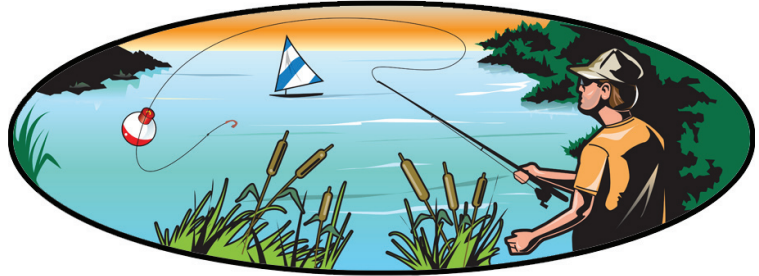


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Pam Tying of Progressive Engineering tosses a rake into Hardwood Lake as Garrett Groves pilots the boat during a weed survey May 13. Pam found no Eurasian Milfoil which is the primary non-native invasive aquatic plant being controlled.

The entire lake received chemical treatment of Fluridone in 2008 to kill off the Eurasian Milfoil.

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Pam said this is a very good sign and there will not be a need for an early season treatment.

Tentative plans call for another inspection in mid-June to map areas that will need spot weed control treatment and weed harvesting which is usu-

ally done in July. The harvester, above, is a large machine and is limited by shallow water depths and maneuverability around docks.

Last fall there was a late season algae bloom. Pam said it was caused by heavy rain that washed a lot of nutrients into the lake causing the bloom.

The green scum occurred late last summer. It is planktonic algae which is fairly common at the end of summer or during extremely hot days. It tends to be more visible on calm and warm mornings. The planktonic algae floats to

the surface then accumulates in areas with a slight breeze.



The algae control is copper sulfate. It helps control the algae for only a few days then sinks to the bottom of the lake where it is no longer a benefit.

It also accumulates and can become toxic. It is regulated by the state and, in general, can be used three times a year.

Treatments are applied when the lake gets the most use, traditionally for the weekends of Memorial Day, Labor Day and the week of July 4th.

Weather plays a big factor. If there is very little algae treatments are not recommended. It takes about 10 days to schedule a treatment on the lake.

You have seen the sign at the boat launch regarding hours for high speed boating.

The times are established under state law and adopted as a local ordinance which is enforceable by law enforcement agencies.

"High Speed Boating" is defined as "a speed at which a boat reaches a planing condition".

Please be courteous so everyone can enjoy the lake.

New state laws now allow the operation of personal watercraft until sunset. In the past you had to be off the water one hour before sunset.



Meeting and picnic

The 2010 Hardwood Lake Association annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 3, 2010 at 9 a.m. at the Logan Township Hall, 4507 E. M55, Prescott.

The 2010 Lake Association family pot-luck picnic is in the planning stages. When the date and location is confirmed the web site www.hardwoodlake.org will be updated.

Tragedy on the lake

Ogemaw County sheriff's deputies and Michigan State police spent several days search for a missing fisherman Glen A. Wolven, 46, of Clawson. He was staying at his parents' cabin on Gillings Road at the east end of Hardwood Lake when he took a boat to go fishing Saturday evening, May 15

When his parents awoke Sunday, they realized he hadn't returned. They looked on the lake, saw his boat, and he was not in it.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Wolven family.

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