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www.facebook.com/KlingerLakeAssociation

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Mission Statement

The Klinger Lake Association (KLA) is committed to serving our lake community. Our priorities are to:

- **PRESERVE** the traditions and lifestyle of the community
- **PROTECT** the environment and the investment in lake property
- **SUPPORT** the programs and activities that add value to the lake experience
- **ENCOURAGE** the sharing of ideas and information

To accomplish the above stated purposes, the elected members of the Board of Directors of the Klinger Lake Association are responsible for the following activities:

Audit (Rieth, Bowers, Doe)

Conduct an annual audit of the Association's financial resources.

Beach Representatives & Membership (Doe)

Develop a group of Beach Representatives for each of the various beaches around the Lake to: develop the Neighborhood Watch program in cooperation with the Sheriff's department; provide communication between the residents and the Klinger Lake Association Board of Directors; work to increase membership in the Association in cooperation with the other Board Members and Beach Representatives.

Communications (Needham, Reihl, Bowers)

Maintains communication links between the Klinger Lake Association and the lake residents via Facebook and the KLA website, www.klingerlakeassociation.org

Dam Control and Maintenance (Pancoast, Jamie Kasey)

Adjusts the Klinger Lake dam as needed to maintain the legal level for the lake and work with the County Drain Commissioner to ensure proper maintenance.

Directory/Database (Baker, Needham)

Coordinates and publishes an annual lake resident directory with advertising.

Fireworks (Vogt, Doe)

Manages contractors for the annual Klinger Lake Fireworks Show. Also responsible for obtaining permits, coordinating Sheriff patrols and contracting with a professional fireworks company.

History (Kitchen)

Maintains the Association's historical records and manages the supply and sales of the historical items offered by the Association.

Law Enforcement Liaison (Rieth)

Interfaces with Sheriff's Marine Patrol, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) as required. Keeps up-to-date on rules and regulations for lake use and boating safety.

Local Government Liaison (Baker)

Maintains a relationship with White Pigeon Township government groups to assist in keeping the KLA board and KLA members informed about local government actions.

Michigan Lakes and Streams Association (Needham)

Maintains liaison with the statewide organization and participates in appropriate programs.

Real Estate (Kirsch, Doe)

Reports on real estate activity in the Klinger Lake area.

Water Quality (Bowers, Needham)

Monitors the water quality and chemical changes of the lake by having periodic samples analyzed. Works with the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association (MLSA) Cooperative Lake Monitoring Program (CLMP) to maintain long term records. In cooperation with contractors, monitors the presence of invasive species and makes recommendations for corrective actions.



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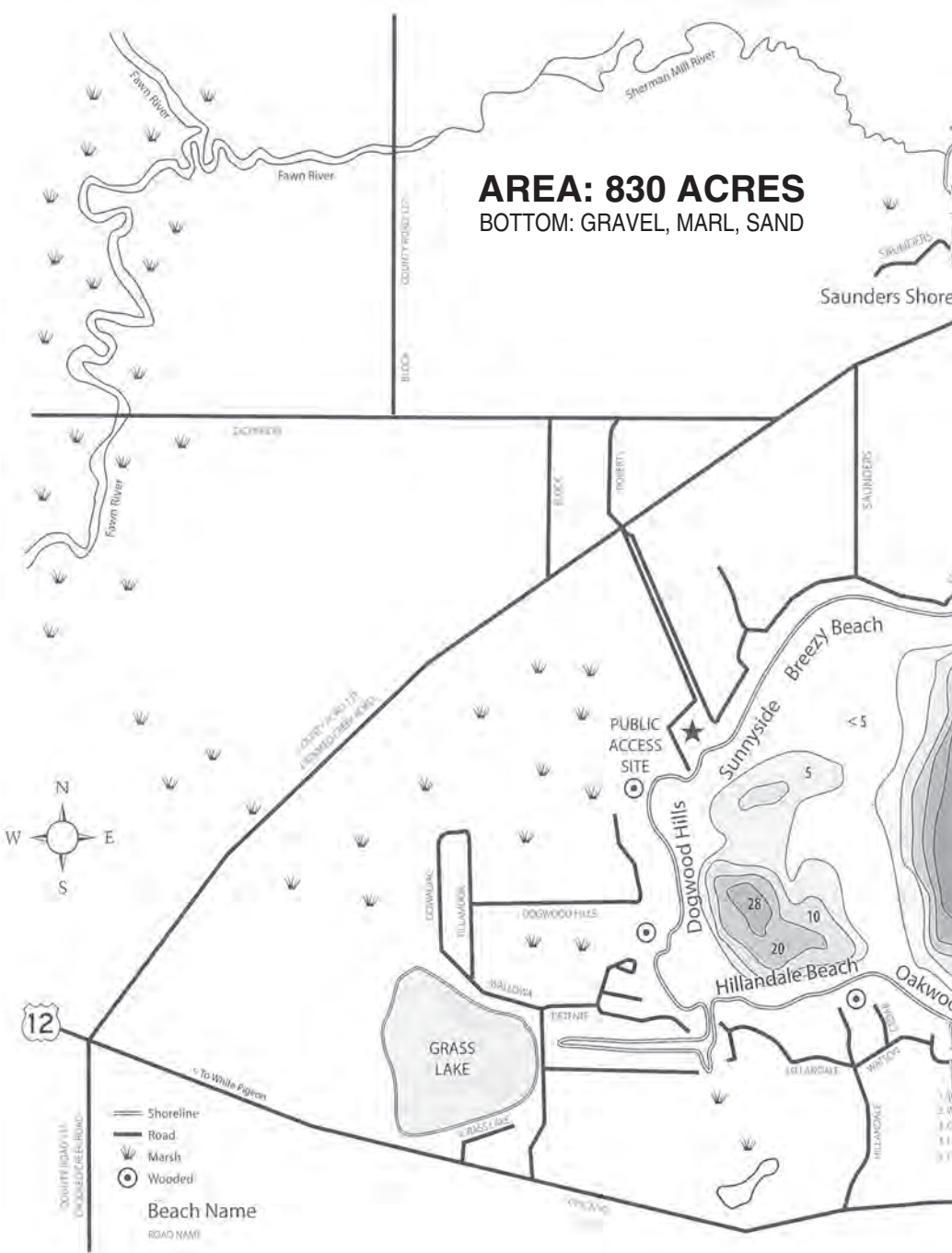
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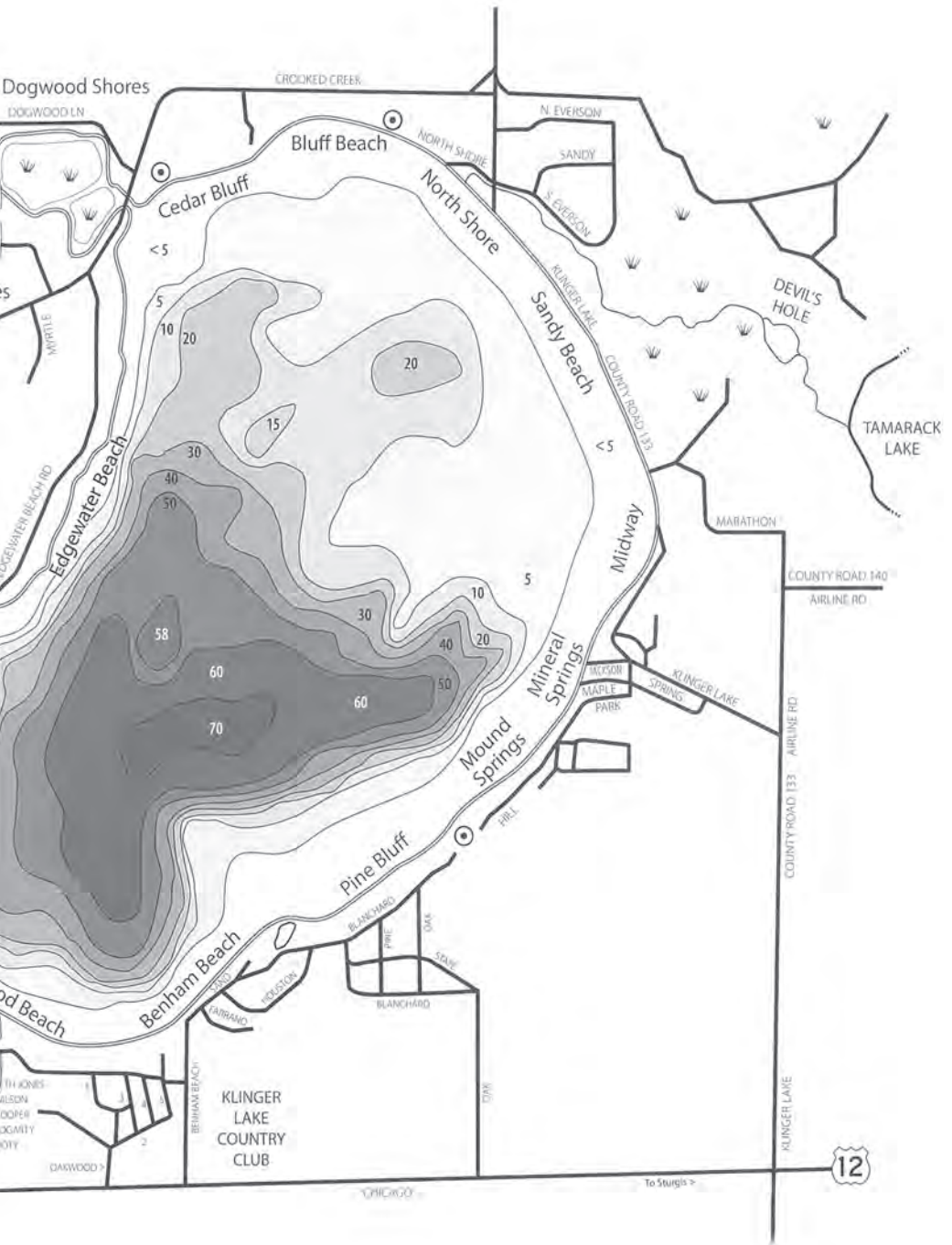
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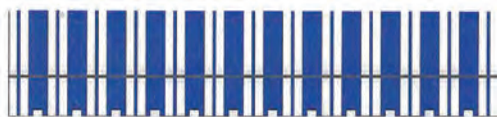
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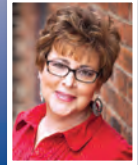
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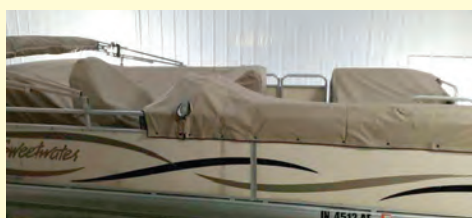
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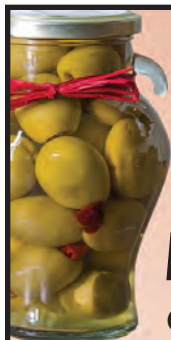
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Highlights of Michigan Water Safety Regulations

(These are provided for convenience. A complete listing of Michigan Boating Laws is available at www.michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/boating/rules-and-regs or from the St Joseph County Sheriff.)

BOAT REGISTRATION

All vessels must be registered to operate on Michigan waterways. The only exceptions to registration rules are privately owned non-motorized canoes, kayaks, or rowboats under 16 feet in length. All sail boats must be registered regardless of their size. All vessels with any type of motor, gas or electric, must be registered including inflatable vessels. If you purchased a new or used vessel you have only 15 days to get it registered.

OPERATION OF VESSELS and AGE RESTRICTIONS – Boats

Persons less than 12 years of age:

- May operate a boat powered by a motor of no more than 6 horsepower (hp) legally without restrictions
- May operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 hp but no more than 35 hp legally only if they:
 - Have been issued a boating safety certificate and have it on board the boat and
 - Are directly supervised on board by a person
- May not legally operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 35 hp under any circumstances

Those born on or after July 1, 1996 may operate a boat legally only if they have been issued a boating safety certificate and have it on board the boat.

Those born before July 1, 1996 may operate a boat legally without a boating safety certificate.

OPERATION OF VESSELS and AGE RESTRICTIONS – Personal Watercraft (e.g. WaveRunners, SeaDoo's)

Persons less than 14 years of age may not legally operate a PWC

Those 14 and 15 years of age may legally operate a PWC only if they have been issued a boating safety certificate and:

- They are accompanied on board by his/her parent or legal guardian or by a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian, or
- They are operating or riding the PWC at a distance of not more than 100 feet from his or her parent or legal guardian or designee

Those at least 16 years of age and born after December 31, 1978 may operate a PWC legally only if they have been issued a boating safety certificate

Those born on or before December 31, 1978 may operate a PWC legally without a boating safety certificate

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE REQUIREMENTS (PFD)

All vessels—including canoes and kayaks—must be equipped with a PFD for each person on board or being towed. USGA approved type I, II, or III that are of the proper size must be readily available. If the vessel is less than 16 feet or is a canoe or kayak, you can choose either a wearable or throwable (type IV) type PFD. All children under the age of 6 must wear a PFD whenever the vessel is under motion. There will be no exceptions to this law per St. Joseph County Marine Patrol.

With the increased use of Stand-up Paddle Boards, please understand that a PFD is not required, but highly recommended.

OTHER BOATER SAFETY ADVICE

Be sure to check all your other safety devices — fire extinguishers, lights and horns — for correct operation after the winter. Fire extinguishers are required on most vessels. Make sure they are properly charged, are in working order, and readily available if you have need of one.

Proper distance control is very important. When operating a **vessel** or being towed, the **vessel** or **person being towed** must be **at least 100 feet** from a **shoreline**, a moored or anchored **vessel**, a **dock** or a **raft**, and any **person** in the water, unless operating at no-wake speed.

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

Although it is legal to have an open container on board, it is illegal to operate any vessel under the influence. Please operate safely.

HOURS OF WATERCRAFT OPERATION

Legal hours of operations vary based on the type of vessel. **Personal watercraft can be legally operated only between 8am and sunset. Boats may not tow a skier, wakeboard, inflatable, or other contrivance between 1 hour after sunset until 1 hour before sunrise.** Please be considerate of others.

CLEAN, DRAIN and DRY

A recent new law requires all boaters to remove all drain plugs from bilges, ballast tanks and live wells every time a boat or watercraft is removed from the water for trailering. All water must be drained from these locations as well. Trailers, boats and conveyances must also be free of all aquatic organisms, including plants. Unused bait must be disposed of in a manner so as not to allow it back into a body of water. In the past, these items were a courtesy...now it's **THE LAW**. This new law can be enforced by any law enforcement officer.

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Weed control permits	Operation of public launch sites	County Drain Commissioner responsible for dam	Enforcement of boating safety laws	Building permits Burn permits	Manages contract for invasive weed controls
Seawall regulations and permits	Issues Recreation Passports	Maintains tax maps / plat books web site	Watercraft inspections	Ambulance services	Manages annual fireworks display
Wetlands regulations	Fishing licenses / law enforcement	Road Commission permits docks on county roads and 'road ends'	Boating Safety Classes & Certificates	Dump passes	Day-to-day operation of lake level control dam
Agriculture Operations Monitoring (i.e. CAFOs)	Fishing tournaments, fish stocking, Goose nest destruction permits	(with Branch & Hillsdale Counties) Community Health/ Environmental Health - well water testing	On-lake patrols on regular and scheduled basis	Zoning regulations Waterfront ordinances Anti-funneling rules	Monitors lake water quality
MiWaters web site for tracking permits	Expertise on fish and water based vegetation	Sheriff's Office: property crimes, traffic laws; animal control		Fire Department	Directory of residents
Contacts: Environmental Quality Specialist; Permits Section Manager	Contacts: Conservation Officer; Fisheries Biologist	Contacts: Drain Commissioner; County Clerk; Sheriff	Contacts: Sheriff's Deputy	Contacts: Township Supervisor; Deputy Supervisor	Contacts: Beach Representatives; KLA Board & Officers

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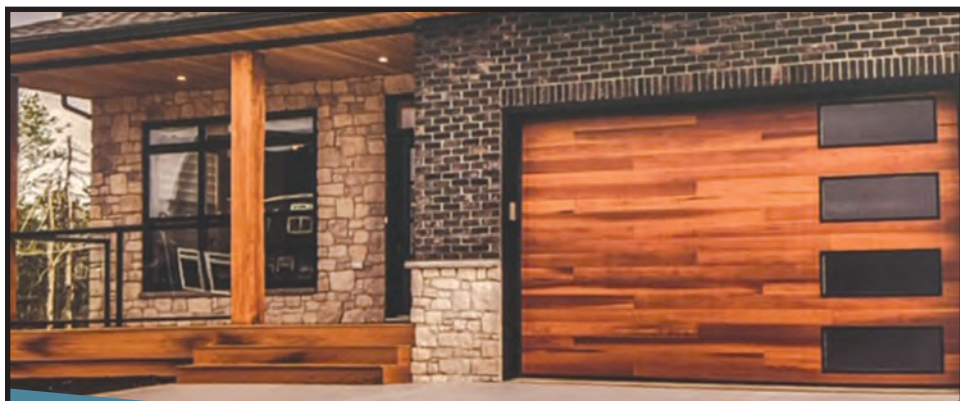


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