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Formed in 2001, it is incorporated as a Non-Stock Corporation under Wisconsin law. It is recognized as a public charity under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

President's Message



I write this as the Fall color in the Northwoods is winding down. It's amazing how less busy things become after Labor Day.

But what an incredible Summer we had except for the horrendous late July storm.

I can't remember a Summer when the weather has been better or more consistent.

The Chain was incredibly busy, and it was great to see so many folks able to get away and enjoy all that it offers.

ERCLA had a great Summer as well. We have reached an all-time high for membership and active Volunteers. We continue to aggressively promote the health and safety of the entire Chain and its rivers. Dave Mueller provides more information about this in this newsletter.

We had a great Annual Meeting in July at Eagle Waters with more than 40 people attending in person and others via Zoom. We were very happy with the level of questions and interaction from those in attendance.

In addition to reports from our officers and Volunteers, Cathy Higley from Vilas County Land and Water, gave a great presentation describing several shoreline restoration actions that can be undertaken by Riparians and grants available to help fund them. You will hear more about shoreline restoration from ERCLA's committee that tackled the subject earlier this year.

Please plan to join us at next July's Annual Meeting. We love to hear from our members and Volunteers!

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

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Membership Update

Happy Fall to all who are enjoying the Northwoods! What an outstanding Summer and Fall color season we had! I'm looking forward to the upcoming sledding season.

I would like to thank all our members for your donation of support. It is critical for our organization as we continue to work to keep our waters healthy and safe.

Below is the membership report as of September 11, 2021. Thank you to all our Lake Captains and Co-Captains for all their hard work this year. Even though the year is not over, our total members to date have surpassed prior years. Awesome job, everyone!

That's the great news! Unfortunately, only 53% of our Chain's Riparians have joined ERCLA. **This is where we need your help in our effort to bring more Riparians to ERCLA.** Please talk to your neighbors and mention that we all need to pull together to keep our lakes healthy and safe. I am thanking everyone in advance for your help as we continue to increase our membership.

Have a wonderful Winter!

Mark Brenner, VP Operations

2021 Fall Membership Update	Total # Contacts in Database	2021 Members	% of Members	2020 Year End Members	2019 Year End Members	2018 Year End Members
Catfish & Eagle River	286	178	62%	150	154	151
Cranberry & Eagle River	270	151	56%	133	152	147
Duck	131	55	42%	53	55	48
Eagle & Eagle River	158	90	57%	82	89	77
Lynx	21	9	43%	9	12	12
Otter & Eagle River	100	77	77%	68	69	62
Scattering Rice & Deerskin	117	64	55%	57	68	64
Voyageur	81	35	43%	31	31	31
Watersmeet Lake & Rivers	416	139	33%	120	136	126
Yellow Birch & Eagle River	146	117	80%	110	110	100
Total Riparians	1,726	915	53.0%	813	876	818
Non-Riparians	80	13	16.3%	14	17	11
Total Database	1,806	928	51.4%	827	893	829
Summary		Response Method		Method Paid		
Returning Members	798	Dues Letter	439	Check	685	
New Members	130	Dues Reminder Letter	270	PayPal	243	
Total	928	Maps - George K.	5	Total	928	
		Newsletter	151			
		New Member Letter	63			
		Total	928			

Why Join ERCLA

7 REASONS TO JOIN ERCLA

SAFETY & EDUCATION:

- #7. Buoys Program - ERCLA assists with funding the maintenance and replacement of buoys to keep the Chain safe for all to enjoy. We need your help with reporting damaged buoys and those that may need replacement.
- #6. Signage Program - These maps, courtesy of Vilas County Mapping, are placed at various boat landings by ERCLA to identify public boat landings, marinas and much more.
- #5. Vilas County Sheriff's Boat Patrol - We partner with the Sheriff's Department to keep the waterways safe with regular patrols and provide education, warnings and citations when necessary.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS:

- #4. Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) - Boats and trailers are inspected for invasive species, and educational materials are distributed to boaters at boat landings. Pink Buckets - These bright pink buckets, located at various boat landings, help us eliminate invasive plants from our waters.
- #3. Citizens Lake Monitoring Network - ERCLA organizes volunteers to participate in this partnership of more than 1,000 statewide volunteers working with the Wisconsin DNR.
- #2. Invasive Species - ERCLA works diligently to prevent the spread of invasive species and assists in management efforts to control or eradicate Eurasian Watermilfoil, Purple Loosestrife, Yellow Loosestrife, Yellow Iris and other invasive species.
- #1. You will stand "ERCLA Proud" with our Membership sign identifying your lake or river.

Your annual membership of \$60 makes these efforts possible.

Our dedicated Volunteers make all of the important work done on our projects possible. Learn more about Volunteer opportunities on our website.

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ERCLA 2022 Member Drive

The ERCLA 2022 Membership Drive information will be sent in January.

ERCLA is dedicated to preserving and protecting the Eagle River Chain of Lakes, its watershed and its ecosystems.

Thank you to our members for your continued support of our efforts to keep our waters clean today and for future generations.

Watch for our next newsletter in Spring 2022.



2022 Clean Boats/Clean Waters Program

ERCLA has contracted with Vilas County Land and Water Conservation to provide 24 hours of Clean Boats/Clean Waters (CB/CW) inspection services during the week of 4th of July, with an additional 12 hours to be done during other weeks.



A Limited Term Employee from Land and Water will do the inspections at the Eagle Lake County Park, at Braywood on Catfish, and at the T-Docks on Yellow Birch boat landings.

Additionally, we will do Volunteer CB/CW inspections during the course of this Summer. Consider donating some of your time to support this worthwhile program.

For more information, please contact erclaonline@gmail.com.

As you move from lake to lake while boating, remember to "Clean, Drain and Drive".

Dave Mueller, AIS Coordinator

Shoreline Restoration

Have you ever wondered or had an interest in what you as a Riparian owner can do to improve the health of our Chain?

Best practices include, but are not limited to:

- Limit runoff of nutrients into your waterbody.
- Control erosion.
- Install fish sticks.
- Build a rain garden.
- Add native plants to your shoreline.

Check out the different links on our website ERCLA.org for more information.

The Shoreline Restoration Committee is addressing these options. Look for more information this Winter and next Spring.

Feel free to contact anyone on the committee with ideas or questions. Committee members are Bill Krostue, George Katich, Jody Voight, Marc Groth, Bill Morgan and Dave Mueller (chair).

Dave Mueller, AIS Coordinator

Lake Captains		
Lake	Captain	Phone
Catfish	Gary Conger	(608) 469-7490
Cranberry	Michael Queoff	(262) 707-4214
Duck	Marc Groth	(847) 851-1761
Eagle	Greg Hendricks	(920) 202-0064
Lynx	Bill Krostue	(920) 470-3522
Otter	Dave Mueller	(715) 297-6636
Scattering Rice	Dennis Burg	(414) 588-2070
Voyageur	Teri Stecker	(920) 428-6743
Watersmeet	Aubrey Dalbec	(847) 434-6505
Yellow Birch	George Katich	(847) 309-4008



Fall Colors on the Chain

Q & A by Teri Stecker, Secretary

HOW DO WE GET DANGER BUOYS OR SLOW, NO WAKE BUOYS IN OUR AREA?

The DNR is wholly responsible for placement of all danger buoys and Slow, No Wake buoys. No buoys can be placed without their permission and approval, including channel, swimming, danger, directional, etc. (See the DNR Placement of Buoys article at <https://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/le/LE0317.pdf>). ERCLA recommends you either contact your local town or city officials for assistance, or contact us for personnel referrals if needed.



Each Spring and Fall, ERCLA assists the Town of Washington with the labor and cost to install and remove all buoys according to the DNR's GPS coordinates. During the season, ERCLA assists with the repair and replacement of any damaged or misplaced buoys. To report damaged or missing buoys, please contact Mark Brenner, VP Operations, at 815-298-8582 or email erclaonline@gmail.com.

The proper placement of Slow, No Wake buoys allows boaters to see the next buoy so they know they are still in a no wake zone. If the buoy is not visible, they can assume they are out of the no wake zone and increase their speed - so misplaced buoys can produce confusion and speeding. At night, strategically placed lighted buoys will guide you through the entire No Wake Zone.

WHY ARE WE CONCERNED WITH EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL (EWM) AND HOW DO WE KNOW IF WE HAVE IT AROUND OUR DOCKS?

Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) crowds out native plants, reducing biodiversity, diminishes fish habitat and negatively impacts wetland habitats. Dense mats form near the surface. They entangle boat propellers and interfere with swimming and fishing. As a result, EWM can adversely affect our local tourist-dependent economy.



Eurasian Watermilfoil

Not all milfoil is invasive or bad for the health of the waterways. There is also native milfoil in our lakes, and it can be confusing to determine which is EWM versus native northern milfoil.

Native Northern Milfoil has fewer than 12 leaf segments on each side of the leaf axis, whereas EWM leaves have 14 or more leaf segments on each side of the leaf axis and has somewhat stouter stems than native plants.

Pictured is an example of EWM and native milfoil. If you suspect you have EWM around your dock, please email us at erclaonline@gmail.com.



Native Northern Milfoil

In general, healthy native aquatic plant communities help prevent the establishment of invasive non-native plants. The DNR understands your need to access your boat lift, dock and swimming areas, and allows you, as the homeowner, to cull the overabundance of native plants by your docks.

2021 EWM Program Update

This year marked the 15th year in the fight against Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM). Our program is in maintenance mode. The goal is to keep EWM at a low level. Part one of the program is to quantitatively measure the presence of EWM.

We use the professional services of Onterra, LLC., to survey and report on how much EWM is in the Chain. Part two is to selectively remove EWM through diver assisted suction harvesting. Areas in Catfish Lake, Yellow Birch Lake and Cranberry Lake qualified for hand harvesting. A professional diving company, DASH, LLC., provided this service.

The program is administered by the United Lower Eagle River Chain of Lakes Commission (ULERCLC). Formed under a joint powers agreement, it consists of an elected member each from the city of Eagle River and the towns of Cloverland, Lincoln and Washington. The private sector is well represented by Volunteers from ERCLA.

Grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) were secured in 2020 through an Aquatic Invasive Species Established Population Control Grant.

Costs will be shared by the municipalities, WDNR grant funds, ULERCLC treasury funds and the private sector, represented by ERCLA.

The ULERCLC will determine the funding breakdown for each of the entities sharing costs.

Project Cash Expense Summary 2022 Estimate	
Hand Pull	\$30,900
Onterra	\$40,240
CB/CW	<u>\$800</u>
	\$71,940

Dave Mueller, AIS Coordinator

Buoy Program Update

Hello everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful Summer season in the Northwoods.

Here is a quick update on Town of Washington buoy system that ERCLA supports.



I would like to start by thanking you for the emails, texts and voicemails pertaining to buoys that were out of place or needed maintenance. You are my eyes, and I do my best to get out there as quickly as possible to take care of issues. Unfortunately, the Town does not have the manpower to perform regular maintenance during the season, so ERCLA has stepped up to help.

After the Town's review of the buoy system in August, it was determined that 12 buoys and 10 replacement lights will be purchased. This will cost approximately \$4,500, and ERCLA's donation of \$5,000 goes a long way to help the Town.

The Town continues to improve the design of the light cages that they build in their shop. There will be more cages next season. ERCLA also assists the Town in the removal and placement of the buoys each year.

I am also working with our local DNR warden to discuss your concerns about the placement of the buoys. I will give everyone an update in our next newsletter.

Keep those emails, texts or calls coming if you see something out of place. Enjoy our beautiful Fall as we get ready for the coming sledding season!!

Mark Brenner, VP Operations

Lake Captains Reports

Catfish Lake

By Gary Conger

Hello "Catfish Lakers"! I hope this report finds you well and warm with Summer memories as we move to Fall. It was another sweet Summer season for Catfish Lake, except for the great storm on July 26th. I have not seen this much damage on Catfish Lake since I was a teenager, well over 50 years ago. Many of us suffered significant damage. As we know Braywood has not been open since that night. We can all be so proud of our neighborhood as we worked together to help those in need. From lost sections of piers to pontoon canopies and wrecked homes, the need was great and so was the response.

We will have much to celebrate at next Summer's ERCLA gathering, which we hope to schedule. Enjoy the blaze of color in the Northwoods!

Otter Lake

By Jody Voight

What a time to own property on or around the Eagle River Chain of Lakes! It has been a crazy couple of years with the movement and price of real estate in the Northwoods. Probably, like myself, many of us are not quite sure what to make of it or appreciate how this impacts our lake community. For those of us living on Otter Lake, you do not have to look too far to get an indication of how fortunate we are.

A few years ago, my wife and I had the opportunity to work with real estate agent, Julie Winter-Paez help us find our current home. Julie and her family have chosen Otter Lake to be their full-time home. Julie and her husband built a home just around the point on the west side of our lake. I recently had the opportunity to sit down with Julie to get her perspective and thoughts on selecting Otter Lake as their home. Julie, like most of us, identified the location of this lake on the Chain as ideal because it offers both privacy and a Northwoods environment yet has easy access to Downtown by both car and boat, which is important if you are still working in town. The lake itself also appeals to everyone from the fisherman to the quiet sports enthusiast. It has excellent fishing holes and quiet bays for learning to ski while also being the home of little nooks and crannies where you can hide away from boat traffic via a canoe, kayak or paddle boat. Otter Lake's small creek on the west side offers tons of additional shoreline to explore making it truly a lake for everyone!



As a Co-Captain on Otter Lake, one of the most satisfying activities is getting to know and appreciate the interesting and great quality of individuals on our shores that we are fortunate to call our neighbors like Julie. Julie also has a Facebook group called New Neighbors in the Northwoods that provides ongoing information in this regard. Next time you see Julie and her husband on the water or at a community event, take a couple minutes to say hello.

I look forward to meeting more of the individuals that makeup our Otter Lake community. If you would like to participate in future newsletters or have ideas about our lake, its history, topics of interest and its residents, please let me know. My cell number is 262-287-4521. We all look forward to getting to know more about our lake and community in the future.

Lake Captains Reports

Voyageur Lake

By Teri Stecker

A special Hello to our new property owners and all the returning members. On any given day, we enjoy fishing, skiing, kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, swimming, boating, tubing, etc. If you travel our shoreline, you will find condo owners, homeowners, timeshare and rental properties, a golf course, a marina and restaurants. These are just some examples of the varieties found in our special location on the waterways.

Why bring this up here? ERCLA's mission is for the health and safety of the Chain and the people that live and play on it. With so many varying activities and passions, we can forget to take precautions and look out for others. As a retired insurance agent, experience tells me that "near misses" are as dangerous as an accident because the next miss might not miss. Too often we hear tales of someone too close to shore, too fast in a crowded traffic area, too close to a dock or swimming raft, or nearly swamping a kayaker, paddle boarder or canoe. Let's respect each other, know the boating regulations, and always follow them for everyone's enjoyment.

Although this Summer season has ended, let's be thankful for our lake's special properties and for all our different neighborhoods. Please stay safe and we hope to see you on the trails this Winter. Email me at erclaonline@gmail.com.

Yellow Birch Lake

By George Katich

Yellow Birch Lake includes all property owners on Yellow Birch Lake and in Eagle River from the T-Docks west to the Highway 45 bridge.

My role as Lake Captain is to represent you and present your interests to ERCLA's Board of Directors. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 847-309-4008.

This past Summer, 400 pounds of Eurasian Watermilfoil was hand-harvested in the northeast bay through Diver-Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH).

This professional service was completed by Dash Aquatic Services, LLC. Jeff Long, owner, shared that the areas of milfoil harvested in 2018 and 2019 now show growth of native plants.

Whether you are a full or part-time resident, renting or selling your home, we need every property owner to be a member. In 2021, over 80% of Yellow Birch property owners were members of ERCLA. It's up to all of us to continue to protect our water and shorelines to maintain our property value on the Chain.

As always, thank you to all the members for your continued support of ERCLA.

We Need You!

ERCLA is always on the lookout for Volunteers!

If you have an interest in learning more about how you can help, please take the time to review the descriptions on our website at www.ERCLA.org.

For this coming summer, we are specifically looking for Volunteers to help with our Clean Boats/Clean Waters program. Please consider helping.

For more details, please contact us at erclaonline@gmail.com.



Lake Captains Profiles

Joshua Conger



Greetings! My name is Joshua Conger and I am an Assistant Lake Captain for Catfish Lake. I currently live in Waunakee, but affectionately think of Eagle River as my second home.

Catfish and the connecting Eagle River Chain of Lakes has been a part of my life since I was in diapers.

Through old black and white photos, I have enjoyed our family's history with the lakes for generations back to when my great-grandfather helped drive the horse teams that logged the area.

This area has filled my life with so many amazing memories with family and friends. I'm sure you'll agree that the Chain truly is a magical place. I have experienced many of the same outdoor activities as a child with my family as I now enjoy with my wife, Tara, and daughter Cassidy. From fishing, boating and trips to the Trading Post to watersports, hikes, and snowmobiling – there is always a new adventure awaiting as we make the all too familiar voyage "Up North".

In my early adult years, I had the opportunity to live full time on Catfish Lake and serve visitors to the area at the Chanticleer Inn Beer Garden and Geo's Saloon. Connecting with our lake neighbors, boaters and snowmobilers has provided many cherished friendships. I have enjoyed Volunteering time at the Braywood boat launch for the Clean Boats, Clean Waters efforts, and have connected with countless guests of our vacation rental business in the area for over two decades - a few of whom now are also fellow Riparians. There has been no greater professional pride I have than in helping host those lifetime memories for our guests.

I look forward to meeting more of you in my new role! Always feel free to reach out and I'll look forward to seeing you on the trails this Winter and back on the water next Spring!

Jody Voight

Hello to all our readers and lake residents that consider the Eagle River Chain of Lakes their "Little Slice of Heaven".

I am fortunate to be the Co-Captain of Otter Lake with Dave Mueller.

My wife Julie and I have been homeowners on Otter Lake since 2012. In 2015, we were blessed to call this our permanent year-round residence.

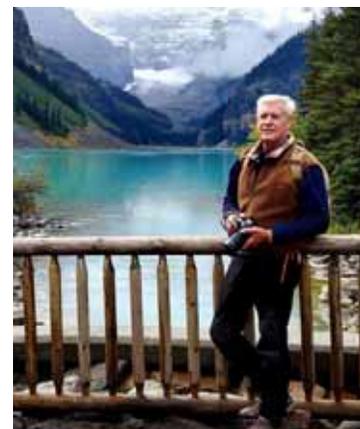
Being retired has allowed us to return to the Northwoods, as it was such a part of our early lives with both of us growing up in Central Wisconsin.

After spending our professional lives in corporate America, I now have an opportunity to return to my initial passion and utilize some of my educational background. I have degrees in Fishery Biology, Limnology and Resource Management, and a passion to protect and preserve the tremendous resource that flows through our backyards.

I look forward to working with a very talented and dedicated ERCLA team as a representative for Otter Lake. Next time you are on the water and see us monitoring invasive aquatic species, testing water clarity, traversing our lake in the dark monitoring bats for the DNR, or just happen to be on the South shore of Otter Lake, look for our name on the front of our boat shelter. Give me a blast on your boat horn or flag me down.

I would like to get to know each of you personally and hear your comments, questions, concerns or ideas in regard to the Eagle River Chain of Lakes.

My cell number is 262-287-4521.



Lake Captains Profiles

Tom Batterman

Hello. My wife Deb and I live in Wausau and have owned a place on the Chain since 2014. We have the log-sided place into the channel from Eagle to Otter, just past where the very popular ice cream pontoon sits! (So glad that made a return appearance this year!)

I like to say I am a recovering lawyer and now work as a fiduciary financial advisor with Fiduciary First Advisors. My wife joined me there a couple of years ago. Our office is in Wausau, but we have clients throughout the Northwoods. Although we both still work full time, sometimes that work involves working out of Eagle River seeing clients or just working remotely – if the internet service will cooperate! Together we have seven kids ranging in age between 22 and 36, and located in San Diego, Chicago, Minneapolis, Milwaukee and Madison (no grandchildren yet, but hope springs eternal). We very much enjoy the times they can squeeze us into their busy schedules and have great fun with them on the Chain!



We are up most weekends in the spring and summer, often with a houseful of family or friends, enjoying pontooning, jet skiing, sand bar lounging and visiting the Chain's many dining and drinking establishments. We also come up frequently in winter to enjoy ice fishing, snowmobiling, snow shoeing and warm cozy fires in the fireplace.

Prior to finding our place on the Chain, we belonged to Rainbo Lodge near Boulder Junction for 20 years. That experience taught us the importance of maintaining the resources with which we have been blessed and the critical role helping hands can play in that effort. I Volunteered to be Eagle Lake Co-Captain to do what I could to promote the work of ERCLA in maintaining the Chain as the wonderful resource it is. I'm specifically interested in helping those who use the Chain but are not yet members of ERCLA, to understand why it's important to join the ERCLA effort and lend a helping hand where they can.

No Wake Areas

If you boat on the Chain, you most likely know where the Slow, No Wake areas are located. As such, if the No Wake Buoys have not been put out in the Spring yet or have been removed in the Fall, please still treat these areas as No Wake.



No Wake areas determined by the DNR, and are for safety and to protect our shorelines.

It might not be your shoreline - but it is someone's shoreline.

Remember "Slow, No Wake Speed" means a speed at which your vessel moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.

You Can Help Our Waters and Fish Habitat

Keep your shoreline as natural as possible. A natural shoreline is a complex ecosystem that protects shoreline erosion, improves water quality and provides habitat for wildlife and fish. A natural shoreline buffer zone of at least 35 feet from water's edge to shoreland intercepts lawn nutrients and reduces runoff erosion and sediment.

If trees or branches fall in the water, leave them unless they affect navigation on the water. Course, woody habitat provides shoreland erosion control, a carbon source for the lake and prevents suspension of sediments. It consists of trees, limbs, branches, roots and wood fragments that are at least four inches in diameter and enter the lake naturally or by human means.

One of the greatest benefits of course, woody habitat is providing a surface for algae growth which is important for aquatic macroinvertebrates and creating a habitat for fish species.

Board Member Profile: Chuck Berg, President

Hi everyone. I am in my third year as the President of ERCLA. I joined the ERCLA Board in 2016 and served as Treasurer, then VP - Finance during the 2017 process of consolidating the individual lake associations with ERCLA.



My wife Nancy has been coming to Eagle River since the 1950s. We met in Chicago in 1976, and I have been coming North ever since. We live on the south end of Cranberry Lake, the best lake on the Chain (just kidding!!) and spend most of our year here except for periodic escapes to sunny Arizona and trips to Chicago to see our daughter, son-in-law and our granddaughter (8) and grandson (6). They all love the Northwoods, so we see them up here quite a bit.

Like so many of our fellow Riparians, we love cruising the Chain in our pontoon, kayaking, gardening and enjoying all that nature offers. We also enjoy seeing the return of the loons, ducks (geese, not so much), deer and other creatures in the Spring. I am a frequent walker along the roads that border Cranberry Lake, and can often be found at the Eagle River Golf Course.

I very much enjoy interacting with ERCLA members, Volunteers, and our Board, and invite any of you to track me down anytime with questions and suggestions.

Meet ERCLA Volunteers: Ed Bonack and Dan Newitt

Both of these long-time Volunteers live on the Watersmeet Lake and Rivers.

Ed and his wife Sue have owned their house on the Wisconsin River for 24 years. They moved to Eagle River full-time 10 years ago from New London. They have a daughter, a son and two grandchildren. Ed has been performing late Summer peak biomass surveys on Watersmeet Lake and the Rivers alongside Dan since 2008. Ed was active in the Watersmeet Lake Association prior to the consolidation with ERCLA. He also monitors the bat population on the Wisconsin River for the DNR once a month during the Summer due to the White Nose Syndrome fungus decimating the population.



Dan Newitt and his wife Gail moved to their home on the Chain from Wayne, Illinois, 17 years ago. They have two sons and a grandson. Dan was active in the Watersmeet Lake and Rivers Association as president for three years prior to the merge. For the last 14 years, Dan has performed the late Summer peak biomass survey, some years with Gail, and the last eight years with Ed. Dan performs water clarity tests using a Secchi disk on Watersmeet and Scattering Rice lakes. He has surveyed invasive species Yellow Iris, Yellow Loosestrife and Purple Loosestrife on Watersmeet and the Rivers, and implements chemistry testing on Watersmeet and Scattering Rice lakes.

When performing Secchi disk tests, Dan coordinates with a satellite that's overhead every eight days and performs water clarity testing from above. The DNR compares the two results with a goal of using just the satellite to determine water clarity in the future - if the data correlates accordingly. Dan also collects water samples from Watersmeet and Scattering Rice lakes four times in the Summer for phosphorus testing at the Wisconsin Water and Hygiene Lab. He also collects 200 mls. of water, filters it, and sends the filter to be tested for chlorophyll.

ERCLA sincerely thanks Ed and Dan for their long-time commitment to protect and preserve the Eagle River Chain of Lakes. They are an inspiration to us all! Please contact us at erclaonline@gmail.com if you would like to get involved and Volunteer for various projects. We'd love to have you join us!



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A large graphic announcement for the Annual Meeting. The background is an aerial view of a lake and forest. At the top center is the Eagle River Chain of Lakes Association logo. Below the logo, the text "ANNUAL MEETING" is written in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. To the right, the date and time "Saturday, July 9, 2022 9:00 am" are written in bold yellow text. Below that, "Location: TBD" is written in white text. In the bottom left corner, a hand in a white sleeve points towards the date and time. Inside the hand, the text "STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES!" is written in red, bold, capital letters.