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Greetings!

Your Thoughts on the Perch Limit for NYS Waters?

Perhaps you recently participated in the survey put out by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation regarding raising the daily limit of walleyes on Oneida Lake. (The Fall issue of the *OLA Bulletin* will have a comprehensive article on this issue. Arriving in your mailbox/inbox soon!)

The DEC is also turning its attention to studying perch size limits and bag limits in NYS waters. They are conducting a brief survey to learn more about the views of New York anglers on yellow perch fishing on inland waters. Go to <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5858634/New-York-Yellow-Perch-Angler-Survey-Inland-Waters> to take the survey.

DEC is accepting responses until October 23rd.

Your OLA Board of Directors encourages you to have your voice heard. We look forward to hearing about your responses.

Reminder: Although the DEC is currently considering raising the daily limit of walleyes on Oneida Lake to five, keep in mind that there has been no final decision. In the meantime, the daily limit of walleyes remains at three!

2,020 in 2020!

The OLA Board of Directors is pleased to announce that despite the covid pandemic, our membership in the OLA now exceeds 2,000. This robust number continues to give us clout when discussing our issues

with government agencies. We thank you for your support and interest!

UPDATE FROM DEC

On September 29, 2020, DEC received a report of a black discharge, believed to be sewage, to the Oneida Creek. DEC conducted an immediate investigation which determined the City of Oneida Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) experienced a problem caused by industrial wastewater that reduced the plant's ability to provide proper treatment. The City is currently working to fix the situation to bring the plant into compliance as soon as possible. DEC continues to closely monitor the plant's operation to ensure all steps are being taken to comply with the stringent requirements in place to protect public health and the environment.

On Oct. 13, DEC issued a formal Notice of Violation to the City to ensure all appropriate corrective actions are expeditiously completed, and that measures are put in place to prevent future non-compliance. Additionally, the City is currently under a DEC Consent Order that requires significant upgrades to the STP to replace aging infrastructure and to provide enhanced treatment of the industrial wastewater it receives. The upgrades are scheduled to be completed by December 2022.

A Helpful link from the Flying Juniors Sailing Club

This sailing club has been putting together a list of virtual lessons for its members to learn about at home! These lessons include topics such as basic water safety and boating guidelines. Flying Juniors Director Jackie Welsh states that, "We had asked the kids to do some research on their own and to email us any noteworthy websites that they found. We're compiling a list and sharing it with the club and parents."

Please check out the following link, provided by Stacy, one of the student members:

Boat Safety for All Ages

<https://www.worldwideboat.com/knowledgebase/boat-safety>

New Title, Same Great Information

The Freshwater Fishing and Boating Newsletter from the DEC is now "The Fishing Line." The DEC publication's name may have changed but delivering interesting, informative news on freshwater fishing, boating, and fisheries management in New York hasn't! Want DEC to cover a particular topic? Let them know by emailing fwfish@dec.ny.gov.

Would you like to Help the Oneida Lake Association?

We are looking for dedicated volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors for the Oneida Lake Association. If you'd like to help us carry on the mission of the Oneida Lake Association and help us Preserve and Protect our beautiful lake, this is the time to think seriously about stepping up.

The BOD currently has two Director vacancies. We need individuals who have people skills and an interest with interaction with the academic and government professionals. Good writing and technology skills are a bonus.

Directors serve 2-year terms, meet once a month, and may spend 3-6 hours a month on OLA business.

Each Director must serve on at least one standing committee, volunteer for special events, and anticipate advancement to an officer's position.

If you have an interest in serving OLA, please reach out to one of the Directors. Our contact info is at our website.

Write out your avocational resume, personal interests, and a professional background summary. Send them by snail or email to any OLA Director, or to President@OneidaLakeAssociation.org

Member's **FISHING TIPS.**

Feel free to offer up some of *your* short hints, tips, and tricks.

Here are classic tips from H.G. Tapply writing in *Field and Stream*:
<https://www.fieldandstream.com/32-vintage-fishing-tips/>

MEMBER QUESTIONS?

Send your questions and opinions to President@OneidaLakeAssociation.org

ONEIDA LAKE SIGNS. There are 20 signs around the lake bearing advertising support for the OLA's mission. At this time there is about a dozen firms of these advertisers who are no longer in business. If your company has interest in adopting one of these signs, and promoting both your business and OLA at a nominal expense, please contact an OLA Director or email President@OneidaLakeAssociation.org

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\$8 annually

Recruit your non-member neighbors and friends TO JOIN US!

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Memorials and contributions to our



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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/>.

Report environmental violations. 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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