



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Why Become a Member of the Rice Lake Association?

1. RLA is leading the effort to keep Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), including Zebra Mussels, Eurasian Milfoil, Spiny Fleas and Starry Stonewort, out of our lake through boat inspections, vegetation surveys and chemical treatments. RLA spent \$8,000 on boat inspections, \$10,500+ on vegetation surveys and chemical treatments for Starry Stonewort in 2021. In 2022, costs are expected to increase for boat inspections and vegetation surveys and treatments. Regular vegetation surveys and chemical treatments are our best weapon against Starry Stonewort spreading throughout the lake. If it spreads beyond the South Ramp it will affect your property value. We are also beginning a program in 2022 to address Curly Leaf Pondweed with both Herbicide and Mechanical Harvesting.
2. RLA keeps lakeshore owners apprised of lake activities and critical issues that affect Rice Lake through the Annual meeting, newsletters and the RLA website and media outlets.
3. RLA works to monitor our lake's water quality and undertake projects to reduce the amount of sediment and phosphorus directly entering Rice Lake.
4. RLA actively applies for grant monies to support our work on both AIS and water quality but matching funds are often required.
5. RLA represents you and your interests with government agencies – North Fork Crow River Watershed District (NFCRWD), Stearns County, Eden Valley, Eden Lake Township, Paynesville Township, MPCA, DNR, Environment Services and others.
6. RLA represents you and your interests with other organizations working to prevent the spread of AIS and maintain our water quality – Koronis Lake Association, Pirz Lake Association, Stearns County COLA, MN COLA, MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates.
7. RLA members can get notices regarding lake activities, water levels, and issues by visiting the website.
8. RLA works with the Stearns County Sheriff Water Patrol and the DNR to enforce safety regulations.
9. RLA provides members with information about what they can do as lakeshore owners. A copy of Living on Rice Lake – An Owner's Guide is available on the website: <https://www.ricelakemn.org> Under Lake Projects, Property Owners Part.

To Join, Visit our Website at:

<https://www.ricelakemn.org> Go to **Membership/Pay Membership Dues. Pay on-line or print form and send in membership**