

3 Days before 639.5' What do I do now?

Google "Mississippi River at La Crescent" to get the latest number. (Water level above sea level).

Determining factors:

(- is bad, + is good)

Water in river north of us is predicted to go up or stay up longer than three days. -

Water in the river south of us is predicted to go up or stay up longer than three days. -

I need to leave town in three days. -

I have no one that can look after my boat. -

I am nervous. -

Suggestion: Pull my boat before water reaches 639.5 and don't worry about it.

Or:

I will be available to deal with my boat until the flood conditions subside. +

Wait a day or two and see if the prediction changes. With water being held north and south of us, this could be a difficult decision for you to make. Especially if we see no downward trend on the prediction and the water prediction is going over 639.5.

639.5 (5.2.14)Water 3" from top of town dock. Dock sections and supports should still be tied. NOW IS THE TIME. CONSIDER REMOVING BOATS OR HAVING A BACKUP PLAN should water continue to rise. Talk with your fleet captain for suggestions. BOATS, DOCKS AND LIFTS ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. IF YOU ARE "GOING AWAY" PULL YOUR BOAT OUT OR HAVE ANOTHER MEMBER(S) OR DOCK MATE TEND YOUR BOAT, DOCK AND LIFT. *INFORM YOUR FLEET CAPTAIN WHO WILL BE TENDING YOUR BOAT. DO THIS BY EMAIL IN CASE HE NEEDS TO REACH THEM IN YOUR ABSENSE*.

640 (5.3.14)Water into parking lot near town dock. TOWN DOCK UNDERWATER. Water in the middle of gravel drive to the club. Feet get wet walking to the club. 3" over the bulkhead **beam that the docks sit on(not the bulkhead itself)**. **Water tries to float most of the removable docks.** Some permanent docks are wet. Pier dry. **Fenders and extra bow lines should have been placed on floating boats. Town may close parking lot.**

641 (5.5.14) Water just over Top of bulkhead. Walking into club with tall boots is just possible. All docks are underwater except main part of the pier. Water is lapping on cats. Very center of parking lot is still above water. **Town has closed the road to the parking lot.** Park on east side of Lake shore Drive. Avoid backing trailers onto home driveways. Access to boats is allowed. **Club power should be turned off.**

642 (7.2.14) Water at top of pipes on town dock. Boats parked in Nelson park overflow have water to top of tires. On beach submerged catamaran bow tips just showing. West wind wave action rocks a submerged cat. Water 8" below floor of shelter. Only high spots in club are two trailer spots west of cage and between cage and fire pit and north end area around the bench. Water 3" below club sign on sliding gate.

During flooding, boats on trailers can be parked in Nelson Park **overflow** parking area(lower elevation than our trailer area)but usually not in the paved parking area. **Permission to park in either area must be requested by club each flood event.**

During high water level, predictions seem to hold for about 3 days. Predictions past that frequently change. On the **Mississippi River at La Crescent** page, **select "river at a glance" tab, check "All", check "Stage forecast graph", "Make my page" and look at trends. If water predictions north and south of us are rising, we can expect more water and a longer recovery back to normal.**

This document is a work in progress! Please notify me if you have corrections or suggestions.

Water measurements at the river gauge do not **directly** correlate with water level of the lake but it is the only government predicting tool that I know of. It takes longer for the lake water level to change due to the volume of water required to raise or lower the lake.

Goal: I hope we can refine this document and add photos and give our membership a tool that will help them make thoughtful decisions about their individual property in flood situations. Thank you Ken Johnson and Jim Shagroe who helped us gather information thru the last flood, and others who have been working on this with us.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT LA CRESCENT

Universal Time (UTC)

