



ARCHER, BARTHOLOMEW, LONG, MARBLE, MUD LAKES
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2026 Season Newsletter

It's (almost) time for sunshine, warm weather, and good times on the lake! For those who are new to the Marble Chain of Lakes Improvement Association, welcome! We appreciate you taking the time to learn more about what The Association is doing to protect, preserve and improve the ecosystem of our "Chain of Lakes" for present and future generations. Let's not forget to welcome back our valued current members! We are excited to share what The Association is doing as we work to enhance the water quality, promote conservation, and boating safety while considering the interests of the property owners, visitors, and interested citizens to our Chain of Lakes. If you are not a member, please consider joining to help us keep our lakes protected! You can join The Association by completing the enclosed Membership Form or joining via the website.

General Membership Meetings

Meetings will be held on **Saturday, June 13** and **Saturday, August 8** at 9:30am at 295 N. Ray Quincy Rd. on the corner of Sebring and N. Ray Quincy Rd. (9:00am coffee and conversation). Tentative agenda items include updates on marine/boating law, fish stocking, fireworks, water quality, the Goose Egg Removal Program, and more. The election of officers and trustees (President, Secretary, Trustees) will take place at the August 8 meeting. You do not need to be a current member to attend a meeting. We welcome everyone who is interested in The Association to come. You must be a member to vote. Your involvement is vital to keep our lakes beautiful!!

Welcome Back to the Lake Event

Come out to beautiful Tip-Up Island on **Saturday, May 16** from 11-2pm to meet and greet your lake neighbors and catch up with each other while enjoying an informal luncheon. Hot dogs, chips, and salad will be provided. Bring your own drinks. There will be prize drawings and a Yeti Cooler giveaway, a display on the history of The Chain of Lakes, along with "lake product" vendors, kid's games and other local businesses. Hope you can join the fun!

Boater Safety Classes

In conjunction with the Marine Patrol, the Marble Chain of Lakes Improvement Association will be offering in-person boater safety classes on **Saturday, May 16** and **Saturday, June 27** at Sunset Cove Resort, 931 Sunset Dr. Quincy, MI 49082, from 9am- 4pm. Lunch will be provided. Why are in-person classes more beneficial than online courses? Sgt. Josh Vickers said, "The kids get a better experience meeting and talking with the marine patrol deputies and discussing on the water situations in a relaxed, informal classroom with pop and pizza. They get a better understanding of the importance of safety on the water." In-person boater safety classes are for those 12 years old and older. You must pre-register for the classes. Please email board@marblechainoflakes.org or visit our website to sign up. Contact the Branch County Sheriff's Office for the full schedule.

Free Boat Inspections

Free boat inspections by the Coast Guard will be on **Saturday, June 13** from 9am - 2pm at Cottonwood Resort, Marble Lake Resort and Sunset Cove. The Coast Guard rain out date will be June 27. Branch County Marine Patrol free boat inspections will be held on **Sunday, June 14** from 11am - 1pm at Marble Lake Public Access Wildwood boat launch. Boaters will NOT be ticketed during these inspections if they do not meet the standards.

Fireworks

To continue our recognition of Independence Day, our goal is to raise \$20,000 to have a great fireworks show on **Friday, July 3**. To accomplish this, we ask for your support. Any donation is greatly appreciated!! Donations can be made online at marblechainoflakes.org. Checks can be dropped off at Quincy Collision or mailed to Marble Chain of Lakes Improvement Association PO Box 33 Quincy, MI. 49082 (Memo Fireworks).

Chain of Lakes Poker Run

The Annual Chain of Lakes Poker Run Fundraising Event will be held on **Sunday, July 19**. Last year, we were honored to receive a \$12,500 donation from this event. The theme this year is “Red. White. Blue. On The Water.” For more information, please follow their Facebook page, Chain of Lakes Poker Run.

Fish Stocking

Last spring The Association stocked 500 perch in Archer Lake, and 500 perch in Long Lake. In the fall we stocked 500 walleyes in Archer Lake and 500 in Long lake. This year we will stock 800 walleyes and 800 perch in Marble Lake, and 200 walleyes and 200 perch in Wright (Mud) Lake.

Canadian Goose Egg Removal Program

From late March until early May, The Association will continue to collect Canadian goose eggs after obtaining a permit from The DNR and gaining permission from landowners. The DNR encourages this program to help with water quality. Our Association’s efforts have been so successful that now The Coldwater Lake Association, The North Chain Association, and Rose Lake Association have adopted the same idea after seeing our results.

Marine Patrol Update

The Marble Chain of Lakes Improvement Association Board wants to thank Sherrif Fred Blankenship, Sgt. Josh Vickers, and the rest of The Marine Patrol for a very safe 2025 summer on our beautiful Chain of Lakes. Speaking of safety, the board is pleased to announce that, with your help, we have completed the lighted channel markers project for The Chain in coordination with the Marine Patrol. Special thanks to Sgt. Josh Vickers for his role in getting all the buoy markers installed! As we “gear up” for the summer, we also need to “gear up” our Marine Patrol dive team as they need their dive gear updated. We are asking for donations to help purchase the dive gear needed for their very important work in rescue and recovery. So, if you can spare an extra \$10 for your dues this year, it would go to good use and greatly appreciated!

Marble-Coldwater Lakes Clean Water Partnership

Please join us in supporting a new initiative, The Mable-Coldwater Lakes Clean Water Partnership, as we focus on water quality. Visit their website, marblecoldwater.org, to learn more, donate, and volunteer to be part of the legacy to understand, improve, and protect that water quality of our entire watershed, now and for future generations.

Marble Chain of Lakes Improvement Association T-Shirt Fundraiser

Please watch for our upcoming T-Shirt fundraiser! Orders will be processed via an online store hosted by Integrity Apparel located in Coldwater, MI. All sales directly benefit The Association to help with fireworks, fish stocking, marine patrol, and so much more!

2026 Board Members

President: Dennis Smith, Marble	Trustee: Greg Cavey, Marble	Trustee: Mark Jarmus, Marble
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