



Michigan Lake and Stream Associations Newsletter for July 2015

Michigan Lake and Stream Associations Bids a Fond Farewell to Cecile and Paul Kortier after 25 Years of Volunteer Service



On behalf of everyone within the Michigan Lake and Stream Associations extended family, we offer a heart-felt thank you to Cecile and Paul Kortier for all of their hard work and dedication over the course of the past twenty five years.

In an age when volunteerism seems to be giving way to a pervasive attitude of "what's in it for me" – Cecile and Paul's quarter of a century of pro-active commitment to our organization and to our ever worthy cause of preserving and protecting Michigan's inland lakes and streams sets an unprecedented and probably unachievable example for all of us who follow in their footsteps! Having had the pleasure of working with Cecile and Paul for so many years, we are all profoundly aware of how much time and effort this dedicated couple devoted each year to ensuring the success of our annual conference.

Frankly, we cannot imagine that even one couple in a million would have been willing to put forth the significant effort that Cecile and Paul have so generously contributed as volunteers for over twenty five years!

How lucky Michigan Lake and Stream Associations is to have benefited so greatly from Cecile and Paul's uncommon sense of devotion and commitment, and how lucky we all are to have experienced the honor and pleasure of getting to know them both!

On behalf of the entire statewide organization, we wish our good friends Cecile and Paul much love and happiness!

Protecting Michigan's inland lakes: Lake and Wetland Protection Tools for Local Government



Michigan has 11,000 inland lakes and over 1,850 units of government who share a role in keeping those lakes clean for future generations. Four workshops will be held in Michigan during the summer of 2015 to help local officials and concerned citizens understand the benefits of inland lakes to communities, the regulations that govern them, and the opportunities for enhancing protection at the local level.

Workshop dates and locations:

- ◆ **July 21: Franklin Twp. Hall, 3922 Monroe Rd. (M-50), Tipton (Lenawee County)**
- ◆ **August 3: Kensington Metropark Farm Center, 2128 W. Buno Rd., Milford (Oakland County)**
- ◆ **August 6: North Central Michigan College Library Conference Center, 1515 Howard St., Petoskey (Emmet County)**
- ◆ **August 10: Van Buren Conference Center, 490 S. Paw Paw St., Lawrence (Van Buren County)**

Each workshop will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and lunch will be provided. The fee is \$20 per person and registration is required 10 days prior to each workshop. Topics will include: the importance of inland lakes and wetlands, what you can do at the local level, natural features setbacks, existing legal framework, and how to get started in your community.

The workshops are funded in part with an EPA Wetlands Program Development Grant and are hosted by the Van Buren Conservation District with support from the Department of Environmental Quality, Michigan Lake and Stream Associations, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, and MSU Extension.

For more information or to register, visit www.VanBurenCD.org or contact Erin Fuller at 269-657-4030 x112 or erin.fuller@mi.nacdnet.net.

To download a workshop brochure and registration form, [click here](#)

A Friendly Reminder for the Michigan Recreational Boating Community - New, Stricter “Operating Under the Influence” Law in Effect



Michigan Lake and Stream Associations offers a friendly reminder to those venturing onto the waters of Michigan’s splendid Great Lakes or one of our thousands of inland lakes – recent changes to Michigan marine law puts operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances in line with those enforced for motor vehicle operation. Please take the time to read the newly revised section of Michigan’s marine laws which appears on the next page – being informed about the new, less lenient state law could save you thousands of dollars in fines and/or having to spend the remainder of the summer in the county jail.

For those planning on navigating into the waters of our neighbor to the north, Canada, please be advised that Canadian law pertaining to operating watercraft under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances is exponentially tougher than Michigan law – getting “pinched” within the jurisdictional waters of Canada by the Royal



Canadian Mounted Police Marine Division will be an “experience” you will never forget and may very well prevent you from ever entering Canada again.

Michigan Lake and Stream Associations encourages everyone who operates a watercraft to be familiar with the laws in affect for a particular water body and to act responsibly at all times!

Michigan's New Law Pertaining to Operating A Motor Boat Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substances:

MCL 324.80176. Operation of or authorizing operation of motorboat while under influence of alcoholic liquor or controlled substance prohibited; visible impairment; violation as felony; penalty; "serious impairment of a body function" defined; operation by person less than 21 years of age; "any bodily alcohol content" defined; requirements; "operate" defined.

Sec. 80176.

(1) A person shall not operate a motorboat on the waters of this state if any of the following apply:

(a) The person is under the influence of alcoholic liquor or a controlled substance, or both.

(b) The person has a blood alcohol content of 0.08 grams or more per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.

(c) The person has in his or her body any amount of a controlled substance listed in schedule 1 under section 7212 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7212, or a rule promulgated under that section, or of a controlled substance described in section 7214(a)(iv) of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7214.

(2) The owner of a motorboat or a person in charge or in control of a motorboat shall not authorize or knowingly permit the motorboat to be operated on the waters of this state by a person if any of the following apply:

(a) The person is under the influence of alcoholic liquor or a controlled substance, or both.

(b) The person has a blood alcohol content of 0.08 grams or more per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.

(c) The person's ability to operate the motorboat is visibly impaired due to the consumption of alcoholic liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance.

(3) A person shall not operate a motorboat on the waters of this state when, due to the consumption of an alcoholic liquor or a controlled substance, or both, the person's ability to operate the motorboat is visibly impaired. If a person is charged with violating subsection (1), a finding of guilty under this subsection may be rendered.

(4) A person who operates a motorboat on the waters of this state in violation of subsection (1) or (3) and by the operation of that motorboat causes the death of another person is guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 15 years, or a fine of not less than \$2,500.00 or more than \$10,000.00, or both.

(5) A person who operates a motorboat on the waters of this state in violation of subsection (1) or (3) and by the operation of that motorboat causes a serious impairment of a body function of another person is guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or a fine of not less than \$1,000.00 or more than \$5,000.00, or both. As used in this subsection, "serious impairment of a body function" means that term as defined in section 58c of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.58c.

(6) A person who is less than 21 years of age, whether licensed or not, shall not operate a motorboat on the waters of this state if the person has any bodily alcohol content. As used in this subsection, "any bodily alcohol content" means either of the following:

(a) An alcohol content of 0.02 grams or more but less than 0.08 grams per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.

(b) Any presence of alcohol within a person's body resulting from the consumption of alcoholic liquor, other than consumption of alcoholic liquor as a part of a generally recognized religious service or ceremony.

(7) A person, whether licensed or not, is subject to the following requirements:

(a) He or she shall not operate a motorboat in violation of subsection (1), (3), (4), or (5) while another person who is less than 16 years of age is occupying the motorboat.

(b) He or she shall not operate a motorboat in violation of subsection (6) while another person who is less than 16 years of age is occupying the motorboat.

(8) As used in this section, "operate" means to be in control of a vessel propelled wholly or in part by machinery while the vessel is underway and is not docked, at anchor, idle, or otherwise secured.

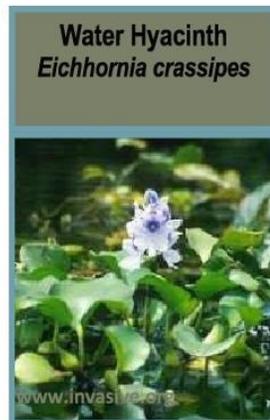
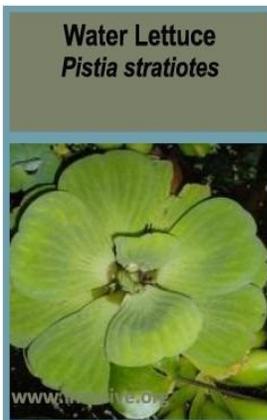
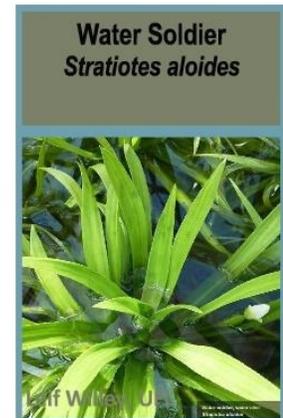
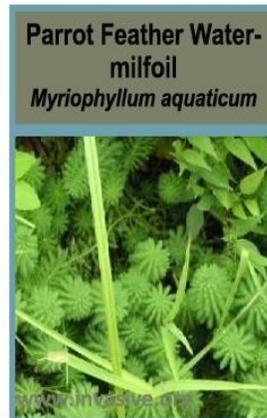
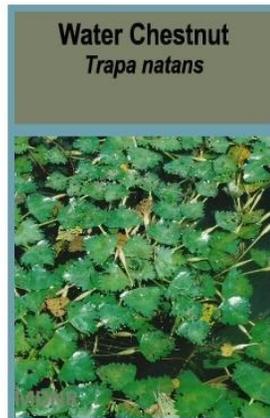


MDNR's Least Wanted Aquatic Invasive Plants



Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Michigan Natural Features Inventory are collaborating on the implementation of an Early Detection Rapid Response Program, which seeks to locate and eradicate occurrences of the following species:

Be on the lookout for these invasive species!

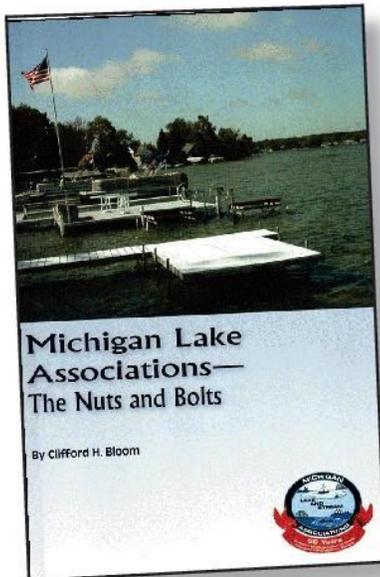


If you have seen any of these aquatic invaders, note their location and contact:

Michigan DNR Wildlife Division Invasive Species Program
Phone: (517) 641- 4903 ext. 260
www.mi.gov/invasivespecies

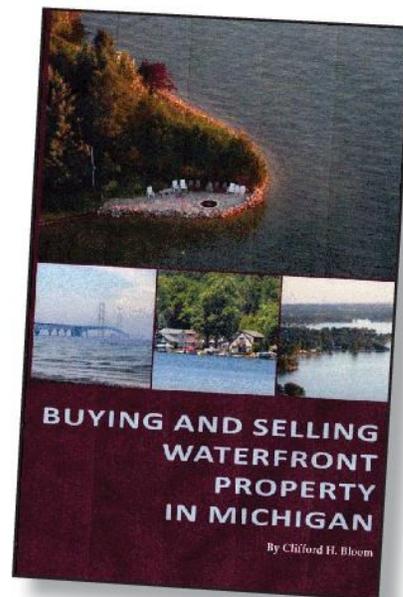
Questions about other aquatic invasive plants? Contact the DEQ Aquatic Nuisance Control Program at 517-284-5593, www.mi.gov/anc

**TWO BOOKS WRITTEN BY CLIFFORD H. BLOOM AND PUBLISHED BY
ML&SA TO BENEFIT LAKEFRONT PROPERTY OWNERS IN MICHIGAN!**



Are you and your lakefront neighbors pondering the creation of a lake association? Would you like to improve an existing lake association? Are you wondering about the legal ramifications of forming a lake association in Michigan? If so, this book will provide you with every detail and answer every question you may have regarding lake associations!

Nuts and Bolts
Price \$15.50 plus S/H
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WE LOBBY TO PROTECT MICHIGAN’S LAKE AND STREAMS. THAT’S WHAT WE DO.

We are asking you to join or renew your membership to Michigan Waterfront Alliance (MWA). By doing so, you can help in a statewide effort to protect Michigan’s lakes and streams. MWA lobbies state government on a wide variety of issues that affect our water resources, such as road-end access, funding for the state’s permitting system, marina regulations, septic upgrade regulations, phosphorus fertilizers, and much more.

You know how it works. When the legislature is pushed to weaken water resource protection measures, they will do just that—unless we speak out to protect our lakes and streams. It is difficult for one person or one lake association to carry the burden of protecting 11,000 lakes. And though we’d like to think that right will always prevail, one lone voice is not enough to get the attention of the leaders in state government. That is why we must join together to make our collective voice heard in Lansing. These efforts were utilized in getting legislation passed, this year, to restrict use of phosphorus fertilizer on turf.

To get our message out, we retain professional lobbyists who are skilled and experienced in issue advocacy. While this expertise is very effective, it is also costly. As such, we ask you to join or renew your individual membership for \$50, Lake Association membership for \$100 or your Corporation membership for \$200 per year.

Please note the line “MWA Legal Assistance Fund” on the enclosed return envelope and form. After costly filing on two (2) Amicus Briefs (Appellate court and Supreme Court) and direct mail fundraising campaigns (to Lake Charlevoix residents), MWA incurred a total cost of over \$3000 on just this one case regarding the loss of riparian rights by court action. The MWA Board of Directors voted, last December, to create a MWA Legal Assistance Fund to provide the funds to support significant legal cases relevant to the mission of MWA. Funds will be disbursed in a manner consistent with MWA bylaws.

We need to build this Legal Assistance Fund as soon as possible. **Please be as generous as you can.**

Your past understanding and support has been appreciated and necessary in order to continue a professional campaign for water resource protection.

Please send back the application below plus give a copy to a like minded neighbor or friend.

Sincerely,
MWA Board of Directors

Michigan Waterfront Alliance Membership Application

(January '15 ML)

Annual Dues: Individual Membership - **\$50.00** Lake Associations - **\$100.00** Corporations - **\$200.00**

Please print:

Name _____ Date _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Township _____ Lake / Stream Association _____

Make checks payable to: **Michigan Waterfront Alliance**

Send dues and contributions to:

Michigan Waterfront Alliance

PO Box 369

Fenton, MI 48430

www.mwai.org

Individual Member (\$50):	_____
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RIPARIAN (ri-'pair-ee-en) adj. Relating to or living or located on the bank of a natural watercourse, such as a river, or of a lake or a tidewater.

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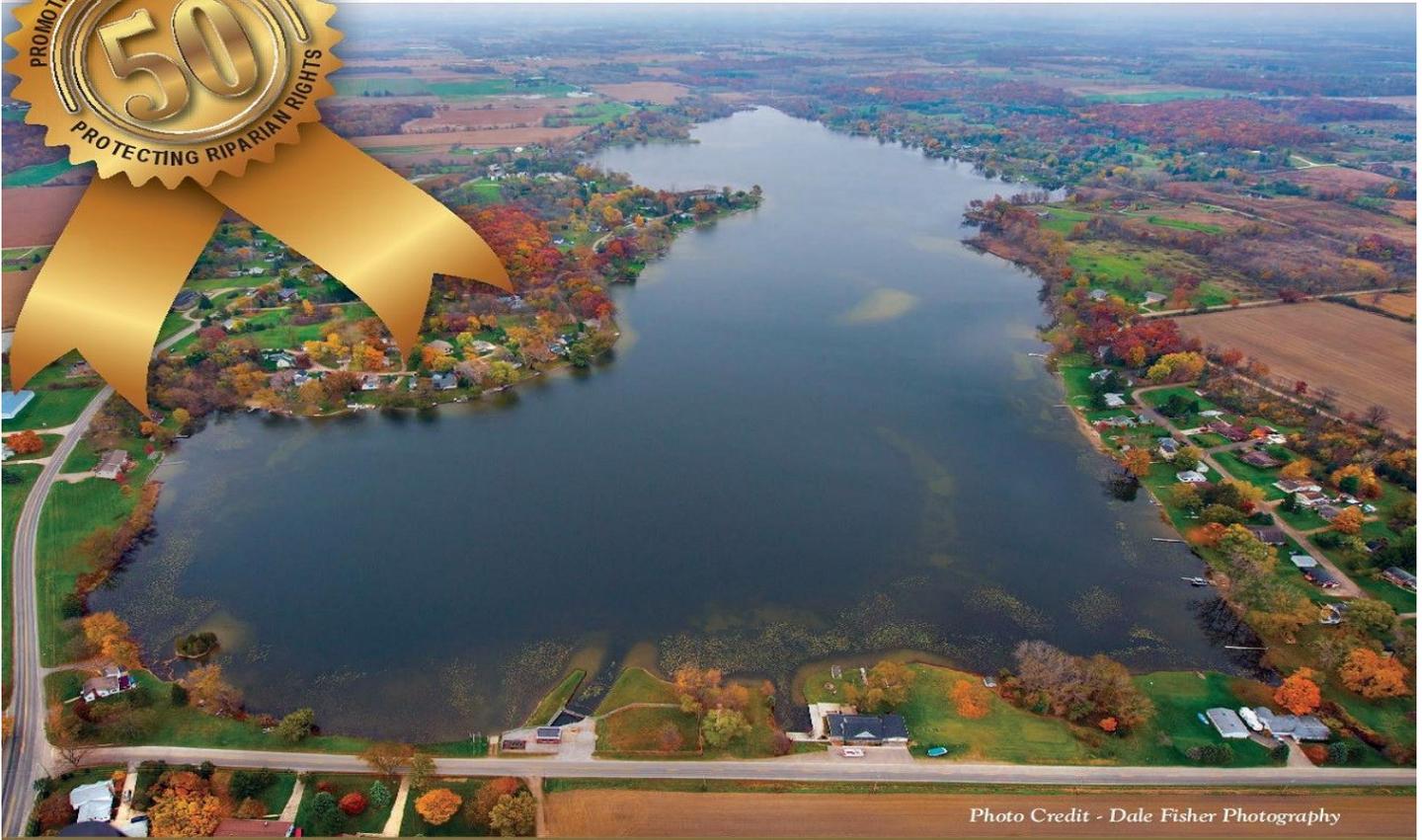


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Pleasant LAKE

Pleasant Lake is a 205 acre spring fed lake located in Washtenaw County. Pleasant Lake is approximately 1 ¼ miles long and has a maximum depth of 36 feet. It spans over 18,000 feet of shoreline and has a drainage basin of 692 acres and waters drain to the Huron River Watershed. It is an all sports lake with excellent fishing for bluegills, large and smallmouth bass, perch and crappie.

“For fifty years, **The Michigan Riparian Magazine** has served as our state’s only quarterly publication dedicated to the unique issues and interests of those fortunate enough to reside on waterfront properties. The magazine’s historical archive portrays a rich chronicle detailing the life and times of the people, politics, science and issues that have defined Michigan’s storied waterfronts for half a century.”

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Michigan Loon Preservation Association...

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Common Loon as a breeding bird in Michigan through public education, research, and the protection and management of loons and their habitat.

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“Promoting collaboration to advance stewardship of Michigan's inland lakes.”



To learn more about the Partnership, visit
www.michiganlakes.msue.msu.edu

Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership



“Promoting Natural Shoreline Landscaping to Protect Michigan’s Inland Lakes”

To learn more, [click here...](#)

Michigan Chapter, North American Lake Management Society

“The **Michigan Chapter of the North American Lake Management Society (McNALMS)** is a group of professionals, practitioners, and interested citizens, who care about the preservation and wise management of Michigan lakes.” For more info visit -

www.mcnalms.org
for more information

Lake Charlevoix Association Lake Guardian Program

“The **Lake Charlevoix Association Lake Guardian Program**, is designed to educate homeowners and contractors on “lake-friendly” approaches to lawn care and landscaping within the Lake Charlevoix watershed, and to encourage their use.” To learn more about the Lake Charlevoix Lake Guardian program, point your internet browser toward

www.lakecharlevoix.org/lake-guardian-program/