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NLA Annual Meeting  
**Sunday, October 16, 2011**  
**1:00 – 3:00p.m.**  
**Victory Marine's East Showroom**  
**1436 W. Military Avenue**  
**Fremont, Nebraska**

Please come join us at the Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Lakes Association on Sunday, October 16, at 1:00 p.m. A brief business meeting will be conducted first which will include the election of three NLA Board Directors. If you are interested or know of anyone interested in serving on the NLA Board, please contact any of the current officers. (See page 2 for contact information.) We're always looking for new ideas and input.

We have a great presentation on lake water quality (highlighted below) plus our resident boating expert, Herb Angell, Boating Law Administrator at NE Game & Parks Commission, will be on hand to update us on boating regulations and safety plus answer our never-ending questions on enforcement.

All residents of NLA member lakes are welcome to attend this meeting. There is no charge... just bring an interest in making your lake a better place to live. Reservations are not required but are appreciated,

## ***Learn How to Take Control of the Water Quality in your Lake***

The highlight of our Annual Meeting will be a presentation and discussion of private lake water quality issues. Steve McCollister, chairperson of the Ginger Cove Water Quality Committee, will review their neighborhood's ongoing efforts to improve and maintain water quality in Ginger Cove Lake. Steve will present a summary of the results from over 20 years of lake water quality monitoring and improvement programs conducted at Ginger Cove near Valley, Nebraska. His presentation will include practical projects that can be implemented at your own lakes with volunteer manpower and limited budgets. Attendees will be able to draw on practical experience and real-world expertise to help avoid the pitfalls and misconceptions of conventional wisdom.

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a nonprofit organization  
of private lakes.

### **Our Mission**

is to provide a forum for  
information and resources  
to educate members so  
their lake experience is  
safe, healthy and  
enjoyable.

**Join NLA Today!**  
**Membership Application**  
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Everyone views their lake differently:

- A great place to swim, clean, clear, cool water and oh, so refreshing.
- Love to go boating on my lake; the sun, the bow spray, pulling the kids on an inner tube.
- Fantastic for fishing, just enough structure to hold the big ones, and the right mix for good fishing'.

Clear water does not have to have chlorine in it and be surrounded by cement. Murky water can become cleaner with the right vegetation. Algae and pond scum don't have to appear. Could all our lakes in Nebraska be like this?

Well, yes, a lot of them could. The problem is Mother Nature and our *own* pollution. By nature, lakes tend to become slimy, shallow stinky swamps. If we contribute to the pollution it just happens faster. It's tough to fight Mother Nature, but it can – and is – being done – successfully. (For now, the zebra mussel may be an exception). One of the bigger problems NLA has experienced is that many things we do to keep our lake healthy may be wrong – and expensive – with no or even negative results.

We are expanding our Annual Business Meeting in October to include a very special and important educational program. The presenters have some fascinating facts that they have collected, and based on this data they can specifically and accurately identify the important data on the condition of their lake. Further, they saved a fortune by NOT contributing to a problem their lake had, because they knew the specific characteristics of their lake and found the *real* cause – and subsequently a *real* solution.

At this initial presentation they will introduce a powerful and successful program that they have put together and most importantly how you can start a program on your own lake and avoid the mistakes and unnecessary expenses that they had experimenting at start-up.

I'll let them give you the details; how you can really protect you most valuable asset – your lake. No more guessing. No more wasted money. Build a positive plan based on facts. You'll be fascinated by their presentation. It'll take some effort by your lake community to implement this plan, but the results will be well worth it

## Boating Safety Policy? Have a Voice!

### Information from the Federal Register

*Herb Angell, Nebraska Boating Law Administrator*

Have you ever wondered where recreational boating safety policy comes from? The National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC) was established by the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971.

The law requires the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Commandant of the Coast Guard by delegation to consult with the Council in prescribing Federal regulations regarding major boating safety matters. The Council has consistently provided invaluable advice to the Coast Guard on a broad range of boating safety issues. The Council is made up of 21 members, seven representing boat and boat equipment manufacturers; seven from boating organizations; and seven representing the states.

NBSAC typically holds two meetings a year, usually in the spring and fall. The meetings are open to the public, and meeting times, location and agenda are published in the Federal Register. Now, I'm not sure about you, but the Federal Register is not on the top of my all time favorite reading lists. Now that I know that Nebraska laws and subsequent regulations are promulgated from the Federal boating laws I decided to keep a watchful eye on the Federal Register and see what is going on in the realm of boating safety issues. Here's a few of the recent requests for public input that are found in the Federal Register:

On April 2, 2011 the Council passed a resolution recommending the Coast Guard initiate efforts which target a future regulatory project to pursue requirements for life jacket wear for recreational boaters while underway and riding in or upon the following:

1. personal watercraft regardless of length
2. human-powered vessels (such as canoes, kayaks, rowboats, etc.) regardless of length
3. any vessel less than 18-feet in length
4. for any person towed while engaged in watersports

On August 26, 2011 the Coast Guard published in the Federal register seeking public input on how best to prevent recreational boating casualties caused by propeller strikes and carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. The Coast Guard, in particular, seeks comments on specific measures to protect recreational boaters in the water near the stern of a recreational vessel. The Coast Guard also seeks additional ideas, specific data, and other facts relating to propeller strike and CO poisoning-related casualties to help guide the Coast Guard in selecting the best course of action to address these issues.

October 17, 2009 the Council recommended the Coast Guard to continue to oppose the introduction for general sale of any mid-level ethanol fuel unless it is determined with independent, verifiable scientific testing that the fuel is compatible with marine engines and fuel systems. NBSAC found that blended fuel containing Ethanol has the potential to create a significant boating safety risk for the public.

Each of these entries in the Federal Register asks for public input and usually gives 90 days to respond. These resolutions have a significant impact on what we do every day in our boats while we are recreating. The Coast Guard takes all responses very seriously and sometimes the public response has a huge impact on what direction recreational boating laws and regulations take. It just might time to put the Federal Register on our reading list. Want to know more? Check it out on the internet here: <http://www.federalregister.gov>

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