

# Lake Life

For Members of the Baboosic Lake Association

**August 2009 Edition**

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## **Thank You's**

Special thanks goes out to all of you who observed the no wake policy, while the water level of the lake was extremely high for this time of the year. By having the no wake it limited the damage to people's docks, boats and the shoreline. Thank you for all your efforts in this matter. Now onto some big thank you's to the Amherst residents who voted to accept funding for Phase Four of the Community Septic. As of right now 9 to 12 homes are going to be hooking into the system. For those that are still pondering, just think of how much the water quality of the lake will benefit by your decision to hook into the system. The final vote at the special town meeting on this warrant article was 93 in favor and 7 opposed. Once again thanks to all of you who voted in favor of this very important lake issue.

## **Social updates**

Over the next couple of pages you will see the upcoming social events for August. We are bringing back an old event from years past and that would be the sail boat race. So dig out those old sail boats wipe off all the spider webs, dust etc. and join in for a nice day of sailing on the lake. Also coming up in August is the cardboard boat race (see the new rules in this newsletter), the rescheduled boat parade, another ice cream social and our end of summer cook out. Mark the dates on your calendar.

Sail/Cardboard Boat Races & Olympic Day – August 2<sup>nd</sup> time 11:00am and 1:30pm @ 4 Seasons Beach

Boat Parade – August 15<sup>th</sup> time 2:00 pm @ 4 Seasons Cove

Ice Cream Social – August 15<sup>th</sup> time 6 to 8 @ Sullivan's dock

Annual Cookout – August 22<sup>nd</sup> start at 3:00 food served at 5:00 @ CYJ

## **BLA Social – August 2009**



We're planning an August full of fun activities on the lake. Events kick off on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Four Seasons Beach area. The day starts with sailboat races at 11 AM followed by the cardboard boat competition and Olympic Day at 1:30 PM. There will be lots of games and prizes, so bring the entire family!

To help “float your boat”, we’ve changed the rules for the cardboard boat races this year and are allowing the introduction of sonotubes and zip ties! Rules are as follows:

- 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. Sonotubes are now allowed.
- 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. Zip ties are now allowed.
- You cannot use: Coated cardboard, wood, styrofoam, metal, or any type of staples, clamps, nails, screws, etc. Waterproofing materials such as caulking, etc. are not allowed. Plastic or fiberglass cannot be used.
- Waterproof the boat with any paintable one-part substance like varnish, polyurethane, or latex paint. No epoxy type substances are to be used.
- Where the crew sits may not be enclosed and the crew must be able to get in and out of the boat easily.
- Ordinary paddles and oars may be used in the race
- If there is any doubt about boat construction, 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
- First and foremost, remember to have fun!

For another fun sport, bring your canoe and try to out-paddle others in our canoe race.

And if you’re really bold, try our new and exciting event - the Canoe Tilting contest! Teams of 2 ‘off-balanced’ adults battle each other in this head-to-head competition. Each boat has a paddler and a jouster who stands in the front of the canoe with an 8 foot long padded pole trying to upset the balance of their opponent. The rules are very easy – the first one in the drink loses!

Join us for all these events at the Four Seasons beach on 8/2. See you there!

### **Boat Parade – August 15**



Our second event is a double header with the rescheduled Boat Parade and an Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. The boat parade will start at 2 pm at the Four Season’s end of the lake and will proceed around the entire lake. This year’s theme is the letter “G”, so decorate your boats accordingly and keep your theme appropriate for all ages to view. Trophies will be awarded to our top 3 contenders. Later in the day, stop by the Sullivan’s home at 20 Lakeside Drive in Merrimack by foot or boat to enjoy a delicious ice cream sundae! We’ll be scooping up the fun from 6 to 8 pm.

## **Summer Cook Out – August 22**



Our grand finale this summer is the annual Baboosic Lake Cook-Out to be held on the beach at Camp Young Judea. Please join us on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3 pm. Bring home a prize from our silent auction or take a chance at our 50-50 raffle. Donations of silent auction items are always appreciated.

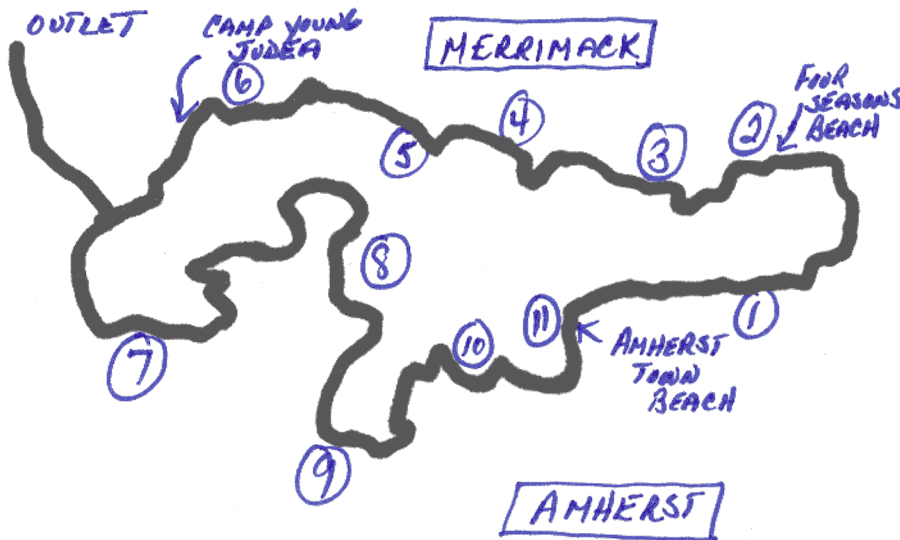
Delicious food will be hot off the grill at 5 pm from our new caterer BML Catering. Tickets for dinner are \$8 for adult members, \$10 for non-members. Children are \$5 each with under age 5 for free. A craft table will be set up for the kids and cold drinks will be available to quench your thirst. Baboosic Lake clothing and other items will be offered for sale, so be sure to check out our newest inventory. Don't forget to bring your chairs.

The Baboosic Lake Association Board is working hard on your behalf and we appreciate your continued membership. We look forward to seeing you for this great line-up of summer social events!

## **Important Benefit for BLA members**

One of the most important things you can do to help the lake is to maintain your septic system. Dave's Septic is going to help you do that again this year with his discounted rates for septic pumping, portable toilets and other services for BLA members. 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 also. We encourage all of you to take advantage of this benefit. Not only will it save you money, but it will also benefit the lake in the long run. For all your septic needs call Dave's Septic at 1-603-668-3402.

## E-coli Water Testing July



Location	Map Code	E-coli count
Hillside	1	17
4 Seasons	2	39
Greenwood/Lakeside	3	3
Oliver's Pipe	4	3
Carter Road	5	4
Jebb Road	6	1
Far Cove	7	1
Seagull Heaven	8	8
Washer Cove	9	28
Moonbeam	10	11
Amherst Town Beach	11	45

**\*\*Please note - counts higher than 88ppl will be retested\*\***

**Also please remember not to feed the ducks and geese. Their waste contributes to higher e-coli counts**

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# Baboosic Lake Cook Out

**Saturday, August 22  
@ Camp Young Judea**

**Starts at 3:00**

**Food served 5:00 PM**

## Menu

Home Style Pasta Salad

Home Style Potato Salad

Hot Dogs

Hamburgers

BBQ Chicken

Baked Beans

Grilled Corn on the Cob

Assorted Desserts

## Price

Members \$8/non-members \$10

Children 6-12 \$5

Under 5 is free