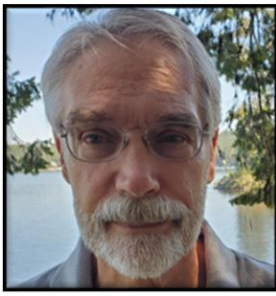


# SacheenSCOPE

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**President's Message:** As President of the SLA Board, I frequently bring topics for discussion to the Board that may / will be controversial. However, I am also pleased with the outcome of our discussions for several reasons. The SLA Board promotes an atmosphere of open discussion of ideas with the desire to hear from everybody on the Board. The Board represents a diverse group of individuals and our ability to listen and learn from each other makes us better representatives for you, our Association members and Sacheen Lake community. And I am glad that one of our key Mission Statement attributes is to promote a strong sense of rural community. We have used this wisdom

more than once to reach a conclusion on what the SLA should attempt to do about a situation. We sometimes hear that we are not a policing organization; and that is a 100% true statement! We are also not a governmental organization nor have we, in my tenure, attempted to influence County or State legislation. Our main line of influence is that of education of the community and visitors to the lake. We are doing our best to represent the interests of the sustainability of the lake and the rural community feel between / among perhaps ideologically disparate neighbors. Please, drop us a line via email if you have constructive comments to share!

- Grant Miller, President Sacheen Lake Association

## Search for Two New SLA Board Members

The SLA still has room on the Board for new Board members. We have had vacancies on the Board for quite some time now, which is what prompted the rewrite of our By-laws requiring eleven (11) members. We are not legally bound by that restriction now, but we also know that spreading the efforts we do makes our volunteer work for the lake and community easier. As Larry Holman always said in his announcements for cleanup events: "Many hands make light work!" At the 15 June 2024 Annual Meeting, we did finalize the Board membership of Anthony Patterson and Carl Gross. Those interested in being on the SLA Board, please contact the President via email at [SacheenLake.Assoc@gmail.com](mailto:SacheenLake.Assoc@gmail.com). Grant will connect with you and walk you through the requirements for Board membership and, if you're still interested, he'll interview you so you can ask questions and discuss your interest in being a Board member. Please consider volunteering to help your lake and community through applying for a position on the SLA Board. Thank you!

## SacheenSCOPE Editor

SLA also still needs an Editor for the SacheenSCOPE. We are looking for someone willing to research topics of interest to the community, coordinate and format input from the SLA, and coordinate with outside organizations such as the Sheriff's Department, South Pend Oreille Fire and Rescue, and the Sacheen Water and Sewer District to collect relevant information for adding to the SacheenSCOPE. We produce the SCOPE about three times a year. If you have interest in being our next Editor, please contact Grant at [SacheenLake.Assoc@gmail.com](mailto:SacheenLake.Assoc@gmail.com).

# Sacheen Lake Association Membership and Contact Form

**Dues for 2024 are \$5 Student, \$10 for an Individual, \$25 Family, \$100 Sustaining**

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 #

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	
<b>Lake Address:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	<i>If you do not have an email address enter NONE</i>
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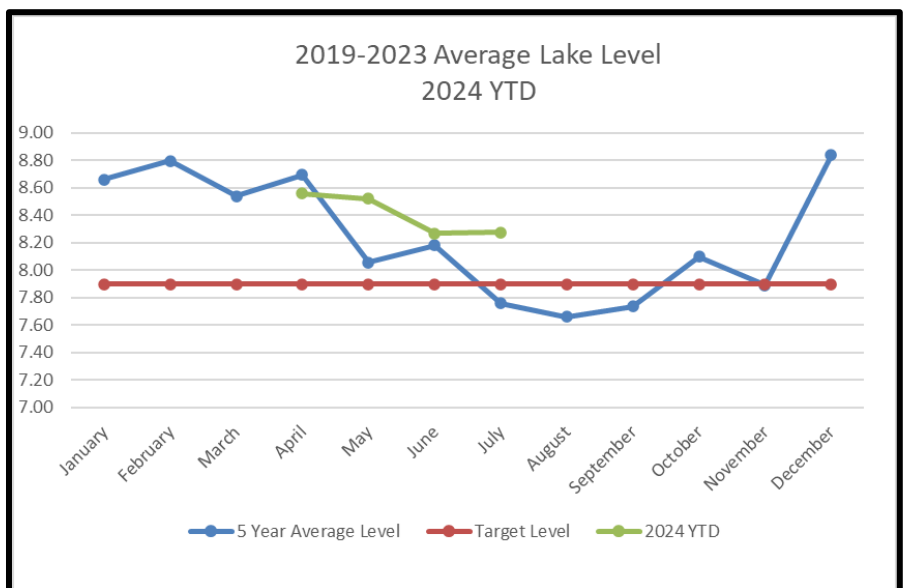
**Please let us know who and where you are on the lake as well as how to reach you in case of emergency, even if you don't join the SLA.**

## Lake Level

Many of you have noticed that the lake level has remained higher this year than in recent summers. Check out the graph to the below right. There is a significant difference in the 2024 YTD line and the previous five year average. In mid May, a kayak trip downstream into the West Branch of the Little Spokane River allowed us to determine how to manage the beaver dams to the benefit of the lake level. It was noted that the 2nd beaver dam and the culvert installed there were actively holding back water per our engineering beavers' design. In fact, the water outlet on the downstream side of the dam and culvert dropped between 1 to 1.5 feet or more!

Since the lake level has not been excessively high, with hopefully no shoreline damage, the SLA with the support of our beaver dam manager, Don Hill, determined we should leave the beaver dams alone! That has kept our boat props safer and made the local WDFW boat launch less hazardous to use (so far this year we have not heard of any trailer damage).

As always, thanks to the Sacheen Water and Sewer District (W&SD) for keeping the Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) and Access Agreement active so the SLA can manage the lake's water level.





**Guess the Photo Date:** Guess the date of these photos before you get to the end of the newsletter. The thermometer is at 31° Fahrenheit! Hint: Aren't you glad summer finally came?



**2025 Photo Calendar Contest is a Go!**

Thanks to the many people who committed to purchase a 2025 Sacheen Lake photo calendar, we will have our photo contest and produce a 2025 photo calendar. The final cost is still not determined as we won't order the calendars until October, i.e., just in time for our 9 November pickup event. But based on current vendor quotes, as initially promised they will sell for less than \$18 per calendar! Now is the time to submit your photos. Submittal rules were provided via our [SacheenLake.Assoc@gmail.com](mailto:SacheenLake.Assoc@gmail.com) email. Here is the current schedule for the calendar production and distribution:

- 9/1/24                      Photos due (send uncompressed files to [SacheenLake.Assoc@gmail.com](mailto:SacheenLake.Assoc@gmail.com))
- Before 9/30/24        Board meeting to select 12 calendar photos and winning photo
- 10/1/24                    Announce winner and winning photo (others announced after 11/9/24)
- 10/7/24                    Last day to order a calendar
- 10/10/24                 Submit calendar to print
- 11/1/24                    Begin the mailing process
- 11/9/24                    Calendar pickup event at Hwy 211 Fire Station and complete mailing.

**2024 SLA Annual Meeting (6/15/24)**

The SLA held our Annual Meeting (entire community welcome) on 15 June 2024. On the business side, we voted in two new members, Anthony Patterson and Carl Gross, and voted for the proposed updates to our By-laws. We provided a summary of progress to date since June 2023 and our plans for the remainder of 2024 (although those change as need arises). Our guest speakers were representatives from DNR discussing the forest harvesting plans for the south side of Sacheen Lake and the Pend Oreille County Weed Board providing an overview of their efforts and events for the season. At the end of the presentation, we have a section on public interest information, including:

- A link to a POC fire awareness survey (please take the survey)
  - [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Pend\\_Oreille\\_County\\_Mitigation\\_Plan\\_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Pend_Oreille_County_Mitigation_Plan_Survey)
- Community event calendar: Remaining events are
  - Community Yard Sale: Saturday, August 31, 2024, 9 am, Fire station on Hwy 211
  - Calendar pickup and merchandise sales (just in time for the holidays) (see above)
- Wake boat wake warning sign approved for install at the WDFW boat launch
- Information on buoy permitting and violation in Pend Oreille County bodies of water
- Dock trespassing: Not allowed per WA state regulation is WAC 332-30-144
- Ice fishing lessons: If interested, contact Brian Walker, WDFW fish biologist  
[Brian.Walker2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Brian.Walker2@dfw.wa.gov)
- Information on POC requirements for vacation rentals

To view the presentation, go to: <https://sacheenlake.com/annual-mtg/>. Check out the completed Welcome Packet while you're there. You can print any portion of the package from the website, send the link to your new neighbors, or provide hard copies to your visitors (e.g., put it in your vacation rental info book). <https://sacheenlake.com/welcome-packet/>

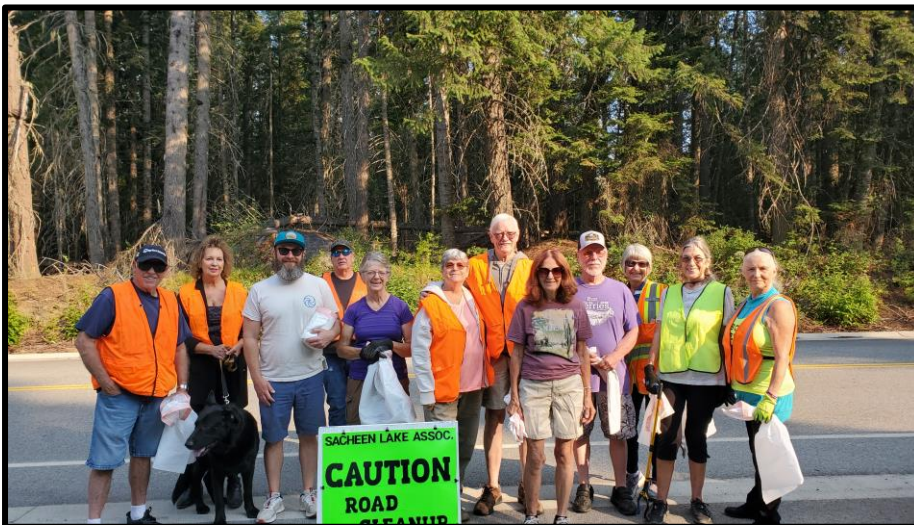
## 2024 SLA Picnic (7/6/24)

We hosted our annual picnic at the Myers / Harter Sanctuary, the park owned and managed by the Sacheen Water and Sewer District, on 6 July. There was a good turnout, but it seemed as if we didn't have as many kids this year as in past years. But that didn't stop the food from flowing, the community from connecting with friends & neighbors and making new friends. The kids' races were a crowd pleaser with plenty of prizes for all participants. And as is now the "tradition", we had our annual water balloon soaking of the SLA President by the children! Thanks to the donation by Sherie Simmons of the wine rack, which Connie and Carl Gross sanded and coated making it look new! The raffle prize found its rightful recipient in a round-about way; it was won by someone not present, then a 2<sup>nd</sup> round winner, and ultimately given to someone who drinks wine and needs a wine rack, Joel Randall. Congratulations, Joel! And thanks to Lil Hastie's relatives for the face paintings, Store N' More for the donated ice, SPOFR for the loan of the tables, and all of the people who brought food and drinks. Chicken and water were supplied by the SLA, thanks to SLA members' dues payments and merchandise purchasers!



## 2024 Fertile Valley Road Cleanup (7/20/24)

Thanks to the help of some SLA Board members and many of our neighbors for helping pick up trash on Fertile Valley Rd from Hwy 211 to Sacheen Southshore Dr., a 3+ mile stretch. We are fortunate, as compared to Hwy 211, that many in our neighborhood don't litter and that we have many walkers that pick up trash during their normal walks. It makes our FVR cleanup event somewhat uneventful! We also



bought pickup devices this year making the job a little easier. And many thanks to Lil Hastie and her contact that made all of the new event signs for the SLA this last spring. They can be seen from a distance and are easy to read.

And where is that shifty SLA President in the photo? Slacking off again? His wife is there!

Someone had to be the photographer, but was it Grant?

## 2024 Planned SLA Activities

As usual, the SLA Board is busy with summer activities. Here are a few. Review our Annual Meeting presentation for more. <https://sacheenlake.com/annual-mtg/>

**Boat-Hazard Marking Buoys:** This summer we are in the process of getting our boat-hazard marking buoys approved by the Sheriff's Office. Verbal history indicates this was done in the past, but we want to get the permitting on record and stored on our website. Grant sent an email on 15 July 2024 providing information on the Pend Oreille County Boating Safety Ordinance (2001-01), section .240 Safety Buoys requesting information on buoys. If you want your boat-hazard marking buoys permitted along with the SLA buoys on the lake, please contact Grant at [SacheenLake.Assoc@gmail.com](mailto:SacheenLake.Assoc@gmail.com).

**Humorous Lake-Life Story Contest:** We haven't received any humorous lake life stories yet! Our original end date for input was 31 July (see Grant's email from 15 May 2024). Looks like we need to move that date. Here are new contest dates:

- Send your humorous lake-life story (file) to our email (above) by 1 September 2024.
- The SLA Board will review all stories and pick a winner during our September 2024 board meeting.

All prior contest rules still apply.

- Write a short (one page, single spaced, 12-point font) humorous, true story about something that happened at the lake. Be sure you are willing to share your story with the entire community; we plan to send it via email and post it to the SLA website.
- Give your story a name.
- Include your name and contact information at the beginning of the story so we know how to contact the winner. Only your name will be shared when we distribute and post your story, if you give us permission; otherwise, the story will be anonymous.
- The winner will be awarded a Sacheen Lake merchandise gift certificate.



If a "flock of geese" are in the air and a "gaggle of geese" are on the ground, what do you call this? A "flotilla of geese"?

## 2024 SLA and Community Events

The following are the remaining SLA and community events for the year.

### Sacheen Lake Association Calendar – 2024 (Remaining Events) Attendance at SLA Events requires signup and release of liability of the SLA

Event	Date and Time	Location
Hwy 211 Cleanup	Saturday, August 24, 2024, 9:00 am	Meet at Myers – Harter Park
Fertile Valley Rd Cleanup	Saturday, September 21, 2024, 8:00 am	Meet at Myers – Harter Park

### Other\* Sacheen Lake Community Events – 2024

Event	Date and Time	Location
Community Yard Sale**	Saturday, August 31, 2024, 9 am	Hwy 211 SPOFR Station
Photo Calendar Pickup & Merchandise Sales	Saturday, Nov 9, 2024, 10 am to noon	Hwy 211 SPOFR Station

\* These events are not SLA sponsored / hosted events. However, the SLA uses our email system to help the community coordinate these events. The SLA is not liable for any injury or damage to any person or object during these events.

\*\* Signs to be put out the day of the event

**Southside Haircut!**

The logging contract for DNR harvesting of the south side of Sacheen Lake is underway. The logging company agreed to the DNR clause to have logging trucks turn south on Fertile Valley Road from Sacheen Southshore Rd as requested by the SLA. The logging is currently paused due to the high temperatures. But there has been significant progress. There are new logging roads created as extensions to existing roads. Portions of the area have already been logged, and piles of cut logs continue to be removed by logging trucks. It is in our best interest to stay off the logging roads during their active logging and hauling process as logging trucks cannot stop on a dime! Below are some photos of the progress to date.



Charlie Brown, your tree is ready!



Money for schools



Too big for Charlie Brown's tree!



Logged area (above). Hair cut, hair thinning, or a shave?

New road (right)



## Other Community News of Interest

**South Pend Oreille Fire and Rescue:** SPOFR hired a new Chief. Grant was fortunate to get invited to a meet and greet of the final two candidates at the Hwy 211 fire station. The day this occurred was on 20 July during our recent HOT spell. In lake style, Grant showed up in a T-shirt and shorts and chatted with both gentlemen wearing ties, slacks and either a vest or suit top who had been grilled all day by the SPOFR squad. And although it had been a long day for them, they graciously entertained Grant's questions. Both candidates had rural/forest interface experience similar to our lake environment. Both candidates were enthusiastic about taking on the job. In the end, SPOFR chose Shane Stocking as the new chief. Check out our new SPOFR Chief at: <https://www.spofr.org/spofr-selects-new-chief/> And with a mustache like his, who wouldn't love the guy?



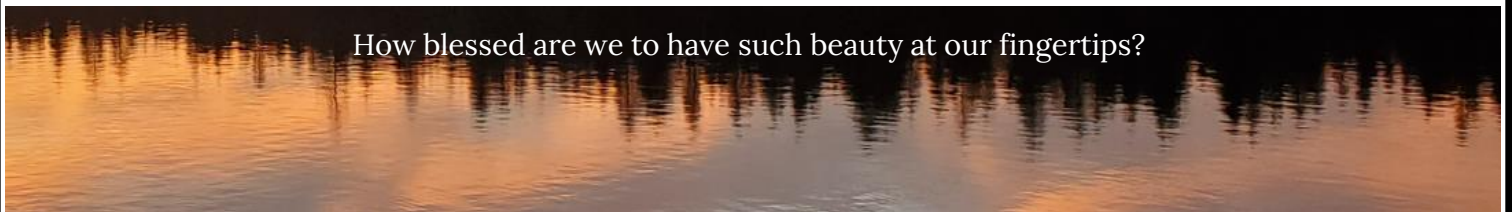
**Sacheen Water and Sewer District:** The W&SD funded treatment of the lake for curly leaf and will soon have the lake treated for Eurasian Milfoil. Grant provided an email on 23 July 2024 with the map and followed up with the treatment date of 8/1/2024. Thanks to the W&SD for releasing the data to inform our community! In other news, the Myers/Harter Sanctuary (park) is closed due to fire hazard until further notice. According to Randy Carasco's W&SD posting on Nextdoor: "We will let you know when conditions warrant rescinding this measure; it might be awhile."

**WDFW Volunteer Fish Reporting:** At the SLA Annual Meeting, Grant presented the layout for a file that could be used to voluntarily report fish catch (& release) in Sacheen Lake to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Fish Biologist, Brian Walker ([Brian.Walker2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Brian.Walker2@dfw.wa.gov)). Fishermen aren't required to report catches, except for certain species of fish, and Sacheen Lake doesn't have any of those species. Biologists therefore depend on locals to help them understand the fishery in their local fishing lakes. If you are interested in reporting your fishing activities, reach out to Grant using the [SacheenLake.Assoc@gmail.com](mailto:SacheenLake.Assoc@gmail.com) email address.

**Excessive Weeds in the Lake:** The SLA has received multiple emails on the excessive weeds floating in the lake as well as having seen postings on Nextdoor. The majority of weeds floating in the lake are Elodea Nuttallii. They propagate easily! They are native perennials that are dormant in the fall/winter. They float to the surface in big clumps when their roots decay. Roots decay occurs in the summer as a result of the plant's canopy creating too much self-shading and in the fall at the end of their growing season. The plants can spread from these clumps and small pieces. When removing these plants, all elements of the plant need to be removed from the water. They have a rapid regrowth rate if they are just cut; root removal is essential. Here is one link where most of this information was obtained: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0075951115000146>. I (Grant) hired a young man promoting his hand-held-devices services, for weed removal on Nextdoor. One tool pulled roots out. He included removing floating weeds out of the lake from the use of his tools. I have used the Weed Ray, invented by a local Sacheen Lake resident, which works well at pulling weeds by the root from the bottom. There is also the diving service which has a good success rate; but their rates nearly doubled per hour this year. The SLA would love to hear your experiences and successes with local weed removal so we may share it with the community. And please remember to vote for the Sacheen W&SD levy again this year!

**Guess the Photo Date:** The photos on page 3 were taken on 16 June 2024. How close was your guess?

How blessed are we to have such beauty at our fingertips?



## Meet Your Board

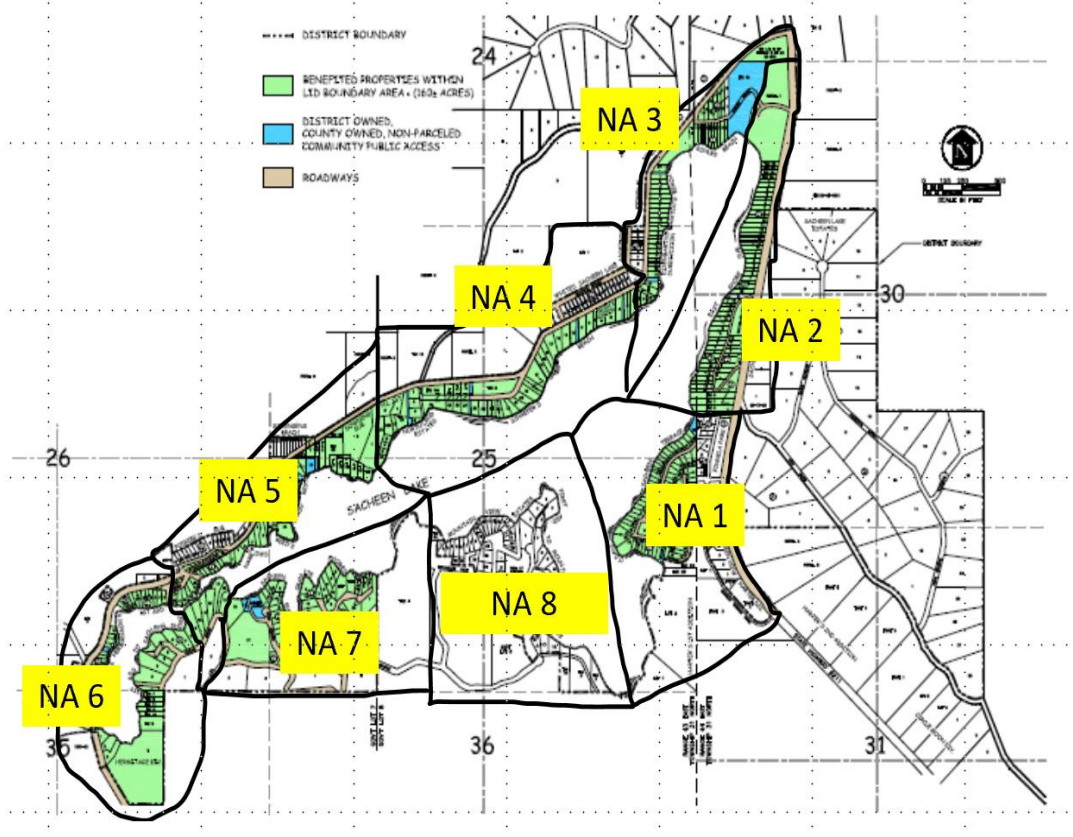
Role	Name	Phone	Neighborhood Area
President	Grant Miller	858 204 5560	NA 8
Vice President	Karlene Perry	509 869 8400	NA 4
Treasurer	Denise Reilly	509 954 5081	NA 1
Secretary	Connie Gross	509 550 5081	NA 3
Member	Lil Hastie	206 817 7562	At Large
Member	Beverly Schoen	509 714 0476	NA 6
Member	Joe Frauenheim	206 713 2395	At Large
Member	Anthony Patterson	509 217 2475	NA 2
Member	Carl Gross	509 550 5081	NA 5
Member	<b>vacant</b>		At Large
Member	<b>vacant</b>		NA 7 (supported by Grant for now)

## Sacheen Lake Association



*The SLA Board's NA assignments are revisited when new members join the Board*

### SLA Representative Neighborhood Areas (NA #)



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Treasurer dues queries and PayPal: [Sacheen.Treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:Sacheen.Treasurer@gmail.com)

Merchandise purchase request: [Sacheen.Merch@gmail.com](mailto:Sacheen.Merch@gmail.com)

[www.sacheenlake.com](http://www.sacheenlake.com)

Don't forget to check out our 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](mailto: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!***