



Star Lake Protective Association

Star Lake, New York 13690

June 1, 2011

Hello lake neighbors,

It's once again time for our annual letter to all Star Lake lakefront owners, asking for you to become a member and support the Star Lake Protective Association. We encourage you to join the SLPA, to attend our meetings, and to participate in our various activities.

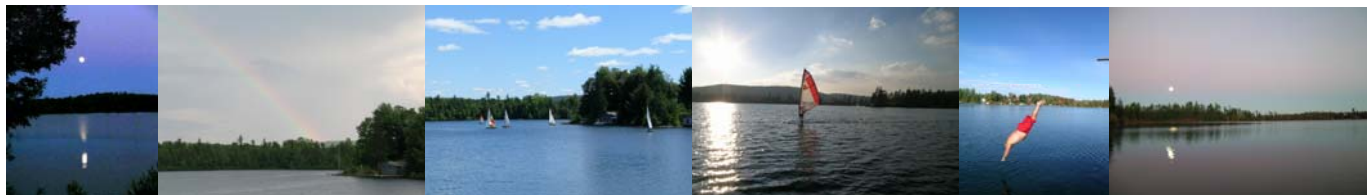
Joining the SLPA provides a number of benefits for members. Just \$20 in dues allows you to voice your opinion about various lake matters and vote on issues brought before the Association. Meetings, held twice a year, provide you with the opportunity to meet and socialize with your lake neighbors. Membership in the SLPA affords an excellent opportunity for newcomers to the Lake to meet other residents of this unique lake community. Membership also provides a password to the Members' Area of our web site and a \$5 discount on registration for the poker run!

Member dues have financed many lake projects including the placement of buoys on shallow rock bars around the lake. We fund and maintain a web site devoted to the lake for all to enjoy (slpa.info); and we published and printed the *Star Lake Handbook*, now in its third edition. We financed a professional study of the tent caterpillars that recently devastated our area. Our dues have also financed worthy community projects. Dues have helped organizations like F.U.N.D with projects to beautify the Star Lake environment. The SLPA made a sizeable contribution to the new Clifton-Fine Clinic.

SLPA activities include organizing lake clean-ups twice a year for seven years now, helping to keep the roads around the lake looking clean for all to enjoy. We are also planning the 7th annual poker run, a well-attended social event with cash prizes and a party on the sandbar following the run. This year, our newly-formed social committee is looking into additional activities for the summer. Another priority this year is to establish a committee to oversee the water quality sampling program and continue to monitor the lake and shorelines for invasive plants such as European milfoil which has devastated other lakes in the Adirondacks. The SLPA's careful inspection of the shoreline, in partnership with the *NYS Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program*, indicated no milfoil so far, although several sightings of purple loosestrife along the shoreline were noted. We all need to be ever vigilante of non-native species in and around the lake.

You need not be a member to benefit from any of these lake activities (see the schedule of events below and on the web site for dates and times). Just come out, meet your neighbors and have a good time! Of course, we would prefer that you join and participate because out of 170 lake property owners, only 60-75 were represented as members over the past several years. Meeting attendance averages 30-40 and only a very few actually help with the planning, organizing, and execution of lake activities. We would appreciate your dues to help finance SLPA programs; but *more important*, we need greater participation by more members who are willing to contribute their time and effort to help us to achieve our goals.

Whether or not you join, we would appreciate your assistance in several matters of common interest. Do you rent out your property or otherwise provide lake access to family or friends? If tenants, guests, or neighbors are planning to launch their watercraft, *please* remind them to carefully clean their boat, motor, trailer and gear *before launching* to insure that milfoil or other invasive species *do not* get anywhere near the lake. Also, please question the qualifications of drivers of boats and PWC's. Are drivers appropriately licensed? Do they



know the NYS rules and regulations? And, do they have proper life jackets and other safety equipment? Do they know the informal customs of the Lake, such as general counterclockwise traffic flow? Do they know the location of shallows on the lake and 5 mph zones? The *Star Lake Handbook* contains such information and might be made available to renters and guests. Also, our web site has a map with [customary rules of the lake](#). Please help us to keep the lake and its environment safe and clean for all to enjoy.

Minutes of the 2010 Annual Dinner Meeting held last fall at the Twin Lakes Hotel are available on the website or, if you do not have Internet access, you can contact the secretary at (315) 848-2169 to obtain a printed copy. Also, if you would like to receive communications via e-mail or if your e-mail address has changed, please use our [feedback form](#) to send an e-mail and your address will be added to our database. E-mail correspondence helps us to defray mailing costs.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, June 25th at 10:00 am, in order to better-accommodate busy July 4th weekend schedules. It will be held at the Adirondack Exhibit Center (old schoolhouse) where the SLPA once traditionally held their meetings. Refreshments and socializing will precede the meeting. If you have anything you'd like to add to the agenda for discussion, please contact president Vito Testone by e-mail (vtee24@gmail.com) or phone at (315) 848-3476. We have also scheduled our Annual Meeting for Saturday, August 27th starting with dinner; the meeting to follow. More details regarding place and time are forthcoming. We hope to see you there!

The SLPA benefits *all* who enjoy the lake, members or not. Perhaps you have contemplated joining the SLPA in the past; but never got around to it. Or, you are new to the community. Or, you were once a member; but quit for one reason or another. In either case, *now is the time to join* the only organization that represents your Star Lake waterfront interests. We hope that you will continue to support the Association with your membership and contributions of time, effort and dues. Please take a moment now to send your 2011 dues (\$20) to: **Theresa Golden, SLPA Treasurer, PO Box 63, Star Lake, NY 13690.**

Thank you, in advance, for your support of and participation in the SLPA. It is with your help that we will continue to enhance, protect, preserve and serve the lake community environment that so many of us enjoy.

See you on the lake!

Bo Ritchings, Secretary
Star Lake Protective Association



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2011 SLPA MEETINGS AND EVENTS			
Date	Event	Place	Time
Sat, June 25	Regular July Meeting-socializing; meeting to follow	Adirondack Exhibit Center (Old Schoolhouse--SOS)	10:00 am
Sat, July 9	First Lake Clean-up	Meet at CFCS (school) parking lot	9:00 am
Sat, July 23	Benson Mines Tour-George Persson (rain date 7/30)	Meet at George's Gravel Pit, Rt. 3	10:00 am
Sat, Aug 6	Poker-Run	Meet at the sandbar to register	12:00 noon
Sat, Aug 13	Second Lake Clean-up	Meet at CFCS (school) parking lot	9:00 am
Sat, Aug 27	Annual Dinner Meeting	(place/time to be determined)	