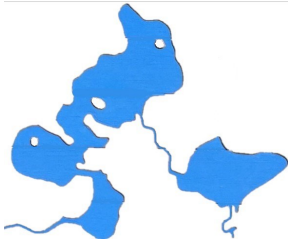


# Island Mud Lake Property Owners Association

## Spring 2024



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### **GREETINGS !**

The 2024 'winter that wasn't' is fast coming to a close! A winter of not much snow or ice activity around the lake due to poor ice and lack of snow. Good news—summer may get an early start this year. Looking forward to another beautiful summer at the lakes.

### **THOUGHTS FROM OUR DOCK-**

#### **IMLPOA Calendars ( 2024 version) .**

The IMLPOA calendars received favorable reviews and we have had inquiries about a future version. The Board is looking into the design and future layout for such a calendar and we will likely have a 13 month calendar beginning with July 2024 potentially an every-other year publication. As you sort or take more pictures , remember that we are PRINTING this calendar so we need clear, high resolution pictures with No Zoom.

- High resolution images...300 DPI at 11" x 8.5" or better works the best,
- JPG or PDF format,
- Landscape alignment with no zoom is perfect.

You can send your pictures to:  
[imlpoawebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:imlpoawebmaster@gmail.com) or  
[merffot@gmail.com](mailto:merffot@gmail.com)

***Pictures are due before May 15, 2024.***

#### **Ice On days declining?**

This winter will go down as the warmest in state history even surpassing the Pioneer Era record warm winter in 1877-1878. Did you realize that on Island / Mud Lakes the number of winter Ice On days from 2019 to 2021 was 149 days . The winter of 2020-21 had the least number of Ice On days with only 125 days, only to be followed by the winter of 2022-2023 with the most Ice on Days of 161. The winter of 2023-24 had a significant drop to only 109 days. But looking forward to summer : do you realize we average 217 days with no Ice on the lakes!

**Pontoon Trailer** A special thanks to Mark Caspers for once again coordinating the pontoon trailer reservations! We continue to have good use of the trailer. Please remember that when you use the trailer:

- The trailer is stored on private property, please do not wander around the property or disturb anything
- Review the information sheet on usage prior to using,
- Report any issues when returned,
- Weekends are very busy so return in the timeline you made your reservation,
- Your membership dues provide you free use of the trailer,
- The trailer cannot be used to transport pontoons to other lakes, it is but one way we are working to prevent Aquatic Invasive Species from entering our lakes!

#### **Our AIS Prevention Efforts**

Look for our new sign at the landing encouraging people to Clean, Drain and Dispose to help prevent the introduction of Invasive Species into our lakes. The DNR will be installing the sign, purchased by the Association. We encourage everyone to help keep our lakes AIS free!



**Upcoming IMLPOA Summer Events**

**Annual Picnic / Meeting**  
July 20 4:00 p.m.  
**All Residents Invited**

Info. [www.islandmudlake.com](http://www.islandmudlake.com)

ISLAND-MUD LAKES ICE OUT DATES	2016—March 29	2021— April 4
	2017—April 8	2022 — May 3
Ten years of "Ice-Out" dates	2018—May 1	2023— May 1
	2019—April 22	2024—March 16
	2015—April 12	
	2020— April 16	

## Boat Wrap in the News

We've all seen boats and pontoons stored over winter with the blue or white plastic wraps. We even have a few boats that are wrapped and stored around our lakes. Ever wonder what happens with that material or is there a reuse for it? Here is some interesting news that looks into how the wrap can be reused.

### Sailing Towards Sustainability: Minnesota's New Initiative to Recycle Boat Wrap

By Sami Selter, Mn Lakes and Rivers

As Minnesotans, we cherish our pristine lakes and waterways, but with this natural beauty comes a profound responsibility to safeguard it for generations to come. One pressing challenge we face is the proper disposal of boat wrap, a plastic material used to shield boats during storage. Enter the Boat Wrap Product Stewardship Program, a forward-thinking bill designed to revolutionize the way we handle boat wrap waste across the state. At its core, this program mandates boat wrap producers to spearhead a comprehensive recycling initiative that reduces boat wrap in landfills and establishes robust agreements for collection, transportation, and processing.

But the momentum doesn't stop there. We're also witnessing groundbreaking advancements in mechanical technology right here in Minnesota, offering chemical-free and toxin-free methods for recycling boat plastic. A company in Rogers, Minnesota is leading the charge in implementing this technology. This cutting-edge approach fosters a circular economy by transforming boat plastic into resin, which can then be reincorporated into the production of new boat plastic.

With local companies leading the charge in implementing this innovative technology, the path towards a sustainable solution for boat plastic recycling has never looked brighter. By harnessing these capabilities, we're not only minimizing environmental impact but also strengthening our commitment to preserving the natural wonders of our beloved state.



## GET THE LEAD OUT

Source MN DNR

In 2003 Minnesota's loon population was about 12,000 birds, and the numbers appear stable. There are, however, some potential threats to the long-term survival and status of loon populations. One of those is the threat posed by lead fishing sinkers and jigs.



The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency did a study to examine loons for high mercury concentrations. The mercury study incidentally discovered that loons were dying from lead poisoning. Out of 101 dead loons that were analyzed, a total of seven died of lead poisoning and an equal number died from fish line entanglement. The fish line problem is fairly straightforward and can be reduced by urging anglers to avoid disposing of waste fish line in our lakes. The lead poisoning problem is more complex.

Biologists have studied the effects of lead sinkers and jigs on water birds and birds of prey since the 1970s. In areas where loons breed, lead poisoning from sinkers or jigs may account for up to 50 percent of the dead adult loons found by researchers.

### One lead sinker can poison a loon

A loon with lead poisoning behaves strangely. It may fly poorly, have crash landings or stagger onto the ground. The loon begins to gasp, tremble, and its wings droop as lead is carried through its blood stream. As the poisoning worsens, it eats very little and hides among aquatic vegetation, staying behind when other birds migrate. It becomes emaciated and often dies within two or three weeks after swallowing the lead jig or sinker. It takes only one lead sinker or jig to poison a loon.

### Learn More

The National Loon Center at [www.nationallooncenter.org](http://www.nationallooncenter.org) has a good informational video on Loons and Lead, check it out!

### You can help

Give nontoxic sinkers a try. Currently there are many nontoxic sinker alternatives on the market made out of bismuth, tin, stainless steel, tungsten, ceramic, recycled glass and natural granite.

### How Can I dispose of my old lead sinkers?

Bring all your old lead jigs, sinkers or other lead object's to the IMLPOA picnic in July and we will see that it is properly recycled.

## The IMLPOA "Classifieds" - Now a Facebook Option

Ever found yourself with something around the cabin that is still useful but no longer needed— maybe you want to sell it or offer it free to a lake member? How about needing a lake service but no idea where to go for service?

New! We are happy to announce that you can now share information, post items for sale, advertise services, or post something you are looking for, on our Facebook page ( [www.facebook.com/islandmudlake](http://www.facebook.com/islandmudlake)). All items / services must be usable or pertinent to "lake-life" (i.e. boats, ice removal , mowing service, etc.) You can send your post to Linda Berglund or Theresa Reardon Offerman via email, text, or Facebook Messenger and we will post it to the page.

## SUMMER EVENTS 2024

### JULY 4th BOAT PARADE

Thursday July 4th • 1:00 pm

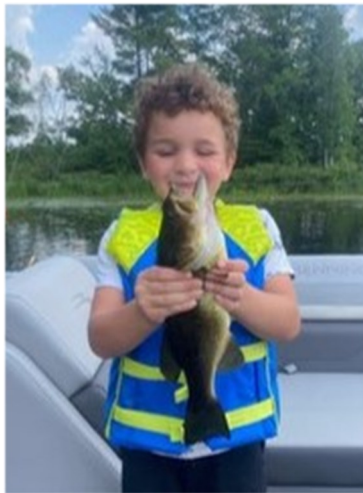
The 2023 IMLPOA Boat Parade was a HUGE success. It was the highest-ever participation with 17 pontoon boats. Spruce up your boat with patriotic decor at this just-for-fun event, let's surpass last year's participation! An Independence Day event that has been an Island Mud Lake ongoing tradition. Please display an American Flag somewhere on your boat. Pontoons, Big boats, Small boats all join in. Line up near the public access for the 1:00 pm start time. No prizes will be awarded. ( But for those that finish the parade look for something special at the end). Please cheer on your neighbors from your docks if you are not participating in the parade.



### FISHING CONTEST

Friday July 5th 7:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Join your neighbors at this fun one day fishing event! To register, please call/text Jerry Finnerty at 612-987-2275, with names and ages of participants. Contest rules will be posted at the Bulletin Board at the "Y" and also on our web site. Prizes by fish species and special prizes for ALL youth participants. Join us at the public landing at 4:00 p.m. for refreshments and prizes. Remember to follow all DNR fishing regulations and WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKETS!



Otto B and his award winning Bass

### ANNUAL PICNIC / MEETING

Saturday July 20th • 4:00 pm

Our annual meeting will be at Levi's Field on Walworth Road. Social time and Kids games at 4:00, potluck meal to follow at 5:00, the annual meeting is after the meal. The Association will provide the meat, chips and water, Please bring a dish to share, lawn chairs, and your preferred beverage. We will have a guest speaker to make a short presentation on a topic relevant to our lakes. **All property owners and their families are welcome to attend.** This year we will also have our raffle and prizes purchased from our local businesses. Our 13 month IMLPOA Calendars will also be distributed at the Picnic free to all attendees. Please bring a non-perishable food item or cash in support of the Emily Food Shelf. The Association will also match all cash donations to the Food Shelf collected at the picnic. Watch our web site and the bulletin board on Island Lake Rd and Walworth for additional meeting information on the Annual Meeting business action items.



Good Food, Good Friends, Good Prizes, an all around Great event

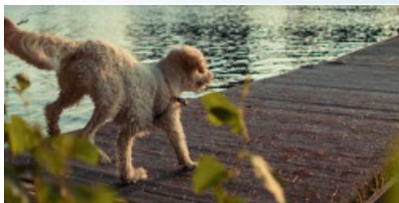
### FLOATING ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday August 17th • 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Backed by popular interest and participation, our IMLPOA-sponsored ice cream social is back for year two! Visit our Ice Cream Pontoon anchored near the Sand Bar on Island Lake from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (or until we run out) for free ice cream treats. Pull up in your boat, pontoon, kayak, jet ski, or floatie, and wade over to get your cool treats! Aim for the Ice Cream Flag and you won't miss it. Last year we ran out of everything but popsicles, so an expanded inventory is planned. Looks like it's becoming an annual event!

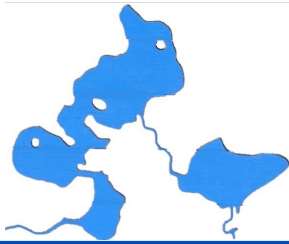


### **Walk your Pets and Pick Up Pet Waste**



Pet waste left on the ground washes bacteria, viruses and parasites into lakes and ponds which can threaten the health of humans and animals. Pet waste also contains nutrients that promote weed and algae growth that can turn waterbodies into murky, smelly messes. Picking up pet waste helps keep our recreation areas clean, safe and beautiful.

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**ROSS LAKE TOWNSHIP HAPPENINGS**

You can now keep up with the happenings in Ross Lake Township by connecting direct to their website. Scan this QR

code for the official Ross Lake Township website or visit:  
<https://rosslaketownship.com>

*New*



**HOW TO CONTACT IMLPOA:**

General email: [islandmudlake@gmail.com](mailto:islandmudlake@gmail.com)


Web Site: [www.islandmudlake.com](http://www.islandmudlake.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/islandmudlake](https://www.facebook.com/islandmudlake)

*During 2024 the Island Mud Lake Property Owners Association is celebrating the 45th anniversary of our initial formation. On July 7th 1979 the first annual meeting of the Association occurred with 40 individuals representing 25 properties gathering to organize and elect officers. The Association was an "informal" organization until April 11, 1986 when our Non-Profit Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Minnesota Secretary of State. We have come a long way since that initial meeting! Today we have over 104 member properties representing 90% of the properties on the lakes and more than ever we continue to achieve the initial goals of the Association organizers: "by providing channels for members to share information and resources to protect and preserve the quality of the lakes, surrounding wildlife and fish habitat, and related natural resources for future generations".*

**Welcome New Property Owners.** If you are one of the new owners on the lakes WELCOME! Please contact any Board member and we will see that you get a name sign. The Association provides a name sign free of charge with your 2024 paid membership dues. You can also find out lots of useful information on our website.

**Membership** Your membership is vital and makes a difference in preserving our special lake area and building a greater sense of collaboration and community. With rising postage and printing costs we are using emails to be our primary newsletter distribution source. However, if we do not have an email address for you, we will send our newsletter to you in the regular mail, and always posted at the bulletin board at the "Y" on Island Lake Road. You should have already received your membership renewal/application via regular mail delivery. Just select one of the following payment methods– they are all easy and secure: mail your check and membership form, use Paypal on our website at [www.islandmudlake.com](http://www.islandmudlake.com), use Venmo @IMLPOA using the app or at [venmo.com](http://venmo.com) on the web.

 <p><b>Island &amp; Mud Lake Property Owners Association</b>  <b>2024 Membership Dues \$20</b></p> <p><small>Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowable by federal law</small></p> <p>( <input type="checkbox"/> ) check ( <input type="checkbox"/> ) cash        ( <input type="checkbox"/> ) PayPal-Credit Card/Venmo</p> <p>please return this card to:        Jerry Finnerty , IMLPOA Treasurer        5945 Sweetwater Circle        Shorewood, MN 55331</p>	Name 1: _____ Name 2: _____ Lake Address : _____ Mailing Address: _____ Mailing City, State, ZIP: _____ Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____ Email 1 _____ Email 2 : _____ Suggestions / Concerns? _____ _____ _____
	<p><b>I AM INTERESTED IN SERVING AS AN IMLPOA BOARD MEMBER:</b> _____</p>

If you choose not to become a member, please return this card so we have your current contact information.