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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the days grow shorter and the nights crisper, we all turn to thoughts of Thanksgiving. But let me take a minute to review the past season, and look forward to next season.

First, I would like to extend a hearty "thank you" to Joel Weintraub, who has served as President of LOCA for the last four years. Joel, working behind the scenes, has seen us through some of LOCA's toughest challenges, from law suits to motorboats not conforming to LOCA rules, to the acquisition of the Culvermere property. While shouldering all of these burdens, Joel kept a cool head and his sense of humor. (Who can forget his weather prediction jokes before every sailing regatta?) It will be a long time before we find someone as hard-working and diligent as Joel.

Speaking on behalf of all

members, thank you, Joel and Cess.

Secondly, for those of you who couldn't make our Annual Meeting at the Branchville Fire House in August, highlights included awards presented for fishing and sailing, and a beaver award to David Mintz, who worked so tirelessly on converting the Culvermere property to open space. There were also committee reports on the status of LOCA water (it is excellent) and progress toward the important goal of having every motorboat on the Lake in compliance with LOCA rules.

Finally I would like to say a word about dues. Nobody wants to see increases in their household budgets, but running the Lake is like anything else: costs go up and up. Taxes, insurance and the cost of food for

the picnic have all risen. We were paying our Secretary/Treasurer and Patrolmen at a very low rate. Brad Batastini has implemented a mechanized method of water testing that, although accurate and using the latest technology, is also somewhat more expensive than the old, manual method. The bottom line, as most of you know, is that LOCA has been running a deficit for three years now. We have had to dig into our savings, even at a time when savings accounts and CD's were paying interest at historic lows. So, faced with these realities, the members voted to increase our dues to \$160 next year. When I mention this to friends at Culver Lake and Kittatinny Lake, they are amazed at how low Lake Owassa dues are (Culver's dues are about \$500, depend-

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—CON'T

ing on the boats you own). You can count on the Board to scrutinize every penny spent. We all have families to support, too!

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Preparations for next season have already begun.

Noteworthy is that a Picnic Committee has been formed, chaired by none other than our intrepid chef at past picnics, Mike Fiorentine . The thought here was that Mike needs to put together a team to

help him, and what better way to attract working volunteers? So if you want to help with next year's picnic, Mike is the person to see. This also helps Judy Roman by giving her one less thing to worry about.

Also, we hope to make the process of registering boats with LOCA simpler. As most of you know, there was a great deal of confusion about the registering of boats, which was not only an annoyance to members, but also an unbelievable

burden on the Boat Compliance Committee, chaired by Kevin Murphy. To alleviate this, and have boat registrations completed as early as possible for the spring fisherman (and intrepid water skiers), boat registration forms will be sent out in February.

Finally, I can be reached at 973-948-4689, or at

[johnlawson@nychoral.org](mailto:johnlawson@nychoral.org)

Joanne and I are year-rounders here. We both wish you happy and healthy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

## BOAT COMPLIANCE—KEVIN MURPHY

A few years ago the LOCA Board of Governors approved a limited number of pontoon boats that were greater than 17 feet in length as measured from the rearmost projection to the forward most projection. So far we have identified 4 such boats and we are in the process of issuing certificates to the owners which will protect their status and allow for future sales to another

LOCA member. If you believe that you have a pontoon boat to which this applies, please contact Kevin Murphy at (973) 748-3338 to arrange for an inspection and certificate.



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## RECREATION—JUDY ROMAN, CAREN BEREI & ANN O'CONNOR

Once again LOCA would like to thank all who worked hard to make this a great summer! Our weather was super-except for the rain before July 4 and at the end of August. All our planned activities provided lots of fun for all ages. Now it's time to think about 2007!! Our tentative calendar is as follows:

**June 9-** Saturday- Area Advisors Meeting- Cathy Doremus's Home

**July 1-** Sunday-Sailboat Races

**July 4-** Wednesday- Boat Parade

**July 8-** Sunday- Swim Races

**August 11-** Saturday- Swim Across the Lake

**To be announced:** Picnic

After many years of being in charge of LOCA Recreation, it is with great pleasure to tell you that we have new volunteers to help in this area!! Ann O Connor and Caren Berei-J-5- have agreed to assist in our recreation adventures! Other

committee members are Beth Batastini, Margaret Mullins, Christine Lipari and Cathy Guigliano. They have ideas for new things to be tried as well as continuing our old favorites. Thanks so much for volunteering!! We hope everyone will continue to participate and enjoy the activities they will plan for us!!

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## Lake Waters: Algae Blooms—Brad Batastini

### What are they?

Algae blooms are plants which grow naturally in fresh water lakes. This fall we experienced some green and blue-green algae blooms not uncommon to North Jersey lakes. The green algae sometimes makes the lake look like pea soup and the blue-green algae gathers together in thick globs which float on the surface then sink to the bottom.

### What causes them?

These occur as a result of the lake "reversing" or "turning over." When the temperatures cool, the top dense water sinks causing the bottom to rise, bringing up sediment rich in phosphates and nitrates. These nutrients, added to sunlight and the right temperature, cause the algae to bloom. This year's bloom may also have been particularly large due to the gypsy

moth exfoliation and excrement which entered the lake.

### How and when do they go away?

Eventually when the 4 things algae rely on to bloom (phosphates, nitrates, temperature, and sunlight) change or diminish, the algae die and return to the bottom of the lake and some leave via the outlet. This can take a few days or weeks to occur and then the clarity of our water returns.

### Are they harmful?

The potential hazard to humans is that it may cause allergic type symptoms to people who are prone to skin rashes. Do not swim in the lake during the algae bloom and if you do, shower afterwards. Pets should not drink water from the lake during



the bloom cycle.

### What can we do?

Since we can't control Mother Nature, sunlight, or temperature, the only things we can do are to focus on the phosphates and nitrates:

Reduce or eliminate the use of fertilizers and pesticides.

1. Use phosphate free cleaning products.
  2. Pump or upgrade septic systems.
  3. Reduce runoff into the lake.
  4. Educate each other.
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# LOCA PATROLMAN—TED ROMAN

## Patrolman's Reminder

Current NJ registration stickers must be displayed next to the NJ registration number on your boat.

A set (2) of LOCA red & white area stickers must be displayed on each side of every boat including canoes, kayaks, and paddle boats. Next spring, 2007 LOCA stickers when issued must be placed next to the area stickers on each side of every boat.

Power boats in excess of 35 hp will again be issued yearly stickers of a different color from the stickers issued for other boats.

Any questions call Patrolman Ted Roman at 973-948-7171.

## Fall Reminder

Float and boat anchors should be removed from the lake. Alternatively, if left in the lake, an anchor can be marked by having a heavy chain attached to the anchor run along the lake bottom to the shore.

Floating objects (plastic bottles, barrels and light weight rope) must not be attached to the anchor. Such floating objects can be submerged by the action of the shifting ice and water and prove to be a below-surface hazard to boaters and water skiers in the spring.



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# FISHING COMMITTEE—RAY EARLE

Fall is upon us and I am glad to see many anglers taking advantage of our great fall fishing. All too soon ice fishing season will be here. Please remember that we are required to comply with all NJ State fishing laws. Do not take fish during a restricted season and be sure to have your current fishing license with you while on the lake.

Fall also brings us to our next stocking which will take place at the end of October. We will be stocking 500 Hybrid Striped Bass from 6" to 8" and 800 Channel Catfish from 8" to 10".

The 2006 fishing contest had more entries than ever before. 57 trophies were awarded at the August meeting. Congratulations to all and good luck in the 2007 contest which is already under way and will end August 20, 2007.

A few trophies still need to be picked up. If you know anyone on the list, please have them contact Ray Earle at 973-948-6237 to make arrangements for pick up. List as follows:

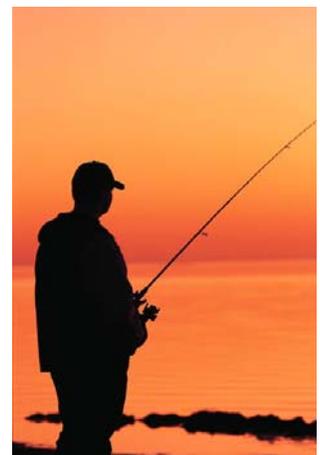
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- Andrew Stotsky
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- Alyssa Putera
- Gary Hotko
- Nick Brewer
- Sarah Keating
- John Mallon

The first annual bass fishing tournament will be held on July 7, 2007, more details to follow in the spring news letter.

I would like to thank everyone who so generously donated to the fishing club this year. Your donations make our stocking programs and fishing contest possible.

Remember, take a kid fishing and make memories for a life time. Good Luck!



# LOCA YOUTH FISHING CONTEST 2006

<u>Area/Name</u>	<u>Fish</u>	<u>LBS.</u>	<u>OZ.</u>	<u>Place</u>
E21 Zach Earle	Perch			
H1 Michael Flood	Perch	1	2	1
H1 Vincent Fierro	Perch		12.5	2
C19 Patrick Jackson	Perch		11	3
I8 Nicole Deangelo	Perch			
I8 Michael Wasserman	Perch			
I8 Nicole Post	Perch			
I8 Max Wasserman	Perch			
C22 Dean Rizzi	Catfish			
H13 Bob Doherty	Catfish	5	8	1
H1 Kevin Flood	Catfish	6	4	2
G21 Sarah Keating	Catfish	4	2	3
G18 Ben Giugliano	Catfish	2	2	
I11 Sean Doremus	Catfish			
I8 Gary Hotko	Catfish			
H13 Kelsey Doherty	Crappie			
E21 Zach Earle	Crappie	2	3	1
I11 Sean Doremus	Crappie	1	11	2
C23 Kevin Salvadge	Crappie	2	9	3
H13 Connor Nolan	Crappie			
H27 Alyssa Putera	Crappie			
C19 Patrick Jackson	Pickrel			
G18 Sasha Jouravlev	Pickrel	3		1
H27 Andrew Stotsky	Pickrel	2	5	2
C3 Gerard Ferrante	Pickrel	3	3	3
B23 John Mallon	Pickrel			
G18 Luke Giugliano	Pickrel			
H27 Jeremy Sososky	Pickrel			
E21 Zach Earle	Large Mouth Bass			
E21 Tristin Earle	Large Mouth Bass	3	5	1
I8 Dean Deangelo	Large Mouth Bass	4		2
H34 Hailey Lopez	Large Mouth Bass	2	8	3
C19 Evan Jackson	Large Mouth Bass			
C37 Eddie Fiorentine	Large Mouth Bass			
E21 Tim Earle	Large Mouth Bass			
E21 Justin Rosario	Large Mouth Bass			
D3 Preston Roman	Large Mouth Bass			
I4 Nick Brewer	Large Mouth Bass			
F4 Samantha Bensen	Large Mouth Bass			
I8 Brandon Logan	Large Mouth Bass			
C12 Aaron Buzdygon	Tagged Bass			



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# LOCA ADULT FISHING CONTEST 2006

<u>Area/Name</u>	<u>Fish</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>OZ</u>	<u>Place</u>
E21 Scott Caravella	Large Mouth Bass	5	6	1
E21 Ray Earel	Large Mouth Bass	3	4	2
E21 Marie Worthington	Large Mouth Bass	2	14	3
G23 Kathy Keating	Channel Catfish	5	6	1
H9 Jeff Tandul	Channel Catfish	6	1	2
I8 E.J. Shovelson	Channel Catfish	2	11	3
C20 Brad Batastini	Crappie	2	12	1
B23 Travis	Crappie	3	8	2
I8 E.J. Shovelson	Crappie	4	5	3
E21 Thor Yesthal	Pickerel	3	2	1
E21 Ray Earle	Pickerel	2	10	2
E21 Vinny Maccaro Jr.	Pickerel	3	7	3
C21 Brad Batastini	Stripped Bass	7	2	1
C37 Mike Fiorentine	Stripped Bass	6	10	2
B23 Jeff Roman	Stripped Bass	6	2	3
B34 Michael Sesera	Stripped Bass	6	2	3



## LOCA STORE

It is not too late to order those special Christmas presents!!! Any of the following items would be a great gift for that someone special: hats, sweatshirts (crew & hooded), fleece jackets, fleece vests, T-shirts (long & short sleeve), golf shirts, sweat pants, butt shorts, and denim shirts. Just call and order before Nov. 12, 2006. 973-948-7171-Judy



## EDITOR'S NOTE

### Welcome Aboard

Many thanks to Ann O'Connor and Caren Berei for lending their help with this Newsletter. As you can tell by the new look, their computer skills far exceed mine, and I am thrilled to have their expertise added to this endeavor.

The next LOCA Newsletter will come out after the holidays. News & classifieds can be sent directly to Caren & Ann at:

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# MISC.

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**FYI**—During the latter part of the summer, many of the residents of East Shore Lake Owassa Road were victims of vandalism. Several folks had car emblems or other easily removed car parts taken. One car was vandalized and keys were taken resulting in the home owner re-keying their home. Two

cars were taken, one for a "joy ride" to Plumer Road . The list goes on. If you had an incident and did not report it to the State Police (973-303-1515), it is suggested that you do so, even though it is after the fact. They need to know the extent of these acts of vandalism.

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