

Trade River Lakes News

The Round Trade Lake Improvement Association

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Plague is Lifting, Time to Socialize - It's Summertime and the Covid Influenza is in retreat. The Lake Association is trying to encourage people to host block parties of from two to ten neighbors. This is especially the case with Big Trade Lake that has cabins on several different roads and highways. The Association would like to offer four minutes of information about the lakes, while asking you what we should be doing to improve the lakes. These block parties can be just a 4 to 6 PM happy hour or an afternoon Ice Cream social, or a full-fledged Potluck Picnic. Your call. To that end, the Association will help with a donation of \$30, but we'll make that up in new members. (Only about 45% of lake shore owners are regular, paid members of the association.)

If you are interested in hosting a block party, we'd like to know so a Board member can attend. We'll also supply the thirty dollars to ice cream or what-ever, and we can give you a list of your neighbors from our membership and tax records. Time to see old neighbors again, or welcome new owner to the neighborhood and let them know we're here and organized.

July 4th Association Picnic and Boat Parade on July 3rd! - Since the 1980's The Round Trade Lake Improvement Association has hosted a Picnic for all four lake shore owners. The Picnic follows a parade of boats that begins at 12 Noon from the Big Trade Lake Landing. A few enjoy tossing water filled balloons at other boaters, also some boaters fly white flags as non-combatants.

We'll Choose a parade Marshall at our June membership meeting on the 26th (9 AM, Atlas Park Pavilion) The RTLIA picnic will start about 1 PM, July 3rd at the Big Trade Lake Public landing on Pickerel Point Road. The RTLIA will provide brats, wieners, buns, condiments and some libations. Please bring a contribution of potato salad, three bean salads, baked beans or other special picnic dish. You'll also need CHAIRS if you like to sit down. We have a tent, so it's rain or shine. Hope to see you there!

Clean Boats, Clean Water – This is our grant funded program to staff our public landings with folks who check boats coming into and out of our lakes. Burnett County requires a decontamination spraying to stop the importation of Zebra Mussels into our lakes. Zebra mussels multiply rapidly, growing on hard surfaces like docks and boats and clogging motors. Zebra mussels can clean the water, but at great cost. The CBCW is such an important program that the Wisconsin DNR will pay people \$12 an hour to staff the landings. To fulfill our grant, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS OR PAID HELP! To make this attractive the Lake Association will add a bonus of \$20 per weekend served.

Preliminary Survey Results from DNR on Big Trade – By Craig Roberts, Biologist. The lake has a healthy bass population and has good bluegill/crappie. We did see some walleye that are likely natural fish (too small to be from DNR stocking long ago), we did not catch it but did witness one small 8-inch walleye, which would mean you have a low-level natural reproduction occurring in the system. We did see very few pike, but it was a warm night and pike were likely in deeper water.

******Yoga for the Lakes – Atlas Park! Saturdays @ 10 am in June. Led by certified instructor, Amy Klous***.***

Membership Meeting – The next RTLIA meeting for this year is planned for June 26th @ 9 AM at the Atlas park Pavilion. Agenda includes: Officer reports, Grant & CAFO updates, Report on Block parties, Planned Shoreline Survey, open discussion of what we should be doing and what we can do.

Mark your Calendars for 2021 Events
RTLIA Membership Meeting dates: June 26th, August 21st, and September 18th
(Annual Meeting)
Boat Parade and Annual Picnic July 3rd

NO AIS Treatment on Big Trade this Year - That right, we letting nature take its' course this year. We will be measuring how far and fast the invasive species such as Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) and Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) will move without treatment. This spring, the Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) has already begun to move upon to the surface and then spread across the top of the water denying light to the native plants beneath. It is easy to see as it spreads out from the shore. This year the only cure is your effort to pull these weeds out of the lake. Swimming amidst these weeds is no fun. So, please pull the CLP out of the lake, at the very least around you dock. If you do pull these weeds, please report you time to the Round Trade Lake Improvement Association web-site (tradelakeassoc.org) as your time (and that of your grandchildren too) is worth \$12 an hour toward the DNR grant that is helping us plan our next steps in caring for the lakes.


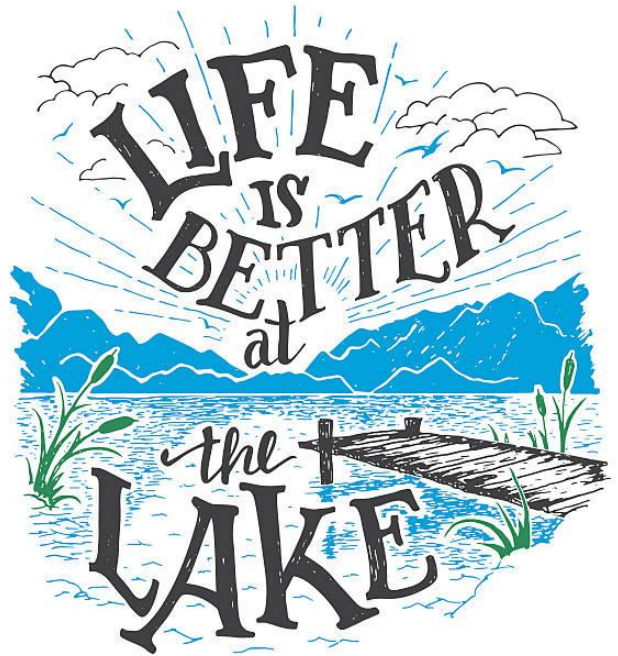


DNR approves Revised treatment for Round lake - The RTLIA still has money left from a 2018 Grant to fight Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) and Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) in Round Lake. So, we asked for DNR to approve an experimental treatment of four bed of EWM (a little more than 4 acres) on the North shore adjacent to the outlet of the Trade River as it flows into Little Trade and Big Trade Lakes. The DNR has given their approval for our experimental solution. The problem is that any herbicide on these beds would likely run off quickly with the pull of the river. So, our consultant, David Blumer, suggested installing porous “curtains” surrounding the treated areas in the hope of slowing the water movement. He and volunteers from the Lakeshore owners installed these curtains on June 3rd. These “curtains” will only be up for a day or two. Before and after the treatments, the beds will be examined to determine the effectiveness of the strategy. The estimated cost for the project is \$3,000, but much will come from the original grant of 2018-2020 and matched by the volunteer times of our members. Special thanks to Scott Classert, Bill Petrowsk, and Bob Paleen.



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