

LAKE FACTS JUNE 15, 2019 by Mike Backus

ICE ON/Off

-ON 12/8/2018

-OFF 4/8/2019 for 122 days of full ice. Pretty average season

WATER LEVEL

Superior, Lake Michigan-Huron and inland lakes and groundwater wells in Northeast Wisconsin. They found that the highs and lows occur on a 13-year cycle and that these waterbodies fluctuate in unison!" Lake Tides Vol 44, No 2

-909.24' elevation on our lake on 10/18/18

-910.14' on 4/2/19

-909.72 on 5/3/19

Ordinary High Water mark set in 1967 is 903.49

-Unofficial measurement at my pier started on 5/27/19 shows we are down 2" on 6/15/19

RAIN

-Area has had 8.84" of rain since 3/25/19 and June is usually wettest month

CENTRAL SANDS MEASUREMENT

-The well pipe driven into the lake (for measuring water level) in front of my property is underwater and therefore unusable!

WATER CLARITY

-Suffering!! It was 17' on 5/29 and 16' of 6/11

-Last year it was between 30' and 23' at this time in June

FISH STOCKING

-Our web site now points to the DNR site. If you go to it and select Adams Co and Jordan Lake, it will show by year what fish were put into our lake back to 1981.

-Did you know we got 4,600 9.5" Rainbow Trout in 2018 and 5,220 9" Rainbow Trout in 2017?

JORDAN LAKE IN THE NEWS

-In the April 5, 2019 issue of Wisconsin Outdoor News they had a full page article titled "Don't Cross Jordan off your list of Possible Destinations"

-Article talked about the potential good fishing on our lake now and in the future.

BOAT LANDING

-A disaster!!!

-Adams Parks Dept was notified multiple times that the pier was again NOT removed before ice set in

-Recently they did close off the pier until repairs can be made. IT IS DANGEROUS.

-Launching fees are not being collected until that is completed

-When will it be fixed? You take a guess but do not hold your breath that it will be soon

LAKE TREATMENT

-Lake was treated for Eurasian water-milfoil with full approval of all decision makers on 6/6/19

CLEAN BOATS/CLEAN WATER

-To date, the boat landing has been monitored by volunteers some 42 hours. Most of the time was performed by Mark and Laura Shaw. Six others have given of their time to help.

-Monitoring has mostly been conducted to make sure all boaters understand that a NO WAKE policy has been imposed on Jordan Lake.

EDITORIAL COMMENT BY MIKE

As a non-Board member at this time, I offer these comments: This lake is at a CRISIS point. Most of us have had minor to significant damage done to our shore by the high water and ice. It is not going to get better any time soon and right now WAVES are our enemy. Waves on our shore right now continue to do

damage and bring even more nutrients from the shore into the lake. Our water quality has already suffered and will continue with each and every wave. I am so pleased that the group of 8 volunteers, who spent time at the landing, cared enough about not only their property but that of their neighbors! Our property value and the health of this lake rests with the owners of the property in the District. No one else is in a position to help us. If you care about either, it is time to take action and/or speak up. If you see boats going faster than NO WAKE speed, speak up be it your neighbor or a public boater. Like it or not we need to enforce the NO WAKE rule to stop additional damage. Please volunteer to monitor the landing to help protect this lake.

NO WAKE

-The Town of Jackson red sign at the landing announcing the NO WAKE policy is worded perfectly. By DNR definition in their Handbook that every Boater was given upon boat registration states “No Wake Speed means a speed at which a vessel moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control”. That is darn slow but we all need to follow it. For all of us who like to cocktail cruise late in the day, I suggest you bring 2 drinks for it will take longer to go around the lake! You might even be passed by paddle boarders and Kayaks but so be it.

Many of you have not been going slow enough in your pontoon boats AND have going way to close to shore on our new larger lake. Protect your boat for there are still old pier parts in the water. Stay away from shore.

REMEMBER WAVES ARE OUR ENEMY RIGHT NOW

Thanks for your cooperation.

