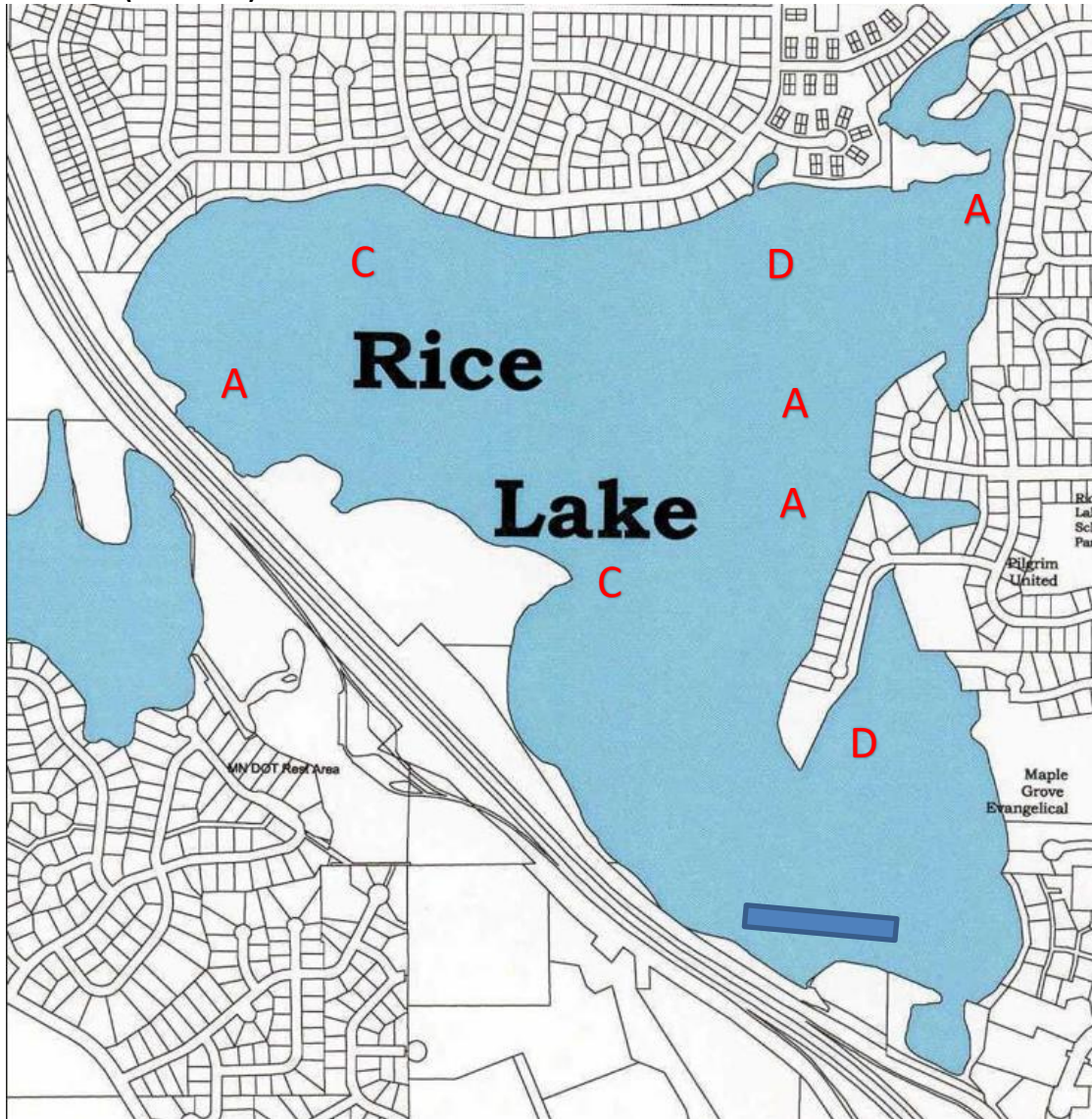


Rice Lake Buoy locations for 2024

Background: Provide locations for navigational buoys to be placed around Rice Lake and Elm Creek to aid in boater safety. Drawdown of 2021-22 and the drought of 2022 exposed some shallow areas not previously recognized by boaters.

Rice Lake (main lake)



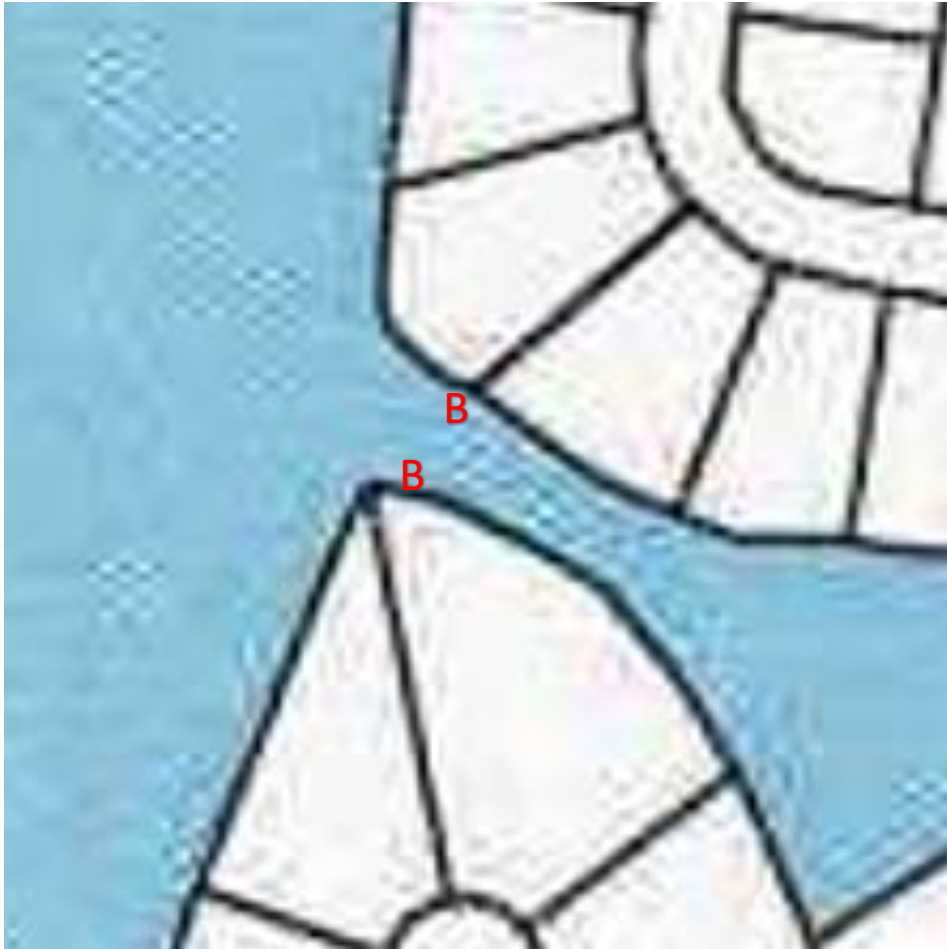
Buoy Location notes

- A denotes speed reminders
- B denotes channel markers (area dredged in 2021)
- C denotes shallow spots
- D denotes shallow spots with Rocks

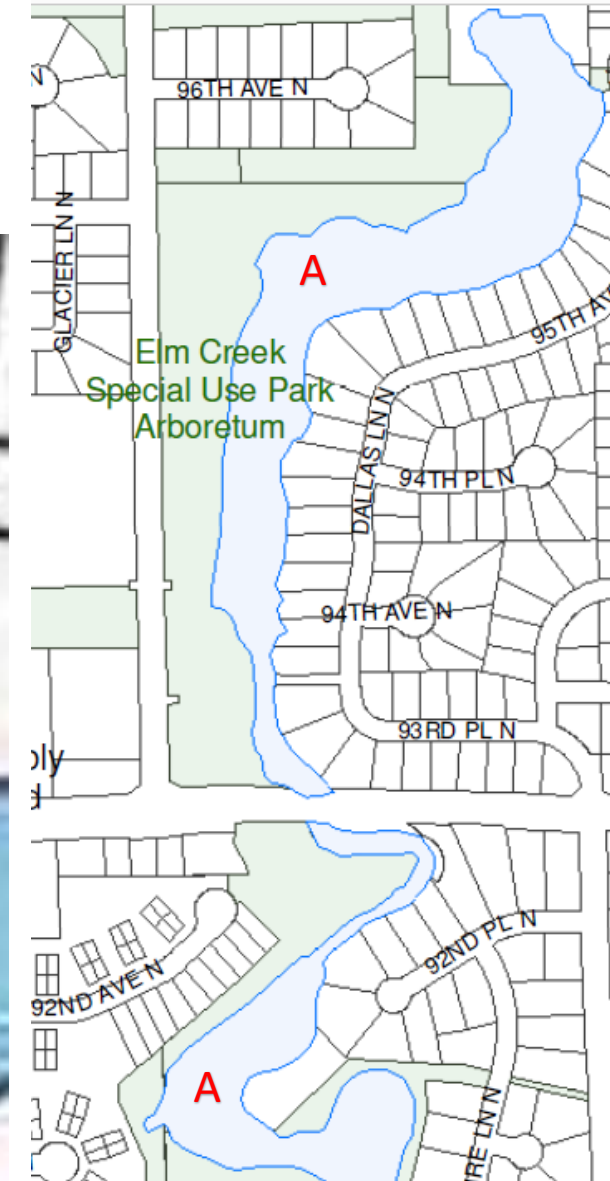
Slalom Course location is along far SSW portion of the lake. This permit will be requested by a separate ski association. (Not installed in 2024)



Rice Lake (Boat Ramp Channel)



Elm Creek (north of County Road 30)



Action Taken

- 7/25/2023 – Buoy shipment received from vendor
- 7/29/2023 – Buoys deployed in the aforementioned designated locations
- Restoration kits for old buoys applied prior to the 2024 season

Buoys received 7/25/2023 and deployed on 7/29/2023.



Post Deployment photos as of 7-29-2023

Arboretum corner on Elm Creek



Tristan Bay corner northwest of footbridge



Creek entrance to lake under I-94 bridge (north)



Shallow sand bar off Squatter's Cove



Channel markers at Boat Ramp Bay entrance (cinder blocks with chain/cable were previously used to anchor these down, but high/rough water necessitated the need to replace them with dock posts with reflectors driven into the lake bottom in June 2024).



Shallow spot marked with red ball buoy (located on a line between east end of 91st Ave N and north end of 88th Place N). This area denotes where an old farmer's bridge used to cross Elm Creek/Rice Lake. This was installed in January 2022 during the 2021-22 drawdown. A new higher profile, upright Yellow hazard buoy will take it's place by July 2024.



7/27/2024

Following activities took place today with the deployment of two (2) Rock hazard buoys.

- Replaced the Red Ball buoy in the NE corner of the lake with a Yellow Rock hazard upright buoy (D)
- Moved the Red Ball buoy to the NW corner of the lake replacing the White ball buoy
- Added a 2nd White Rock hazard buoy off the ESE corner of the south end of Glacier Lane (D)



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