

# Little Swan Lake

*A private lake community in West Central Illinois*



LSL Club Newsletter

May 2015

## New Illinois Boating Laws

With Memorial Day weekend rapidly approaching, please be aware of [three new Illinois boating regulations](#) that were signed into law on July 5, 2014, and went into effect on **January 1, 2015**.

- Senate Bill 3434 allows for the seizure of a watercraft used in the commission of certain offenses related to operating under the influence. The new rules bring penalties for boating under the influence more in line with those for operating a motor vehicle while impaired by drugs or alcohol.
- Senate Bill 3433 requires all persons born after January 1, 1998, to take and pass a boating safety course validated by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and hold a valid boating safety certificate before they can operate a motorboat with an engine over 10 horsepower. Visit [IDNR's Boating Safety Education](#) site for more information.
- Senate Bill 2731 mandates that the operator of any watercraft that is towing a person, such as a water skier or tuber, must display a bright orange flag measuring not less than 12 inches per side. The flag must be displayed to indicate a downed water skier, a water skier in the water preparing to ski, a water skiing line extended from the motorboat, or a ski in the water in the vicinity of the motorboat. This applies to anyone engaged in any activity where a person is towed behind or alongside a motorboat, including, but not limited to, barefoot skiing, tubing, skiing on other contrivances, wake boarding, and parasailing. These flags can be purchased online or at local retailers such as Farm King and will be enforced by LSL.

### Other Safety Reminders

- If swimming in the no wake zone one person must remain in the boat.

Please visit the [LSL Rules & Regulations](#) section of the website for additional reminders and safety notices. Rules will be enforced for the safety of our members and guests. We are all looking forward to a fun and safe summer at Little Swan Lake.

### Board Meetings:

1st Monday of the month at 7 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Next Board Meeting:

**Monday, June 1, 2015** at the Clubhouse - members are always welcome.

### Committees

We welcome new people to our Committees. Check out the volunteer opportunities on the [website](#). If a member is interested in working on one of the committees, please contact the committee chair or any board member.





New street signs installed spring 2015.

## Sign Replacement Underway

The new street signs are here and help is needed to complete the installation. If you are available to help please call Allen Jonckheere at 630-263-0283.



Lake Memorial Garden

## Rummage Sale Success!

The Ladies of the Lake wish to thank everyone who donated items for the Rummage Sale May 16th. The event was successful in raising money to purchase mulch and additional plants for the Memorial Garden.

The next meeting is Wednesday, June 3 at noon at the Clubhouse. If you are interested in joining, contact Jane Stevens at 309-465-3466. For more information, visit [Ladies of the Lake](#).

## LSL Board Members

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