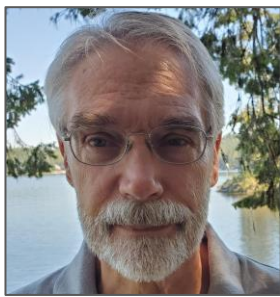


Sacheen SCOPE

Spring 2023

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President's Message:

We hope the coming of spring 2023 finds you thawing out and warming up! This is our first edition of a digital version of the Sacheen Lake Association (SLA) newsletter, the SacheenSCOPE. So, if you hear someone ponder where their copy of the SacheenSCOPE is, please encourage them to send us their email address and we'll add them to our email distribution system. This transition will save the SLA and your Sacheen Water and Sewer District significant yearly funds. The SLA's "saved" funds are being applied to General and Officer's-and-Director's liability insurances. After many years of operating without liability insurance and with the substantial growth in lawsuits over the years, the SLA Board has determined that this insurance is needed to protect our Board Members. We are also posting the SacheenSCOPE on our website, which is undergoing an improvement project to provide more SLA specific information and hopefully more user-friendly navigation. We have reorganized how one accesses SLA and external documents provided to the SLA, added an "ABOUT" tab that describes the association and the benefits it provides to the community, and worked with the Water and Sewer District to move some of their content directly to their webpage rather than on the SLA's homepage. Within this edition, you'll hear more about the activities of the SLA Board and our ongoing endeavors to help the lake and community. But first, I want to talk about the comment that we have heard from some community members: "Why should I join the SLA when I get all of the benefits for free?". First and foremost, the SLA operates 100% based on funds received from the community. Our sources of income are the membership dues and the small amount of profit we make on merchandise sales. Without this income the SLA cannot, for example, host our annual community picnic, replace lost or damaged buoys that mark boat-damaging rocks in the lake, keep the safe boating sign at the WDFW boat launch up to date, or fund the streetlight at the corner of Hwy 211 and Fertile Valley Rd. There are other activities that we do that don't cost money but would not occur if the SLA did not exist. For example, the SLA requested the signs on Hwy 211 and Fertile Valley Rd that identify entry into the Sacheen Lake neighborhood, we manage the lake level (as volunteers for the W&SD), and we execute the State Parks Life Jacket loaner program at the WDFW Sacheen Lake boat launch. Through our no-cost email system, we inform and encourage residents to vote for the levy for the Sacheen Water & Sewer District that keeps our lake from being overtaken by invasive weeds. We coordinate with government agencies about activities they are undertaking in our area and subsequently inform the community, such as the DNR-managed forest harvesting south of Sacheen Lake. This newsletter is generated by the SLA Board, local government agency input as coordinated by the SLA Board, and SLA support staff (specifically our editor) and would not be available to keep our community informed, to aid in communications between government agencies and the community, and to announce events and activities by and for the community. If we did not have the contributions from our loyal lake residents, all the benefits the SLA provides, funded or otherwise, would no longer be available to any of the Sacheen Lake community. So please, consider what benefits you obtain by the existence of the SLA and ask yourself if they are worth a very small contribution by paying membership dues. See our About web page (<https://sacheenlake.com/about/>) for more information. Thank you for your contribution to our community and have a happy 2023 spring!

- Grant Miller, President Sacheen Lake Association

Sacheen Lake Association Membership Form

Dues for 2023 are still only \$10 for an Individual & Student / \$25 Otherwise

Please fill out this form and mail it with your check, payable to:

Sacheen Lake Association, c/o Denise Reilly, Treasurer

P.O. Box 401, Newport, WA 99156-0401

PLEASE include your correct CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS and PHONE #

Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Lake Address:	
Phone:	
Email Address:	<i>If you do not have an email address enter NONE</i>
Membership type:	<i>Check only one</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> Public/Not for Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining (contributes more dues than required)

We also use the above information to keep the community up to date, via emails, as well as sending the as-of-now digital editions of the SacheenSCOPE. This information has supported the community in multiple ways (lost and found, sinking boat, downed tree on a house, etc.). This information is kept only by the SLA and not distributed further. Please let us know who and where you are on the lake as well as how to reach you, even if you don't join the SLA.

Updates to the "Bylaws of the Sacheen Lake Association"

At our 2022 Annual Meeting, the SLA Board presented and the SLA members voted on three key changes to the By-laws: (1) we added a Mission Statement, (2) we removed our objectives (typically considered short term goals) and added long term goals, and (3) we modified how Board members are associated with the development neighborhoods around the lake ensuring events such as the picnic and local cleanup events. On January 17, 2023, the SLA Board approved that every property is aligned with a Board member (we call them "Neighborhood Areas"). Since then, we have revamped the entire set of By-laws aligning them with how the SLA operates today, clarifying Board member requirements, and, to name one major change, providing authority for the Board to hold a motion to accept the updated By-laws and now, consistent with the By-laws, we need the approval by the active SLA members at our 10 June 2023 Annual Meeting to finalize the changes. We will be sending the By-laws to existing members later this spring for their review and vote. Keep your eye out for an email around 1 May to current SLA members regarding the By-laws review and acceptance process. If you'd like to vote on the SLA Bylaws update, please join prior to 1 May 2023.

Sacheen Lake Association Board Operating Guidelines and Other General Information

Starting in late 2021 and completing on 9 December 2022, the SLA Board wrote a document capturing the Board's operating guidelines and other general information to ensure that all instantiations of the SLA Board are executing to the same guidelines. The guidelines may change over time, but as agreed to by the Board. The Board has had significant turnover in the last several years and this document substantially helps new Board members understand how we help preserve the lake environment and involve the community. We are currently looking for one more Board member. Send us an email at SacheenLake.Assoc@gmail.com with your interest to join the Board, once joined you'll have the knowledge of years of SLA execution at your fingertips!

Shoreline Erosion Management Information

In October 2022, the SLA published a letter to the community identifying actions the SLA takes to actively manage the lake level to help reduce shoreline damage. One of the key elements of the research into creating the letter was what we discovered regarding the harmful impact that wake boats have on the shoreline and under the water. The most definitive study results we found on the Internet are from a University of Minnesota College of Science and Engineering's St. Anthony Falls Laboratory research summary. <https://cse.umn.edu/college/news/umn-researchers-study-waves-created-recreational-boats>. This study, which included two wake boats and two normal boats, found that:

- “When researchers compared the wake waves of the four boats during their most typical mode of operations, the data indicated that wake surf boats require distances greater than 500 feet from the shoreline/docks and other boats (or the distance of a little less than 1.5 football fields) to decrease their wake wave characteristics to levels similar to the non-wake surf boats.
- When researchers compared the wake waves of the four boats under conditions that generated the largest wake wave, the data indicated that wake surf boats require distances greater than 425 feet from the shoreline/docks and other boats to decrease their wake wave characteristics to levels similar to the non-wakesurf boats.
- In both modes of operation, the suggested distance from shoreline/docks for wake surf boats is more than twice the distance of the 200 feet currently recommended by Minnesota guidelines for common recreational boats.”

The SLA President took that information and created the below map to illustrate how small Sacheen Lake is when trying to protect the shoreline from wake boat wake damage.



The article is available on our website (<https://sacheenlake.com/sla-letters-and-reports/>).

Are We Ready for Spring Yet?

As the winter winds down, we don't want you to forget (even possible?) the joy our winter wonderland brings to us, so we've included a few Sacheen Lake winter photos to help you remember (or to get you to long for spring and summer even more!). On a related note, the SLA received more guesses for the ice-off contest than we have for a number of years. We appreciate the community's involvement! Good luck to all entrants (except those whose date has come and gone - sorry)!



A moose tests the ice thickness



Marie Frauenheim skating in the center of the lake on a cold and sunny, end of January day.



Frozen Sunset



Promise of Spring

Sunday afternoon on Lake Sacheen

March 19, 2023

A beautiful sunny day on the Narrows, I'm on my cross country skies gliding across the icy surface. My partner, Charlie, walks across the ice with our new 14 month old Pyrenees mix, Macy. Actually she's pulling him along. Winter time is amazing here up at the lake. Nature speaks to us, quietly and peacefully, a stark contrast to the world we live in away from the lake. After our time on the lake we walk, along with our tuxedo cat, Ben, to what we call The Rock. Our dogs found this view point several years ago. Once there we sit in the sunshine and look out at the Little Spokane River, three Canadian Geese standing one legged on a log along with a Mallard pair. Further down the river we see what we believe are Buffleheads or Goldeneyes, we can't tell.....we need better binoculars! Macy pays too much "attention" to Ben, so Ben takes a swing at her. After some time the sun disappears behind the evergreens so we make our way back to our home where the fire burns continually during these winter months. Come to the lake during this time of the year.....

Sacheen Lake Association Calendar and Community Events – 2023

The SLA hosts a set of community events each year. Those include our Annual Meeting, our community picnic, and multiple cleanup events. In addition, starting in 2022 the SLA is now coordinating other community events through our email system; the SLA is not sponsoring these events due to liability concerns. The 2023 preplanned events are shown below; others may be announced via email.

Sacheen Lake Association Calendar - 2023

Event	Date and Time / Meeting Location
Myers-Harter Park Cleanup	Saturday, May 6, 2023, 8:00 am / Myers-Harter Park
Hwy 211 Cleanup	Saturday, May 20, 2023, 9:00 am / Myers-Harter Park
SLA Annual Meeting	Saturday, June 10, 2023, 9:00 am / Hwy 211 Fire Station
Boat Launch Cleanup	Saturday, June 24, 2023, 8:00 am / WDFW boat launch
Sacheen Community Annual Picnic	Saturday, July 8, 2023, 11:00 am / Myers-Harter Park
Fertile Valley Rd Cleanup	Saturday, July 22, 2023, 8:00 am / Myers-Harter Park
Hwy 211 Cleanup	Saturday, August 26, 2023, 9:00 am / Myers-Harter Park
Fertile Valley Rd Cleanup	Saturday, September 23, 2023, 8:00 am / Myers-Harter Park

Sacheen Lake Community Events – 2023

Event	Date and Time / Location
4 th of July Parade	Saturday, July 1, 2023, 2 pm / Boat launch area
Community Yard Sale	Saturday, September 2, 2023. 9 am / Hwy 211 Fire Station

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Stocking for Sacheen Lake

Species	Put, Grow, and Take (2023 Plan)		Fry / Fingerling (2022)	
	Number	Stocking Month	Number	Stocking Month
Eastern Brook Trout			6,200	October
Triploid Rainbow Trout	7000		16,200	October
Tiger Trout			10,000	October

Stocking Month: Exact dates are not known at this time. Stocking timing will be left to the convenience of the hatcheries. Catchables: Trout that have been reared at WDFW facilities and are 2.0 to 2.5 fish per pound in size. Put, Grow & Take: Trout that have been reared at WDFW facilities and are 2.6 to 10 fish per pound in size. Triploids: Triploid trout that have been purchased by the WDFW. Each fish weighs about 1.5 pounds. Fry/Fingerling: Trout or kokanee that have been reared at WDFW facilities that were released at 10 to 600 fish per pound. Trout fry/fingerlings released in 2022 will be harvestable in 2023. At this time, WDFW has only released this planting plan, found at: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/02416>.

When the lake thaws, planting reports can be found here:

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/reports/stocking/trout-plants>.

Preventing the spread of invasive species

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) represent a huge threat to the state's native ecosystems, but there are a number of ways the hazard to Washington's waters can be fought.

Below are tips for the public. WDFW Invasive Species Management Protocols
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/01490/wdfw01490.pdf>.

Ways to prevent the spread of AIS

Boaters, kayakers, anglers and anyone who recreates or works in Washington's waters should take measures to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. There are two methods recommended: the basic "Clean/Drain/Dry," and the more rigorous "decontamination" protocol for known or suspected infested waters.

Boaters and anglers should contact the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife if they suspect their boats or gear have been used in waters of states infested with zebra or quagga mussels.

WDFW and the Washington Invasive Species Council have partnered to offer Clean, Drain, Dry, Dispose (CD3) stations at several boat launches in Eastern Washington, as well as a mobile CD3 unit available for events and fishing tournaments.

To learn more or reserve the mobile CD3 unit,
<https://invasivespecies.wa.gov/campaigns/clean-drain-dry/cd3-unit-information/>.



Source: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/invasive/prevention>

For more information from the Washington State Lake Protection Association, visit:
<https://www.walpa.org/waterline/december-2022/county-wide-prevention-infrastructure-encourages-boat-owners-to-help-control-the-spread-of-invasives/>

Sacheen Water and Sewer District (W&SD) Information

The SLA Board regularly attends the Sacheen W&SD meetings (thank you, Wendy Bleecker). The following summarizes some ongoing W&SD activities based on information we garnered through our public attendance at their meetings. Our W&SD has been fortunate once again in that the Sacheen Lake community voted to pass the levy that supplies the W&SD with additional funds. The SLA thanks you very much for your support! These funds are critical to operations, but most specifically for the treatment of invasive weeds in Sacheen Lake. The W&SD has already been working with Aquatechnex to develop the 2023 treatment plan; it has been drafted and will be verified after the winter thaw of the lake.

Other areas of lake water management include treatment of beaver impacts on the lake level. This year the W&SD obtained a new five year Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) from Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife that allows volunteers to clear the beaver damming of the three culverts installed downstream of the Fertile Valley Road bridge and to remove new startup beaver dams. W&SD has also obtained an update of the property owner access agreement that allows the volunteers to be on the land to remove the beaver dams (culverts and new dams). Thanks to our downstream landowners! It is the SLA Support Staff and volunteers that perform the work of clearing the culverts and beaver dams. We thank Don Hill for his long-term lead in managing this effort and for continuing to be on the Board, as well as the many volunteers throughout the years! Due to the amount of beaver activity that has been observed over the last several years (see photos), the SLA requested that the W&SD pay to mitigate further beaver damage to the water flow out of Sacheen Lake in the near future. Management of the water flow through the West Branch of the Little Spokane River is critical to ensuring the lake level is maintained to minimize wave action damage to the shoreline and lake-adjacent properties.



Start-up Beaver Dam on West Branch of Little Spokane River

DNR Harvesting Information

Last year at the 2022 SLA Annual Meeting, DNR presented a summary of the harvesting project planned for the south side of Sacheen Lake. At the meeting, they provided a fact sheet on the project. The SLA, based on comments from community members at the Annual Meeting, requested that DNR restrict logging trucks from using the 25 mph section of Fertile Valley Rd; the request and DNR response (granted) are posted on the SLA website (<https://sacheenlake.com/documents/external-organization-files/>). DNR held a field trip for local residents to walk a portion of the harvesting area and learn about DNR plans for harvesting as well as taught the attendees about the plants of the area. A field trip report was written and is available on the same SLA website.

DNR continues to work the project schedule for harvesting on the south side of Sacheen Lake. The following provides a top level schedule of key project milestones.

- 1/23/2024: Auction date for timber harvest (harvest may begin in the spring)
- 10/26/2025: Contract end date for timber harvest completion
- Fall 2025 and/or fall 2026: Prescribed fire burning of mechanical slash piles
- Summer/fall 2026: Weed and vegetation control
- Spring 2027: Planting by hand crews

DNR noted that "Dates are subject to change, due to extensions, weather, and ground conditions, among various other factors."

Information from our County Sheriff



Office of the Sheriff

Pend Oreille County, Washington



Glenn Blakeslee, Sheriff

The Pend Oreille County Sheriff's Office Marine Division consists of five (5) Marine Patrol certified members including 1 Patrol Sergeant, 3 Patrol Deputies, and 1 Marine Technician. The Sheriff's Office plans on sending 2 more deputies to the Basic Marine Law Enforcement Course in the Spring of 2023 with the eventual goal of having all Pend Oreille County Deputies Marine Patrol certified. Typically, on-water contacts with the Marine Deputy will be educational in nature while ensuring there is compliance with boating laws and regulations through vessel inspections. We understand that people come to our waterways to recreate and have fun, but we want to ensure this is being done in a safe manner. Some on water violations could result in a warning, but Marine Deputies will typically issue infractions for any safety violations (i.e. life jacket requirements), negligent boating, and operating a vessel without a Boaters Education Card.

In recent years, wakes from Wake Boats are consistently the biggest boater complaints we receive at the Sheriff's Office. The large wakes created by these vessels can cause shoreline erosion, damage to property, and even injury. It's important for wake boat operators to know that even when you are operating within the laws and regulations, you could be held civilly and potentially criminally liable for damage and/or injuries caused by your wake. The best practices for these types of vessels are to go to the center of the lake for wake boat activities. The Sacheen Lake Association has taken a proactive approach to educating the community and taking steps to mitigate shoreline erosion.

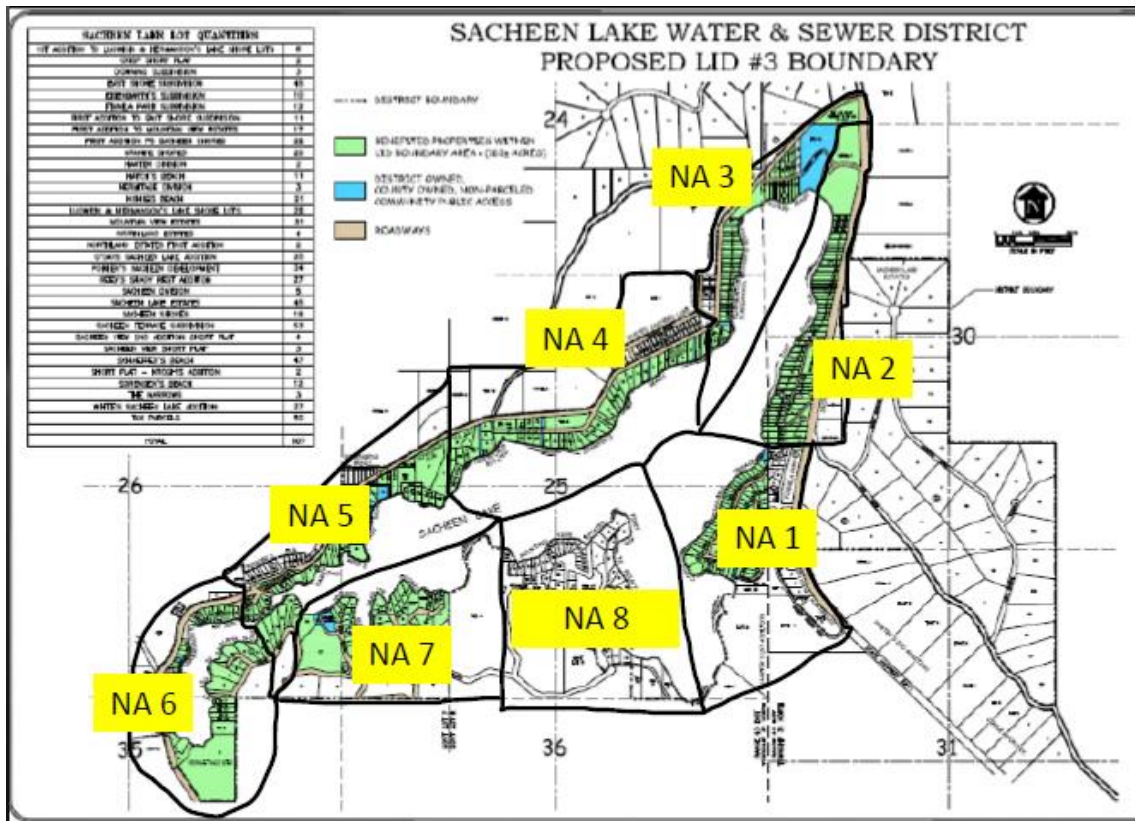
In addition, we will be deploying two "No Wake" buoys at the public launch this year and placing new "No wake" stickers on the buoys at the mouth of the slough that goes to the back side of the lake.

Our goal is to continue to provide a safe and enjoyable boating environment for people within beautiful Pend Oreille County. We ask that you boat safely and be considerate of others recreating on the water. If you have any questions or concerns regarding boating, please feel free to contact Sergeant Question Youk at 509-447-1914 or wave down a Marine Deputy when you see them on the water.



Role	Name	Phone	Neighborhood Area
President	Grant Miller	858 204 5560	NA 6
Vice President	Wendy Bleecker		NA 7
Past President	Don Hill	509 447 0960	NA 2
Treasurer	Denise Reilly	509 954 5081	NA 1
Secretary	Connie Gross	509 701 6488	NA 8
Member	Elaine Hooker	509 217 2475	NA 3
Member	Karlene Perry	509 869 8400	NA 4
Member	Larry Holman	509 953 6543	NA 5
Member	Lil Hastie	206 817 7562	At Large
Member	Beverly Schoen		At Large
Member	Vacant		

SLA Representative Neighborhood Areas



The SLA can be reached at: SacheenLake.Assoc@gmail.com
 Merchandise purchase request: Sacheen.Merch@gmail.com

WWW.SACHEENLAKE.COM

Don't forget to check out our renovated website. It is a wonderful way to stay connected with our community, lake and sewer news, and the wildlife around the lake. To share your photos and info, contact Carl Gross at carlgross@gmail.com. All postings are approved by the SLA Board.

As a reminder, the SLA supports the finding and return of lost lake-oriented items of approximately \$50 or more through our email system. However, the best defense against losing an item on the lake is to ensure your items are secured!