Did you Know? Oneida Lake is Amazing!

It is the largest natural freshwater lake (79.8 square miles) in the United States that lies entirely within a single state.

- The Iroquois called it *Tsioqui* their word for "White Water."
- More than 886,000 people live within the lake's watershed.
- More than 75 species of fish call Oneida Lake home.
- More than 1,400 local jobs connect to sport angling.
- Anglers spend 200,000 to 300,000 hours/year on Oneida Lake fishing, mostly for walleye and bass.
- Fishing generates close to \$50 million in economic impact.
- More than 50 documented wrecks lie beneath the surface, including the only Durham boat ever found!

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The Oneida Lake Association Exists to:

- Improve conditions affecting Oneida Lake that pertain to fishing, hunting, boating, and camping on the shores, islands, waters and tributary waters;
- Bring about correction of any conditions found to be detrimental to Oneida Lake; and
- Promote conservation, and the observation of conservation, environmental, and fish and game laws.



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A Long History of Preservation

The Oneida Lake Association (OLA) was founded in 1946 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. The OLA is an important 501(c)(4) organization that represents its 2,500+ members in legislative and environmental issues which impact Oneida Lake.

The Association achieves its political strength from its highly valued Membership, without whom most of its efforts would be severely diminished.

Look at the benefits of membership in the OLA, and what it has to offer you. It's your lake – let's all help to preserve it.

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Your Investment as an OLA Member

Since its formation in 1946, the *Oneida Lake Association* (OLA) has been the driving force behind the promotion, preservation, and wise utilization of a remarkable natural resource on the New York landscape, Oneida Lake. Your investment in OLA **MAKES A DIFFERENCE** toward the protection of Oneida Lake in the following ways by:

- Reaching out to its membership on topics critical to Oneida Lake through the *OLA Bulletin*, on-line *E-News*, *special topic workshops* (like the "Got Nuisance Geese" event), and the OLA website (oneidalakeassociation. org).
- Holding an *Annual Meeting* (for over 70 years now!) for its membership with focus themes centered on the *State of Oneida Lake.*
- Connecting with federal, state, and local government officials, law enforcement, researchers, business owners, and property owners on issues of economic, ecological, and public concern at an *Annual Network-ing Outing*.
- Supporting efforts to sustain the Oneida Lake Fish Culture Station, reduce impacts of Double-Crested Cormorants, enhance a Quality Fishery, Eradicate Invasive Species like water chestnut, and improve Water Quality.
- Maintaining "Keep Our Lake Clean" signs.
- Promoting legislation that will *Protect Oneida Lake and Benefit its Users.*
- Recognizing individuals who have made outstanding contributions toward protecting and enhancing Oneida Lake through its annual *"Conservationist of the Year"* award.
- Partnering with environmental groups, researchers at Cornell University, local colleges and universities, fishing groups, and the entire Oneida Lake community to keep tabs on emerging and current issues that impact Oneida Lake.

Do You Fish, Boat, Sail, Hunt or Camp on Oneida Lake?

Help us preserve and protect the Lake. Join the Oneida Lake Association today!



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Your membership includes:

- Two issues per year of the Oneida Lake Association Bulletin. The publication features informative articles on Oneida Lake's social, environmental, historical and cultural issues, as well as articles of interest to anglers, boaters and other recreational users of the Lake.
- An invitation to attend the annual meeting of the Oneida Lake Association in April.
- *Your* important contribution and investment in the continued preservation of one of New York's most beautiful and valuable natural resources!

□ Check here to receive The OLA Bulletin electronically.

The Oneida Lake Association, Inc., was organized in 1946 to restore and preserve the natural resources of Oneida Lake and its environs. The Bulletin is published by the OLA so that members may be informed regarding its activities.

Check here if you would like to volunteer. Volunteers are always welcome.

Complete this form and include check for \$8, mail to:
Oneida Lake Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 3536, Syracuse, New York 13220-3536
or

Sign up on line at: www.oneidalakeassociation.org

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