

June 2020 HC COLA Announcements:

- 1) Deb Massey resigned from the Hubbard COLA Executive Board, the position of VP / President Elect of HC COLA, and the AIS Operating Team as of mid-June. Deb explains that this is totally due to medical issues with her back and uncertainty into the future regarding treatment and timing of that treatment. She plans to continue as the Twin Lakes Association representative for HC COLA and will continue to serve on the HC COLA Finance Committee.

- 2) In Memory:
 - a) Mary Elizabeth Larsen – a past secretary and treasurer of HC COLA first formed. She lived on Fish Hook Lake. She is listed in the first few newsletters we have from early 1990's as Secretary / Treasurer of HC COLA.

Her environmental interests led her to serve for several years as secretary for the Coalition of Lake Associations focused on protecting Hubbard County lakes and rivers.
<https://www.jonespearson.com/obituary/mary-larsen>

 - b) Helen Marsh – a past HC COLA Rep for Big Mantrap passed away late last week at age 85, surrounded by her family. In lieu of flowers, there will be donations to the Big Mantrap Lake Association.

June 2020 HC COLA Committee Reports:

Education / Restore The Shore:

We have determined that we will POSTPONE until next year this planned educational workshop for developing Shoreland Advisors for our HC COLA lakes due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Interested in learning more now? The 2019 course is online with data for another MN area: <https://itascawaters.org/shoreland-advisors> The course was initially created because lakeshore owners were surveyed in Itasca County. It was found that lakeshore owners are interested in considering information and ideas from other property owners. So, we here at HC COLA want to follow their success.

Fri 8/14/2020 "Hold The Date" for Friday evening 8/14/2020 for an HC COLA and Hubbard County UMN Extension educational workshop for you and your neighbor as Shoreland Advisors. The workshop will help provide background on restoring and preserving shoreland, along with helpful practices that can positively impact lake water quality. Build your skillset and knowledge...

HC COLA is represented on the Mississippi Headwaters One Watershed One Plan efforts as meetings resume via zoom. HC COLA is also represented on the Hubbard County Local Water Plan review coordinated by the HC SWCD.

Water Monitoring:

Training videos on water monitoring and zebra mussel veliger sampling & protocol: <https://www.rmbel.info/training/>

Update from Peter Tuomisto for Cooler Monday, July 20th:

- 1.) Please do not arrive earlier than 9:00 a.m. at Charlies to drop off your sample coolers and pick up your empty coolers. The Trailer will be at Charlies by 9:00 a.m. and will be there until 11:00 a.m.
- 2.) The Veliger tests can be done between now and July 20 with all sample bottles to be dropped off at Charlies on July 20 with the coolers. The Veliger sample bottles do not need to be refrigerated. Preserve with 91% alcohol.
- 3.) Please do not put loose ice in your coolers. We need to keep the inside of the coolers as dry as we can so we do not develop mold in them. Adding extra ice to your coolers is a good thing but only if it is in a sealed baggie.

AIS Operating Team:

An HC COLA email was sent last week regarding the time sensitive information related to AIS programs. Some lake associations provided additional 2020 supplemental income to HC Env Svcs for watercraft inspections by 6/26/20.

- 1) **By 7/13/2020, please send hccolamn@gmail.com your "best estimate" of the amount of 2021 supplemental watercraft inspection hours your lake association will want to purchase** for next summer. Eric Buitenwerf, HC Env Svcs Director explains that although the County Board has not yet provided specific instruction as to what it would like to see in next year's budget, the Board's goal is to provide taxpayers with as much levy relief as possible given the economic impacts of COVID. So Eric's best guess is that the Board will likely continue the expense minimization efforts it implemented for 2020 - which included foregoing the County levy contribution amount.

- 2) Both the MN DNR and the County have now approved placing the zebra mussel settlement samplers (ZMSS) on the public access docks for this summer as part of our HC COLA "Eyes on the Water" program <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/eyes-on-the-water---early-detection.html>.

Adopt your access, place a ZMSS and email hccolamn@gmail.com to track. Then we can determine if there are additional lakes that need adopting yet. Check the lakeshore / shoreline for AIS when there too.

Start checking the ZMSS in Aug. The sampler must be removed by Oct, clean it up for next year & complete the HC COLA online survey. <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/eyes-on-the-water---early-detection.html>

We still have some Zebra Mussel Settlement Samplers available that the girl scouts made for your lake accesses, resorts and also your lakeshore owners to achieve that "ring" around your lake for early detection. They are white 10" PVC pipes. Email hccolamn@gmail.com if you need some please.

Delayed due to covid-19 pandemic, the Eagle Scout Court of Honor is now Sunday 6/28 for Isaac Zinniel, who created the kiosk at the Wolf Lake Wildlife Management Area near Bemidji for HC COLA in time for opening fishing 2019. This kiosk helps educate lake users to prevent the spread of Starry Stonework & Zebra Mussels. It has Bemidji decon station info. Congratulations to Isaac from HC COLA!!