



Lake Edward Lines

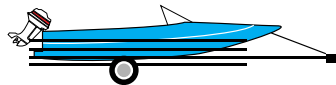
Newsletter of the Lake Edward Conservation Club



KEEP LAKE EDWARD HEALTHY

- **Remove all visible plants** from your boat before leaving a water access;
- **Drain water** from your boat, motor, livewell, and bait containers;
- Dispose of unwanted **bait in the trash**; and
- **Spray, rinse or dry** boats and recreational equipment before transporting to another water body

The regulations are to help prevent the spread of AIS, aquatic invasive species. Eurasian milfoil, curly leaf pondweed, spiny water fleas and zebra mussels have already spread to some of the lakes in our region. At this point none of the invasive species have been spotted in Lake Edward. Let's keep it that way.



Open Board Meeting

The August board meeting will be held at the Merrifield Marathon Club 8:00 a.m. on August 20th. All are welcome to attend. Anyone with agenda items contact Herb Nelson 218-765-4001 or Jay Beebe 218-963-7750.

Fast Facts

Size:

2,032 acres

Maximum Depth:

75 feet

% of water less than 15 feet:

59%

Acres less than 15 feet:

1,199 acres

Age:

8,000 years old

Water Clarity:

20 feet

Public Landing:

Southwest shore

Miles of shoreline:

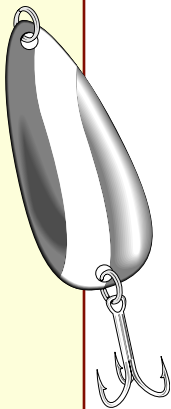
9.4 miles

Width

2 miles

Length

3 miles





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the June 18, 2011 annual meeting, we elected new board members and thanked Sue Jordan for her many years as President of the lake association. The new board members are listed in the sidebar to the right. Please feel free to bring issues to our attention. We will hold our first open board meeting that all LECC members are encouraged and welcome to attend on August 20, 2011 at 8 AM at the Merrifield Marathoners Club located on CR 3 across from the Lion's Park.

Fortunately, Sue Jordan remains on the board as the Past President as she has much experience and knowledge about the issues we face and the details of being a 501c3 non-profit organization. We expect that our primary focus will continue to include the lake levels

returning to normal and Ditch 13, the only outlet from Lake Edward that happens to empty into North Long Lake. We will also address long term water quality monitoring and action.

We are also concerned about invasive plant and animal species moving into the lake. It seems like no matter how many advertisements I see about invasive species, there are still neighbors and others that seem unaware of the issue. We need to find a chairperson to help lead the Aquatics Committee to help educate the public using the lake and monitor for potential appearance of invasive species in the lake. Are you that person? Contact President Herb Nelson 218-765-4001 or Vice-President Jay Beebe at 218-963-7750.

LECC Board of Directors

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For over ten years the Thirty Lakes Watershed

District has paid the cost for testing the water in Lake Edward. They will not do that in 2011. This ends a yearly practice that has taken place for quite some time.

Fortunately, water quality testing will continue this year

thanks to the generosity of Reginal Clow, owner of Clow Stamping located near the southeast shore of Lake Edward on Highway 3. Reginal volunteered to make a donation to cover the cost of testing, he also is a resident on the lake.

Thank you Reginal.



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

To renew current memberships or to become a first time member please send a check for \$15.00 to: LECC P.O. Box 134 Merrifield MN 56465-0134

Name _____

Lake Edward Address _____

Lake Edward Phone # _____

Other address, if applicable _____

E-mail address _____

() New member



The Lake Edward District Conservation Club, Inc. was formed and officially incorporated in 1949. Its primary focus at that time was to enhance the fishing and hunting for the residents on and around the lake and to support those enforcing game laws. The organization was successful but in later years failed to meet and function organizationally. In 1994, the organization was reactivated and a new board elected. The name was changed by dropping *district*. It is now officially Lake Edward Conservation Club, Inc. (LECC) and annual



reports are filed with the Minnesota Secretary of State. Membership is granted to those living on the lake permanently or part time and to those interested persons living in the area or using the lake. The LECC essentially functions as a lake association. Two meetings are held each year. The annual membership meeting is held in June and an open board meeting is held in August. Attendance at both meetings is encouraged and welcomed.



Open House

Thirty Lakes Watershed District is having an open house on 8/8/11 at 322 Laurel Street, Suite 13, Brainerd from 9:00 to 12:00 PM. This is an opportunity for the public to provide input on the future Water Management Plan for 2013-2022. For more information call 218-828-0243 or email lakeswsd@brainerd.net. Website: www.30lakes.org

Lake Levels

With all the snowmelt and rain this spring, Lake Edward has risen to near normal levels. The lake has reached an elevation where it might just begin to flow out the outlet culvert under CR 4 behind the Y - Store. That is, the water might begin to flow out if there were no beaver dams in the outlet channel. Some beaver dams were partly removed from the channel in early June, but it doesn't take long for beavers to repair their dams, unless you can get rid of the beavers.

Thirty Lake Watershed District advised several LECC board members that Thirty Lakes Watershed has hired a trapper to remove beavers from the area around the outlet channel. But even trapping is only a temporary solution. Beavers move around to find new territory. As soon as the trapper left, other beavers would likely move in and restore the dams in the outlet channel.



We discussed with Thirty Lakes board members, the possibility of installing something called a "Clemson beaver pond leveler." The leveler is an eight-inch PVC pipe placed through each beaver dam to allow a continuous flow. There is a baffle on each end of the pipe so the beavers don't sense the water flow and try to stop the water by expanding the dam. The levelers would cost a few hundred dollars each. Thirty Lakes board members plan to explore the idea and perhaps install one as a test. Levelers are known to work very well to maintain normal water

levels.

No need to worry yet, but if it begins to rain a lot, the lake may go up further. In that case, the levelers might not carry enough water to help lower the lake in a timely manner. If that happens, we might need to completely remove beaver dams in the outlet channel until the lake returned to more normal levels. No need for that yet, we're just thinking ahead to possible situations.



What's in a Name



The naming of lakes in this region often was traced to families that settled in this area. For example, Mollie Lake was named after the wife

of an early pioneer and Hubert was the first name of Hubert Beldon, who conducted the first survey of the area in 1858. The naming of other lakes in this region remain a mystery. Lake Edward falls into the

later group. Lake Edward first appeared on a survey map in 1857 produced by a team lead by Hubert Belden. The lake was poorly outlined on Belden's map and nameless. A second survey team led by a fellow named Darling in 1858 names the body of water as Edward. But according to Carl A. Zappe, author of Oldtimers II Stories of our Pioneers "We do not know whom the "Edward" refers."



NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS

<http://edwardlake.wordpress.com>

Calendar

August 20th, 2011

Board Meeting 8:00 a.m.

Merrifield Marathon Building

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

September 10th, 2011

LECC Pot Luck and Bingo 5:00 p.m. Cozy Bay Resort Community Room.

Please bring a dish to share and a new or gently used Bingo prize. See you there.

Thanks Bret and Suzette for hosting this event again.



Lake Edward Conservation Club

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