

LAKE FACTS AS OF JUNE 11, 2022 by Mike Backus

Lake Water Level

At the end of the 2021 season, the lake level was down some 7" from the start of the season. With the lack of snow this past winter the lake level appeared to be at the same level it was in fall. Measurement from my pier started on May 29, 2022. As of this meeting it is at +1".

Rain

What the area lacked in snow we are getting in rain. Since March 21, 2022, the lake area has gotten 11.35" of rain.

Water Clarity

Water clarity has been measured only twice so far this season. The first time was on May 31, 2022 when the lake was impacted by high winds and large waves giving a reading of only 8' which is well below average. The second time was on June 6th resulting with a reading of 12' still a little below average.

Water Temps

On May 31, 2022, the surface water temp was 67.9 degrees but on June 6th it was down to 65.8 degrees after a cold and rainy set of days.

Chemical Testing

The initial seasonal chemical test for Phosphorus and Chlorophyll was performed on May 31, 2022. Results are not in as of yet from the labs in Madison.

Adams County Lakes Alliance (ACLA)

I represent Jordan Lake on this committee made up of representatives from the various lakes in Adams. With combined representation, the committee hopes to raise more awareness of the value lakes have in Adams County. The County Board has not always recognized that.

At our May meeting, we heard from Caleb Herrin who is the Recreational Deputy of the Adams County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Herrin patrols all lakes in the County

to enforce DNR regulations on our lakes. He mentioned that the most frequent violations are: outdated boat stickers; no-wake issues; lack of a fire extinguisher & throwable flotation device (on boats 16' and longer) and negligent or reckless boating. This Deputy often uses a laser range finder to measure distance between shore and offending boat (less than 100'). This is the most common no wake violation. He reminded us that the State Law defines NO WAKE as the minimum speed at which the boat can be steered. He can be reached at 608-339-3304 or caleb.herrin@co.adams.wi.us.

Miscellaneous

Adams Co has begun a multi-year project encouraging residents to test their well water. They suggest residents do a test every 2 years or so. They have selected a few communities in the upper part of the County and will offer to pay for the test for a number of early applicants. We in Jackson will have to wait a few years before such an offer for free tests is available for us.

Adams Planning and Zoning Dept is reviewing and suggesting changes to the current Shoreline rules especially regarding Permitted Viewing Corridor rules. Watch for these changes.

The Towne of Jackson NO Wake Ordinance is currently in effect. Boats can not make a wake on Jordan Lake before 11am nor after 5:30pm. All boaters are asked to follow this Jackson Ordinance.