

LAKE AND WEATHER UPDATE BY Mike Backus 12/27/2018

As we all know it was a wet Spring and Summer on Jordan Lake. By Sept 5th I had my boat put in storage for I had 11" of water on my pier deck like many of you. Using my monitoring device the lake was up at our Annual Meeting on 10/20/18 some 23" since I started measuring on May 1, 2018. On 10/18/18 the folks from Adams County came out to do a professional measurement of the lake elevation. They recorded it at 909.24' which was the highest in modern recorded history! Well things have not improved if you had hopes the water level would drop. I feel it is at least at the same level if not higher for the Fall and early Winter have also been wet. It is raining as I write this update.

On 12/6/18 we had no ice on the lake. During the early morning hours on 12/7/18 with no wind the lake was 99% iced over. PERFECT ice that was clear as a bell for seeing the bottom. Full ICE ON was declared on 12/8/18 when the few small areas of open water froze. For the last 2 weeks we have been walking on the ice with care but the warm days and rain have made it dangerous. I have seen no cars thus far but some fishermen have walked out to do their thing. Lot of Muskrats on the North shore so keep an eye on your place for them and the damage they can do.

Snow has been very limited with only isolated amounts on the ground as of today.

How high is the water? Well the landing pier is still in the water for Adams does not have the proper equipment to enter the high water to remove the pier.