the waterbody you are leaving to avoid transporting plant fragments and animals.

HIDDEN HAZARD!

Floatation protects paddlers and hides invasive species. ***Solution*** treat hidden compartments. Best: concentrated potassium chloride. Other: dilute bleach, concentrated vinegar, concentrated sodium chloride.



TREAT



ALWAYS

Dry your boat and gear. Aquatic invasive plants and animals need moisture to survive. If you use a towel, stow it and clean it later.

IF POSSIBLE

Alternate between pairs of shoes when paddling on different waterways. Tread, straps and laces can harbor invasive organisms not visible to the naked eye. When you're done, thoroughly clean and dry footwear.



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For information about invasive species regulations, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/animals/99141.html