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# CHIP CHAT

NEWSLETTER OF THE BIG CHIP LAKE ASSOCIATION

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## ANNUAL ELECTIONS

The present Big Chippewa Lake Association Board of Directors is listed below. Elections will be held during the annual meeting for each of these nine positions. Persons interested in being nominated and elected to these do not need to be present in order to be elected.

**President** - Lisa Lofquist  
**Vice-President** - Virgil Linn  
**Secretary-Treasurer** - Evelyn Lanners  
**Board Member** - Lon Burgess  
**Board Member** - Lowell Zwiers  
**Board Member** - Carol Cashman  
**Board Member** - Dave Bednarz  
**Board Member** - Marilyn Tisserand  
**Board Member** - Bob Beattie

## LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP PRIZE

Applications/Renewal Forms for membership of the Big Chippewa Lake Association are attached to this issue of Chip Chat. One membership per property is allowed. Forms should be completed and turned in to the

secretary at the annual meeting, or mailed to the Big Chip Lake Association at Box 457, Brandon, MN 56315. The membership fee is \$10.00. Each membership for 1996-97 will receive a complimentary metal plate indicating membership in the association, durable for mounting on a dock or outdoor structure. The plates are similar to motor vehicle license plates, and yearly update stickers will be made available to paid members.

## Agenda

## Big Chip Lake Assn Annual Meeting

June 21, 1996  
8:00 PM to 9:05 PM  
Brandon High School

8:00	Call to Order	President
8:01-8:11 PM	Reading of Minutes	Secretary
8:11-8:13 PM	Budget Report	Treasurer
8:13-8:18 PM	Old Business	President
8:18-8:28 PM	New Business	President
8:28-8:43 PM	Introductions	Members
8:43-8:53 PM	Elections	
8:53-8:55 PM	Announcements	Members
8:55-9:05 PM	Adjournment	New President

The following information contains excerpts from the 1995 Minnesota Fishing Regulations Handbook and the 1996 Minnesota Boating Guide published by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and had been partially re-printed here by permission of the DNR. A copy of these Handbooks are available at the Douglas County Licensing Office, or by contacting the DNR Information Center at 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155, 1-800-766-6000. For complete regulations, consult the state statutes and rules.

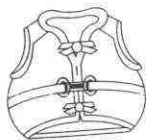
# BOATING ON BIG CHIPPEWA

## \*\*\*\* NEW LIFE JACKET REQUIREMENTS \*\*\*\* EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 1996

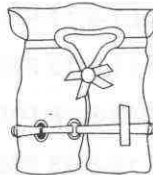
Beginning May 1, 1996, the following new regulations became effective for personal flotation devices worn on all Minnesota waters:

There are five types of personal flotation devices (life preservers) approved for use on recreational boats:

### TYPE I: OFF-SHORE LIFE JACKET



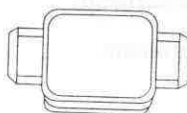
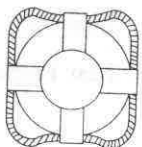
### TYPE II: NEAR-SHORE BUOYANT VEST



### TYPE III: FLOTATION AID



### TYPE IV THROWABLE DEVICES



### TYPE V: SPECIAL USE DEVICES. THESE ARE COAST GUARD APPROVED DEVICES FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES.

- \* On all boats, regardless of length, there must be a readily accessible Coast Guard approved Type I, II or III wearable life preserver for each person on board. Type IV throwable devices, such as cushions, will no longer be accepted as primary life

saving devices.

- \* On boats that are 16 feet or longer (except canoes and kayaks), there must also be at least one Coast Guard approved Type IV throwable device immediately available for each boat.
- \* Personal flotation devices must be the appropriate size for the intended wearer.
- \* A Coast Guard approved label must be printed on or attached to the device.
- \* Anyone operating or riding on a personal watercraft, such as a jet ski, must WEAR a Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III, or V personal flotation device.

## HARMFUL EXOTIC SPECIES

Big Chippewa, like all other Minnesota waters, is at risk for the spread of several species of exotic plants and animals. It is illegal to transport some of these species, such as Eurasian watermilfoil, zebra mussels, and ruffe. What can you do to stop their spread?

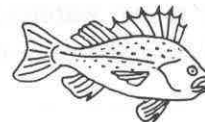
**Familiarize** yourself with the common types of plants and animals that are dangerous.



Eurasian watermilfoil



Zebra mussels



Ruffe

**Remove** any visible plants and animals from your boat, trailer, and other boating equipment before leaving any lake or river.

**Drain** water from the motor, livewell, bilge, and transom wells at the ramp or access before leaving any lake or river.

