

2025 Buoy Volunteer Removal Crew

- Scott Nowicki
- Scott Nowicki Sr
- Dave Hourigan
- Connor Hourigan
- Jack Foucault
- Frank Palormo
- Gerd Gerdes
- Jack DiFiore
- Frank DiFiore
- Michelle DiFiore
- Kyle Brockmeyer
- Olivia Brockmeyer
- Chris Teslika

THANK YOU TO THE 2025 BUOY REMOVAL CREW

TLIPA appreciates the members who volunteered to help with this long-standing tradition at Turtle Lake. AND thank you to Scott Nowicki, Dave Hourigan and Jack Foucault for using their pontoons and boats to get the job done successfully.



TLIPA 25 Buoy Removal Crew, Sept 27th

Membership Meetings at 7 PM on
the 2nd Tuesday of a Month

To be more transparent, the board approved monthly meetings with a remote google link for membership continuing in November.

Google Meeting link will be posted on the TLIPA Facebook page.

SNUG Harbor Bar & Grill Fish
Stocking Fundraiser for Turtle
Lake, raised \$6,240 for Fish
Management

Fun time had by all!

Thanks, SNUG HARBOR!

NEW!
TLIPA Project Request Form

A project request form is posted on TurtleLakers.org website.

The purpose is to provide a way for membership to suggest / request lake projects for board consideration.

Let’s hear from the members.

Thanks, Frank Palormo

NEW!
Boater Safety Course

Michelle DiFiore is coordinating a WDNR Boater Safety Course for Turtle and Lorraine Lakes. The plan is to schedule the course at the Richmond Town Hall for both lakes in April/May 2026.

The timing will allow new boaters, young and old, to be ready before the 2026 boating season gets under way.

Participants will earn a WDNR certification. Boaters Safety is required, by law, to operate any motor craft in WI for those born after January 1, 1989. Many adults are not aware of this law, so they get fined by the DNR when they are not certified.

WDNR site:
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/permits/registrations/boat/BeforeYouOperate.html>

2025 FISH STOCKING
SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED
September 16th

1,700 Walleyes, 400 small mouth bass and 200 channel catfish were dropped into Turtle Lake. TLIPA contributed 50% of the \$6,270 cost and the 50% balance was paid by the fish donation fund.

Fun time had by all!

Thanks, Jim Schirott!



NEW!
Bylaws Review Subcommittee

Would you like to review and recommend modifications to the TLIPA Bylaws?

Jamie is asking for ten community-wide volunteers to join a Subcommittee for this purpose.

Please let Jamie know by November 1st if you are interested in volunteering.
thebrockmeyerbunch@gmail.com

2025-2026 TLIPA Projects			
Projects	25-26 Goals	Responsibility	Information / Status
Richmond Township contact		Jamie Brockmeyer	Including: Emergency slow / no wake contact
Boater Safety Course	2026 in-person	Michelle DiFiore	9/27-Michelle is working with Sheriff Gerber to schedule a boater safety certification course in spring 2026 for Turtle & Lorraine Lakes.
DNR contact		Jimmy Schirott	All DNR activities.
Fundraising		Jack Foucault / Jamie Brockmeyer	9/9-Potential event in winter /late spring. Winter may be difficult. No planned events currently.
Invasive Management	Effective DASH Program in the lake.	Jack Foucault / Linda Szramiak	9/9 - Update in January when estimate is received. 8/12-Jack met with Brandon Reise. Recommendations are to continue DASH in the lake and at the boat launches.
Channel Maintenance	Core samples to determine channel condition and options	Jimmy Schirott	9/27 - Jimmy is investigating with the DNR. 7/19- MOTION adopted to obtain contractor and costs for this winter activity.
Automate Lake Level measurement (Emergency slow / no wake)	Camera & Gauge install and calibration	Jimmy Schirott / Mark Alba	9/27-Automation is being researched. 8/21/25 - Modified no-wake lift level to 900.29". 7/19-MOTION adopted to modify the Emergency slow/no wake levels. (900.35'wake - 900.25' lift wake)
Fish & Geese Management	* 2025 Fish Stocking Completed successfully *2026 Geese Roundup	Jimmy Schirott	9/27- On 9/16, 1700 walleyes, 400 small mouth bass and 200 channel catfish were dropped. TLIPA funded 50% / Fish fund 50%.
Fish Crib Structures - underwater shelter & spawning	Spring 2026 installation?	Jimmy Schirott	9/27- Currently being researched and may be implemented in spring 2026.
Cleaning Station at Boat Launch - to reduce the transport of invasive species.	Boat launch installation	Jamie Brockmeyer / Olivia Brockmeyer	9/27- Olivia submitted a project as part of her Eagle Scout Award. No water; cleaning supplies. Awaiting update.
By-Laws	Review & Update	Jamie Brockmeyer / Peggy Chambers	9/27- Please let Jamie know if interested in being on the subcommittee. A notice was posted on Facebook.
Buoy Management	*Take-out Completed Successfully *Put-in 2026	Scott Nowicki	9/27- Thank you to the 13 volunteers who helped with the long-standing tradition of buoys. Scott plans to review the condition of the current buoys this fall. We need to order this winter for replacement in the spring. Buoys are stored on Beth Auer's property.
Yard signage		Scott Nowicki	7/19-Scott will keep extra yard signs. He has the original design on Vistaprint.
Budget and Financial reports	Prepare and post on website	Peggy Chambers	9/27-September financials approved and posted.
Membership Directory	Create	Peggy Chambers	9/27 - A survey will be sent to members to understand if they want a membership directory emailed to them. Members will be able to opt-out.
Meeting notices	Communicate	Peggy Chambers	General Meetings - 2nd Tuesday of the month 7pm Fall meeting - Sat. Sept. 27, 2025 Noon at RT Hall Spring meeting - TBD Annual Meeting June 27, 2026
Website / Facebook / Instagram	Email and post minutes and notices	Peggy Chambers	9/9 - Assistance requested with Instagram. 8/12-Scott and Peggy are administrators for Facebook. Peggy is the administrator for Google Workspace. Peggy is administrator for TurtleLake.org
Neighborhood Watch Program	Understand Neighborhood Watch and if it would be beneficial to Turtle Lake	Jamie Brockmeyer	9/27 Frank will check with Richmond/Sheriff to understand if Neighborhood Watch is supported in Delavan
Enhanced Wake Ordinance	Completed successfully	Jack Foucault	9/27-RTB unanimously passed a motion to adopt the Ordinance to restrict artificial wake enhancement on September 16. Richmond will post signage at the launches.
TLIPA Project Request Form	Completed successfully	Frank Palormo	9/27- posted on the website- form to request lake projects for consideration by the board

Citizen Lake Monitoring:

Submitted by: Mary Baas

A citizen lake monitor is a person or a team who complete one or more tasks each year in and around the lakes and streams of Wisconsin. Results from DNR quality assurance testing show that data collected by citizen lake monitors may be used by the DNR for statistical purposes, as department employees are not able to sample all waterways in the State. Citizen lake monitors in Wisconsin enter the data they have collected into the DNR/UW-Stevens Point database each year. This information is used to, among other purposes, identify specific areas of concern and trends over time for Wisconsin waterways.

As citizen lake monitors for Turtle Lake, our team takes water clarity readings using a Secchi disc, and notes subjective observations. At the end of each month, we collect a water sample and record dissolved oxygen levels and temperature readings at specific lake depths at the deep hole site on the lake. We process the water sample according to standards and send containers to the State Lab to be tested for phosphorous and chlorophyll levels. At some time during the fall or early winter, lake reports for WI lakes can be accessed on the SWIMS database.

If you might be interested in becoming a citizen lake monitor, we are looking for others to support the effort. A couple of notes: 1) Citizen Lake monitoring tasks need to be completed within specified DNR time windows. 2) Citizen Lake monitors need to attend a training session. 3) You/someone on your team needs to have access to a boat. 4)There is coordination involved with the other Turtle Lake citizen lake monitors, as there is only one set of equipment.

Thanks for considering this volunteer opportunity!

If you are interested, please contact TLIPA. You will be contacted in the Spring when the DNR schedules its training sessions.

Lake Levels Measurements:

Submitted by: Mark Alba

As year-round resident, Mark Alba has been taking Turtle Lake water level readings since 2020, which has been over 2,000 readings. Mark has worked with the help of George Lawrence (a scientific engineer), Jimmy Schirott (a lifelong Turtle Lake resident) and Beth Auer (who also has a calibrated staff gauge).

There is a lake gauge on the east end of the lake that is monitored multiple times a day. Based on years of data and the recommendation of an engineering resource, TLIPA established a safe lake level range. Currently, when the lake measures 900.35' above sea level, a Slow No-Wake is triggered and TLIPA notifies Richmond Township to post signs at both boat launches. The Walworth County Sheriff, 262-741-4400, is our contact for assistance with enforcement. When the level lowers to 900.29' above sea level, TLIPS notifies Richmond Township to remove the restriction and signs.

Mark takes numerous readings of the lake level every day from March through September. The only time he cannot read the staff gauge is if the lake is windy. These levels are then recorded and calculated by George. George has helped with this lake level information by making charts and many scientific studies.

Mark and Kim are also citizen lake monitors, and do water clarity testing with a Secchi disk at the deepest part of Turtle Lake at 30 ft called the deep hole. This information is then recorded and sent to the DNR, explained by Mary Baas's article in this TLIPA Newsletter.



Enhanced Wake Ordinance:

UPDATE:

The TLIPA supports the Town of Richmond's efforts to protect Turtle Lake from the consequences of enhanced wakes.

The motion to adopt the Richmond Town Ordinance to restrict artificial wake enhancement activity on Turtle Lake was unanimously approved on September 16th, 2025. This Ordinance bans the use of ballasts on wake boats, which threatens the water quality, aquatic vegetation, and fish spawning of Turtle Lake.

Richmond Township will post signage at both Turtle Lake boat launches.

More information can be found at <https://wisconsinlakes.org>.

NEW! Trash & Recycle Services start November 3rd

Richmond Township has signed a three-year contract with ASDA Enterprises to provide trash and recycling services to Turtle Lake.

Lake pick-up will be on Mondays, starting **November 3rd**.

Two recycling bins, along with recycling information, will be delivered to each household.

Trash allowance: 192 gallons/week. (ex 4–48-gallon containers)

More information to be posted on: <https://townofrichmond-walworthwi.gov>

TLIPA Newsletter is produced by Peg Chambers, TLIPA Secretary. Please send an email to Secretary@TurtleLakers.org to comment or request topics to be included in the future issues.

TLIPA MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

Regular members can be everyone, over 18, identified as an immediate household member of a landowner within one mile of the ordinary high-water mark of Turtle Lake in Richmond Township. Associate members include Snug residents and renters, over 18. Please become a member on the Turtlelakers.org/membership website, or send a membership form with a check for \$35 per person to support our efforts to protect and improve Turtle Lake.

Turtle Lake Improvement and Protection Association is a qualified, IRS tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Individual donations for the improvement and protection of the lake, are appreciated and tax deductible.

Payment Methods:
To simplify TLIPA processes, Zelle, Check and Cash are the membership payment methods. PayPal and Venmo have been discontinued.

Membership communication methods:
Emailed to members:

- Meeting Notices
- Minutes
- Newsletters
- No-wake Alerts

Posted on TurtleLakers.org:

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