



SDRA Newsletter - June 27, 2021

THANK YOU to ERIC LARIVIERE for HIS EXCELLENT SERVICE on the SDRA BOARD! Eric is a person who is there to help find solutions to challenges we face, to lend a helping hand where needed or to serve on a team or committee as the need arises. This has always been true of Eric, whether on or off the Board. We are grateful for his friendship and generous contributions to our lake association.

WELCOME to JUSTIN FOURNIER, our newest member-at-large on the SDRA BOARD! Justin has already shown generosity and support for our lake association and its goals and we are pleased to have Justin participate in this position.

FUNDRAISING

- The final fundraising effort of our 2021 fiscal year that involved an anonymous donation of \$6000 given to SDRA on a watching basis to raise funds for lake treatment of milfoil resulted in contributions totalling **\$15,460!**
- Added to prior fundraising as follows:
 - additional money contributed above the basic dues amount (\$350), and note card sales (\$600), & donations "in lieu of no Bella's" (\$2,520)
 - plus monies raised in prior years and set aside for treatment (\$10,070)
- Resulted in a total of \$29,000 available for the much needed treatment of milfoil with herbicides.
- Treatment of at least 20 acres will take place on Monday, June 28th, with Procellacor - clearly a much more expensive approach but not harmful to fish nor humans.
- Work will be continuing to further assess prior known problem areas that had not yet grown sufficiently to enable detection; treatment will be done in those areas as well. .

Many, many thanks to all who helped make this possible!

ANNUAL DUES

- **Annual Dues remain at \$100.** If not already paid for the new fiscal year (2021-22), please forward a check made out to SDRA and mail it to SDRA, PO Box 284, Chepachet, RI.
- If you need to make the dues payments in installments, please work with Marissa to enable this to happen.
- *You are invited to give extra if you are financially able and willing.*
- *Dues-paying members have access to all meeting minutes when posted on the website, as well as these Newsletters*

SAVE THE DATES - Mark your calendars NOW!

- **Sand Dam Day** - Let's gather outdoors for **BRUNCH - 9:30 - 11:00 AM on AUGUST 14th** at the home of Rico & Judy Colaluca, 61 Wood Rd. Please bring a dish to share. Come by car or boat!

This will be a wonderful time for us to celebrate the friendship and shared mission that unites us!

- **Bella's is back!!** Our fundraising efforts will be kicked off with our fun-filled, financially productive event on **November 13th!**. This gathering is successful because of:
 - the generous donations of **Kevin Kitson of Chepachet Village Wine & Spirits**;
 - the featured **Black Tie Band** - an absolutely great group!! they give freely of their time;
 - **donations from Gloucester businesses and other donors of items for our silent auction**;
 - **the hard work of the volunteers** who put all of this together, including getting those donations;
 - **your attendance**.

LAKE SMART AWARDS - Congratulations!

- **Denny & Marissa Danville**
- **Gene & Phyllis Pezzulo**

VOLUNTEERISM

- **Enables SDRA to achieve success, always striving to keep our lake healthy.**
- **EVERYONE can play a role - directly or by a helpful relative.**
- **ALL are being asked to do *at least one thing* to help out.**

Following is the slightly revised volunteer signup sheet used at the Annual Meeting held on June 16th. Please use it as a guide to determining the area(s) where you or a family member can help. Following are some special notes from that meeting that might help you decide where you can fit in to lend some help.

- The website needs some backup, and someone with technical skills would be ideal. We are trying to achieve at least one person for every "job" within SDRA, and we do not have that person yet for the website.
- Last year, Janice personally counted 1200 boats being launched at the state ramp; she quit counting toward the end of August. Taking into consideration boats missed in the count plus those launched during the remainder of the season, the **estimate is 1500 boats visited our lake last season!** We know the potential for milfoil traveling on those boats, motors and trailers. Please consider joining our Boat Greeter Program (*Judy cannot do it alone*) to educate visiting boaters about invasive species, the harm they are doing, and **THEIR** role - which can be to nurture their growth or combat the dangers of milfoil by thoroughly cleaning their boats, motors & trailers.
- The Lake Smart program is about our role as landowners and our practices that can foster or hamper the growth of invasive species such as milfoil. Note that you can participate by becoming a reviewer OR you can volunteer to have a visit of your property - which requires only ONE HOUR of your time, spent outdoors at your place on the lake, where a very friendly and informative review is done. If you can do nothing else, you can do this.
- Copy this form & fill it out or just send a note indicating the programs or services where you are willing to be contacted or to assist. Send your replies to: neverneverlandjb@hotmail.com. **THANK YOU!**

VOLUNTEER SIGNUP SHEET

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Please check off areas of interest or actual willingness to commit to helping on a particular activity. (*Possible interest, if checked, would mean you would like to know more about this area of volunteerism before deciding if it is a good match for you, and someone would then contact you.*)

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY - Do not be shy! A lot of help is needed to keep our lake healthy!

Activity	Brief Description	Yes, will volunteer	Possible Interest
Assisting with the website	Seeking person with technology skills to become familiar with and support Cleo (<i>part of our redundancy effort to have more than one person know each job</i>)		
Boat Greeter Program	Meet at the boat ramp at scheduled times for fishing tournaments or otherwise (<i>after Judy teaches you the methods</i>) to greet boaters &, with their permission, inspect their boat, motor & trailer for the presence of milfoil & other invasive species.		
Lake Smart Program; Volunteering your property for review	Volunteer YOUR property for review to see how it matches up with best land practices for deterring the growth of milfoil; an easy process, informative and low-key that takes an hour.		
Lake Smart Program; Serving as a property reviewer	Work with Judy & Janice to visit volunteer properties; training has typically been done onsite as the visits are carried out.		
Suction Harvesting	Work with Aaron, Art and others to treat "hot spots" - places where milfoil is found post-herbicides treatment; seeking to nip it in the bud. There are a variety of jobs ranging from diving, to working on the harvester, or in your boat to capture fragments with a light net.		
Trash Cleanup	Work with Judy & Carol to pick up trash, primarily across from Transfer Station; seeking families to "adopt-a-month" for this endeavor.		
Fundraising	Work with other volunteers to plan & implement fund raising events & activities.		
Herbicides	Work with Deb Silva to implement the procedures to combat invasive species (permit, contract development)		
Nominations	Springtime, reaching out to members regarding interest in serving on the Board & preparing a slate of officers & members at-large for vote at annual meeting.		
By-laws	Meets every few years or as needed to review &/or update by-laws.		

OTHER ways you might serve? _____