



# the LAKE SCENE on Wapogasset Bear Trap

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## TIME TO GET READY ...

### WHAT TO DO THIS WEEKEND ...

If you haven't already found your turtle, then start planning the turtle-hunt! The Bays behind the YMCA Camp are good sources - as is the Bay on the North side of the Bible Camp. If you go hunting this weekend, be sure to keep them well-fed for the week and in a cool place. You can bring them to the races decorated with stickers or wash-off paint ... just remember to remove everything before you return them to the wild (or their friends won't recognize them)!

If you're planning to watch the FIREWORKS from the water, check your boat or pontoon to lights to be sure they're operational ... so you're all set to go ... SAFELY!

If you're planning to participate in the BOAT PARADE give Karen Ohm a call ... 715-268-5735 ... to be eligible for trophies/prizes you'll need to call to get a NUMBER to display on your watercraft. Leave Karen a message with your family name, theme, and phone # to reach you.



## ... & HERE IT COMES !

### JULY 3rd:

- 9:45 p.m. .... Light-Up-The-Lake (and not a minute before!!!)
- 10:15 (approx) ..... FIREWORKS Bible Camp Beach by the Narrows

### JULY 4th:

- WBT RUNS !!! 5K run/walk
  - 8:00 ..... Registration
  - Registration starts at the Harvey Stower State Trail in Deronda (call Kathy 715-268-6678 if you need directions)
  - 9:00 ..... Runs Begin
- GARFIELD PARK ACTIVITIES
  - The FUN starts at 11:00 a.m.
- Turtle Races • Kids Dashes • Cake Walk
- BOAT PARADE: 3:00 p.m. - Marina Bay

...full details on Pg 4/5

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2015

July 3	Light Up & Fireworks - raindate 5th	July 12	Boat-In Service - Bible Camp 9:20
July 4	WBT Walk & Run - Turtle Races - Kids Dash - Cake Walk - Boat Parade	July 21	Pontoon Flotilla
July 11	Trustee Meeting 8a. YMCA Camp	Aug 8	Annual Meeting, 9a. YMCA Camp
		TBD	Kids Day at Mort's Marina
		Sept. 13	Trustee Meeting, 8a. YMCA Camp

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- LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES  
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CLEAN BOATS  
 CLEAN WATERS

... by Rick Bazille



On Saturday, July 11th, the Wisconsin DNR will bring a portable decontamination unit to our lakes. This unit is a hot water boat wash. Boaters leaving Garfield Park will be given the option of receiving a hot water, chemical-free cleaning of their boat, motor and trailer. Water is heated to 140 degrees and applied under high or low pressure. This is proving to be the best way to rid boats and equipment of aquatic invasive species such as Zebra Muscles, Eurasian Milfoil and others before they can pose an environmental threat to another body of water. The cost of purchasing a wash unit is \$15,500. The DNR does not have the money to widely distribute them. These demonstrations are presented as a continuing effort to educate boaters about the threat of aquatic invasive species.

This unit will only be in Polk County for two days this summer. We were selected to receive this demonstration because we have a large, busy landing with an active Clean Boats/Clean Waters program.

Why not attend your Lake Association meeting at the YCamp at 8am on the 11th then head to Garfield Park to see the demonstration.

DECONTAMINATION UNIT





TOP WATER BASS PHUN, PHANTOM STYLE ...

PHUN ONE ... JERKING: OK, you'll need some calm water for this one. We like to fish about an hour before dusk using a skinny six-inch floating Rapala. We like the gray shad color with the white belly. But go ahead and try all colors ... just let us know first so we can buy stock. Cast it out to the edge of your favorite weed line and let it sit for 10 seconds or so ... then twitch it a little ... let it sit again ... reel it back a couple of feet and repeat the process. What you're trying to mimic is a minnow on its last legs (oops, we meant fins). If the fish are biting, you may have to wait only for the first twitch, and yes, the fish will come up from 8-12 feet to smack these bad boys.

Here's a true story: we took a third angler with us on a jaunt down near Friday's Creek, and in an hour before sunset, we had 45 fish just jerking around! BTW: Rapala makes a special lure just for this kind of fishing ... it's called the Shadow Rap.

PHUN TWO ... BUZZING: Using this technique, top water doesn't have to be quite as calm, and we like it morning or evening. Of course, we're talking about buzz bait fishing ... of course. If you don't know what a buzz bait is, too bad. Just kidding. A buzz bait looks kinda like a spinner-bait with a skirt, only instead of blades, it'll have a propeller. The way you fish these takes a little practice. You cast this baby out at a dock edge or over the weeds, and start reeling it back fast

even BEFORE it hits the water. It'll actually make a buzzing sound, possibly designed to mimic a miniature Sea Doo (can you imagine the challenge for personal watercraft people if Bass were 13 feet long?). Anyway, the fish will slam it hard and make a BIG splash. We like black, chartreuse or white skirts, and because Northerns like these same colors, we usually use a leader.

OUR READERS ASK ...


Bear Trap's Karen DeMerit asks, "Hey, we heard a rumor that there are Smallmouth Bass in our Lakes ... is that true?" Yep. Although they're not a dominant species here, there are more and more of them surfacing on Wapo. Smallies seem to hang around structure like rock piles. So look for a rock pile and toss a Mepps Spinner over the top. We like the black "hairy" Mepps (see below). Don't get carried away with size ... about a 4-incher should do it ... remember ... you're fishing for Bass, not Muskies.



AWWWWW, C'MON JASON ...

Wapo's Jason Vestweber sent in this action photo of a Swordfish he supposedly snagged on our lakes while speed-trolling with some chopped

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# CELEBRATE

## July

It's a FAMILY FUN HOLIDAY on Wapogasset and Bear Trap over the 4th of July! ... and you're ALL invited ... to walk ... push a stroller ... compete in a RUN ... cheer on a turtle ... decorate a pontoon ... or simply enjoy the SMILES on the kids' faces!

**JULY 3rd:**

**LIGHT - UP - THE - LAKE**

**9:45 p.m.**

To see our shores "GLOW" from one shore to another is truly a spectacular sight ... but that won't happen unless EVERYONE on our lakes makes an effort to MAKE IT HAPPEN! Help light up WBT by purchasing flares for your frontage. Only \$2 each ... and can be purchased from your shore Trustee or at Mort's Marina until 7:00pm on the 3rd. The flares will burn for approximately 1/2 hour ... please DO NOT light them early ... wait until 9:45!

## FIREWORKS

Listen for the "BOOM" ... just after 10:15 ... then sit back and enjoy all the "OOH's and AAH's ... it just doesn't get any better than this.

Raindate: July 5

**JULY 4th:**

## Run For It!

Registration begins at 8a ... RUNS begin at 9:00a

Start a family tradition (if you haven't already) ... even the family dog can come along! The Harvey Stower Trail (near the big 'bend' on Cty. Rd. F in Deronda) is the perfect location ... run to compete, or walk just for the FUN of it! Fee for the race is \$5 ... T's available for \$15 (limited supply, so come early)

## GARFIELD PARK

**11:00A.M.**

Turtle Races ... Small - Medium - Large turtles This is the stuff memories are made of!!! Watch the fun as turtles compete and the crowds cheer!

KIDS DASH ... 5 age groups: 0-2yr, 3-5yr, 6-8yr, and 9-10yr. No need to register ... just RUN!

CAKE WALK ... Join the fun ... it will last until all the cookies - bars - and other donated treats are gone!

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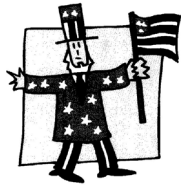
# CELEBRATE

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If you'd like to donate "goodies" please call Karen Ohm at 715-268-5735 for pick-up/delivery ... or just bring a plate to Garfield Park that morning.

3:00p.m.

## THE BOAT PARADE



Everyone loves a parade ... if you're not planning to be IN the parade, be sure you plan to WATCH the parade!

The parade will begin at 3:00p.m. in the Marina Bay area ... just look for the BAND and join in! No need to be in number order. The parade will travel in a counter-clockwise direction - leaving Marina Bay and traveling toward South Shore Drive ... past Garfield Park ... and past the judging station at the Ohm cabin on Cty. Rd. F.

There will be 15 prizes awarded ... if you'd like to compete be sure to PRE-REGISTER by calling Karen Ohm at 715-268-5735. An answering machine will be on if she's not home. Leave a message with: Family Name - Theme of your entry - Call-back phone number (this is important as Karen will call you with your registration number) ... Be sure to post your entry number on the FRONT - RIGHT side of your boat.



## JULY 4th BOATING PRECAUTIONS

- Just before sunset, water down the area where you intend to place the flares.
- Place the flares as close to the water's edge as possible, but away from combustible material ... or ...
- Place flares in a sand-filled coffee can or poke spike thru an aluminum pan and then into the ground.
- After burning, carefully dispose ashes in the garbage - don't allow to go into lake.
- The lighting directions are printed on the flares ... no matches required.
- ... DO NOT LEAVE FLARES UNATTENDED ...
- Don't overload your boat/pontoon
- Have the required number of PFD's on board and accessible.
- Stay INSIDE the railings of your pontoon boat.
- DO NOT light sparklers while on board.
- Assign a designated driver if alcohol is consumed.

## PONTOON FLOTILLA

JULY 21st



YOU'RE INVITED! Meet and greet fellow lake residents as you enjoy an evening cruising around our beautiful lakes!

JULY 21st ... 5:00pm  
meet in front of Garfield Park

... bring your beverage and a dish to pass see details in the last issue of The Lake Scene or call/email mary@merrysea.com or call 715-268-2755 or 651-592-0913.

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 Saturday Open at 10:00 - Close at 7:00  
 Sunday Open at 11:00 - Close at 5:00

Note: The Marina may be closed when weather is nasty ... please call ahead.

**TASTE-TESTING OVER THE 4TH**

Plan to stop by the Marina over the 4th HOLIDAY ... we'll be having TASTE TESTING of our new line of Crazy Ladies JALAPENO CRACK ... a lightly spicy raspberry jelly-type spread to put over cream cheese. It's become a favorite quick-fix appetizer of ours, and we're sure you'll enjoy it as well! We're also stocking cream cheese and crackers ... and will provide the paper plate/knife so it's ready to enjoy on the pontoon.

... ALSO ...

Over the 4th we'll be having taste-tests of several of our popular CRAFT BEERS ... and summer drinks. Look forward to seeing you!

HAPPY 4th of JULY !



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up Ballyhoo. Well, Jason, we've been around the block (and our lakes) too many times to bite on this one! There are NO Marlin, Sailfish, Swordfish in Wapo OR Bear Trap. Time to come clean, Jason ... you hooked this on Balsam Lake, right?



COMING NEXT ISSUE:

We voice our concerns about a statement circulating in several psychological journals that this year, thousands of men will die as a result of stubbornness.

Our response:

**NO WE WON'T!**

Editor's Note: If you have a lake friend with a good sense of humor that you'd like "spoofed" in the Phantom Phishermen column, please email Kathy at "kathy@lakempaogasset.com"

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1 cup brown sugar, packed  
1/2 c. sugar  
2 eggs  
1 tsp baking soda  
1/2 tsp sea salt  
1/2 cup choc. chips  
3 Hershey's bars  
... Whisk flour, soda, sea salt to combine. Cream butter and sugars until light and fluffy. Add eggs/vanilla and mix. Add flour mixture on low speed. Fold in choc. chips and marshmallows. Chill 1 hr. Preheat oven to 375. Line baking pan with parchment paper. Lay out graham crackers so they touch. Place ~1-1/2T of dough on each graham cracker square. Press down slightly. Bake 5 min. then remove from oven and press Hershey bar pieces on top (use as many as you like!) Bake add'l 5 min or until edges turn golden. Cool completely - then cut with a sharp knife.

1 tsp vanilla  
1/2 tsp sea salt  
2-1/2 cups flour  
1 c mini marshmallows  
1-2 pkgs. graham crackers

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