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President's Message ~ Bob Arndt

I would like to welcome new board members Peter Foy, Eric Olson, Mike Amstadt and Kris Heckman. I will also take this opportunity to thank departing officers and board members Joe Edgerton, Brad Wagner, John Olsen, and Jim Schoeberl for their services over the past years.

As spring, and spring elections approach, lake residents should examine candidates' positions on issues affecting them. Two obvious issues are shoreland zoning and lake levels. Little has happened with regard to shoreland zoning in the past few months, but lake levels could continue to be a hot issue. All of the lakes are still at or near summer maximums, which means spring rains could easily produce flooding. Susan Josheff (DNR) made a presentation on lake flooding and proposed solutions at the FOLKS annual meeting in January. One part of the current proposals that would affect Lake Kegonsa residents the most, is a clause that would allow for an "emergency drawdown" of Lake Kegonsa. This would allow Dane County Land and Water Resources Director, Kevin Connors, to open the LaFollette lock and dam to draw Lake Kegonsa down below the "summer minimum" established by the DNR. The purported purpose is to increase the head (difference in levels) between Waubesa and Kegonsa and thereby increase the flow out of Lake Waubesa. We are very aware of what happened in August last year when the lake was drawn down just 2" below the summer minimum.

If you have any concerns or suggestions, or would like to get involved, please feel free to contact me, or any of the board members listed on the last page of this newsletter and on our website (www.kegonsa.org). As always, phone numbers and email addresses for all officers and board members are included.

Lets hope for a better year on the lake.

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**Dane County Sheriff's Office
2009 Boating Safety Class Information**

Classes listed at www.danesheriff.com and www.dnr.state.wi.us

Cambridge (Class #2)

April 4, 11 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Amundson Community Center (lower level)
200 Spring Street

Sun Prairie (Class #4)

May 23, 30 and June 6 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Sun Prairie Fire Department
135 N. Bristol Street
(Park on Columbus St. behind the station)

Stoughton (Class #3)

April 19, 26 and May 3 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Stoughton Fire Department
381 East Main Street

Verona (Class #5)

June 8,15,22 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Verona Public Library
500 Easy Street

Your Group

Contact us at the email address below if you have a group interested in receiving this training.

NOTE: Students should plan to attend all meeting dates for their particular class, as different topics are covered each week.

Classes are a mix of adults and children. Entire families are encouraged to attend. There is a book to read (given at class), chapter review questions to complete, and a multiple choice test to pass at the end of the course. While the minimum age is 10, it is highly recommended that students are close to 12 years of age or older. Graduates receive a DNR boating safety certificate valid once the graduate is 12 years of age.

Cost: \$10.00 due at the first class.

Registration: Registration is required prior to class (limited seating available). E-mail the below information to gueldner@co.dane.wi.us or mail to: Deputy Matt Gueldner Dane County Sheriff's Office 115 W. Doty St. Madison, WI 53703. You will receive registration confirmation. Parents must sign authorization paperwork at the first class for students under 18. Students with special needs - Please contact the instructor at least two weeks in advance of the course to request special accommodations.

***All students must have a DNR customer ID number prior to the start of class. This can be obtained by calling the DNR at 1-888-936-7463.

Please contact the instructor if you register and subsequently cannot attend.

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FOLKS monthly board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month and the public is welcome to attend. Next Meeting April 14, 2009, 5:30 - 7:00 PM.

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Fisheries Committee Report

Valentines Day 2009 was not your typical day in regards to giving something to the one you love. Yes this is a love story, yes we are talking about the fisheries committee, and yes we are talking about the one we love – Lake Kegonsa.

On this day some members from the fisheries committee headed by Jim Gray a Folks Board Member rounded up some volunteers from the Madison Huber Center, DNR and friends who after 6 hours of hard labor were scratching their heads wondering why they didn't have something better to do that day. Actually everybody had fun, got fed, nobody got hurt and gifts for the lake were made. If you can't be fishing this is considered a great day.

Now, you probably want to know what kind of gifts you give to a lake; Fish cribs of course! Our volunteer DNR friends on this day told us Lake Kegonsa's bottom is shaped like a bowl thus has very little structure for fish to hide and mature. That is changing; we now have 31 newly made fish cribs to place in the lake. They will be in place before May 1st and your dreams of catching a mountable large one may not be far off. Are you excited? You should be! Your friendly FOLKS fisheries committee is, but we are always excited when we talk about fishing.

For you technical, got to know exactly what we built individuals, I will stop tormenting you now and do my best to explain (see picture below). First we had to notch a couple of logs then put them together to form an X. With the X shaped logs standing up we then put a larger log in the middle of that X and attached it in a cannon looking configuration. They will be placed in the lake with blocks chained to them to make sure they sink and stay in place.

The location of these cribs is super top secret, a matter of national security that only the Governor knows, just kidding. Actually, since they haven't even been placed, we can't really tell you where they are going. But we will happily update you in the future.



Lake Kegonsa Fall 2008 Fisheries Survey Notes

In late October 2008, DNR fisheries staff electro-fished Lake Kegonsa. This effort completed our comprehensive sampling of the lake which included a spring netting sample as well as a spring electro-fishing event. A comprehensive survey helps quantify pike and walleye stocks, and describes the relative proportion of quality sized gamefish in a given waterbody. Annual reports can be found on the DNR website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/fish/reports/>

Fall samples are typically used to look at recruitment- the term for how well the fish reproduced and survived from this years' spawn. We want to see good numbers of young fish which are vulnerable in the fall because they frequent the shallows where the boat works. The entire shoreline is shocked and various metrics are calculated to characterize the sample, and by default, the entire fishery.

The 2008 summary is as follows

Species	Data	Total
Bluegill	Count of number of fish	14
	Average of length	8.121428571
	Min of length	4.6
	Max of length	9.4
LMBASS	Count of number of fish	60
	Average of length	14.25
	Min of length	4.7
	Max of length	20.2
NPIKE	Count of number of fish	14
	Average of length	20.18571429
	Min of length	8
	Max of length	35
SMBASS	Count of number of fish	13
	Average of length	12.6
	Min of length	8.8
	Max of length	15.2
Walleye	Count of number of fish	263
	Average of length	9.546007605
	Min of length	5.5
	Max of length	22.5
YBASS	Count of number of fish	96
	Average of length	6.198958333
	Min of length	3.4
	Max of length	12
Total Count of number of fish		460
Total Average of length		9.827826087
Total Min of length		3.4
Total Max of length		35





Lake Kegonsa Sailing Club

Hello,

The Lake Kegonsa Sailing Club is starting the 2009 sailing season early and with a pledge to get people involved in the sport of sailing. To that end we have scheduled a number of educational and entertaining events this spring and summer for sailors and spectators too.

The great part about sailing, other than the pure fun of it, is: No air pollution, No water pollution, No noise pollution. No gasoline expense.

There are many levels of participation from just floating around a lake to racing in the many racing events in our area. Sailors are well known for their willingness to share knowledge of the sport with anyone interested.

The LKSC is putting on seminars this spring at Halverson's Restaurant on Hwy 51 north of Stoughton

Wednesday, April 22: Sailing and Sail Trim - The shape of a sail can be adjusted to improve boat performance. In this seminar participants will learn how to trim their sail(s) for a more thrilling and pleasurable sailing experience. Even beginning racers will learn much from this seminar. Beginners are always welcome to attend our seminars and ask questions, we always have a group of experienced sailors to help you.

Our first Official Race is May 16, 2009 - The Syttende Mai Regatta. This race is open to the public and is a mass start with Portsmouth Handicap scoring. All information about this race will be on our web site: www.lksc.org The Syttende Mai Regatta headquarters is at Pleasant Springs Boat Landing on Lake Kegonsa. Spectators can watch from there or from Springers Restaurant on Sunnyside Drive. Sailors will also congregate at Springers for lunch and for the skippers meeting prior to the race, which starts around 1pm.

During the summer the LKSC has races every Thursday evening at 6:30pm and Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm. These are open, handicapped scored (Portsmouth) races that anyone can participate in. If you are a club member, you are scored in the race. Always check the web site www.lksc.org to see if a race is ON or may have been cancelled due to weather.

A note to sailors who have never raced: Racing is the absolute best way to improve your sailing skills. Our races are laid back and recreational.

The LKSC also has a number of "FUN" sailing events during the summer that are not races but incorporate some aspects of racing. They are a great way to learn how to sail and have a fun time too.

Saturday, June 20, 2009 - The 2-Man Race - Standard race format with each boat having 2 people in it. We always need crew for this race, experienced or not. If you would like to crew sign up in the Forum on our web site: www.lksc.org/forum

Saturday, July 18, 2009 - The Pirate Race - Absolute great fun!! We get dressed up like pirates and meet at Sprinters for lunch and a pirate meeting. We then set sail in small sailboats to hunt down and capture the big sailboats, which have the clues to find the treasure. We follow clues to the treasure with much frivolity; once the treasure is found. We often need crew for this event too. Come join us at Springers at 11am.

Saturday, August 15 2009 - Something New This Year - So new we don't know what it is yet. Check the web site: www.lksc.org

Saturday, September 12, 2009 - The Rodeo - A rodeo on water with sailboats! Lasso the horses, barrel racing, trick riding, and the whirling triangle race. Great Fun!! We dress as cowboys/girls. The rodeo starts after lunch at Springers - Lunch at 11am. Crew is often needed as are volunteer "rodeo clowns".

Saturday, October 10, 2009 - The MC SCOW Slalom Event - You've seen down hill slalom and water ski slalom...well this is sailboat slalom. Starting at Springers after lunch. Crew is sometimes needed for this event.

Members of the Lake Kegonsa Sailing Club are always available to help you get involved in sailing. We are here to answer your questions, contact us at: lksc@lksc.org and one of our members will get back to you. We'll even arrange to give you a trial ride to see if you like it.

You do not have to live on Lake Kegonsa to be a member of our club.

Come join us and learn about the wonderful world of sailing. Many of our members have chartered sailboats in the Caribbean and we can share those experiences with you too. How much fun would THAT BE!!!

In addition to our sailing events we also have social events throughout the year for club members and guests. May the winds fill your sail!

Fair Winds

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FOLKS Annual Membership Drive/Renewal

Watch your mailboxes for your Folks membership/renewal form. Your membership allows you to remain informed about what is going on around the lake. You receive up to five newsletters a year and alerts via our "Lake Network" e-mail system. You are invited to attend the Fall Social and educational presentations related to lake issues.