

# Moen Lake Chain Association

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*Our mission is to protect, maintain and enhance environmental and recreational values of the Moen Lake Chain of lakes and its surroundings; to provide to its members information of concern; to represent its members with other organizations and public officials and to conduct such other activities as are appropriate to the purpose and consistent with the nonprofit status of the Association.*



## Letter from the MLCA President, Nancy Sattler

Greetings! I am honored to be writing this to you in my new role as President of the Moen Lake Chain Association. Over the past 12 years I have served our lakes by heading up the Clean Boat Clean Water program, and by holding various board of director roles. I have been lucky to have served along with some dedicated volunteers that are working to protect, maintain and enhance our chain and its surroundings. In this newsletter you will read about some of those volunteers and what they are doing throughout the year. Most recently, I was fortunate to be Vice President under our departing President, Keith Kelling. His leadership and guidance was appreciated and I am glad he is staying on the Board as Past President. Also please join me in welcoming new Board members Julie Gust and Steve Hart.

In addition, our mission statement states that one of the functions of the BOD is to provide information of concern to our members. We have included information about two issues that have been getting more attention in our state recently, VRBO's and wave/wake boats. If you have other issues you would like to see more information about, please do not hesitate to reach out to [me](#) or any of our other board members.

The BOD met on September 29, 2021 and voted unanimously to increase our yearly dues to \$25 (unchanged for 26 years!). We felt this was necessary to ensure that our channel markers are maintained, and that our boat launch continues to be monitored for invasive species. Over the years I have spoken to many of you that haven't had the time to work at the launch on the weekends, and you've asked for other ways to help out. NEW this year will be the opportunity for you to support our boat launch even more! Our new membership form shows how you can 'Sponsor a Day' at the launch. Your payment will pay for attendants to work at the launch that day, and your name(s) will be posted at the launch showing that you are an Invasive Species Attendant sponsor.

Until next time, I hope you are enjoying life on our chain!

-- *Nancy*

## Thank you to our volunteers!

One of the primary activities of the MLCA is the Clean Boats Clean Waters Program. This program monitors the boats entering and leaving at the Moen Lake landing. It is the associations' responsibility to provide a minimum of 200 hours volunteer time. A very special thank you to those who volunteered for CBCW in 2021: Jean Blank, Jeff Seifert, Keith Kelling, Kris Krause, Steve Hart, Dan Groleau, Roberta Gasper



Also, a big thank you to our volunteer channel marker crew who put in the markers every spring and remove them in the fall: Don Broadbridge, Tim Grove and Rocky Gust



**RENEW your MLCA dues today via PayPal on our website!**

# Did you know?

## The VRBO dilemma

In today's housing markets, consumer demand for owning second homes has declined in part because busy lifestyles make the ownership and maintenance of a second home less attractive. Alternatively, consumers prefer to rent a home for several weeks during the year, or, if they do purchase a home, they want to have the option of renting the properties on occasion to generate additional income to help pay for the property taxes and maintenance costs.

Wisconsin's Right to Rent law does not prevent local governments from banning nightly rentals or rentals of less than seven consecutive days. The law treats rentals of less than seven consecutive days differently because lawmakers believe such rentals are more of a commercial use of property, which may be inappropriate in some residential areas.

Read the facts about Wisconsin's Right to Rent law [here](#).

## A new threat to Northwoods lakes

As members of the Moen Lake Chain Association Board of Directors, we share a common interest of preserving the health and beauty of our lakes. We continually strive to keep apprised of potential threats to our lakes, both natural and man-made, so that we can enjoy our beautiful surroundings for generations to come.

We share a mutual respect for other lake associations, as well as sharing information with each other. Recently a new potential threat was brought to our attention and we'd like to share it with you.

As you are aware, our lakes are very shallow by average standards. With the fairly recent advent of wake-enhancing watercraft (aka: WEW, wake boats, surf boats) appearing on our local lakes, adverse effects could happen as seen on other local lakes. Specifically, fish habitats are being disrupted quickly, water quality deteriorates, aquatic plants decrease, shorelines erode and invasive species increase. And the boat owners and operators are finding that using shallow lakes for their wake sports is not only very difficult (the ultimate, preferred wakes are created in deep water) but they're damaging their boats. How many of us can attest to the quantity and size of the boulders under the surface of water? Too many broken props to count, right?

There is no doubt that these boats and activities make for a very fun day on the water. However, the shallowness of the Chain does not lend itself well to the use of wake boats.

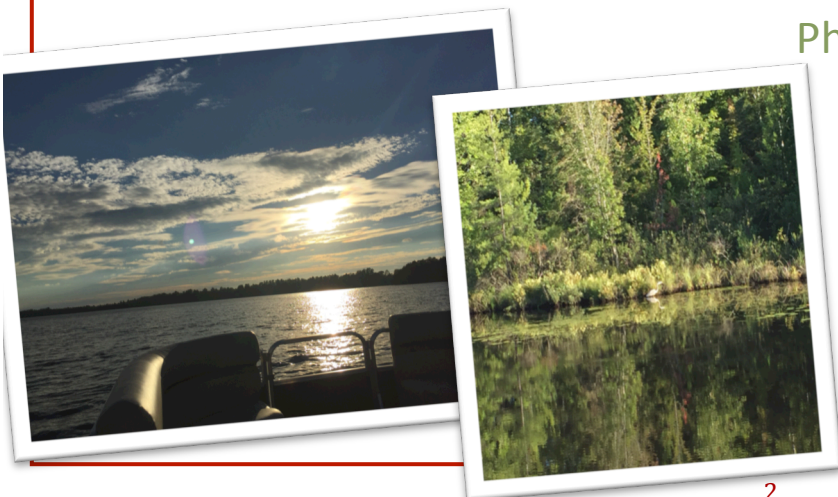
Below are links to a recent article from the *Northwoods Star Journal* where the issue is discussed in greater detail and reveals how another lake community is addressing the problem. And the second is from the Wawasee Lake Association with similar information.

[Star Journal Now](#)

[Wawasee Lake Association](#)

## Fish Sticks habitat program on Fifth Lake

The MLCA Fish & Habitat Committee has been working with the DNR to add 'Fish Sticks' off the island on Fifth Lake. The sticks will add valuable habitat for fish spawning (more info [here](#)) and other lake wildlife. Dave Hanson, Tony Sattler and Bart Tegen toured the island with three representatives from the DNR in September. The process was discussed and a permit was applied for. Fish Sticks replicate a natural tree fall in the water. (No trees from the island will be used for this project). Donated trees will be taken to the island over the ice during the winter and secured as per specifications. The Fish Sticks program has been successful in other area lakes, including Lake George and the Three Lakes Chain.



## Photo Contest for MLCA members

New this year! All MLCA members are invited to participate in our Photo Contest. Send us your pictures that show off how special and beautiful life is on the Moen Chain.

Please email your photos to Nancy Sattler at [president@moenlakechain.org](mailto:president@moenlakechain.org). Winners will win some sweet MLCA swag!

As a volunteer, non-profit organization, all of MLCA's activities are funded by member dues and contributions. If you would like to pay your 2022 dues, please visit our website and click on the [PayPal](#) link. Or make your check payable to MLCA and mail to: PO Box 542, Rhinelander, WI 54501