



**4th of July Boat Parade will be July 7th. Meet at the south public access  
The parade starts at noon, so get there earlier than that.**

Have fun and decorate your boat or pontoon. Be creative – your theme does not have to follow the traditional red, white and blue theme, but that is always appreciated, along with all the decorations!

As always, please be courteous of your fellow paraders, be sure to keep a safe distance between boats – be nice to your neighbors

**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. We have divers in our lake sometimes, either for recreation or for AIS research, so please be courteous.



**There were no zebra mussels found in Farm Island Lake in 2017**

- Check your newsletters and website for more detailed information.



THE ANNUAL MEETING ON JUNE 16 HAD A GREAT TURNOUT – 70 ATTENDEES. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED AND PARTICIPATED!

## Board of Directors Elections Results

The following were re-elected as Board of Directors:

- Cindy Chuhanic (Secretary)
- Bill Haroldson (V.P.)
- Denny Kraimer

Board membership is voluntary. See list of board members on the website and below.



**Farm Island**  
ID: 01015900

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2018 ice out date: May 4

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Median ice out date: April 18  
Earliest ice out date: March 27, 2012  
Latest ice out date: May 13, 2013  
Period of record: 1978 to 2018

[Click here](#) for past ice out dates on our FILIA website.

Click for:  
[DNR Boating Guide](#)  
[2018](#)

### Personal Watercraft Laws

In summary, the law requires that:

- Anyone operating or riding on a personal watercraft must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable life jacket that is compatible with that activity (check the label).
- Personal watercraft must travel at slow no-wake speed (5 mph or less) within 150 feet of nonmotorized boats, shore (unless launching or landing skiers directly to or from open water), docks, swim rafts, swimmers, or any moored or anchored boat.
- Operation of personal watercraft is allowed only from 9:30 a.m. to 1 hour before sunset
- If you tow a person on water skis, or any other device, there must be an additional person on board the personal watercraft to act as an observer. (The observer does not have to be facing backward.)

Water Clarity – May  
11 feet – this is within limits

# Clean In Clean Out

When boating or fishing in Minnesota, protect your waters by following state aquatic invasive species laws.

1. **CLEAN** all visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species from watercraft, trailers, and water-related equipment before leaving any water access or shoreland.
2. **DRAIN** water-related equipment (boat, ballast tanks, portable bait containers, motor) *and* drain bilge, live well and baitwell by removing drain plugs before leaving a water access or shoreline property. **Keep drain plugs out** and water-draining devices open while transporting watercraft.

[Q&A – Boat draining, drain plugs, and bait container draining](#) PDF

3. **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait, including minnows, leeches, and worms, in the trash. It is illegal to release bait into a waterbody or release aquatic animals from one waterbody to another. If you want to keep your bait, you must refill the bait container with bottled or tap water.

## KNOW THE LAW: You may not...

- Transport watercraft without removing the drain plug.
- Arrive at lake access with drain plug in place.
- Transport aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or other prohibited species on any roadway.
- Launch a watercraft with prohibited species attached.
- Transport water from Minnesota lakes or rivers.
- Release bait into the water.

## ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

**Spray, rinse, dry** — Some invasive species are small and difficult to see at the access. To remove or kill them, take one or more of the following precautions before moving to another waterbody, especially after leaving zebra mussel and spiny waterflea infested waters:

- **Spray** with high-pressure water
- **Rinse** with very hot water\*
- **Dry** for at least 5 days

**Run motor and personal watercraft** for a few seconds to discharge water before leaving a water access.

**Transport fish on ice** — be prepared, bring a cooler.

\* These water temperatures will kill zebra mussels and some other AIS: 120°F for at least 2 minutes; or 140°F for at least 10 seconds

### Report suspicious infestations

If you suspect a new infestation of an invasive plant or animal, take a photo and note the location, or save a specimen and report it to a local [DNR invasive species contact](#).

More information at [https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/preventspread\\_watercraft.html](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/preventspread_watercraft.html)

**185 Members**



**Paid association members**, in recognition of their support, are posted on the [FILIA website](#) and periodically are listed in this newsletter.

**185 people** have already mailed in their dues and more are coming. Membership dues for year 2018 are accepted through end of the year; for record keeping purposes, the earlier the better.

A membership application form can be found on our [website](#), and is also included with this mailing. Voluntary dues are \$25 a year and are welcome any time. The FILIA mailing address is at the end of this newsletter.

In an effort to keep you updated with Farm Island Lake Improvement Association (FILIA) happenings, association members will periodically receive emails with pertinent information.

Please be sure we have your email address so you can receive FILIA newsletters and updates.



**6 CHICKS HAVE BEEN SPOTTED! THERE MAY BE MORE.**

### **GIVE LOONS AND THEIR BABIES SPACE**

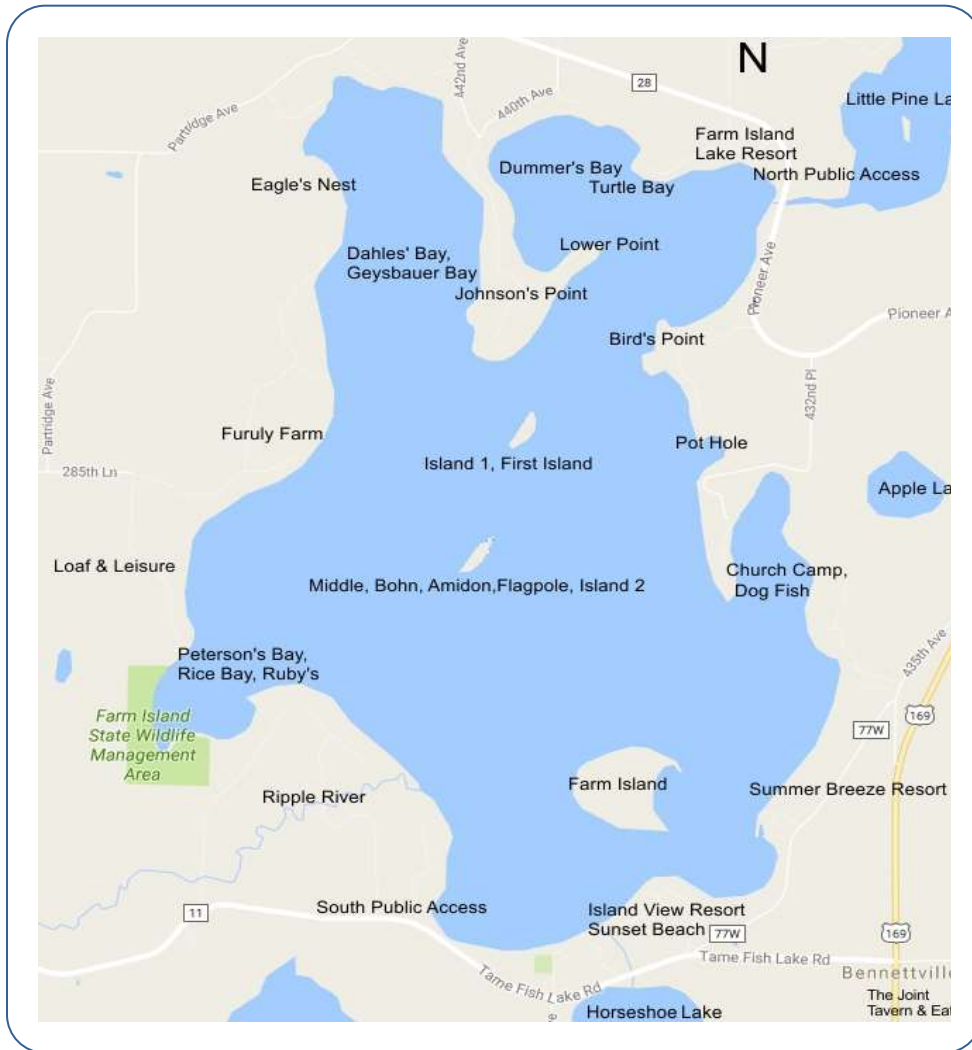
Yes, baby loons are cute and special, but loons need their space and privacy. While it is tempting to pull your boat or jet ski up close, it is not good for the well-being of the chicks nor their protecting parents.

During the early summer when chicks are so tiny, if you see adult loons, be on the lookout for their babies, being careful to not run over them or scare them. This holds true for all water wildlife.

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2017 Year-End Financial Report can be found on your [website](#), along with past reports.

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This map is on your [FILIA website](#) in a more printable format, with the most up-to-date information.

## Blue Fire Number



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.

**GPS** doesn't work well in our area. 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.

## Important Phone Numbers

**Aitkin County Sheriff**  
218-927-7435 Or 911

**DNR Information Center**  
651-296-6157

## FILIA Mission Statement

The mission of the Farm Island Lake Improvement Association is to:

- 1) Promote the safety and common good of the Farm Island Lake (FIL) community.
- 2) Improve and preserve the quality of the land and water in the FIL area for its members, the community and future generations.

### Some examples of how we strive to meet our mission are:

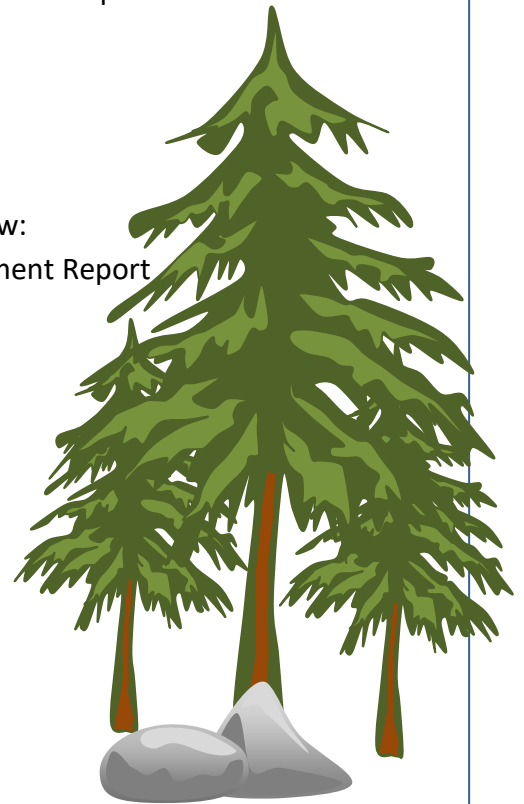
- Work with DNR, ACLARA and Aitkin Soil and Water Department on Invasive Species Prevention, includes efforts to monitor public accesses
- Provide opportunities (Farm Island Lake Boat Parade, annual meeting, AIS updates, etc.) for members to get to know each other. This will foster a safer community setting.
- Improve boating safety via the lake buoys
- Provide an opportunity for members to give feedback to the DNR on issues such as walleye slot limits, invasive species, and boat access
- Provide members feedback on safety issues from the Aitkin Sheriff Department
- Loon nesting program
- Water quality monitoring
- Lake weed control
- Improve walleye spawning area

The FILIA [website](#) contains useful information – to name just a few:

- \* 2015 Aitkin County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Risk Assessment Report
- \* [FILIA Membership Application Form](#)
- \* Contact information - Board of Directors and Shore Captains
- \* Financial Reports
- \* Previous Newsletters and other reports
- \* Map of Farm Island Lake
- \* Lake information, i.e. Lake clarity, ice out dates
- \* Contact information for
  - Aitkin County Government
  - MN DNR
  - Aitkin County Sheriff
  - Minnesota Waters home page

Check it out at <https://filialake.wixsite.com/filia>

**Among other activities, we have been working closely with the DNR, ACLARA, Aitkin County Soil & Water, etc. to help prevent Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) infestation**





## FILIA Board Members

All board members can be emailed using the FILIA email address:

[FILIALake@gmail.com](mailto:FILIALake@gmail.com)

Jim Hausauer ..... President

Bill Haroldson ..... V.P.

Cindy Chuhanic ..... Secretary

Cheryl McDonough ...Treasurer

Dennis Kraimer


Gordon Vetsch

Patrick Holder

Greg Anderson

Julie Anderson

Board membership is voluntary.



Welcome Denise Noling,  
our new Shore Captain for  
the east shore. See our  
[website](#) for more Shore  
Captain information.

## 2018 Calendar of Events

*Spring Board Meeting	Saturday, May 5, 9:00am	The Joint Tavern & Eatery
<b>Annual Association Meeting</b>	<b>Saturday, June 16, 9:00am</b>	<b>Hazelton Town Hall</b>
4th of July Boat Parade	Saturday, July 7, Noon	FIL South Public Access
*Fall Board Meeting	Monday, Sept 3, 9:00am	The Joint Tavern & Eatery

Hazelton Town Hall is located on east side of US Hwy 169, a few miles south of Tame Fish Lake Rd.

*\*Only board members attend the Board Meetings.*

Members can email the board at any time and we will try to address your questions in a timely matter. The best way to contact us is with the [FiliaLake@gmail.com](mailto:FiliaLake@gmail.com) email address.

*Have fun this summer!*

Sincerely,

*Your Board Members*

*Your questions and comments are welcome.*

[FiliaLake@gmail.com](mailto:FiliaLake@gmail.com)



**New website link!**

**FILIA**  
**PO Box 135**  
**Aitkin, MN 56431**

<https://filialake.wixsite.com/filia>

## Farm Island Lake Improvement Association Membership 2018

[Click here](#) for the most current list of paid members on our website.

### 185 members as of June 24, 2018

Accola, Michael and Melanie  
Althoff, Chad & Tresa  
Amrhein, Terry & Dorla  
Anderson, Greg & Diane  
Anderson, Julie  
Arndt, Dave & Jennifer  
Arndt, Joseph - Farm Island Lake Partnership  
Balko, Tim & Tracy  
Ball, Dennis and Sharon  
Barnes, Stan & Karla  
Bencini, Lon  
Betzler, Ronald & Julie; Don & Anita Hime; Jane & Tony Sparrow  
Billman, Brandon & Amy  
Blumke, James & Sandra, Steven, Davis, Paula &, Kitts, Lisa  
Bohn, James Kelsey  
Boudreau, David & Laura  
Brandt, Robert & Dorothy  
Brewster, Linda & David  
Brown, David & Renea  
Buechele, Don and Doreen  
Burnison, Russ & Trish  
Cannady, Douglas & Judith  
Carroll, Wade and Linda  
Chmelik, Marvin & Joanne  
Christy, Judy  
Chuhanic, Ed & Cindy  
Cowan, Rob & Pam  
Dahle, John  
Danielson, Stephen & Roxanne  
Diedrich, Bill & Karen  
Diehl, John & Karyn  
Ditty, Dave & Angie  
Dosser, Carolyn  
Dosser, Paul & Linda  
Doty, Jody & Gary  
Doty, Thomas and Jeanette  
Dumonceaux, Brad & Jodi  
Elkin, William & Alice  
Engh, Jim & Julie  
Fahey, Mike & Linda  
Fawley, Craig & Sharon  
Feldstein, Thomas & Mary Ellen



Feltmann, Douglas & Sandra  
Feltmann, Randy & Faye  
Fjerstad, Mark & Kim Curless  
Foley, John & Shari  
Fragodt, Brian & Joy  
Frederick, Todd & Keri  
Freeman, Maurice and Arlene  
Fritz, Robert & Susan  
Furth, John & Allison  
Furuly, Sotnaks & Anne Utschig  
Geist, Gary & Mary Joan  
Gilson, Pamela & Scott  
Gracek, Raymond & Alice  
Grailer, Tom & Traci  
Green, Mark & Julie  
Griesel, Wayne  
Ham, Darrell & Carol  
Hanna, Connie; Nordquist, Scott & Jen; Klepinger, Brian & Laurie  
Haroldson, Bill  
Haroldson, Debbie  
Harrington, Michael & Wendy  
Hausauer, Jim & Nancy  
Hay, Clifford & Sylvia  
Hesse, Steve & Sally  
Hoelzer, Greg & Marybeth  
Hoffman, Michael & Denise  
Holst, Brad & Vickie  
Holter, Steve and Lynn  
House, Nate & Sharon  
Hreha, Blake and Amanda  
Iverson, Dave & Lisa  
Jaeger, Douglas & Laura  
Jamar, Jeff & Laura  
Johnson, Larry & Janet  
Johnson, Richard & Phyllis  
Johnson, Rick & Babs  
Johnson, Thomas & Mary  
Juntti, Glen & Barbara  
Keatts, Andy & Deb  
Keisling, Stephen  
Kise, Kayla & John  
Klein, Doug & Stacey  
Knotek, Mikal, Kelle, Bob & Jan  
Knott, Randy & Jan  
Knutson, Brian & Debbie  
Kraimer, Dennis & Chris  
Landgren, Ted & Natalie Madgy  
Larson, Lowell & Carole

Larson, Sean & Linda and Mike Lund  
Larson, Tom & Rachel  
Lavigne, Larry & Jule  
Leckscheid, Joanne  
Lensegrav, John & Lisa  
Leonard, Gary & Rea  
Letich, Mark or Brian Burke  
Long, Gerry & Judy  
Long, Lisa or Lori  
Lux, Carol & Ron  
Maciej, Scott & Lexi  
MacMillan, Mike & Carol  
Maksymkiw, Lisa & Mike  
Martinson, John & Sara Fisher  
Matthias, Don & Judy  
Mattison, Robert & Sharon and Ulstad, Karen  
McDonough, Kevin & Cheryl  
McLain, Janis  
McPheeters, Dick & Mavis and Jeff & Tammy  
Meehan, Claudia Trustee and Harriet Anderson  
Merriman, Dale & Suzanne  
Meyer, Tim & Deb  
Mikkonen, John & Carolyn  
Moey, Lee  
Moormeier, Reed & Jayne  
Morris, Fay Closuit  
Muelhbauer, Pam & Gerald  
Mueller, Bob & Terri  
Munzel, Jeffrey & Victoria  
Murray, Barry & Joyce  
Nardini, Eugene & Donna  
Nelson, Reed & Joan  
Netz, David & Barbara  
Noling, Dennis & Denise  
Norberg, Richard & Nathaly  
Norgren, Jim & Judy  
Oare, Les & Susan  
Oare, Scott & Robin  
O'Brien, John & Karin  
Pearson, Bob & Bonnie  
Perrine, Pat & Judy, Aaron, Stephanie  
Peters, Gordon & Muriel  
Peterson, Rozanne  
Peterson, Steve & Pat  
Pierson, John  
Poser, Richard & Sue  
Rachey, Loren & Diane  
Rasmussen, Jim & Roma Lee

Reinhard, Arnie & Connie  
Reisetter, Tom, Doreen, Dan & Ann  
Remme, Doug & Sue  
Rezac, Terry & Janet  
Rolley, Jeremy & Leah  
Romenesko, Stuart & Sherry  
Rose, Mike  
Scharmann, Philip & Lori  
Scheele, Cheryl & Scott  
Schiffler, Roger & Sharon  
Schifsky, Mark & Peg  
Schlichte, Robert & Kathy  
Schultz, Robert  
Scott, Thomas & Diana  
Scott, Tom & Cindy  
Seltun, Jay & Kelly  
Sherburne, James and Jeanne  
Shikowsky, Steven & Pamela  
Smalley, Matt & Angela  
Sowles, Jim & Lois  
Spargo, Scott & Anne  
Steffl, Neil & Nancy  
Stevenson, Gary & Mary  
Stippel, Roger and Lucy  
Strohmayr, Tim & Chris  
Sullivan, Tom & Nancy  
Summer Breeze Resort - Cathyann LaPlante Family  
Swenson, Barb  
Sylvester, Kathy  
Thomas, Ward & Joyce  
Thorson, Doug & Cris  
Trick, Carol & John  
Tyson, David & Jane and Daleiden, Doug & Antoinette  
Utterberg, Thomas & Carol  
Vander Vorste, & Jean  
Vetsch, Gordon & Laurie  
Vetsch, Thomas & Connie  
Walter, William & Karen  
Weslander, Dennis & Eunice  
Westendorf, Dean & Mary  
Wilmes, Dave & Connie  
Wisnewski, Paul & Lori  
Young, Keath & Lesley  
Zeien, Debra  
Zeilinger, Ken & Deb  
Zelixon, Lily & Alex  
Zumwinkle, David & Family