



Distances between shore and land masses around Rogers Lake

Reminder: Boat owners are responsible for any damage their wake may cause.

Rogers Lake Authority Newsletter

What's Happening In and Around Our Lake

The warmer weather is finally beginning to make an appearance and activity on the lake will soon be picking up. While writing this, we are still under social distancing and "shelter in place" rules and outbreaks continue to occur in our state. All on the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) hope that you and your families are healthy and staying busy during this time. To ensure that all who enjoy the lake have a safe and enjoyable time, the Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) has been busy, meeting virtually, to ensure just that for this upcoming season. Here is what is happening in and around our lake.

Water Safety

Whether you are boating, rowing or jet skiing, safety is the RLA's primary priority. RLA received preliminary approval to install safety and directional signs at specific points around the lake. We are hoping that the signs will begin to be installed in the next couple of months. This will of course depend on the situation at that time with rules in place related to the Coronavirus. Whether you have been on the lake a hundred times or it's your first, we want to ensure that all directional rules are followed.

Jet Ski Operation

You may not realize it, but six of the islands and landmasses on Rogers Lake are separated by less than 400 feet. The map on the inside page shows the distances between the shore and the various islands on Rogers Lake. The CT DEEP boating regulations mandate ***No one shall operate a personal watercraft/jet ski at a speed in excess of SLOW NO WAKE within 200 feet of land or another vessel.*** This means each of the six areas indicated on the map separated by less than 400 feet are SLOW NO WAKE zones for personal watercraft/jet skis. **This regulation will be strongly enforced this year.**

Patrol Boat

The patrol boat is in the water for the season! Should you need to contact the patrol boat while it is on duty, in a nonemergency situation, you can reach it by calling 860.227.4285. In the case of an emergency, always dial 911.

The RLA is asking for your assistance in reporting unsafe activity occurring on Rogers Lake anytime of the year. To report such activity or to file a complaint, visit RLA's website at <https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/rogers-lake-authority>.

Weed Treatment Update

The weed treatment conducted last year seems to be a success. To ensure the treatments conducted over the past three years are working, RLA is working with the towns of Lyme and Old Lyme to commission and conduct a full lake study. The study will serve many purposes. We want to ensure that the treatments have been working to reduce the levels of the two primary invasive weeds, Fanwort and Milfoil, in the lake. The study will also show us if we have any other nonnative, invasive weed species in the lake that we were not aware of. Last, the study will show if there are additional areas that need to

be treated, that have not been done in the past. The survey and study are currently planned for late June or early July. What this means is that, based on the results, if another weed treatment is conducted this year, it will not occur until the Fall at the earliest.



Fertilizers

The RLA asks that you do your part as well in helping to control the weed growth and spread. CT State Law 12-155 prohibits the use of a fertilizer containing phosphorus within 20' from any body of water. If you are unsure if your lawn fertilizer has phosphorus, check the bag. The bag will have three numbers on it. These numbers represent the percentages of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium that is present in the fertilizer.

The middle number is the phosphorus percentage and it should be zero (0). Thank you for your help in keeping our lake healthy.

Draw Down Planned for This Year

2020 is a leap year and that means a lake draw down! Historically the lake is purposely drawn down 14" every four years to enable lake side property owners the opportunity to work on their "sea walls" and docks. The draw down will begin this year on September 15th and should be fully drawn down by September 23rd. The 14" drawn down will be maintained until October 22nd, at which time the lake will be allowed to fill back up. The final decision on whether to draw down the lake or not will be made at the RLA meeting scheduled for August 12th.

Who Is the Rogers Lake Authority?

The Rogers Lake Authority is made up of appointed volunteers – three from Old Lyme and three from Lyme. Those currently serving are:

Dennis Overfield (Chair)
Dick Smith (Co-Chair)

Toni Phillips
Robert Recor

Mark Hastings
Jenell Smith Janes

The Rogers Lake Authority meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM. All meetings are held at the Rogers Lake West Shores Association Clubhouse, located at 75 Rogers Lake Trail in Old Lyme. We'd love to have you join us at a future meeting and hope to see you!

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Safe Boaters & Jet Skiers on Rogers Lake

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