

Chautauqua Lake Association

Happy New Year



The CLA owns over 5 million dollars' worth of lake maintenance equipment

The holidays are over and the CLA continues its equipment maintenance. We have 9 full time employees working hard to ensure all of the equipment is ready to deploy this summer and adequate funding is available.

Engines have been tuned, parts replaced and sanding & painting has begun. The CLA does these things each winter to minimize the down time once the summer begins.

There is just a short 12 week season for harvesting on Chautauqua Lake.

Did you know...even if expensive avenues are initiated harvesting will still be necessary to maintain the beautiful lake we all love and enjoy?

Did you know... the average cost to run just harvesters by outside contractors, based on CLA past performance, is over a million dollars per season! The CLA can operate its harvesters and other additional equipment for \$676,629.

Did you know...the CLA has the largest fleet of lake maintenance equipment in WNY?

Ice Pick Event is scheduled to begin, weather permitting. Get your entries online at www.clakeicepick.org



NEW WEB ADDRESS

The CLA has a new web address, www.chautauqualakeassociation.org and the site will be receiving a re-design in 2013. Online donation and e-newsletter sign-ups will be available. The CLA's website and Facebook page has updated harvest reports, location of weed removal crews and links about fundraising activities, invasive species, NYS postings and the Department of Health for Blue Green Algae Reports.

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JANUARY 2013

CLA Operations

**Support the CLA and help make
Chautauqua Lake beautiful.**

The CLA currently has the equipment, knowledge and manpower to continue the annual task of plant harvesting. Harvesting has a low impact on aquatic habitat, compared to other options is inexpensive and greatly improves our lake conditions for the community.

Harvesting is a need that Chautauqua Lake will have even if other options are taken. We have participated in both dredging and spraying in the past. Experience, scientific recommendations and the information from other lake communities advises us of the constant need for harvesting.

Our only limitation at this time is the financial obstacle that we are working hard to overcome.

We predict operating cost to range from \$529,297 (Minimum 2-crew) - \$676,627 (Necessary 3-crew w/OT). At this time we anticipate a shortage of meeting our 3-crew needs but hope your continued support will allow us to reach this goal.

Adding additional crews to the lake, as done in 2012, will allow us to better manage the aquatic nuisance Chautauqua Lake experiences each year in the most cost efficient and environmentally safe manner. This will result in additional revenue to our local businesses and Chautauqua County from tourism as well as your enjoyment.



2013 Officers

2013 President, Doug Conroe

1st Vice President, Craig Butler

2nd Vice President, Paul Stage

Treasurer, Debbie Moore

Secretary, Terry Turner

Past Presidents:

Chris Yates

Tad Wright

ICE PICK EVENT

Guess the exact day, time the ice will break

The idea for this fundraising event began after CLA board member, Peter Sullivan, traveled to Nenana, Alaska and witnessed a similar event they hold annually. Though Alaskans do not depend on the ice breaking to get supplies as they once did, the guessing tradition is alive and thousands of dollars are raised each year for charity because of it.

Mr. Sullivan had BOCES classes construct the tripod that has the clock attached. This marks the exact time the ice cracks. Our first event was in 2011. Greg Peterson won with the correct guess of 9:37 am on March 18th. Due to unseasonably warm weather the 2012 contest was cancelled. We are very hopeful 2013 will be successful.

The tripod will be placed at the Lawson Center in Bemus Point this month. There will be a webcam set up so residents can go online, click the camera and see the tripod sitting on the ice.

Each guess costs \$5.00. Please visit the website at: www.clakeicepick.org to make your guess and join the fun. Money collected from the entries will be split between the CLA and contest winner.

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Thank you for your Continued Support!

Giving Tree Event

Thanks to all who participated and voted for the CLA's tree at the Giving Tree Event sponsored by Chautauqua Suites. This was the first year the event was held and we were very happy with our results. Area organizations decorated Christmas Trees supplied by Chautauqua Suites. The trees were then voted on by visitors to Chautauqua Suites during the month of December. The CLA chose a "fishing" theme for their tree. It was decorated with an entire tackle box of new and old lures and accented with a fishing creel and other fishing accessories. It was a fun event which we plan to participate in again next year!



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