

SEPTEMBER 2016

LAKE SEBAGO NEWS





WINTER BOAT STORAGE POLICY

- All boats (club's, facility's and privately owned) **must be off the boat racks** by Sat. October 15 even if you are leaving your boat in camp for the off season.
- There will be no off season fee assessed provided that your boat is out of camp by Sat. Oct. 15
- All club and facility holder's boats that are being left in camp must be in the cabin, on the tent platform, under the facility or at the Pavilion by Oct. 15.
- Any privately owned boats that are being left over the off season (Oct. 15 to May 1) will be assessed a **\$200** off season fee and must store their boats at the Pavilion.
- All privately owned boats must be placed at the Pavilion by Oct. 15
- Boats may start being stored at the Pavilion as of Sun. Oct. 9
- All boats being stored at the Pavilion must be removed by May 1, 2017
- After Oct. 15, you will not have access to your boat until May 1.
- The camp is not responsible for any boats that are left in camp during the off season.

12 Vital Camp Rules

1. Must sign in each day that you are in camp: you, your family, your guests.
2. Everyone is required to pay the daily/guest fees or have a season pass.
3. A guest is defined as someone who is either visiting an ACA member, or someone who is checking out the camp prior to joining. The same guest may only utilize the camp twice and will then need to join the ACA in order to continue coming into the camp.
4. Pets are not allowed in camp.
5. Cable gate on Seven Lakes Drive should always be locked, the very least, put back up and secured.
6. Dishes may not be washed in either bathroom, you can either use the spigots or bring water from the bathroom back to your facility.
7. Swimming is only allowed in the designated swim area and only if there is a lifeguard or 2 adults, not off the boat docks.
8. Children must be monitored at all times while in camp or at the swim and/or boating docks.
9. No eating, drinking (especially alcohol), or fishing is allowed at the swim dock.
10. Fishing is allowed on the boating docks and fishing lines must be pulled in whenever a boat is approaching the dock or leaving from the dock.
11. No swimming or boating is permitted after dark.
12. Quiet time in camp is from 10:00 pm until 7:00 am. Be respectful. For the complete Camp Rules Document go to the following link: <https://sites.google.com/site/acalakesebago/about-us>



Closing of Facility Check Off List

To be done by October 15th

- Clean cabin thoroughly—stove, refrigerator, microwave, floors, cabinets
- Unplug ALL electrical appliances, especially the refrigerator.
- Leave refrigerator and freezer doors open
- Remove all food items from the cabin
- Remove all paper goods from the cabin
- Make sure all the windows are securely closed
- Make sure all of the lights are off
- Make sure to lock the cabin door.
- Remove all needed items out of facility prior to Oct. 15—you will not have access to your facility after this date.
- Suggestion: if you are leaving clothes in the cabin, you may want to secure it in a storage container with a cover on it.



Closing of Tent Platform Check Off List

To be done by October 15th

- Remove tarp by Oct. 15
- Clean all appliances thoroughly, especially the refrigerator.
- Cover the refrigerator with a tarp and fasten tightly
- Make sure the refrigerator and freezer doors are tightly secured and cannot be opened
- Remove all items that are not secure from your tent platform
- Make sure to secure all items on your tent platform, especially any boats left on it
- Unplug all appliances, especially the refrigerator.
- Remove all needed items from the tent platform prior to Oct. 15—you will not have access to your facility after this date

Buildings and Grounds

Greetings to all fellow ACA Lake Sebago members! As Chairman of Buildings and Grounds, I oversee repairs and maintenance of the facilities and trails in our camp. Please note that the ACA is a tenant of Palisades Interstate Parks Commission, so quite a number of physical plant issues are the responsibility of our landlord. That said, if you have any problems or suggestions regarding the buildings or grounds of our beloved camp, including your rented facility (if any), see me and I will either fix the thing, get it fixed, tell you why we can't do it or get an answer from higher powers.

This season we have addressed electrical and water supply issues, and are working on completing rodent and insect-proof window screens at all cabins. We are working with Parks about finishing our new second security gate. We are working with Parks about water spigots and replacement cabin doors where approved. A club's defective roof was finally replaced, thanks to the tireless work of a previous B&G Chairman. He also arranged for ongoing extermination service, which we all appreciate!

For those who don't know me, my wife Lynn and I have been Sebago Canoe Club members for eight years, and split our free time between the lake and our Brooklyn club. We are sea kayakers and occasional dinghy sailors. As a non-facility holder, I am up at the lake when possible, so please be aware that I cannot address all B&G issues with the alacrity some might wish for. That said, I hope to do my part to maintain our dacha, our Shangri-la, our treasure. Count the cars parked at Reeves Meadow, and count our blessings.

See you on the water,

Jeff Kraus

Aqua Invasives

The Conservation Committee is announcing a new partnership with Hudson River Sloop Clearwater to manage Aqua Invasive Species (AIS) in Lake Sebago. AIS grow so rapidly that they overtake the native plants and animals, wreaking havoc on the ecosystem and, in some cases, impeding recreational activities such as paddling and swimming.

Aqua Invasives, such as hydrilla, have infested and clogged the Croton River, and other invasives have ravaged parts of Lake George in upstate New York, costing hundreds of thousands of dollars to control. At Lake Sebago, AIS that have been identified thus far include Chinese mystery snails and water milfoil. As much as some of the invaders enter the lake naturally, transported by the ducks and other wildlife, humans have also been implicated in the spread of AIS, as the invaders "hitchhike" on boats, including canoes, kayaks, and even inflatable rafts and SUPs, making paddlers carriers as they journey from one water body to another.

Just as the Conservation Committee has tried to eradicate the barberry from growing on land around the lake, now it is working to manage the invasives growing in the lake. A newly formed Aqua Invasives Team is seeking input from the ACA community: What can we do at camp to manage these noxious invaders? Proposals thus far include a Washing Station, where boats from other water sources can be checked, cleaned, and dried before entering the lake. Furthermore, plans are underway to survey Lake Sebago in order to understand exactly which AIS are currently growing.

If you are interested in helping with these efforts, please contact the Conservation Committee or email loren.edelson@gmail.com.

Thank you!

CAMP EVENTS

Leaf Rubbing Workshop with NBBC

Date: Sat. Sept. 24

Place: Pavilion

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Make fabulous leaf rubbings onto paper.

ACA Atlantic Division Annual Board Meeting

Date: Sun. Sept. 25

Time: 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Place: Pavilion

Come to the Atlantic Division meeting and find out what is going on in the Atlantic Division, vote on new committee chairs, and see how the camp did this year.

Knots/ Lanyard Workshop with Sebago

Date: Sat. Oct. 8

Place: Pavilion

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Learn how to create a lanyard key chain.

Greenland Paddle Making class

Date: Sat. October 15

Time: 9:30 am - 4 pm

Place: Pavilion

Chris Raab of Tuktu Paddles (<http://www.tuktupaddles.com/index.html>) will run a Greenland paddle making class which guides students to make their own custom fitted traditional Greenland paddle. Each participant will carve their own paddle. We provide instruction, all the tools and a paddle blank. You provide the elbow grease and go home with a new Greenland paddle!

Cost: \$145 for ACA member

\$150 for non-ACA members

which includes lunch, a paddle blank, tools and daily fees. Must RSVP by to Linda Peterson at: surenoproblem27@yahoo.com by Sept. 10

End of Season Camp Fire

Date: Sat. Oct. 15

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Camp site off the first parking lot

Let's celebrate another great season at camp and wish everyone a good off season. Bring your favorite beverage and/ or snack and let's enjoy a camp fire.

Barberry Invasive Clean-Up

Date: Sat. Sept. 24

Time: 9:00 am- 12:00 pm

Place: ADK/ACA fork in road to ADK Lodge

Let's work together to rid of our area of this very invasive species of plants. Wear long sleeves, long pants, socks and heavy shoes/boots, and a hat. You will need to bring water, and snacks (if desired). There will be some work gloves, tarps and goggles supplied to use but bring them if you have your own. You will receive camp work credit for the hours that you work. You must email: Kathleen O'Sullivan at kosullivan@netzero.net if you are volunteering so that there will be enough supplies for everyone to use.

Closing of Camp Workday

Date: Sun. Oct. 16

Time: 12:00 -2:00 pm

Help close the camp, get the equipment from the pavilion area into the meeting room, give the bathroom one last cleaning, help out in any way possible.



Camp is closed from Oct. 15 to May 1. No one is allowed back into camp during this off season

If you have a cabin or a tent platform then you need to submit the CAMP FACILITY ANNUAL REPORT for an Individual Facility Holder which is due by NOVEMBER 15, 2016. Download the application here:

http://aca-atlanticdivisionblog.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/090822_Individual_Facility_Holder_Report.pdf

If you would like to apply for a cabin or a tent platform, you need to fill the CAMP FACILITY APPLICATION for an INDIVIDUAL MEMBER which is due by December 31, 2016.

Download the application here:

http://aca-atlanticdivisionblog.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/090919_Individual_Facility_Application.pdf

If you are a club and have a facility, then you need to submit the CAMP FACILITY ANNUAL REPORT Club Facility Holder which is due by NOVEMBER 15, 2016. Download the application here:

http://aca-atlanticdivisionblog.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/090822_Individual_Facility_Holder_Report.pdf

**This camp year in pictures,
thanks to Zarina**

<https://sites.google.com/site/acalakesebago/gallery>

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