

Dear Cayuga Lake Supporters.

The summer feels like its nearly gone. Have you been out on the Lake? We have and are working every day to ensure that our Lake is a resource that is available for future generations.

A brief update.

Legal:

- ***Mark your calendar and join us! CLEAN will be back in the courts on Thursday, September 13th at 2:30 PM - Tompkins County Courthouse, 320 N Tioga St, Ithaca.***

The judge was impressed at how many folks cared about this issue during our May court hearing. Let's show him that support again. Wear your favorite activism T-shirt or grab a "Stand up for Cayuga Lake" shirt ([email](#) us for information).

- Cargill requested a schedule extension at the beginning of the summer, after their motion to dismiss our case was denied. They didn't expect us to successfully defend against their motion so they had never filed any response to our petition.
- Cargill has recently filed with the Court a 10-page letter that was produced by a DEC consultant, who is paid by Cargill. This letter cites numerous reports by Cargill consultants that have never been released to the public. We had FOILED for some of these reports previously but our requests had been denied. **What are Cargill and DEC hiding?**
- CLEAN has now filed a motion to request that the Court order Cargill and the DEC to release these consultant documents to the public for review. This motion will be the subject of the court hearing on Thursday, September 13th.

- This motion will extend our legal challenge schedule but will ensure that the results of these consultant reports are made public. It is only fair that we have an opportunity to review all the documents that Cargill believes will be persuasive to the Court and not just the summary or portions that Cargill will allow the public to see.

Education:

- Join CLEAN, [Discover Cayuga](#) and the [Cayuga Lake Watershed Network](#) as we team up at Cayuga Sound on Friday, Sept 21st and Saturday, Sept 22nd. Great music and great causes!
- CLEAN had a great turn out at the Ithaca Festival Parade. We hope that you saw our awesome new banner! ***STAND UP FOR CAYUGA LAKE!***



- You might also have seen CLEAN volunteers at events throughout the summer. From our table at [Ithaca's Reggae Fest](#), to [PaddleFest](#) to [Josh Fox's "The Truth Has Changed"](#)
- Want to join our volunteers? It's the best way to learn what's going on with the Lake and meet other folks passionate about protecting it. Email us at CLEAN.cayugalake@gmail.com and we'll let you know how you can join our volunteers.

Research:

- Several CLEAN members have been trained by DEC and Community Science Institute to look for Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) on Cayuga Lake. They have been assigned specific sections of shoreline to patrol weekly.
- CLEAN recently obtained a sophisticated water quality probe that will help to monitor the likelihood of HABs occurring. In a cooperative research effort, the probe will be shared with Discover Cayuga and the Bolton Point Municipal Water facility.



[Photo Bill Foster (Discovery Cayuga) and John Dennis (CLEAN) do some initial testing of the Eureka probe on board the MV Teal]

- CLEAN is recruiting lakeshore property owners to join a long-term subsidence monitoring program in the area that may be impacted by the Cayuga Salt Mine. Cargill's monitoring program appears to be unreliable at best and completely inadequate for long-term monitoring at worst. Please contact us at CLEAN.cayugalake@gmail.com if you are interested in joining this study.

Thank you for your past support and we are looking forward to a continuing relationship with you as we strive together to preserve and protect Cayuga Lake.

Clean the Lake.
Protect the Lake.