



July 7, 2023

Dear Members and Friends of SDRA,

Many of us have already started our favorite activities at the lake and are looking forward to the continuing summer months. I am thrilled to announce that we can do so with some excellent news.

The few acres of milfoil found in our lake have been treated with Procellacor - a treatment specifically targeted to milfoil at its roots. That just under 3 acres was found reflects the value of the product. Two years ago we treated 30 acres. (You may recall, this herbicide does not threaten native plants, nor fish and other critters, nor humans.) But, as always, we ALL need to keep "Eyes on the Lake" in search of milfoil or other invasive species.

Our Lake Management Plan is working and that plan calls for action with a variety of programs and strategies. Now and throughout the year each of you will be asked to help out in some way, whether through your time, talent or treasure. Some of those appeals for the upcoming year (July '23 - June '24) begin with this newsletter. Please respond. Volunteers are the basis for SDRA's success, and that means each of us doing our part, doing what we can to contribute to our goal of a healthy lake.

Before introducing the new Board of Directors I wish to express deep appreciation for the contributions made by those leaving the Board:

- Janice Baker, past President, for her exceptional leadership and dedication, to help SDRA achieve significant forward progress and results;
- Elaine Theriault, past Secretary, for her unfailing commitment to keep us well-informed, consistently and in timely manner;
- Marissa Danville, past Treasurer, for her competence and thoroughness with all matters pertaining to the budget and the fiscal well-being of SDRA; and for her major contributions to support fundraising;
- Judy Colaluca, past Member-at-Large, for her incredible commitment to SDRA, providing leadership to important programs; and engaging the broader community - the Town and the State; including her impressive achievements with Save the Lakes!

I am pleased to announce the Board of Directors, as approved at the Annual Meeting held last week:

President:	Deb Silva	Members-at-large:
Vice-president:	Jane Ptaszek	Justin Fournier
Secretary:	Cleo Monti	Sharon Heon
Treasurer:	Laura Maguire	Dan Morin

I and all the Board look forward to working together and with you as we continue to implement our successful programs, address needs and challenges, remain ever watchful of new developments and opportunities to benefit our lake, and raise essential funds to move forward.

Sincerely,
Deb Silva, President

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DUES - \$125, payable now please. If you did not pay at the meeting, send your check to:
SDRA, PO BOX 284, Chepachet, RI 02814.

In recent years, Board members have spent a lot of time with reminders & phone calls. Please make the workload lighter by sending in your check ASAP, if you've not already done so, Thank you!

SAND DAM DAY BRUNCH! SATURDAY, JULY 29TH, 9:30 - NOON

Hosts: Rico & Judy Colaluca, 61 Wood Rd. Chepachet

Sand Dam Day is a time to share our lake together. Please bring your favorite brunch dish and join us under our tent, next to the lake. Rain or shine, Come by boat or car.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE! Time Sensitive!

IMMEDIATELY UPCOMING: Sunday July 9th: A SPECIAL BOAT GREETER DAY, 7AM -1PM

- Help inspect boats that have not been the focus of our more traditional approach of attending scheduled fishing tournaments.
- Sign up for 1- 2 HOURS.
- No experience needed; on-the-job training works well.
- Middle and High School Students, as well as adults, are welcome & needed!
- Will take place only if the weather is nice; Judy will contact you if canceled.

Let Judy know what your start time and departure time will be.

colalucajudy@gmail.com or 401-486-8414

If you can't make this special event day, please let Judy know if you can help out with one of the following Boat Greeter events. You would meet at the boat ramp on Sand Dam Rd. to check boats, motors & trailers for milfoil and other invasive species (visiting boats can be a significant threat if transporting invasives)

- July 20th: 4PM - greet The Thursday Night League (up to 12 boats)
- July 27th: 5-7PM - greet individual visiting boats as they launch or exit the ramp area
- July 29th: 4PM - greet The Independent Bass Anglers (up to 20 boats)

LAKE SMART PROGRAM: YOUR Participation is Needed!

- **Goal:** to inform/educate regarding how your property aligns with best practices.
- A congenial, non-threatening process.
- **Why bother to participate?** You can make better decisions in the future about your property in areas that affect lake health, - doing your part to help our lake.
- **ONLY 1 one hour of your time**, at your convenience, at your lake property - outdoors
- The final report is only shared with you.

Contact Janice (neverneverlandjb@gmail.com or 401-578-2308) or
Judy (colalucajudy@gmail.com or 401-568-8414) to arrange for a visit.

Additional items approved at the Annual Meeting:

- **NEW HONORARY MEMBERSHIP:** lake owners, age 90+, who have been members in good standing for at least 5 years; such approval shall be granted by the Board. *This means that persons in this category will have voting rights but not be required to pay dues.*
- **WAKE/BALLAST BOATS:** Members voted that a plan be developed to inform all landowners of the very negative effects of such boats, especially because our lake is both narrow and fairly shallow.
- **NITROGEN ISSUE:** The Water Quality Testing done as part of the URI Watershed Watch Program revealed nitrogen readings at the Monti property area way above the maximum standard. A committee is working on this problem. *Anyone with questions or wishing to join this ad hoc committee should contact Deb Silva (debsilva7771@gmail.com or 401-290-7381).*