Christmas Lake Homeowner update

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First, thank you again to everyone for the spirit of cooperation. We will need it. Thank you again also to the Shaw’s and the Friendly’s for agreeing to allow a lot of commotion on their property over the next several weeks.

Second, here is a preliminary calendar for watercraft removal:

**September 26 – 27:** Landing construction

**September 28-29:** Trial boat pulling  5 to 10 watercraft

**October 3 – 6:** Full scale boat pulling  45 – 60 watercraft

**October 10 – 13:** Full scale boat pulling  45 – 60 watercraft

**October 16 – 18:** Final boat pulling

Third, how can you help?

1) **Be patient,** we will get your watercraft out safely and without ice on it
2) **Volunteer!**
   a. I will need 4 to 6 good hands for landing construction
   b. I will need 3 to 5 helpers at the landing every day during boat pulling

Fourth, rules

1) The landing we construct is not for un-supervised use! The landing may only be used under the supervision of Roger Norberg or one of his deputies.
2) Boat trailers will only be handled by our designated equipment! No one will be backing their own trailer into the lake or driving across the Shaw’s property. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
3) The landing may only be used for dock barge put-ins by appointment and with the approval of Roger Norberg and the CLHA board. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
4) Be on time for your appointment to have your watercraft pulled! Be 20 minutes early!
5) Communicate with Roger Norberg 612-991-8910 if you have any issues or question
6) Bring a good attitude, smile and make the most of it.

What does a watercraft owner need to do?

Early next week we will send you a link to sign up on line for an appointment to have watercraft removed. Once you sign up, mark your calendar. What comes next depends on your boat type and trailer. See below to see where you fit.
Type A: I own my own trailer and pull my own boat:

1) Bring your trailer to the staging area 20 minutes ahead of your scheduled time. A volunteer will direct you once you are near the Shaw’s.
2) Please try to bring a trailer that is in good working order. If your trailer has hitch or bunk issues, try to have it serviced before you show up.
3) Let us know well in advance if your trailer has been in any other lake so that we can make arrangements for the trailer to be decontaminated.
4) Have your watercraft at the Shaw’s 20 minutes before your scheduled time. A volunteer will be on the water to direct you.
5) If you need someone to handle your trailer or your boat, or both, let us know in advance and we will make that happen.

Type B: I own my own trailer but a provider pulls my boat:

1) Contact your provider and give him Roger Norberg’s contact info. Tell them to get in touch with me immediately and I will get them scheduled.
2) All other rules of Type A apply

Type C: I do not own my own trailer and a provider pulls my boat:

1) Follow the instructions for Type B
2) Let your provider know well in advance that we will be the final call on whether we allow your provider’s trailer to be used. If we determine that the trailer is not up to spec for environmental safety we will provide an appropriate unit for them to use to transport your boat to storage.

Early next week you should receive an email that will give you a link for sign up. We will try to capture as much information about your needs in that data base. Anything over and above that we need to know should be communicated to Roger Norberg 612-991-8910

Next week we will also get a memo to you detailing what we will be doing with dock and lift removal. If you have a dock remover that uses no in water equipment and does not arrive by boat or barge you may proceed with your own removal as you see fit. If not please stand by until next week.

I know we have loose ends and we will make adjustments as we go. Remember the criteria for success this fall are safety and convenience. Safety of our volunteers, safety of the property being used, and safety of the ecosystem. Maximum possible convenience to you. Thank you again for your cooperation.

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