

LAKE LEELANAU LAKE ASSOCIATION – September 2020 ebulletin



What's in This Issue

This month's issue features end-of-season reports about our Eurasian Water Milfoil and Swimmer's Itch control efforts, highlights from a recently-completed Lake Leelanau aquatic vegetation study and how to get your copy of the 2020 Lake Leelanau Handbook. We hope you find this ebulletin timely and informative and welcome all and any feedback. If you have any comments, please send them to info@lakeleelanau.org

Our Fight Against Eurasian Water Milfoil – 2020 Season Highlights

The past few months have been a whirl of activity for Brian Price, our Lake Biologist, who has masterminded the first phase of our multi-year efforts to contain the spread of EWM in Lake Leelanau. Now, as the season winds down, the DASH team has finished its hand-pulling, our intrepid diver/photographer Annelise Povolo has returned to her studies, the synthetic lake-bottom blankets have been retrieved and stored for re-use next year, and the bio-degradable burlap barriers are

disintegrating as planned. The results of our 2020 EWM control activities will be summarized in a report which to be produced in the coming weeks. In the meantime, you can read pages 4-6 of our [Summer Newsletter](#) for more details of the methods being used by the Association to combat EWM.

2020 Swimmer's Itch Annual Report

Reporting of swimmer's itch cases ended on Labor Day and the 2020 annual report compiled by our SI volunteer Wayne Swallow is now available on our website. It shows 82 reports submitted for the North Lake and 47 for the South Lake. [Click here](#) to see the graphical and documentary record of the number and severity of reported cases.

For details about the current direction being taken by our Swimmer's Itch prevention and control efforts, read pages 10-11 of our [Summer Newsletter](#).

Aquatic Vegetation Study

An aquatic vegetation study prepared by Dr. Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones of Restorative Lake Sciences Lake has been completed. Based on scanning performed during May and June, the study confirms that the clarity of Lake Leelanau's waters is due in part to its being low in nutrients which promote aquatic vegetation. However, the study also found that our lake has a high diversity of aquatic plants and endorsed the Association's plan of action to control EWM. [Click here](#) to read the report's executive summary and conclusion.

2020 Lake Leelanau Handbook

The 2020 edition of the Lake Leelanau Lake Association Handbook is now available. Like previous editions, the 2020 Handbook contains a wealth of information about enjoying and preserving Lake Leelanau's

pristine waters, natural vegetation, aquatic creatures and scenic beauty. This comprehensive book includes sections on water quality, shoreline landscaping and development, septic systems, swimmer's itch, invasive species, fishing and boating. The 2020 Handbook is an essential resource for Lake Leelanau riparian property owners and a valuable source of information for other county residents and visitors. [Click here](#) for instructions on how to get your copy.

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