

ANNUAL PARADE OF LIGHTS



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The water looks great, and we are ready to be "dazzled" by your creativity! Celebrate the Season by enjoying a peaceful night under the stars, and adding some sparkle of your own. Simply decorate your boat and yard, listen for the starting horn and follow the lead boat (green/white Mastercraft). It is important to remain close (approximately 2 boat-lengths) to the person you are following by adjusting

your cruising speed. Going too fast splashes water onto the lights and sometimes causes shorting. Going too slow creates gaps, making it difficult to communicate with other boats should they need assistance. In the event a boat has to fall out of the line-up, please close the gap. Following these simple guidelines will ensure the safety of the

boaters, and provide a visual array of splendor for the onlookers. Come Join In The Fun!!!

Decorate your docks and backyards for all to enjoy!

PARTICIPATE by decorating your boats with *Holiday Spirit* and joining the parade route for onlookers to enjoy!

Let's
"Light Up Lake Irma"!!

Saturday, December 19th at 7 PM

PARADE PARTICIPANTS

Boaters Meet 6:45 pm

Southeast side of the lake by the conservation area. Bring your Christmas music and your "hot cocoa".

7PM

Listen for the starting horn
Fall into line, leaving two

boat lengths between participants.

Proceed single file.

Cruise 1-2 times counter-clockwise around the lake.

To decorate your boat, we have found that a DC to AC converter with an output of at least 400 watts works well for several strings of lights.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

Lakes go through a natural aging process called eutrophication. This aging process occurs as follows: **Excess nutrients in the form of fertilizers, leaves, waste, oil, detergents and yard clippings** enter the water and stimulate the existing plants, creating an environment for algae to overproduce. As the plants and algae proliferate and die, available oxygen in the water is greatly reduced. When oxygen is reduced, desirable and beneficial organisms such as native plants and game fish die. The water becomes murky and foul smelling. This decomposing matter combines with

the excess nutrients to form sediment on the bottom of the lake. The sediment eventually fills in the lake. Eutrophication can be accelerated by development and carelessness on our part as lake residents. This past summer on my side of Lake Irma, the wind blew in the algae and created a four foot, solid green blanket along the shore, making it difficult to enjoy any lake activities.

Let's *work together* to slow down eutrophication. *Remove*

dead and floating vegetation from the shoreline, *leave* live existing shoreline vegetation, irrigate your yard with lake water *eliminating* the need to fertilize and *keep* septic systems properly **maintained.**

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VISIT THE LAKE IRMA WEBSITE:

The website provides a wealth of information about living on Lake Irma. **Please visit and provide** comments on how we can make it better to serve our community. We are looking for more content on the history of Lake Irma. **If you have old brochures, pictures, or stories about life on our beautiful lake, please share.** There are a few **interactive features** on our website we'd like you to participate in:

1. WE'VE CREATED THE "LAKE IRMA ASSOCIATION EMAIL LIST". This list is

intended to provide a quicker and cheaper way for information to be distributed. Example uses:

- a. A boat floats up to your shore and you'd like the owner to retrieve it.
- b. You've lost a pet.
- c. You want to invite everyone to an event on the lake.

Just send your announcement to a board member and the content

will be sent out to everyone on the "LIA Email List". Your email address on the list will be kept confidential. Currently we have approximately 50 email addresses of residents of the lake and canal. Since there are 99 lakefront properties and 52 canal front properties, we are short of about 100 email addresses. Please go to the website and add your email to the list!

2. THERE IS A FORUM WITH MULTIPLE TOPICS. You can register on the forum and get notified of any posts made to the forum. If you have something to sell, please post it on the forum (<http://www.lakeirma.org/forum>).

3. THERE IS AN INTERACTIVE MAP WHICH ALLOWS HYDRILLA SIGHTINGS TO BE PLOTTED.

Thankfully, the EPD seems to

have gotten the hydrilla under control. The containment plan going forward is for the EPD to spot spray any larger clumps of hydrilla and have the carp eat the smaller clumps. **WE CAN HELP.** If you spot any hydrilla, please plot the location on the website (<http://www.lakeirma.org/maintain/index.php?plots>). The plots are sent to the EPD, and downloaded to their GPS units. On their next visit the EPD would spray the location you had plotted.

4. WE HAVE A GROUP ON FACEBOOK "LAKE IRMA YACHT CLUB". If you're a face book fan, please join the group and share pictures and video of your fun on the lake. There's a link on the Lake Irma home page www.lakeirma.com.

---Chuck Kristofek

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BI-LAW MODIFICATIONS REQUIRING YOUR VOTE

Chuck Kristofek has proposed 7 items to be added to our bi-laws. Each of these items requires approval by majority vote at the next general meeting, which is to be determined.

Addition #1:

1. Order of business of all meetings shall be as follows:

A. Meeting called to order by the President or representative.

B. Reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting.

C. Introductions of and presentations by guest speakers.

D. Report of the President.

E. Report of the Treasurer.

F. Report of the Secretary.

G. Report of the VP of Safety.

H. Report of the Water Quality.

I. Reports of Directors & Committees.

J. Transaction of other business for which notice has been given.

K. Transaction of new business or other business called before the meeting.

L. Election of Directors.

M. Notification of the time of next meeting, if known.

N. Adjournment.

Addition #2:

2. COMMITTEES

SECTION 1 -APPOINTMENT

The President shall appoint such Committees as may be necessary or appropriate for the conduct of the business of the Association for the advancement of the purposes thereof.

Addition #3:

SECTION 2 - COMMITTEES GUIDELINES

A. Legal Committee. This committee shall review and evaluate all land use, development, zoning, environmental, water quality and litigation issues which impact Lake Irma, the Lake Irma MSTU, or the membership. There shall be at least three (3) members of this committee.

Addition #4:

B. Plant Committee. This committee shall assist members with advice on plantings in and around Lake Irma and shall be authorized to plant beneficial aquatic varieties in Lake Irma. The committee shall educate members on beneficial and harmful plants in the Lake Irma ecosystem.

Addition #5:

C. Water Quality. This committee shall evaluate and notify members concerning water quality issues affecting Lake Irma, including aquatic life and water testing.

Addition #6:

D. Social Committee. This committee shall organize and coordinate such activities, entertainment and refreshment as may be

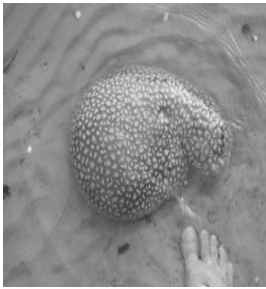
deemed desirable or appropriate. The Second Vice President shall be chairman of this committee.

Addition #7:

SECTION 3 - OTHER COMMITTEES

The President shall designate such other additional committees for recreation, sportsmanship, beautification, regulation, or other purposes as may be contemplated for the purposes of the





WHAT IS IT?

It's a bryozoa and showing up in Lake Irma. They are good for the lake, and look and filter the water like a jellyfish. Fresh water bryozoans live in colonies which can get as big as a basketball. A new colony will start from larva or from statoblasts which are

like seeds. Bryozoans are water animals so that means they eat and digest tiny animals like plankton by filtering them out of the water. Each bryozoan is about 1 mm long. Freshwater bryozoan colonies are usually found around branches that have fallen into still water. If you cut one of these

colonies in two you would find gelatin type stuff inside. However, if you pierce it, it might give off poison. Typically, they are harmless.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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