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# E-Newsletter October 2023



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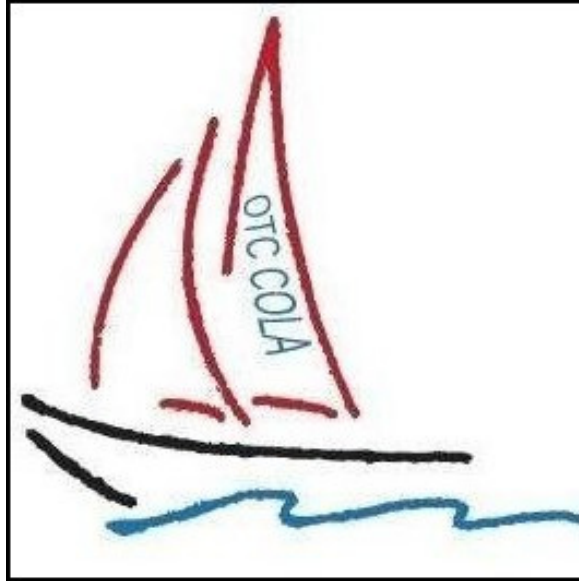
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## **OTC COLA Looks Back At Major Campaigns and Events**

Looking back over two decades OTC COLA has been aggressive in sponsoring campaigns and events to educate and engage Otter Tail County lake property owners. A review of the major campaigns and events for the last six years exemplifies the active role OTC COLA plays in protecting and preserving Otter Tail County lakes.

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### **Help OTC COLA Keep The Pedal To The Metal**

OTC COLA appreciates the donations it has received from foundations, Member Lake Organizations and individual lake property owners. It is also grateful for support from the Otter Tail County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Task Force.

OTC COLA has established a long and distinguished reputation working with lake property owners for stewardship of Otter Tail County Lakes. We look forward to continuing to contribute to the effort of protecting and preserving our lakes.

OTC COLA is a 501 (c)(3) allowing donations to qualify for tax deductions.

To donate to OTC COLA please send your check to: OTC COLA 4302 13th Ave S, Suite 4-333 Fargo, ND 58103 Please direct questions to: John Kruse, OTC COLA Administrative Assistant [otccola2@gmail.com](mailto:otccola2@gmail.com)

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## **MN COLA October 2023 Update**

### **September Member Meeting Recap**

The MN COLA Membership meeting on September 19th was exceptionally content rich with the best meeting attendance ever. We heard about the impact of climate change on Minnesota, a new Watercraft AIS Cleaning Stations and Tools project, a special award for MN COLA, and our focus for the 2024 legislative session.

Go [HERE](#) for the recap of the event

Go [HERE](#) for a review the benefits of joining MN COLA

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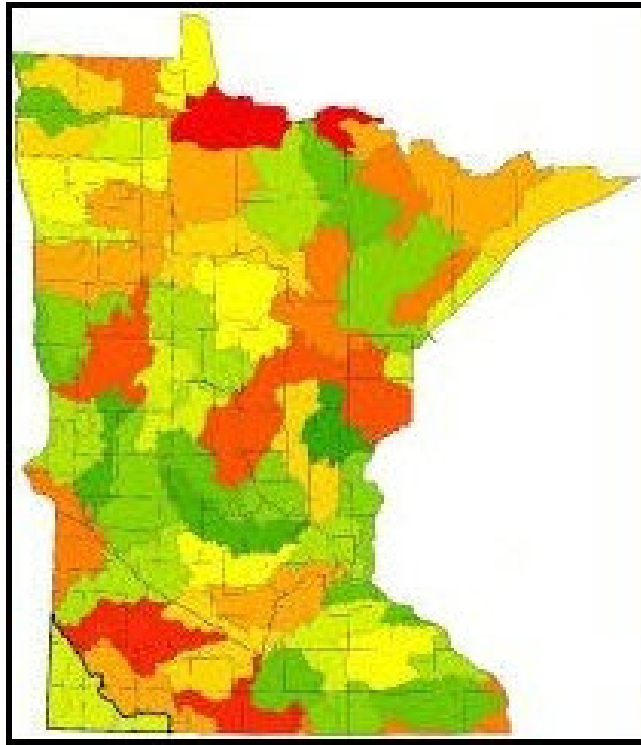
### **Power Loading Damages Boat Ramps!**

Trying to load or unload your boat using engine power can erode sediment and

dig large and hazardous holes at the base of the ramp. The eroded sediment creates a mound behind the propeller. Trailer tires can get stuck in these holes, and boats can run aground on the mound. It results in a barrier for both launching and loading.

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## **Find Lake Health Scores For Your Lake In Otter Tail County- EASILY**

The new Tool For Lake Health Information introduced by the DNR provides access to water quality and health information for thousands of Minnesota lakes. The new tool, [Watershed Health Assessment Framework \(WHAF for lakes\)](#), can give comprehensive information on virtually any Minnesota lake.

There is an easy shortcut to look at any lake in Otter Tail County without having to navigate past all of the other Minnesota lakes. Go [HERE](#) to go directly to lakes only in **Otter Tail County**. Lakes are listed in alphabetical order along with a Health Score, Water Quality Score, Biology Score and Hydrology Score. To look at detail of a specific lake, click on the underlined blue Name of the desired lake. Navigate via the menu at the top of the screen to see the Summary (Lake Health), Water Quality, Biology, Hydrology and Stewardship for the lake. A brief description of each menu item is provided.

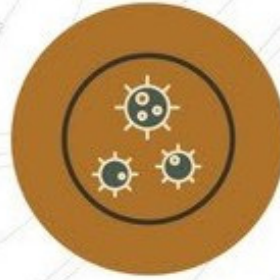
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[Tool For MN Lake Health Information](#)



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## MAISRC 10th Anniversary Celebration

### From the Lab to the Lake: Celebrating 10 Years of AIS Research in Minnesota

The staff and researchers at the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) are excited to invite you to a special 10th anniversary celebration on Thursday, December 7, 2023 (new date!)

[McNamara Alumni Center](#)

200 SE Oak St  
Minneapolis, MN 55455

Connect with researchers and luminaries across Minnesota in the field of aquatic invasive species, play and learn with interactive exhibits (live fish!), and hear what's in store for the future of MAISRC! Your ticket includes a **cocktail hour, plated dinner, and MAISRC swag**. Registration opens in September; **save the date now, and get ready for an exciting evening with MAISRC!**

[MAISRC](#)

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## AIS Task Force October Update

- **MAISRC 2023 Open House**
- **Check docks and lifts for AIS when taken out of lakes**
- **AIS removal required before transport**
- **Registration required when moved to new waters**

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[Spencer McGrew](#), OTC AIS Specialist

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# 2022 PROGRAM SUMMARY

[AIS Prevention Aid Program Snapshot 2022](#)  
[AIS Prevention 2022 Report](#)

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## **AIS Handbooks Still Available**

The recently produced AIS Handbook sponsored by the Otter Tail County AIS Task Force continues to be distributed to lake property owners, resort owners, and civic organizations in Otter Tail County. Quantities are still available from Otter Tail County Land & Resource 218-998-8095. Besides disseminating AIS prevention best practices in the Handbooks, the AIS prevention information has also been published in area newspapers and included in social media posts.

To receive a quantity of Handbooks for distribution to lake property owners contact Spencer McGrew AIS Specialist 218-998-8113.

[\*\*AIS Handbook for Visitors and Residents\*\*](#)

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[\*\*Spencer McGrew, Otter Tail County AIS Specialist\*\*](#)

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## **AIS Task Force Minutes**

- [\*\*September 14, 2023\*\*](#)

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## **OTC Board Of Commissioner Minutes**

- [\*\*September 12, 2023\*\*](#)
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