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DRCI was established in 1995  
It is comprised of 403 Shareholders

## **DEAD RIVER CAMPERS NEWS**



Photo Credit: Angela Gardner

From the desk of the Operations Manager:

It has been a crazy summer and it is only the middle of July. We held our 2nd online election, with great success and our very first online annual meeting presentation. The percentage of shareholders voting online was greater than our previous mail in/in person elections and our virtual annual meeting presentation was viewed an equivalent to what our in persons meetings have been over the past decade.

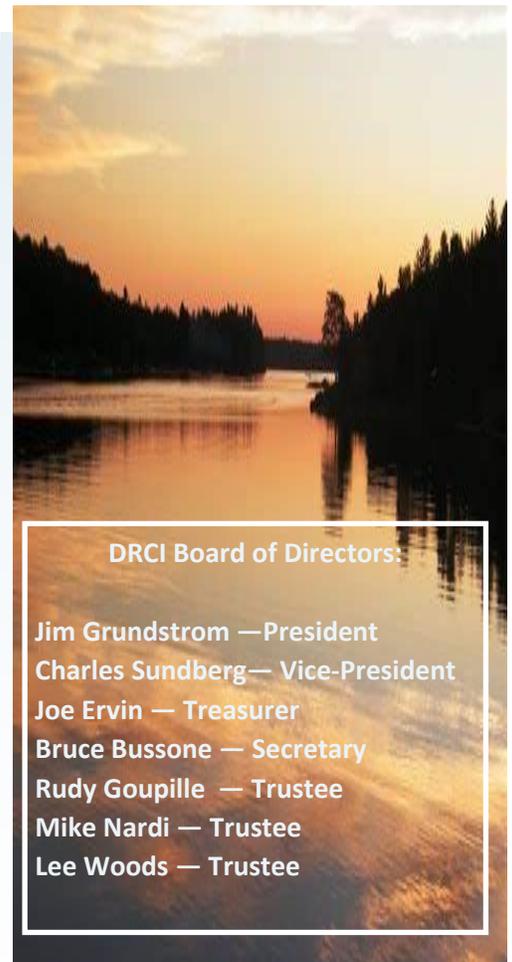
We once again held our Doc Turino Memorial Fireworks display on the last Saturday in June. The river was packed with boats and the display was absolutely beautiful. We have begun to collect donations for next year's display, with the hope that it will be even bigger and more beautiful.

Our office has been receiving telephone calls and emails, on a weekly basis, asking if we have any property to sell. At this time, all of the lots that DRCI had listed, have been sold.

We once again offered Matching Road Fund Grants and had 13 neighborhood groups take advantage of the program. We are very pleased with how this program has helped to improve Emergency Access around the basin.

We are happy to announce that the Kid's Fishing Derby is back this year. The event will be held on Saturday, August 7th from 9am—11am. We will gather for prizes and lunch at the East End Boat Lunch around 11am.

If you have any questions or concerns, regarding activities around the basin, please feel free to contact us. (Contact information is posted above). Enjoy the rest of your summer!



### DRCI Board of Directors:

Jim Grundstrom — President  
Charles Sundberg — Vice-President  
Joe Ervin — Treasurer  
Bruce Bussone — Secretary  
Rudy Goupille — Trustee  
Mike Nardi — Trustee  
Lee Woods — Trustee

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## SAFETY and RESPECT ON THE BASIN:

The Hoist Basin has become the talk in the community lately, and not in a good way. Accidents and near misses have been reported both on the water and roads. With the warm summer, traffic has increased greatly and is causing safety concerns especially in the "narrows", Little Dead and other congested areas. Keeping the legal distance from other boats and docks is essential. On the roads, with the improvements made by the road groups, excess speed is a problem. Loud music and foul language is another issue.

Remember sound travels across the water.

All these problems come down to "Respect" and "Safety" for others.

### **Water Levels on the Basin: Jim Grundstrom, DRCI President**

This year the water elevation decline can be attributed to many factors:

A mild winter in the volume of snow scale and to top that off it was surely white but very lacking in snow water equivalent moisture. We actually need good old wet heavy snow to build the snow pack for spring.

Winter departed somewhat early and spring showed up early too.

Especially in the western watershed snow melt did nothing to refill Silver Lake and that is our savings account of water for late summer. It has been 5 feet low since winter.

As you know the Basin is approximately 8.5 miles long from tip to tip. Warmer than usual temps and southerly winds remove up to 20 cubic feet per second in evaporation around the clock. Our water just goes to the<sup>[OB]</sup> sky.

Management of the Basin in past years was by agreement with the Stake Holders including DRCI, MDNR, MDEQ now EGLE, KBIC, US Fish and Wildlife, UPPCO, and FERC. An effective strategy that UPPCO used was to ask for input and by a reasonable future date operated by having "silence was acceptance" if no responses were received from any agency.

This winter FERC changed to input must be received by all Stakeholders in order to have UPPCO make any changes in generation CFS consumption rates of water going through the turbines.

Josh Ball has been asking for input on a regular basis for months and I believe I am correct in sharing that input from DRCI has been the only responder.

This does not meet guidelines and consequently no changes to generation have been approved and made.

In our most recent interaction, DRCI asked for a reduction to 80 CFS and so far no decision has been made on our request.

We have entered into Dry Year Consultation via Silver Lake elevation and will be entering into DYC for hoist soon.

The agency input is asked for, wishes for, and necessary to make generation consumption changes in the water.

As I hope can see, water elevation is very much a calculation and with weather last winter and weather this summer and mandates to keep the interconnecting river sections wet, we find ourselves in a very challenging and hard to win position.



**2021 Doc Turino Memorial  
Fireworks on the Basin  
June 26, 2021**



**NMU TOWER UPDATE:  
Donn Wolf, NMU**

The construction of the new tower located on the west end of the Hoist basin is nearly complete with final testing and signal adjustments under-way. NMU expects to complete its work at the tower site in August with service available to area residents this September.

**Looking for new Dead River Apparel? Stop by 213 East Pearl Street and check out the shirts, sweatshirts, hats and license plates.**

Photo Credit: Chris Gleason



## ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

- ▶ We were able to maintain “business as usual”, by moving to work from home March, April & May of 2020.
- ▶ Largest DRCI Fireworks Display to date
- ▶ Three Mile Road Re-route completed, better emergency access available
- ▶ Held the first DRCI on-line election with great success
- ▶ Continuation of Matching Road Fund Grants
- ▶ Harvested the Spruce, before they were destroyed by Spruce Bud.

### What Are Our Financial Assets as of December 31, 2020?

Cash	\$	39,698.00
Investments	\$	1,566,176.00
Security Deposit	\$	200.00
Fixed Assets*	\$	34,036.00
Surplus Lands**	\$	191,978.00
Surplus Lots**	\$	64,499.00
Timber**	\$	53,296.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,949,883.00</b>
*Net of Depreciation		
**Book Value		

\*\*As of March 31, 2021 our current investment were \$1,856,772.99

## DRAFTING STATIONS

- ▶ DRCI is currently working with both the Negaunee Township Fire Department and the Ishpeming Township Fire Department to evaluate and decide where to place drafting stations around the basin.
- ▶ DRCI is working to help improve fire safety around the basin
- ▶ If you would like to offer your property to be used as an access point for water, please contact the DRCI office by email at [drcicampers@gmail.com](mailto:drcicampers@gmail.com) OR call the office at 485-1975

# BOATING SAFETY

## WHO MAY OPERATE A BOAT

Those **less than 12 years of age** :

- may legally operate a boat powered by a motor of no more than 6 horsepower (hp) without restrictions.
- may legally operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 hp, but no more than 35 hp, only if they:
  - have been issued a **[boating safety certificate](#)** and have it on board; **and**
  - are directly supervised on board by a person at least 16 years of age.
- may not legally operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 35 hp legally under any conditions.

Those **born on or after July 1, 1996** may legally operate a boat only if they have been issued a **[boating safety certificate](#)** and have it on board.

Those **born before July 1, 1996** may legally operate a boat without restrictions.

## WHO MAY OPERATE A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

Those **less than 14 years of age** may not legally operate a personal watercraft (PWC) (ie. jet ski, wave runner).

Those **14 and 15 years of age** may legally operate a PWC if they have obtained a **[boating safety certificate](#)**; **and** is

- accompanied on board by their parent, legal guardian or by a person who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian and is at least 21 years of age; **or**
- operating or riding the PWC at a distance of not more than 100 feet from their parent, legal guardian or by a person who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian and is at least 21 years of age.

Those **at least 16 years of age and born after Dec. 31, 1978** may legally operate a PWC only if they have obtained a **[boating safety certificate](#)**.

Those **born on or before December 31, 1978** may operate a PWC legally without restrictions.

## BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE

Boaters born after June 30, 1996 and most personal watercraft operators who operate a vessel in Michigan must have a boater education card (boating safety certificate). There are a few different ways to earn your boating safety certificate:

- Get your Michigan boating safety certificate online in three steps:
  - Take a boating safety class - there are a couple different options available:
    - **[boatEd.com](#)**
    - **[boaterExam.com](#)**
  - Take and pass the final exam
  - Immediately print out your permanent Michigan boating safety certificate once you have successfully completed the course by passing the online course exam and paying the course fee.

## Annual Meeting Questions and Comments from shareholders:

Pete Anderson  
114 Ketchem Drive

First I would like to thank all that worked tirelessly to improve 3 Mile Road.

However like all projects there are unintended consequences. Increased traffic of non DRCI members or guests, significantly increased speed of drivers and dust.

I think the next step in the evolution of 3 Mile road is for it to be designated a county or township road. It is a thru road that is used unrestricted by many people That would allow for regular Sheriff Patrols, long-term solution to maintenance and a safer roadway.

I realize that this is a complex process given that we have 2 townships and the county to work with. It will also take some time to work thru.

I would like to see the Board of DRCI take official action to start the process.

Thanks for the work you do and Best Regards.

### **Answer:**

The DRCI board agrees that there are unintended consequences to the improvement of our roads; however, we feel that the good does out way the bad. While the 3 Mile Road upgrades have improvement access for shareholders and emergency vehicles, the improvements still do not meet the standards of a County Road. We will continue to post signage regarding speed limits around the basin and work with the area townships to improve our services.

Joyce Johnson  
2793County Road GGT

I just watched the Zoom cast of the DRCI Annual Meeting. I want to thank the Board for making it available. I would like to suggest that you could annually have a Zoom cast for those of us out of the area who cannot always attend. I would also recommend that you continue to mark the Channel at the West end. It is difficult to participate in events like the fireworks without safe access to the Channel after dark. Is there anyway you can facilitate garbage disposal on the West End on County Rd GGT. Perhaps a dumpster or some other means. Thank You again for the Zoom broadcast.

### **Answer:**

Thank you for the kind words. We are working tirelessly to keep up with the changing world. We are very proud of how we have been able to streamline our election the past two years and provide a virtual annual meeting presentation this year.

Channel Markers have been placed on the basin, however, we want to remind everyone that these are unofficial markers and to please boat at your own risk.

We will continue to work with the townships, to hopefully improve the services for all of our shareholders.

## Annual Meeting Questions and Comments from shareholders cont'd.:

Linda Goodman  
100 Rundman Drive

1. Could you update the YTD HOIST BASIN Elevation Chart (found on DRCI webpage under "Water Levels")  
The last update was 5-15-2018.

**Answer:**

The chart you are referring to was created and maintained by a former board member. It is not a file that we have access to. The chart is still posted for historical purposes only, but is not a chart that we plan to continue to update.

2. On the DRCI webpage, under "Documents--State and Federal Agency Communication", has there been any communication from the DRCI to these agencies since February 20, 2020? If so, could the copies be added to this Document section?

**Answer:**

In 2020 we had an abundance of rain and the water levels were easily maintained. Because of that factor we did not have a great deal of communications with the Federal Agencies.

Our local agencies communicate with FERC on a regular basis, however, we do not feel the need to post every communication on our website. If our shareholders would like to follow the communications, we encourage everyone to sign up for alerts from FERC. This can be done by going to the FERC website : **www.FERC.gov**, clicking on **FERC online** (on the left hand side of the page and then clicking **e-Register** (on the right have side of the page)

As we communicate with the agencies, we will continue to update our shareholders, by posting the pertinent information on our website.

We have received many complaints about reckless boating on the basin. Safety should ALWAYS be our #1 concern. If you see or experience an encounter with a reckless boater, please call the Marquette County Sheriff's Department.



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Marquette, MI 49855



**UPSET Tip Line:**  
**(906) 228-1002**

### ***DRCI KID'S FISHING DERBY***

**Saturday, August 7th**  
**Fishing Time: 9am-11am**  
**Ages: 16 and younger**  
**Lunch, Gifts and Prizes —**  
**East End Boat Launch @ 11:30 am**



### **REMINDERS:**

**Tree Removal Issues:** If you have trees to remove, please fill out a cutting permit and send it in to DRCI or contact Bruce Bussone at 362-2325. Each Shareholder is responsible for any trees cut by contractors you have hired. All stumps are to be removed and hauled away, there is no dumping of stumps allowed on DRCI commonlands.

**Stock Certificates:** You are reminded to update your stock certificate ownership and addresses when something changes that would change. This would include a death, divorce, move, etc. There is no charge to change the certificate and it can be done easily by sending the certificate to DRCI with a copy of the recorded deed, showing change in the ownership.

**Utility Easements:** Please keep all utility easements such as overhead power-line areas clear of boats, trailers and other items so that UPPCO has clear access to the easement area at all times. This is especially important during the winter months.

**Submerged Hazards:** When water levels are low, please take extra caution to avoid submerged hazards while boating. We should all try and mark the hazards as they found, using fluorescent orange; however, safety is still up to the operator.