



Welcome to Bald Eagle Lake

Bald Eagle Lake Property Owners Association was formed in 1975 to help maintain the beauty, health and usefulness of the lake. Since that time we have had many accomplishments:

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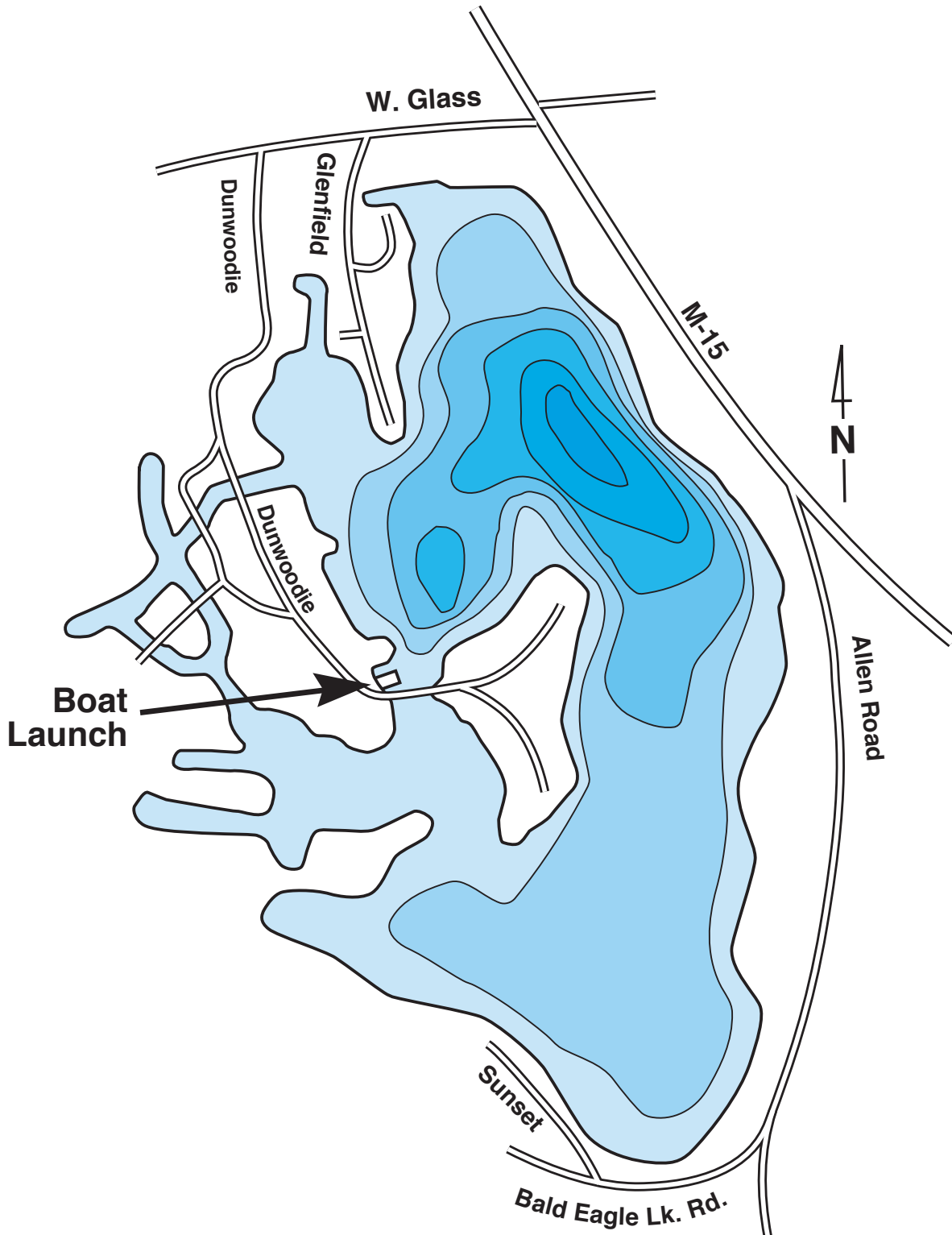
WILDLIFE

- We have maintained a level of water that is beneficial to most people.
- We work with the Eagle Island Protective Association to provide our members the use of their boat ramp.
- We publish a news letter several times a year to keep residents up to date on our water testing, and other lake issues.
- We have educated lake front property owners (riparians) about what is harmful to the lake. We have greatly reduced the number of people who fertilize their lawns.
- We have been part of a DNR self-help program in which we regularly test the water for excessive ammonia, phosphorus and fecal coliform. Several times we have identified residents who have been polluting the lake and alerted them to the problem.
- We have worked with the township government to stop key-hole developments, where residents in subdivisions not on the lake would have access to the lake, greatly increasing the boat traffic.

The lakes of Oakland County are facing ever greater challenges from nature and from development. It is the natural tendency of lakes to fill in over time. Human activity around the lakes speeds up this process when we use our septic systems and fertilize. We also have the threat of overuse as the number and size of watercraft increase every year. For these reasons it is important that every resident support the Lake Association. Your home is probably your biggest investment and much of its value depends on the condition of the lake.

PROTECT THIS INVESTMENT.

Boat Launch



The boat ramp at the Dunwoodie Beach is available for use by members of BELPOA who also pay the ramp fee. Members who have paid their ramp fee can get the lock combination to the ramp from any Board member. The combination is changed often during boating season.

The park adjacent to the ramp is not a public park. It is for the use of only people who belong to the Bald Eagle Protective Association.

Protecting the Lake

Most of us choose to live on Bald Eagle Lake because of the water-related activities we enjoy. It is a beautiful, healthy lake. Let's not jeopardize that by inadvertently harming it.

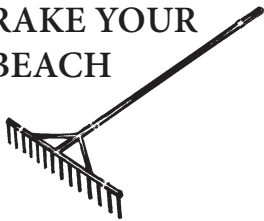
KEEP YOUR SEPTIC TANK CLEAN

Most septic tanks need cleaning every two or three years. If you have a garbage disposal you must have your tank cleaned more often. It is recommended that lake residents do not use a garbage disposal.

SKIP THE FERTILIZER AND WEED KILLERS

Anything that greens your lawn also greens the lake. Chemicals put on a lawn eventually wash into the water. Weedkillers and pesticides are harmful to the fish—which are eaten by many lake residents. A lush lawn may be a status symbol in other places, but around a lake it is a sign that the owners don't care about the lake.

RAKE YOUR BEACH



You can help the overall health of the lake and improve your own beach if you rake out the weeds. A large, heavy landscaping rake will do the job in deeper water. Pull out the weeds by the roots if possible and churn up the bottom. Bag the weeds for garbage pick-up or use them as compost elsewhere on your property.



BAG YOUR LEAVES

Pieces of weeds left in the water can root elsewhere, so please remove all of the raked leaves. Landscaping rakes can be purchased at nurseries and hardware stores.

Burning leaves release ash containing phosphorus which, when it falls in the water, fertilizes the weeds, not to mention the damage toxic, smoky air does to people with respiratory problems.

ZEBRA MUSSELS



Zebra mussels attach to any smooth surface and multiply rapidly. If you take your watercraft to any other body of water, be sure to rid it of mussels before putting it back into Bald Eagle Lake. There are two ways of doing this:

1. If you let your craft sit out of the water for several days the mussels will die.
2. If you can't wait that long then you must wash down your craft and trailer thoroughly with a mixture of water and a small amount of chlorine bleach. Cleaning the bilge is also important since you could have inadvertently put larvae into it.

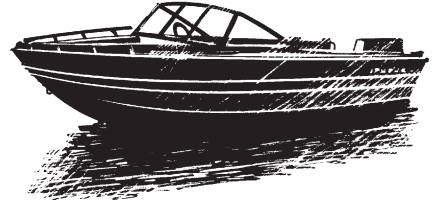
This matter should not be taken lightly. If you have an inboard, they can attach to your outdrive and if you don't use it often they can cause considerable damage. On outboards they can clog exhaust holes.

The practice of washing your craft should be done any time you go from lake to lake. Eurasian milfoil was spread this way. Once the mussels have been introduced it is too late. So, please, take the time to clean your craft before launching it back into the lake.

If you allow guests to put boats into our lake, be sure their boats are free of mussels.

Boating

Boating is the biggest activity on the lake and is the cause of the most problems. For this reason, common courtesy is the most important element in making boating pleasurable for everyone.

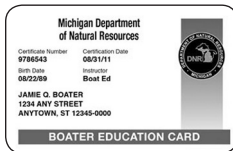


Please stay out of the shallow water until June 1st.

...so that the walleye, pike and bass have a fair chance to spawn. When predator fish are continually frightened out of the shallow water in the spring, they will not spawn. These fish will return to deep water and ingest their eggs, causing some of them to die. We need to help predator fish reproduce as much as possible to keep the pan fish population in line.

Michigan State law requires all watercraft to stay 100 feet from shore unless at a no-wake speed.

BOATING CLASSES



BOATING/PWC SAFETY CERTIFICATE

Who Needs the Michigan Boater Education Card?

Boaters born after June 30, 1996, and most PWC operators. Not carrying your Boater Education Card when one is required can result in a fine.

Free Safe Boating Class

Oakland County Sheriff (248) 858-7831

Coast Guard Auxiliary Classes for in-depth information about boating
Ongoing cgaux.org/boatinged/class_finder/index.php

On-Line Course



www.boat-ed.com/Michigan/index.html

Take the Michigan Boating Pre-Certification Exam for \$29.50, paid only when you pass. When you pass, you may instantly print out a course certificate.

Watercraft Safety

Reckless Operation

Some examples are:

- **Weaving your vessel** through congested waterway traffic or swerving at the last possible moment in order to avoid collision
- **Jumping the wake** of another vessel
- Chasing, harassing, or disturbing wildlife with your vessel
- Causing damage from the wake of your vessel

Going Too Fast

It is illegal to operate a vessel:

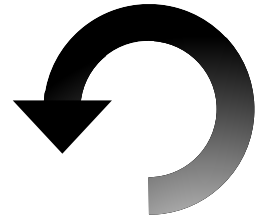
- **In excess of 55 mph**
- At greater than “slow, no wake speed” when a person is in the bow of a vessel without proper seating
- Faster than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions (weather, vessel traffic, etc.)

“Slow, No Wake Speed” means the slowest speed at which it is still possible to maintain steering and which does not create a wake.

- **Riding on the Bow Is Illegal** if the vessel is not equipped with bow seating and the vessel is operating at greater than “slow, no wake speed.” Persons also are not allowed to ride on the gunwale or front of a pontoon.

Improper Direction

is defined as the failure to operate in a counterclockwise direction. Please inform guests of the proper direction.



Improper Distance

To maintain a proper distance when you are operating at greater than “slow, no wake speed”, the vessel or persons being towed must not be within 100 feet of:

- A shoreline, any moored or anchored vessel
- A dock or raft
- Any marked swimming area or person(s) in the water

Improper Distance for PWCs

means that, if operating at greater than “slow, no wake speed,” PWCs also must not cross within 150 feet behind another vessel other than another PWC.

Steering and Stopping a PWC

A PWC has no brakes. Always allow plenty of room for stopping. No power means no steering control.



Boat Safety Check List

Fire Extinguishers Required when carrying flammable liquids or fuel on board.

All vessels, including PWCs, are required to have a Type B fire extinguisher(s) on board if one or more of the following conditions exist:

- Closed compartments under seats where portable fuel tanks may be stored
- Closed storage compartments in which flammable or combustible materials may be stored
- Double-bottoms not sealed to the hull or which are not completely filled with flotation material
- Permanently installed fuel tanks

Approved types of fire extinguishers are identified by the following marking on the label—

“Marine Type USCG Approved”—followed by the type and size symbols and the approval number.

Life Jackets Read more about life jackets at SafeBoatingCampaign.com

Lights Required between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

- Red and green navigation lights.
- White stern and/or anchor light.



To see the complete Boating Handbook and read the interactive program go to: www.boat-ed.com/michigan/handbook/book.html?page=1 or belpoa.org/boating.html

This is just a guideline and people are still responsible to check the local laws and requirements when they are out on the water.

Fishing

BLUEGILL

CATFISH

PERCH

BLACK CRAPPIES

PUMPKIN SEED
SUNFISH

ROCK BASS

WARMOUTH BASS

LARGEMOUTH

SMALLMOUTH BASS

NORTHERN PIKE

belpoa.org/html/fishing.htm

Bald Eagle Lake has wonderful fishing! Many species of fish are abundant. There are also blue channel catfish, bullheads and walleye. Visit our website <http://belpoa.org/html/fishing.htm> for more information

Catch and Release is important for the future of fishing in the face of increasingly sophisticated fishing techniques and the increasing number of anglers. Keep only a reasonable number of fish to eat, preferably the smaller ones. Carefully release the rest.

When releasing a fish:

1. Handle the fish as little as possible. Excessive handling removes the fish's slime which protects it from disease.
2. If it is hooked in such a way that removing the hook will cause injury, keep it to eat.
3. Make sure you revive the fish. Most fish are exhausted after being caught. Hold it by the tail, lips or back of the head while moving it back and forth in the water until it becomes active, then release it



Winter Activities

ICE FISHING

- You must have your name and address on all sides of your fishing shanty.
- You must have your name and address on your tip-ups.
- All shanties must be removed by March 1st.

SNOWMOBILES
ORVs

- On a frozen lake, a snowmobile or ORV cannot be operated within 100 feet of a person or within 100 feet of a fish shanty or ice skating area, except at minimum speed.
- They cannot be operated within 100 feet of a dwelling between midnight and 6 am, except at the minimum speed.
- A parent or legal guardian is not permitted to allow a child under 12 years of age to operate an ORV without direct supervision by an adult. A child between 12 and 16 years of age may operate a snowmobile under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older. Violation of the age provision subjects not only the parents or legal guardians of the child to legal proceedings, but also the owner of the vehicle
- A snowmobile or ORV cannot be operated on the property of another without written consent of the owner.
- One should not operate a snowmobile or ORV at a speed greater than is reasonable and proper with due regard for the conditions that exist.
- Don't gas up on the ice. Do it on shore, and pick up your trash if you happen to blow a belt or are doing a repair on the ice. We all know that in the spring, everything left on the ice ends up in the lake.

COURTESY

Respect other people's work and forms of recreation by staying out of ice rinks and away from all ice fishing shanties and fishermen.

BELPOA

(Bald Eagle Property Owners Association)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BELPOA holds an annual membership meeting on the last Saturday before Memorial Day weekend. This is when lake residents can discuss problems on the lake and hear what the Association has been doing. It is also when new officers are elected.

JULY 4TH PARADE

On the Fourth, the Lake Association sponsors a parade of boats decorated to celebrate Independence Day. There are prizes for the best decorated boats in the pontoon and speedboat categories.

To make the parade run more smoothly there is a no-wake period for the whole lake during the parade, which begins at 1:00 PM at the Dunwoodie beach and goes around the lake twice.

VENETIAN PARADE

On the last Saturday before labor Day weekend, BELPOA sponsors a Venetian parade in the evening. Boats, decorated with lights, make a tour around the lake after sunset.

We produce a newsletter several times a year to keep lake residents updated on the condition of the lake and upcoming activities.

TESTING

Water testing, lake measurements for clarity, changing depth and chronicle when the lake is covered with ice.

Waterfront Care

SEAWALLS

If you do any work in the lake you must first obtain a permit from the DNR. If you build a seawall you must get a permit. Sometimes the contractor building your seawall can do this for you.

BEACH SAND

Because any sand being put into the lake can possibly carry harmful parasites, residents are greatly discouraged from putting sand into the lake. You must get a permit, the sand must be DNR approved washed sand, and the DNR will decide if you really need to add sand. Usually, by raking your beach area you can create a good bottom.

BUFFER

Building a buffer of plants along your shoreline can help keep the lake clean by absorbing runoff that fertilizes the lake. A buffer also discourages geese from your yard..

BY-LAWS OF THE BALD EAGLE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

(Adopted July 11, 1981)

ARTICLE I — NAME

- Section 1. This association shall be known as the Bald Eagle Lake Property Owners Association Inc.
- Section 2. The registered address shall be P.O. Box #275, Ortonville, MI 48462

ARTICLE II — PURPOSE

The purpose of the association shall be to do the following:

- 1. Maintain the quality of water in the lake clean enough for swimming.
- 2. Provide equal opportunity for all riparian property owners of Bald Eagle Lake to be represented in decisions affecting the lake.
- 3. Promote the renewal of the fish population of the lake.
- 4. Protect the investment people have made in their riparian property through coordination with township, county and state government activities.
- 5. Promote water safety.
- 6. Preserve the scenic beauty of the lake and its environment.
- 7. Maintain the prior established water level.

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Any adult person who owns riparian property or has an annual lease agreement on Bald Eagle Lake is eligible for membership in the association.
- Section 2. The Board of Directors may, by a majority vote of its members, approve a person for membership who has ownership interest in riparian property on Bald Eagle Lake.
- Section 3. The term "member" is defined as either one person or unit. For purposes of voting, property held jointly shall be entitled to one vote.
- Section 4. The membership year is January 1 to December 31 of each calendar year.
- Section 5. The annual dues are payable to the Treasurer on January 1 of each year. Dues shall become delinquent if not paid by June 1 of each calendar year. A delinquent member shall be ineligible to attend any meetings of the association, and shall be removed from the membership list if the delinquent dues are not paid by July 1 each year.
- Section 6. Any member who shall knowingly contravene the association may be withdrawn from membership in the association.

ARTICLE IV — BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1. The business and property of the association shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors with the limitations prescribed by these by-laws and by Act 327, Public Acts of 1931, of the State of Michigan.
- Section 2. There shall be nine (9) members of the Board of Directors, one-third of which shall be elected from each five (5) sections around the lake (see map). Not more than two (2) property owners shall be elected to membership of the Board from any one section. The president may appoint a member(s) to the Board of Directors from any section that failed to elect a member.
- Section 3. The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the membership of the association at the Annual Meeting held on the Saturday before Memorial weekend. A person must be a member of the association to be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors. The term of office shall be three years.
- Section 4. At the first meeting of the Board of Directors after the annual meeting, the Board of Directors shall elect officers of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall hold office for a period of one year and until their successors shall be elected and qualified. Whenever any office shall become vacant, it shall be filled by another member of the Board who shall be elected to the office by a majority of the remaining directors.
- Section 5. An officer may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the Board for failure to fulfill the functions of his office or to support the purposes of the association as defined by the By-Laws.
- Section 6. The Board shall meet in May, July and September and at whatever other times they are called by the president or requested in writing by any two members of the Board.
- Section 7. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- Section 8. The annual membership dues for each ensuing year shall be set by the Board of Directors at their regular September meeting.

ARTICLE V — OFFICERS

- Section 1. The president shall preside at all membership meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors. The president shall have general supervision over the affairs of the association, the Board of Directors, and other officers. The president shall appoint all members of standing and special committees, subject to the approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The president shall prepare all documents on behalf of the association, and shall be responsible for the submission of the annual written report of the association to its members at the Annual Meeting of the association.
- Section 2. The vice president shall perform all of the duties of the president in his absence, or in case of death, disability or resignation. The vice president shall do and perform such other acts as the president or Board of Directors may authorize.
- Section 3. The secretary shall be custodian of and shall maintain the corporate books and records, and shall keep them available for inspection. The secretary shall be responsible for the proper recording of the minutes of the annual, quarterly and special meetings of the Board of Directors and of the association.
- Section 4. The treasurer shall receive all monies paid into the association and shall keep an accurate record of the members and their financial standing in the association. All funds shall be deposited in the name of the association by the treasurer and all disbursements shall be made by check. The treasurer shall report the financial status of the association at each meeting of the Board of Directors and of the membership. A written report of the receipts and disbursements shall be made available to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VI — MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. The Annual Meeting will be held on the Saturday before Memorial weekend.
- Section 2. Each member shall be entitled to cast one vote upon each and every question properly brought before any meeting of the members of the association. Persons owning property jointly shall be entitled to only one vote. A majority vote of the members attending a special or Annual Meeting of the association shall be required to approve an order of business.
- Section 3. A majority of the attending members of the association shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII — COMMITTEES

- Section 1. All members of committees shall be appointed by the president.
- Section 2. Standing committees shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
- Section 3. Ad Hoc committees may be established by majority vote of the Board of Directors as need arises.
- Section 4. Reports of all committees shall be in writing and copy filed with the president and secretary of the association.

ARTICLE VIII — ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Section 1. All meetings of the membership and of the Board of Directors shall be carried out as follows:
1. Call to order.
 2. Roll call of officers.
 3. Reading of the minutes.
 4. Report of officers.
 5. Report of standing committees.
 6. Report of ad hoc committees.
 7. Unfinished business.
 8. Election of officers.
 9. New business.
 10. Adjournment.

ARTICLE IV — PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

- Section 1. The rules contained in the current edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED shall govern the association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any special rules or order the association may adopt.

ARTICLE X — AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. The By-Laws may be amended at any regular or properly called special meeting of the membership by a majority of the members present.
- Section 2. Members shall be notified in writing of proposed By-Laws changes at least 30 days prior to the meeting called to consider revision of the By-Laws.
- Section 3. A copy of these By-Laws shall be presented to each charter member of the association and to each new member at the time of their acceptance into the association.