

The Oneida Lake Bulletin

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Oneida Lake Mud: A Hidden History of Local and Global Importance

By: Nick Zaremba and Chris Scholz

Editor's note: Regular readers of the OLA Bulletin have followed the Association's interest in and concern about sediment entering Oneida Lake. In keeping with this theme, we are publishing an article written by sediment researchers from Syracuse University. Nick Zaremba is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Earth Sciences at SU. Christopher Scholz is Professor of Earth Sciences at Syracuse University. He uses marine geological and geophysical methods to study the world's largest lakes.

Syracuse University students and professors have carried out several studies on Oneida Lake over the past year. They augured through the ice in winter and plied the lake waters in pontoon boats over the summer. But their goal is not catching bass or walleye like many people on the lake. Rather, they are attempting to uncover a story recorded in the mud on the bottom of Oneida Lake. By examining the lake mud layer by layer, they hope to tell a story of the lake's past that has significant local as well as global importance. To decode this story, they collect sediment cores, long plastic tubes full of mud, as old as 14,000 years, at the bottom. Last winter, these SU scientists collected bottom samples using the frozen lake as a firm sampling platform. To choose the best sample locations the team from SU used seismic reflections data, which provides an image of what is underneath the lake floor. Seismic data collection operates much like a fish finder, using sounds to see below the lake bottom. Instead of imaging only the lake floor, the scientists can make pictures (vertical slices) to depths of nearly 100 feet below the lake bottom. These slices show historic changes in the mud.

The story of Oneida Lake goes back to about 15,000 years ago when Oneida Lake was part of a much larger lake called Glacial Lake Iroquois, which covered an area larger than Lake Ontario and was about 100 feet deeper than modern Oneida Lake. This huge lake was fed from water melting from an enormous glacier, known as the Laurentide Ice Sheet, that covered much of Canada. Natural changes in climate caused the Laurentide Ice Sheet to retreat northward, producing immense amounts of meltwater in the process. The glacial meltwater cut what is now the Mohawk Valley as it made its way to the Atlantic Ocean.

Grasping how much glacial meltwater flowed through the Mohawk Valley is important for understanding how the world today will react to a changing climate, as understanding the past helps predict the future. For example, modern inputs of freshwater from the Greenland Ice Sheet could impact the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation, part of which is more commonly known as the Gulf Stream. This circulation is the ocean's conveyor belt of heat energy. This



Syracuse University research team.



Drilling rig.

massive ocean current moves warm salty water from the tropics to the northern latitudes, enabling a mild climate in Europe. The Gulf Stream operates continuously because of water density gradients. A slug of freshwater from the Greenland Ice Sheet into the North Atlantic could disrupt these density gradients and slow the Gulf Stream.

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President's Message

To the OLA Membership,

My name is Bill Girvan, and I am really honored to be your new President of the Oneida Lake Association. Since 1945 there have been a large number of very dedicated individuals who have believed in keeping Oneida Lake one of the best overall lakes in New York State and in the U.S. Those dedicated people have been your OLA Board of Directors. They have demonstrated great pride in Oneida Lake. To maintain and improve the quality of our lake over the years, they have worked with a number of agencies, professionals in the field, politicians, volunteers, and our OLA membership. Together we have overcome many obstacles. However, it always seems like there are new issues on the horizon.

Before I retired, I was a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist working with at-risk children at The House of The Good Shepherd. I know the value of leisure and recreation in our quality of life at all ages. Is there a better playground in Central New York State than Oneida Lake? The lake offers fishing for a variety of species during the open water period or when there is safe ice. There is also swimming, pleasure boating, riding your snow mobile on safe ice, sail boating, water skiing, and duck and goose hunting in the fall, or bird watching. Others simply enjoy watching the waves come into the shore, as well as some of the greatest sunsets. Some people enjoy scuba diving, checking out some of the fifty or so wrecks on the bottom of the lake.

Next year will be the 75th year of the OLA, and we want to focus on all the positives Oneida Lake has provided to our membership and everyone who visits the lake. We will continue to have water quality and sediment concerns, cormorants and invasive species to deal with, fishing access areas especially for ice anglers, fluctuating fish populations, along with law enforcement and safety issues. But we also want to hear about how our members enjoy their leisure time experiences on Oneida Lake over the years. When you have some spare time take a moment and share your stories with us and we will print some of them in our upcoming OLA Bulletins or newsletters. You can contact us through our website or through Facebook.

We also want to address some of the ideas our membership gave us during our survey earlier this year. Increasing our membership, having a few more OLA meetings and activities around the lake, and providing some educational activities for our youth, such as those at the N.Y.S. Fish Culture Station (Hatchery) in Constantia, are all high on our list. Let's not forget our 75th Annual Meeting next spring just before the Walleye Opener as we are going to celebrate our rich history of the OLA. Whatever your favorite leisure activity is on Oneida Lake, make the most of every opportunity you have and pass on your passion to the younger generation.

Sincerely,



Bill Girvan

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Oneida Lake's Living Dinosaur

By: Erika Stoddard

Any fisherman's dream is to land the "big one," to pull that net up and say to yourself "It's my lucky day" as you grin ear to ear, beaming with excitement over the prize you just pulled from the water. Well, scientists and researchers aren't that different, and it certainly wasn't only "luck" that yielded a very special prize for the Cornell team that pulled a literal "living leviathan" from Oneida Lake a couple months ago. As you have probably heard by now, fisheries researchers working at the Cornell University Biological Field Station at Shackleton Point caught, tagged, and released a nearly 140 pound, 6 foot lake sturgeon back in June. This catch is great evidence of the many years of hard work by these Cornell biologists and researchers, as well as the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Using the data collected from the fish, biologists estimate the sturgeon to be twenty years old, likely one of the fingerlings stocked into the lake in 1999.

So, just exactly how and why did this massive living dinosaur end up in Oneida Lake? The answer to this question is many decades in the making, and hopefully the early beginnings of a success story for lake sturgeon in New York. According to the DEC, spawning habitat destruction caused by building dams, and by over-harvesting sturgeon for their eggs (caviar) depleted lake sturgeon populations so drastically that the fish was listed as a threatened species in NY in 1983.

Thankfully, NYS DEC and USF&WS biologists understood the environmental and cultural significance of this amazing species and created restoration goals to hopefully be able to remove lake sturgeon as a threatened species in NY in the future. That's where the Oneida Fish Cultural Station (i.e. Oneida Fish Hatchery in Constantia) comes in. In early June researchers and biologists working together from multiple agencies net

mature sturgeon from a population living below the Moses-Saunders Dam located in Massena, NY. Eggs are collected and fertilized and then transported back to the Oneida Hatchery as well as the USF&WS National Fish Hatchery in Genoa, Wisconsin. Once back at the hatchery, the eggs are placed in hatching jars where they will continue to develop and then hatch after about a week's time. Once hatched, the tiny sturgeon larval fry obtain their nutrients from a yolk sac for a couple days. After the yolk sac is absorbed, fish culturists begin feeding the fry brine shrimp. As the fish grow, their diet changes to larger food items. After brine shrimp, they receive blood worms, and then eventually they transition to feeding on small, whole krill. By October, the sturgeon will have grown significantly (6-8 inches) from their larval size in June and will be stocked into numerous bodies of water across New York State, Oneida Lake included.

Lake sturgeon culture and stocking programs at both the Oneida Fish Hatchery and Genoa Fish Hatchery are a crucial part to the success of the restoration plan. Some of these 20-plus year old fish—fingerlings stocked in the mid to late 1990s—are now mature and able to spawn. Only time will tell if these relatively "young" fish will be able to contribute to and begin to create wild populations.

As an employee of the Oneida Fish Hatchery, I consider myself very fortunate to be a small part of a much larger



Giant sturgeon dwarfs the kiddie pool.



Baby sturgeon.

goal, a goal that will hopefully lead to a prominent presence of such important creatures back into the waters where they thrived many, many years ago.

Erika Stoddard, a 2013 graduate of SUNY ESF, is currently employed as a fish culturist at the the Oneida Lake Fish Hatchery in Constantia.

The Oneida Lake Business Profile

The Oneida Lake Business Profile is a regular feature in the **Oneida Lake Association Bulletin** to showcase businesses that serve OLA members. For this issue, OLA Director Matt Snyder interviewed Matthew Paduano, founder and proprietor of the Lakeport Market.

What does your business do, and whom do you serve?

The Lakeport Market is a new retail, food, and fuel location on the South Shore of Oneida Lake, halfway between Bridgeport and Sylvan Beach. We sell Citgo branded fuels including premium non-ethanol gasoline, diesel, and clear kerosene. We cater to local residents as well as commuters and tourists traveling the south shore of Oneida Lake. We chose to call it the “Market” because we try to offer customers more than the typical convenience mart/gas station options in our 4,350 square foot location.

What is your main connection to Oneida Lake?

We are directly across from the lake, and our business serves people who live on the lake as well as visitors.

How much of your business is related to Oneida Lake?

I would estimate that 30% of our business is directly linked to the lake.

What product or service do you provide that is of interest to Oneida Lake users?

The Lakeport Market sells premium, non-ethanol fuel, which is preferred by users of all gasoline-powered watercraft. Compared to most gas stations, we have expanded grocery, beverage, and beer offerings available, as well as made-to-order subs, wraps, pizza, wings, melts, fruit cups, and baked goods. We sell worms and ice, and have a small fishing tackle section.

Tell us briefly about the history of your business

The Lakeport Market was founded to provide consumers with

a good retail option in an underserved area of the Oneida Lake region. Before starting the Market, I worked for 22 years with the Nice N Easy Grocery Shoppes chain of convenience stores, which had stores surrounding Oneida Lake in Sylvan Beach, Constantia, Brewerton, and Cicero. Nice N Easy was approved to place a large store on the parcel that is now Lakeport Market, but the chain was sold before they ever built it. I saw the opportunity to place a business there, and after discussing my plans with my family, we all decided this was a great, although risky, opportunity to own our own business.

We opened our Lakeport Market with experienced family members. My daughter Nicole who had 14 years of experience with Nice N Easy, manages the retail and fuel side of our business. My daughter Alyssa, who had six years experience with Wegmans and two years managing a café, manages the food service side of the Lakeport Market. My son Anthony has both retail and food experience and is the assistant manager. I joke that I am the maintenance guy! I manage the merchandising, pricing, product mix, vendor relations, as well as handling the facility maintenance for our Market.

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Left to right: Anthony Paduano, Alyssa Paduano, Nicole Paduano Roth, Maureen Paduano, and Matthew Paduano.

Are you seeing any changes, trends or issues on Oneida Lake?

Since running our market keeps me very busy, I haven't had the opportunity to enjoy the lake like I used to, but I hear plenty from our customers who live on the lake and enjoy it for recreation. Obviously one of the main issues is development along the lake which can be said for all bodies of water in upstate New York. Today, Oneida Lake is still considered “affordable” relative to nearby lakes such as Cazenovia and Skaneateles. My concern is that one day, Oneida Lake will also become very expensive to live on as property values and taxes become unaffordable for many people.

OLA extends its thanks to Matthew Paduano and the Lakeport Market for participating in the Oneida Lake Business Profile. Do you have an idea for a business to feature? Let us know by e-mailing snyder.matthew.r@gmail.com.

OLA Honors Lynch as Conservationist of the Year

by OLA Director Matt Snyder

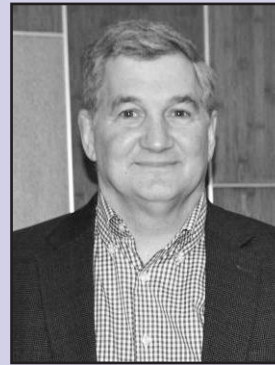
At its Annual Meeting held this past May, the Oneida Lake Association honored longtime conservation leader Kenneth P. Lynch as its 2019 Conservationist of the Year. Lynch served more than twenty years in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, where he successfully advocated for initiatives that helped preserve and enhance Oneida Lake.

Lynch was recognized for the career-long, and positive impact he has had on Oneida Lake, most recently as executive deputy commissioner to the DEC, a position from which he retired this year. Prior to that, Lynch was the director of DEC Region 7, the nine-county region of Upstate New York that encompasses much of Oneida Lake. Regions 6 and 7 have historically worked together to

manage Oneida Lake natural resources, a partnership that Lynch strengthened considerably during his directorship from 1997-2016.

Some of the key successes during Lynch's tenure included securing additional DEC law enforcement resources and equipment for Oneida Lake; protecting the lake from wastewater discharges and other environmental threats; and working closely with sportsmen and the OLA on issues of concern to water fowlers, including season setting and hunter access.

Oneida Lake, the largest lake entirely within New York State, is economically and culturally vital to surrounding communities. Its watershed is home to more than a quarter million people, it supports



Kenneth Lynch

a vibrant residential and tourist economy, offers world-class fishing, and hosts abundant recreational opportunities. The Conservationist of the Year award is OLA's highest honor for people involved in protecting these resources.

"Ken Lynch's personal dedication meant that he used every resource of his office, and then some, to make sure that our lake is well taken care of by New York State and its partners," said Warren Darby, Past President of the OLA. "We commend him and thank him for his service."

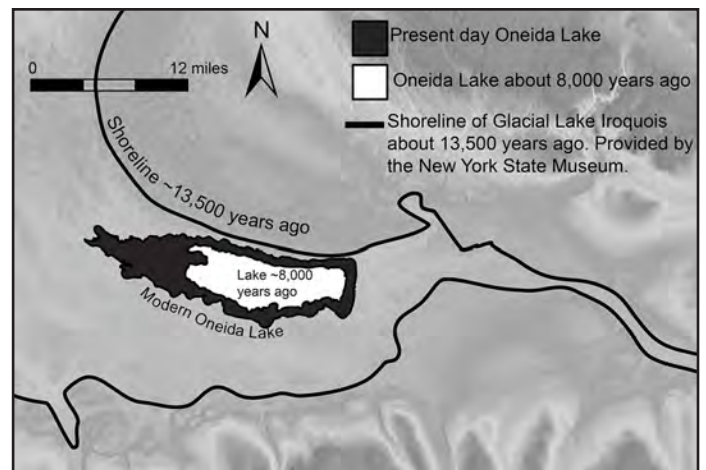
Oneida Lake Mud

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How would this affect global climate? Surely the results would not be as immediate or as drastic as depicted in the movie *The Day After Tomorrow*, but the effects would indeed be felt. But when and how severe? Climate modelers and oceanographers are working hard to understand the sensitivity of the Gulf Stream to freshwater inputs. However, it is a complex system. Luckily, records of past climate, such as those that can be found in layers of ice from Greenland and in layers of lake mud, indicate abrupt changes in climate considered the result of immense volumes of cold fresh glacial meltwater to the Atlantic Ocean released from Glacial Lake Iroquois. The sediment record of Oneida Lake, therefore, can provide insights into the volume, timing, and rate of water released from Glacial

Lake Iroquois required to slow down the Gulf Stream and disrupt global climate.

Other important information besides that described above can also be derived from Oneida Lake studies. Maps of sediment thickness as well as bottom habitat can be created from the seismic reflection data. These data may aid local biologists in making more informed decisions about our lake. Other important observations noted in the data collected indicate that the lake was much smaller and shallower about



8000 years ago. With information in-hand about Oneida Lake's dynamic geological past, stakeholders and environmental managers can make more informed decisions in the future management of this remarkable lake.

OLA Hosts Annual Networking Meeting

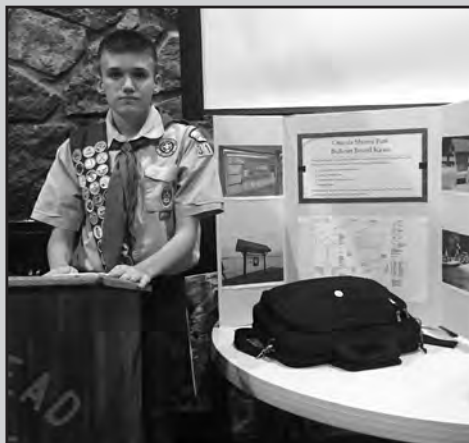
On August 12, the Oneida Lake Association hosted its Annual Networking Meeting at Arrowhead Lodge at Oneida Shores County Park. Over 80 attendees participated, including members of area law enforcement, the NYSDEC, the Atlantic Salmon Association, Onondaga County Parks, New York State Canal Corporation, and county and town legislators, such as Oswego County Legislator Roy Reehil, and Cicero Town Supervisor Mark Venesky. Representatives from Cornell University, Syracuse University, ESF, the state fish hatchery, the Tug Hill Commission, and many other conservation-minded organizations also attended.

The first half of the meeting included an outdoor barbecue, providing attendees an opportunity to network and brainstorm ideas on ways to share in a commitment to preserving and enhancing the lake's environmental and commercial health. They also witnessed a fly-in by Air 1, the helicopter from the Onondaga Sheriff's Department.

The meeting then transitioned to the Lodge where OLA President Bill Girvan welcomed the attendees, outlining the many fine features of the "treasure" known as Oneida Lake. He then invited speakers to address the audience on a variety of topics. Connor Finke, an Eagle Scout candidate, explained his culminating project—the restoration of the information kiosk located at Oneida Shores. The OLA is one of Connor's sponsors. One of the most compelling talks came from New York State Police officers Gregory Eberl and Donald Will. Using the latest technology of sonar scanning, these two officers participated in the recovery of the two tragic Oneida Lake drowning victims from earlier this summer. They shared their personal experiences during this recovery, as well as some images of the sonar scans at work.

Aimee Clinkhammer from the Department of Environmental Conservation outlined the current progress of the *9 Element Plan* for Oneida Lake. This plan is crucial in the preparation for further action and funding to protect the lake and its watershed.

Two researchers from Syracuse University also shared their current study. PhD student Nick Zaremba and Professor Chris Scholz are using sonar to reveal the sediment history of Oneida Lake. Their equipment can "see" beneath the lake's floor, translating seismic data into a visual rendering of the many layers of the sediment history. They explained that they even work through the winter, setting up on a platform on the ice, as they drilled into the lake's bottom. They will share their findings as the research project develops. (See story on Page 1).



Eagle Scout candidate Connor Finke explains his project to the attendees.

Selective Harvest

by OLA President Bill Girvan

One of the biggest concerns by most anglers who enjoy spending time on Oneida Lake are the adult populations of walleye, yellow perch, and smallmouth and largemouth bass. Ethical anglers really dislike all those large numbers of cormorants that eat way too many fish. Also, they are not fond of poachers who keep over the daily legal limit of fish and keep fish when the seasons are closed. Another concern is the sale of yellow perch harvested from Oneida Lake. Concerned anglers often ask the NYS DEC staff, as well as our elected officials, "Why can't the sale of pan fish come to an end in New York State or at least from Oneida Lake?" Other concerns include water quality, invasive species, and the list goes on.

Although there are no quick fixes for all those concerns, we are very fortunate to have a number of great agencies, organizations, and dedicated people putting their best efforts over many years to maintain quality fishing opportunities for everyone who enjoys Oneida Lake throughout the year.

Individual anglers can also help keep Oneida Lake a first-class fishery for future generations by being an ethical angler, following our fishing regulations that have been set in place by fisheries biologists. Also, whenever you are on the water fishing, try to be a positive role model for others, and, whenever you can, bring young anglers with you and teach them to fish ethically and to respect our beautiful Oneida Lake.

While there are daily limits of fish that you can take during open seasons, you also have other positive options as an individual angler. For many years now most anglers targeting bass on Oneida Lake and many other bodies of water practice "Catch & Release" fishing, a practice that has really helped turn Oneida Lake into one of the best smallmouth

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75 Years! OLA Turns 75 in 2020 and You Can Help Celebrate

The news of 1945, of course, was dominated by the end of World War II. The U.S. secured victory in both Europe and Japan, touching off an era of exuberant prosperity as the economy began to boom. You could buy a snappy new Buick Roadmaster for \$1822. To lick the stamp when you sent a picture of it to your friends? Three cents. Pump in five gallons of gas? That'll be 75 cents. In fact, remember that number –75. Next year, when everyone will have 2020 vision, marks the 75th anniversary of the end of the war. There are a number of other 75ths, as well. Eric Clapton, born in 1945, will turn 75. So, too will Bette Midler and Tom Selleck. And Abbott and Costello's "Who's on First?" will see 75 consecutive years of utter confusion.

Here's another interesting event of 1945. Betty Lou Oliver arrived at work at the Empire State Building in July of that year. She was about to start her shift as an elevator operator. At that same moment,

Captain William Smith, a pilot who flew some of World War II's most dangerous missions, was shuttling his B-25 to La Guardia airport. Suddenly lost in the thick New York fog, Smith accidentally veered into the Empire State Building. Betty Lou was seriously injured in the crash. Co-workers immediately rushed her into the very elevator that was assigned to her, hoping to get her to a hospital. Little did anyone know, however, that the crash also severed the elevator cables. Betty Lou then plummeted in the elevator car a total of . . . 75 stories. And she survived! She still holds the record for surviving the longest elevator fall.

And do you know what else turns 75 next year? The Oneida Lake Association! Founded in 1945, The Oneida Lake Association remains dedicated to its original mission "to protect, restore and preserve the natural resources of Oneida Lake and its surrounding ecosystem. The OLA has evolved from what was once perceived as

a fishing association to what has today become a powerful environmental partnership group."

We are excited to remain a vital organization devoted to maintaining one of New York State's true treasures. Be sure to join us next spring for our 75th Annual Meeting. We have plenty of celebrations planned. As always, we would not be such a robust organization without our devoted members. We hope that you, too, will participate in this significant anniversary. Send us your thoughts about Oneida Lake or the OLA. What does the lake mean to you and your family? Do you have any interesting history to share with us? How long have you been a member? What do you cherish most about the lake? What family events do you associate with Oneida?

Send your thoughts and ideas to ola75th@gmail.com. We hope to publish and share some of your submissions.

OLA Reports on the 2019 Survey Results

Earlier this year, your Oneida Lake Association sent out a survey to its members. Because we want to remain relevant and viable to our membership, we asked a variety of questions on ways we can improve our service to you, our membership. The Board of Directors was thrilled with the large number of responses that we received!

Your Directors want you to know that we take your responses seriously. From the hundreds of suggestions, we sorted out the most significant and frequent ideas. Our goal is to develop an action plan to address these priority items.

Here are some important issues that the membership identified in the survey.

Increase Membership

The OLA believes that increased membership is a highly significant goal. A strong, robust, membership list increases our influence when it comes to effecting change for Oneida Lake.

Survey suggestions:

More robust/interactive social media exposure!

- Facebook
- Webpage
- Instagram
- More exposure on print and broadcast media
- Membership drives
- Trifold holders placed in marinas, bait shops, boat launches
- Develop posters that lakeside bars and restaurants would be willing to display in a prominent location
- Designate the marinas, bait shops, bars, (etc.) who help us promote our organization as Ambassadors of OLA.

There was a strong response rate for multi-year/lifetime membership. This idea is worth exploring.

Increase Attendance at the Annual Meeting

There was a strong response rate that indicated that folks were generally pleased with the Annual Meeting as is.

Survey suggestions:

- More social media announcements
- Move the publication date of the Spring Bulletin to April 1.

Increase Youth Participation in OLA

The OLA sees our youth as the future of the organization.

Survey suggestions:

- Focus attention on clubs, scouts, and other youth organizations, such as Environmental clubs, Boy Scouts, 4H, etc.
- Develop a Just for Kids edition of the *Bulletin*.

State Police Underwater Recovery Team

by Officer Donald Will

Editor's Note: At the August OLA Networking meeting, New York State Police officers Donald Will and Gregory Eberl made a presentation on the high resolution sonar that they use for underwater missions. These two officers participated in the search and recovery of the victims of the two tragic drownings on Oneida Lake this past summer. The OLA Board extends its thanks to these officers and all of the law enforcement personnel who help keep us safe on and around our lake.



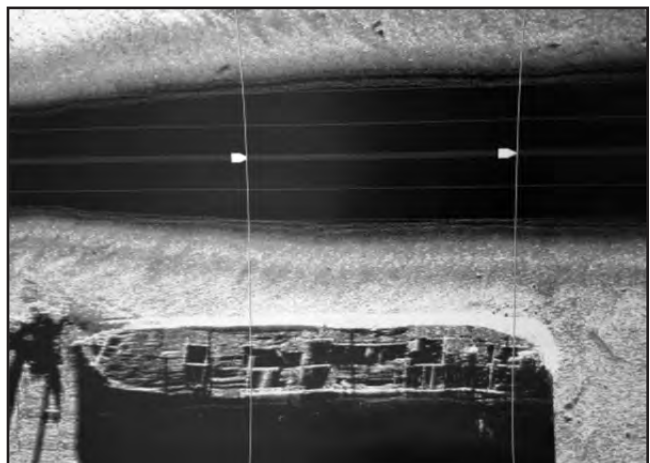
The State Police first acknowledged the need for a specialized unit to perform underwater search and recovery operations in 1932. These pioneer specialists wore lead-footed, hard-helmeted diving suits that weighed more than 100 pounds. Today, the New York State Police has eight teams with a capability to have eight divers on each team that are strategically located throughout the state (hence the octopus logo). Currently eight troops, including Troop D (which covers Oneida Lake), have dive teams. The state police strategically locate major assets throughout the state, including specialized divers and state of the art search and recovery equipment. One specialized piece of equipment is known as side scan sonar.

Side scan sonar uses pulses of sound that shoot out across the bottom of water from a "towfish." The towfish looks like a torpedo that we place in the water and tow behind our sonar boat. Although it uses sound, think for a minute of using a flashlight in a dark room. If you hold the flashlight at a constant height and walk forward while scanning the wall, everything you see will cast a shadow up on the wall. You will also be able to see an outline of everything that you come across in that room. The difference is that side scan sonar illuminates the bottom of the body of water with a pulse of sound rather than light.

The New York State Underwater Recovery Team currently has two side scan systems that are placed in Troops E and F and are utilized throughout the state. Troop E would assist the teams that are located in central and western side of the state, including Oneida Lake, and Troop F would assist the teams in the eastern part of the state. Both are readily available to respond to any incident at any time.



Actual sonar scans provided by the officers.

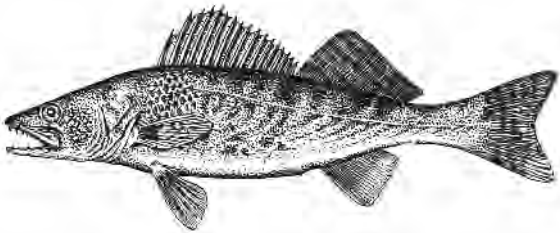


Selective Harvest

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bass fisheries in our state and in our country. Bass sure are a lot of fun to catch and so are walleye and yellow perch. We all know that walleye and yellow perch taste great, therefore, many anglers on Oneida Lake like to harvest the daily limits of three walleye 15 inches or longer. They also harvest fifty yellow perch on those trips when they are active. However, the practice of **Selective Harvest** is another popular option for anglers. This practice includes keeping a few fish to eat (10 - 12 yellow perch) and releasing those larger walleye that are 23 inch plus, while keeping a daily limit of three smaller fish in that 15 to 20 inch range. Individuals can ask themselves how many fish do they really need to keep? In the Midwest the practice of Selective Harvest has really caught on in recent years. Also, there are many bodies of water that have experienced over-harvest due to increased knowledge, high-powered electronics, and other advanced fishing equipment that we have today.

If you consider yourself to be a skilled angler and fish often, please think about the practice of **Selective Harvest** on Oneida Lake in the future.



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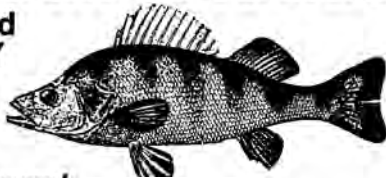
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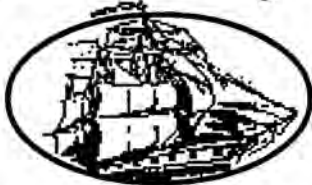
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