



LAKE TESTING PROJECT 2025

The BELPOA Board met in January of 2025 and it was decided that professional testing of Bald Eagle Lake is a project that will be tackled in the year of 2025. This testing will include multiple water, sediment and algae samples taken from various sites throughout the season. If funds are available, aquatic wildlife and habitats can be examined, however that level of research might not be within the budget at this time.

The main goal of this project is to respond to the community's request for proper testing as well as provide a baseline for what we should expect in the future regarding water quality as well as the increasing amount of algal blooms and invasive species we are experiencing year after year.

Stay tuned for the results of the testing as BELPOA plans to publish the findings as soon as they become available.

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, May 17
BELPOA Annual Meeting
When: 10:00 AM
Where: Place TBD



Monday, May 26
50/50 Raffle Begins

Friday, July 4
4th of July Boat Parade
Begins @ Noon



Thursday, July 4
EIPA Kids Day @
Dunwoodie Beach Following Parade

Saturday, August 23
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.*

BELPOA Brings Back 50/50 Raffle

In lieu of the Chili Cook-Off this year, BELPOA is bringing back a blast from the past, *with a twist!* You guessed it, the **Bald Eagle Lake 50/50 Raffle** is back *and even better than before!*

This year we are raising funds to offset the cost for the Lake Testing Project. This means, one lucky resident gets a prize and one lucky lake gets the check-up it deserves.

More details about the raffle will be discussed at the Annual Meeting and further details will be relayed thereafter.

Schedule of Events

- MAY 26 -

Raffle Tickets Go On Sale

- SEPTEMBER 1 -

Raffle Ticket Sale Ends

- SEPTEMBER 13 -

Raffle Ticket Winner Announced

**A FUN COMMUNITY
EVENT THAT
SUPPORTS A
GREAT CAUSE!!!**



**ENTER TO WIN - MEMORIAL
DAY THROUGH LABOR DAY**



4th of July Boat Parade 2025

Red, White & Blue

- Weishaar Family

This year's annual 4th of July
Boat Parade will be held on
Friday, July 4th @ NOON



Identifying Harmful Algal Blooms



Last season there was an uproar regarding a positive finding of Cyanobacteria, commonly known as Blue Green Algae. Please be advised that the release of this information was not meant to frighten swimmers. Rather, it was a reminder that similar to all life situations, BELPOA urges patrons to proceed with caution if something doesn't seem right.

Keep in mind that Bald Eagle Lake did not freeze over for two winters prior to last summer. This causes the lake to warm quicker in the spring and leads to an early onset of thermal stratification that persists longer. These turn of events can sometimes create unique conditions that favor the growth of certain organisms, such as Blue Green Algae.

EGLE Classroom - Identifying Harmful Algal Blooms (Cyanobacteria)

Bald Eagle Residents do not need to be scared of the water, but it is advised to learn how to distinguish between toxic algae and non-toxic algae. Please refer to the video presented by Aaron Parker of EGLE as a guide to distinguish between the two and what to do if you feel something is suspicious.

Educate Yourself By Watching This Video:
<http://youtube.com/watch?v=9Es9lqHECaE>

FISH STOCKING DONATION PAGE NOW AVAILABLE

At the 2024 Annual Meeting, there was a vote to add a fish stocking donation page to the BELPOA website. This page is now active and available for BELPOA members to use!

Resident, Rick Meisner, has stepped up to coordinate this project once enough funds have been raised. If you have interest in this topic or want to assist Meisner in this venture, feel free to contact him directly:

RICK MEISNER
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**PERCH, BASS,
 TROUT?
 WHAT WOULD
 YOU LIKE TO SEE?**



**SCAN
 TO
 DONATE!**

**Fish Stocking Donation Page:
BELPOA.com/fish-stocking**

Special Assessment District Update



A big discussion last summer was the Special Assessment District, otherwise known as the S.A.D. As this movement was meant to be a positive progression for our lake, the amount of stirred up negativity and impassioned arguments that came about as a byproduct of the effort, resulted in BELPOA's termination of the project.

It goes without question that the passion Bald Eagle Lake homeowner's share is unanimous. **WE ALL LOVE BALD EAGLE LAKE!** As such, BELPOA thanks those that shared their thoughts and opinions and it is clear there are two sides of the fence. As a result of the

community's feedback, the objective of a lake-wide treatment plan is simply not feasible at this time.

Please note that all unused funds that were paid to the Township to initiate the S.A.D. are in the process of being refunded to BELPOA, as we will not be continuing the effort in 2025. However, the mission to promote and sustain the health and beauty of our lake remains! BELPOA encourages everyone to be conscious of how our lifestyle's impact our waters and if you have the means to make improvements, please do so for the greater good!!

- Your BELPOA Board

Bald Eagle Lake Freezes in 2025!!

Bald Eagle Lake has not frozen over since 2022, which makes this winter season an exciting time for many. In 2025, we have seen everything from snow mobiles to ice skaters!

Featured below, Hunter Drenikowski and cousin Adalyn Drenikowski experience ice fishing for the first time!!!



Adalyn catches a Northern Pike!!!



**Bald Eagle Lake
(MICHIGAN) Community**

*BELPOA Thanks You for
Your Donations!!!*

Martin/Fenske

Hunter/Olter

Burgard/Stuck

Mike Sutton

Robert Rhode

Keith & Betsy Arnold

Rick & Annette Victory

Betty Stoddard

Dennis & Lauris Bagozzi

Brian McIsaac

Thomas Wosachlo

Bob & Barb Sutherland

Bill Sammons

Asghar & Sally Afsari

Scott Masi



Boat Launch Access 2025

Boating Season is Approaching Fast!

How to Access the Launch?

Contact a board member via phone call or text at least 24 hours in advance. This is the best way to ensure availability and avoid frustration. Board member contact information is located on the website under the "contact us" page

— Note to Members —

Please Pay Annual Dues By:

June 1st

A \$20 late fee will be applied to ramp access membership fee if dues are paid past June 15th

You Can Pay Dues By:

Check or Cash Payments

Please include the membership form included in this newsletter or download a copy from the website. Payments can be collected by a board member or mailed to:

PO BOX 275, Ortonville, MI 48462

Online Payments

Please visit our secure website: www.BELPOA.com to pay online with debit or credit card.



Boating Season 2025

In a few short months, Bald Eagle Laker's will be back at it! BELPOA would like to remind our members to:

Boat Safely,

Be Friendly,

TRUST YOUR NEIGHBOR,
Respect the Water,

- AND MOST IMPORTANTLY -

ENJOY 2025!

BELPOA INCOME & EXPENSES 05/01/2024-12/31/2024

BEGINNING BALANCE 05/01/2024	\$10,811.44
INCOME	\$1,342.61
EXPENSES	\$3,921.14
ENDING BALANCE 12/31/2024	\$8,232.91
CERTIFICATE TOTAL 12/31/2024	\$7,819.92

BELPOA Dedicates the 2025 Newsletter



— *In Memory Of* —

BRUCE WHITE

August 11, 1934 - April 19, 2024

Bruce loved Bald Eagle Lake! He spent hours fly fishing. In the spring, he started fishing as soon as there was open water along the shoreline. He made hundreds of his own flies.

Bruce gave back to the lake by doing the water testing from 1996 to 2018. He was also involved with some of the fish planting. Additionally, he regularly wrote articles for the BELPOA Newsletter.

Bruce is survived by his beloved wife Sandy.

Fondly remembered by,
The BELPOA Family

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:

- 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

2025

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

\$25 Senior Membership _____

\$35 Regular Membership _____

\$45 Senior Membership + Ramp _____

\$55 Regular Membership + Ramp _____

Donations to BELPOA _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____



BELPOA

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!!!!



For current BELPOA news and updates on events, join the FaceBook Page! Bald Eagle Lake (MICHIGAN) Community

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BOATER SAFETY

Who Needs a Boater License in Michigan?

Any motorized boat operator born after **June 30, 1999**

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

RESIDENT NAME
LAKE ADDRESS
CITY, STATE ZIP