



# Lac La Belle Management District

## 3rd Annual LLBMD Carpfest Contest—June 6-8, 2008



Jacob Schultz, Wales, Wisconsin was the 1st place winner of the 13 and under bowing and spearing largest fish by weight with a 9-pound carp during the 2007 Carpfest! He was also the 1st place winner of the greatest number of fish caught!

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**The website is now up & running!**

The Lac La Belle Management District website is up and running. Check it out for the latest information on future meeting agendas, past meeting minutes, environmental issues, pertinent news articles, and a

**Where:**  
Lac La Belle,  
Oconomowoc

**Contest Hours:**  
Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon – Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm

**Prizes:** Top 3 by category

**2 Categories:**

- 1. Bowing/ Spearing
- 2. Angler's

**2 Age Groups:**

- 1. Children 13 & Under
- 2. 14 years— adult

**2 Simultaneous Contests:**

- 1. Largest Carp by weight presented
- 2. Greatest Number of Carp caught and registered

**Prizes for 13 & under for all categories are as follows:**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$100 iTunes gift card or cash*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$50 iTunes gift card or cash*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$25 iTunes gift card or cash*

*Special bonus payout to all registered fishing participants of 50¢ for each Carp caught and registered.*

**Prizes for 14 - adult for all categories are as follows:**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$100*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$75*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$50*

*Special bonus to all registered fishers of 50¢ for each Carp caught and registered.*

**Registration:** Free registration with Valid WI Fishing License. To register, please go to our website at [www.llbmd.org](http://www.llbmd.org) and click on the Carpfest link or register in person at the weigh-in table during the contest.

**Weigh & Register your Carp:** Present your carp(s) to the contest organizers at the Lac La Belle Boat Launch, 324 West Wisconsin Avenue on **Friday** 4-5pm, **Saturday** 7am – 8am, 4pm -6pm, and **Sunday** 7am – 8am, and 3pm – 4pm. A dumpster will be available at the launch for disposal of fish.

**Please note:**  
No discharging of bow and arrow within 40 rods (220 yards) of the Island or City Beach, per statute; No fishing from the city boat launch piers.

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#### Your LLBMD Commissioners

- Paul Carpenter — Chairperson
- Richard Paul—Vice Chairperson
- Jeny Balliet—Treasurer
- Sally Keefe—Secretary
- Ryan Myhre
- Brian Wiemer—Town Representative

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[www.llbmd.org](http://www.llbmd.org)

## Fun Facts

Did you know the Oconomowoc Chamber of Commerce offers "Old Mail Boat" tours of Lac La Belle? The narrated tour follows the route that the mail boats took during the early 1900s to deliver mail to lake residents. This year's tours are offered August 11-15 and due to the Wisconsin Ave. reconstruction project will depart from the Lake Terrace pier. Contact the Chamber at 262-567-2666 for more information and tickets.

## Geese

At the February 2008 meeting it was decided to go forward with a program to reduce the goose population on Lac LaBelle. The goal is to bring the number of geese in line with what the lake can support.

The numbers of geese have reached a level that raises concerns across the country. There are so many non-migratory birds that they are now at an increased risk of illness and disease. The geese contribute to water quality problems, including E-coli bacteria and increased phosphorus loadings.

Following the successful results undertaken by the Okauchee Lake Management District (OLMD), the Lac LaBelle Management District (LLBMD) approved the first step to be taken in a "goose roundup" program. The DNR requires that a few geese have to be tested this year to make sure that they are safe for human consumption. Next year (2009),

the US Fish & Wildlife Department will round-up as many geese as possible in mid-June (while the geese are flightless) and give them to food or animal pantries.

To assist in the roundup, we would like to get permission from as many landowners as possible. If you live on the lakeshore, and are willing to grant permission to gather geese on your property, please complete the Goose Form and return it to LLBMD as soon as possible. Thanks for your help.

We also need to know where the geese hang out. If you frequently have problems with the geese on your property, please let us know by either including the information on the form below, or by contacting us through our website at [www.llbmd.org](http://www.llbmd.org).

### GOOSE ROUNDUP APPROVAL FORM - 2008

The LLBMD has my permission to enter onto my property to catch geese.

Name (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Mandatory) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return form as soon as possible, *no later than June 1, 2008!***

Send to:

Lac LaBelle Management District  
PO Box 511  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

# Lac La Belle District has a New DO Meter

by Lisa Conley

This spring, we were awarded a DNR Lake Education Grant to purchase a Dissolved Oxygen meter.

This meter will allow our Volunteer Lake Chemistry Monitor, Lisa Conley, to obtain faster, easier and more comprehensive readings of the dissolved oxygen levels in Lac La Belle. Lisa is one of over 900 trained volunteers that collect information about the health of Wisconsin's lakes. This information can be used by local communities and the DNR to guide their management decisions.

What do we measure?

- Water Clarity – measured by how far down we can see a black and white Secchi disk that is lowered into the water.
- Phosphorus levels – this measure of the fertility of the lake tells us how likely we are to experience nuisance levels of algae in the water.
- Chlorophyll A - a measure of the algae levels in the water
- Temperature Profile - the temperature of the water is measured every 3 feet from top to bottom in the deepest part (40 feet) of the lake.

Dissolved Oxygen profile – when the deep parts (20 feet or more) of the lake get isolated because cooler water has greater density, the oxygen at these depths can be depleted. When this happens, cold-water fish species can no longer survive. What's more, the water chemistry changes and allows phosphorus stored in the lake sediments to recycle

back into the water column, which can fuel excessive algae growth in the lake – the pea soup effect.

Since temperature and rainfall patterns change from year to year, the long term trend of the lake water quality cannot be told from any given sample date. Volunteer lake monitors must be patient, gathering information every few weeks in the spring, summer, and fall for 10 years or more – slowly painting a picture of the long term health of the lake.

A new development in the past few years is the chance to coordinate our sampling days with a satellite that travels overhead, taking pictures of the lake. Measurements of the reflectance of the water can be calibrated to the water clarity readings taken by volunteers all over the state, and give an idea of the clarity of all the lakes in Wisconsin – greatly magnifying the scope and benefit of the data we gather.

Lisa has been monitoring the lake since 1989. She waits for a sunny, calm day, and paddles out to the northwest and central basins of the lake to do the Secchi disk readings and take water samples.

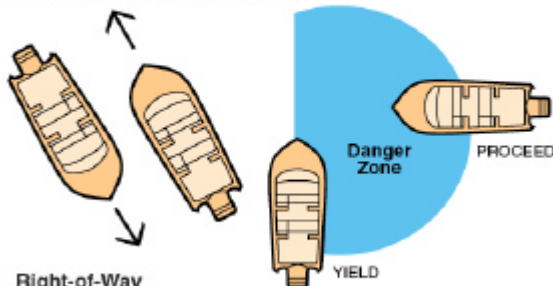
Marsha Camitta does the Secchi disk reading at the SE basin at the City end of Lac La Belle. Together they look for signs of any immediate problems, and help to gather the information we need to know – How is the lake doing?

You can see the information gathered on Lac La Belle, generate reports, and learn more about the Wisconsin lake monitoring program, at <http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/CLMN/>

## TRAFFIC RULES

### Meeting

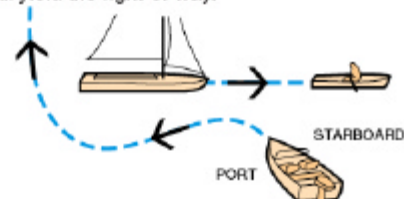
When 2 motorboats are approaching each other head-on or nearly so as to involve risk of collision, each boat shall bear to the right and pass the other boat on its left side.



### Right-of-Way

When 2 motorboats are approaching each other at right angles or in a crossing situation, the boat on the right is the privileged boat and has the right-of-way. The boat on the left shall slow and/or change course to cross behind the privileged boat to avoid collision.

When a motorboat and a boat propelled entirely by sail or muscle-power are proceeding in such a direction as to involve risk of collision, the motorboat shall yield the right-of-way.



### Overtaking

A boat may overtake and pass another boat on either side if it can be done with safety, but the overtaking boat shall always yield the right-of-way to the boat being overtaken.

A boat granted the right-of-way shall maintain its course and speed, unless to do so would possibly result in a collision.

"Boating Regulations." Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. 26 Dec. 2007. 19 Feb. 2008

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cs/registrations/boats.htm>

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: *What can be done about all those seagulls?***

A: Don't feed the animals! Seagulls are protected by the Federal Migratory Bird Act. Since WI does not have an "open season" on them, they can not be hunted, pursued or collected. Contact USDA – Wildlife Services at 1-800-433-0663 for suggestions on how to shoo away the birds.

**Q: *What can I do to help maintain the quality of our lake?***

A: Get involved! Attend a meeting of the LLBMD. Report any suspicious activity to the proper au-

thorities. Follow the steps below for maintaining your lawn. Don't dump anything down a storm drain – it goes straight into the lake.

**Q: *How can I create an environmentally friendly lawn?***

A: 1. Avoid pesticide use.

2. Choose zero-phosphorus fertilizer.

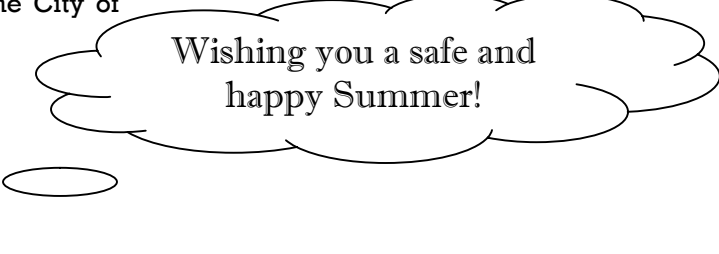
3. Consider downsizing your lawn. Plant native grasses and wildflowers in a "buffer zone" at the water's edge to help filter runoff.

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## This 'n That!

Are you interested in becoming involved in the health and well-being of your lake? Please contact us! The Lac LaBelle Management District meets the third Thursday of each month at the City of Oconomowoc City Hall at 7 p.m.

Please check our website at [www.llbmd.org](http://www.llbmd.org) for upcoming meetings, agendas, minutes, and other important information and links.



Wishing you a safe and  
happy Summer!