

Summer 2025 Newsletter



Dear members,

The Amis du lac Executive met June 29 and several items were presented and discussed. We are very excited about the upcoming season and look forward to seeing everyone. Here is an update on our activities and what to look forward to for this summer! Thank you all for your continued support.

Municipal Update from Mayor Corina Lupu

Corina attended the Executive meeting and gave an update on municipal affairs. That included details on the Boating Ethics pamphlet (joint project between Municipality and Amis du lac), the dam project, and planning for a new municipal town hall.

This summer marks the 4th year for this council and mayor. There will be an election this fall (November), and Corina has announced she will not be running for mayor. Amis has had an excellent working relationship with this council over the past 4 years. So much has been accomplished. We wish to thank them all for their service, and a special thanks to Corina for her outstanding leadership and vision.

We encourage all Amis members to attend the **Public Consultation and Information Session** hosted by the Council this **Saturday, at 1:00 pm at the Town Hall**. Learn about the upcoming projects and priorities that the Municipality is planning and undertaking, also the progress on the Council's 10-year strategic plan. There is also a **Council meeting at 10:00 am at the Town Hall**. Both events will be on Teams video conferencing for those who cannot attend in person.

Finance

Treasurer Annie Barbeau gave us an update on the financial situation.

Our opening balance for the 2025 summer period is \$26,500 (no outstanding invoices)

The financial outlook is good – we are roughly bringing in close to what we are paying out.

Membership

Janet Boileau presented the membership update.

175 members

- 59 family (counts as 2 adults) paid last year



- 25 singles paid last year
- 32 did not pay last year

Family membership is defined as a household and any children 18 or under.

We have received just over \$4,000 in membership funds after the initial message. Membership drive will send second email after Cocktail party and focus on three groups.

- 1) Existing members to renew
- 2) Past members who did not renew last year
- 3) New membership campaign through Google Groups

Calendars

We sold out of calendars last year.

2024 - 200 calendars

Cost per calendar: \$7.55 - Total (incl tx): \$1,706 - **Profit: \$2,294 (@\$20/ea)**

The estimate for the calendar cost this year is slightly more (\$1,750).

Lake Health Monitoring Mini-Biofilia

We are currently on a pause for the Biofilia data gathering and will likely conduct a series of “checkpoint” tests in 2026/2027 that will be added to the Biofilia data to continue the monitoring. Bill Clelland has reached out to Anne and Sylvain to touch base about 2027 testing.

Dave Kerr continues to monitor the clarity of the lake. His most recent tests show a very, very clear lake. It is early in the season, but the clarity is good news. This testing is part of a government program where municipalities conduct these tests and upload the data to a centralized database. Dave is working with Mme Claudia Valois (our new municipal inspector) in providing this data.

Dave also presented a study done by the [Haliburton Property Owners Association](#) who conducted background research on the EcoEthic septic product and found quite positive results. It is a Canadian eco certified microbial product that increases the efficiency of septic systems. All the reports are favourable and we will dig a bit deeper and provide more information at the Amis du lac AGM (Aug 30)

Here is a very informative, fun video about septic systems and how they work, and what happens when they don't. It is geared towards the seasonal cottager (like us).

[Poop Talk : The Number 2!](#)

Here are some tips for [good septic practices](#) also from the Haliburton POA



Loons and Loon Nests

Catherine Wensley has asked lakers to participate in a “loon reporting day” on July 12 and 13. Residents are asked to report any loon sightings on that day (time and location) so we can get a clear picture of how many loons we have. They do move around.

At the moment there are no reports of baby loon sightings on the lake. Sadly, we did hear of an abandoned nest with two eggs. There is no evidence as to why.

Merchandise

Last year we did not offer any merchandise as there was a glitch. We ordered the two bags below but the green one came with silver text, which is hardly visible. We objected and a refund was issued, and we were told to keep them and dispose as we saw fit.

Proposed Tote Bags for 2024
All 100% jute - biodegradable

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Big enough for towels• 38 units <p>Sell \$20</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medium size – very popular before• 45 units <p>Actual item is Not as shown</p>
21w x 15h x 5.5d		12w x 13h x 7d	

These are the actual bags and we will offer a free green small tote with each purchase of the large tote, costing \$20.



Jean-Louis partnership and support

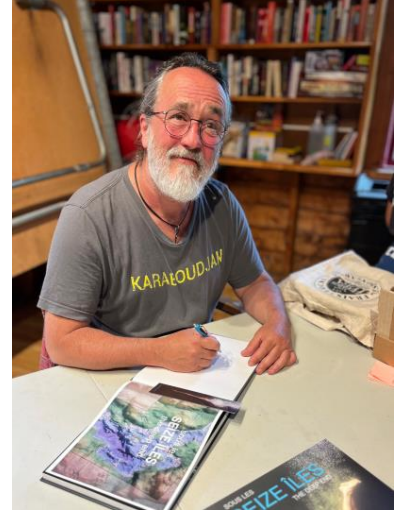
Jean-Louis book: Last year Amis supported Jean-Louis' coffee table book, *The Deep End / Sous Seize Iles*. It was a complete sell out, and the book signing on Motorless Day was the perfect celebration of the author and his work

This year we plan to continue supporting Jean-Louis (\$8,000). His report on his work from last year demonstrates that milfoil is under control (eradicated in many areas) on our lake. He was also working hard on the shoals where trout spawn, again with tremendous success (from a few eggs per metre, to 40-60 eggs per metre).

Jean-Louis' plan for this summer. Jean-Louis continues to care for the loon platforms—installing them in the spring and taking them out in August – including making a new one after one was lost. He'll be diving around Green Island and Kelly's Creek to remove any/all milfoil. JL will continue to monitor (and tidy) the trout spawning areas. He will attempt to map the areas where milfoil has grown and/or is likely to grow, as a future reference for new divers on the lake. He observed an alarming quantity of *Spirogyra* algae, a kind of algae he had not seen before in the lake, or very few. He wants to monitor this again this summer. *Spirogyra* algae is directly related to human activity. What are *Spirogyra* algae:

Large blooms of Spirogyra algae can deplete oxygen levels in the water, leading to fish kills and other negative impacts on aquatic organisms. Additionally, decaying Spirogyra mats can release nutrients into the water, contributing to eutrophication and algal blooms.

Finally, in typical JL fashion, he has an exciting special project. He has found a few divers with the special certification, equipment, and interest to dive the deepest part of the lake. At 71 metres deep this is very serious technical diving! But just imagine seeing the images from that dive. JL won't do that dive but will coordinate and control from the surface.



Motorless Day at the Club – Sponsored by Amis du Lac

On July 2 Amis du lac hosted the annual Motorless Day. Hot dogs, watermelon, and chips were served to the kids and families in support of the event. Special thanks to Catherine Wensley and Dave Kerr and other volunteers for their coordination and generosity.

The focus this year was on the sustainability of the shoreline, and how we can all do our part to preserve it. Our first presenter was Corinne Hamel who demonstrated the



importance of the shoreline and the impact a poor shoreline can have on our lake. Her pamphlet is posted to the [Amis du lac website \(here\)](#).

Next was David Ravelo, for those who don't know him – he is responsible for the planting in the centre of the road (364) in the village, as well as the updated parking lot in the north, and around the marina at the south end.

After the presentations, the kids (and adults) were invited to join David down at the flagpole in front of the club. There he and Lyndan Warner had dug holes and laid out little pots of plants for the kids to put in the ground. David demonstrated how to properly remove the plants from their pots and place them in the holes. Each participant was given a popsicle stick to write their name on and stick in the ground next to the flower or shrub they planted. They can now watch it grow. Over the coming years the area around the flagpole and path up to the club will become a self-sustaining perennial garden of natural and native - and beautiful - plants.



The plants came from [Pepiniere Rustique](#) in St-Adolphe. Amis du lac will investigate the feasibility of a group purchase in the fall for spring pickup. Here are the links to [David's presentation \(here\)](#) (only available in English at this time, French version is coming), which includes David's short list of recommended perennial plantings for this environment. The [plants selected for the club \(here\)](#) were taken from the list David provided.

Boat Sticker Programs

The municipality has launched an upgraded boat sticker system requiring all residents—including those with last year's sticker—to apply for new, numbered decals now linked to specific watercrafts. Stickers are free for residents who own both a watercraft and property in Lac-des-Seize-Îles. It enhances lake access management, protects against invasive species, and supports local patrols in identifying authorized boats. Residents are encouraged to apply promptly to help maintain a safe, respectful, and well-managed lake environment. **Please see attached for the official (and very clear!) information package from the municipality.**

Boating Ethics Pamphlet

We worked with the municipality on creating the Boating Ethics pamphlet. It was finalized this spring and adopted by the municipality. They will be providing it to visitors to our lake. Amis du lac has posted it to the Amis website. There is a proposal to make it part of the ramp fee process visitors undergo when they launch their paddleboards, kayaks, canoes, and boats. This was great undertaking.



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AGM is proposed for Aug 30

Amis du lac is planning the Annual General Meeting for August 30. We are hoping to have a special guest come and present. More on that soon.

Thank you, Michael Hyde - President, Amis du lac/Friends of the Lake.