



# Lake Life

For Members of the Baboosic Lake Association  
May/June 2006 Edition  
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## Message from the president

Hello to all BLA members. WOW, was that some kind of rain storm or what? Personally, myself, I have never seen the lake that high. Maybe some of our old time residents can remember it that high or higher. I'm sure some of you have suffered some kind of flood damage and we hope that things will turn out ok for you and we wish you the best. When the water is this high, I hope not many boats would be out making waves. We as boaters need to show some self control and slow it down so we are minimizing the damage caused by our waves. It's bad enough our neighbors have water in their homes, they sure don't need waves crashing up against them as well. By slowing down, it will also help the shoreline from eroding away during these high water levels.

**Please be advised that the Annual Meeting is going to be on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Merrimack Town Hall.** We still have some vacancies to fill on the board, so if you are interested in helping to preserve our lake, please contact Elaine Engelhardt, Kathy Boyd, or myself.

We have some very positive news to tell you about the community septic system on the Amherst side of the lake. It is up and running (or flowing). Right now, twelve homes are hooked into it. Phase two of the project is going to be starting around July, with the planning and designing, then with construction slated for sometime in September. Another twelve homes will be brought online, bringing the total to 24 homes on the system. Eventually, the system will be able to accommodate 48 homes. With this and many other people around the lake putting in new systems, and the seagulls no longer flocking and dumping here, this is going to help improve the water quality of the lake. Of course, when Mother Nature dumps a ton of rain on us like she did, it's going to affect the lake. So every little bit each and every one of us can do will help. Just some examples, have your septic tank pumped every year, pick up after your pets and dispose of properly, don't fertilize your lawns or dump sand in or near the lake, and please don't change the shoreline. The seagulls may be gone, but we have an ever increasing duck and geese population, so please don't feed them. They might be cute, but they do pollute, and we don't want them hanging around.

Some other positive news is that we are in the final stage of our grant proposal for the Baboosic Lake Storm water Management Program. We are only waiting for the Governor and Executive Council for the final approval. When this comes about, a team of engineers will be going around the entire lake and watershed looking for runoff problem areas and prioritizing them and then we can begin the repairing stage.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of the BLA, and looking forward to seeing you out and about on the lake or at one of our many social events planned for the upcoming summer season.

**Thank you**

I hope you will all join me in saying “Job well done” to our outgoing board members, Linda Matz – 8 years of service, John Tisdell – 6 years, and Joe Kearns – 2 years. Linda has worked very hard being the editor of our very informative newsletter, and running the social events that you all enjoy attending. John is our treasurer and has been keeping close watch over our funds. Joe works on our water quality team, taking e-coli samples from our testing sites around the lake and bringing them to the lab. Thank you very much for your time and devotion to the BLA in helping to preserve our lake. I hope you all keep in touch. Richard Sullivan BLA President

**Boater Safety Course**

This is just a friendly reminder that by the year 2008, all boaters will be required to have taken the boater safety course. Below is a listing of the certification process:

Age 42 & under required by 1/1/2006	Date of Birth on or after 1/1/1963	Certificate
Age 49 & under required by 1/1/2007	Date of Birth on or after 1/1/1957	Certificate
All Boaters required by 1/1/2008		Certificate

Please check the local papers for dates, times and locations of classes or call the Boating Education Office at Marine Patrol Headquarters in Gilford, toll free at (888) 254-2125.

**Web Site**

The Baboosic Lake Association is in the process of building a web site. The domain name we have registered is BaboosicLakeNH.com. We are hoping that this site will be up and running by early June. We are still compiling an e-mail list of addresses. If you haven't sent your e-mail address with your dues, please e-mail it to Linda Matz at [linmatz@adelphia.net](mailto:linmatz@adelphia.net).

**Town Beach Opening**

The Amherst Town Beach is scheduled to open on June 17<sup>th</sup>. The daily gate fee is \$2 per person and children under the age of 2 are free. You can purchase season passes which are \$85 per family for residents of Amherst and \$125 per family for non residents. The town has a new website for swimming and recreation information. It is [www.myrecdept.com/nh/amherst](http://www.myrecdept.com/nh/amherst). Be sure to type in swim lessons under the search area for the link below with the picture for swim lessons is not working at this time. Life guards are on duty daily from 10:00am to 6:00pm. For further information you can visit the website above or call the town recreation department at 673-6248.

**Cleanup Day**

The BLA is planning a clean up day on Clark Island Road to get rid of waste that has accumulated over the years. If anyone has time to help, we will be meeting at the Town Beach at 10:00am on Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup>. For further information call Ellen 673-6399.

**2006 Social Schedule**

The Baboosic Lake Association is currently setting the summer social schedule. The dates listed below are subject to change. The actual confirmed dates will be published in the monthly member newsletters over the course of the next few months. As always, any questions you may have regarding any event may be directed to Linda Matz or Ellen Fallon. We look forward to seeing lots of you this year!

- June 17<sup>th</sup>- Volleyball Tournament Washer Cove Association Beach
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>- Annual Meeting-Merrimack Town Hall 7:00pm
- July 4<sup>th</sup>- Ring of fire around the lake (to be announced in a later newsletter)
- July 15<sup>th</sup>- Boat Parade 4:00 followed by ice cream social 7-9pm
- July 30<sup>th</sup>- Cardboard boat race
- August 6<sup>th</sup>- Canoe/Kayak morning social (no motor boats) tentative event
- August 19<sup>th</sup>- Ice cream Social 7-9pm
- August 26<sup>th</sup>- Annual picnic- further information to be announced
- September Volleyball Tournament ?
- September- Progressive Dinner or Dance?

**Volleyball Tournament**

The BLA has scheduled the Annual Volleyball Tournament for **Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>**. It will be held at the Washer Cove Association Beach. For further information or to register a team, please contact Ellen Fallon at 673-6399.

**E-coli Water Testing**



<u>May 2006</u>		
<u>Location</u>	<u>Map Code</u>	<u>E-coli count</u>
Hillside	1	10
4 Seasons	2	<10
Greenwood/Lakeside	3	<10
Oliver's Pipe	4	<10
Carter Road	5	30
Jebb Road	6	<10
Far Cove	7	<10
Seagull Heaven	8	10
Washer Cove	9	10
Moonbeam	10	10
Amherst Town Beach	11	50
Walnut Hill Inlet	n/a	n/a

**\*\*Please note- counts higher than 88ppl will be retested. We'll keep you updated!\*\***  
**Also, please remember not to feed the ducks and geese. Their waste contributes to higher e-coli counts!**

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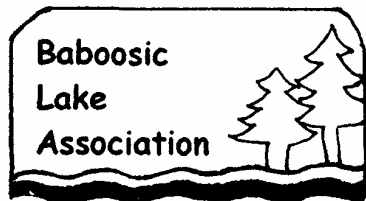
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