

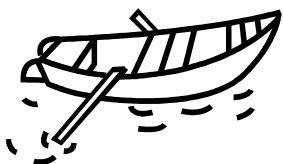
# LILLY LAKE NEWS

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## Wisconsin Lake Facts:

- Lake Winnebago in Winnebago County has the largest surface area – 137,708 acres – followed by Petenwell Lake in Juneau County with 23,040 acres, and the Chippewa Flowage in Sawyer County with 15,300 acres.
- Mud Lake is the most common lake name in Wisconsin; 116 lakes bear that name, followed by Bass Lake with 82, and Long Lake with 59.



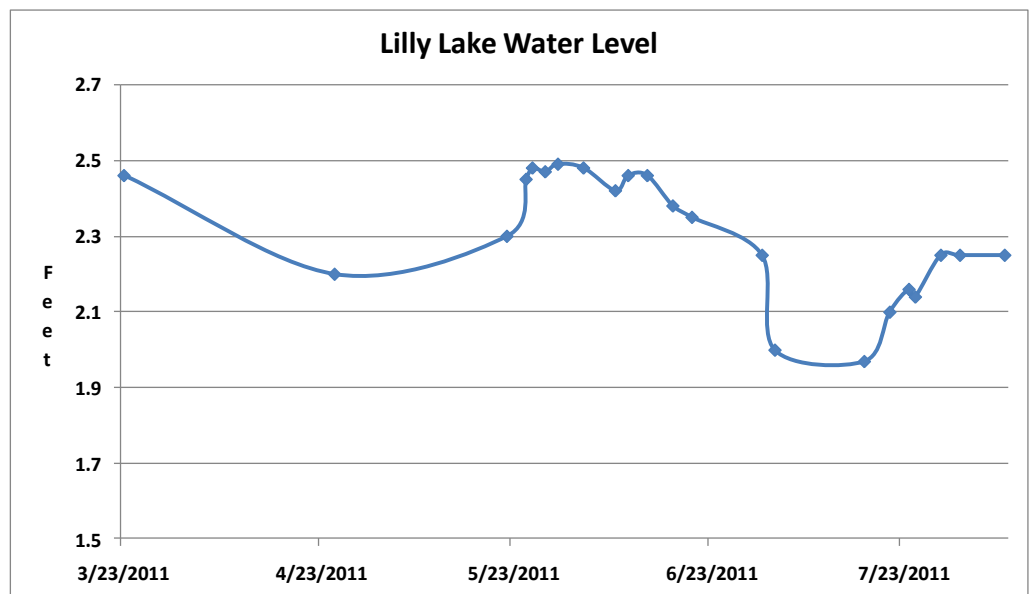
## NEW BOAT LAUNCH RULES

The Town of Wheatland passed a new ordinance this spring requiring fees for boats launching at the public ramp. Effective May 1, 2011, permits are required and can be purchased as a daily (\$7) or seasonal (\$28) permit. Permits may be purchased by either using the secure deposit box (with envelopes) located at the ramp or at the Town Hall during business hours.

The fees were created at the request of the residents in the Lilly Lake Rehabilitation District to help improve safety on the lake..



Lilly Lake Water Level





**“Side Effects” of Piers**

**Navigation** – Piers that are too long or have many boats can block other users’ enjoyment of the waterway.

**Habitat** – DNR research shows that large decks on piers block growth of aquatic plants. These plants are an important food source for fish and wildlife, and prevent algae growth.

- Do you have a topic that you would like to see in the newsletter?

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**REGISTER OVERSIZED PIERS**

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MADISON – Summer passes quickly, so owners of larger waterfront piers are encouraged to learn now if they qualify for a free, one-time registration of piers that exceed size standards set in 2004, state habitat protection officials say.

"While the registration deadline's been extended to April 1, 2012, it's easier to measure your pier in the summer to see if it qualifies to be registered," says Martye Griffin, who coordinates the pier registration program for the Department of Natural Resources.

The vast majority of piers statewide do not need to be registered because they fit the size standards that lawmakers established in

2004 for piers to be exempt from state permitting processes.

Lawmakers created the free, one-time registration process to grandfather in most of the larger existing piers that exceeded the size standards. Having the pier registered protects property owners if neighbors or others complain about the pier's size in future years, and allows DNR and local governments to know the larger pier is legal.

Piers exempt from any permitting and that do not need to be registered are a maximum of 6 feet wide; can have a loading platform up to 8 feet wide; don't interfere with neighbors or public boating and fishing; and have no more than two boat slips for the first 50 feet of shoreline frontage owned

and an additional boat slip for every full 50 feet owned thereafter, Griffin says.

Larger piers that don't fit these standards may qualify for the free, one-time registration. To qualify for registration, these piers must have been first placed in the water before February 2004 and meet additional dimensional limits.

A downloadable registration form and other materials to complete the registration process are available on the [Piers, Docks and Wharves registration](#) page of the DNR website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/news/>

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**LILLY LAKE BEACH WATER TEST RESULTS**

So far this year, the beach had two advisories and one closure this summer. As a reminder, an advisory is issued when the E. coli bacteria reading is between 235 and 1000 colonies per 100 ml. A closure happens when counts are over 1000. The beach will be sampled through August.

- August 4, 2011 - 19 cfu/100mls
- August 3, 2011 - 291 cfu/100mls
- August 2, 2011 - 1300 cfu/100mls
- August 1, 2011 - 816 cfu/100mls
- July 11, 2011 - 20 cfu/100mls
- July 5, 2011 - 53 cfu/100mls
- June 27, 2011 - 11 cfu/100mls
- June 20, 2011 - 2 cfu/100mls
- June 13, 2011 - 5 cfu/100mls
- June 6, 2011 - 23 cfu/100mls
- May 31, 2011 - 4 cfu/100mls

