

# Lake Life

For Members of the Baboosic Lake Association  
July 2007 Edition

## **Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting was held on June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Merrimack Town Hall. Toni Paul and Rick McEntee were voted back in as returning board members for a two year term. Bernie Shedd was also reelected to serve as treasurer. At the meeting, we had two guest speakers. George Winslow from Dave's Septic came and talked about how to maintain your septic system and his discount offer to BLA members. More on that further in the newsletter.

Andrea LaMoreaux, who is the New Hampshire Lakes Association Education Outreach director, spoke to us on lake issues that affect us and other lakes in the state. She also had nothing but high praises for the BLA in its efforts to help Baboosic Lake and its surrounding watershed. Andrea also commented on how far ahead the BLA is compared to other lake associations. With our water testing, education, website, and grant fundraising, etc.

The BLA is where it is today as the result of all the hard work done by the current and previous board members and its loyal membership. Great job everyone.

## **New Benefit for BLA members**

One of the most important things you can do to help the lake is to maintain your septic systems. Dave's Septic is going to help you do that with his discounted rates for septic pumping, portable toilets and other services. On septic pumping, they normally charge 22 cents per gallon, but for BLA members, it will be discounted to 15 cents per gallon. So if you have a 1000 gallon tank, instead of paying \$220 you would be only paying \$150. That would be a \$70 savings for you. Now let's say you want to have a big party at your

house, but are afraid it will tax your septic system. You can get a portable toilet from Dave's Septic for only \$60. That's half the price they normally charge. These two things alone are well worth the price of a membership. We encourage all of you to take advantage of this new benefit. Not only will it save you money, but it will also benefit the lake in the long run. Thanks to Greg Gendron for all his hard work in acquiring this new service. Greg was in contact with several local companies negotiating the best possible deal for BLA members.

### **Social Events**

#### **Boat Parade**

The Annual Boat Parade will be held on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. The parade will start down by the Four Season's Beach and proceed around the entire lake.

**This year's letter is "D"**. So decorate your boats accordingly and keep your theme appropriate for all ages to view.

#### **Ice Cream Social**

On the same day as the Boat Parade, we will be having the ever popular Ice Cream Social. It will be held at the Sullivan's dock from **6 to 8 pm. Please note the time change.** We will be having chocolate and vanilla ice cream with your choice of whip cream, strawberries, hot fudge, jimmies and nuts. So come by boat or foot and enjoy.

#### **Cardboard Boat Race**

On Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm, it will be our third try at a cardboard boat race. Please note a location change. It will now be held at the **Amherst Town Beach.** Plenty of parking for you to bring your cardboard boat to the race or to just come by and watch the action.

#### **Rules for the Cardboard Boat Race:**

- \* The entire boat must be made of cardboard
- \* Life jackets must be worn by all participants

- \* The cardboard may be as thick as you want, but may not be glued or attached to wood, plastic, fiberglass, etc.
- \* Duct tape, masking tape, packing tape, or adhesives such as "liquid nails" may be used to connect cardboard to cardboard and may be used to reinforce only seams and stress points.
- \* Waterproof the entire boat with any paintable, one-part substance like Varnish, Polyurethane, or Latex paint. No epoxy type substance.
- \* Things not to be used:  
Sono-tubes, coated cardboard, wood, Styrofoam, metal or plastic staples, clamps, nails, screws, etc.  
Waterproofing materials, such as caulking, etc. Also plastic or fiberglass.
- \* Where the crew sits may not be enclosed. The crew must be able to get in and out of the boat easily.
- \* Ordinary paddles and oars may be used.
- \* If there is any doubt about the construction, the judges reserve the right to use a probe, such as an ice pick, to test and verify that only cardboard has been used.
- \* Violation of any construction rule shall be cause for disqualification.

***The above rules are more of a guideline. Just remember first and foremost to have fun!***

### **Annual Cookout**

Plans are well underway for the cookout this year. Once again our good neighbors at Camp Young Judaea are letting us use their beach area for the festivities on August 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be having the same caterer as last year, and if you went then, you know that the food was fantastic. More info to come in the August newsletter. If you would like to donate a new item to be raffled off, please contact Ellen Fallon at 673-6399.

### **Thank you**

During the recent flood, part of a beaver house or part of one of their many dams floated out into the lake across from Camp Young Judaea. It posed a significant safety hazard, as many of the branches were quite thick and pointing out of the water like spears. Carey Demers and Jeff Mulligan took it upon themselves to remove this obstacle from the lake, filling both of their boats in the process. They both spent the better part

of a Saturday removing the debris and transporting it to the dump.

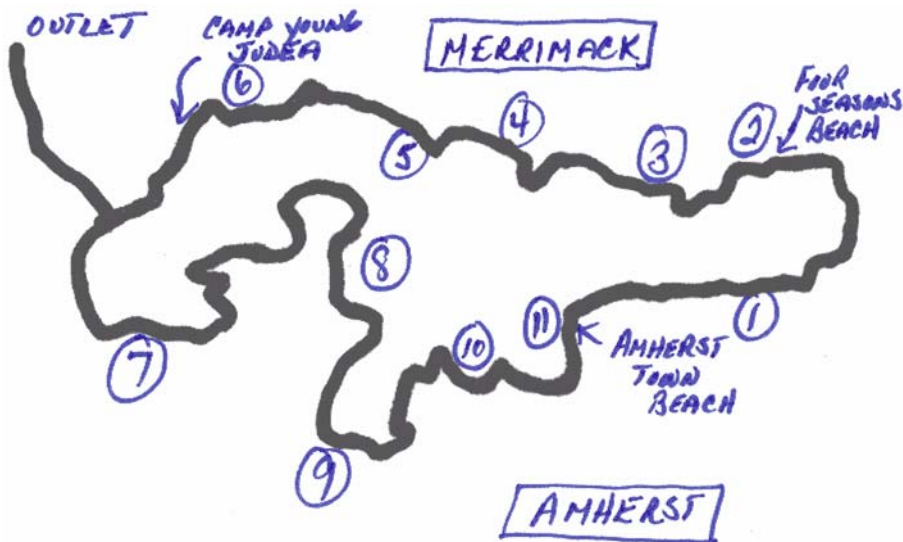


### **New water Quality Chart**

Now you will be able to keep track of the clarity of the water through the new Secchi Disk reading's chart. This is one of the many tests that are performed by the water testing crew each week. You will notice there are two numbers in each box, say 3.0 - 4.0 for example. The first number is without the view scope and the second number is with the view scope. We also put in a chart that will help you convert meters to feet.

### **E-coli Water Testing**

<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	<10
Jebb Road	6	<10
Far Cove	7	20
Seagull Heaven	8	<10
Washer Cove	9	<10
Moonbeam	10	<10
Amherst Town Beach	11	<10



**\*\*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!**

### Secchi Disk Readings

DATE	SHARKS TOOTH	CENTER	WASHER COVE	CLARK ISLAND	WATER TEMP	AIR TEMP	SKY
5/30/07	3.3 – 3.8	3.1 – 3.6	3.4	3.5 – 3.8	70°	70°	CLEAR
6/6/07	2.9 – 3.4	2.9 – 3.5	2.7 – 3.3	2.7 – 3.3	67°	55°	CLOUDY
6/13/07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
6/21/07	3.2 – 3.7	3.0 – 3.9	3.2 – 3.4	3.2 – 3.6	73°	70°	SUNNY
6/27/07	3.0 – 3.4	3.1 – 3.7	3.0 – 3.5	2.9 – 3.5	77°	84°	SUNNY
7/4/07	3.4 – 3.9	3.2 – 3.8	2.9 – 3.5	3.8 – 4.2	72°	71°	SUNNY

Feet	Meters
7	2.1
8	2.4
9	2.7
10	3.0
11	3.3
12	3.6
13	3.9
14	4.3