



# Big Fish Lake Association Newsletter

SPRING, 2024

## **Big Fish Lake Property Owners Association**

### **Officers**

Joshua Datema-President, call, or text 269-251-0306

Raymond Bierbaum, Jr.-Vice-President

Cheri Shepherd-Secretary

Lynn Carr-Treasurer

### **Board of Directors**

Wayne Brazzell

Ken Chemers

Ron Colborn

Art Peterson

Steve Shepherd

### **BFLPOA Meeting May 25, 2024**

Time: 10AM

Where: The Rock at Big Fish Lake.

## **Committee Contacts**

Advertising – Ray Bierbaum, Jr.

BFL Directory - Mary Kiser

BFL Flags - John Brocar

Holiday Party 2024 – Sue Brazzell

Lake Weeds - Chris Brooks Marcellus/Volinia SAD liaison

Neighborhood Watch - Contact your block captain

Picnic 2024 – Tom Dinneen

Poker Run 2024 – Ron Colborn

Website - Mary Kiser

Welcome Baskets – Sharon Simpson

Welcome Party 2024 – Frank and Becky Militello

## **Neighborhood Watch Block Captains**

Mike Hauser – Grandview Drive

Walt Leazenby – Red Run Road

Kelly Lewis – Red Run Road

Jerry Melko – Red Run Road

Art Peterson – Fish Lake Drive

Steve & Cheri Shepherd – Lake St/Steininger Rd

Gary Troop – Elm Drive

## **BFL Flags for Sale**

To purchase a BFL flag (\$40) for your yard or boat, contact John Brocar, 312-835-0138, Josh Datema, 269-251-0306 or Ray Bierbaum, Jr..574-292-3310.

## **Calendar of Events - 2024**

### **Meetings**

Board 9 AM    General 10 AM

May 25, July 6, August 31

### **Events**

Welcome Party June 8

Boat Parade July 4

Picnic July 20

Poker Run August 3

Holiday Party November 30

## **BFL – Apparel and More**

Association apparel with choice of logo can be ordered online and delivered directly to you. Go to [www.rokkitwear.com](http://www.rokkitwear.com). Then enter Big Fish Lake Property Owners Association.

## **Neighborhood Security System**

24-hour surveillance.



## **A Detroit Fan**

Frosty was cheering for the Lions at Larry and Nancy Turtle's place.



## **Big Fish Lake POA Equipment Rentals**

In addition to rental fees, a \$25 deposit is required for tents. Deposit will be refunded upon return.

2 Bean Bag Toss games – Free

\*Tent 10 x 10 - \$10

\*Tent 15 x 15 - \$15

Picnic Tables - \$5 each

\*Tents must be completely dry before returning.

Contact Ray Bierbaum, Jr. 574-292-3310

**2023 Holiday Party**



**Thanks to Sue Brazzell for planning this fun time.**

## Outdoor Precautions

### Avoid Poison Plants



### Ticks

Ticks can become active whenever the temperature rises above freezing. Ticks live in grassy, brushy, or wooded areas – or on animals. According to the CDC, many people get tick bites while in their own backyard or neighborhood.

There are more than 20 known tick species in Michigan. They can carry dangerous bacteria, viruses, or parasites. Tick related diseases, such as Lyme disease, are found in Michigan. Disease carrying ticks are: American dog tick (wood tick), Blacklegged tick (deer tick). Lone star tick, Woodchuck tick (groundhog tick), Brown dog tick (kennel tick).

Check your clothing and body for ticks when done spending time outdoors.



The CDC recommends using EPA-registered repellents. The EPA has an online tool to find the best repellent for you.

## Marcellus Township, Cass County Michigan-Lake Area ORV Ordinance NO. 2018-1 (Amended)

We're starting to see off-road vehicles and golf carts return to our township streets. Please review the amended ordinance regarding operating rules on our website at [bigfishlake.org](http://bigfishlake.org)

### Michigan Free Fishing Weekend

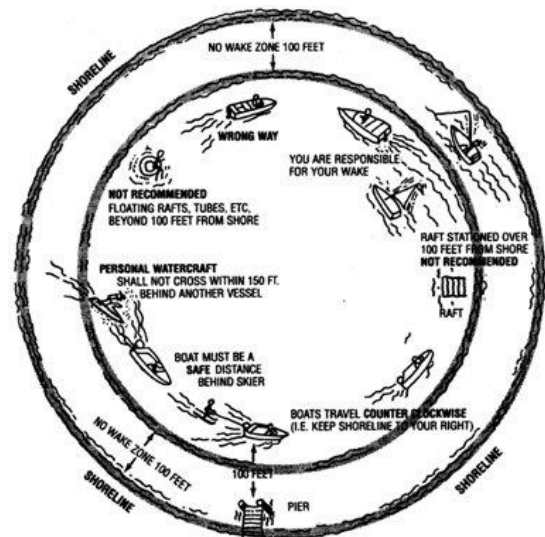
Free fishing weekend is on June 8 and 9, 2024. All fishing license fees will be waived for two days for residents and non-residents. Current fishing regulations still apply.

### BFLPOA Board Elections 2025

Elections for officers and directors take place next year. Please consider serving a 3-year term for any position. If you want more information, meet with a current serving member at one of the POA meetings (refer to **Calendar of Events** in this newsletter for meeting dates and times).

### Annual Reminder

Proper lake navigation.



Please do not speed through the cove on the north side of Big Fish Lake. It creates a high risk for the children swimming to and from the rafts there.

# WELCOME PARTY INVITATION

June 8, 2024 3-6PM

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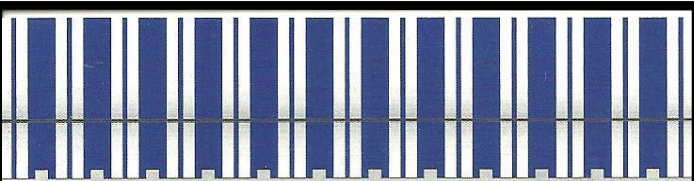
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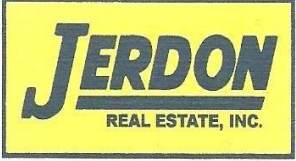
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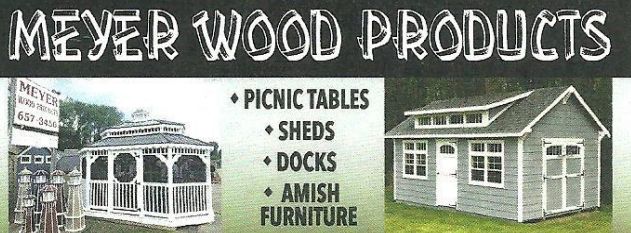
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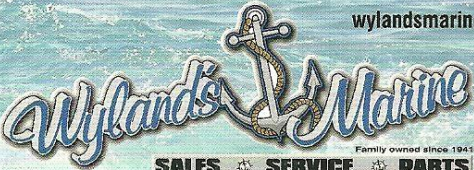


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Dues is \$20 per family. Additional \$14 (optional) for the Riparian magazine.

### Membership Enrollment Form:

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: Marcellus State: MI Zip: 49067

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: (needed so you will receive our newsletters and important announcements)

Mark selection: Dues: \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

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