



Pleasant Ponderings

Pleasant Lake
Preservation Association
Deerfield / Northwood

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Another Sailboat Donation To The PLPA... And A Great Outcome

Many of you will recall the sailboat story last year when a sailboat was refurbished and then sold to David Tucker on the Lake to benefit the PLPA. Well the good story just keeps getting better. Recently Connie and Stu Hodgdon donated a fairly old sailboat and trailer to the PLPA to replicate what had taken place the previous year. Connie and Stu donated a used [1965] Oday Widgeon sailboat and trailer to the PLPA to be refurbished and retrofitted by Robert Blanchard and Michael Beaudoin. The goal was to return the sailboat to its original condition, sell it, with the proceeds going to the PLPA. Bob Blanchard is the expert on fiberglass and wood refinishing, and Mike Beaudoin provides the support on sails, rigging, and hardware. Together they have managed to improve some of the boats you have seen on the Lake. A secondary goal with these reconditioning efforts is to keep the sailboats on Pleasant Lake if that can be accomplished. So far, both boats have remained on the Lake, which is very satisfying for Mike and Bob. It is a pleasure for them to look out on the Lake and see their work float by [always painted navy blue]. It also supports another goal they have which is to increase sailing activity on the Lake.

In May, the most recent boat was sold to Sue and Dale Higgins, long time residents of Pleasant Lake, coincidentally next door neighbors of David Tucker [the first buyer]. Sue and Dale plan on using the sailboat for family outings and to teach their family more about sailing. They have done some sailing, but look forward to learning more while enjoying cruising Pleasant Lake.

It is important to thank Connie and Stu Hodgdon [they live just South of Veasey Park] for donating the boat to the PLPA. It is also very important to thank Sue and Dale Higgins for stepping forward and purchasing the boat. All of their efforts support the important mission of the PLPA, to ensure Pleasant Lake remains the premier lake that it is today. Thank you to both families.



MAY 28 TO AUGUST 17TH FINS 'N FUN FISHING EVENT

Check Website for Rules & Forms or Call Andy @ 463-7242

www.pleasantlakenh.org



JULY 25TH - 6 PM

Where: Clark's Cottage in Broad Cove
(call 463-5664 for directions)

WEED IDENTIFICATION TRAINING

BY AMY SMAGULA
OF NH LAKES ASSOCIATION

JULY 23RD - 7 PM

Northwood Community Center
(135 Main St. - Corner of School & Main Streets)

Effects of Climate Change on Our Lakes and Ponds

BY SHERRY GODLEWSKI,
Environmental Program Mgr for NHDES

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The PLPA had its annual meeting June 30th at Deerfield Town Hall. We voted in next year's directors and officers. There are still openings if you are interested (hint hint). Contact Tom Brennan to volunteer to be on the board - 463-5664.

If you were not able to attend our annual meeting you missed a great speaker. We were fortunate to have Jeff Schloss, Extension Professor and Water Resources Specialist at UNH Cooperative Extension, UNH Center for Freshwater Biology.

Some surprising facts he shared included:

- The UNH Department of Resources Economics have studies that show that a 3 foot loss of transparency in the lake equates to a 15 to 25% loss in property value. ie: contamination by pollutants will lower our transparency on Pleasant Lake.
- Are you trying to keep the geese from coming onto your lake front property? Jeff had a simple inexpensive solution to the problem... check out his presentation on our website. www.pleasantlakenh.org
- Did you know that If sand is added to the shoreline each year, you are essentially filling in the lake? The sand eventually ends up at the deepest part of the lake.

There's a lot YOU can do to keep our lake clear.

☀ Lake Passings ☀

Elaine Atherton Fregosi - lived in Broad Cove and was active on the board of the Pleasant Lake Association for many years. Several "long-timers" say that she had the 1st pontoon boat on the lake.

Also discussed at the annual meeting in the "State of the Lake" section from Tom Brennan was our "**Flushing Rate**".

Have you ever wondered how long it would take fresh incoming water to completely replace the water in Pleasant Lake? That question certainly arose in many minds this Spring when we had exceptionally lower water levels. Pleasant Lake is not fed by any rivers, so it is unique in that aspect.

So when someone "pours" something in the lake, how long will it be there?

Stay tuned for the next Pleasant Ponderings for the answer. You'll be surprised.



Andy Partridge (retiring Recording Secretary) and Martha Clark at PLPA Annual Meeting



16 Boats Participated in the July 4th Boat Parade

What an impressive sight to see!!

Thank you to Dan and Jan Cote for chairing the event!

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Boating on Pleasant Lake

Pleasant Lake has been classified as a Class A lake and with very good reason. Our lake is pristine and clean, and credit should be given to our Lake Host, Weed Watcher and Lake Assessment programs, all encouraged and supported by NH Lakes. This organization and its member - sponsors are dedicated to protecting our lakes.

Common sense boating practices will continue to contribute in maintaining the quality and healthy environment of our Lake, stabilize shoreline erosion and protect wildlife. This info has been provided by NH Lakes.

When motor boating above headway speed, operate at least 150 feet from any shoreline. (That's the distance of 19 swim rafts or almost the width of a regulation football field or 3/4 the length of a hockey rink!)

Motor boats always yield to sailboats, canoes & kayaks.

Motor props churn sediment on the lake bottom which releases and re-suspends phosphorus that contributes to algae growth and reduction in lake clarity. Motor props can cause plant fragmentation, potentially distributing harmful exotic plants into new areas, thereby infecting larger portions of the lake.

Loons and other wildlife may be frightened from nests by loud motor noise.

Operating at headway speeds near shorelines is required and will reduce wakes that cause erosion and damage to wildlife habitat.

For a more complete picture of common sense boating practices we suggest you visit www.nhlakes.org.

Remember, if you are lucky enough to live by a lake, Pleasant Lake that is, then you are lucky enough. by Charles Monteverdi



Happy Customers of Nelson's Ice Cream Boat

FOUND: Red "Granite State key ring" with keys marked "Camp Keys".

Call Margaret & Wally Sellar 225-6823

A Boat on the Wild(life) Side

If you store your boat in the woods until summer, you might expect an animal or two inside.

Recently a pontoon owner pulled up a seat to store a life jacket and found a full grown raccoon. The puzzle is, how did he/she get there?

This boat was on a lift, fully covered and clean as a whistle (nary a crumb has been on this boat's floor). Only the raccoon knows why pushing up the seat and crawling into the storage space was appealing but it's returned several times.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEER LAKE HOSTS!

2,063 Weed Inspections at the Boat Ramp in 2011



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Please include your name, street, city, state, and zip. Phone number and email address are optional. The \$25.00 membership fee covers the entire household.

The PLPA is a 501 3C and contributions are tax deductible.

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