

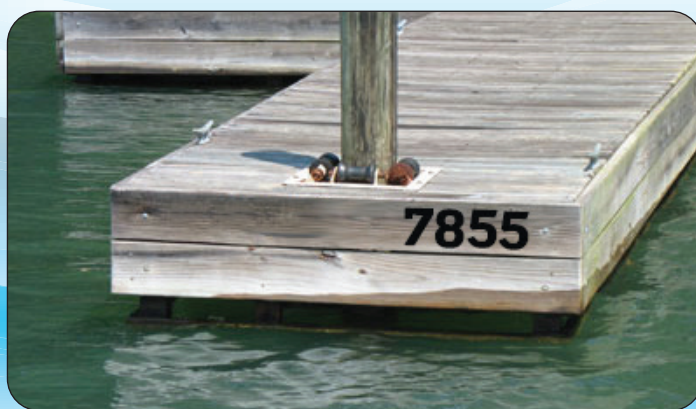
The Bohners Lake Beat

A NEWSLETTER ABOUT THE
SANITARY DISTRICT FOR THE
BOHNERS LAKE COMMUNITY
SPRING 2022

IMPORTANT – GOOD NEWS ALERT! CHANGES TO LAKE WEED PICKUP FOR 2022

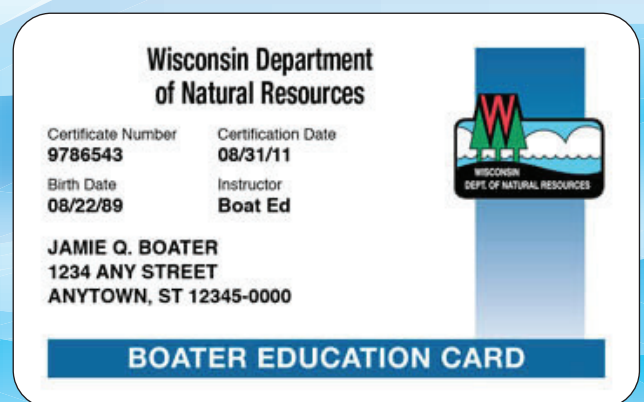
In past years we contracted with ASDA to pick up weeds street side, four times during the season. As part of our agreement with Browns Lake, **they now will pick up weeds from THE END OF YOUR PIER!** This will be done during each of the three planned harvests on a daily basis, making disposal of your shoreline weeds MUCH easier than past years. It is critical that you take the time during the harvest to place all of your shoreline weeds at the END of your pier (see page 2 for dates). While Mike and his crew are out harvesting, they will use their barge to pick up all weeds that are located at the end of each pier. We realize this is a big change from the past, but this process will make it easier for all. As with anything new, we will constantly assess to assure we are meeting our primary objective of improving the process of getting rid of shoreline weeds. Please take the time to review this with your neighbors. Additionally, Eric Oldenberg will be distributing handbills to all lake front homeowners houses with this information. Let's not assume everyone will read this digital edition of the newsletter.

Reminder to all lake properties that it IS the law that you need to **have your house number placed legibly** on the end of your piers. This is for the safety of you and others should an emergency occur!



Do you need a boating license in Wisconsin?

Wisconsin law requires those born on or after January 1, 1989, to pass a boater safety course and to carry a boater education card.



REMINDER – any kind of mechanical silt remover/or moving silt mechanically is unlawful in the county of Racine. Use of any such devices could result in a fine.

BOHNERS LAKE TEAMS UP AGAIN WITH BROWNS LAKE FOR 2022 WEED HARVEST

POSITIVE CHANGES TO OUR LAKE WEED HARVEST PLAN

Once again, this year, we will be working with Mike Weygand and the Browns Lake harvest team. Their 12' lake weed harvester was much more efficient at harvesting our nuisance weeds.

Over the years, including last year, we noticed that we lost a lot of time driving the harvester to the public beach to unload the weeds. Mike and



Using a power barge for weed collection this year will save time

his team came up with a great solution that will benefit all of us. He will deliver a powered barge to the lake. This barge will accomplish two tasks. First, it will be out in the water near the harvester and accept all of the harvested weeds from the harvester. This will greatly increase the amount of time we can spend harvesting by NOT having to drive back to the public beach for each unload. Secondly, during the down-time for the barge, the team will travel to each pier to remove weeds that homeowners have collected from their shores



Homeowners should place their harvested weeds at the end of their pier during harvest days.

and placed on the END OF THEIR PIERS. This will be a significant change from years past. No longer will we need to transport shoreline weeds to the street. Simply place them on the end of your pier for the barge to pick up. This will require that you, or your hired hand, be available during the three harvests to place the weeds on the end of your pier. We will not be contracting with ASDA for monthly street pick-ups. We DO plan on having them come after Labor Day, for any remaining shoreline weeds that may have accumulated since our final harvest and Labor Day.

Currently we are planning the following harvest days (subject to change):

JUNE 14-16

JULY 12-14

AUGUST 8-10

If there are changes to these dates, Dave Pfanzer will email using the email addresses commonly used for meeting updates.

Please share this information with neighbors that you believe are not getting the Bohners Lake Beat electronically.

AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT – 2022

We are concerned about the growth of aquatic plants in Bohners Lake – you should be too! Chemical treatment and harvesting will be used as needed to improve the health and recreational access. The chemical treatment permit has been applied for from the DNR. A full copy of the permit is available on the Bohners Lake Sanitary District website at this link: http://www.blisd-wi.org/asest/bohnners-lake-herbicide_permit_2022.pdf

EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL

(EWM) has historically been present in Bohners Lake, often at high densities. Whole-lake control was completed in 2018 with great results. We are continuing to see very low populations of EWM since this project! Once EWM is established in a lake it can never be fully eradicated. We are continually on the hunt to find it and reduce populations before it infests the whole lake again. A few, small patches were mapped in late 2021 and are slated for control in early 2022.

CURLY-LEAF PONDWEED, a second non-native species in Bohners Lake, is also scheduled for control activities in late spring of 2022. A large population was noted in the southwest bay and controlled in 2021. Curly-leaf Pondweed reproduces by seed-like structures called turions. These turions can accumulate in the sediment and only a portion of them will grow into full plants each year. Because of this, it is important to control the same area for multiple years to exhaust any turions present in the lake bottom.

INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANTS



Eurasian Water Milfoil has feathery stems and flower spikes that rise above the water.



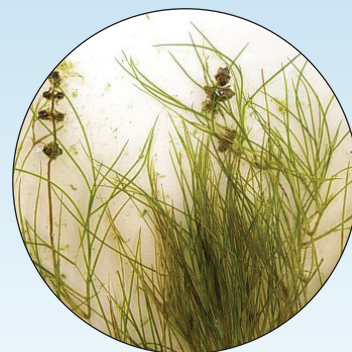
Curly Leaf Pondweed, an invasive species, will be treated this year.

Control of vegetation in other shallow waters will be a combined effort with chemical and mechanical harvesting. Most of the nuisance is caused by **CHARA**, a plant-like algae, and requires a different approach. Unlike the invasive species control, we CANNOT target the entire lake. Rather we focus on opening navigation lanes where chara inhibits smooth boating to the lake. In addition to Wisconsin Lake and Pond Resource's help, the Browns Lake Sanitary District will again be completing harvesting for Chara.

As lakefront property owners, you can remove plants from your near-shore area. You can manually (using muscles, rather than machines) clear an area 30 feet wide out to

open, weedless water along your shore. To do more than that, a permit is needed from the DNR. You can also remove Milfoil or Curly-leaf Pondweed from other areas of your shoreline. Please try to keep native plants. They are very important for the long-term health of the lake. The fish rely on plants for food and shelter. Plants also keep the lake bed sediments from getting resuspended due to boaters and storms. Harvesting is planned per the schedule on page 2. Anyone who wants to assist with guiding the work or volunteering, should contact a BLMC member.

WILD CELERY AND SAGO PONDWEED ARE BENEFICIAL SPECIES THAT PROVIDE COVER FOR FISH, AQUATIC INSECTS, AND FOOD FOR WATERFOWL



Sago Pondweed



Wild Celery

BOHNERS LAKE LOCAL ORDINANCES

SWIMMING

1. No person shall swim or snorkel from any boat beyond the slow-no-wake zone, unless such boat is anchored and attended by an observer inside the boat and the swimmers stay within twenty five feet of the boat. — 11.12.01 0(A)
2. All boats accompanying distance swimmers must have a dedicated observer and a Type IV personal flotation device. — 11.12.010(8)
3. No swimming outside of the shore zone from sunset to sunrise. — 11.12.01 0(C)

WATERSKIING OR SIMILAR ACTIVITIES

1. No towing of more than 2 persons behind one motor boat. — 11.12.020(A)
2. Towing must be done in a counter-clockwise pattern. — 11.12.020(8)
3. No towing may occur in the shore zone. — 11.12.020(8)

MOTORBOAT AND PERSONAL WATERCRAFT OPERATION LIMITS

1. No operation above slow-no-wake within any shore zone. — 11.12.030(8)
2. No operation above 40 mph unless authorized. — 11.12.040(8)
3. When operating above slow-no-wake, all watercraft must operate in a counter-clockwise direction around the perimeter of the lake. — 11.12.040(0)
4. No operation above slow-no-wake between 7 pm and 10 am. — 11.12.0s0(b)

GENERAL CONDUCT

1. No person shall leave, deposit, place or throw any cans, bottles, debris, refuse or solid waste material of any kind. — 11.12.060
2. No person under the age of 21 may operate a motor boat with a blood alcohol concentration of more than 0.0 percent but not more than 0.1 percent. — 11.12.070(A)
3. No person under the age of 21 may possess alcohol on a boat. — 11.12.080
4. No person in either a public or private place may engage in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonable loud or otherwise disorderly conducted under circumstances that tends to cause or provoke a disturbance. — 9.947.01 (1)

FROZEN WATER

1. Any ice shanty left standing and unattended after sunset shall be marked by red or orange reflective stripe at least 4 inches wide and applied in a continuous stripe on all sides, not less than 2 feet and no more than 4 feet above the level of the ice. — 11.12.100

LAW ENFORCEMENT: (262) 886-2300

FOR COMPLETE TOWN OF BURLINGTON LAKE ORDINANCES VISIT:

<https://townofburlington.com>

Last amended: August 2021

OPERATIONS VIOLATIONS

NEGLIGENT OPERATION — 30.68(2)

- No person may operate or use any boat, or manipulate any waterskis, aquaplane or similar device upon the waters of this state in a careless, negligent or reckless manner so as to endanger that person's life, property or person or the life, property or person of another.

CREATING HAZARDOUS WAKE OR WASH — 30.68(4)(A)

- No person shall operate a motorboat so as to approach or pass another boat in such a manner as to create a hazardous wake or wash.

RIDING ON DECKS AND GUNWALES — 30.68(6)

- No person operating a motorboat may ride or sit, or may allow any other person in the motorboat to ride or sit, on the gunwales, tops of seat backs or sides or on the decking over the bow of the boat in an unsafe manner while under way, unless such person is inboard of guards or railings provided on the boat to prevent persons from being lost overboard.

OVERLOADING — 30.68(9)

- No person may operate, and no owner of a boat may allow a person to operate, a boat that is loaded with passengers or cargo beyond its safe carrying capacity, taking into consideration weather and other existing operating conditions.

WATERSKIING /TOWING — 30.69(3)(A)

- No person operating a motorboat that is towing persons engaged in waterskiing, aquaplaning or similar activity may operate the motorboat within 100 feet of any occupied anchored boat, any personal watercraft or any marked swimming area or public boat landing.

SAFETY CERTIFICATE AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATES REQUIREMENTS — 30.678

Motorboat Certificate

No person who was born on or after January 1, 1989, and who is 16 years of age or older may operate a motorboat unless one of the following applies:

- The person holds a valid boating safety certificate
- The person is accompanied in the motorboat by another person who is at least 18 years of age and that person holds a valid boating safety certificate or was born before January 1, 1989.

Personal Watercraft Certificate

- No person under 12 years of age may operate a personal watercraft.
- No person who was born on or after January 1, 1989, may operate a personal watercraft unless the person holds a valid safety certificate.

Proof of Certification

- Any person who is required to hold a safety certificate while operating a motorboat shall carry proof of safety certificate and shall display such proof to a law enforcement officer on request.

Failure to Secure Battery and Cover Terminals — 30.62(8)

Failure to Have an Operating Fire Extinguisher — 30.62(4)

Failure to Provide 1 Personal Flotation Device Per Person — 30.62(3)(A)

Failure to Have 1 Class IV Flotation Device on a Motorboat — 30.62(3)(A)

Operate a Vessel Without a Valid Certificate/Number — 30.51(1)

Failure to Display Registration Number/Decal — 30.523(1)

THIS LIST OF STATUTES IS NOT INTENDED TO BE, NOR IS IT A LIST OF ALL RULES, REGULATIONS, ORDINANCES AND LAWS RELATED TO BOATING. FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL WISCONSIN STATE STATUES VISIT:

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes>

LIFE JACKETS – MAKE SURE THEY FIT!

You don't want your life jacket too large or too small. A snug fit is a proper fit.

Remember, life jackets for adults do not work for children.

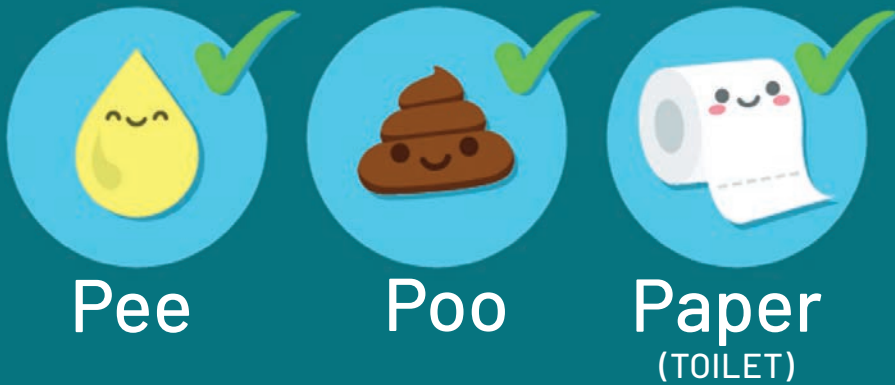
1. Make sure the life jacket is properly fastened.
2. All straps, buckles or zippers are secure.
3. Hold your arms straight up over your head.
4. Ask a friend to grasp the tops of the arm openings and gently pull up.



BUOYS

Under supervision of the BLMC, buoys are placed around the lake to mark potential dangerous objects and beach swim areas, etc. The buoys must never be moved or used as a place to moor your boat. If you believe a buoy has been moved intentionally or by wind, contact a BLMC member immediately to ensure lake safety.

ONLY FLUSH THE 3 Ps



The BLSD has seen an increase in blockages and sewer floodings caused by wipes. These include disinfecting wipes, baby wipes, makeup remover wipes, cleaning wipes, etc. Manufacturers claim that these are 'flushable' but this only means they will flush down your toilet. Once they travel down the sewer system they snag on a rough piece of pipe work or catch onto some solidified fat. After this, it's easier for the next wipe to catch and so on, until the flow of the pipe is so restricted nothing can pass through it. These blockages ruin sewage processing equipment. Wet wipes are not designed to go into the sewer system. 90% of wipes on the market contain small plastic fibers which don't break down easily — unlike toilet paper. The thousands of pounds of damage and devastation caused by wipes is unimaginable to those who don't see it.

SO THINK – BAG IT AND BIN IT. DON'T FLUSH IT.

WIPES CLOG PIPES

PLACE THESE ITEMS IN THE TRASH, NOT THE TOILET:

Baby wipes • Mop refills
Paper towels • Towelettes
Disinfecting wipes

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A FLUSHABLE WIPE



HELP STOP AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

Aquatic invasive species are a constant threat to Bohners Lake. They destroy native plants and fish spawning grounds and are environmentally and financially destructive to the community. Some common ways that species may be moved during recreational boating and other activities include:

CLEAN YOUR GEAR!

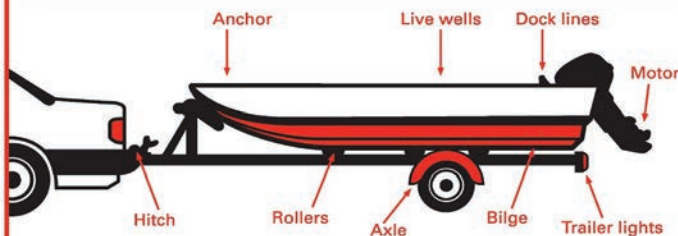
Help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.



Check for and remove plants, mud, and aquatic life before transporting

Drain water from boat, live well, bilge, and bait bucket before transporting

Clean boat and gear with hot water, or
Dry everything for at least five days



Check these areas

- Attaching to watercraft, trailers, motor and fishing gear
- Transport by water — ballast water, bilge and other water-containing devices
- Dumping of unwanted live bait
- Tangled in fishing lines and downrigger cables
- Sticking to the soles of waders
- Clinging to the rudder of a seaplanes
- Trapped in mud on a dog's paws



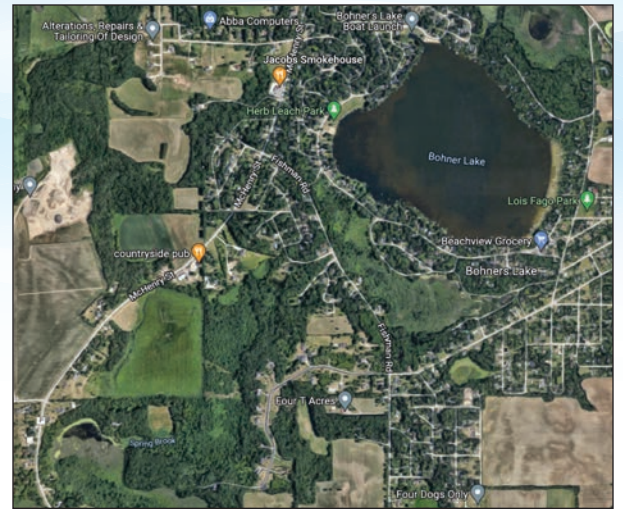
Take extra care to remove all debris from your boat, jet ski and trailer

Just one organism, or in some cases a single piece of a plant, is enough to start a new invasion. Fortunately — ALL invasions are preventable! If you boat on any other lakes or know someone who does, **PLEASE make a special effort to disinfect the boat and all equipment, and pass along this important information to others.** State laws are in place to help keep exotic species out of Bohners Lake, **but it takes everyone's cooperation:**

- **CLEAN** your boat, trailer and equipment. **Remove** all aquatic plants or animals (before launching, after loading and before transporting on a public road).
- **DRAIN** motor, bilge, livewell and other water containing devices before leaving water access.
- **DRY** everything for at least five days or wipe with a towel before reuse. Many organisms can survive in standing water so, complete drying is necessary.
- **POWER WASH** your equipment before transporting it to another lake. Use hot water, 120°F, when possible.
- **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait, worms and fish parts in the trash. If keeping live bait, drain bait container and replace with spring or dechlorinated tap water. Never dump live fish or other organisms from one water body into another.
- **BAIT** — Buy minnows from a Wisconsin bait dealer. You may take leftover minnows away from any state water and use them again on that same water. You may use leftover minnows on other waters only if no lake or river water or other fish were added to their container.

SANITARY DISTRICT ACQUIRES FORMER MINT FIELD PROPERTY

The Bohners Lake Sanitary District acquired ownership of the property due south of the Lake off of Hwy P. in February. We will now be applying for grants to assist in the cost to fix the stream banks. This will greatly reduce the amount of sediment reaching the lake. Depending on grant applications, permitting and bidding the district hopes to have the project completed by, at the latest spring of 2024, and earliest spring of 2023. The good news is the district now controls the care of this wetland. With proper care we will be in a position to enhance everyone's lake experiences.



BOHNERS LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE INFORMATION

The Bohners Lake Management Committee (BLMC) was formed as a subcommittee of the Sanitary District to manage the water quality of Bohners Lake. It is the mission of the BLMC to manage the upkeep and maintenance of Bohners Lake in an effort to return the lake waters to a clean, eco-balanced lake.



'THE BEAT' IS DIGITAL ONLY

The BLSD will no longer mail printed versions of *The Bohners Lake Beat*. We ask everyone to print a copy and share with neighbors that do not have Internet capability. This will save the community money and alleviate paper waste.

DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Volunteers are needed to assist the committee with projects. Contact a BLMC member to sign up. And while you're talking with them, don't forget to let them know you appreciate their efforts.

IDEAS ON LAKE IMPROVEMENT?

The BLMC works on everyone's behalf to improve the quality of our lake and makes suggestions to the Sanitary District. The BLMC is always seeking your input. Attend a monthly meeting, call or email a committee member. No idea is a bad idea!

BLMC CONTACT INFO

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Eric Oldenberg: 262-661-9524 eoldenbergfam@hotmail.com

Sanitary District website: www.blstd-wi.org

The first meeting this year will be June 2. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at Burlington Tap & Smokehouse, 7305 McHenry Street at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend. If the first Thursday is a holiday, the meeting is usually held the second Thursday. Feel free to contact a BLMC member to verify the meeting schedule.

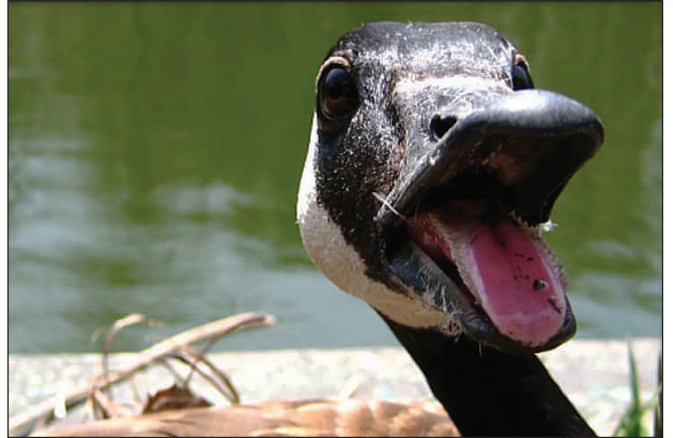


GOOSE ROUNDUP

Goose removal on Bohners Lake was last done in 2015. The roundups have been taking place every three or four years, but are only done when absolutely necessary. A few years ago new rules were put in place that affect the goose roundup. If you are on the lakefront, you can help the District by filling out the form below that gives the district and the USDA permission to go on your property to remove geese. The roundup happens in mid-June, if there are enough geese to be a nuisance.

All residents need to notify the BLSD of geese sightings in early spring. If we need a roundup, it needs to be done by the second week in June and over 35 geese are required to affect a roundup. **It's critical to know, how many, times of day seen and where geese originate from and leave from.**

The goal of the goose removal program is to keep the number of geese in line with what the lake can support. The non-migratory geese contribute to water quality problems, including E. coli bacteria and increased phosphorus loadings. E. coli causes beach closings, and phosphorus contributes to weed and algae problems. If elevated bacteria levels occur, signs will be posted.



If you're having trouble with geese on your property...Let the BLSD know!

Everyone can help the Sanitary District by sending in the completed form below. **If you have sent in your approval form in previous years, you do not need to send it in again.** Please contact Harvey, at the Bohners Lake Sanitary District, (262) 210-9101, if you wish to be removed from the list, have problems with geese on your property, or have any questions/concerns. Thank you for your assistance.

GOOSE ROUNDUP APPROVAL FORM – 2022

YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION TO ENTER ONTO MY PROPERTY TO CATCH AND REMOVE GEESE

I authorize representatives from U.S. Department of Agriculture – Wildlife Services and Bohners Lake Sanitary District to access the property listed below for the purposes of goose management. This permission form has no expiration date and remains in effect unless I request it to be removed from the approved site list.

NAME (PRINT)

ADDRESS

PHONE

SIGNATURE (MANDATORY)



Please return form as soon as possible, no later than May 15, 2022!

Send to: Bohners Lake Sanitary District • PO Box 280 • Burlington, WI 53105