

SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Joe Carriere

Hello Spring - or maybe it is just a daily ping-pong duel between Winter and Summer. The lake is full, activity on and around the lake is picking up and we're getting re-acquainted with neighbors both old and new. There have been at least 21 waterfront sales over the past year so let's welcome our new neighbors into the PRP community and let them know about the ecological, social and financial benefits of being a PRP Association member – and best of all, their first year is free! New members bring strength, new ideas and greater opportunity for volunteerism. So, on behalf of the PRP Association Board and Membership – Welcome to PRP!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL by Patty Philbrook

Included with this Newsletter is your Membership Application to renew for 2018. **Renewals are due by June 30th.** Please return before the deadline to continue to get the weekly email news, and don't forget to include a fireworks donation! A small portion of your dues is used for operating expenses, and the rest goes toward water related things like water quality testing and dealing Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) issues and efforts.

Your membership renewal can be mailed in, or brought to the PRP Store during business hours, where they accept payment by cash, check, or credit card.

SECRETARY'S REPORT by Phil Valenti

Welcome back! Winter was tough here with 30" of snow in one March storm! Summer is coming now and the time is right to be boating on the lake! Our **annual meeting** will be at **9AM on Saturday July 7 at the Kolb Residence on 87 Olde Pine Road** which is off Route 153. If you have never been to the meeting, please attend and meet your fellow lakere. This year's meeting agenda will include a special guest speaker as well various lake topics. In lieu of the Ice Out contest, we will award by lottery two \$50 gift certificates to the PRP store to 2 lucky winners in attendance. See you around the lake and enjoy the summer!

FIREWORKS by Doug Stewart

The PRP Association Fireworks (Bob Lundgren's favorite event) are scheduled for **Saturday July 7th** with a rain date of July 14th. Atlas Pyrotechnics will once again be handling the shoot. Each year we mark an area about 300 feet from the barge and all boats must stay behind the markers during the show. **Please stay behind these markers so we do not need to stop the show.**

The fireworks are supported solely by your donations. Please consider including the suggested \$25 donation with your renewal so we can continue to put on this very popular event.

BOAT PARADE by Tracey Kolb

The Annual Labor Boat Parade is scheduled for Sunday September 2nd at the Red Neck Yacht Club Sandbar at 2PM. The parade is a fundraiser with proceeds going to the Milfoil project.

WATER QUALITY by Joe Carriere

Testing of PRP water is performed by the UNH Cooperative Extension and a dedicated team of member volunteers. Samples are collected and analyzed throughout the summer. This helps us with our efforts to preserve the water quality we enjoy.

The 2017 water report shows a 'relative' steady-state condition. The water clarity has declined about 0.5 meters over a 30-year period with last year's values being among the lowest. However, decreased levels of dissolved oxygen are a significant problem for PRP. Chlorophyll-a (a measure of algae growing in a waterbody) leads to scums, bad odors (as some complained of), and can result in decreased levels of dissolved oxygen. Chlorophyll-a in our environment is typically associated with nutrients from fertilizers, septic systems and urban runoff and is, for the most part, controllable. Please do not fertilize your lawn, leave clippings on the ground (bag them and dispose 50+ feet away from the wa-

ter or use a mulching blade), have your septic system repaired and pumped regularly (use your PRP coupon!), use phosphorous free soaps and detergents and address any water runoff/erosion issues around your property. A list of best practices and an Acton Wakefield Watershed Alliance inter-lake water quality comparison (for 2017 data) will be posted on the PRP Website. Our Lake – Our Time – Our Responsibility.

SHORELINE EROSION by Joe Carriere

Shoreline erosion is a concern to everyone from landowner to recreational user of the lake. Erosion is a natural occurrence but seems to be of increasing intensity over the past few years. Bigger boats, bigger wakes, wake-surfing, violations of that pesky 150 feet rule, all lead to shoreline recession and all those big trees we see falling into the lake. The PRP Association board is looking to compile baseline evidence of erosion damage and we need your help. If you are experiencing erosion issues at your property, please document the issue concisely and send along with any pictures to our erosion committee lead, Howie Knight, at 'treasurer@pineriverpond.org' along with your address and date of photos. Howie Knight and Joe Carriere lead this Committee. Our long-term goal concerning erosion damage is to engage the assistance of the Town's Shoreland Protection Officer and approach the State. We are looking to partner with the State to develop a streamlined solution to help simplify the process for PRP residents who want to take steps to mitigate erosion damage. Understanding that everyone's property value is impacted by the health and quality of PRP, we welcome any support you can offer.

NATIVE MILFOIL PROJECT by Doug Stewart

We continue to work with Solitude Lake Management (the organization that performs our yearly lake survey) to determine which mitigation methods might prove successful in combatting the native milfoil identified a few years ago. While the milfoil is native and is not nearly the threat of a non-native species, it has the potential to be a real nuisance for boating, swimming, etc. in those areas. According to the NH Department of Environmental Services(NHDES) native milfoil means it is native to NH not PRP.

Last year, with NHDES approval, we placed benthic mats near the Bass Point boat ramp, one of areas identified by Solitude. This year we plan to cover two other small patches with benthic mats. One patch is off Virginia Lane and the other off Ridge Road. These mats are designed to block sunlight to the weeds, and if successful, will kill the plants. When the plants are killed, regrowth is not expected.

Last fall we were not able to clean debris from the mats because we did not have a quick draw down. The PRP

Association is working with the State to try and schedule a quick draw down this year. If successful, a volunteer project will be scheduled in the fall to remove any debris that has collected in the boat ramp area over the years. This debris is a natural fertilizer for native milfoil. Removing it should slow the growth of the plant that is not covered by the benthic mats.

We are hopeful these two methods will reduce the growth and nuisance created by this plant. The benefit of our efforts won't truly be known until 2019. Depending on the success, we are hopeful these methods can be used, where needed, in the two bogs as well. Contact Doug Stewart at dcstewart77@yahoo.com or 603-548-9350 if you're interested to help with this project.

SAFETY COMMITTEE by Phil Valenti

The winter played havoc with our docks and trees. Early boaters be aware of trees and pieces of crumbled docks floating on the lake. There is a large tree in the water between Buck Road and Newton's Island. NH Marine Patrol is developing a plan to address its removal.

As a reminder, NH has a mandatory boating education law. **Everyone 16 years of age and older who operates a motorboat over 25 horsepower or ski craft in NH MUST have a boating education certificate.** NH accepts the following boating education certificates: issued by another state and NASBLA approved, US Power Squadron or the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, or an unexpired commercial boating license issued by the US Coast Guard or State of NH.

Please make note of the 150-foot marker buoys on the Pond to give you a visual clue of the allowable distance for the "safe passage law". If you're inside that distance to shore, a swimmer, or a watercraft, slow down to headway speed. Let's be safe out there!

If you witness an unsafe act, record the hull number and report it to the Marine Patrol at (603) 293-2037 or (877) 642-9700. Remember, you might just save some one's life.

THE PRP STORE by Tom and Shelly Daniels

The PRP Store is fully stocked and open for the 2018 season. With over 30 items to choose from, be sure to show off your PRP pride by sporting some great looking PRP apparel. We have hats, jackets, sweatshirts, t-shirts, maps, mugs, glasses and much, much more. We can also special-order items from a giant apparel selection. In addition to all these great in-stock items, we also have PRP Gift Certificates and of course, ICE CREAM!

Our annual PRP Store sale will be on Sunday, July 1st and will feature free hot dogs and snacks. Store hours are Saturday 10-12 and Sunday 10-2. If you can't make it during normal store hours, just give us a call or email us and we'll

arrange a time that works for you. We accept credit cards, checks and cash.

When you stop by the PRP Store, it's a great place to bump into old friends and share a few stories, some from this past winter and some from years long ago. See you round the lake!

LAKE HOSTS by Tom Daniels

The Lake Host program is ready to go again for 2018. Lake Hosts inspect boats and trailers for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) entering and exiting PRP via the Pine River Association (PRA) boat ramp on Lord Road. They staff the ramp on weekends from 8-6 from approximately Memorial Day through Labor Day. New for the 2018 season, they will also staff the ramp on Friday afternoons.

This year we will have 2 new Lake Hosts, Lee Palaima and Liz Philbrook. Both Lee and Liz completed training provided by the NH Lakes Association and are looking forward to meeting everyone at the ramp this summer. To help provide more consistent ramp coverage if Lee or Liz is sick or on vacation, I have started a "call list" of volunteers who are willing to work 2-hour shifts when our paid Lake Hosts are unable to work. If you are interested in being part of our "call list" please let me know by emailing me at tdanielsprp@gmail.com.

LIGHTS AND THE NIGHT SKY by Howie Knight

Please remember to turn off your outside lights facing the lake when not needed and be mindful of how bright solar lights may be. Many folks like to enjoy viewing the night sky, and the lights may spoil that for stargazers. Thanks!

CAMPFIRE PERMITS by Patty Philbrook

Don't forget about campfire permits! Rules and permit info is online at <https://nhdflweb.sovsportsnet.net/>, or from the Safety Building in Sanbornville, or State Line Garage in East Wakefield. There is a fee for online permits but not for permits issued locally. Don't forget your boat registration and fishing license as well!

NEW NEIGHBORS by Patty Philbrook

Has someone new has moved in? Let them know about the PRP Association and put them in touch with any Officer so we can welcome them to our special corner of NH. We want to share our news and events and welcome your help.

PRP ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATION

The best way to stay current on all that is happening at the lake is through the weekly email news notes that Patty Philbrook distributes and by joining the PRP Association Public Group on Facebook. All PRP Association members should take advantage of these services.

COMMITTEE LIAISONS: by Patty Philbrook

The following is a list of Committees along with their Board of Directors liaison. Please contact the Committee Lead first, and follow on with BOD contact if needed.

Committee	Subsets	Lead	BOD Liaison
Erosion		Howie Knight	Joe Carriere
Fireworks		Doug Stewart	Joe Carriere
Water Testing/Quality	Testing Host Quality Info	Dave Boisvert Joe Carriere	Joe Carriere
Loon Protection		Dave Lee	John Dailey
Boat Parade		Tracey Kolb	John Dailey
PRP Store		Tom & Shelly Daniels	Howie Knight
Member Services	Coupons Email Newsletter	Amy Burkam Vacant Bill Oatis	Patty Philbrook & John Myers
Invasive Species	Weed Watch	Cindy Pfeiffer	Doug Stewart
Lake Host		Tom Daniels	Doug Stewart
Membership		Tracey Hanlon	Phil Valenti & John Myers
Safety		Guy Philbrook	Phil Valenti

PASSAGES by Bill Oatis

The following people passed away in recent months. We extend our sympathies to their families.

Nancy Robinson, 65, of Pickerel Cove and Dracut, MA on Jan 7. Survived by husband Art.

Judy Nason, 57 of Camp Road on Mar 16. Survived by husband Robbie

Ronald J. Cordero, 60 of Camp Road and Peabody, MA on Mar 23. Survived by fiancé Theresa Moore

Phyllis C. Salley, 81, of Lake Road and Rehoboth, MA on Mar 29th. Survived by husband Bob.

Jim Guidod, 76, of Virginia Lane and Dover, MA on Apr 8. Survived by wife Linda. Past PRP Association officer.

Have a happy and safe summer,

Bill Oatis, Editor