

# The Voice of Squash Lake



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## Mission Statement

The Squash Lake Association's mission is to preserve and protect Squash Lake and its surrounding ecosystems, and also to enhance the water quality, the fishery, the wild natural habitats, of Squash Lake, as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations.

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The next newsletter deadline is:  
**August 24, 2022**



The Squash Lake Association proudly participates in the Wisconsin DNR and the UWEX Lakes, Clean Boats Clean Waters Program.



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*By Kathy Tournour*

Summer 2022 is right around the corner and the Squash Lake Association is ready! The SLA board members have had a busy winter/spring season preparing for an exciting summer. We held a very successful membership drive during the month of March and currently have 84 members in the Squash Lake Association. If you have not yet joined the SLA it's not too late! We are hoping to increase our membership and include new members. If you would like to join or know someone who is new to the lake, information on membership and a membership form can be found in the newsletter and on our website. Time spent with friends and on Squash Lake are what make summer special. The SLA has planned several summer events to create opportunities to socialize with lake residents and have some fun. These events include the SLA Annual Meeting, Silent Sports Saturdays, and the Third Annual Boat Flotilla. Details regarding these events can be found in this newsletter and on the website. (squash-lake.myshopify.com)

Wishing all of you a safe and happy Memorial Day.

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Squash Lake Association President  
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Thank you

THE SLA WOULD LIKE TO THANK HENKEL'S  
TOWN PUMP FOR THEIR GENEROUS  
DONATION OF 30 \$5 COUPONS TO OUR  
SPRING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

### SLA BOARD MEETINGS & OTHER EVENTS

**Saturday, May 14** (*Tournour cabin*)

**Saturday, June 25, 2022**  
*Annual Meeting: Henkel's Town Pump*  
4:00

**August 13, 2022**

*Unless otherwise noted, the meetings are held in  
the Crescent Town Hall.*

**Everyone is welcome!  
to attend!**



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*You can fill out and mail the form below to  
Tom Eggert or  
visit our website and pay by credit card or PayPal  
**\$25***

[Join the Squash Lake Association \(squash-lake.myshopify.com\)](http://squash-lake.myshopify.com)

## Squash Lake Association Membership Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help with (circle your choice): boat inspections, EWM monitoring, mailings, or ?

Instead, I would like to contribute towards hiring an inspector (\$12/hr. increments, please use "Landing Inspector" below)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly Membership (limit 2 per property) \$25.00 Dues are for January 1– December 31

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ CBCW & Landing Inspector

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Educational Programs

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total** (Check # \_\_\_\_\_)

**Mail to:** Tom Eggert, Squash Lake Association, or you can pay by credit card or pay pal @  
Treasurer  
PO Box 511  
Rhineland, WI 54501

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# Wisconsin Lakes Convention Report

Hi Squash Lake Neighbors!

While waiting for the ice to melt, it is a good time to evaluate & plan summer projects & activities.

This year I attended 2 classes you maybe interested in.

“Shoreland tools” (there are webinars in May)

One thing I found out was the importance of leaves & sticks in the lake shore area to provide fish food. The insects that live there feed the new hatchlings food so they can grow up into the big fish we love to catch. Another thing I found interesting was the study done on the effects of impervious surface on the fish. At 7% impervious surface on a lot 100% of the fish can live along the shore. At 15% none of the game fish can survive there! Of course, that is without the land owner implementing any of the Healthy Lakes best practices. For more information on Healthy Lakes go to “HealthyLakeswi.com” or contact PamelaToshner@wi.gov

Also if we can allow the rain water to soak into the ground where it chills down before seeping into the lake, our lake water stays cooler. The results in less algae growth.

Speaking of Algae, that was the other topic I’m reporting on. I’d noticed more algae in the last few years. The cause of algae growth is an abundance of phosphorus in the water. Why? The extra nutrients in the water from runoff & the high water of the last few years. How does one get nutrients out of the water? Native Lake plants, some water wildlife and algae. The algae by my house is “Filamentous Green Algae” a not harmful kind (but I don’t like it). Two other common but not harmful “algae” lookalikes are Duckweed & tree pollen.

Harmful Blue-Green algae sometimes produces harmful toxins. Never swim, wade, or water your yard with water containing Blue-Green algae. Specially, keep your pets & kids out of the water if it is suspect. The “pea soup” look to the water means stay out! You can take a jarful to the DNR for testing. But when in doubt, just stay out.

Here are some waterfront property owner publications you might be interested in.

Enjoy; Marj Mehring

[www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/clue/Pages/publications-resources/water.aspx](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/clue/Pages/publications-resources/water.aspx) and video links below



Our Lakeshore Connection (8 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwjAoRwLrmM>

Impacts of impervious surfaces on fish, wildlife and waterfront property values (12 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPjPnaGNB1c&feature=youtu.be>

Larry the All-American Bullfrog (one minute video about habitat for frogs)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fABgIKV6MLc>

Sebastian the Goose Encourages Natural Shorelines (two minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uhKIGxXgrLg>



## Social Media Coordinator, Laryl Laetsch

Hello!! I'm Laryl Laetsch and my husband, Jay, and I have been married for 21 years. We are a blended family with 3 daughters, 2 sons, 2 SIL, 1 DIL, 2 grand daughters, 2 grandsons and one on the way, a Llasapoo and a Shih Tzu. We have owned the family cottage on Squash Lake since 2013. Jay's parents, Jerry and Kate Laetsch, built the cottage in 1989. Prior to that they owned a different cottage on Squash Lake after vacationing on Squash every summer.

We are currently 3/4 of the year on Squash and 1/4 of the year in Fort Collins, Colorado, mixing our months with both summer and winter weather.

However, we spend the entire summer and early fall on Squash Lake!

I love EVERYTHING outdoors! UTVing, fishing, kayaking, hiking, boating, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling.

I love to travel around Wisconsin and Michigan, but most of all you will find me with my camera catching Mother Natures beauty!!

### Squash Lake Association

- Non-profit organization
- Funded my member dues
- Create opportunities for neighbors to meet
- Share best practices around lake living
- Works with DNR to improve fisheries
- Supports the Squash Lake District to control invasive species

**Working to  
preserve  
and  
protect  
Squash  
Lake**

### Squash Lake District

- Government body
- Funded by Lake District taxes
- All property owners are part of the Lake District
- Purpose is to control invasive species





**Squash Lake Associations**  
**Fisheries Committee**

The fisheries committee has built and placed three fish cribs so far.

These maps show their location in the lake.

The coordinates are 45.592148, -89.557030 and 45.598315, -89.542118.

Additional cribs will be built and placed this summer.



**Town Of Crescent Election Dates**

August 9—Partisan Primary  
 November 8—General Election

Visit [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) for voter registration information *or*  
 Contact Crescent Clerk Tracy Hartman @ 715-499-0500 *or*  
[crescentclerk@townofcrescent.com](mailto:crescentclerk@townofcrescent.com)

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 Carla Fletcher, Treasurer

Visit [www.townofcrescent.com](http://www.townofcrescent.com) for town information and to sign up to receive emails.



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 A PLACE TO COME  
 HOME TO





# **SILENT** *Sports* **SATURDAY**

**Second Saturday**

**June 11**

**July 9**

**August 13**



**Gudis Landing**  
**9:00 am**



## **Silent Sports**

Outdoor activities that rely solely on self-propulsion – no noisy motors or fossil fuels involved

walk, run, bike or paddle to the boat landing to socialize with fellow silent sport enthusiasts and enjoy coffee and donuts

for further details visit us at [squash-lake.myshopify.com](https://squash-lake.myshopify.com)

THIRD ANNUAL

SQUASH LAKE

# BOAT FLOTILLA

**Date & Time**

July 30, 2022

3 pm



The SLA will host the 3rd Annual Boat Flotilla on Saturday, July 30 beginning at 3:00pm. Meet at 2:30 between the big island and the shoreline to the west. Face your boat to proceed counter clockwise around the lake. Boat decorating is encouraged. Join in on the fun!





**Squash Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District**  
[www.Squashlakedistrict.com](http://www.Squashlakedistrict.com)

**District Meeting Notice**

***July 10, 2022 1:00 p.m.***

**Via Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88386939194?pwd=S3FjajNZUFlyYmduQzVjWlhPR2s5UT09>

**Annual Electors Meeting**

***August 13, 2022 9:30 a.m.***

**Squash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Officers**

**Tom Johansen, President**

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**SLA Board Members Officers:**

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Please visit our website for more up-to-date news and info.  
If you think something should be listed on our website,  
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**Henkel's Town Pump**

**Phone: (715) 282-6067**



**Monday 4:00- 10:00**

**Tuesday. Closed**

**Wednesday. 4:00-10:00**

**Thursday. 4:00-10:00**

**Friday 4:00-11:00**

**Saturday 11:00-11:00**

**Sunday 12:00-7:00**

**(Kitchen closes 1 hour before bar closing)**

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Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association*