

Deer Lake Newsletter

Summer 2019



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Dedicated to the preservation and improvement of a beautiful lake for future generations

President's Message

Skip Wells

Hello out there in Deer Lake Land. Here we are in the throes of a great Spring. The lake is at full pool, ice and snow are gone, fish are jumping in the lake, and boats are starting to arrive on the water. Lots of smiles on folks and Spring tasks starting to occur around the various neighborhoods.

Your Deer Lake Property Owners' Association Board and Committees are actively involved. As you will see in this newsletter, we have the makings of quite a summer. Always remember there is plenty of opportunity to volunteer to help out on any one of the committees that suits your fancy. There are many different events we sponsor, so you can be as involved as you would like to be. As always, when you happen to have contact with one of your Board Members and or Committee Chairs, try to give them a big thanks as they truly are involved and dedicated to the betterment of the lake for all of us.

This newsletter, I would like to give a shout out to Board Member and Committee Chair Jerry Rasley. You have probably seen him around the lake for several years. He always wears a cap... camo, of course, has a smile on his face and participates in lots of ways. You may remember him as the wood gathering Chair for several years.



He is, and has been, co-chair of the Roadside Cleanup committee for several years. When you go through the pancake feed line, he is the person handling, and handing out, the pancakes. He is referred to as the "Pancake Guy". Kids love him as he pays special attention to their refill requests. He works with several different committee groups as partner, helper and go-get-it-guy. When you see him, give him a big thank you... and get your order in early for extra pancakes. See if you can catch him when he's not fishing!

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Happy Spring, Deer Lake Neighbors —Let's Clean Up the Litter!

Kindl Shaffer



We are having a Spring Roadside Clean Up on **Saturday, May 18th, at 8 a.m.** You are all invited and encouraged to participate. It's a fun event! The weather has been beautiful lately and I imagine it will be on that Saturday.

There is an East side crew meeting at the Deer Lake Fire Station at 8 a.m. The West side crew will meet at the corner of North Deer Lake Rd. and Agar Rd. We will provide the bags, garbage picker-upper doodads, and safety vests. You provide the community spirit!

We had a pretty good turnout last Fall and everyone enjoyed it. It's nice to get together with your old friends and make new ones! We usually wrap it up around 10 or 11 and meet back at the Fire Station for hot dogs and chili! Even if you don't pick up garbage, you are still welcome to come on down and eat some hot dogs for breakfast! It'll be a blast, I know you are all so excited! Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Kindl Shaffer 509-570-8889



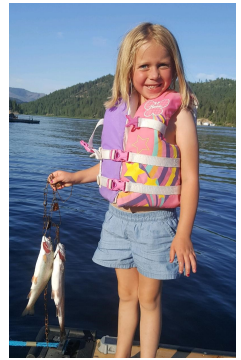
Brother and sister
Tristan and Alanna
Francis picked up
litter AND had
picker-upper tool
sword fights!

Veterans' Fishing Days

Greg and Karen Presley

Veterans will be invading Deer Lake this summer by land...and then taking to the sea...but nothing is planned for the air just yet. West Bay Park is planning their 12th year of sponsoring several days for veterans to come fish at Deer Lake. The dates for this year are June 20th, July 18th and Aug 15th.

The Veterans arrive at West Bay Park at 10:00 a.m. at which time we start loading them onto pontoon boats. We take them fishing until 1:00 and then back to West Bay Park for a potluck lunch. We usually try to have 4 boats available for these outings. There are staff members on each boat that fully assist the men while they are out on the lake. We are always looking for **more pontoon boats** to help us with these outings. If you would like to volunteer to drive your boat and take these deserving men fishing, or would like to have come have lunch and take time to visit and thank them for their service to our country, please contact Greg and Karen Presley at 509-233-8277.



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Edén Elliott, age 5, happily shows off the first fish that she ever caught. This little cutie is the granddaughter of Wade and Jill Carpenter.



Santora Fish Rearing Report

Ken Santora

Another successful fish rearing year has just been completed. We released about 15,000 Rainbow trout into the lake on Sunday, April 21st. Before we released the fish into the lake, we weighed about 100 fish so I could report to Fish and Game the average weight of each Rainbow trout.

I would like to thank my son, Kevin, and my grandson, Tony Santora, for helping me to keep the fish fed this last winter. It truly is a team effort raising fish for 7 months through late fall and winter. I'd also like to thank Dale Winfrey for keeping the North Deer Lake Way Road plowed. Happy fishing!



Fishing was pretty good the day the fish were released!

Chipper Days Are Back Again

Skip Wells

Yes, it is back. We've been getting lots of questions regarding Chipper Days. This year we have two days. Once again, we are partnering with the Loon Lake Property Owners' Association, the Stevens County Commissioners, and the County Waste Management Department.

Dates:

- June 1, 2019 and
- October 19, 2019

Cost:

- \$10 for a truck or trailer load
- \$20 for a BIG truck and/or trailer

Time:

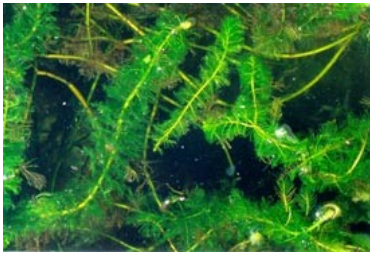
8:00 a.m.
until 3:00



Photo courtesy of LLPOA website

Money collected will go towards supporting the Chipper Program. Any extra funds will go to a local charity chosen by the two Property Owner Associations.

Call Skip at 509-979-3260 if you have any questions.



Milfoil Report

Mike Phillips

Eurasian Milfoil is under control at this time.

John, the head diver, came to the Lake Management District (LMD) meeting in November to give us an update on the milfoil infestation. The divers

from Ace Diving surveyed and pulled this invasive plant for 3 weeks last year with normal results.

He feels we are continuing to maintain the level we need to stay in control. As I have stated in the past, there is no way to eradicate Eurasian Milfoil. The divers do not count each plant as they pull them. The locations where they find them are GPS identified and mapped so we can see where the plants are found. We can then compare the locations from previous years.

Kevin Schroeder is the person applying chemicals as needed. Many thanks to him for volunteering his time and equipment to apply the appropriate chemicals. He has a permit from the Dept. of Ecology to do this work.



Jerry Rasely, Board Member, helps him out. The LMD pays for the materials but the labor is donated by them.

Mark Turney, also a Board Member, likes to scuba dive around the lake and keeps an eye out for milfoil and anything else of interest.



All these men have homes at Deer Lake, so if you run into them, please thank them for their efforts.

The divers will probably be out on Deer Lake:

- * July 8-12
- * August 26-30
- * Sept. 23-27

These weeks are subject to change depending on the diver's schedule. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss milfoil on our lake, call Mike, 233-2510.

I am happy to answer any questions.

As a reminder: Please do not pull or cut weeds around your dock. This will spread existing plant pieces to other parts of the lake. We have enough now. If you want to remove weeds, please have a professional do it. They know how to remove them without losing any pieces of the plants.



We have a way for individual property owners to indicate the possibility of Eurasian Milfoil around their dock. Red or orange flags should be available at DLPOA meetings, the Pancake Feed and the annual meeting in August.



If the Holy Grounds Coffee Shop (at Pinelow) reopens, I will try to have them available there. You may put these at the end of your dock to indicate to the divers that they need to spend extra time there.



You may place some noticeable red material at the end of your dock if you don't have a flag.

Spring DLPOA Membership Committee Report

Ken Santora

Our lake will be filled to full capacity this year, now we are ready for those warm-to-hot spring and summer days! We can all look forward to another beautiful year at Deer Lake. We have a new membership list that has been updated with the help of Stevens County.



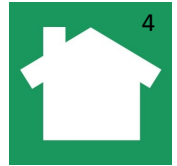
If you are the neighbor to a new property owner that has bought a cabin this calendar year, it would be helpful if you would email me with the new owner's name and address. I will then forward a welcoming packet to them. DLPOA membership will help to support our many yearly activities and newsletter. Our current membership is at 285. Thank you for your continued support of Deer Lake Property Owners' Association! (You only get an envelope if you haven't paid dues yet.)

See you around the lake!

Email address – traveler-007@hotmail.com

Nextdoor Deer Lake ... Almost 525 Members!

Bob and Cheryl Schwartz



We are now up to 523 Deer Lake property owners who have joined Nextdoor. If you are new to Deer Lake, or haven't joined yet, now's the time to check out Nextdoor! Nextdoor is the free and private social network just for Deer Lake neighbors. Nextdoor does not sell your email address or send you junk emails.

Now included are the postings from neighboring communities (such as Loon Lake) which you can easily opt out of receiving if you choose to do so. Find out the various happenings around the lake, lost and found items and pets, crime and safety concerns, items for sale/free and more.

It's easy to join. Go to www.nextdoor.com/join and use Code STJKXQ. We may need to verify your ownership on Deer Lake if you aren't receiving mail here. If you find you need verification for completing your sign up send an email to rismt@hotmail.com and we will take care of it!

Emergency Services Report

Skip Wells

We have had a pretty good Fall and Winter, with respect to safety, security, and emergency response issues.

Reported thefts and break-ins are down. Yes, there have been some, but in general there have been less problems this year. DLPOA still has the share-cost program for buying trail cameras available to neighborhoods/Associations. Give me a call at 509-979-3260 and we can review your area's needs and provide reimbursement of one half of your cost. We also have signage to provide when this program is in place.



The boat use signs for placement in common launch areas are still available. These are yellow in color with red writing and are really visible. They are starting to work. Again give me a call and we can fix your launch area up with one of the signs.



Still thinking about installing a buoy in front of your place? You'll need to contact the Sheriff's office to get a permit. Ask for the officer who handles the program in our area. As there have been some changes in operation at the Sheriff's office, we don't have a name to ask for at this writing.



Fire and EMS response times are dropping. This is the result of the new Fire Station located on Hwy 292 in Loon Lake. There is a crew on duty 24 hours a day. Response times, particularly for Emergency Medical Services, are down approximately 3 minutes.



Dock Demolition

A very mild winter has produced few derelict docks this Spring. Only one has been reported. We need at least 10 docks to justify the expense of organizing a community Dock Demolition.

Shawn O'Neill has volunteered to coordinate this work day, in the event that we have enough candidates.

Contact Shawn at: shawn.f.oneill@gmail.com if you have a dock you need demolished (you could haul it to the designated area or we could do it), or if you would like to lend a hand if a Dock Demolition day does take place.



Deer Lake 2018 Real Estate Sales Summary

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Tamarack Realty, Lake Country USA Group — Ann & Steve Hinand, Jake Turley, Patrick Kroetch , Abby Haener

2018 – Another Year Of Record High Price And Sales Volume!

Deer Lake sales totaled 41—up from 33 sales in 2017.

Both the numbers of sales and the price per frontage foot rose. The highest priced sale was \$1,472,625 for a home auctioned off on North Deer Lake Rd.

There were 41 closed sales at Deer Lake totaling \$13,335,230 (2017 sales totaled \$7,477,550)

- ♦ 24 waterfront “cabins” from \$100,000 totaling \$9,256,825.
- ♦ 3 waterfront lots at \$95,000, \$155,000, and \$165,000 totaling \$415,000.
- ♦ 13 secondary (Beach Association) “cabins” from \$93,000 totaling \$3,419,405.
- ♦ 4 secondary (Beach Association) lots from \$33,000 - \$81,000 totaling \$44,000.



By the way... Loon Lake had an “up” year with closed waterfront property sales totaling \$7,282,675. (2017 sales were \$5,025,650.).

Several items standout for 2018:

1. For the first time there was more than three (5 in fact) sales above \$500,000,
2. Only 4 of the 27 waterfront sales were for below tax assessed value,
3. Average “cabin” frontage foot sold value was \$3,258 (\$2,910 in 2017).

(From MLS & Stevens county data, through the end of December 2018.)

Several properties that had been on the market for numerous years sold this season. There is still some stale inventory remaining on the market as of April 2019 waiting for the right deal to be made.



Most properties that were *not* sold in 2019 fall into typical real estate “cliché” categories:

Overpriced: A property is worth what a buyer is willing to pay for it. “Cabins” on steep hills, in swampy water or that have a road running through the property are not worth the same as properties that are flatter or more secluded.

Unmotivated seller: Some sellers are in the mindset of “make me sell at MY price...” and have such a high emotional attachment that they may never get their price. Or, they base their price on what they “need” from the property, rather than what the market value is.

The first offer is often the best offer: When a buyer signs on the dotted line making an offer they are serious. Today! Sellers who play buyers like a fish lose them as the buyers move on to buy the next property. If and when another buyer makes an offer sellers often wish they had accepted the first offer.

The market speaks: If a property is not getting showings and/ or offers, there are reasons. Sellers need to be able to see their property from a buyer’s perspective and make the necessary corrections. Favorable first impressions are essential! Repairs, price etc. Look at properties that have sold and ask why this one and not that one?

If you want complete market sales data in a spreadsheet format contact us at: HinandRE@gmail.com or 509-999-6354. You can keep up on Deer Lake properties currently for sale on our website: www.LakeCountryUSA.com or have listings emailed to you.

We are looking forward to a great 2019!



Children's Parade **July 4th, 10:30 a.m.** **Greg and Karen Presley**



Please mark your calendars for the Children's Parade, which this year is on Thursday, July 4th. The parade starts at 10:30 a.m. at the Deer Lake Resort and finishes at West Bay Park, with a lunch hot dogs, drinks, chips and cookies.

Participants should try to be at the resort at 10 a.m. We have separate areas designated (look for the signs) for bikers, motorized vehicles, or people who are walking. The road will be closed to cars at 10:15, so be sure to get there early!

Over the years, we have had great participation for this annual event. It is one of the highlights of the 4th of July celebration for kids of all ages. Please plan to be there either as a participant or a spectator. You folks are the ones that make the parade such a huge success!



Pancake Feed

Sunday, July 7th
8 a.m.—noon
Pinelaw Park

Bob and Cheryl Schwartz



We are pleased to announce that our Annual 4th of July Weekend Pancake Feed will be held once again in the spectacular and spacious dining facility at Pinelaw Park. There is plenty of room for inside, or on-the-deck dining.

Stay, relax, and visit with friends and neighbors. There is always plenty of parking for you and your guests!

We cannot express enough appreciation to Ron and Nicki Coil, owners of Pinelaw Park, who generously offer the use of their facilities on the busiest holiday weekend of the year.

DLPOA Apparel will be on hand with our summer inventory including our 2019 Annual Summer Deer Lake T-Shirt!

And don't forget our Summer Raffle, run by none other than our now famous raffle ticket selling king, Ron Watson, who will once again have some super cool and wonderful lake themed toys, massive floaties and surprise items.

Winning tickets are drawn towards the end of the Pancake Feed. Winner need not be present.



Fireworks - July 3rd, 10 p.m.

Call Mike at 233-8178 to volunteer

As always, rain, wind, or fires can occur to spoil things, but the plan is to set off the fireworks on July 3rd from (near) the center of Deer Lake. The scheduled time is around 10 p.m., or when it is dark enough to see the show against a dark sky.

Over 700 shots are planned to be released in a 20—30 minute time frame. This year we ordered two 8-inch mortars as an experiment to see if our fireworks barge can handle the repercussions!

The fireworks display is totally paid for by donations from you lake residents—and it is greatly appreciated. Of course, we hire professionals to run the show, but a lot of work that goes into the set-up and take-down is done by Deer Lake volunteers. We would appreciate any help you could give us the day before, day of, or day after.

Mike Egan organizes the event, which involves moving the dock from West Bay swimming area to shore, covering it with protection, loading the fireworks on, and unloading debris afterwards, plus returning the dock to its spot the next day.

Marion Ballard tows the fireworks dock to a position that allows the majority of homeowners a view of the show. You might enjoy viewing from the water...it's a pretty fabulous sight when you are right underneath it!



Boat Parade

July 3rd, 6:30

No cash prizes this year, but we still want YOU to join in the fun and show us your patriotic spirit!



The Annual Boat Parade will be on Wednesday, July 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. The starting location will be at the mouth of the Narrows. We are looking for a volunteer to lead the parade this year. We will provide you with a big DLPOA banner to wave, so everyone will know who to follow, and a megaphone.

The patriotically decorated boats will travel counter clockwise around the lake.

Some safety considerations include:

- Stay in line, don't jump boats in front of you
- Keep a slow, but steady pace
- Cut back on overly zealous water combats—we don't want to see broken windshields, or ruined electronics on the boats...or any person getting hurt on land or water

Contact Skip Wells at 979-3260, or skipwells2@gmail.com if you would like to lead the Boat Parade this year.



Deer Lake Property Owners' Association Apparel

Bob and Cheryl Schwartz

Thank you to everyone for supporting DLPOA apparel!

We are proud to announce our 2019 Annual Deer Lake T-Shirt will be available for purchase at the Pancake Feed on July 7th.

Final design is nearing completion. Keep a lookout as it will be revealed on our DLPOA website, Nextdoor and the DLPOA Facebook page.

Pricing should be close to last year—in the \$8 to \$10 range.

We will be accepting earlier requests for your orders – one, two, or as many as you need! Just give us a call, email, or text. Sizes available are Youth – XS to XL, and Adult – S – 5XL. Last year many Deer Lake folks ordered shirts in advance for family reunions and gatherings so they were sure to get all of the exact sizes they needed. If you would like to pre-order, send an email to rismt@hotmail.com or call/text Bob and Cheryl Schwartz at (509) 951-5634.

Also available will be our very popular shirts, tank tops, hats and sweatshirts. Early orders for these items are also available if you are interested in particular colors and/or sizes.

Your DLPOA Board has continued with our policy to keep our pricing as low as possible (with minimal markup) so our items are affordable. We want everyone to have the chance to show their Deer Lake pride! The very small profit goes into the DLPOA general fund, which is used to improve and enhance life at Deer Lake.

We hope to see you at the Pancake Feed and the Annual Meeting where the items we have on hand will be available.

Questions and additional information on all of our apparel is available by contacting Bob or Cheryl Schwartz, who are our volunteer members of our DLPOA Apparel Committee.



It's a couple months until all our 4th of July fun, but maybe you want to keep pages 6 & 7 handy so you can look back to remember everything that is going on!

July 3rd: Boat Parade 6:30 p.m.
Fireworks at 10 p.m.

July 4th: Kid's Parade 10:30 a.m.

July 7th: Pancake Feed 8 a.m.

Flood Insurance Review For Buildings is Now a Requirement

Skip Wells

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FEMA has designated all lakes and streams in Washington, Idaho, and Oregon as Class A Flood zones. This designation occurred several years ago and flood insurance now being required by the banks. What this means to prospective buyers and owners on Deer Lake, is a review must be accomplished and submitted to FEMA prior to approval of mortgages, refinancing and home equity loans.



Civil engineers must complete a property elevation survey and submit it to FEMA for a final determination as to whether the property needs flood insurance. We are hearing that the cost of flood insurance is \$10,000.00 per year — up from \$400.00 per year. The cost of the survey is appears to be between \$800.00 and \$1,000.00.

Owners or those making a purchase should ask the engineers if they can do the report on a computer that is connected with FEMA. This can reduce the approval time from 45-60 days down to as little as a week. Not all engineering firms can do this. Do your homework to reduce the stress in the process. Measurements have been made on our lake as to the lake elevations. The lake is at full pool when the water elevation reaches 2485.5 feet. The lake is at Flood Stage at 2488.5 feet. Note: These elevation numbers as not adjudicated numbers. However, this information should be given to the engineer as an aid in accomplishing their task.

What a Freaky February!



As of March 12, 2019, our winter snow total at Deer Lake was 62 inches, which is a typical yearly snowfall.

But the real news, was that February of 2019 was the month that we got a total of 27 inches of snow! The average amount of snow is usually 9 inches.

Back in 1999, the snow record was set with 30 inches.

The lake had a fairly late freeze on February 9th, and pretty typical thaw around April 5th.

On Opening day of fishing, five holes in the Narrows were drilled about 30 to 50 feet from shore, the ice was around 11 inches thick.

Thanks go to Mike Phillips for keeping these records,

The DLPOA Annual Meeting will be held on August 10th, at 10 a.m. at the Fire Station on the east side of the lake.

Everyone is welcome; it is your time to hear reports from all committees, ask questions, and make suggestions. We welcome your input and ideas!

Want to Stay in Touch?



If you are a “Facebook Person”, please send a friend request to Deer Lake Property Owners’ Association page, and we will “friend” you.

You will be able to keep up on the news and events that are happening around the lake, and we will post reminders before upcoming meetings and activities.

Check out the Marketplace for items to buy or sell locally. Please tag us when you’re posting pictures of fun you’re having at the lake...those are great to see!



The first Friday of every month there is a huge Book Sale at the old Fire Station in Loon Lake. Gently used books—you set the price with your donation . Money collected goes to the Loon Lake Library.

Below is a public notice of Milfoil spraying

Herbicide Treatment

Business and Residential Notice

Distribution Date: May 10, 2019

Eurasian water milfoil will be treated with the aquatic herbicide(s)/algaecide(s) on/or between July 8, 2019 through Sept. 27, 2019

Product(s) planned for use: Clipper Active ingredient(s): Flumioxazin 51% Location of Treatment(s): *The Narrows North and East Side*

Treated and potentially affected areas will be sign posted the day of application. The signs will describe any water use restrictions or advisories.

If you are withdrawing water for potable or domestic water use, livestock watering, or irrigation, and have no alternate water source, please contact the applicator: (KEVIN SCHROEDER at (509) 999-7712, or (e-mail) Kevin at spoprocure.com to arrange an alternate water supply.

If you would like to request additional notification prior to treatment, or have further questions, please contact me using the information above.

This herbicide treatment is regulated under a permit issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology.

PERMIT # WAG 994168

Safety Tips When Around Water

Having a home on, or near a lake is a dream come true for most people. But, it could easily become a nightmare if someone would ever drown while they are there. It's very scary to think about, but it is a big responsibility as a homeowner to make sure everyone is safe.

Here are some facts about drowning, and safety ideas that we all need to remind ourselves of, especially with summer coming. Make some house rules, and then please enforce them. Let's keep everyone safe.



Symptoms of drowning may not be easily seen by bystanders.

The victim may be expending all their energy keeping their head above water and may not be able to shout for help.

If they breathe in water (aspirate), their vocal cords may go into spasm; this prevents the person from shouting for help. There is usually very little thrashing and the victim is often found floating or at the bottom of the lake.

Gender & Age

Overall, far more drowning victims are male than female. Men may also take more and greater risks, or tend to overrate their swimming abilities.

Worldwide, most drownings occur to people in three age categories:

- ♦ 0 to 5 years old
- ♦ 20 to 25 years old
- ♦ over 60 years old

Wear a Life Jacket That Fits You

Even the best water enthusiasts can misjudge changing water conditions when boating or swimming in open water. Be prepared at all times by wearing a life jacket – you'll never know when you'll be tossed into the water.



Have children wear a life jacket that fits them, and watch them closely around water – they can go under water quickly and quietly.

A number of water safety laws were passed to improve the use of life jackets and prevent drowning:

Children 12 years old and under must wear a life jacket that fits them on moving boats less than 19 feet in length in Washington.

Recreational boats must carry one [U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket](#) for each person aboard. The life jacket must be available and accessible.

Supervision is Key



Above all, supervise your kids at all times. Don't assume that just

because your child took swimming lessons or is using a flotation device such as an inner tube or inflatable raft that there's no drowning risk. If you're at a party, it's especially easy to become distracted, so designate an adult who will be responsible for watching the children.

Actively supervise your children around water at all times, and have a phone nearby to call for help in an emergency.

According to a national study of drowning-related incidents involving children, a parent or caregiver claimed to be supervising the child in nearly nine out of 10 child drowning-related deaths.

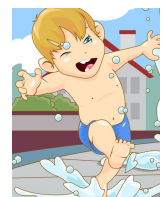


Older children drown less frequently but still in large numbers. They generally drown because their parents may have unrealistic expectations about how well their children obey their safety rules when not directly supervised.



If you receive a call while supervising kids, keep your conversation brief to prevent being distracted.

Kids shouldn't run on slippery docks, or have rough horseplay in the water. They should never dive in areas that are not marked for diving. If the weather turns bad (especially if there's lightning), they should get out of the water immediately.



Tips for recognizing a person who is drowning are:

- It may be difficult to recognize a person having trouble in the water—it's different than how it looks on TV.
- Often there is no thrashing, and the event may appear very quiet.
- The victim may bob in the water in an uncoordinated way, with their head back and mouth open.
- There may be weak and ineffective attempts at swimming.



Two-thirds of drowning deaths occur in the summer, between May and August, and most commonly on the weekends.

Tips to prevent drowning are:

- Toddlers and small children should not be unattended near bodies of water.
- Everybody should learn how to swim and the buddy system is important for every age. Never swim alone.
- When in natural water, like rivers and lakes, it is important to know the depth of the water.
- While enjoying watercraft, boats, kayaks, jet skis, etc., flotation devices should be available to every person on the vessel.
- Boating while intoxicated (BWI) is against the federal law. Alcohol should not be used in excess when swimming or boating and its use is commonly associated with teen-age drowning deaths.



Who is likely to drown, when, and where?

- The United States reported 38,000 people died from drowning last year.
- Drowning is the third leading cause of accidental death in the United States. It is the second leading cause of accidental death in school-age children, and the number one cause of death in preschoolers.
- One-quarter to one-third of drowning victims have had swimming lessons.
- Children aged 1-4 most often drown in swimming pools.
- As children age, the percentage that drown in natural water such as rivers, lakes, ponds, and oceans begins to increase. For those older than age 15, 65% of drownings occur in natural water.
- Alcohol is a factor in up to half of adolescent and adult drowning deaths.



Rescue Tips:

It is very dangerous to try to rescue someone who is drowning. In a panic, they are likely to claw at rescuers and climb on top of them. Remember to REACH, THROW, but only GO with training and equipment.

REACH—Use something rigid, or a tool instead of your hand to protect yourself.

THROW—A rope, inner tube, or life preserver.

ROW—Take a boat and go close to the victim. Have them hold on to the boat when you get there or you can reach out to help, if able.

However, if you have to swim out to rescue a drowning person, carry a towel with you or any object that the victim can hold on to as you tow him to safety ensuring that you are at a safe distance from him.

Tie a rope around the rescuer's waist before heading out to the victim and have someone hold the rope.



What should other people do:

Treatment for the drowning victim begins by deciding if the victim is awake, and if not, if they are breathing. This is one of times when rescue breathing is required to help revive the victim.

(Basic life support otherwise recommends hands only [CPR](#)).



If there has been trauma, like diving into shallow water, there is risk of [spinal cord](#) injury and it is also important to protect the neck from moving. **All drowning victims should be transported to a hospital for care. Activating emergency services by calling 911 is appropriate.**

What might be the outcome?

The outlook for a drowning victim is excellent if they arrive in the hospital alert and breathing on their own.

Washington Boating Laws and Regulations



Age and Operator Restrictions

Washington Boater Education Law contains the following age-specific restrictions:

- Persons **under 12 years of age** may not operate a power-driven vessel with an engine that is 15 hp or more.
 - Persons **12 years of age or older** may operate a power-driven vessel with an engine that is 15 hp or more if they have a Washington Boater Education Card.
 - Persons **14 years of age or older** may operate a PWC if they have a Washington Boater Education Card.
- It is illegal to lease, hire, or rent a PWC to anyone **under 16 years of age**.

Exemptions

Education is not required if:

- Your vessel has an engine that is under 15 hp.
- You were born prior to January 1, 1955.

You hold a valid U.S. Coast Guard Marine Operator's License.



Enforcement

Washington law enforcement officers patrol the waterways to make your boating experience safe and pleasant. Cooperate with them by following the laws and guidelines.

Carry the Card: Vessel operators who are required to have a Boater Education Card must carry the card on board the vessel and have it available for inspection by an enforcement officer.

Penalty: Not carrying your Boater Education Card when one is required can result in a fine.



To take the Washington-approved course to complete your online boating safety education, go to:

https://www.boat-ed.com/washington/boating_law.html

There is a study guide available, then you can take the test and get certified online.

There are unlimited exam attempts.

So...to get your Washington Boater Education Card:

Study and pass the \$34.95 course, and pay a \$10.50 Washington State Parks fee. Throughout the Washington Boat Ed Course, you'll be tested on what you've learned.

After successfully completing the online course, you'll be able to immediately print out your Certificate of Course Completion.

You'll be mailed your permanent Washington Boater Education Card within 6 weeks by the Washington State Parks.



Upcoming Events

May 18	Roadside Cleanup	8 a.m.
June 1	Chipper Day	8 a.m.
July 3	Boat Parade	6:30 p.m.
July 3	Fireworks	10 p.m. (ish)
July 4	Children's Parade	10:30 a.m.
July 7	Pancake Feed	8 a.m.
August 10	DLPOA Annual Mtg.	10 a.m.
Sept. 21	Roadside Cleanup	8 a.m.



Please send any comments, complaints, or suggestions about the newsletter to :



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I also encourage you to please send me pictures and any ideas you have for articles.

Deer Lake Property Owners' Association has a Board that meets 9 times during the year, plus has an Annual Meeting each summer.

Members are welcomed and encouraged to come to any of these meetings. Time, location, and dates are on the DLPOA calendar.

More information about Deer Lake Property Owners' Association (including Board Meeting minutes) can be found at our website: www.dlpoa.com