



Hello All,

I hope that all of you are safe and healthy.

Note date

### Annual Meeting Re-scheduled to August 15<sup>th</sup>

The FILIA annual meeting has been re-scheduled to August 15<sup>th</sup>, with this date being dependent on the development of the Covid-19 virus in Minnesota. The location and time remain the same - at Hazelton Town Hall from 9:00 Am to 11:00 AM.



### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade

The boat parade will take place on July 4<sup>th</sup> at the south public access. Meet there by noon. The parade will head east. Per Governor Tim Walz, people are asked to follow state outside guidelines for social distancing.

Have fun decorating your watercraft! Please practice safe distancing between watercraft to prevent accidents. This is a picture from last year's parade.

**Boat parade participants are asked to plan to encircle the entire lake for the enjoyment of EVERYONE on shore so that people at the end of the parade (the west side) can see the parade in its entirety.**

### Found - kayak

A kayak washed up on Johnson's Point shore. Please call (218) 927-6443 to identify and claim.

### New Dates! - Farm Island Lake clothing from Shirts Plus of Aitkin

The online purchase of Farm Island Lake clothing from Shirts Plus of Aitkin will open June 29<sup>th</sup>.

After a short delay, SHIRTS PLUS OF AITKIN online store for Farm Island Lake will open starting June 29th. There is no set-up fee when you order online within the timeframe. They will fulfill orders after the ordering period

closes. You can order t-shirts & long sleeve, hoodies, hockey sweatshirts or sweatshirts, caps, beanies and towels, all with Farm Island Lake content. Pictures of each piece of clothing will be online.

Personalize option will be available, so you can add your own text, such as, “Best Grandad”, or “Sunset Beach Resort”, or “Johnson’s Point”, or “Family Reunion”, etc.

FILIA organized this with SHIRTS PLUS a few years ago and it worked great to get your Farm Island Lake or Farm Island Lake Improvement Association apparel. SHIRTS PLUS manages the whole process so contact them with questions. The best way to contact them is through their email – see below. Due to COVID-19 they have limited hours during the week but folks will be able to email or call to set up a time to come in and look at clothing if they have questions.

Go to their website, hover over the 'Online Stores' tab, and select 'Farm Island Lake' from the drop-down menu. **Orders can be placed from June 29 - July 16.**

[www.shirtsuplusofaitkin.com](http://www.shirtsuplusofaitkin.com)

A link to the online store is also on our website, [click here](#).

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Hours:  
Tues – Thurs  
10:00 – 4:00 or by appointment

## CHASING WILDLIFE AND WATERFOWL IS ILLEGAL

Do not harass loons and other lake animals or wildlife. DO NOT bully animals, or people. It’s not nice - and harassing wildlife is illegal.



**THERE ARE AT LEAST 5 LOON CHICKS!**

Thank you to lake association members Barb Swenson and Barb Juntti who gave this update on the loons. There are two chicks on each of the nesting platforms on the big island and one on the middle island. On the nest site on the northwest end of the lake there were no sign of loons, and no eggs in the nest.

## \$500 grant and a \$50 prize!

A reminder that Northern Waters Land Trust (NWLTL) launched the Love Our Lakes photo campaign. For a chance to win some fun prizes, between now and July 15, share a picture to their Facebook page that represents what you love about the lakes in Northern Minnesota. It could be a beautiful sunset, a selfie while fishing, a bonfire at the lake cabin... whatever you want! And if you have a favorite lake association in Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing or Hubbard county make sure to mention them to give them a chance to win a **\$500 grant to go towards their conservation efforts!** #LOL #loveourlakes

At the end of the campaign they will draw 5 names from the photos submitted and award them with one of **five prizes valued at around \$50**. These will be gift baskets of items from small businesses across the region. The prizes are made possible by a Thrivent Action Team.

For more information on Facebook go to <https://www.facebook.com/NorthernWatersLandTrust/> to like the page, post your picture and share their post about the campaign on your page.

## Be Safe and Be Careful – and HAVE FUN!

There is a lot of activity on the lake this summer, both fishing and recreational. Please be careful and practice safe boating. There are a lot of fast boats and PWCs. Be aware of your surroundings on all sides of your watercraft, taking note of slower moving kayaks and paddle boards and waterfowl with young chicks. Check your Boating Regulations for more information.

The information on the right bar is from the 2020 Boating Regulations and here is a link to the complete boating guide. <https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/rlp/regulations/boatwater/boatingguide.pdf>

Check out the guide for Personal Watercraft (PWC, Jet Ski) regulations, such as time-of-day usage, age restrictions; life jacket information, water navigation, paddling safety, scuba diving safety, when an aquatic plant management permit is not needed, rescue breathing, etc. The link is also on our website under [Useful Information](#).

### NAVIGATION RULES

#### Passing

- When overtaking another watercraft going in the same direction, the craft being overtaken must maintain course and speed.
- The passing watercraft must keep a sufficient distance to avoid collision or endangering the other craft from its wake.

#### Meeting

- When two watercraft approach each other “head-on,” each must alter course to the right to avoid collision.
- If the two watercraft are far enough to the left of each other, no change in direction is needed for safe passage. Both watercraft will maintain their course and speed to pass clear of each other.
- Keep to the right in narrow channels.

#### Crossing

If two watercraft approach each other at a right angle, the watercraft to the right shall have the right-of-way.

#### Nonmotorized Craft

Nonmotorized craft (sailboats, canoes, etc.) have the right-of-way over motorized craft in all situations, except when the nonmotorized craft is overtaking or passing.

The **Blue Fire Number**, which is your address number, is used by **emergency responders** to locate your property. This could save your life or property. If you are in an association you need your own number, placed by your individual house, so you can quickly be located. To order, contact the Aitkin County Highway Department 218-927-3741. In an emergency, be able to give detailed directions on how to reach you. Write it down, and post it so everyone at your house can see it.



### LIFE JACKETS SAVE LIVES.

#### Top Five Boating Safety Tips

- Wear your life jacket – And make sure children wear theirs.
- Stay sober – Booze and boating don't mix. Alcohol is the #1 factor in boating fatalities.
- Tell a friend – Tell someone where you're going and when you will be back. If you're not back, they should call 911. Bring a phone or VHF radio.
- Be weather aware – Don't let a storm sneak up on you – delay your trip or head to shore. Go slow in rough water to avoid capsizing.
- Boat smart – Take a boating safety course. Know your boat; stay alert while scanning for dangers; stay seated and low in the boat to prevent falls overboard.

### STAY ALERT – STAY ALIVE

#### IMPORTANT NOTES FOR 2020

- New carbon monoxide law requires certain motorboats to install carbon monoxide detectors and warning stickers by May 1, 2018. (Pg. 15)

## Financial Report for 2019

The 2019 FILIA financial report is available on your website at <https://filialake.wixsite.com/filia/financial-report>.

## AIS Funding

Additional monies can be paid toward the Aquatic Invasive Species Fund (AIS) when you mail in your application or pay online with your due's payment.

142 members!

## Membership Update

We have 142 paid members, with 38% using the online Pay Dues process on the FILIA website at <https://filialake.wixsite.com/filia/online-store>.

An application is included with this newsletter. If you can't remember if you paid, send me an email or check the Member List on the website at <https://filialake.wixsite.com/filia/membership>.



Yearly dues are \$25 and membership is voluntary. Be sure to include your email address on the application or email it to me so you can receive newsletters with useful information.

- FILIA is a non-profit organization.

## AIS Webinar Series - Spiny Water Flea

AIS Detectors Program at University of Minnesota is presenting a webinar on Wednesday July 1st, 1:00 PM about spiny water flea. **About the free webinar:** When anglers fish on a lake infested with spiny water flea, they risk leaving the lake with infested gear. While there are many anecdotal opinions about what gear is most at risk to ensnare spiny water flea, no empirical data exist. In this study, we tested a variety of common types of angling gear (fishing lines, livewells, bait buckets, anchor ropes, downriggers) in Lake Mille Lacs and Island Lake Reservoir. We measured the number of spiny water flea that become ensnared on the gear, and how ensnarement rate is affected by natural lake density and time of day. Please join us to compare your anecdotal opinion to empirical data, and learn what you can do to help stop the spread of spiny water flea. Click here for more information and to join the free webinar. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/webinar-lines-snap-spines-preventing-the-spread-of-spiny-water-flea-tickets-107256737790>

### Minnesota law requires water recreationists to:

- **Clean watercraft of all aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species.**
- **Drain** all water by removing drain plugs and keeping them out during transport.
- **Dispose** of unwanted bait in the trash and dispose of bait water.
- **Dry** docks, lifts, swim rafts and other equipment for at least 21 days before placing equipment into another water body.

**For more information on the Minnesota law, which holds true whether or not a lake is listed as infested – go to this online link. <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/laws.html>**

Be sure to inform your visitors and neighbors of this important Minnesota regulation, which is also important and necessary to keep our lake clean and free of invasive species

*Note: When government, local agency and county information is included we are serving as the messenger to keep you informed of their activities concerning Farm Island Lake.*

### SCUBA Warning Flag

A diver down flag, or scuba flag, is a flag used on the water to indicate that there is a diver below. This flag will also be displayed on the diver's boat.

All vessels, boats, jet skis, etc. should **stay at least 200 feet away when they see a SCUBA flag.**



## FILIA Website

There is a lot of information on the FILIA website. This site map includes the links to the various pages on the website. <https://filialake.wixsite.com/filia>

### Site Map

- [Home](#) Mission statement, map of Farm Island Lake, etc.
- [Membership](#) Members lists, application form
- [Pay Dues](#) Pay dues online
- [Newsletters/Lake Info](#)
- [Contact/Calendar](#) List of board members and shore captains, calendar of events
  - [Local Events](#)
- [Administrative](#) Financial reports (current & past), Bylaws,
  - [Meeting Minutes](#)
- [Aquatic Invasive Species](#)
  - [Score Your Shore](#)
  - [How to identify zebra mussels](#)
- [Useful Info](#) Boating and fishing regulations and other stuff
  - [Boating & Fishing Regulations](#)
  - [DNR Permitted Lake Service Providers](#)
- [History](#) No information here yet

Be Well.

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Your comments are welcome.

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