



Grindstone Trumpeter

A Gem of a Lake

Mark your Calendar for Two Events
 Grindstone Lake Association
2019 Annual Meeting

and
Picnic

Saturday, July 6th
10:00 am - 1:00pm

Meeting:
Bass Lake Town Hall
 14412 W County Highway K
 in Northwoods Beach

9:30 Coffee and greet your neighbor
 and SWAG

10-Noon Annual Meeting

Guest Speaker: Rick Remington,
 Wisconsin Landmark Conservancy

Buffet Lunch follows at
The Boulevard

Noon-1:00 PM

Pulled pork on pretzel buns (pre-assembled), vegetable tray, fruit tray, kettle chips, potato salad and cookie. Soft drinks & bottled water provided.

Cash bar for all other beverages.

2019 - UPCOMING EVENT

This year we will hold the

GLA Happy Hour Social at
The Boulevard 5-7 pm

Saturday, August 17th

Soft drinks and appetizers provided
 by GLA

Cash Bar

Get to know your neighbors!!

Message From The President

Dear Friends of Grindstone Lake

As spring peeks around the corner and the snow has melted, the Grindstone Lake Association is working to further our mission to preserve and protect the lake for future generations. As the new president, I am grateful for the dedication, enthusiasm and countless hours of current and past board members and volunteers. Their efforts have put us in a good position to advance our stewardship work and to face any possible challenges. We celebrate the inspiration of nature and the commitment of the Grindstone Lake community to the conservation and enjoyment of this special place. Please see articles in the newsletter and website that focus on our efforts.

- Prevent invasive species, including paying boat inspectors at public launches
- Monitor the quality and health of water & wildlife habitat; train lake monitors
- Monitor & treat invasive species
- Provide lake shore restoration information, opportunities and possible grants
- Publish & distribute The Trumpeter newsletter to strengthen our community
- Maintain & enhance the Grindstone Lake Association website - grindstonelake.org
- Host the GLA Annual Meeting & Picnic as well as Socials
- Provide the opportunity to purchase SWAG to promote our lake



The Grindstone Lake Association needs members from the community to continue the work of caring for the lake and those who enjoy it. We seek volunteers who will **serve on the Grindstone Lake Association Board**, help monitor the lake for invasive species, participate in lake shore restoration, coordinate social events, help with education and outreach, develop new volunteer opportunities and work on grants' submissions to fund our efforts. In addition to helping the lake and the Association, **volunteering provides opportunities** to learn new skills, meet new people, and build community and social networks in the area.

To learn more about participating in volunteer activities, please visit our website and use our "**contact us**" form to let us know about you and your interests: grindstonelake.org

And don't forget to join us at the Grindstone Lake Association Annual Meeting and Picnic.

Enjoy our Gem of a Lake,
 Donna Carlson, President, GLA

Your dues payment to the Grindstone Lake Association is tax deductible.



2019 Grindstone Lake Association Renewals Needed

GRINDSTONE LAKE
ASSOCIATION
2019-2020 BOARD MEMBERS
Roles and Responsibilities

President - Donna Carlson
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Secretary - Cindy Parker
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Outreach and Social Activities - TBD

- Annual picnic logistics
- GLA Socials
- Purchase and management of GLA SWAG
- Build relationships with local businesses

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GRINDSTONE LAKE



Your Free Gift at the Annual Meeting
The choice of floating boat key chain fob
or a GLA Coozie.

See you at the meeting!

WE NEED YOU

Grindstone Lake Residents Needed
for a Lake Planning Workshop
July 27th, 2019 - 8:30 am-3:00 pm

Bass Lake Town Hall, 14412W Co. Rd K.

Contact Cheryl at ckcontant@gmail.com for more details.

Continental Breakfast and Lunch Provided!

The Grindstone Lake Association received a small lake planning grant from the WI DNR to support a capacity building workshop. Grindstone Lake residents will join staff from the WI DNR, Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Conservation Dept., Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation, and Town of Bass Lake to identify strategies to strengthen collaboration among our organizations.

Morning: agency staff will present background information on Grindstone Lake including habitat and water quality, fish populations and aquatic organisms, and the history of the lake and its development.

Afternoon: agency staff and lake association members will discuss roles and responsibilities to develop a coordinated plan to strengthen our collective capacities to protect water quality, restore aquatic habitat, and control invasive species.

By clarifying roles and strengthening coordination, agencies and the GLA will be able to pool resources to protect Grindstone Lake. Workshop results will be shared with the Grindstone Lake Association and used in the development of a large-scale planning grant to be submitted to the WI DNR in 2020.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters

For the last several years, Grindstone Lake has been participating in The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) **Clean Boats, Clean Waters** program which serves as a front-line defense against the spread of aquatic invasive species in our lakes and rivers. During the prime boating and fishing seasons, boat launch inspectors are trained to perform boat and trailer checks for invasive species, as well as educate boaters on how and where invasive species are most likely to hitch a ride. All of the data gathered via this program is sent to the WI DNR's statewide database where it is monitored to assess the spread of Invasive Species into Wisconsin's lakes.

Thanks in part to a grant obtained via the WI DNR, we are happy to report that Grindstone Lake will once again staff a Boat Launch Monitor this season on weekends and holidays. The monitoring will take place at the public boat launch on Grindstone Landing Road off of County Highway K on the South West corner of the Lake. **Learn more** about this program, or volunteering to be a boat launch monitor: contact **Steve Boger** drsteve@bogerdental.com or **Rich Post** richpost1@outlook.com.

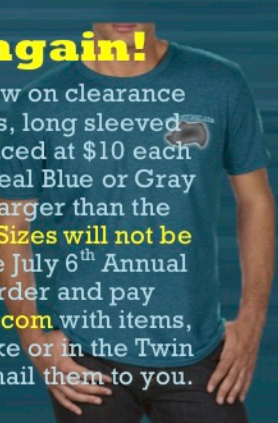


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AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION PROTECTS NATIVE SPECIES AND SAVES MONEY**

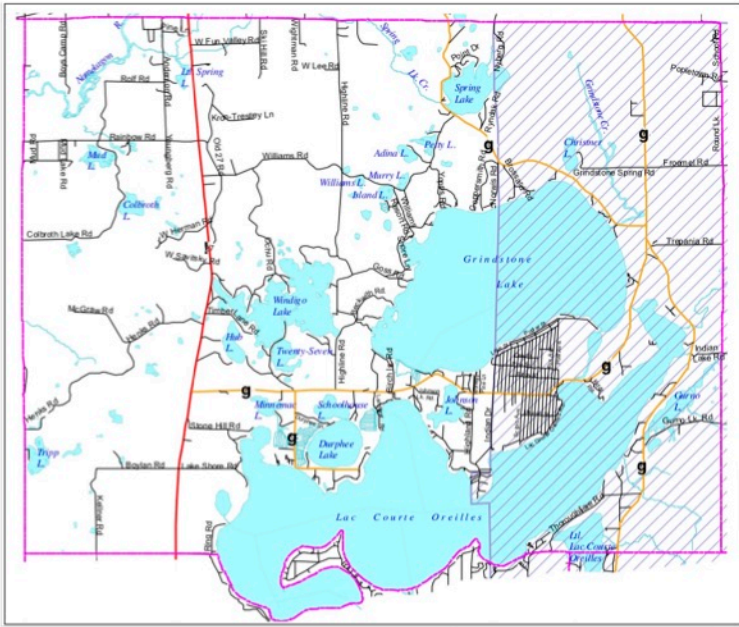
Show your love, again and again!

SALE! SALE! SALE! Grindstone Lake Association SWAG is now on clearance for the existing inventory! Choose from short-sleeved t-shirts, long sleeved hoodies or the baseball cap. These will go fast as they are priced at \$10 each or three for \$25. **Mix and match. No limit!** The t-shirts are in Teal Blue or Gray in sizes S-2XL. Hoodies are Gray in sizes S-XL but run a bit larger than the t-shirts. The baseball cap is in lake blue and one size fits all. **Sizes will not be replenished so act fast.** SWAG will be available for sale at the July 6th Annual meeting and the Social on August 7th. If you would like to order and pay before those dates, please email me at donna Carlson@gmail.com with items, colors, sizes and quantities. We can arrange to meet at the lake or in the Twin Cities prior to the meeting. If you prefer to pay shipping, I'll mail them to you.

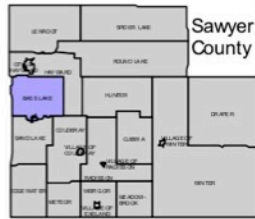
Donna Carlson, GLA President



Town of Bass Lake and Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation



- Town Boundary
- Federal Highway
- State Highway
- County Highway
- Local Roads
- Lakes & Ponds
- Rivers & Streams
- Lac Courte Oreilles



**Town of Bass Lake
Wake Protection Ordinance Update**

On November 12, 2018, the Town of Bass Lake passed a Motorboat Wake Protection Area Ordinance that applies to all waters within the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County. This includes but is not limited to Grindstone.

The intent of this ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interests and the capability of the water resources to minimize shoreline erosion.

In summary, the ordinance states the following:

No person shall operate a motorboat in a manner to enhance an elevated wake for over 50 feet in length closer than 700 feet from any shoreline, dock, pier, raft or other restricted area(s) within the Town of Bass Lake. An elevated wake is a trail of disturbed water left by the passage of a watercraft in excess of 24 inches in height.

This notice has been posted at the Grindstone boat landing. The penalties for violation are according to WI State boating penalties as found in s. 30.80 and include fines. This ordinance shall be enforced by the officers of Sawyer County. Justin Hall, Chairman, Bass Lake Town Board is the local contact for violation reporting. He can be reached at 715-634-4226.

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE
MOTORBOAT WAKE ORDINANCE
NO. 2018-10-08**

NO PERSON SHALL OPERATE A MOTORBOAT IN A MANNER TO ENHANCE AN ELEVATED WAKE FOR OVER 50 FEET IN LENGTH CLOSER THAN 700 FEET FROM ANY SHORELINE, DOCK, PIER, RAFT OR OTHER RESTRICTED AREA(S) WITHIN TOWN OF BASS LAKE. AN ELEVATED WAKE IS A TRAIL OF DISTURBED WATER LEFT BY THE PASSAGE OF A WATERCRAFT IN EXCESS OF 24 INCHES IN HEIGHT.

2019 Grindstone Lake Association Membership

Thanks to all of you who supported the Grindstone Lake Association in 2018. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit group of volunteers who are committed to supporting the lake and all who enjoy it.

Last year, your \$40 annual membership fee enabled us to accomplish so much over the past year including:

- **Lake Management and Monitoring** – We were able to continue our commitment to monitor Grindstone Lake public access points to help ensure that resident and visiting boats to our lake are free of invasive species. Thanks to the help of volunteers we also monitor critical areas of the lake so that invasive species introduced can be identified early, when remediation is still possible.
- **Education for Waterfront Management Best Practices** – Providing information to residents on how to keep our lake healthy for generations to come.
- **Annual Picnic and Socials** – Grindstone Lake residents and supporters join us for food, socializing, and informative presentations about the lake and its care. The annual meeting and picnic is the highlight of our year and provides opportunities for connecting with the community and committing to our **Gem of a Lake**. We also host annual socials at nearby restaurants.

Every membership supports our on-going capacity to care for the lake and to plan events to get to know the Grindstone Lake community. Please join or renew your membership by filling out the form and return it with your \$40 check to the address below. Or visit our website and renew online at grindstonelake.org

Grindstone Lake Association! NEW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2019 - 20 YEAR \$40.00

Name _____ Spouse _____

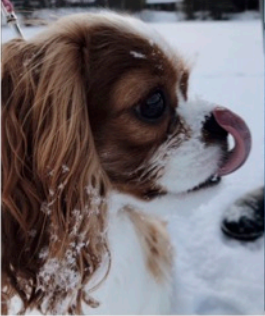
Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Lake Property Fire Number _____

Lake Property Street & Zip _____

e-mail _____ Home phone _____ Lake phone _____

We want to keep in touch with you. **Please print legibly.** Make check payable to the Grindstone Lake Association. Please mail your check and this form to: Grindstone Lake Association Box 292, Hayward, WI 54843
You can also Join or Renew at the July 6th Grindstone Lake Association Picnic!

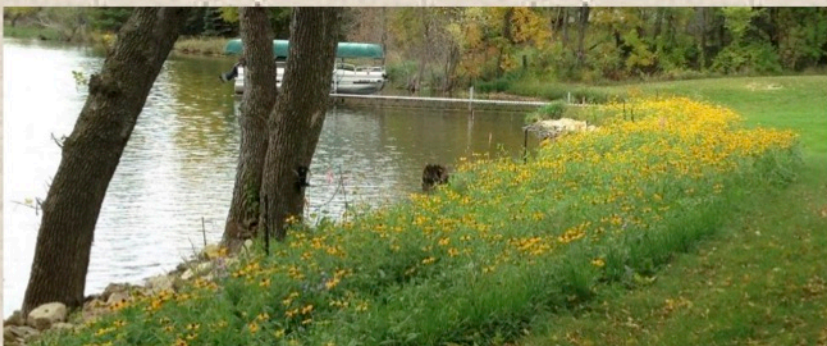


MANAGING YOUR SHORELINE

Grindstone Lake is among a few lakes designated by the Wisconsin DNR as "exceptional resource waters." We enjoy exceptional water quality and clarity, in large part due to proper shoreline management; a balance between nature and our recreational needs. It is recommended that 75% of your shoreline should be dedicated to nature by retaining native trees, plants, and shrubs. The remaining 25 of your shoreline can be dedicated to the things we like to have for enjoyment of the lake, such as docks, boatlifts, and swimming areas.

If your lake cabin has a lawn, restore it 30 feet back from the shore by planting natural grasses and shrubs. Grindstone is not an urban lake with magnificent lawns to showcase lake homes.

That's just one of the many things that makes Grindstone special. Proper shoreline management also has the following benefits: Improved water quality - Reduced shoreline erosion - Attracting native aquatic and terrestrial plants and animals - Reduced invasion of nuisance birds such as Canada Geese - Maintains the lake's natural environment - Reduces the need for lawn chemicals that feed algae blooms.



We're looking into resources and grants to assist homeowners to restore their shoreline. Those interested for a restoration effort in summer of 2020, contact me by email. donnafe Carlson@gmail.com.

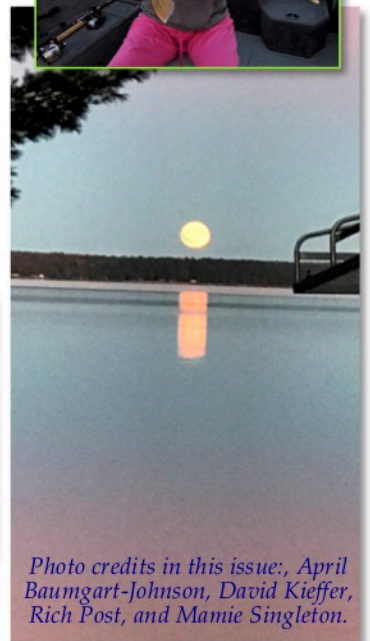
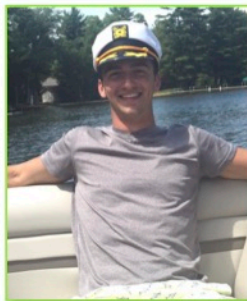


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Grindstone Lake Foundation

Driven to Preserve A Natural Treasure

During the Summer 2018 Grindstone Lake Association Annual Picnic, members discussed concerns about the future of a 57-acre tract of land along the southwestern shore of Grindstone Lake, known as “the Bog.” The group decided to take action to protect and preserve the land from development.

With that goal in mind, the Grindstone Lake Foundation was established in July, the same time during which the owner of the property listed the land for sale through an online auction company. Association members, who weren't able to bid on the property, awaited the outcome anxiously.

“We were concerned the property might have gone to a developer. So we were excited to learn that a benefactor won the bid on our behalf;” said Cynthia Parker, president of the foundation. *“We need to repay that loan, but we're committed to realizing our vision for this beautiful area.”*

It's been several years since cranberry farming ceased on the shoreline of Grindstone Lake. Since that time, the land has been slowly recovering from the effects of cranberry-production practices, which elevate phosphorus levels in freshwater lakes. High phosphorus levels stimulate algal growth and deplete the dissolved oxygen (DO) content, which reduces native populations of fish and other aquatic life.

Foundation members have crafted a clear vision to protect the historic wetland that spreads along 1790 feet of lake frontage. The parcel represents a unique opportunity to protect water quality and create a community-supported nature area to be treasured and enjoyed by anyone in the Northwoods of Wisconsin. The foundation's objectives include gaining clear title to the land, pursuing permanent protection through conservation easements, creating trails for hiking, snow-shoeing, and cross-country skiing, restoring native species and wetland functions, and establishing opportunities for residents and visitors to learn about the history and stewardship of the land.





Fundraising to realize these goals is underway, with the foundation working to raise at least \$1,200,000 for the balloon payment on the property, to clear and clean-up the site, and improve buildings, and create sustainable trails.

In cooperation with its affiliated association, the foundation is actively seeking and contacting potential partners at the state, regional, and local levels to address funding, technical expertise, and outreach and education

“Good stewardship does not occur in isolation, but in community through the momentum of shared values and pursuit of shared vision,” said Parker. *“This is an investment in the quality, future, and beauty of our community and the region and benefits all—humans and wildlife—for generations to come.”*

The Foundation’s Board of Directors

The foundation’s board of directors includes:

Cynthia Parker, President
Bruce Miller, Vice President
Michael Warden, Treasurer
I. Reed Parker, Secretary
Donna Carlson
Cheryl Contant
Karen Mumford

Those interested in advancing foundation goals can sponsor or contribute funds to the foundation, volunteer at upcoming fundraising events, and share the story on social media channels (#byebyebog #preservegrindstonelake #grindstonelakeforall).



For questions or more information, contact
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