



The Oquaga Lake Improvement Association

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Dear Fellow Oquaga Lakers,

The winter of 2006/07 is behind us and a strange winter it was. We virtually had no snow through January. In fact, the temperature in January was a balmy 65° and many of us were out playing golf. Winter did arrive the third week of January and it arrived with a significant cold front and snow storm which gave us about 20" of snow in a day. After warming and melting the snow, Valentine's Day brought us back to reality with a 26" snowfall and kept us cold for the rest of the winter. Several more snow storms and we realized how lucky we were that winter came late. The lake didn't freeze until February, but it provided a full venue of winter sports activities. Ice left the lake for good in April allowing the water to start warming for a great summer on our beautiful lake.

Your Association has again planned for a full summer of activities starting with the 5th annual J. Elmer Crowley Memorial Fishing Derby scheduled for Saturday, June 30th. Fishing central is located at the Koen Gieskes dock starting at 7:00 a.m. As usual, prizes in various categories will be awarded. Call Koen to register at 467-4969.

This year's "Adult Summer Opening Cocktail Party" will be held at Scott's Lake House on Sunday, July 1st at 2:00 p.m. Each property-owner member of the Lake Association may purchase, for \$10.00 per ticket, up to two adult tickets to the party. The tickets cover the cost of the food and two drink coupons for beer, wine or soda. Guest tickets will be \$20.00 per person. Please make your reservations with Barb Marko at 725-7087 or 467-1897.

July 4th falls right in the middle of the week! The annual Ring of Fire will start at 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday the 4th of July. Flares, as usual, will be available from Herb and Alice Spach any weekend prior to the 4th of July at the price of 3 flares for \$10.00. Flares will also be available at the opening cocktail party. Herb and Alice will be in the upper cottage of their lot at 421 Oquaga Lake Road.

Again this year, the folks at Scott's have graciously allowed lake residents and their guests' access to the lake through their boat launch area. The Scott's have requested that people using the launch follow a few simple rules:

- Please stop in at the lobby of the hotel to pick up the key to the launch and sign-in on the launch log.
- Bring your boat and trailer to the launch by going to the Playhouse Road and backing into the launch.
- Exit the launch area by driving by the farm house to the main road.
- Lock up the launch area and return the key.
- Please stay off the grass on either side of the launch access.
- Do not leave your trailer at the launch area.

Green decals were previously issued to insure we can identify the boats which belong on the lake. The color is not as visible as we had hoped, so we have changed colors to an orange decal. If you wish to change to the new color, please contact Barbara Marko at 725-7087. If you have a day guest or renters, remember we have available guest ID's you may give to whomever you choose to access the lake on a temporary basis.

Again the Chestnut Inn has asked that boaters on the lake refrain from interrupting wedding ceremonies being conducted on the dock area at The Chestnut. Blowing boat horns and racing by at high speeds can be a problem while the wedding service is being conducted. Your cooperation is appreciated.

The Annual Field Day needs an event coordinator. Barb Simon who has run this for so many years has a conflict this year. So we need a volunteer. Barb has offered to help with all the preparations and supply planning assistance. Please call me at 467-5575 if you would like to fill the role.

The Town of Sanford has passed a zoning ordinance with regards to construction on the lake. Please check with the Town to get approval for your project. Work between the months of June and September has been restricted, so please check with the Town offices.

The Lake Association's by-laws require that we elect four people each year to the Board of Directors to fill the expiring terms of four current Board members. The Board is asking for your nominations for Board seats which expire in 2010. Please submit your nominations in writing to the Board of Directors Nominating Committee no later than July 30, 2007. You may give your nominations to any Board member.

As you know, Friday nights are special at the lake. Friday night features the weekly meetings of the Lake Association "Singing & Drinking Society". The Society meets at the Chestnut or Scott's on alternating Friday nights. The cannon firing at 5:00 pm signals the start of the activities. Plan to join your friends every Friday night. We look forward to seeing you. See the enclosed calendar of events for the schedule.

Enclosed with this letter is your invoice for 2007 Lake Association dues . Your prompt attention to this invoice will help us to reduce expenses and to continue our financial security. Thank you in advance for your help.

Have a great summer!

For the Board of Directors,

James B. Bennett III
President

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