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Snow Season Etiquette and Safety Reminder

With more snow than we have seen in years, comes more snowmobiling! And with more snowmobiling has come an increase in snowmobile-related trespassing and safety concerns on the lake, and on the hundreds of miles of trails in our watershed.

The trails around the lake and all across New York State are only possible thanks to the efforts of volunteer club members and landowners who graciously allow trails on their property. Riding off-trail and disrespecting landowners are the #1 and #2 reasons trails get closed--as recently happened on the C7 corridor trail, depriving riders of a way to ride from the lake, through Cicero, to Clay and points west.

What can you do to help? Be ready for changing ice conditions, join a club, ride safe, ride right, and don't ride across anyone's property unless it's between the stakes on a marked trail! Without landowners, snowmobilers won't have trails to ride.

Speaking of landowners, Lakeshore Yacht and Country Club have graciously opened their land to snowmobilers this winter, including access for parking and lake access. If you're there, stop in for a bite to eat--the restaurant is open to the public, including snowmobilers, through March. Enjoy the new, trailside stop and be sure to respect the property of Lakeshore and all the other property owners around the lake.

~Matt Snyder, OLA President



An Announcement from our Fish Hatchery in Constantia

I hope the new year has been great for you so far. I wanted to get the word out that we have a seasonal position open at the Oneida Hatchery for 2025. The position would be April 1 thru August 30, +/- depending on need.

Pay rate as of April 1 is \$17.35/hr. Boating experience is preferred, but not necessary. A valid drivers license is required.

It is a physically demanding job often working in inclement weather. Anyone interested can contact me at the hatchery.

If you know someone who could only work June-August (college students come to mind), they would also be considered.

Thank you.

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Please remain patient as the OLA re-develops its website. Under the leadership of OLA Director Amy Hetherington, our website is undergoing a complete make-over. We hope to be able to launch this new site soon.

Stay tuned!

We need your input! Walleye Survey

From the DEC:

Oneida Lake supports New York's most popular inland walleye fishery. Scientists at the Cornell Biological Field Station at Oneida Lake regularly conduct angler creel surveys to obtain walleye catch and harvest information, which is used by DEC to manage the fishery. To help determine if current surveys adequately measure the information needed for appropriately managing the fishery, a more complete understanding of walleye angler behaviors is needed.

If you fish for walleye in Oneida Lake, please help us manage the fishery by responding to this brief survey.

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8074178/Oneida-Lake-Walleye-Angler-Survey>



Save the Date

The Board of Directors has settled on a date for our increasingly popular Annual Membership Meeting.

April 23.

We know that this is a bit earlier than usual, but we felt that it was important to give our



turkey hunting friends a bit of room. Once again, we hope to book the Central Square School.

Stay tuned for the details!

Bang the Drum!

OLA Director Bill Alexander recently had a chance to Bang the Drum! Fishing with a buddy on November 24, they hooked into a 31 pound monster! They decided against bringing it in for an official weigh-in. After a few quick pictures, they slipped it back into the cold water of Oneida Lake.

Take a look!



The Mission of the Oneida Lake Association is to protect the fisheries, wildlife, and natural resources of Oneida Lake by promoting science-based conservation and management through education and outreach, in partnership with our members and local communities.

Pay your dues, and HELP PROTECT ONEIDA LAKE!!!!

\$8 annually

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Memorials and contributions to our program are most welcome.

OLA is a 501(c)4 organization serving and protecting the Oneida Lake

environment.



OLA Website

OLA is a 501(c)(4) not-for-profit organization.

The Oneida Lake Association is a member of the New York State Conservation Council <http://www.nyscc.com/> and the New York State Federation of Lake Associations <http://www.nysfola.org/>.

Please remember to obey all laws, rules, regulations, and codes of ethics as they pertain to boating, fishing, hunting, and the management of Oneida Lake and its tributaries.

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