

**Thumbs down to those dam conspiracy theories.** We've heard a few conspiracy theories in recent weeks related to local dams and the high water levels. Are the powers-that-be intentionally keeping water levels high to frustrate boaters who'd like to stop worrying about the size of their wakes? Is there a deep state controlling those dam gates? Well, that does not appear to be the case, much to the disappointment to those clamoring for the water level to drop a few feet. Centerway Dam operator Duane Snow controls the gates there but says he doesn't have much power to affect the river's levels. The gates remain fully open. They're allowing through them as much water as the laws of gravity and hydrodynamics will permit. We cannot imagine any way to reduce the river's level. Wait, there is one way. It's called less rain.