

The Lake Rosalind/Marl Lake Water Quality Committee would like to thank Rick Kalte for the content of the message below:

*“**Cladophora**- the green slimy algae is floating up from the bottom in abundance right now and collecting on some shorelines. Where it collects depends on the wind direction which blows all the pieces and deposits them on a windward shore (lately with the south winds it is collecting by the causeway). Cladophora can be removed with a fine mesh net (like a pool skimmer or dollar store child’s net) and left to dry on the shore or dock. The dried Cladophora becomes very light and can be placed in the compost or gardens. When the Cladophora is removed it helps the lake by removing the nutrients in the algae and not allowing it to recycle for our next wave which will be the B-G algae. Cladophora typically starts to die off by mid July in our lake.*

***Swimmers itch** – With the water warming rapidly and more people in and out of the water it is important to take precautions against swimmers itch. A water proof sunscreen lotion really helps (I even had one resident say that the spray on waterproof sunscreen helped with her children). Vigorous toweling off when leaving the water really helps also---**Do Not Air Dry!** Last year we had some cases near the end of June along the Rd 8 shore (probably due to the wind and currents that weekend)*

Swimmer’s itch can happen at any time but on our lake it seems to be more common in mid to late June. Last year was especially bad on Rosalind and Marl.”

On another note, there has been a noticeable increase in weed growth in certain areas of the lake. Last year, a team was put together to assist in eliminating these weeds and it is evident that this effort led to a decrease in the weeds that we are seeing this year, however, continued maintenance is needed to keep these weeds to a minimum in order to avoid excessive nutrient loading in our lakes.

If you are interested in volunteering to assist with the weed cutting efforts this year, please send your name forward to Diana Goodwin (dianalynngoodwin@gmail.com).

More information will be forthcoming once names have been compiled.

Enjoy this amazing weather!

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