Maranacook Lake News Summer 2023

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ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY JULY 15, 2023 ~ 8:30 TO 10:00 AM ~ WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT READFIELD

Registration 8:00-8:30 followed by Business Meeting & Presentation 8:30-10:00

GUEST SPEAKER: WENDY DENNIS, COBBOSSEE WATERSHED DISTRICT

Topics ~ Invasive Plants, Lake Water Clarity, Lake Level Management, Erosion Control

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Lake Association Members,

While Invasive plants have been found in all but one of the neighboring lakes within our watershed **we have, once again, had the good fortune of avoiding invasive plant life contamination in our beautiful Maranacook Lake. However, INVASIVE PLANT LIFE IS STILL ONLY A BOAT AWAY.**

It takes constant vigilance, dedication, and education to protect and preserve our lake. **ONLY with your continued support, recruitment of your neighbors, and participation in the Lake Association Board can we provide the monitoring necessary to prevent invasive plant life from entering our lake.** Courtesy boat inspectors and lake surveyors are becoming increasingly difficult to recruit and retain. Hence, everyone's participation and support is absolutely critical to promote best practices and to preserve our wonderful lake for today and future generations. **REMEMBER, INVASIVE PLANT LIFE IS "ONLY A BOAT AWAY".**

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Peter S Washburn

MEMBERSHIP

ONLY 30-35% OF MARANACOOK LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ARE CONTRIBUTING TO AND SUPPORTING MLA…EXPANDING MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES TO BE OUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE

THERE ARE OVER 600 HOUSEHOLDS LOCATED ON AND AROUND THE LAKE…
in 2022 only 183 MLA members paid dues down from 218 in 2021

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

***FIRST, PAY YOUR DUES** ~ additional donations are also welcome ☺
Membership dues and donations provide critical funding needed for the Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) program which is our first line of defense in keeping Invasive Plants out of Maranacook!

***NEXT, HELP US RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS**
Talk to your neighbors and friends who live on and/or enjoy Maranacook Lake about what MLA is doing to protect the lake and invite them to join you in supporting our mission.
More members = more resources available to protect our lake!

MEMBERSHIP BROCHURES ARE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION
Membership form is also available and online payment may be made on our website at https://maranacooklake.wordpress.com/how-to-help/

WE ARE ACTIVELY RECRUITING BOARD MEMBERS
Several individuals who have served on the MLA board for many years are retiring and we are looking to fill these positions, including the positions of Secretary and Membership. **We are also looking for members who are willing to help with MARKETING and our ANNUAL NEWSLETTER.**
If you are interested in serving in any of these capacities and/or would like membership brochures to distribute, please contact MLA President Peter Washburn or any of the board members listed on the back page.

2023 ICE OUT ~ APRIL 12th

2022 MARANACOOK LAKE LOON COUNT
23 adults & 2 chicks

7 SCHEDULED BASS TOURNAMENTS ON MARANACOOK LAKE 2023
https://www.maine.gov/ifw/fishing-boating/fishing/bass-tournaments.html
JUNE 15 & 25 ~ JULY 22 ~AUGUST 5 & 26 ~ SEPTEMBER 9 & 23

SAFETY ON THE WATER

https://www.maine.gov/ifw/docs/maine-boating-laws.pdf

WATER SAFETY ZONE

MAINE LAW REQUIRES THAT ALL BOATS MAINTAIN HEADWAY SPEED WITHIN 200 FEET OF SHORE.

Please also note that WAKE BOATS CREATE SIMILAR IMPACT ON THE SHORELINE 400' FROM SHORE COMPARED TO OTHER BOATS 200' FROM SHORE

THERE ARE UNMARKED ROCKS ON THE LAKE ESPECIALLY WITHIN THE 200' SAFETY ZONE AND AROUND THE ISLANDS…STAYING OUTSIDE THE 200' SAFETY ZONE WILL HELP BOATERS AVOID THESE UNMARKED HAZARDS ESPECIALLY AT LOWER WATER LEVELS

KNOW YOUR BUOYS

With the significant increase in activity and boat size on the lake in recent years WE ASK THAT EVERYONE ON THE LAKE BE EXCEPTIONALLY CAUTIOUS AND VIGILANT ABOUT SAFETY AS WELL AS COURTEOUS AND RESPECTFUL. If you witness dangerous and/or disrespectful behavior on the lake please make note of boat details and registration numbers and report the incident to the MAINE WARDEN SERVICE 207-624-7076

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CONCERTS AT NORCROSS POINT 2023

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July 9: LQH (with Evan Haines!)

July 16: High Spirits
(with Anna Toothaker now Patterson)

July 23: Lynn Deeves

July 30: Black Orange (with Rob Carlton)

August 6: Calypso Soldiers

August 13: Stan Davis

August 20: Sapphire Lane

August 27: Keiyana (ft. Norwood Pearson on guitar)

Bring your family, anchor your boat offshore, have a picnic, toss a frisbee, or dance the day away under the sun!

We look forward to seeing all of our old friends and meeting new ones!

C'mon Lake Friends! Let's have some fun!