**NEWS** 

# Crystal Lake Association

#### **LETTER**

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Since 1932, working for the preservation and improvement of Crystal Lake and its watershed for future generations.

# **Spring At Crystal Lake**

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#### CRYSTAL LAKE ASSOCIATION

#### **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

If you note, we have included a copy of the Associations Articles in this news letter. The last time the C.L.A. amended any articles was July 6, 1991. The Board of Directors of the Crystal Lake Association wishes to make a change to the current position of Secretary/Treasurer. Under the current Articles this position is held by (1) one person. The position has grown as the Association grows to a (2) two person Therefore, the Articles of the Association state that all members must be notified of a desired change (15) fifteen days previous to the vote to amend any Articles. This vote will take place at the July 5, 2003 Members Meeting, to be held at the Crystal Sailing Club. (See Article XVI- Amendments contained here-in.)

#### ROUND GOBY & EURASIAN RUFFE WATCH

The round goby & the ruffe may pose a serious threat to North American aquatic ecosystems, with potential impacts on sport and commercial fishing. The gobe since its discovery in the St Clair Lake in 1990, a bottom dwelling fish has rapidly spread to many areas in the Great Lakes. The eurasian ruffe may compete with native fish for food and habitat, was first discovered in western Lake Superior in 1986. As are the gobe, the ruffe are also a bottom dwelling fish and has also spread rapidly to many areas of the Great Lakes. The goby can displace native fish, eat their eggs and young, take over optimum

habitat, spawn several time a season, and survive even in poor quality water. Giving them a competitive advantage. Anglers are often the first to discover round goby and ruffe first as these aggressive fish are commonly caught by hook and line.

#### What you can do is as follows:

- Learn to identify both types of fish
- Always drain water form you boat, live well and bilge before leaving any water access.
- Always dispose of unwanted bait on land or in trash.
- Never dip your bait bucket into a lake or river if it has water in it from another body of water.
- Never dump live fish from one body of water into another body of water.
- If you catch either types of these fish, kill it, freeze it and Call the Michigan Sea Grant Program in East Lansing @ (517)353-9748.

  The DEQ or DNR can also be notified.

### **DO NOT THROW IT BACK ALIVE!.**BOATER SAFETY PROGRAM.

We have had a few people interested in a Boater Safety Program again this year at Crystal Lake. If you have an interest please contact either Carol Tomlin @ (989) 235-6377 or Buck Last @ (989) 235-4065. Minimum participants 10-12.

JST ANNUAL CLA PICNIC

The 1<sup>st</sup> annual CLA Picnic will be held on July 19, 2003 in Crystal Twp. Park. Watch for additional information.

THANK YOU!