



Lake Soundings

The Gilmore Lake Association Newsletter - Spring 2021

Keep Tabs on Gilmore Lake Levels with New Online System

Precise tracking of water levels available in real time

Keeping an eye on the ever-changing water levels of Gilmore Lake just got a lot easier.

The lake association website (www.gilmorelakeassociation.com/current-conditions) now includes a new page that reports water levels on both a daily and hourly basis. A sophisticated water sensor system records lake level and surface temperature data that are automatically reported on the website.

Graphs show the current lake level and trend data compared with alert levels designed to call attention rising waters that could affect docks and watercraft.

"We wanted the system to alert residents about rising water that could cause dock panels to float

away," says Clint Schneider, a Gilmore resident with a doctorate in physics who helped create the new system. "The website graphs show when people should be checking on their docks and boats."

Current Conditions Webpage

The new Current Conditions webpage offers a weather forecast and reports on lake water temperature and level, including a status description on whether the lake level is normal or high. Visitors can click on "Daily" or "Hourly" for more detailed water level reports.

The baseline for normal water level on Gilmore Lake

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Gilmore Lake Association Annual Meeting Set for June 26th



The 2021 Gilmore Lake Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for 10:00am on Saturday, June 26th at the Jack Link's Aquatic & Activity Center. Lunch to follow. (NOTE: All food will be provided, please do not bring any food items).

This Year's Boat Parade Theme: 'Where in the World?'

The Annual Boat Parade is scheduled to start at 1:00pm on Saturday, July 3rd near the boat landing. This year's theme is "Where in the World?" Participants are encouraged to decorate their boats like their favorite place in the world. (Rain date is July 4th at 1:00pm).



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Members of the Gilmore Lake Association Board of Directors.

From Left: Bill Huelsman, Daryl Iverson, Larry Stokes, Fran McCloskey, John Breitingner, Dick Johnson. Missing: John Ney

President's Message

Dear Lake Neighbors,

Are you ready for a great summer on the lake? I AM! While the past year was a challenge, there were many bright sides for me, including having older children at home, great home cooking, lots of time at the cabin, and plenty of gardening. I hope you all fared well and were able to spend time doing things you enjoy.

I want to update you on some important things happening with our lake association.

We will participate again in the Clean Boats Clean Waters landing monitoring this season. This effort is organized by the Minong Town

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Lake Level Monitoring from page 1...

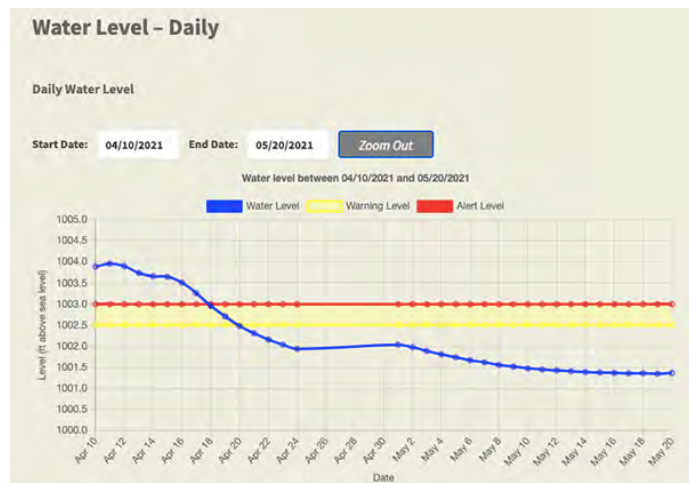
is approximately 1001.5 feet above sea level, based upon long-time observations of local lake monitors.



"It's a point reference that residents can use to determine whether they need to take any action," Schneider explains. "How the water level affects you may depend on your type of dock, the deck height above the water at the start of the season and whether the deck panels are wood or metal."

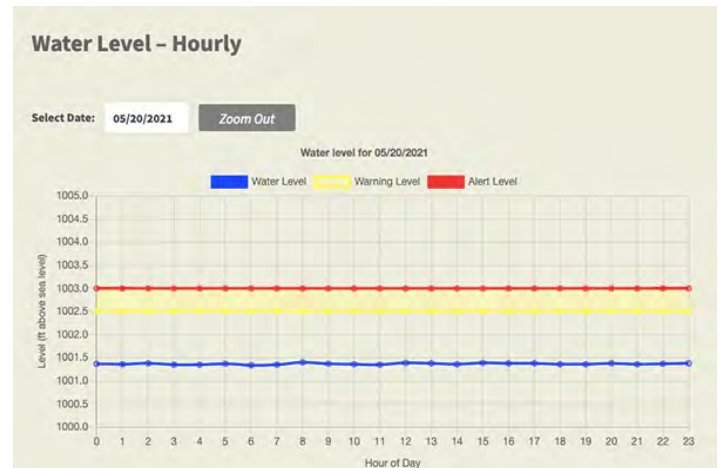
Lake residents are encouraged to consult the website lake readings and see how they correlate to the status of their property.

Daily reports show the lake water level over a



specified time. Click "Zoom In" to view a more granular graph showing changes in lake levels using a one-half foot scale.

During periods of high water, the hourly reports may be particularly useful. This graph shows changes in the water levels hour-to-hour. In past flooding, during which the Totogatic River overflowed with run



off from the giant watershed from Minong to Hayward, the water level of Gilmore Lake rose significantly in a matter of hours. Use the Zoom In feature for greater detail.

Clint Schneider says the new lake monitoring system may be fine-tuned over time as more data become available. The other leader on the lake monitoring team is Jim Schneider (no relation). GLA Board members Bill Huelsman and Daryl Iverson also deserve credit for the new system. They monitored lake levels for many years and their data was used to help calculate the lake level baseline and alert levels.

In the meantime, residents can now monitor Gilmore Lake levels anytime, anywhere with just a few clicks.

Important Numbers

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President's Message from page 2...

Lakes Committee and helps to control the spread of invasive species in our lake. Please thank the landing monitors for helping us with this important effort. Also, be diligent about inspecting and cleaning your own boat if you launch in other water bodies.

Every year, we conduct a pre-treatment Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) plant survey to assess locations where milfoil treatment is needed. The plan is to treat EWM with a new herbicide product, ProcellCOR, that is preferred by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and is considered most safe and effective in fighting EWM. Our Established Population Grant from the WDNR still has funding left which covers 75% of the treatment cost, with GLA covering 25%. Thanks to everyone who has provided donations to help cover GLA's cost of treatment in the past.

At the Spring meeting, the board approved another round of walleye stocking, which will be done this fall. We stock with Upper Mississippi Headwaters strain of extended growth walleye (6" to 8"). We know this program is popular with fishermen, and we really appreciate hearing about quantity and fish size of your walleye catch (you don't need to reveal the location!) to monitor the success of our stocking efforts. Please email John Ney (jney@vt.edu) to report your walleye catch from

the most recent summer and winter seasons.

We are hosting our Annual Meeting at the Jack Link's Aquatic & Activity Center in Minong on Saturday, June 26th at 10am. We will be covering business since our last meeting in 2019. Lunch will be served around 11:30, and due to the facility's rules, please do NOT bring any food to share.

The Boat Parade is planned for Saturday, July 3rd at 1pm. The theme this year is "Where in the World?" (Decorate your boat like your favorite place in the World.) We will assemble near the boat landing before heading out to do the loop around Big Gilmore. I'm looking forward to seeing how creative our contestants are! (Rain date is July 4th at 1pm.)

If you have not renewed your membership or if you would like to join the Association for the first time, please use the form attached to this newsletter. The Gilmore Lake Association is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining the health and quality of our lake. Thanks to everyone that has renewed for 2021 and those who have made extra donations to support our efforts. If you can't remember if you renewed, please email me.

I look forward to seeing all of you out on the lake!

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President

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