

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** September 22, 2020  
**Public comment period ends:** October 22, 2020 (4:30 p.m.)  
**Current permit issued:** December 11, 2018  
**Current permit expiration date:** November 30, 2023

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to modify this permit.

<b>Name and address of Permittee:</b>	<b>Facility name and location:</b>	<b>MPCA contact person:</b>
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		File manager phone: 651-757-2728 or 1-844-828-0942

A draft permit is available for review on the MPCA Public Notices webpage at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publicnotices>. Additional materials relating to the issuance of this permit are available for inspection by appointment at any MPCA office (<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mpca/mpca-offices>) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The MPCA will mail or email a copy of the draft permit upon request. Comments, petitions, and other requests must be received at the MPCA in writing on or before the public comment period end date and time identified above.

**Watershed:** Otter Tail River

## Description of Young Life Castaway Club Wastewater Treatment Facility

The application and plans indicate that the Young Life Castaway Club (Permittee) is 26-acre year round sleep away camp destination located on an isthmus between Pelican Lake and Little Pelican Lake that accommodates more than 3,000 campers during the summers and about 4,500 campers during the fall-winter-spring season. This existing recreation area started as a vacation home in the 1900s and transitioned into a camp operated by the Young Life nonprofit organization in 1963 and operated that way since.

The Young Life Castaway Club Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility) services a 16-building housing/dormitory/summer camp and treats an Average Wet Weather Flow (AWWF) of up to 36,968 gallons per day (gpd). The system consists of 41 septic and holding tanks, with a total volume of 64,825 gallon septic tanks and 26,796 lineal feet of drainfield. This is a Class D Facility.

Most buildings have their own system as listed below:

Dory-volunteer housing  
2-1,000 gallon (gal) septic tanks  
1,000 square foot (sq ft) of rock, trench drainfield  
Estimated (Est) Design Flow 1,200 gpd

Ketch-volunteer housing  
3-2,500 gal septic tanks  
2,803 sq ft of rock, trench drainfield  
Est Design Flow 2,500 gpd

Brigantine-dorm  
2-2,500 gal septic tanks; 1-1,500 gallon septic tanks  
1,200 sq ft of rock, trench drainfield  
Est Design Flow 2,167 gpd

Clipper-visitor housing

1-1,500 gal septic tank  
750 sq ft of rock, trench drainfield  
Est Design Flow 1,000 gpd

Windjammer West Tanks-west wing  
2-1,500 gal septic tanks  
1,791 sq ft of rock, trench drainfield  
Est Design Flow 1,782 gpd

Windjammer Kitchen Tanks-kitchen  
1-4,500 gal septic tank; 1-5,500 gallon septic tank  
5,000 sq ft of rock, trench drainfield  
Est Design Flow 6,000 gpd

Windjammer East Tanks-east wing  
3-1,500 gal septic tanks  
2,760 sq ft of rock, trench drainfield  
Est Design Flow 3,425 gpd

Schooner-female dorm  
2-1,500 gal septic tanks; 1-1,000 gallon septic tank  
3,008 sq ft of rock, trench drainfield  
Est Design Flow 4,764 gpd

Sloop-female dorm  
1-750 gal septic tank  
Building tied into Schooner and Windjammer East Tanks septic systems

Barquentine-laundry  
3-1,500 gal septic tanks  
1,320 sq ft of rock, trench drainfield  
Est Design Flow 1,580 gpd

Bridge/Dry Dock-Bridge: office; Dry Dock: shop  
1-750 gal septic tank  
249 sq ft of rock, trench drainfield  
Est Design Flow 300gpd

Bridge West-portion of camp office, infirmary  
1-1,875 gal septic tank  
780 sq ft of rock, trench drainfield  
Est Design Flow 936 gpd

Anchor-theater  
1-1,000 gal septic tank  
250 sq ft of rock, trench drainfield  
Est Design Flow 294 gpd

Cutter-dorm  
1-1,500 gal septic tank; 2-1000 gallon septic tank  
1,130 sq ft of rock, trench drainfield  
Est Design Flow 1,360 gpd

Carrick South-male dorm, top level  
1-1,500 gal septic tank; 1-1,000 gallon septic tank; 1-500 gallon lift station  
1,200 sq ft of rock, trench drainfield  
Est Design Flow 1,564 gpd

Carrick North-bottom level  
2-1,000 gal septic tanks  
816 sq ft of rock, trench drainfield  
Est Design Flow 816 gpd

Galleon-male dorm  
1-1,500 gal septic tank; 2-1,000 gallon septic tank; 1-1,200 gallon lift station  
2,739 sq ft of pressurized rock, trench drainfield  
Est Design Flow 3,300 gpd

Seabreeze-game hall, snack shop, 2 hot tubs  
1-1,250 gal septic tank; 1-1,000 gallon septic tank  
Est Design Flow 3,480 gpd

Dinghy-doctor family housing  
1-1,500 gal holding tank  
Est Design Flow 500 gpd

Due to aging, several existing septic systems and drainfields may need to be replaced as outlined in a compliance schedule in this permit. Due to planned construction work on the existing staff dormitory, Ketch, this permit includes requirements for the installation of new septic system/holding tanks designed to accommodate its size and function. There are no bypass points and no discharge to surface water allowed.

The Facility is further described in plans and records on file with MPCA.

This major modification includes the addition of a new septic system/holding tanks for new building, Brigantine (2--2,500 gallon septic tanks, 1-1,500 gallon septic tank and 1,200 sq ft drainfield). Remodeling a building, Ketch, and improving septic system/holding tank/drainfield (3-2,500 gallon septic tanks and 2,803 sq ft drainfield)

The preliminary determination to modify this Wastewater permit is tentative.

## Procedure for public participation

As stated in Minn. R. chs. 7000 and 7001, there are three formal procedures for public participation in the MPCA's consideration of this matter. Interested persons may:

- (1) Submit written comments on the draft permit.
- (2) Petition the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting.
- (3) Petition the MPCA to hold a contested case hearing.

## Submitting written comments

To submit comments or petitions to the MPCA through the mail or email, you must state:

- (1) Your interest in the permit application or the draft permit.
- (2) The action you wish the MPCA to take, including specific references to the section of the draft permit you believe should be changed.
- (3) The reasons supporting your position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the MPCA to investigate the merits of the position.

## Public informational meeting

A public informational meeting is an informal meeting during which interested persons can ask questions concerning the proposed facility. MPCA staff will be present to provide information. If an interested person would like the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting, the person should include all information identified above and in addition include a statement of the reasons the person desires the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting and the issues that the person would like the agency to address at the public informational meeting.

## Contested Case Hearing

A contested case hearing is a formal proceeding before an administrative law judge empowered to advise the MPCA regarding issues of fact. As described in Minn. R. 7000.1800, persons who submit petitions for a contested case hearing must also state the issues they propose to address in a contested case hearing, the specific relief requested or resolution of the matter, and the reasons (which may be in the form of proposed findings) supporting an MPCA decision to hold a contested case hearing. Failure to comply with these rules exactly may result in a denial of the request. To the extent known, the petitioner may also submit a list of prospective witnesses to be called at a hearing, a proposed list of publications, references, or studies to be introduced at a hearing and the approximate time required for the petitioner to present the matter at a hearing. The decision whether to hold a contested case hearing will be made under Minn. R. 7000.1900.