BALD EAGLE LAKE
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

The Voice of the EAGLE

Spring
2023

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Congrats to the Chefs!

The 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off was another great success! Last year was a battle against the cold and this year it was a battle against the wind! However, these brave contestants stood up to the elements and conquered!

Due to the unseasonably warm winter weather in 2023, the event took place on land in front of the Boat Bar. This was unexpected and for those who dropped out due to the date change, we want to apologize! Unfortunately, even a delay in the date didn't give the lake an opportunity to freeze. We have to thank the Boat Bar for coming to our rescue! Even better, should the lake not be frozen for our event in 2024, the Boat Bar has already agreed we can use their land instead! Moving forward, there will be no changes to the date once the Cook-Off is scheduled. Rather, we will team up with "The Boat"!

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IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, May 20
BELPOA Annual Meeting
When: 10:00 am
Where:
OLD TOWN HALL
486 MILL STREET
ORTONVILLE, MI



Saturday, July 1
4th of July Boat Parade
1:00 PM

Tuesday, July 4
EIPA Kids Day @
Dunwoodie Beach

Saturday, August 26
Venetian Cruise @ Dusk



Bald Eagle Lake's
NO-WAKE TIMES

BEFORE 10:00 am
All WC's

AFTER SUNSET
PWC's

ONE HOUR AFTER SUNSET
All WC's

Bald Eagle Lake's
NO-WAKE policies are in effect
EVERYDAY to give fishermen
and residents quiet time.
It also helps the lake by
giving it a rest.

***Sunset is determined by the National Weather Service.*

The *Damn* Drain

The Drain Project is finally done! If you already forgot about the grueling road construction on M-15 and Glass this past fall, surely the recent assessment sent out by the Water Resource Commission (WRC) is ringing a fresh bell. Nonetheless, Bald Eagle Lake residents should rest assured knowing the completed drain upgrade project gives the WRC and us the ability to maintain healthy and sustainable lake levels. Additionally, there should be no more emergency drain issues in the future!

With all of the recent storms and current elevated lake levels, the water commission was out early in April to assess the functionality of the drain and to ensure everything is in good working order. Not only did the commissioner approve, but those of you who are paying attention should be able to see that water levels have continued to stabilize without any adjustments to the drain! This is a sign of success!

Thank you residents for your patience and understanding through this process. This was a necessity to preserve the lake for now and for the many years to come.

EIPA Presents

MOVIE NIGHT at the BEACH!!!

This year EIPA plans to host movie night and they are inviting BELPOA members to join in for the fun. Keep your eyes peeled for our emails and updates with more information to come.

Stay tuned!



Attention Boat Launch Access Members:

Please pay your dues this year by JUNE 1st

You can now pay online using your computer, tablet or smart phone on our website.
Visit BELPOA.com. Go to the Membership Tab. Click Pay Dues. Choose your membership type.
Pay via PayPal, Credit or Debit Card. Dues will be raised $20 after JUNE 15th.

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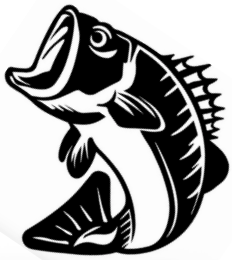
This year we had a total of 18 contestants with several varieties of chili to try! A few of the fan favorites included: *Texas Brisket, White Bean Chicken, Venison and Mom's Secret Recipe!* With so many chilies to try, it was very hard to pick a winner! Believe it or not, there was a double tie for second and a triple tie for third!

The greatest part of all, is that not only were there some amazing new recipes to partake in, but BELPOA profited a whopping $1500 from the event! We are asking our members to cast their vote on what those monies should be applied to! If you have not already sent in your opinion, make sure to do it soon. The winning vote will be announced at this year's Annual Meeting on the 20th of May.

To cast your vote please email:
NewsFromBELPOA@gmail.com

The categories to chose from include:

1. Stock the lake with sporting fish.
2. Purchase rocks and native vegetation to place and plant at the island to prevent further erosion.
3. Pay a web designer to help create a boat launch scheduling system to integrate with our website.
4. Make your own suggestion!



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Congratulations to this year's Chili Cook-Off Winners!!!!



1st Place - Suzy Camp
2nd Place - Kreston Family, Roger Arnold
3rd Place - Jeff Bonk, Jason Vert, Tom Garty



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We thank all of our supporters and hope you will too by shopping local in Ortonville!

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BOATER SAFETY

Who Needs a Boater License in Michigan?

Any motorized boat operator born after

June 30, 1997

is required by law to pass a boater safety course and carry a boater education card.

To register for a class, visit:

www.boatEd.com





Boat Like Your Kids Are Out There!

We've all seen it! Pontoons zipping by while traveling in the wrong direction. Wave-runners following the wake of our skiers. Boats violating designating swim areas. ***These are careless habits and are not permitted on our lake or on any lake in the state of Michigan***. If you have not taken a boater safety course or you have a young adult that is taking out your water toys, please make a point to educate yourself or anyone else that needs it. Bald Eagle Lake is only 125 acres, which does not leave much room for error. Reckless behavior can quickly turn dangerous if we are not careful.

For the SAKE of everyone on the LAKE, let's have fun out there in 2023,

SAFELY!!!!!

Bald Eagle Lake Scavenger Hunt

Be the first to either *spot or do* the following items and post all 8 of your pictures on the Bald Eagle Lake Community Facebook Page.

The first person to get all 8 wins a $50 gift card to *Bullfrogs*!

Spot the Swan Family

Catch a Bass

Go Tubing

Roast a Marshmallow

Eat at the Boat Bar

Watch a Sunset

Swim with Friends

Spot the Bald Eagle

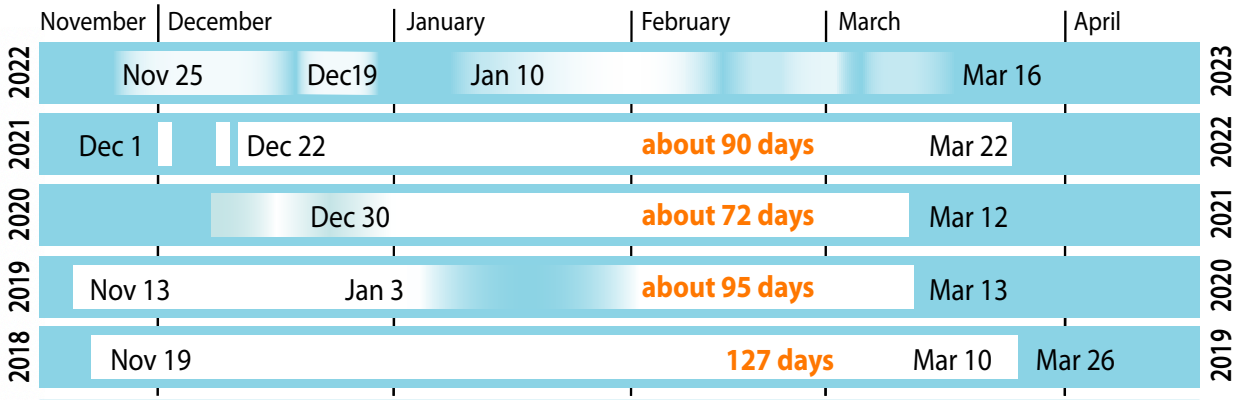
Bald Eagle Lake Community



Ice-In/Ice-Out Graph for 2022/2023

What an ODD winter! Over the past several years, the average length of time the ice was frozen was close to 95 days. This season we were lucky to have two. The only weekend where the ice was safe for some mild winter sporting was February 3rd. *Kudos to those of you that had the opportunity to take advantage of it!*







BELPOA
2023 Board of Directors

BELPOA subscribers are welcome to contact any member of the board to gain access to the launch.
PLEASE make arrangements at least 24 hours in advance for everyone's convenience.

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For the best response, please contact board members during the times listed. Thank You!!!!!

Why Join BELPOA?

BELPOA is a non-profit, 100% volunteer organization of lake property owners and other supporters who are dedicated to protecting Bald Eagle Lake. We believe in educating the Lake community in the best ways to manage this unbelievable natural resource that is enjoyed by all of its residents!

By becoming a member of the Association, your annual dues will be used for a variety of expenses including:

Bald Eagle Lake Community

- Regular and Professional Lab Testing of Bald Eagle Lake Water Quality.
- Regular Association Newsletters, Mailings and Messages to Keep You Up-To-Date on Current Events on Bald Eagle Lake.
- Organizing and Planning Social Events on Bald Eagle Lake.
- Community & Environmental Projects to Protect and Promote Bald Eagle Lake.
- Boat Launch Lease - Maintenance and Access Control.

BELPOA Membership Dues

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Is it ok to text? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Email Address: _____

Lake Address: _____

Permanent Mailing Address
(If Applicable): _____

****PLEASE ****

Fill out this form in it's entirety so we can update our records accordingly. Thank You!

Mail Payment To:
(Please Make Checks Payable to BELPOA and Include This Form)

BELPOA
P.O. Box 275
Ortonville, MI 48462

To Pay Online Visit:
www.BELPOA.com

Family Membership Dues

$15 Senior Membership	_____
$25 Regular Membership	_____
$35 Senior Membership + Ramp	_____
$45 Regular Membership + Ramp	_____
Donations to BELPOA	_____
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED	_____

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