



The Oquaga Lake Improvement Association

www.oquaga.org

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Dear Fellow Oquaga Lakers,

Welcome to the 2026 season! We are eager to see everyone back at the lake. This year we are keeping the opening letter brief and focused — our **weekly/bi-weekly Monday newsletter** on Oquaga.org covers ongoing news and updates in depth. If you haven't already, catch up on recent issues at www.Oquaga.org — everything from water quality to community events is covered there.

Lake Updates – the headlines

Dam Maintenance — We are pleased to report that dam maintenance (dredging) has been completed. We still need to remove the sediments that were stockpiled on the shoreline to drain. Look for updates in upcoming weekly newsletter. Thanks to all who made this happen!

Fish Stocking — Completed in April. Catch up on details in our [April Newsletter](#) and Kurt's [Winter Fishing Report](#).

Boating Safety

- **Brianna's Law is now in effect** — All motorized vessel operators in New York State must hold a boating safety certification regardless of age; if you aren't certified, get it done before you head out. <https://boat-us.org/free-courses/free-boating-safety-course/new-york/>
- **Know the lake rules** — Every boater on Oquaga Lake is expected to know and follow the lake rules; wake boats (while towing) are kindly asked to stay toward the center of the lake due to their powerful wakes. <https://www.oquaga.org/file/document/2727228817/ZrY4RhPkofeWNZz4.pdf>

Annual Meeting — The Oquaga Lake Improvement Association Annual Membership Meeting will be held on **Friday, August 28th at 7:00 PM at St. Joseph's Church, 98 2nd Street, Deposit, NY.**

Thank You, Chestnut Inn — A special thank you to Chestnut Inn for their generous sponsorship of the Oquaga.org website.

Stay in the Know — Weekly Newsletter

Stay current on lake news, events, and announcements at www.oquaga.org and via our Monday weekly email, which now includes a bi-weekly in-depth newsletter.

Not receiving the weekly update? Check your **junk/spam folder** first — emails always begin with "Oquaga Lake." If still missing, confirm you're registered at Oquaga.org or email Secretary@Oquaga.org (Chris).

2026 Event Calendar

We have another fantastic season of events planned! The full 2026 Event Calendar is enclosed with this letter. All events are also posted on the Oquaga.org calendar at www.Oquaga.org/p/Calendar, which is updated in real time.

We really need more volunteers! If you'd like to help with any event, please email Board@Oquaga.org and we'll get you connected.

Annual Dues — The Best Deal on the Lake

Your 2026 OLIA membership dues are \$100 per year — genuinely the best investment you can make in Oquaga Lake and everything the Association does to protect and enhance it.

Your dues fund critical work including:

- Dam maintenance and outlet structure upkeep
 - Annual fish stocking program
 - Water quality monitoring (CSLAP)
 - Community events and communications
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None of this happens without everyone doing their part. Prompt payment makes a real difference in our ability to plan and deliver for the community.

How to Pay: An invoice is enclosed. Pay online at Oquaga.org/Payments or mail a check payable to OLIA. Paying promptly helps us control costs and maintain financial stability.

A note on outstanding balances: there are currently 16 lake homeowners who have not yet paid their 2025 dues, several of whom have accounts going back multiple years. Invoices will reflect any past-due amounts. If your account is behind, now is a great time to get current — it matters more than you might think. Questions? Reach out to Marie at Treasurer@Oquaga.org.

Welcome, New Neighbors!

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of our Oquaga Lake community:

- Ronald and Mellisa Simkulet, 95 Hanson Rd.

Know of a new resident we missed? Please send a note to Chris at Secretary@Oquaga.org so we can include them in an upcoming newsletter!

The OLIA Board of Directors wish you a safe, relaxing, and memorable 2026 season at Oquaga Lake. See you on the water!

Warmly,

The OLIA Board

Enclosures: 2026 Dues Invoice | 2026 Event Calendar
