

Trade Lakes News

***Newsletter of the Round Trade Lake Improvement Association
(Long Trade Lake, Round Lake, Little and Big Trade Lakes)***

Website <http://www.tradelakeassoc.org>

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AIS treatments

We are reporting the successful completion of 2017 grants to manage Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and a strong beginning for 2018 AIS treatments under our new DNR grants. We are effectively managing AIS, but we cannot and will not eliminate them altogether.

This summer the RTLIA consultant finished reporting on the 2017 grants for the treatment of Aquatic Invasive Species in our four lakes. Consultants identify infestation sites and other sub-contractors treat them. Relative to the size of our lakes, these infestations were small; 2.16 acres in Long Trade, 4.8 acres in Round lake, 1.09 acres in Little Trade and 1.3 acres in Big Trade. In several cases, the AIS are down from previous years.

This May 29 and 30 Northern Aquatic Services of Dresser, WI. treated 6.8 acres of CLP and EWM in Long Trade Lake; 8.86 acres of EWM in Round Lake; 7.42 acres of CLP and 4.11 acres of EWM in Little Trade Lake; and 13.28 acres of EWM in Big Trade Lake. These treatments were successful in knocking down much of the EWM

The spraying of herbicide to kill Invasive Species are typically in concentrations of 3000-4000 parts per billion, and then in only a few acres of each lake. These herbicides moved out of the lake with the normal flow of the Trade River through our lakes. If you are concerned about these herbicides, you can read the full, four-page report by our consultant David Blumer

Our consultant Matt Berg, for example, Matt could not find a single EWM plant anywhere in Big Trade Lake even that outside of the treatment areas. However, it appears native northern watermilfoil also took a major hit and there was still a lot of

coontail and all our lakes very green for a good part of the summer.

Our consultants thought our treatments in Little Trade, Round and Long Trade were also very successful, but all with very green water. In Round Lake, there remains EWM in areas by the outlet where the natural flow limits the herbicide's effectiveness. In Long Trade lake, Matt Berg did find a half dozen plants or so along the north shore. He raked all of these out during his survey. Again, the water was green, but that is not due entirely to our chemical treatments because rainfall and warm temperatures also contribute, but the green did not "flush" out of the lakes. Full texts of these reports can be found at:

[WWW.tradelakeassoc.org](http://www.tradelakeassoc.org)

Buoy Banditos

Two new "no Wake" buoys, installed by the Township at the entries to the N.E. and North bays of Big Trade Lake in early July, were stolen within two days. The theft was reported to the county sheriff, but to date no culprits has been identified. Call the Burnett County Sheriff if you have any further information.

The following week, the Town staff installed two other "No Wake" buoys in the N.E. bay and the entry to the west outlet bay.

The recent battle of the buoys begin when Richard Hess, of Little Trade Lake successfully persuaded the Trade Lake Town Supervisors to install buoys approved by the Town and the Wisconsin DNR as early as 1991. According to the DNR, Big Trade Lake should have a total of seven buoys, two on the rock piles and five others. After a raucous meeting of the RTLIA several years ago, the Town agreed to remove the buoys.

In 1995, the Town adopted an ordinance that says the “No Wake” zones “will be in effect on all weekends beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday and ending at 12:01 a.m. on Monday. This will also include all holidays beginning at 12:01 a.m. and ending at 12:01 a.m. the following day.” The Town ordinance also says: “The intent of this ordinance is to [provide safe and healthful condition for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interests, and the capability of the water resources.” To be valid the ordinance is to be posted at all access points to the town lake.

RTLIA president Reid McFarlane forwarded to Town Supervisors copies the DNR approved buoy permits from 1991 to 2001. The very first permit was issued to the RTLIA two buoys marking the rock piles just beneath the surface of Big Trade Lake. Al and Karen Hanson have put in out and taken out these two buoys for many years. The other permits were for the Town of Trade lake to “install and maintain” five buoys in three narrow bay entries and the inlet and outlet of the lake. At their meeting August 9th, the town supervisors declined to accept responsibility for all the buoys or buy more to replace the missing., but more buoys are appearing.

Volunteers needed

1. If you pull or remove weeds from in front of your cabin. Please keep track of your time and report it to our web-site: tradelakeassoc.org
2. The AIS treatment appears to have knocked out most of the Eurasian Milfoil in our lakes, but if you see RED tipped Milfoil, please report that to the RTLIA officers and our web-site. ***If you don't see any EM, report your time looking. That counts too!!***
3. We're looking for volunteers to help with AIS signage at the public landing. If you can help, please call Reid McFarlane, 715-488-2984
4. Our consultant, David Blumer, wants us to arrange a pulling party this fall. He will show property owners on the lake how to properly identify and remove AIS on their shoreline and within the water adjacent to their property.

5. We'd like to form a FISHING COMMITTEE to work on ways to improve the fishing on our lakes. Interested, please call Reid McFarlane 715-488-2984

Developing Healthy Lakes

In the ancient past, the shorelines of our lakes and rivers was laden with fallen trees that created safe harbor for fish and wildlife. With development comes tendency to lean-up the shoreline which reduces fish habitat. To improve fishing in our lakes we can put out dead trees on the winter ice that in spring will become “fish sticks.” However, this, of course, requires a permit from the DNR.

We would like to develop a lake-wide Fish sticks project on Big Trade Lake. Fish sticks are trees laid at the shoreline to create fish habitat.



The application is due by January 1, 2019 when we can begin to drag fallen trees onto the lake's shoreline. If you have shoreline on Big Trade Lake suitable for Fish sticks, please call Reid McFarlane to join our grant application 715-488-2984

Information at the RTLIA web-site:

- *Do you Know what Eurasian Milfoil looks like? Check out our revised web-site and take a look at are the *2018 Aquatic Plant Management Proposal* and the *Current Grants* page.
- *The full text of reports by our consultant on the Lakes Treatment are also on the web-site.

MEMBERSHIP IS CRITICAL TO MATCHING OUR GRANTS

Our grants to control the invasive species of Curly Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Milfoil are, respectively, \$49,502 for Long Trade Lake, \$55,259 for Round Lake, and \$97,861 for Big and Little Trade Lakes. The grand total of the three grants is \$202,622, spread over three years. For the three hundred plus property owners on our four lakes, these grants amount to about \$200 per year, per property.

To receive the full grant dollars, we must raise 25% to match the state's 75% or \$16,885 in membership fees and/or volunteer hours PER YEAR! As of July only 115 of 327 property owners on our four lakes, or 32% had joined. If every owner joined we would raise \$13,080. If you can't afford to join, at least report your volunteer hours to: tradelakeassoc.org.

If you are receiving this newsletter by snail-mail, you probably have not sent in your membership. Please do so with the form on the back of the newsletter and please include your e-mail. It saves us a lot of time and money.

Our thanks to Retiring Board members:

V.P. Vicki Breault
Treasurer Tom Mayerhofer
Long Trade representative Anne Tuttle.

RTLIA Annual Meeting September 15th 9 to 10 AM Trade Lake Town Hall

Agenda:

- * Amend by-laws to divide office of Treasurer from that of Secretary.
- * Election of officers (Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Long Trade Representative)
*All meetings are open to the public
Voting restricted to paid members*

RTLIA Board Members:

President -- Reid McFarlane (2018-2020) Lake 715-488-2984. 612-840-4648 benson_mcfarlane@yahoo.com

Vice-President – Vicki Breault (2014-2018) Cell 715-579-3710 vickibro15@gmail.com

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Round Lake Board Member – Bill Piotrowski (2016-2020) Cell 651-235-6897 wpiotro1@gmail.com

Big Trade Lake Board Member -Tom Daellenbach (2018-2020) 715-327-4577
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Little Trade Lake Board Member – Dan Freeman (2018-2020) 715-488-2415
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Long Trade Lake Board Member – Anne Heimkes Tuttle (2017-2018)
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Our Citizens Lake Monitoring Network

Randy Newman, Little Trade Lake
Buck Thompson, Big Trade Lake
Vicki & Roger Breault, Long Trade Lake
Bill Piotrowski. Round Lake

Annual Membership Dues: \$40.00. Additional voluntary donation \$_____. Total amount enclosed \$_____

Please complete the following information to ensure our contact information for you is correct:

Your Name(s) _____

Lake address _____

Billing Address (if different) _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

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P.O. Box 64, Frederic, WI 54837

