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Greetings!

It's Your Lake KEEP IT CLEAN!

Perhaps my first awareness of the Oneida Lake Association came from the several roadside signs that dot the lake. The OLA appreciates the many businesses and individuals who have sponsored these signs over the years.

We are please to announce that we have erected our latest sign, on Route 31 near the intersection of Cicero Center Road. The sign itself was constructed by Director George Reck. It is a work of art! On November 17, a small crew consisting of George, his father, and Directors Greg Keener, Bill Alexander, and John Harmon dug the holes and placed the sign. We hope these signs continue to remind passers-by that **Oneida is Our Lake. Keep it Clean!**



If you or your business would like to sponsor one of these signs, please contact us.

Check it out!

~John Harmon
OLA President

Highway Clean-Up

The OLA Directors continue their commitment to keep our lake and its roadways clean and safe. In late October, a group of Directors, under the leadership of George Reck, focused on the on-ramp of Route 81 near the Brewerton Bridge. They pulled out three large garbage bags of debris. Great work!



If you would like to highlight some clean-up that you or your neighbors have done, send us a photo and a brief write-up.

Oneida's Bass Fishery

As you know from reading our latest issues of the *OLA Bulletin*, we have been focusing on the walleye population in Oneida Lake. Although fishing for 'eyes was a challenge throughout the summer, it appears that the fall bite has picked up nicely!

We have also heard from OLA members that they have some concerns about the bass fishery, especially with the many bass tournaments that visit the lake. Rather than forming a reaction based on anecdotal information, the Board of Directors is once again committed to gathering data from the scientists who carefully study the lake. To that end, we invited Tony Van De Valk to attend our recent Board meeting. Tony is a research Support Specialist for Cornell University who works out of Shackleton Point on Oneida Lake. Together with another renowned Cornell scientist, Dr. Randy Jackson, they prepared a twenty page report on their current knowledge of Oneida's bass fishery. The Directors are carefully studying this report. We hope to share parts of the study , as well as our analysis in the next issue of the *OLA Bulletin*.

Send Us Your Photos

Occasionally we receive photos from our members, highlighting the beauty of our treasured lake. Keep them coming! We will choose a few to feature in

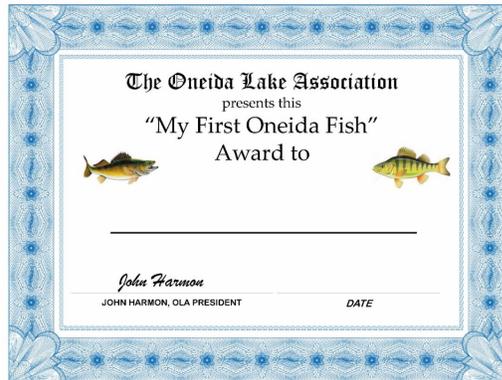
our newsletters and on our website.

Check out this nicely framed image from Jessica Smith!



"My First Oneida Fish"

As you are preparing your gear for the ice fishing season, don't forget to visit our OLA webpage. There you will find a youth-oriented certificate that you can download. You can download this certificate, fill it out, and present it to someone who has just caught his or her first Oneida Lake fish!



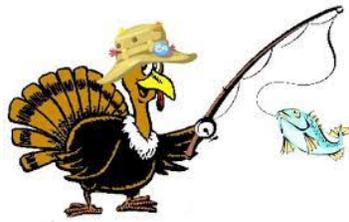
Send us a photo of someone holding up the certificate, and we'll try to get it in our newsletter!

SAFETY REMINDER

Just a reminder that from November 1 - May 1 *everyone* aboard a boat less than 21ft. in length (including canoes and kayaks) must wear a life jacket while underway.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The Board of Directors wishes you a safe and pleasant Thanksgiving Day!



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\$8 annually

Recruit your neighbors and friends TO JOIN US!



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Memorials and contributions to our program are most welcome.

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The Oneida Lake Association is a member of the New York State Conservation Council <http://www.nyscc.com/> and the New York State Federation of Lake Associations <http://www.nysfola.org/>.

Please remember to obey all laws, rules, regulations, and codes of ethics as they pertain to boating, fishing, hunting, and the management of Oneida Lake and its tributaries.

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