

Hello Farm Island Lake!

FILIA annual meeting June 18 from 9-11:00 AM

The FILIA annual meeting is June 18 from 9-11:00 AM at Hazelton Town Hall. Hazelton Town Hall is on the east side of Hwy 169, 2 miles south of Tame Fish Lake Rd / Hwy 11.

The speaker will be a DNR representative to discuss the Minnesota Loon Restoration Project.

The objectives are to reduce mortality and increase the number of young loons produced in Minnesota. More information can be found at

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/nongame/minnesota-loon-restoration-project.html>

Getting the Lead Out, Food Shelf Drive (see below), and much more will be discussed at the meeting, so please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Lost Kayak

A maroon/black Old Town kayak was lost Memorial Day weekend on the east side of Johnson's Point in Dummer's Bay. Please return to 29274 442nd or contact Keath and Lesley Young, The Pines, 763-350-9298. Thank you!

Get the Lead Out

Get the Lead Out is an educational program with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency working to protect and restore the population of common loons and wildlife in Minnesota by reducing their exposure to lead-based fishing tackle. This outreach effort will run from 2020 to 2023. <https://lakeadmin.org/get-the-lead-out/>.

At the annual meeting there will be a box to drop off lead tackle and with a donation to the Lead Free program the participant will receive a package of lead free tackle.

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LeadOutMN/>

Membership

We currently have 104 paid members. The current member list is on your website at FarmIslandLake.org. The membership application is attached, or you can pay online. If your contact information is up-to-date, the application is not mandatory. Thank you for your membership!

The Boat Parade is July 2nd and will go counter-clockwise this year. Meet at the south public access. Have fun decorating your watercraft. Please be respectful of others and drive safely in the parade.

Food Shelf Drive

Please bring to the annual meeting June 18th a can or box of non-expired food items you'd like to donate to the local food shelf in Aitkin.

Water Level

The water level is at 1,255.4, which is 1.2 inches under Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL). The OHWL sign is located by the Little Pine Lake culvert.

Boating Safety Tips

With boaters of all experience and skill levels sharing Minnesota's waterways, it's up to every boater to do their part to ensure everyone makes it home at the end of the day. These safety tips can help make your boating season fun, memorable and safe:

- **Wear a life jacket, don't just bring it.** 90% of boating fatality victims in the state weren't wearing a life jacket. While the law requires children under 10 to wear a life jacket while the boat is underway, wearing a life jacket is the best way boaters of all ages can help ensure they get home safely.
- **Leave the alcohol on shore.** Not only is boating under the influence illegal, it's also the single greatest factor in fatal boating accidents.
- **Check safety equipment.** Make sure life jackets fit and are in good condition, and check to ensure your boat's navigation lights, sound-producing devices, fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide detectors are in good condition. Also, inspect the engine cut-off lanyard and make sure to wear it when the boat is underway.
- **Pay attention to high water.** Water levels in waterways throughout the state are high this year. High water can make access difficult, but also present safety risks by hiding hazards beneath the water's surface.
- **Own your wake.** Large wakes can have environmental consequences (causing shoreline erosion, for example) and present dangers to other boaters, paddlers and swimmers.
- **Brush up on the rules.** Read the 2022 Minnesota Boating Guide (mndnr.gov/Regulations/BoatWater) and take an online education course (mndnr.gov/Safety/BoatWater/Education.html) to help increase your knowledge. More information, including boater education requirements and information on safe boating, is on the boat and water safety page of the DNR website (gov/Safety/BoatWater).

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.

Be well! Have fun! Be safe!

Sincerely,

Cheryl McDonough

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Your questions and comments are welcome.

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- The FILIA Board Members, in order to fulfill our mission of stewardship for Farm Island Lake, strive to maintain good communications and collaborative efforts with lake association members and Aitkin County and state agencies such as the DNR, Aitkin Area Fisheries, Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation District, and Invasive Species Specialist, to name a few.*
- 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.*
- The FILIA board members act in good faith as volunteers and assume no responsibility for the boat parade or any other FILIA activity.*

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