



DEEP CREEK DISPATCH

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Newsletter of the
Property Owners' Association
of Deep Creek Lake, Inc.



The President's Message

Folks,

It is my pleasure to be able to address you in this first letter to the POA membership. I am honored to be in this position and assure you that I will do all I can to continue the fine traditions set by my predecessors.

The POA has established itself as an independent and unbiased advocate for our membership. We have established excellent relationships with our County Officials, Senator and Delegate as well as our counterparts in DNR and MDE and in the community. I shall continue to husband these relationships and, hopefully, expand them to the benefit of all.

The POA has always been proud of its ability to be open, honest and fair-minded in the positions we take. Our goal is to consider what is best for the watershed, lake and the Garrett County community. Offering accurate, vetted and useful information is a key goal of the POA. Our membership depends on the information we provide through eBlasts and editions of the Dispatch to be aware of what is happening in and around the watershed and lake.

Later this year into early next year a number of events will take place that will impact our watershed and lake. Among these are:

- State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund – This fund was established by the State to provide for the protection and restoration of the 16 State owned lakes. DCL is the largest of these. DNR hosted an open house on November

29th from 2pm-6pm at New Germany State Park Lakehouse to solicit public input concerning how the funds in the States Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund should be spent.

- MDE is planning a stakeholder's meeting for the Dam Permit Renewal due in April. Meetings of stakeholders are a part of this process. There will be representatives of the property owners, fisheries interests, whitewater interests, the power company, and other affected parties.

- The State—DNR—has allocated \$250K to solicit an implementation plan for sediment remediation. This is a very significant move as it is a prerequisite to any dredging activity. It is anticipated that such a proposal, from a recognized and accredited engineering firm, will define, in detail, exactly what, where and how sediment mitigation shall be accomplished as well as the cost of such a plan.

Your POA will be represented and prepared to contribute to each of these gatherings.

Wishing the best to you and your family in this holiday season,

Best Regards,

Paul W. Weiler

President, POA

Editor's Welcome Note

By Grant Callery

POA Members- I have just taken over the editorial responsibilities for the Dispatch from Lulu Gonella who has become the POA's VP for Communications.

My family has owned property at DCL since 1993 at the Timberloft development on Glendale Road. We are "part-timers" at the lake with our primary residence in Bethesda, Maryland. We love to share our lake house with our two children and six grandchildren.

In taking on the mantle of Editor of the Dispatch I will strive to continue to make the publication responsive to the needs and desires of our membership.

To that end I would like to hear from you, our readers, about what mix of information you would like to see in the Dispatch.

The POA communicates with our members primarily in three ways. These are:

- Two "in person" meetings a year during the summer season
- eBlasts including timely information about important events occurring in the lake area and
- The Dispatch, a quarterly publication

(available either electronically or, for those who prefer, by "regular" mail.

As noted I would like to hear from members about what you would like to see in the Dispatch, and from the POA generally.

Please let me know (by email at gcallery1@gmail.com, or give me a call at 202-669-1245) about what you would like to see in POA Communications. The POA, at the membership price of \$30 per year, is one of the greatest bargains that you will find in the mix of costs of your property ownership at DCL. Not only do you have a great source of information about issues relevant to your ownership in the lake area but a balanced and informed advocate for your needs as owners. See the President's Message from our new President, Paul Weiler. Members of the POA Board are involved in many other GC/DCL organizations and an article containing information about these connections will appear in the next issue of the Dispatch.

Thanks, and I look forward to making the Dispatch an even more interesting and informative publication for our members.

I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Please contact me at gcallery1@gmail.com with suggestions or ideas about what you would like to see in the Dispatch during the coming months. Topics on which I would like to hear from you include but are not limited to:

Topics for articles in future editions

Issues that are important to you as a lake property owner

Let us know if you would like to contribute an article

DNR To Publish Safe Towing Information Brochure

By Bob Sutton

The following is a SAFE TOWING BROCHURE created jointly by the POA and DNR. It contains rules, safety tips, and a map showing restricted areas on Deep Creek for towing water sports. A copy will be mailed to all dock holders with their permit bill in 2019. Copies will also be

placed around the lake in various businesses in the Spring of 2019. The POA wishes to thank the DNR management for their help in preparing and printing this information to help make this type of recreation more enjoyable and safer for all stakeholders at DCL.

TOWING TIPS FOR SAFE OPERATION

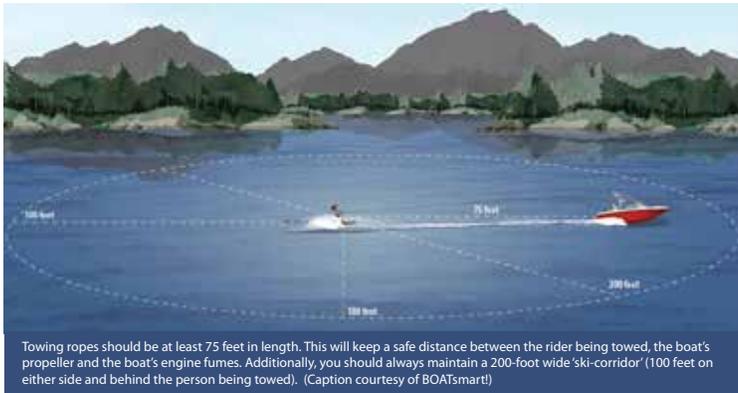
Safe water sports operation requires common sense and good judgment.

Boats used for towing sports are usually fast and powerful.

- Know your boat and its performance characteristics, its control features and its limitations.
- Drinking alcoholic beverages, taking prescription drugs and over the counter medications, or using illegal drugs can contribute to impaired judgment. Never operate a vessel while intoxicated - it is dangerous and illegal.
- Keep the skier, wakeboarder, tuber, or wakesurfer away from dangerous areas or conditions. The person behind the boat is an extension of that boat!
- Before turning, look to each side and behind to make sure there is a clear path.
- Choose a safe location for the activity. Be aware of hazards and make sure there is enough room to operate within the rules of required distances.
- Always have the boat turned off when someone is entering the water or climbing back into the boat. Use the word "CLEAR" to make sure no one is in the water before starting the engine.
- Make sure the tow rope is not tangled around the skier prior to accelerating the boat.
- Passengers must sit in the moving boat and never dangle limbs over the side, front or back of the boat.
- When wakeboarding and wakesurfing, watch your wake and avoid damage to other boats, docks, and shoreline. Empty ballast tanks when not towing someone.

WAKE SURFING

This activity requires a much larger and more powerful wake than one created in connection with other boating activities. Large wakes are created by boats with ballast and large displacement imposes increased risk of personal injury and damage to other boats, docks, and shoreline thru erosion. Therefore, a vessel engaged in the act of wake surfing must be AT LEAST 200 FEET from bridges, docks, people in the water, other vessels, marker buoys, and the shore. It is recommended that ballast tanks be empty when using the boat for other activities. Operators should be aware of their wake and are responsible for damage caused by it!



Towing ropes should be at least 75 feet in length. This will keep a safe distance between the rider being towed, the boat's propeller and the boat's engine fumes. Additionally, you should always maintain a 200-foot wide 'ski-corridor' (100 feet on either side and behind the person being towed). (Caption courtesy of BOATsmart!)





Larry Hogan, Governor
Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor



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This brochure is only a summary of Maryland's boating regulations. Please refer to COMAR for more detailed information.
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Upcoming Renewal of the Deep Creek Lake Water Appropriations Permit

By John Quilty

As outlined in previous Dispatch articles, the current water appropriations permit---issued by MDE to Brookfield Power, LLC in April of 2011---will expire in the spring of 2019. It both specifies permitted releases from the lake for various purposes

(e.g., hydroelectric generation, whitewater rafting, boating) and defines targeted maximum and minimum lake water levels for each month of the year. A POA committee has been developing POA input to the envisioned MDE renewal process, including

recommended changes to the permit. The committee has been focused on lake recreational boating concerns related to end-of-season water levels, especially in “dry” years.

As of the last Dispatch report, MDE had not yet laid out the process and schedule for consulting with stakeholder groups and soliciting public input. However, we have recently been informed by MDE that they will hold 2-3 stakeholder meetings

as part of their process, presumably sometime after the first of next year. POA committee members will participate in these meetings. Further, we are considering a letter to MDE which will lay out our concerns and recommendations, noting analysis that shows that at least 300 docks will experience shallow water dock access problems during the late season---even at the minimum levels specified in the current permit.

POA Wins North American Lake Management Association Award And is Recognized by Senator Edwards

Last August the President and a Vice President of the Deep Creek Lake Property Owners’ Association (POA) collaborated on an article for the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS) discussing the effectiveness of public/private partnerships for both the POA and the Deep Creek Watershed Foundation (DCWF). The POA was awarded the 2018 Lake Management Success

Stories Award. This award “recognizes an individual or team with notable accomplishment of lake and reservoir management efforts that demonstrate improvements in lake/reservoir condition or watershed management in a cost-effective manner.” Needless to say, the POA is very appreciative of this honor and recognition and of the special recognition by Senator Edwards.



THE SENATE OF MARYLAND



Official Citation

*Be it hereby known to all that
sincerest congratulations
are offered to*

Property Owners' Association of Deep Creek Lake

In recognition of

*The North American Lake Management Society
"2018 Lake Management Success Stories Award"
for your notable accomplishment of lake and reservoir
management efforts.
Congratulations!*

Presented November, 2018

By Senator *George C. Edwards*
George C. Edwards

Of *Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties*

Opioid Update Garrett County Continues Developing Opioid Response

By Diane Lee, Public Information Officer, Garrett County Health Department

The Garrett County Health Department is the lead agency in a partnership to continue planning for the local response to the opioid crisis gripping the country.

The County received a federal grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration which is designed to assist with local planning. In addition to Garrett County Health Department, the partnership includes Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc., Garrett Regional Medical Center, and Mt. Laurel Medical Center.

Money from this one-year grant, called the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program Planning Grant, will be used to strategically plan the next steps for the county. Focus groups and key informant interviews will be conducted to address the gaps in the opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and/or recovery services and access to care.

The groundwork was laid for the grant when the Stand Together Garrett County Consortium formed last year. This group is a grassroots effort comprised of concerned citizens and organizations dedicated to addressing drug use and abuse through prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery, and education.

The group sponsored Town Hall Meetings in Oakland, Grantsville, and Friendsville, with another meeting planned at Bloomington Fire Department on December 11 at 6 p.m. They also pro-

moted the screenings of the film Recovery Boys as well as the Garrett County Commission for Women's showing of Heroin(e).

They used the Overdose Awareness Day in August as a way to announce a "Call to Action", asking community members to get involved by taking a stand against drugs in Garrett County. The faith and business communities were also engaged and asked what kind of tools they needed to allow them to better help combat the opioid problem. Work within these communities is ongoing.

The consortium developed a speaker's bureau of potential presenters who have life experiences related to or affected by substance abuse and addiction, or who are particularly educated or knowledgeable about substance abuse and addiction in the community. Then they had a training to make sure everyone was conveying the same message about local statistics and overdose information.

This speaker's bureau is available for presentations at community groups on the topics of prevention, treatment, recovery, and law enforcement. Interested persons should contact Sadie Liller at 301-334-7730 for additional information or to schedule a presentation. Lisa Thayer Welch, the Garrett County State's Attorney made such a presentation at the POA General Membership Meeting in August.



Nostalgia and History

By Ed King

The following is an excerpt from an upcoming book by POA Board member Ed King who has been a DCL property owner for more than 50 years. The book to be published in 2019 is titled Deep Creek History 1923 – 2018. For readers who have seen the Flying Scots racing on the lake but are unaware of their connection, the Scot is a Sailing Hall of Fame designed family/racing sailboat that is manufactured by Flying Scot Inc. in Deer Park Maryland in the heart of Garrett County. (www.flyingscot.com)

2530 Miles & 48 Days in Flying Scot# 270 (In Harm's Way)

On August 4, 1986 at 7:30 pm, Harry and Marilyn Filemyr left McKeesport, Pa, in their 19 Ft. Flying Scot. Their destination was St. Petersburg, Fl. It was their 30th anniversary year, and the trip was a long time bucket list dream of Harry. Marilyn was having fourth and maybe fifth thoughts about this venture, but when Harry bought a Marine VHF radio, she knew he was serious and joined him with “all hands on deck” in preparing for their voyage.

Harry cut 4 boards to lay across the seats to make a 4 by 6 foot bed, using an air mattress for sleeping. When not being used for sleeping the boards were maneuvered and used for cooking and dining surfaces and as their navigational table. Marilyn built a custom boom tent which Harry had designed to protect them from exposure and cover. A Celebrity class Genoa was fitted and a trusty British Sea Gull 3 HP outboard motor was made ready. The VHF radio was for weather reports and to call ahead to the locks on the river so that channels would be open to them.

Lots of canned food (including Spam) was packed under the floor boards while staples such as Bisquick, oat meal, rice, powdered milk and eight gallons of water were put in plastic milk jugs. They gathered together supplies, fuel, and camping gear they had used 30 years before while honeymooning on Lake Michigan.

The trip began at McKeesport, Pa. on the Yough-

iogheny River. The rout went from the Youghiogheny to the Monongahela River, to the Ohio River, to the Mississippi River, to Lake Pontchartrain, to the Gulf of Mexico and on to St. Petersburg. At that time the trip would be approximately 10 times longer than anyone ever had traveled in a Flying Scot. There were a few challenges along the way. The current in the Mississippi was swift and was often faster than the sailing speed of the Scot. The navigation around the barges was another challenge. The wake from a tug boat could produce waves 6 feet high, and 200 to 300 feet was the recommended distance to keep clear. On one occasion they got within 100 feet of a tug and Marilyn's remark was “get me out of here”. Going down the Ohio they were caught with their sails up in a short but violent thunderstorm. They just put on their foul weather gear and rode the storm out.

Approaching Apalachicola, Florida they were having engine problems and stopped for service. The good news was that they stopped in a motel for the night and each had their first shower since setting sail.

A more challenging time came up at night on the passage in the Gulf from Apalachicola to Tarpon Springs, Florida when they encountered another storm, which lasted all night.

Marilyn was sailing the boat, and they had to stay 6 to 12 miles off shore in unprotected waters. Harry



had taught Marilyn how to negotiate the wakes of tow-boats on the river and those skills were used to do the same with the waves of the storm. The storm subsided, the sun rose, and they slept.

Classify these as the good times of the trip. Eggs and blueberry pancakes for breakfast, and gourmet Spam for dinner. Every evening after sailing all day a swim along with a cake of soap, followed by some spirits before dinner, the bonding of two people under these unique times, meeting people along the way who befriended them. Such as 3 beer drinking rednecks taking them several miles in their pick-up truck to get supplies, and returning them to the boat and not taking a cent for their kindness. Harry had lost his hat, and a man in Carrollton, Ky., a store owner, presented Harry with a new one. One very unforgettable experience was at Lake Pontchartrain during the Southern Yacht Club, Lipton Cup event,

the biggest Flying Scot race of the year. This club, the second oldest in the USA, and over 100 years old, greeted Harry and Marilyn with open arms and the highest degree of Southern Hospitality one could imagine.

And so it went that Harry and Marilyn enjoyed camaraderie with these and many others. They enjoyed themselves. They appreciated their experiences. They surely gained a new respect for nature - its vastness, its confines. After 48 days the voyage was over. They spent several days at a transient dock while searching for a used car and trailer to head back home. Marilyn concludes, "It wasn't always fun, but it was never dull. We learned a lot about rivers, weather, sailing, sea gulls, and about ourselves. I can't think of a better way to cement a 30 year marriage although I suppose it's not for everyone!"

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