



# REFLECTIONS

The Newsletter  
for the  
Pleasant Lake  
Protective Association

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## ***A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT***

As I finish my fourth and final year as PLPA President, I would like to share some reflections.

As President of our protective association, it certainly did not come as a surprise to me that the vast majority of the PLPA community recognizes that the natural resources we share within the watershed are worthy of protection. These extraordinary natural resources are quite simply a major reason most of us live or visit here. There is little doubt that our membership's overall level of appreciation and respect for our natural resources helps make it easier for the PLPA to accomplish its protective mission. As PLPA President, I have learned to more fully appreciate the level of commitment and the amount of effort that are actually required of our many volunteers to both monitor and advocate continuously for the lake and the watershed.

Through PLPA and other conservation and zoning activities, I have also been sensitized to the fact that balancing private and public property and environmental interests can be complicated and challenging, particularly with respect to water resources. This is most evident when there is human activity near the shoreline and in the vicinity of the important streams, rivers, and wetlands that replenish the lake. It is noteworthy to me that I have heard arguments that we as a State and Town have too many rules and regulations while I have also heard arguments that we have too few or that they are not adequately enforced.

Our knowledgeable membership clearly has a general understanding of the types of challenges faced by any watershed. However, I have concluded that a key to adequately protecting our water resources into the future is to continue to strive to better educate all watershed residents about the scientific basis for many protective measures and how these help manage threats to the lake. It is also clear to me that this science is reflected clearly in state and local statutes and ordinances that have been put in place to protect lakes and watersheds. Based on my experiences over the past four years, I have been better able to connect the dots between the "whys" and the "hows" of water resource protection. It has also been my experience that when individuals better understand both the "why" and "how" of lake and watershed protection, they are more likely to embrace, advocate for,

and practice the many small things that can and should be done to help protect our water resources. Some of these small things are noted in another newsletter article titled "An Ounce of Prevention."

In order to understand the links between what can and should be done to counter major threats to our lake and watershed, I encourage all watershed residents to read our water resource related zoning ordinances while thinking about the relationships between major threats, science based mitigations, and thoughtful

regulatory limitations. The Zoning Ordinance is readily available on the Town's website and found by selecting "Regulations and Permits," then "Planning & Zoning." The Shore Land Overlay District found on page 63 is a mere eight pages of reading. The Stream Conservation Overlay District found on page 90 is an additional four pages. Finally, the Wetlands Conservation Overlay District found on page 49 is another seven pages. These ordi-

nances are not entirely homegrown. Rather, they reflect a blend and adoption of local modifications to more broadly used "model" ordinances. "Model" ordinances have been developed by professional land use specialists and conservationists over time and are based on continually expanding land use experience and science.

Regardless of how we all landed here in the Pleasant Lake watershed, it is hard to argue that we are anything but privileged to be here. I believe it will serve the lake and watershed well if this sense of privilege is also accompanied by a certain sense of individual responsibility to continue to develop an understanding of what is necessary to protect our important water resources as there are many simple things that individuals can do to support the effort in their daily activities.

I applaud the ongoing efforts of our many volunteers and the entire watershed population for their interest in protection and support of the PLPA. It has been my pleasure to serve as President of the Pleasant Lake Protective Association. I wish everyone another memorable summer season.

Rick Anderson



# **“Gimme Green” Documentary and Expert Panel Discussion**

**Hosted by**

**the Lake Sunapee Protective Association**

**with**

**Little Lake Sunapee Protective Association**

**Messer Pond Protective Association**

**Otter Pond Protective Association**

**Pleasant Lake Protective Association**

**When:** June 17, 2014 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM (EST)

**Where:** LSPA Learning Center (Knowlton House),  
63 Main St, Sunapee, NH

## **Event Details:**

The lake and pond associations of Sunapee and New London are proud to co-host a presentation of the documentary “Gimme Green” and a conversation with local experts as part of an on-going effort to raise awareness of issues affecting the fragile watersheds in our area.

## **About the Event:**

Gimme Green is a humorous look at the American obsession with the residential lawn and the effects it has on our environment, our wallets, and our outlook on life. Following the documentary, a panel of local experts will offer their viewpoints on the topic and issues raised by the film, with time for attendees to offer opinions and ask questions. For further information, please contact LSPA at 603-763-2210 or John Doyle, President, MPPA at 603-526-7850.

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## **7<sup>th</sup> Annual RUN/WALK FOR THE LAKE**

Sunday, June 29, 2014 ~ 8:30 AM

To Benefit the Pleasant Lake Protective Association  
and the New London Fire Department

Start and Finish across from  
The Inn at Pleasant Lake.

*New Direction for the 10K Race!*

The BEST running shirts for participants!

Adults \$20.00

Youth \$15.00 (Ages 10-16)

Race day registrations \$5.00 additional fee, 7:30-8:00AM

For a registration form or to volunteer to help  
at this event, please email John Filbin at  
[jwfilbin@gmail.com](mailto:jwfilbin@gmail.com) or 526-4879

Registration Forms also at [www.plpa.net](http://www.plpa.net)

# PLEASANT LAKE WATER QUALITY 2013

Monitoring last year began April 29 with a check of the major tributaries of the lake: Red, White, Chandler and Great Brooks, plus the most significant stream from Hall Farm. The lake was sampled during the months of June, July, and August, but the normal September monitoring was omitted because of the lake lowering. As usual, samples were taken at six shore line locations and three depths at the deep spot, testing for pH, phosphorus, electrical conductivity, and turbidity. The deep spot was also sampled for water clarity, acid neutralizing capacity, and chlorophyll-a; temperature and dissolved oxygen readings were taken at one meter intervals to a depth of 80 feet. During the biologist's visit in July, samples were taken to check for chloride and e-coli.

A review of the past fifteen years of monitoring results shows the lake continues to be quite stable, although not without some interesting variations from year to year and one month to the next. In last year's lake report,

for instance, it was noted that in 2011 the normally quite consistent pH of the water was lower than usual and the acid neutralizing capacity was higher than expected. Last summer's test results, however, suggested a return to more normal levels. As for general trends, the most evident change has been in water clarity. Although it is well above that of most of the lakes in this

region, and despite some recent encouraging results, the trend is for a gradual decrease in clarity.

With an unusually long and cold winter, it will be interesting to see what, if any, effect it will have on the lake. Presumably those first chilly swims may not be quite as early as usual!

Finally, a word of thanks and appreciation for the monitoring crew, Colby-

Sawyer Water Quality lab personnel, lake hosts, weed watchers and all who help protect the lake and keep it healthy.

Dick Kellom



## WEED WATCHERS

A group of dedicated volunteers patrol the lakeshore each month, in search of any sign of exotic-invasive weeds. They participate in training sessions and put in hours of time on and in the water. We are most thankful for all that they do to protect Pleasant Lake. Weed Watcher Captain: John Wilson 526-4069 Weed Watchers: Doug Baxter, Terry Dancy, Lynn Annicharico, Paul Messer, Dick Kellom, Kittie Wilson, Debbie Hall, Kittie Wilson, Debbie Perkins, Bruce Avery, George Jamison, Bruce Johnson, Sally Winship, Judy Oates, Tom and Sandy Stark, Betty Williamson and Sons, Jeff Hollinger, Oge Young, Jerry and Janie Barnes, Bob Kirchberger, Dee and Storm Connors.

THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH!

## MILFOIL NOT WELCOME IN PLEASANT LAKE

In 2013 PLPA completed its 12<sup>th</sup> year of membership in the New Hampshire Lakes Association Lake Host Program. Our hosts kept plenty busy again last year completing 1,365 boat inspections, down slightly from 1,399 the previous year and up considerably from 1,124 in 2011. A trend continued in 2013 as an increasing number of inspections were for kayaks, canoes and even some paddle boards.

For background, the New Hampshire Lakes Association is sponsored and funded in part by the State of New Hampshire's Department of Environmental Services. NH Lakes Association manages the state's overall "Lake Host" program including the processing of payrolls. The program was introduced in 2002 and PLPA was one of the first associations to be accepted and receive a financial grant.

In 2013 we received a grant from the NH Lakes Association of \$1,800 which was based on inspection count. Additionally,

the New London Board of Selectmen, recognizing the validity of exotic weed protection especially with respect to town property values, again contributed \$6,500. The combination of these two contributions resulted in a net cash outlay to PLPA of approximately \$5,700.

Turning to this summer, we will continue to have seven day coverage from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. There is an obvious cost to this extensive coverage but well worth it! Due to some financial restraints, several other Lake Host programs have considerably less coverage. Teri Lee will again be our "senior" lake host, assisted by Jessica West from the University of New Haven. A recent recruit is Sonia Garre who helped us out last year to fill a vacancy. Also as an added back-up will be Sonia's husband, Peter. During the summer please stop by and greet and thank these Lake Hosts!

Let the summer of 2014 begin and keep the exotic weeds away!

Dave and Bev Payne





# SAFE BOATING AND FISHING RULES

We hope you enjoy your day boating here on Pleasant Lake! For your safety and enjoyment as well as that of others, please follow these important boating and fishing rules:

## NO WAKE ZONES

When you are within 150 feet of any shore, other boats, skiers, swimmers, floats, or marked swimming areas, State law mandates that you must slow down to NO WAKE speed.

**NO WAKE** means no faster than 6 mph.

150 feet is equal to the length of two ski ropes.

## TOWING SKIERS

All skiers must wear life jackets.

A maximum of two people may be towed at any time.

An observer 13 years or older is required for **each** skier.

**No skiing is allowed before sunrise and after sunset.**

**Always keep your boat and skier 150 feet or more away from EVERYTHING including the shore, the island, other boats, skiers, swimmers, floats, and marked swimming areas.**

**Do not drop a skier within 150 feet of the shore.**



## ON-BOARD SAFETY

**It is illegal and dangerous to sit on the edge of the cockpit, bow or transom.**

There must be at least one appropriately-sized life jacket for every person aboard.

By law, children age 12 or under must wear a life jacket at all times.

## BOATING CERTIFICATION

**New Hampshire law requires that all persons who operate a powerboat with a motor greater than 25 horsepower must have a New Hampshire Safe Boater Education Certificate and that certificate must be carried on board.** Out-of-state boaters must have completed a National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) approved course and carry that certificate on board.

Call 1-888-254-2125 or go to [www.boat-ed.com/nh/](http://www.boat-ed.com/nh/) for more information.

## WILDLIFE, LOONS

Pleasant Lake is home to many water birds, including nesting loons. The loon is a protected species and harassment is a punishable offense. Loon chicks are very small and cannot dive or fly to escape an oncoming boat, kayak or canoe. **Please keep well away from all water birds, especially loons and their chicks.**

## FISHING

Children under the age of 16 may fish without a license.

**The use of lead sinkers and jigs is strictly prohibited. Ingestion will kill a loon!**

Only smelt can be used as live bait in Pleasant Lake.

Be sure to follow all the Fishing Rules published in the New Hampshire Freshwater Fishing Digest.

**Ask the Lake Host how to become involved in the Pleasant Lake Lead Free Rock Bass Marathon.**

Copies of *A Boater's Guide to NH Boating Law* and *The New Hampshire Freshwater Fishing Digest* are available at Tight Lines Bait and Tackle Shop in Elkins or Clarke's Ace Hardware in New London.



# THE "150 FEET LAW"

## New Hampshire Law 270-D:2 Section VI

All vessels shall maintain **headway speed** (only 6mph and No Wake) **when within 150 feet** (the length of two ski ropes) from: the shore, the island, other boats, docks, rafts, swimmers, permitted swimming areas.

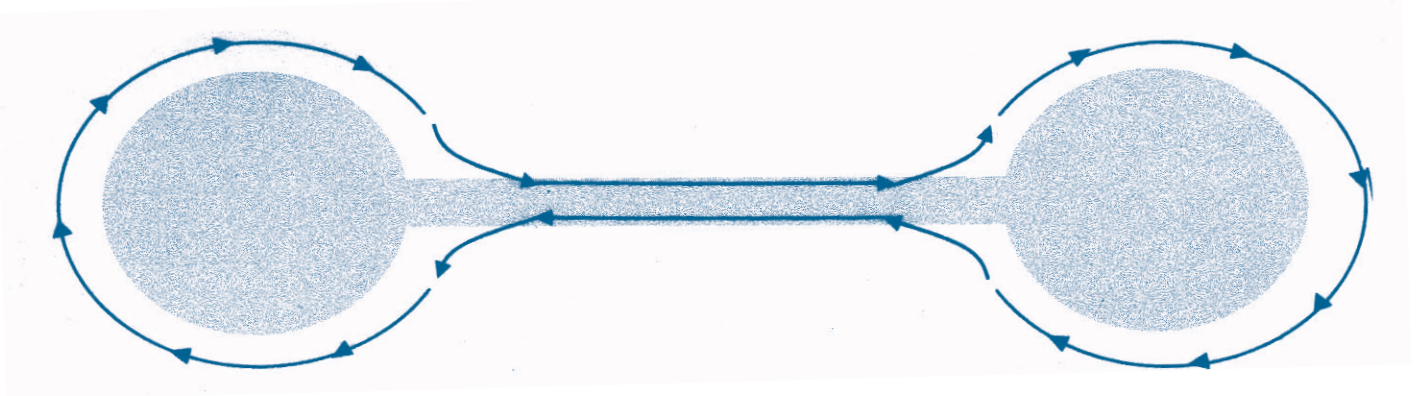


## There are additional requirements for vessel operators towing skiers or boarders, including:

- In addition to the operator, another person must be present in the boat when towing a skier or boarder.
- The additional person must be 13 years old or older and capable of assisting the person being towed.
- No more than 2 persons may be towed and that requires two additional observers.
- No towing after sunset and before sunrise.
- **When returning to the shore with a skier, the towing vessel and the skier must remain at least 150 feet from the shore.**

## Ski down the middle of the lake and Use "Best Practice" Towing

Long, straight runs, with barbell turns help keep the wake moving away from the skier.



## **IF YOU SEE A VIOLATION, PLEASE REPORT IT!**

- Obtain the bow number of the boat.
- Call Marine Patrol at 293-2037. They appreciate our help!





# THE PLEASANT LAKE BOAT PARADE



**Saturday ~ June 28, 2014 at 3:00**

2014 Theme:

**"The Greatest Show on Earth!"**

**Come One! Come All!**

**The Circus is in town, or at least on Pleasant Lake!**

**Time to clown around! Come join in the fun!**

*(Please be sure to observe all Boating Safety Regulations.)*

**2:30 Gathering of the Boats**

**We will gather together off Slope 'N Shore beach, take pictures of each other and admire all the clever ideas!**

**3:00 Parade**

**The horn will sound and we will follow our Grand Marshals, Mark and Eddi Mordecai around the lake. We travel clockwise this year, so your port side will be facing the shore.**

**The shoreline crowds have grown each year!**

**Everyone loves a circus parade!**



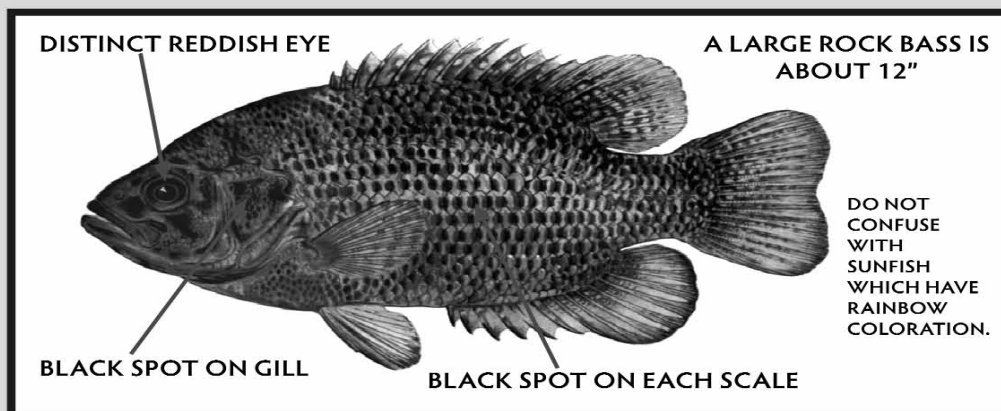
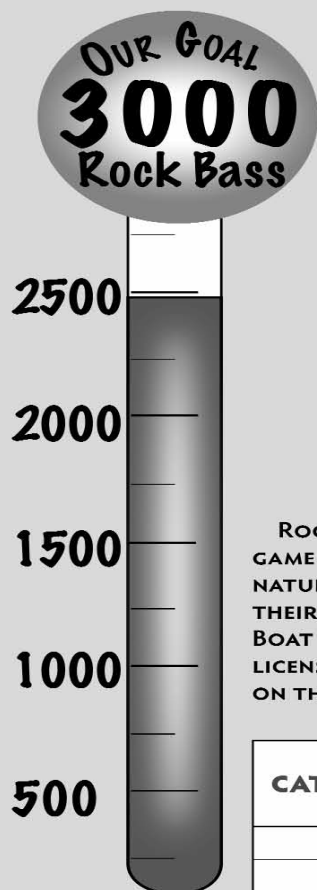
*The 2013 Grand Marshals: Hod and Lela Moses*





# PLEASANT LAKE LEAD FREE ROCK BASS MARATHON

May 31 TO AUGUST 23, 2014  
KIDS WIN FABULOUS PRIZES!



## ALL ANGLERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CATCH AND REMOVE ROCK BASS FROM PLEASANT LAKE.

ROCK BASS ARE STILL A PROBLEM IN PLEASANT LAKE, THREATENING THE SURVIVAL OF ALL DESIRABLE GAME FISH (SALMON, TROUT AND SMALLMOUTH BASS) BY EATING THEIR EGGS, CRAWFISH AND OTHER NATURAL GAMEFISH FOOD. THEY ARE DESTRUCTIVE EATING MACHINES AND WE WANT TO DECREASE THEIR NUMBERS. CAUGHT ROCK BASS CAN BE DEPOSITED IN THE COLLECTION BUCKET AT THE ELKINS BOAT LANDING. MARATHON PARTICIPANTS, YOUNG FISHERPERSONS (UNDER SIXTEEN – NO FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED), FILL OUT AN ENTRY FORM FOR EACH DEPOSIT MADE TO HAVE YOUR NAME POSTED ON THE LEADER BOARD.

CATEGORY	QTY OF FISH ENTERED
R	10 to 24
O	25 to 49
C	50 to 99
K	100 to 149
B	150 to 199
A	200 to 299
S	300 to 399
S*	400 to 499
S**	500+

## PRIZE AWARDS SATURDAY AT 12:00 NOON, AUG. 23, 2014!

ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE MARATHON, AUGUST 23, 2014, THERE WILL BE A GALA AWARDS CEREMONY AT ELKINS DAM! ALL FISH CAUGHT THAT DAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, MUST BE TURNED IN BY 12 NOON TO BE ADDED TO THE OTHERS RECORDED DURING THE SUMMER. VALUABLE GIFT CARDS AND BEAUTIFUL TROPHIES WILL THEN BE AWARDED FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND MOST FISH CAUGHT AND FOR THE LARGEST DURING THE MARATHON. FISHING IS A GREAT ACTIVITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND CONSIDERED BY NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT TO BE A WHOLESOME OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE—ESPECIALLY WHEN ENCOURAGED BY ENTHUSIASTIC PARENTS.

Gift cards of increasing value will be awarded to all entrants in each category.

### ROCK BASS ★ ALL STAR ★ WINNERS 2013

1. Mathew Hornung.....1,051	11. Bragen Kinzer.....27
2. Russell Hornung.....438	12. Amilio Urista.....26
3. Drew Carlson.....163	13. Luna Amato.....22
4. Brooke McChesney.....148	14. Gabi Sullivan.....21
5. Kate Cochran.....139	15. Ed Kinzer.....18
6. Myles Muir.....125	16. Cole & Zack Mordecai.....15
7. Jack Kaden.....102	17. Brian O'Malley.....14
8. Quincy Adams.....47	18. Sean Damon.....11
9. Keenan Adams.....43	19. Sierra Kellom.....10
10. Mark Carlson.....29	20. Ellie Ketchum.....8
BIGGEST ROCK BASS KEENAN ADAMS - 11"	Total for 2013... 2,457

A SPECIAL DRAWING WILL BE HELD, OPEN TO ALL YOUNGSTERS IN ATTENDANCE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A SPECIAL, SUPER-HUGE MT KEARSARGE ICE CREAM SUNDAE BIG ENOUGH FOR 20 PEOPLE! OTHER FREE REFRESHMENTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL! GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE! COME ONE, COME ALL, RELAX AND HAVE A GOOD TIME.

**P.S. FISHING TIP FROM THE EXPERTS**  
DROP A HOOKED WORM IN A HOLE BETWEEN THE ROCKS NEAR SHORE—THAT'S WHERE THE ROCK BASS LIVE.  
AND PLEASE  
**NO LEAD SINKERS!**  
LEAD CAN BE FATAL TO LOONS

# The Why of June 28<sup>th</sup>

When we announced the fireworks date of June 28<sup>th</sup> this year, we received a few emails about the date being what it was so we thought that it might be helpful to our members to have a little more detail on how we arrived at the date.

Atlas PyroVision Productions from Jaffrey, NH is the company who has always provided the fireworks on Pleasant Lake either by selling them to us or shooting the show since the advent of the barge. Our fireworks show is one of Atlas's oldest accounts and because of this long relationship and their genuine enjoyment of shooting our show, we get a decent deal on the show.

Another thing to understand is that while we continue to shoot basically the same show that we have always done, in the same time Atlas has grown from a small NH fireworks company to a world class fireworks company that provides fireworks for most of the fireworks you've seen in New England and have won international awards. For them, shooting our relatively small show on the Saturday of July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend for the price that they do just isn't an option any more.

So we as a board felt it would be prudent for us to look at other potential options. When discussing other options, Board members agreed that it was important the fireworks remain on a Saturday where it could be enjoyed by as many people as possible while fitting in with the other weekend activities such as the PLPA Annual Meeting and The Run for The Lakes. When looking at other potential vendors, we found:

- 1) Because we are now required by state regulations to shoot the show from a barge because there's nowhere on land around the lake that meets the current requirements to shoot the show, we are severely limited in our vendor options.
- 2) Barge rental from a third party company was another option which proved to be logistically and financially not a viable option for us.
- 3) The value we receive for the dollars spent cannot be matched by another provider on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend or any other.

Based on the available information at hand, the Board agreed that the nearest reasonable date that Atlas could provide would be the best option. The Board will continue to listen to input from members in regards to the summer festivities and will strive to get the best available weekend date for our start of summer celebration.

Will Kidder

## Flares and Wet Newspapers

As we light our flares on June 28<sup>th</sup> and create our "Circle of Friendship" glowing around Pleasant Lake, please be aware that the flares are dripping chemical residue which is harmful to the lake. If you simply place several sheets of WET newspaper under the flare, the chemical residue will be caught and prevented from entering the lake. This also makes for easier clean up!

## Lost and Found

If you have lost something from your beach or waterfront, or if something unexpected comes ashore, please call 526-4069 or e-mail [lanes-end@comcast.net](mailto:lanes-end@comcast.net) and we will try to help!

## THE LOONS OF PLEASANT LAKE 2013 SEASON



For the seventh year in a row the Pleasant Lake loon pair successfully hatched two chicks from a loon raft on Pleasant Lake. That is an amazing accomplishment in the world of loons! The Belden Family christened the chicks "Puck" and "Portia". The chicks thrived on the lake and flew off to the ocean in late fall. It takes a lake to raise little loons! Thank you all for your commitment to preserve and protect the loons of Pleasant Lake! Please subscribe to "All Things Pleasant on the Lake" by visiting [www.plpa.net](http://www.plpa.net). You will receive a nature photo journal each Friday morning updating you on the loons and other natural events on the lake. And please remember: Pleasant Lake is a member of Let's Get the Lead Out, NH! Please always use lead free sinkers and jigs. The smallest piece of lead will kill a loon. Please spread the word. Together we can make a difference!



*Photos in this newsletter taken by Kittie Wilson.  
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## An Ounce of Prevention

A basic understanding of the key challenges facing a watershed and some simple ways to deal with these challenges can go a long way in meeting protection objectives. Most key challenges are centered on maintaining the delicate balance of water quality and chemistry, which in turn impacts a delicate balance of habitat, recreational value, and aesthetics. This balance of water quality, habitat, and aesthetics for Pleasant Lake remains the envy of many other lakes. However, conscious and consistent positive actions are necessary to maintain this high quality.

Three of the biggest threats to this delicate balance are excessive nutrient and toxic chemical loading, excessive erosion and sediment flows, and the introduction of exotic invasive species.

Nutrient overloading is most often caused by human activity and typically entails release of nitrates and phosphates. The main threat of nutrient overloading is excessive and imbalanced weed and algae growth. This overgrowth can be harmful as the amount of additional vegetative decay depletes normal oxygen levels in the water and certain algae blooms are considered harmful. Excessive weed growth accelerates the aging (hypertrophication) of a lake and speeds up the more natural cycle of change in clarity, habitat, and aesthetics. The most common sources of excess nutrients in our watershed would be inadequately maintained or designed private septic systems, uninformed and inappropriate use of lawn fertilizers, and runoff from storm water and agricultural activities. As watershed residents, we need to be constantly mindful that all chemicals or nutrients we do not use or dispose of properly are added to watershed flows. Periodic septic system inspection and maintenance and taking advantage of hazardous waste collection days are two importance steps individuals can take to protect the lake. Zoning regulations

directed at these threats include activity setbacks, required maintenance of vegetative buffers with their positive filtering impacts, prohibiting certain uses, and the requirement that best management practices be used for certain other human activities within the watershed.

Sediment flows caused by excessive erosion often carry nutrients and other problematic substances into streams and the lake. Suspended silt also attenuates light which impacts both normal vegetative growth and water clarity. The result is often a change in both habitat and water chemistry. Common causes of excessive erosion are land disturbance without proper erosion control measures and storm water runoff. Once again, proper activity setbacks, the maintenance and/or establishment of vegetative buffers, limiting and mitigating impervious surfaces, and limiting activities in the vicinity of steep slopes are all protective measures to control the level of erosion and sediment.

The third biggest challenge for many lakes is the introduction of exotic invasive species. Invasive milfoil has been the primary focus of PLPA's successful exotic weed prevention program for many years. The Lake Host boat inspection effort is being expanded to include inspection for additional invasive threats such as an exotic mussel population expanding in our direction. Although the Lake Host program is an important tool, all of us should be alert to any unusual vegetation and evidence of new critters in our lake. The establishment of any rapidly expanding invasive species populations could rapidly change the existing balance we presently enjoy and impact the recreational and aesthetic profile of the lake.

The PLPA continues to monitor for these risks and is prepared to respond to these challenges as necessary. For the time being,

we are doing fine, but it is important to long term protection that all residents and visitors understand the primary challenges to the lake and to do their part. Doing what we can to prevent and minimize these types of risks is everybody's business.

If you have not participated in a hazardous waste collection or have not had your septic system inspected recently, please do so. If you have not familiarized yourself with local zoning requirements with respect to water resources, please do so. As a knowledgeable and responsible community we can keep our lake and watershed forever PLEASANT!

Rick Anderson

### Hazardous Waste

There is a scheduled Hazardous Waste Collection in New London on Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>. Collection will be at the New London Highway Garage at 184 South Pleasant Street. For additional details, visit the hazardous waste section of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission website at <http://hhw.uvlsrc.org/>

The website includes additional collection dates and locations at which New London residents may participate. The site also contains information about alternative cleaning recipes and proper disposal of unused medicines.



# Lifetime Achievement Award

PLPA congratulates John and Kittie Wilson, PLPA board members and committee chairs, for their joint receipt of the U.S. EPA's Environmental Merit Award for Lifetime Achievement. The award was presented on April 22<sup>nd</sup> during a ceremony at Faneuil Hall in Boston. One of six Lifetime Achievement Awards made this year for all of New England, the award is in recognition of both John and Kittie's many and varied contributions to environmental activities over many years. In addition to the many contributions made by the Wilsons to the PLPA and Town of New London, their environmental efforts have reached well beyond New London and include impactful activities with NH Lakes Association and The Loon Preservation Committee. The PLPA is fortunate to have the Wilsons so involved with the PLPA and is proud to help them celebrate the recognition of their broad contributions to environmental matters as reflected in this prestigious award.



## *Pleasant Lake Ice-out Dates*

2004	APRIL	18
2005	APRIL	18
2006	APRIL	2
2007	APRIL	26
2008	APRIL	21
2009	APRIL	13
2010	APRIL	2
2011	APRIL	22
2012	MARCH	22
2013	APRIL	17
2014	APRIL	22

## THE PLPA STORE

Bruce and Shirley Avery are the managers of the PLPA Store. They will have a wonderful assortment of goods for sale at the Annual Meeting starting at 8:30 on Saturday morning, June 28<sup>th</sup>. PLPA items make great gifts for your visiting houseguests and also for Christmas! You can call Bruce or Shirley at 526-2854 or email [PLPAStore@tds.net](mailto:PLPAStore@tds.net). Of course, all profits benefit Pleasant Lake.

## *WHAT'S IN YOUR TACKLE BOX?*

*"No idea! We only use Grandpa's tackle box when we vacation on the lake."*

**Grandpa's Tackle Box is full of toxic lead!**

Please dispose of it properly.

*"I don't know if my sinkers and jigs are lead or not."*

**Then they are probably toxic lead.**

Uncoated lead will actually write on paper. Please dispose of all of your lead tackle properly.

*"I only purchase lead-free tackle. I find that tungsten jigs and sinkers are superior for bass fishing. I certainly don't want my children handling lead."*

**Congratulations!**

We all need to make the switch to lead-free tackle. Ask for lead-free at your tackle shop.

### **DON'T LET THIS LOON'S MEAL BE HER LAST!**

The smallest piece of lead will kill a loon. When you lose a sinker or jig in the lake, loons will pick it up as they forage for pebbles to aid in digestion, or when feeding on a fish that is attached to lead tackle. That loon will die of lead poisoning in a matter of weeks. Death by lead fishing tackle accounts for half

of all documented loon deaths in New Hampshire.

These deaths are completely preventable!

For more information please visit [www.loon.org](http://www.loon.org)

**Thank you for helping to keep the beautiful call of the loon echoing over New Hampshire waters!**



## PLEASE JOIN THE PLEASANT LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

\$ 40.00	Membership Fee	Name: _____
\$ _____	Protection Programs	Address: _____
\$ _____	Fireworks	_____
\$ _____	Where Needed	Town, State, Zip: _____
_____	Total	E-Mail Address: _____
_____		
_____		

**Note: Contributions to the PLPA are fully tax-deductable. PLPA is a 501(c)(3) Non-profit organization.**

I would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer in *(check all that apply)*

- |                                       |                              |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| _____ Membership and Communications   | _____ Watershed Conservation |
| _____ Exotic-Invasive Weed Prevention | _____ Water Quality          |
| _____ Activities                      | _____ Fish Conservation      |
| _____ Wildlife Conservation           | _____ Boating Safety         |

My phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL BY JULY 1 TO:

PLEASANT LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION  
P.O. BOX 1584, NEW LONDON, NH 03257

Many Thanks!!

### **LET'S GET THE LEAD OUT FOR A LEAD FREE LAKE!**

***Please bring your lead sinkers and jigs to the PLPA Annual Meeting. Let's collect at least 20 pounds!***

#### **The Problem:**

Loons are a Threatened Species in New Hampshire and face growing challenges. Half the loons that die each year, die from lead poisoning due to ingesting lead fishing tackle. Loons ingest tackle as pebbles for digestion or by ingesting fish that have been hooked by lead tackle. A lead sinker or jig ingested by a loon means certain death within two weeks. Loon mortalities due to lead poisoning peak with fishing and tourism season, so much of the ingested tackle comes from current fishing use. Children and adults should not be handling lead.

#### **The Solution:**

Lead-free fishing tackle is readily available. A growing number of anglers are going lead free. Lead sinkers weighing one ounce or less and lead jigs measuring less than an inch are presently illegal in New Hampshire. Please remove all lead from your tackle box. If it is old, it is lead. To test the sinker or jig, remember that lead will write.

#### **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:**

1. Gather all the lead sinkers and jigs from your tackle boxes and fishing lines.  
Put them in a zip-lock bag.
2. Bring the bag of lead to the PLPA Annual Meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM.  
If you cannot attend call 526-4069 or email lanes-end@comcast.net for a pick up.
3. In return, you will receive samples of Lead-free sinkers and jigs. Thank you so much!

***Together we can exceed the goal of collecting 20 pounds!***

***Thank you for helping Pleasant Lake to be Lead Free!***



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**CELEBRATE PLEASANT LAKE THIS SUMMER!**

***June 28<sup>th</sup> Saturday***

- 8:30 AM** Coffee, Juice, Pastries
- 9:00 AM** PLPA Annual Meeting, Slope 'N Shore Boathouse
- 2:30 PM** Gathering of the Boats off Slope 'N Shore Beach
- 3:00 PM** Boat Parade, Theme: "*The Greatest Show on Earth!*"  
The Parade will go clockwise this year.
- 9:00 PM** Cannon Fired! Light the Flares!
- 9:30 PM** Fireworks!!! Followed by Illumination of the Colors and Taps

***June 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday***

- 8:30 AM** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual RUN/WALK FOR THE LAKE  
Begins across from the Inn at Pleasant Lake

***August 23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday***

- Noon** PLEASANT LAKE LEAD FREE ROCK BASS  
MARATHON  
Awards Ceremony, Elkins Dam

**OLD GLORY**

Do you have a flag that is ready to be put to rest?  
Please bring it to the PLPA Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.  
We will be sure that the flags are disposed of properly.

