

Moen Lake Chain Association

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Our mission is to protect, maintain and enhance environmental and recreational values of the Moen Lake Chain of lakes and its surroundings; to provide to its members information of concern; to represent its members with other organizations and public officials and to conduct such other activities as are appropriate to the purpose and consistent with the nonprofit status of the Association.



Letter from the MLCA President, Nancy Sattler

Hello! It seems like not too long ago I was writing a newsletter when the ice on the lakes was just melting... and here I am writing to you when ice is just beginning to form! It's true...time sure does seem to go quickly. I hope everyone enjoyed their time on the water this summer. It was nice to see people enjoying our beautiful, healthy waters!

The dues form for 2023 is included with this newsletter. You will see a couple options on there again this year. We will once again be offering the \$100 option that helps to cover an inspector at our boat landing. It was very successful, and I want to thank those of you that volunteered at the launch or invested in our waters with the extra option. The list of property owners that contributed are posted at the boat landing kiosk.

You will also see an 'opt in' option for a property owner directory. Those of you that opt in will have your name, lake property address, alternate address and phone number listed in the directory. How nice to be able to easily contact a neighbor throughout the year! This directory will be emailed to anyone that 'opts in' to the option on the dues form.

The Fish & Habitat Committee will once again be on the ice this winter working on Fish Sticks on the chain. Please review the [annual meeting minutes](#) on our website to learn more about this project.

Our buoy committee was kept busy this summer with installation, repair, replacement, and chasing down errant buoys. If you ever notice an issue with the buoys, please contact me asap and I will let our volunteers know of the issue. Some of the issues we had this summer were due to the lower water levels we experienced. We have included an excerpt from an article from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Forrest Van Asten, P.E., Water Management Engineer – Waterways Bureau, who wrote to us offering some insight on our lake level.

As always, thank you for being considerate neighbors.

Sincerely,
-- Nancy

Photo Contest Winner & 2023 Contest

Congratulations to our 2022 MLCA
Photo Contest Winner:

Warren and Betsy Lynn

Upon retirement in a year or two, they plan to move full time to their cabin on Fourth Lake.



All MLCA members are invited to participate in our annual Photo Contest. Send us your pictures that show off how special and beautiful life is on the Moen Chain. Please [email](#) your photos to Nancy Sattler at president@moenlakechain.org. Winners will win some sweet MLCA swag!

RENEW your MLCA dues today via PayPal on our website!

Why are the lake levels so low?

The Moen Chain of Lakes is controlled by the North Pelican Dam, which is owned and operated by the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company (WVIC). This is part of a hydroelectric project that is regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and is not a DNR regulated dam. WVIC provides water level and flow data that is updated on a daily basis and available on their [website](http://www.wvic.com/includes/Levels-And-Gates-Reports.cfm): <http://www.wvic.com/includes/Levels-And-Gates-Reports.cfm>

Currently, a large portion of northern Wisconsin is considered to be experiencing abnormally dry to moderate drought conditions. Most of Oneida County, including the Moen Chain area, is in a moderate drought. WVIC's four main reservoirs in northern Wisconsin that feed the Wisconsin River system (Rainbow, Rice, Spirit, and Willow) are all abnormally low at the moment.

In general, end of summer/early fall is normally the driest period of the year (except for the middle of winter), and then we typically see replenishing rainfalls as we move into fall. This fall, we haven't seen much rain runoff to replenish the water levels, and the rain events that we have gotten in general produced little measurable rain. Hopefully we get a long soaking rain, as there are many bodies of water that could use the runoff.

Thanks to our MLCA volunteers



Clean Boats Clean Waters: One of the primary activities of the MLCA is the Clean Boats Clean Waters Program. This program monitors the boats entering and leaving at the Moen Lake landing. It is the associations' responsibility to provide a minimum of 200 hours volunteer time. Below is a [link](https://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/invasives/WatercraftSummary.aspx?landing=10018763) to some DNR reports on CBCW activities on the Moen Chain.

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The landing is staffed on Friday evening, Saturday morning, afternoon and evening and Sunday morning afternoon and evening May through September. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed! The only two aquatic invasive species found to date in the chain are rusty crayfish and Chinese mystery snails. Most of the surrounding lakes are infested with Eurasian milfoil and other aggressive invaders.



Channel Markers: A big thank you to our volunteer channel marker crew who put in the markers every spring and remove them in the fall: Don Broadbridge, Tim Grove and Rocky Gust. The committee is looking for a volunteer who would be willing to take out (Fall) and put in (Spring) the two rock buoys on Moen Lake. Also, it would be great if we could find a volunteer to handle the channel markers between Moen and Second Lakes. Anyone interested please call or text Rocky (248) 672-3247.

Fish Committee update

Three "Fish Stick" installations were placed on Pine Island in Fifth Lake this past winter. The permit to do these projects is good for five years, and any projects have to be placed under the authority of this permit, which is held by the Association. The purpose of these Fish Stick projects is to improve fish and wildlife habitat. The DNR will provide matching funds for projects. The first three projects were accomplished by the efforts of many volunteers. Any landowners on the chain that are interested in hosting a project, please contact Tony Sattler through the Association. The projects also welcome new volunteers!

Fingerling walleyes were stocked by the DNR as follows: 4,500 in Moen, and 4,500 in Fourth and Fifth Lakes. "Year of young" fish are still not in great enough numbers based on the DNR survey, normally taking place in odd numbered years. 2023 will be the next DNR survey.



MLCA merch for sale

Interested in MLCA merchandise? Please contact Keith Kelling at (608) 770-0055 or send a message via our Facebook page, and he will let you know what items are available in your size. Message or call for more logo wear options!

MLCA Board update

There are nine members. Billy Heath was elected to serve a second term, and Kate Easton and John Dellemann were elected to serve their first terms. Your 2022-2023 Board officers are: Nancy Sattler, President, Ann Richmond, Vice President, Julie Gust, Treasurer, Kate Easton, Secretary. Many thanks and appreciation to Sue Ohman and Kris Krause for the valued service for the MLCA Board!