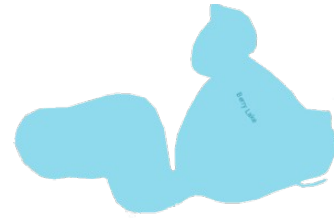


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Another summer season is upon us and the lake will soon be buzzing with activity. I have thrown together a few items to get the year off on the right foot. Welcome Back!

Water levels

This winter provided very little precipitation to our area. Since our lake is a “seepage” lake the water level is a result of runoff water and ground water. As of April 29th the lake is down 9.6” compared to the same date as last year. We have an additional 6-8 ft of beach on the south shore. Launching our boat was not a problem.

Boat Landing

The concrete pads at the boat landing experienced severe buckling this winter. I think it was nature's way of keeping cars and trucks off the ice. The town was quick to fix this issue soon after the ice was gone. The landing is ready for you to launch your boats. Remember as you move your watercraft in and out of the lake to remove all weeds from the watercraft and trailer. Any bilge water or live well water must also be emptied.

Milfoil Status

The lake association continues to work on managing invasive species in our beautiful lake. Milfoil is our biggest concern. This rapidly spreading non-native plant is a problem throughout Wisconsin. Because the association has been vigilant on this issue for over 15 years we have kept the density down. This winter the lake association applied for another DNR grant to help us meet our management goals for 2024. Unfortunately we did not receive the grant. We ended up being one step below the cut off. We are still waiting for final word from the DNR on why we did not receive the grant. Our lake

management consultant Onterra believes it is mainly do to the fact that the severity of our infestation is much lower than many others. This means there will be no treatment to control the milfoil this summer. It also means we will need to develop alternative funding sources if we wish to keep milfoil under control. Milfoil is here to stay and must be managed in order to keep it from making the body of water unusable. Please join us for a discussion on this topic at the annual meeting.

Annual meeting

The annual meeting of the BLPOA will be held at the Northern Grace Youth Camp on May 25th at 9:00 AM. We will have a presentation on the milfoil status from our AIS committee, discussion on funding milfoil treatments, voting on new board members and an overview of social activities for 2024

Burning Brush

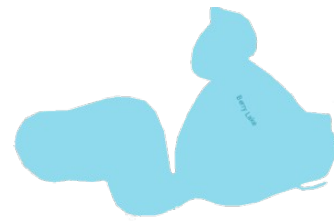
It is important for all property owners to keep up to date with the current burning restrictions in the area. The lack of precipitation this winter has created dangerous fire conditions. Hopefully we start to get some rain soon and the plants can green up. Before burning you should get a “free” burning permit and check the current restrictions.



[Burning Permit](#)
[Burning Restrictions](#)

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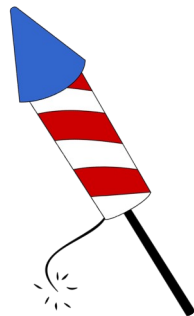


Social

The annual Social is a great time to meet those other Berry Lakers you see on the water but never really know. It is a great time to bring our little community together and become better neighbors. The social usually follows the corn and hot dog roast. I believe we are still looking for a family to host this year's social. The BLPOA will pick up the tab for beverages.

Fireworks

The fireworks show is on! Thanks again to Dallaire's we will have another top of the line fireworks display. The show is scheduled for Saturday, July 6th starting around 9:45 PM. The show will last approximately 20-25 minutes. The display will be launched from the boat landing. This means the landing will be closed shortly before the show and after. The rain date is Sunday, July 7th. If you would like to make a financial donation to the show please contact the Dallaire's at ndallaire3@gmail.com or [Venmo](#) or at the annual meeting. **Please make donations before June 17th.**



Boat parade

Get those designs ready for this year's boat parade. The theme is Rock n Roll. Keep an eye out for details on the date and time.

[Click her for the latest updates to lake events](#)

BOATING/PERSONAL WATERCRAFT OPERATION (PWC)

- All watercraft are to observe a slow no wake speed from 8 PM or Sundown (**whichever comes first**) until 10 AM everyday, and must be in a COUNTER-CLOCKWISE direction.
 - Slow No Wake 2024
 - Ice off – June 3rd = Sunset
 - June 4th – August 13th = 8 PM.
 - August 14th to ice on = Sunset
- All persons in the boat must have an approved flotation device
- It is unlawful to operate a motorboat within 100 feet of any dock, raft, pier, or buoyed restricted area at a speed in excess of "slow-no-wake"
- PWCs must be at a slow-no-wake speed whenever within 200 feet of the shoreline
- Motorized crafts must yield the right-of-way to all sailboats and other non-motorized crafts

Join the BLOPA

Make sure you renew your membership to the BLPOA. At an incredibly low cost of \$25 you can help us continue managing the quality of the water, sponsor fun social activities and provide highly desirable Berry Lake bling for contest rewards. You also get the right to vote for board members and association activities.

Encourage your neighbors to become members!