



# Grindstone Trumpeter

A Gem of a Lake

## Message From The President

Dear Friends of Grindstone Lake,

How much do we value our favorite lake . . . enough to preserve its integrity, stability and natural beauty? Often we think of our lake as only a surface on which to enjoy our favorite forms of recreation, but now is the time to come together to support the continued vitality and natural beauty of Grindstone Lake. "We must step lightly, live gently, take with discretion and give back in abundance" as author Ted Rulesh states in his book RIPPLE EFFECTS: HOW WE'RE LOVING OUR LAKES TO DEATH. Let's continue these efforts as we work to implement the Grindstone Lake Comprehensive Lake Management Plan.

Now for a few updates and 2023 Plans from your Grindstone Lake Association Board.

Your Grindstone Lake Board has been focusing on the following:

- **Clean Boats, Clean Water (CBCW)**  
Continue our focused effort on monitoring of boats entering the lake. Welcome Melanie Schreiber our 2023 Clean Boats and Waters Monitor. Install I-LLIDS (Internet Landing Installed Device Sensor) enhanced video monitoring at the DNR boat landing.
- **Comprehensive Lake Management Plan (2021-2023) \***  
Complete final steps of the CLMP with DNR Approval. Initiate a **Committee Structure** to support the CLMP implementation.
- **Shoreline Restoration**  
Work with seven homeowners who have signed up for Shoreline Restoration for 2023-2026. GLA has received a grant to support this effort.  
Continue to provide homeowners with information and grant opportunities for shoreline restoration and maintaining/improving water quality.
- **Loon Watch**  
Continue annual participation with new, additional Loon Watchers
- **Communication**  
Inaugurate Neighborhood Zones to support and build Grindstone Lake's sense of community.  
Keep GLA members and other interested parties informed and involved: grindstonelake.org website, emails, Trumpeter newsletter, social opportunities, Annual Meeting.  
Clearly communicate volunteer opportunities to increase involvement and expand capacity.
- **Collaboration**  
Attend WI statewide Lakes and Rivers Conference to gain expertise, recommendations, and partnerships to protect the high quality of Grindstone Lake.  
Work with WI DNR, local governments, and other lake associations.
- **Grindstone Lake Foundation**  
Establish long-term protection and restoration of the Grindstone Lake Nature Reserve.

The Grindstone Lake Association Board thanks you for your continued involvement and looks forward to seeing all of you in person at our Annual Meeting in 2023. Let's continue to find joy at our lake and continue to keep it safe and healthy.

Donna Carlson, President GLA [president@grindstonelake.org](mailto:president@grindstonelake.org)

## Grindstone Lake Association & Grindstone Lake Foundation Annual Meeting and Social Saturday, July 8, 2023

**8:30 Registration and Coffee**

**Bass Lake Town Hall**

14412 W County Road K

**9-10:30 Annual Meeting**

The agenda will include an update on our Grindstone Lake projects for this year including the Comprehensive Lake Management Plan, Shoreline Restoration and Clean Boats-Clean Waters monitoring.

The Grindstone Lake Foundation will present an update on the protection efforts and plans for the Grindstone Lake Nature Reserve.

Our guest speaker will be Eric Lindberg, President of Environmental Sentry Protection. Eric will provide an overview of the I-LIDS (Internet Landing Installed Device Sensor) device being installed at the Grindstone Lake DNR boat landing on K.

**SOCIAL 3-5:00 pm**

Meet and greet your friends and neighbors!

**The Boulevard**

14392 County Road K

Cash Bar and light snacks

**Please RSVP for the Social at [president@grindstonelake.org](mailto:president@grindstonelake.org)**

## \* Committee Structure supporting implementation of the Comprehensive Lake Management Plan Committees include:

- Water Quality
  - AIS & Aquatic Plants
  - Clean Boats Clean Water
  - Fisheries
  - Shoreline Restoration
  - Watershed Protection
- Grindstone Lake Community
  - Membership
  - Communication
  - Social and Education
  - Zone Neighborhoods
- Grants
  - Grant/Proposal Writing
  - Grand Administration



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**We'll be on the lookout for  
those sporting Grinder Gear!**

When **Rich Post** joined the Grindstone Lake Association Board, he had no idea how rewarding and enjoyable working for the health of Grindstone Lake could be.

After all, his three-year term on the board turned into eleven years from 2012. Time flies when you're having fun.

**Sincere thanks and grateful appreciation to Rich for his dedicated service as he retires this year from the GLA Board and the Clean Boats - Clean Waters Program.**



**Clean Boats - Clean Waters**

GLA is happy to report that we will once again be participating in the **Clean Boats Clean Waters** (CBCW) Program for the 2023 boating season. Thanks to a grant obtained by GLA and funded by the WI DNR, inspectors will conduct boater education and inspections to help prevent the spread of **aquatic invasive species** (AIS).

GLA's monitoring efforts for 2022 resulted in 600 boat inspections over the course of 350 hours of monitoring and boater education.

Despite these great efforts, we also acknowledge the need to do more as AIS is increasingly prevalent in nearby waters. So, this past off-season, GLA secured another grant from the WI DNR to subsidize an I-LIDS monitoring device for GLA's main landing.

**I-LIDS** stands for **Internet Landing Installed Device Sensor**, a video monitoring and boater education system which will be installed at the main landing on Hwy K. The device will leverage video capture to provide remote boat and trailer inspections, while simultaneously educating boaters via audio recordings to inspect for AIS. This technology will dramatically improve our coverage at the landing and violations will be reported to local law enforcement. Remember, inspecting and cleaning your boat is not only the right thing to do, it's the law.

**I-LIDS Primary Goals and Objectives of the Program are:**

- Capture a video chronology of boat launches
- Improve boater behaviors through education
- Provide coverage when CBCW monitors are not present
- Understand AIS risks based on time of use and origination of boaters
- Report suspected violations to the local sheriff or conservation officer



**Did you know?** Volunteer Hours are required to uphold GLA's share of these grants. If interested, please register at the **Volunteer link** on the GLA website.



Melanie Schreiber  
CBCW Monitor

**Healthy Shores = Healthy Waters**

**Great News!** GLA applied for Healthy Lakes and Rivers Shoreline Restoration grants last fall and received over \$16,000 in matching funding.

**What's Happening:** We are working with local DNR and County land management officials to implement a series of projects aimed at water quality and shoreline improvements.

Matching grants have been awarded to landowners through the GLA for various projects including water runoff prevention, native plant restoration, butterfly/bird attraction gardens, buffer zone creation, shoreline habitat improvement, rain gardens and erosion control.

**Future Plans:** We encourage landowners to focus on shoreline restoration projects through education, grants, & project sharing ideas. We'll add photos on the grindstonelake.org website of restoration projects as they progress. We hope to add sample projects to the newly acquired cranberry bog land - Grindstone Lake Nature Reserve on the southwest shore near the DNR boat landing.

We'll be accepting application proposals this fall for folks who are interested in applying for matching grants.

For ideas about projects and more information go to <https://healthylakeswi.com/> or <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/ShorelandZoning/Care/restoration.html> or contact Sean Humphreys, GLA Board member at [grindstoneshoreline23@gmail.com](mailto:grindstoneshoreline23@gmail.com).

We hope to grow this opportunity as we work our way through the first round of projects.

## GRINDSTONE LAKE FOUNDATION



Happy 5th Anniversary to the Foundation! It was at the GLA Annual Meeting in 2018 where we discussed the creation of the Foundation and its purpose to secure ownership of the cranberry bog. Last year we celebrated obtaining clear title to the property. While we may continue to refer to the land as "the Bog," we prefer to call it the **GRINDSTONE LAKE NATURE RESERVE!!**



Phase Two of the Foundation Plan: create recreational / educational areas with trails and restore the wetlands. We are coordinating the volunteers who signed up last year to work on the trails. One gracious Grindstone resident has offered to mow the trails for us. The Final Property Management Plan which we were required to provide as part of the

Wisconsin DNR Land Acquisition Grant is posted under the Foundation tab of the Association website. The Plan discusses wetland restoration of 23 acres. The Board is beginning the process of wetland restoration.

Winter or Summer, come take a walk at the Nature Reserve!

Please visit our website

<https://grindstonelake.org/lake-foundation/>

We have a small dock off the Bog shoreline. Boat on over and take a look.



### AIS is closer than you think!

Unfortunately, our neighboring lakes, Lac Courte Oreilles is fighting a difficult and long battle against Aquatic Invasive Species

It's critical to check your boat and remove all plants if you do visit LCO before returning home.

"Aquatic invasive species have become perhaps the most significant problem for the **LAC Courte Oreilles** (LCO) lakes. Curly-leaf pondweed and Eurasian water milfoil have spread throughout both the Big and Little LCO, overwhelming COLA's ability to handle these invasive plants with the Eco-Harvester alone. Over the past winter, COLA worked closely with the WDNR, the LCO Conservation Department, and other agencies to develop strategies to combat AIS." - COLA March 23, 2023.

COLA has been awarded a \$150,000 grant towards this effort in 2023.



For more information, visit [COLA-wi.org/invasive-species](https://COLA-wi.org/invasive-species)  
Be Good Stewards of our Lakes.

## Comprehensive Lake Management Plan Needs Committees for Implementation

Our 2023 Comprehensive Lake Management Plan is an important way for us to focus our efforts on protecting our "Gem of a Lake." There are a series of recommended goals and actions in the plan for the next 3-5 years. Those recommendations fall into three categories:

**Water Quality** is the biggest area of action to protect our lake. We anticipate several committees to work on issues such as aquatic plant and invasive species monitoring: Clean Boats-Clean Water monitoring, fisheries management, shoreline restoration, and watershed protection.

**Building a Vibrant Lake Community** attempts to increase our local capacity to organize to get things done. One or more committees would help with membership, communication, social activities, preparing educational materials, and neighborhood zone activities.

**Grants** are our source of funding to get the work done by property owners or professionals. We need assistance from experienced grant writers and grant administrators.

There is so much to do to protect our lake and we need your help! Your elected GLA Board members are setting up a committee structure to help divide up the workload and get things done. At the annual meeting, we will discuss this committee structure and seek volunteers to join committees to work on specific tasks. Meetings could be at the lake or via zoom - but we need your help to implement the recommendations of this important plan.

**We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit group of volunteers who are committed to supporting the lake and all who enjoy it.**

## GRINDSTONE LAKE GEAR

Orders taken: July 1-16, 2023

The Grindstone Lake Association is pleased to continue to make our Grindstone Lake Gear available. We are offering our top sellers while adding new ideas and colors.

Enjoy and show your love for our Gem of a Lake.



### Choose from these exciting items in our Navy Blue Color for 2023

- T-shirts: short or long sleeved, two colors in Tri-blend. Sizes Ladies', Men's, Youth and Toddler
- Waterproof Rain Jacket, full-zip & hooded (Navy)
- 16 oz. clear pint glass etched with Grindstone Lake logo, set of four.
- Ball Cap in new style of Navy & Gray



**Hidden Bay Graphics in Hayward** makes the ordering process quick and easy for you.

All ordering available on-line at <https://stores.inksoft.com/grindstonelake>

- Place your order online beginning July 1 thru July 16, 2023.
- Pay for the order when it is placed and choose from pick-up or shipping.
- Once the order period is over (July 16th), Hidden Bay Graphics produces the orders.
- Easy-to-follow ordering instructions are in a custom banner at the top of the online store.

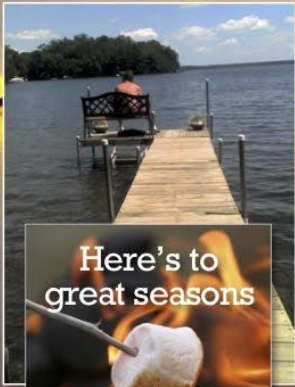
Ordering also available at <https://grindstonelake.org/grindstone-lake-logo-wear>



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great seasons  
... and many  
s'mores!



Make & cherish  
memories.



### Lake Neighborhoods Created for a Sense of Community

Do you have a neighborhood association at your primary residence? Those of us who do, enjoy the benefits of having eyes on our homes from our neighbors who know us, having social events, helping out with projects in the neighborhood, and developing a sense of community. Other lake associations have set up 'neighborhoods' to build a sense of community and provide access to information in a more local setting.

GLA is doing the same...Introducing "Grindstone Lake Neighborhoods."

These 'neighborhoods' are grouping properties around the lake that share a similar location and have common access points (roads to the properties). Our hope in using this neighborhood concept is to create a sense of community and provide a point of access to nearby property owners to help protect our 'Gem of a Lake.' You can see the general locations of the neighborhoods on this map.

We've established 12 neighborhoods around the lake and are still looking for a volunteer in many to serve as "Neighborhood Zone Captain". The responsibility is to serve as a conduit of information for homeowners about lake issues, your neighborhood, and the benefits of membership in the GLA. We'll provide contact information about your neighbors and help you make connections.



### Grindstone Lake Association! MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2023 \$40.00

We want to keep in touch with you. **Please Print Legibly**

**I am renewing** my membership **or**  **I am joining** for the first time (WELCOME!)



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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Property Address (Fire Code and Street) # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Additional has been included for Lake Plan Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_** (\$40 dues + additional donation)

Make check payable to **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 Annual Picnic or on our Website [www.grindstonelake.org](http://www.grindstonelake.org)