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An aerial view of the north shore and east end of Hardwood Lake.

### Boater safety

Living on the lake provides an opportunity to go boating, fishing or looking at the scenery. To make it more enjoyable, everyone should be aware of the rules and regulations.

Sometimes we or our guests forget or don't know the rules. Page 2 has a list of some State of Michigan laws you and your guests should be familiar with.

Extra copies will be available to boaters at the campground.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

### Road Brine Offered to Residents

Richland Township is offering area residents the opportunity to sign up for road brine which reduces dust on dirt roads. Applications are done in May (before Memorial Day), July 4th, and late August/early September (before Labor day). Costs are as follows:

Footage	1 application	2 applications	3 applications
250 ft.	\$15	\$30	\$45
500 ft.	\$21	\$42	\$63

Area residents that wish to have brine applied to unpaved roads in front of their homes should contact Wava Fisher at (989) 873-4436 to be set up for road brining.

The Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association will not be paying for brining this summer.

# Boating Safety Rules and Regulations

## **Personal Flotation Device (PFD)**

- You must have one Personal Flotation Device (PFD) for each person on board your boat. They must be US Coast Guard approved and be of the proper size for the person.
- If your boat is over 16 feet you must have a type 4 (throwable) PFD on board. This is usually a ring buoy or seat cushion. PFD's must be in good condition and readily available. That means they can not be stored inside cabins or storage areas.
- Children under 6 **MUST** wear a type 1 or type 2 PFD when on a boat, unless they are inside a cabin area.

## **Personal Water Craft (PWC)**

- A PWC is defined as a vessel you ride on as opposed to in. A PWC operator must obey all boating laws. There are additional laws just for PWC's.
- Each person riding on or towed behind a PWC must wear a PFD.
- Children under 7 may not ride on a PWC unless with a parent, guardian or designee of a parent or guardian.
- You must be at least 14 years old and have a Boating Safety Certificate with you to operate a PWC. If you were born in 1979 or later you must have a Boating Safety Certificate with you to operate a PWC.
- PWC may **only** operate between the hours of 8 am to one hour before sunset.
- If operating at a greater than idle speed, a PWC must not cross within 150 feet behind another boat other than another PWC.

## **Direction of operation for all watercraft**

You must operate your boat in a counter-clockwise direction on the lake.

## **Distance from shore, boats, rafts**

If operating at a greater than idle speed you must stay 100 feet from a shoreline, a moored or anchored boat, a dock or raft, marked swimming area or a person in the water.

## **Hours of operation**

High speed boating (the boat up on plane) is restricted to the hours between 11 am and 7:30 pm on Hardwood Lake.

## **Registration number**

MC numbers must be on both sides of the forward half of the watercraft.

They must be in block letters at least 3 inches high and in contrasting color with the boat. Letters and numbers must be separated by a space or hyphen. Example MC 1234 ZW or MC-1234-ZW. No other numbers can be displayed on either side of the bow. The validation decal must be affixed to both sides of the boat three inches following the last character of the registration number.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable time on Hardwood Lake. These boating safety tips are provided as a courtesy reminder for you by the Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association. **All rules and regulations are State of Michigan Law.** For further information contact the Ogemaw County Sheriff or the DNR Web site at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

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## New Hardwood Lake Logo available

The new Hardwood Lake embroidered design by Kay Fernandez will be available on Saturday, May 24 of Memorial weekend. You are welcome to stop by her house, 3400 Hardwood Heights, to take a look and place an order if you wish. Kay will sew it on items you provide, (t-shirts, sweatshirts, towels, etc.) at a cost of \$10.00 per design per item. Kay will have samples of the design at the annual lake association meeting in July. Call her at 989 873-5546 or 989 240-5546.

Kay also makes embroidered I.D. dog collars. She will embroider your dog's name and your phone number on nylon dog collars. A variety of sizes and colors are available. Cost is \$10 per collar.

## Township Transfer Station

Area residents that do not have trash pickup or need large items disposed of may drop them off every Saturday from 10-3 at the transfer station located at McLean Rd. just south of Sheffer Rd. Cost is \$2.50 for a large trash bag. Larger item costs are posted at the transfer site.

**Directions to the site.** Henderson Lake Rd. to Greenwood, east to Prescott. Turn south (right) at Sage Lake Rd. to Sheffer Rd. east (left) about 2 miles (past Township Cemetery) to McLean Rd. south (right) about one block on the right-hand side of the road.

## Director, Gil Ezzo, passes


Gilbert Ezzo, age 43, of Columbus, Ohio died Tuesday, April 29, 2003 at home. He was employed with Interactive Teleservices. A memorial service was held on May 3rd in Columbus.

Gil was East Director of the Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association. He contributed a lot to the organization and was very knowledgeable about the history of Hardwood Lake. His grandparents Gib and Lavina Warner owned property on the east end of the lake and had a resort where small cabins and cottages were rented out along with rowboats.

The last two years Gil hosted the annual association picnic at his cottage. He was a fun-loving, witty, intelligent guy and will be missed.

A contribution from the lake association was made to The Legacy Fund c/o The Columbus Foundation in Gil's memory.

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# LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**May 24-25** 11th Annual Shoreline Arts & Crafts Show - Tawas Chamber of Commerce

**June 7-8** - Tawas Point Celebration Days

**June 7-8** - Michigan Free Fishing Weekend

**June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24, August 14 & 28**  
Summer Music Series - Irons Park, City of West Branch, Free Admission.

**June 14** - Arts & Crafts Fair, Downtown West Branch - Hundreds of crafters, fun and food.

**June 14 - 15** 13th Annual Summer Arts & Crafts Show, Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce.

**June 21** - Smiley Days, Downtown West Branch. Attic sales and family entertainment.

**July 4** Heritage Days, Downtown West Branch, lots of family fun, art show, parade, 2 mile fun run, duck race, Voyageur encampment, Paddle dance, Heritage Art Show, sidewalk sales, beverage tent, entertaint. FIREWORKS!

**July 4** - Independence Day Grand Parade and Fireworks - Tawas

**July 4** - FIREWORKS, Newman Park, Skidway Lake at dusk.

**July 4th or 5** - Fourth of July, Skidway Lake Parade, fireworks and more! Dates tentative - call 989 873-4150

**July 11** - H.O.G. Rally, Ogemaw County Fairgrounds Harley Owners' Group annual convergence. Show Off Your Iron - Downtown West Branch, bike display

**July 16-20** Tawas Summerfest 2003 - Midway July 16-19; Kids Bike/Pet Parade July 18; Street Dance/Classic Car Cruise July 19; Classic Car Show July 20; Dawn Patrol Fly-in/Pancake Breakfast July 20.

**August 9-10** Victorian Art Fair, Irons Park West Branch. 275 vendors, kids' games, entertainment and food.

**August 12-17** Ogemaw County Fair

**August 30-31** - Tawas 13th Annual Labor Day Arts & Crafts Show.

**September 27-28** - N. Michigan Lamb & Wool Show - Ogemaw County Fairgrounds

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