



Baboosic Lake Association

Amherst & Merrimack NH

Lake Life

For Members of the Baboosic Lake Association
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Hello everyone,

My name is Greg Gendron and I have recently taken over as the President of the Baboosic Lake Association. I have been on the board for about 3 years now, having served most recently as Vice President.

As an association, the BLA is comprised of 13 people working hard on a volunteer basis to preserve and improve the water quality of Baboosic Lake. Although our actions are not always apparent, we meet monthly to address issues, plan social events, do water testing, and to work implementations of our Best Management Practices. These BMP's came about as a result of our completing "Grant One" over the past couple of years. Grant One was a program in which we partnered with the State of NH Department of Environmental Services to develop the plan which would guide us to improving sites around the lake that were/are contributing detrimental things to the lake.

We are now entering a new phase which is the actual implementation of the Plan through "Grant Two". Grant Two is additional funding provided by the State/Federal government as well as "match" funding from the BLA. We hope to provide most of our matching funds through volunteer labor and donations. You will be hearing more about this as we call out for volunteers to assist us.

While we are talking about improving your lake, it has once again been brought to our attention that there may be people placing sand in or around the water. I would like to ask a favor of everyone. Please be cognizant of the Comprehensive Shoreline Protection Act that was enacted by the State last year. Information is available on the NH DES website. It will outline for you what are acceptable practices and what are not acceptable practices.



President's Letter (con't)

There is a procedure for obtaining a permit to do work on or near the waterfront that must be followed. If anybody has any questions they can be directed towards the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services or email us through our website and we will do whatever we can to help or get information for you.

As I mentioned earlier, the Baboosic Lake Board of Directors is a strictly volunteer organization. I would like to thank all of those who are serving presently or have served in the past for donating their time and efforts. We have committees that work with Baboosic Lake clothing sales, lake safety, water testing, membership and social events. This year we have planned two ice cream socials and a year-end picnic. All the social info is posted on our website. Please visit the website at www.baboosiclake.com to find all kinds of useful and interesting information. We are trying to improve and expand the website to give you a better and consistent source for information about Baboosic Lake.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer season and assure you that the Baboosic Lake Association will continue to work hard in meeting our goal of preserving and improving the water quality of Baboosic Lake.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Greg Gendron

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ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY



The 2010 Annual Meeting of the Baboosic Lake Association was held at the Weathervane Restaurant in Bedford on May 23rd. This venue was well received with a great membership presence and free appetizers were enjoyed by all. Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

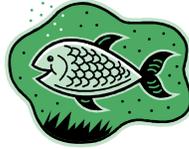
Richard Sullivan requested approval of the 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes which were accepted as presented. Bernie Shedd distributed the Treasurer's report which found the Association to be in sound financial condition. The report was accepted as presented.

Greg Gendron provided an update of grants received from the State. Grant 1 funding is depleted and was used for the Geosyntec site survey and for educational materials published. Grant 2 is proceeding, however, the high estimates from Geosyntec for engineered site repair designs will quickly exhaust the funds, so the BLA is trying to recruit a local engineering firm at a more reasonable rate which will also save on travel expenses. No funds have been used from Grant 2 yet.

Elections were held for 2-year terms and the membership in attendance voted in officers Greg Gendron as President and Kathy Boyd (returning member) as Secretary. Board members elected were Ellen Fallon (returning member), Elaine Engelhardt (returning member), Tiffany Paul, and Corrine Sweetser. Subsequent to the Annual Meeting, Jebb Curelop volunteered to fill the final vacant 12th seat on the Board.

During the meeting, it was announced that Richard Sullivan was stepping down as President. He was presented with a plaque thanking him for his superior job as our BLA President for the past five years. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

LAKE HEALTH UPDATE



Cyanobacteria ~ 'Blue-Green' Algae

During the hot summer months, cyanobacteria warnings are issued by the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) when a large bloom of possible toxin-producing cyanobacteria is identified in a lake. Should a cyanobacteria warning be issued, lake users should avoid contact with the water in areas with blue-green globs, flecks, or clouds. The alert is not based on a toxin evaluation and is intended as a precautionary measure for short term exposure. If you notice anything resembling cyanobacteria, please refrain from wading, swimming, or drinking the water and keep all pets out of the water. If you come in contact with a bloom or scum, be sure to rinse off with fresh water as soon as possible.

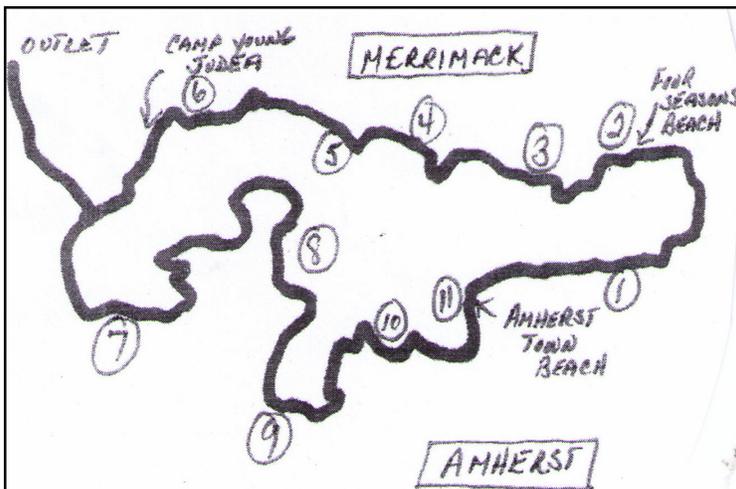
Warnings can be found at <http://www2.des.state.nh.us/Advisories/Beaches/>

E-coli Water Testing

The Baboosic Lake Association performs water testing on a weekly basis during the summer to ensure proper lake monitoring. The most recent results from samples taken on 7/28/10 are below ~ be sure to check our website for the most recent results.

**** Note—counts higher than 88ppl will be retested ****

Do not feed ducks and geese as their wastes contribute to high e-coli counts.



Location	Map #	E-coli /100ml
Hillside	1	2
Four Seasons	2	1
Greenwood/Lakeside	3	5
Oliver's Pipe	4	15
Carter Road	5	8
Jebb Road	6	2
Far Cove	7	64
Seagull Heaven	8	7
Washer Cove	9	32
Moonbeam	10	96
Amherst Town Beach	11	86

2010 Social Schedule



Thanks to some extremely hot weather, our first ice cream social was a great hit with over 100 ice cream sundaes served up to our members and friends! Rick & Kathy Boyd have generously allowed us to use their docks and decks as our new location for this year's ice cream socials. We look forward to seeing you all again in August as follows:

Saturday—August 14th from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm
Ice Cream Social at the Boyd's—Just look for the sign!

The BLA Annual Picnic is coming up in August, so bring the family and let BML Catering do the cooking—rain or shine!

Saturday—August 21st starting at 3:00 pm
ANNUAL PICNIC ~ On the beach of Camp Young Judaea
Cardboard Boat Races
Kids Craft Table & Games, Raffles, 50/50
Baboosic Clothing & Merchandise Sale

Dinner served at 5:00 pm
Adult Members \$8, Adult Non-Members \$10
Children ages 6-12 are \$5, under age 5 are free

Menu includes hot dogs, burgers, BBQ chicken,
potato and pasta salads, baked beans, grilled corn on the cob,
Fresh watermelon, and cookies, yum!

Cardboard Boat Rules:

- 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 and zip-ties are allowed.
- Duct tape, masking tape, packing tape, or adhesives such as 'liquid nails' may be used to connect cardboard to cardboard and



Cardboard Boat Races (con't)

- may be used to reinforce only seams and stress points.
- 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
- Finally, remember to have FUN!

BLA Website



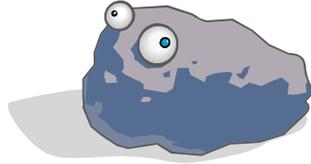
Our Webmaster, Jeff Mulligan, is constantly adding lots of informative news, information, and pictures to the BLA website at www.baboosiclake.com. Be sure to check in regularly for the latest updates on what's happening around the lake, water testing results, and answers to your most frequently asked questions.

If you haven't done so already, you can easily pay your annual dues on-line or download the form to mail in with your check. Your contributions are important to the health of our lake and we are proud to have so many dedicated members and sponsors.

If you have photographs or others newsworthy items to contribute to our website, please send them directly to Jeff at webmaster@baboosiclake.com.

If you would like to place an ad in the newsletter and on the website, the annual fee is \$100 for members and \$150 for non-members. Your ad will reach over 100 members in the lake community and also supports the BLA. We thank our sponsors for their generous donations.

Safety



The summer of 2010 has brought the lake down to extremely low water levels, the lowest in many years. We have already had unfortunate reports of boat damage due to ROCKS! It is important to be cognizant, not only of areas marked for rocks, but for areas where rocks are uncommonly protruding, especially as you get closer to shore.

Boat speeds should be kept extremely slow and spotters should look for rocks above or slightly below the surface as you approach docks or the shoreline to avoid potential damage. Boaters are also requested to keep operating distances further away from shore than typical during this unusual summer of low water levels.

Baboosic Lake boat 'captains' are asked to operate in a counter-clockwise pattern around the lake. This allows for a smooth flow of boat traffic during busy times on the lake. Always be sure to have spotters on board when towing skiers, wake-boarders, tubers, etc. and be courteous to those around you.

Create an annual "safety check" of your motorboat to include a check of lights, fire extinguishers, safety flotation devices, sound producing devices, ventilation, and stickers. Please be reminded that New Hampshire has a mandatory boating education law that anyone 16 or older who operates a motorboat over 25 horsepower must have a boating education certificate.

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