



Ryerson Lake Association ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

Annual Meeting: 9am Saturday, May 27, 2023
at the Mays' Pole Barn, 4432 S Sherman Ave

Greetings from your Ryerson Lake Association Board! We are looking forward to another great summer season here at Ryerson Lake! We will start our summer with our annual Ryerson Lake Association Meeting at the Mays' Pole Barn.

Please bring a chair and join us at 4432 S Sherman Ave at 9am, Saturday, May 27, 2023. Enjoy light refreshments and door prizes. Parking is limited, so we encourage you to walk, bike, golf-cart, paddle, or boat over with a neighbor. First choice on door prizes if you bring someone who's never been a member!

As discussed at last year's Association meeting, dues this year are increased from \$30 to \$40 to offset general inflation. Pay your dues at or before the meeting to Treasurer Heather Lallo by cash, check (to: Long/Ryerson Lake Association), or Venmo. You can use the Venmo app to scan the QR Code to find the Ryerson Lake account. Please include your address in the comment.



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Agenda for the Association meeting

- Welcome Statement
- Introduce Board Members
- Secretary Report
- Treasurer Report & Dues
- Lake Improvement Board
- Sherman Township
- County Commissioner Report
- Newaygo County Sheriff Officer
- Camp Echo Report
- Natural Sea Walls
- Loons
- Fireworks
- July 4th Boat Parade
- Holiday Decorating Contest Winners
- What other things would folks like to see happen here at the lake?
- Elections
- Door Prizes

Ryerson Lake Association Annual events:

May 27 at 9am: Lake Association Meeting @ 4432 S Sherman Ave

July 4th at 7:30pm: Boat Parade

July 4th at Dark: Fireworks

August 19 at 5pm: Lake Association Cookout hosted by Camp Echo

December 29th: Judging for annual Holiday Lights Competition

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Online:

You can find us on Facebook by searching for the group Ryerson Lake Association. The Facebook group is a private group only for our lake community. Neighbors have posted beautiful photos of our lake, info from the DNR and State of Michigan that affect our lake, about lost items, etc.

On Instagram look for @ryersonlake for photos throughout the Summer

By email, you can reach the Secretary by emailing ryersonlakeboard@gmail.com

And, as always, visit our website: www.ryersonlake.com

Chemical Safety: The North end sandbar and creek continue to be a source of high volumes of Nitrates due to runoff (see pages 29-30 of the 2021 Lake/Fish Study). The County Lake Board is working on a plan to assist farmers upstream with controlling the influx of pollution. The Board is also working with Camp Echo for the placement of an advisory sign at the creek mouth. Please be advised that you SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK in this area.

Buoys: Red buoys are placed in areas with shallow water. These include the three “sunken” islands, several points along the East shore, along the camp property, the West shore point, and flats roughly from Zuchowski’s to south of Hindes’. ALL these areas are very shallow and should be avoided by boat traffic unless docking at your residence. Staying outside the annual placement of swim docks around the lake is a good “rule of thumb” if buoys are NOT in place.

Watercraft: Your Ryerson Lake Association Board is sharing the following information as a “head’s up” to State-wide DNR rules that might be implemented in the future. As the Ryerson Lake Association Board we do not have jurisdiction nor ability to enforce these DNR recommendations.

The Michigan DNR is proposing larger shoreline buffers and lake depth requirements for wake boats. Ski boats and other watercraft are not affected by this proposal. An MLive article on September 24, 2022 stated “In a September 1, 2022 report, DNR fisheries officials recommend [wake] boats operate at least 500 feet from docks or shoreline and in at least 15 feet of water to prevent lake bottom scouring, shoreline erosion and dock damage from their wakes.” This information was also attached to your lake weed assessment statement mailing. Shown is a computer-generated map indicating approximately 500 feet from the shore (not docks) and water depths of at least 15 feet. The shaded portions represent the only two areas where wake boating would be viable. Note the small size and that they are not connected would make it nearly impossible for a wake boat to stay within the DNR recommendations. Our lake is extremely narrow and just 250 acres. Again, these are DNR RECOMMENDATIONS ONLY. They are not a law nor enforceable at this time, however we remind ALL boaters and skiers to stay at least 100 feet from shore, docks and swim rafts.

