



# REFLECTIONS

The Newsletter  
for the  
Pleasant Lake  
Protective Association

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## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As Winter turns to Spring, Pleasant Lake emerges into the warmth and brilliance of blooming flowers, the return of our loon family, boaters and fishermen, and a bustle of activity as we prepare for another summer at the Lake. Yet, this year we mourn the passing just a few weeks ago of Kittie Wilson. Kittie's heart and soul was a large part of Pleasant Lake. We will miss her constant presence without her weekly *All Things Pleasant*, her watchful eye over our loon family, her hard work keeping the PLPA on task and, mostly, her smile and graciousness at every encounter. The PLPA will miss Kittie greatly, and we will strive to honor her memory by continuing to work to keep Pleasant Lake the special place that she loved so much.

Coming up on June 22 is an important public hearing to determine if Pleasant Lake will become subject to the State of New Hampshire's Mooring of Boats on Public Waters statute (Title XXII, Chapter 270 Section 270:61a). The Hearing Officer will receive testimony from any interested party and make a recommendation to the Commissioner of Public Safety who will make the decision. If adopted, owners of all moorings currently in use and those wishing to use a mooring in the future will need to obtain a permit from the State. Included within this newsletter is a discussion of the mooring law and a copy of the Notice of Hearing on June 22. You are encouraged to become familiar with the law and to attend the hearing and testify.

The installation of a new alarm system at the Pleasant Lake Dam and the armoring improvements have been completed. Many thanks to Canary Systems for providing the technology and to the Town of New London for footing the bill. Details are included on page 3. While the dam is able to maintain nearly constant summer and winter lake levels, every five years in the Fall the Lake is lowered below

the winter level to allow for permitted waterfront repairs. This Fall during the drawdown, the dam will undergo restoration work to its outflow pipes. Homeowners wishing to make waterfront improvements are required to obtain necessary permits. Details on how to obtain a permit are provided in the Newsletter.

At the 2018 Town Meeting, voters approved a warrant article to place a permanent conservation easement on a 26.38 parcel of land at the top of Pleasant Street. This parcel includes wetlands that are the headwaters of Red Brook, which is a major tributary for the lake, and an important wildlife area. We appreciate the voters recognition of the importance of this parcel to protecting the lakes water quality.

Last year, the PLPA adopted a "Good Neighbor Policy" in response to increases in the use of firework displays on the lake. The policy encouraged awareness of the impact that fireworks may have upon neighbors, animals and wildlife. We were pleased that the policy was received favorably around the lake and have reprinted it within this newsletter.

Finally, again this summer Lake Hosts will be visible at the public launch from Memorial Day to Labor Day. This program is our leading defense against the introduction of invasive aquatic species and animals into the lake. Lake Hosts not only inspect boats entering the lake, they educate boaters on the new Drain, Clean and Dry law. Many thanks to the Town of New London and the New Hampshire Lakes Association who share funding this program with the PLPA.

We look forward to our annual Fourth of July celebration on July 7<sup>th</sup> this year. Festivities kick off with the Annual Meeting at 9am at the Slope N' Shore clubhouse, followed by the boat parade at 3pm and fireworks at 9pm. Please enjoy the celebration and your summer at Pleasant Lake.

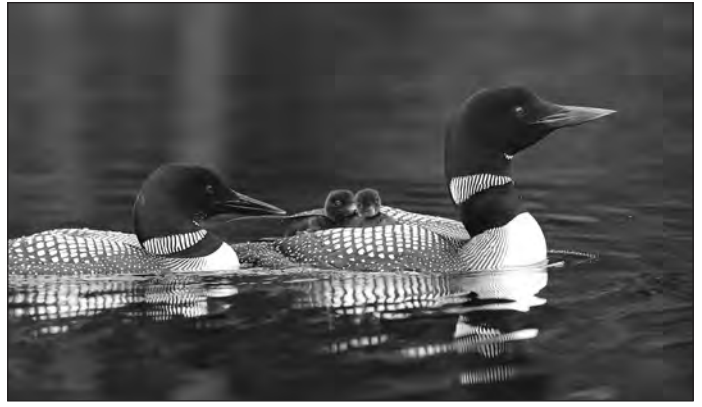
*Peter Winship*



*Peter Winship, President and John Wilson, Vice President*



# The Loons of Pleasant Lake 2017 Season



For the eleventh year in a row the Pleasant Lake loon pair returned to the lake to mate and nest. This is a remarkable achievement in the world of loons! These two loons are banded loons so that we know for sure that these are the same two loons returning year after year.

Two chicks were successfully hatched from the loon nesting raft in Turtle Cove. The Esten Family had the honor of naming the loon chicks this year and named them "Ping" and "Pong". The two chicks had a very healthy and happy summer, growing into beautiful young loons.

Mother and Father Loon had a happy summer as well, with few intruding loons and a minimum of challenges.

Father Loon and Ping left for their winter ocean home off the coast of New England in November and Mother and Pong left in early December.

Thank you for your commitment to preserve and protect the Loons of Pleasant Lake. And please remember to always use lead free sinkers and jigs when fishing. 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. Printing and distribution by Echo Communications, Inc.*

## Fish Lead Free!

Effective June 1, 2016, the sale and freshwater use of lead fishing sinkers and lead jigs weighing one ounce or less is banned in New Hampshire. Senate Bill 89 was originally signed by Governor Hassan in 2013, but there was a three year phase-in period to allow retailers and anglers to switch to non-lead tackle. Please visit [www.loon.org](http://www.loon.org), the website of The Loon Preservation Committee, to learn more about the Fish Lead Free program.



## *In Memory of Kittie*

The entire Pleasant Lake community is saddened by the passing of Kittie Wilson on May 3, 2018. Kittie was a remarkable person. She excelled in her teaching career and in retirement she developed a passion for Pleasant Lake and its loons. The following Ode to Kittie Wilson was written by Debra Perkins for the July 2, 2011 Annual Meeting of the Pleasant Lake Protective Association. Even then, seventeen years ago, Kittie's contributions to our youth and to our lake were appreciated. Now she is no longer with us, but her legacy will last forever.



### *Ode to Kittie Wilson*

*Kittie's profession is teaching.  
During her years at KRSÐ she achieved much  
and received many honors, not the least of these,  
"The Christa McAuliffe Award" for excellence  
which comprised of a sabbatical year in which Kittie  
was able to design and implement courses which enhanced  
the learning experience of every child in New Hampshire.*

*Since Kittie's retirement we have become the beneficiaries  
of her boundless quest for knowledge.  
With grace and enthusiasm, through stunning photographs,  
brilliant language skills incorporating her own thoughts  
with those of historic poets and authors  
she has brought us along on an exciting journey of discovery and appreciation.  
Not only we, but everyone in the Pleasant Lake watershed  
as well as hundreds of others around this country  
and I dare say, around the world.*

*Just like the pebble dropped in calm water,  
Kittie's gift of knowledge radiates.  
It has a beginning but, most likely, no end.  
Kittie you have been and are our treasure to share.*

*Debra Lamson Perkins  
July 2, 2011*



# Moorings on Pleasant Lake

As a resident of Pleasant Lake and/or the Town of New London, the Pleasant Lake Protective Association encourages you to become better informed about lake moorings.

This last summer a boater who does not live on Pleasant Lake placed a mooring and subsequently his boat, in a way that obstructed the view from a neighboring property owners home. The boater had access to this mooring through a grandfathered right of way on nearby land. After doing some research, the home owner discovered that at the present time moorings are totally unregulated on Pleasant Lake, as they are on most of the state's lakes and that this action by the boater, however unpleasant to them, was legal. However, there is a provision in the current NH Moorings Law for a lake to petition for a hearing to be considered becoming a Designated Mooring Lake, where moorings are regulated by the State. Additionally, a number of people have become more and more concerned about the growing number of unregulated moorings on Pleasant Lake. Many of these moorings are off the Town Beach in Elkins. The home owner was already concerned about the growing number of unregulated moorings appearing on the lake and decided to take action. The first step in the process is to collect 25 signatures on a petition, requesting that Pleasant Lake enroll in the State of NH Moorings Program. The home owner collected the required signatures and filed the petition in early April. You can follow the link below to see the actual petition that was filed. <https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/hearings/documents/pleasant-lake-petition.pdf>

## ***What is the NH Moorings Law?***

In 1987 the 6 largest lakes (Winnepesaukee, Squam, Newfound, Winnisquam, Sunapee and Ossipee) in the state were having significant problems with unregulated moorings and unregulated mooring fields. A law was passed that put boat moorings and mooring fields on these lakes under the control of Marine Patrol, which is part of the Department of Safety.

Under the Mooring Law all moorings would become regulated moorings and subject to The Mooring Law. Individual moorings would be registered with the State and an initial fee of \$125 would be paid. There would be an annual \$25 registration fee each subsequent year unless the moorings were part of a

congregate mooring field, in which case the annual fee would be \$50. A mooring could only be placed directly in front of the property of the person who owned the mooring. The mooring would have to be contained within the imaginary extended boundaries of the property. The law would only affect boat moorings and not docks and swim raft anchors, nor boats secured to a dock. Mooring fields would have to adhere to regulations that controlled where they were placed, the land that accessed them and the design of the mooring field. Much more information on the Mooring Law can be found at the following sites:

*The Mooring Law can be found at*  
<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/NHTOC/NHTOC-XXII-270.htm> specifically in Chapter 270, Section RSA 270:59 through Section RSA 270:72-a

*The Rules pertaining to*  
*The Mooring Law can be found at*  
[http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state\\_agencies/saf-c400.html](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state_agencies/saf-c400.html)

Saf-C 408 MOORINGS begins the section on the Rules relating to The Mooring Law.

*Frequently asked questions about The Mooring Law are answered at*  
<https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/nhsp/fob/marine-patrol/moorings/faq.html>

Originally, these regulations only applied to New Hampshire's six largest lakes. However, there is a provision in the law for additional lakes to petition for a hearing to also be considered under this law. Bow Lake in Northwood and Strafford (1000 acres) and Pleasant Lake in Deerfield (450 acres) both petitioned and are now also designated mooring lakes. Pleasant Lake, New London, is 606 acres.

## ***How are moorings currently regulated on Pleasant Lake?***

Lakes that are not under the Moorings Law, including



Pleasant Lake in New London, can have unregulated moorings placed anywhere they can be legally accessed and not be a navigational hazard. That is also the case for unregulated mooring fields. For example, at the present time any boat owner could be given legal access to the lake by a lake property owner over the property owner's land. The boat owner could then legally place a mooring for their boat in front of any property on the lake. A mooring could also be legally accessed from the public boat launch or across public property. A number of boaters could do this so that an unregulated mooring field could form. Unregulated moorings and unregulated mooring fields could occur anywhere on the lake.

Pleasant Lake currently has two mooring fields. One is privately managed at Slope 'N Shore and the other, next to the Town Beach in Elkins, is not managed at all. The Slope 'N Shore site has been in existence for many years. It is well managed, with secure moorings. Usage is controlled by Slope 'N Shore. Access is gained over Slope 'N Shore property. Parking and restrooms are provided. The boaters at the site off the Town Beach gain access to their boats over Town property but the site is not a Town Mooring Field. The Town of New London has no legal control over this unregulated mooring field beside their Town Beach or the access to it. The Town has no legal control over any of the lakes contained within the Town. The State has sole control over the lakes in the State of New Hampshire. The unregulated mooring field site off the Town Beach has problems with moorings breaking, boats dragging their moorings, lack of owner identification, swimmers at risk in the water and safe boating violations. This unregulated mooring field is contiguous to the Town Beach and subsequently presents potential safety problems to the Town beach swimmers as well as problems with parking and use of toilet facilities. The number of unregulated moorings in this area continues to grow each year and now numbers about 22.

### ***What has PLPA done?***

The Pleasant Lake Protective Association Executive Board invited Captain Tim Dunleavy of New Hampshire Marine Patrol to be present at an informational meeting. The President of Slope 'n Shore was also invited and attended the meeting. After making observations of both mooring fields on the lake, Captain Dunleavy informed us that the unregulated mooring field next to the Town Beach would not be permissible under the Moorings Law. The Slope 'N Shore privately managed

mooring field could apply to become a Congregate Mooring Field under the Moorings Law. Congregate Mooring Fields require a separate hearing and if approved, an initial fee of \$125 for each mooring and a \$50 annual fee. The Captain assured the Slope 'N Shore president that Marine Patrol would help work out details so that Slope 'N Shore could maintain their mooring field but specifics have not been worked out at this point.

### ***What happens next?***

The petitioner has filed a properly signed petition, which must include at least 25 accompanying signatures of residents of the lake or of the Town, and that results in a Hearing by the Department of Safety that will be held here in New London. The date has been set for Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 PM at Whipple Hall in New London. During this Hearing all interested residents of the Town and/or the lake will be able to express their opinions verbally regarding adopting the Moorings Law; it is not a question and answer period. Written opinions will be accepted up to one week after the hearing (June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 4:15PM) and can be mailed to: Christopher Casco, Administrator, Bureau of Hearings, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03305. Email can be sent to [safety-hearings@dos.nh.gov](mailto:safety-hearings@dos.nh.gov). Based on the testimonies and other presented evidence, the Department of Safety will make a decision whether to designate Pleasant Lake as a Mooring Lake and adopt rules pursuant to the authority granted by RSA 270:61-a.



*A boat from the unregulated mooring field near the Town Swim Beach in Elkins, seperated from its mooring and up against the rocks.*



# PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 22

There will be a Public Hearing on June 22, 2018 at 2:00PM at Whipple Hall in New London to hear testimony about whether persons wishing to moor their boats on Pleasant Lake should be required to obtain a mooring permit from the State of New Hampshire.

You are encouraged to become familiar with the Mooring Law (RSA 270:59-72-A) and attend the meeting and present your opinion (see accompanying articles Moorings on Pleasant Lake and Notice of Public Hearing). If you cannot attend, written testimony may be submitted no later than June 29, 2018 to:

Christopher Casko  
Administrator, Bureau of Hearings  
33 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH 03305  
or  
Email: [safety-Hearings@DOS.NH.Gov](mailto:safety-Hearings@DOS.NH.Gov)

The Petition was submitted by a private citizen along with the required twenty-five signatories. The Pleasant Lake Protective Association has examined the law and discussed this matter with other stake holders on the Lake and within the New London community. The Board identified a variety of impacts of unregulated moorings and those that may occur if the Mooring Law were adopted. Among them were the possibility of an impact on water quality and wildlife from the continued proliferation of unregulated moored vessels and rising concerns for the safety of swimmers and others recreating on the lake. We are also cognizant of the limitations the law will impose on non-shore owners who will lose their current moorings and upon those currently maintaining moorings, as well as the cost of compliance to those shore-land owners who wish to maintain moorings on the Lake. The Board encourages all interested persons to become familiar with the law and to present their views at the Public Hearing on June 22.

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## *Notice of Pleasant Lake Lowering, Fall 2018*

Every five years Pleasant Lake may be lowered to allow for properly permitted waterfront work after Labor Day. The Town of New London will be making repairs to the face of the dam during the lake lowering of Fall 2018. Therefore, this will be a full drawdown of the lake.

On September 10<sup>th</sup> the lake lowering will begin. The lake will start being restored to the Winter Level on about October 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you need to do waterfront work, permits are required. You can familiarize yourself with permit requirements and process by visiting the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Wetlands Bureau, <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/categories/permits.htm>  
Be sure to alert your contractor to the dates of September 10<sup>th</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Town of New London Planning Administration is a good resource. Contact Town Planner Adam Ricker at 526-1247 for applications and permits.



*Left: Eagle on  
Blueberry Island,  
Pleasant Lake.*

*Right: 2018 boat  
parade marshalls,  
Dave and Janet Kidder.*



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY  
NOTICE OF HEARING**

PURSUANT TO RSA 270:61-a, A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PETITION SEEKING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PUBLIC INTEREST REQUIRES THE USE OF MOORING PERMITS WITHIN PLEASANT LAKE LOCATED IN NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE. THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2018 AT 2:00 PM AT WHIPPLE HALL, CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 429 MAIN STREET, NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

PETITIONERS SEEK THE HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PUBLIC INTEREST REQUIRES THE USE OF MOORING PERMITS.

TESTIMONY WILL BE ALLOWED THAT IS RELEVANT TO THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

- (A) THE SIZE OF THE BODY OF WATER.
- (B) PUBLIC SAFETY.
- (C) THE MAINTENANCE OF RESIDENTIAL, RECREATIONAL, AND SCENIC VALUES.
- (D) THE VARIETY OF USES OF THE BODY OF WATER.
- (E) THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER QUALITY.
- (F) THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES.
- (G) THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AFFECTED, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY.
- (H) THE AVAILABILITY OF MOORINGS TO THE NON-SHOREFRONT OWNING PUBLIC.

PERSONS WISHING TO TESTIFY ARE URGED TO COORDINATE THEIR TESTIMONY TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OR REPETITION. THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN A PERIOD OF SEVEN (7) CALENDAR DAYS SUBSEQUENT TO THE SCHEDULED HEARING MUST RECEIVE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN MATERIAL NO LATER THAN JUNE 29, 2018 AT 4:15 P.M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME.

AUTHORITY FOR HEARING:

RSA 270:61-a AND SAF-C 412 PETITIONS TO REQUIRE PERMITS HEARINGS.

JOHN J. BARTHELMES, COMMISSIONER OF SAFETY  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: CHRISTOPHER CASKO, ADMINISTRATOR  
BUREAU OF HEARINGS  
33 HAZEN DRIVE, CONCORD, NH 03305  
TELEPHONE (603)-271-3486  
EMAIL: SAFETY-HEARINGS@DOS.NH.GOV  
SPEECH/HEARING IMPAIRED HELP LINE TTY/TDD RELAY 1-800-735-2964





## THE LAKE HOST PROGRAM



2018 Lake Hosts: (L-R) Sylvia Dowd, Don Sheffield, Bonnie Lewis, Ron Towle and Cathy Todd.

During the summer of 2017, our 4 Lake Hosts: Don Sheffield, Cathy Todd, Ron Towle, and Sylvia Dowd, worked from Memorial Day to Labor Day. They inspected 1,417 boats and worked a total of 925 hours. Luckily, the two aquatic specimens sent to the State of NH Labs for testing proved to be native, noninvasive species. We are so fortunate to have Lake Hosts inspecting boats and educating boaters in order to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species, both plant and animal.

This year we look forward to these same Lake Hosts returning for the summer of 2018. We also have added a fourth Lake Host, Bonnie Lewis, in a new position started by NH Lakes this year. Bonnie will be in charge of entering all the weekly data in a new computer program they have developed. She will also be working as one of our Lake Hosts.

Please stop by the boat launch to say hello and thank you to these dedicated individuals. If you have any questions or concerns about the Lake Host Program, don't hesitate to call me at 603-848-9464.

*Sally Heald Winship*

## Pleasant Lake Fireworks Good Neighbor Policy

There are about a hundred and ten homes that surround beautiful Pleasant Lake. Every person in every home loves and treasures this special place. We are a lake community. We are all neighbors, and friends, and a family of sorts...the family of Pleasant Lake. We all know that being on or near the water is good for us. Science backs that up, but we are fortunate to really know the peace, the tranquility, and the wellness that comes from living here.

Over the past few years there has been a noticeable increase in fireworks and the size of fireworks displays on the lake. Pleasant Lake is at the base of a natural bowl and loud sound reverberates around the entire lake. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration remains a popular fireworks evening, but fireworks on any given night and late into the evening throughout the summer has become a very unpleasant event for many in our lake community. Restful vacation weeks become stressful. Adults and children with early bedtimes have no chance of sleeping. Many domestic pets are negatively affected. Neighbors worry about the fire hazard. At least one veteran no longer feels comfortable coming to the lake, since fireworks wake him at night and cause him enormous stress. The loon family and other wildlife tolerate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, but every fireworks night is a stressful night for them. The peace, tranquility and wellness of the lake disappear.

We would encourage everyone in this precious lake community to stop and think about what happens to the entire community when the decision is made to set off fireworks. Yes, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration is an appropriate night. If you feel strongly that other nights are appropriate, please consider no fireworks after 10:00 PM. Please think about the unintended consequences of using fireworks and be a good neighbor. Please help to preserve and protect the treasure that is Pleasant Lake.



*The Pleasant Lake Protective Association Board of Directors*





# 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.

**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 onboard. This includes paddle boarders and kayaks. By law, children 12 or under must wear a life jacket at all times. On a power boat, it is recommended that you always attach a lanyard properly between the ignition switch and the operator.

## 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 Clarke's Ace Hardware in New London.





2017 Theme

# Once upon a time



The 2017 Grand Marshals:  
Stu and Pat Curtis

## THE PLEASANT LAKE BOAT PARADE

Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00

2018 Theme: "Westward Ho!"

Saddle up those ponies, hook up the wagons and let's move 'em out!  
Westward Ho! Boats will overflow with all the excitement of a real wagon train,  
so come join the fun!

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

### 2:30 Gathering of the Boats

We will gather off Slope 'N Shore, take pictures and admire all the clever ideas!

### 3:00 Parade

The horn will sound and we will follow The Tortoise  
and Grand Marshals, Dave and Janet Kidder.

We travel clockwise this year, so your port side will be facing the shore.

**Come join the fun!**





## The PLPA Store

The PLPA Store offers a wide variety of logo merchandise from T-shirts, hats, sweatshirts, golf shirts, windbreakers, cups and mugs and more, all in a variety of styles and colors and sizes from youth to adult. You can purchase PLPA items by going online, at the company store or at local merchants.

- To purchase items online, go to [www.PLPA.net](http://www.PLPA.net) and click on "Store" in the upper banner
- Visit the PLPA Store at 501 Lakeshore Dr. Please call ahead 603-848-6700
- Come to the PLPA Annual Meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup> and see new merchandise
- Visit Park N' Go in Elkins and purchase selected items

All major credit cards are accepted.

*Peter and Sally Winship, Managers*

## 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.

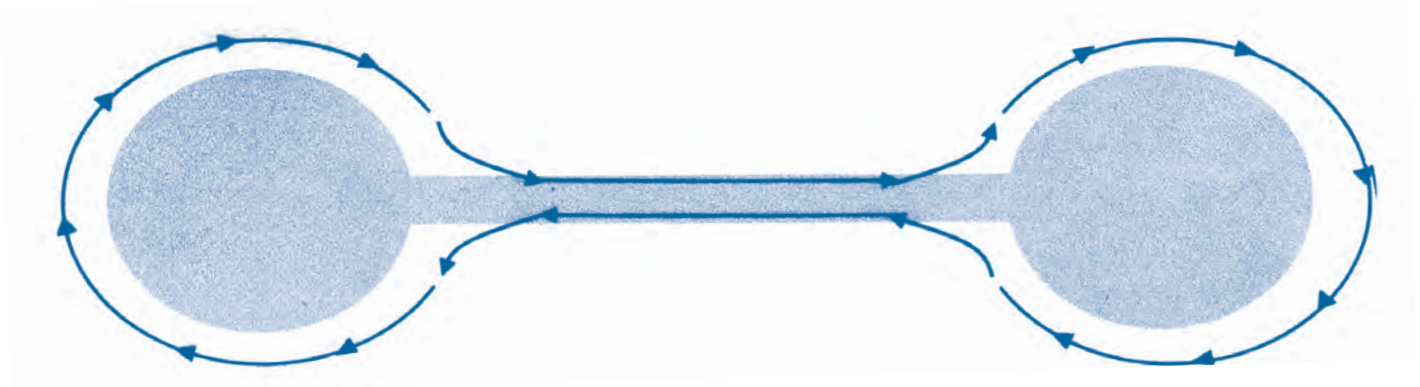


**IF YOU SEE A VIOLATION,  
PLEASE REPORT IT!**

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

## 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.





# PLEASANT LAKE LEAD FREE ROCK BASS MARATHON

June 15 TO AUGUST 18, 2018  
KIDS WIN FABULOUS PRIZES!

OUR GOAL  
**3000**  
Rock Bass

2500

2000

1500

1000

500

DISTINCT REDDISH EYE

A LARGE ROCK BASS IS  
ABOUT 12"

BLACK SPOT ON GILL

BLACK SPOT ON EACH SCALE

DO NOT  
CONFUSE  
WITH  
SUNFISH  
WHICH HAVE  
RAINBOW  
COLORATION.

**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.

**PRIZE AWARDS SATURDAY AT 12:00 NOON, AUG. 18, 2018!**

**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 AND IT'S  
AGAINST THE LAW!**

ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE MARATHON, AUGUST 18, 2018, THERE WILL BE A GALA AWARDS CEREMONY AT ELKINS DAM! ALL FISH CAUGHT THAT DAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 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.

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+

# PLEASANT LAKE WATER QUALITY – 2017

Pleasant Lake had another good summer as far as water quality was concerned. We had a team of water testers which included Peter Winship, John Wilson, Steve Allenby, Oge Young and Bruce Johnson.

One late spring test was done on the main tributaries leading into the lake and four monthly tests were conducted at a number of sites around the lake. One of these monthly tests was conducted in conjunction with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

The clarity of the lake, while being well within state norms, was somewhat diminished over the previous summer. This could be easily attributed to the abundant rain which tends to bring in natural debris and thus reduces the clarity depth. There was an extended drought the previous summer which led to exceptional lake clarity.

The overall test results for the lake were excellent and Pleasant Lake remains a Class A oligotrophic (good) lake. There have been a number of septic system and storm water runoff improvements made at various locations around the lake which are also good for lake quality.

*John Wilson*

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## 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, Lynn Annicharico, Paul and Linda Messer, Dick Kellom, Debbie Perkins, Bruce Avery, George Jamieson, Bruce Johnson, Sally Winship, Judy Oates, Tom and Sandy Stark, Bruce and John Williamson, Jamie Hess, Jeff Hollinger, Oge Young, Bob Kirchberger, Dee and Storm Connors.



*The Pleasant Lake Water Testing Team  
L to R: Oge Young, Peter Winship, John Wilson.  
Bruce Johnson and Steve Allenby also participate.*

## NEW INFORMATION ON PLEASANT LAKE DAM

Last year New London's own Canary Systems, Inc., graciously proposed a monitoring/alarm system for the Pleasant Lake Dam. The proposal was accepted by the Town and the system was installed in the fall of 2017 after the completion of the dam project. The system monitors lake depth, water temperature, the amount of gate opening, rain fall and power to the gate mechanism. Alarms going to New London Public Works will be triggered by the loss of power to the dam or inordinately high or low lake levels. Data coming from the Pleasant Lake Dam in the form of charts and graphics can now be viewed online at <https://pleasantlake.info/> Enter "guest" for the user name and password. Also check "Remember Password" so that you do not have to log on each time you visit the site.

Many thanks to Alex Neuwirt and his team at Canary Systems, Inc. for all their contributions to this project and to Richard Lee, Director of the Town of New London Public Works and to John Wilson, representing Pleasant Lake Protective Association, for their time and effort on this project.

Visit the site anytime to check on the status of the lake. Enjoy!





**ELKINS FISH  
& GAME CLUB**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> Annual Lake-A-Thon**  
**SUNDAY JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
**PLEASANT LAKE DAM**

Come enjoy this educational and fun event! The highlight is the Cardboard Boat Regatta, as contestants build and race their boats around a course. Any and all debris is carefully collected. The boats begin to gather at 9:00 AM and the race begins at 11:00 AM.

NH Fish & Game officers will also be on site conducting "Let's Go Fishing" classes for the kids present. Marine biologists will there as well to talk about ecosystems and display marine life. What a great morning!

Please visit the Elkins Fish & Game Club website: [www.elkinsfishandgame.net](http://www.elkinsfishandgame.net) for all the details.

***Life Jackets Required for  
Stand Up Paddle Boards (SUP)***

Stand up paddle boards are considered boats by the United States Coast Guard and the State of New Hampshire. Accordingly, all persons using a Stand up paddle board are required to carry a wearable life jacket onboard while paddling. The Marine Patrol also reminds boaters/paddlers that anyone 12 years of age and under **MUST** be wearing their life jacket at all times while aboard any type of boat, including stand up paddle boards.



***Be Safe...Wear a Lifejacket!***

***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 the lead tackle properly.

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

**Then they are probably toxic lead.**

Unpainted 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 may 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 nearly half of all documented adult loon deaths in New Hampshire.

These deaths are completely preventable!

***Please obey the law and use only lead free fishing tackle!  
Thank you for helping to keep the beautiful call of the loon echoing over New Hampshire waters!***

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



Courtesy of The Pleasant Lake Protective Association



## PLEASE JOIN THE PLEASANT LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

\$ 40.00	Membership Fee	Name: _____
\$ _____	Protection Programs	Address: _____
\$ _____	Fireworks	_____
\$ _____	Where Needed	Town, State, Zip: _____
_____	<b>Total</b>	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!!

### ***Pleasant Lake Ice-out Dates***

2008	APRIL	21
2009	APRIL	13
2010	APRIL	2
2011	APRIL	22
2012	MARCH	22
2013	APRIL	17
2014	APRIL	22
2015	APRIL	21
2016	MARCH	1
2017	APRIL	16
2018	APRIL	27



### **Lost and Found**

If you have lost something from your beach or waterfront, or if something unexpected comes ashore, please call 526-4813 or e-mail [jcryan5700@gmail.com](mailto:jcryan5700@gmail.com) and we will try to help!



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**P.O. BOX 1584  
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PRESERVE AND PROTECT  
PLEASANT LAKE

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**CELEBRATE PLEASANT LAKE THIS SUMMER!**

***June 30<sup>th</sup> Saturday***

9:00 AM 6<sup>th</sup> [Lake-A-Thon](#), Elkins Fish & Game Club  
Pleasant Lake Dam

***July 7<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: "*WESTWARD HO!*"  
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](#)



***August 18<sup>th</sup> Saturday***

NOON [Pleasant Lake Lead Free Rock Bass Marathon](#)  
Awards Ceremony, Elkins Dam

