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Your Views: Gazette reports overstate Lake Koshkonong's summer depth



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR
November 9, 2015

Once again I read in The Gazette that the *average* depth of Lake Koshkonong is 7 feet. This is absolutely *wrong*. I have fished the lake for many years, mostly during May and June.

The *maximum* depth in the deepest part of the lake, which is between Thiebeau Point and Carcajou Point, is from 6 to 6½ feet.

The depth at the mid-lake rockpile is between 5 and 5½ feet.

From Taylor Point to Willow Point, the depth is 5 feet.

From Hights Bay to Carcajou Point, the depth is 5 feet.

The majority of the lake, including the bays, is from 3 to 4 feet

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deep.

There is a 2-foot gravel and rock bar just north of Thiebeau Point and a large, 2-foot mud bar west of Willow Point.

These are high-water depths during May and June. During July and August, the water level would be much lower. You would think proponents of higher summer water levels were asking to raise the water level 7 feet instead of 7 inches!

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Finally, someone who knows the lake. I would add that dams change the ecology, yes and Lake Koshkonong will never be a deep water lake. But tear-out the dam now and everyone loses - home values plummet, home sales would nearly end, schools dependent on property taxes would be short funds, enrollment would likely drop, and the lake would cease being enjoyed by many different outdoor enthusiasts. To repeat, it's 7 inches, not 7 feet.

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