

CAMP RENTALS - NEW REALITY

Not too long ago Canada Lake camp rentals were fairly rare, and often only available to relatives and friends. But our area has joined a national trend toward vacation home rentals as a business and income opportunity. There are plusses and minuses for owners and for the area and opinions vary. CLCA offers the following suggestions and input for owners and renters to enhance everyone's enjoyment of our lakes and to preserve our clean waters, safety and friendly environment.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR OWNERS, RENTERS AND GUESTS

HOUSING TIPS...

*Renters and guests should be aware of their impact on lakefront septic. Overcrowding can compromise a system's ability to function properly. As a rule of thumb, there should be no more than five people per bathroom in a lake house. For larger gatherings portable toilets may be needed.

*Vehicles and trailers should be parked as far off roads and onto shoulders as possible. Lake shore roads are narrow and lake residents, guests, trucks and emergency vehicles need to be able to easily pass by.

*Garbage, especially food waste, must be placed into containers for collection at roadside. Garbage should be placed curbside before 6AM for collection each Tuesday during the summer season. Refer to Town schedule for Holiday exceptions.

*Recycling (bottles, cans, containers, etc.) should be separated from other garbage. To be collected, recycling needs to be placed in special containers as per Town specifications. Recycling is picked up on the first and third Friday morning of each month.

LAKE ACTIVITIES....

*Loud music and lakeside activities should end by 11PM as sound carries easily over water. Similarly, boats on the lake should avoid loud music at all times, particularly at night.

*Fireworks should be used with great care and should not be set off over extended periods of time, or after 10PM. Children and animals can be greatly agitated by loud fireworks. There is also a fire hazard risk during dry periods.

*All water sports (skiing, tubing, etc.) should stop at sunset. Be aware that if a complaint is called into the Sheriff's office, an officer must be dispatched to the property.

*For their safety, swimmers should always be accompanied by watercraft if venturing far from shoreline.

BOATING.....

*Aquatic invasive plant species (AIS) have become a major threat to the ecology, water quality, recreation and the economy of Adirondack lakes. We are fortunate that, to date, no invasives have been identified in Canada Lake and its connected lakes. The Canada Lakes Conservation Association (CLCA) and the Town of Caroga have an active lake steward program to inspect boats at the State Fishing Access launch site on West Lake. There is also a free boat wash station located across from Caroga Town Hall on Routes 10 and 29A.

*Boats and all other watercraft brought to the lake should be taken to the boat wash station, then inspected and launched at the West Lake site. Motorized watercraft, including jet skis, should not be launched from the lakefront.

*All watercraft, to include canoes and kayaks, should be inspected and clean of all plant life. AIS comes into lakes on watercraft.

*Motorized watercraft should maintain a speed at or below 5MPH within 100 feet of shore and docks unless picking up or dropping off a skier. This is a NYS requirement and a protection against shoreline erosion.

*All boats and watercraft must be operated under NYS Boating Safety Rules. For boating safety information, visit canadalake.mylaketown.com/Boating-Safety or visit parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating

>Watercraft should not be operated by underage users unless they have completed a boating safety course and received a safety certificate.

>All motorized watercraft should be currently registered and insured.

>No watercraft should be operated after sunset without front and rear navigation lights.