



Winter 2023

MoosePondMatters

Houseboats? On Moose Pond?

by BILL DEXTER • MPA BOARD MEMBER

There's an accelerating trend nationwide, where houseboat owners moor their vessels to use them as a primary residence, vacation home, and/or rental property. A number of cities in the US such as Seattle, WA, and Newport, RI, have passed laws to ban or significantly curtail this practice. Concerns include discharge of so-called "gray water" (water from sinks, showers, etc.) directly into the water, as well as other pollutants including noise, congestion, and even blocked views from the shore front.

In early August, the MPA learned that the Town of Bridgton Select Board would discuss house boats. After caucusing with the MPA Board, President Chip Wendler submitted a three-page position statement to the Select Board. Our proposal featured

three important suggestions, including:

- No overnighting should be permitted on Bridgton's lakes
- One should only be allowed to have a dock or mooring in Bridgton's lakes if one either owns lakefront property, or has deeded lake access
- Bridgton should hire and equip a "Harrison Level" (as explained in more detail below) seasonal Marine Safety Officer to enforce these new rules and the pre-existing State Regulations including boater safety and boating courtesy

Bill Dexter served as the MPA



HOUSEBOATS ARE BECOMING AN INCREASINGLY POPULAR FORM OF RENTAL PROPERTY

representative at the meeting, and spoke in favor of a "no houseboats" ordinance. The meeting was well attended, and several others spoke to this issue including LEA's Colin Holme, and a number of homeowners on other lakes in the region. All were staunchly opposed to allowing houseboats on Bridgton lakes.

The Bridgton Planning Committee Head, Deb Brusini, recommended prohibiting, or at least significantly *continued on page 5*

Swollen Bladderwort

Found in Nearby Little Ossipee Lake

by MARK PATTERSON • MPA BOARD MEMBER

Some of you may have seen the disturbing news story posted on WMTW News 8's website on November 17, 2023. It highlighted the discovery of the invasive plant Swollen Bladderwort in Little Ossipee Lake in nearby Waterboro.

Swollen Bladderwort is a rootless plant that grows in dense mats, "mucking up the water" and making it difficult to swim, boat, and fish on the lake. Like many invasive plants, the property owners around Little Ossipee Lake believe the plant arrived as an aquatic hitchhiker on a prop or boat trailer, or in the ballast tank of a wake surfing boat, or the live well of



DISTANT VIEW OF A SWOLLEN BLADDERWORT INFESTATION

a bass boat.

Waterboro plans to lower the lake's level during the winter, in order to freeze and kill some of the plants. Volunteers will be recruited in the spring to harvest any



CLOSE-UP VIEW OF A SWOLLEN BLADDERWORT INFESTATION

plants that survive. Only time will tell if their proposed solutions do the trick.

With Little Ossipee's public boat launch only 40 short miles away from the Moose *continued on page 6*

Happy holidays! I hope this latest version of the MPA's Moose Pond Matters newsletter finds you happy and well. I want to start by thanking our paying members for their ongoing support of our efforts to maintain and improve the quality of life on Moose Pond for all to enjoy for generations to come. We cannot do what we do without your support.

We had record attendance at our most recent annual meeting, held at the Pleasant Mountain Ski Area's main lodge on Saturday, July 8, 2023. The event featured a robust discussion covering a wide range of important topics, such as:

- On August 14, 2023, the **MPA celebrated its 15th year as a lake association**. None of this would have been possible if Dave Ehrman hadn't agreed to be the organization's founding president. Dave was in attendance, and the crowd recognized his many years of foundational leadership. Founding Treasurer Steve Cavicchi was also present and similarly honored.
- **The spread of invasives in Maine**. I showed the audience a map marking hotspots where invasive plants and animals can be found. Moose Pond is surrounded by lakes with variable leaf milfoil as well as other invasives, and it's a miracle we haven't had an infestation to date.
- Ralph Lewis, Pleasant Mountain's General Manager, talked about **Boyne's Development and Conservation Plans**, noting that he and his team have been working hard to rebrand and increase revenue post COVID pandemic. They're adding 25,000 feet of new pipe on the mountain to increase their snow-making capacity, have added new lights, and are rebuilding the main stairs and ticket office. From an environmental impact perspective, they are guided by the National Ski Association's "Going Green" policies, and hope to have all electric snow cats by 2030. Their carbon footprint is down year-on-year, and it is something they closely monitor
- LEA's Colin Holme provided a report on **LEA's activities and the health of Moose Pond**. Colin said the MPA has been a great partner, and is one of the most well-organized lake associations with whom the LEA works. The only thing that he thinks we (the MPA) could improve would be having a list of back-up CBI volunteers. This would help cover the boat launches if LEA has trouble filling a slot, or if a regular CBI calls in sick. He noted that Woods Pond has a very well-organized program to that end.
- In 2023, Keoka Lake and Moose Pond have become new test sites for Advanced Algae Testing. Your donations to the MPA helped to pay for that new testing. Colin also mentioned that, given all the heavy rain we've been seeing, washouts have been a big issue this year. As a result, LEA has been working with DPW to increase culvert size, and open blocked culverts.
- In terms of **Moose Pond's Lake Health statistics**, LEA monitors 40+ lakes. That said, there are more than 6,000 lakes in Maine. LEA goes out on Moose Pond every 2 weeks during open water season (May to October), and monitors the three basins, as they've been doing for decades. Their three parameters are Total Phosphorus (lower the number the better), Water Clarity via Secchi Depth readings (higher number is better), and Chlorophyll (lower the number the better). So far, the data says everything is stable, and the lake is close to long term average conditions. Moose Pond

Celebrating Our 15th Year of Protecting the Lake that You Love

has remained relatively stable/no change since 1996, except the south basin has an increase in phosphorus. This is not a concern yet, but they are keeping an eye on the data. We also had reports of some Gleotrichia (little yellow floating balls) in Moose Pond. It is typically not harmful to the lake, but can be a skin irritant. Your donations to the MPA also pay for LEA to send a dive team out to inspect Moose Pond's hot spots for invasive plants once a year. LEA looks at the two boat launches, the two narrows, and several neighborhood marinas. Moose Pond has been lucky so far; we've only seen native milfoil. Native milfoil is not an issue. That said, it's no longer just Variable Leaf and Eurasian Milfoil that are of concern. Brittle Naiad, Curly Leaf Pondweed, European Frogbit, and Hydrilla are also invasive in Maine's lakes, and so the **MPA needs to stay vigilant. It is much easier (and much less costly) to prevent an infestation than it is to remediate one.**

- MPA Board Member Bill Monroe reminded the audience that MPA member donations pay for the CBI staffing that is present at both the Bridgton/Route 302 and Denmark boat launches throughout the summer. LEA hires, trains, and manages the CBIs, and we are grateful for their efforts. **CBI coverage is our largest budget item, as CBIs are our first and most important line of defense in preventing invasive plants from entering Moose Pond.** The CBIs can't be at the ramp 24/7, so boater education and self-policing is critical too. 1,673 inspections were performed in 2022. Although 55 plant fragments were collected from boats and trailers last summer, nothing invasive was found. MPA membership donations paid for 1,141 hours of coverage, at a cost of \$20,538 in 2022. In 2023, we are budgeting \$23,040 for 1280 hours of CBI coverage.
- MPA Board Member Shawn Hagerty reported that the **MPA has received an increasing number of complaints related to boater courtesy** (or a lack thereof), including the impact of large wakes on other boaters, people's docks, shoreline erosion, and wildlife nesting grounds. Over the last few years MPA has positioned WakeWise signs at the two boat launch ramps, and have made these signs available to neighbors who wish to position them facing high traffic areas. This year, the MPA has produced and distributed WakeWise bumper stickers for boats and cars to raise awareness about this important issue. We are trying to educate, raise awareness, and adjust behavior around the lake.
- MPA Board Member Bill Dexter highlighted that the **LakeSmart program teaches property owners how to reduce erosion and runoff to stop phosphorus entering lakes, preventing excess algae growth.** There are various techniques we preach to when walking property and assess making it more lake friendly. We reviewed 12 properties in 2023, and

have 22 more to do. It's a totally free and voluntary program. Nothing gets reported to a code officer, or anyone else for that matter – only the property owner gets the report.

- MPA Board Member Zach Clayton reported about our new Lake Section Captain Initiative that has the *key objective of providing more thorough coverage of the lake above and beyond LEA's annual survey of potential invasive plant hot spots*. We have 17 volunteer Lake Section Captains who monitor "their section" of the lake's shoreline, providing complete coverage of the Moose Pond Shoreline with the exception of the very shallow northern tip near Sweden.
- Board Member Mark Patterson discussed member communication. *We send annual solicitation letters to 900+ land owners in and around the lake, but only seem to ever get about 240 folks to sign up as members. This despite the high stakes associated with invasive plant (or animal) infestations, and falling real estate values and enjoyment of the lake as a consequence*. We have started to present at the various neighborhood and road associations to share our message, and encourage membership. If you want any of us to meet with your group, please let us know. We have tried to keep the focus of the Moose Pond Association Facebook site oriented toward sharing the joy of living and playing on Moose Pond, and have created an alternate site called Moose Pond for Sale or Rent for more commercial messages.
- Board Member Ruth Wyman Neagle reported out on the MPA's Membership Health. Year to date, the MPA has 140 members this year versus 166 this time last year. We are very stable year over year, which means by year end we will probably have +/- 240 members; about 25% of the 920+ parcels on and/or around the lake. Our ultimate goal would be to get upwards of 50-60%. *Please encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to join the MPA each year.*
- I closed the annual meeting by reporting out on the MPA's financial health. In 2022, we received donations of \$47,282 (264 transactions) vs \$41,504 (277 transactions) in 2021. These figures include our CBI grants from the State of Maine. Sales of Nancy Campbell Scenes of Moose Pond



© BOB BROWN ON THE LAKE

calendars netted \$1,500 for the MPA, and was a nice way to elevate MPA awareness overall. *Our largest expenditures are the CBI program (\$20K); payments to LEA for surveys; monitoring and general support (\$5K); and membership communication including the website, newsletter, and mailings (\$7K). We have a cash reserve of >\$50K, which we are maintaining to take quick action if we have an invasive plant infestation.* We can also offer matching funds (\$1 for \$1 up to \$1000) to lakeside home owners who, under the direction of LEA/LakeSmart, choose to remediate troublesome run-off areas on their land. Our total budget for 2024 is \$52,500, with increases for additional CBI coverage and building up our Rapid Response Reserve to fight a potential infestation quickly.

- The next annual meeting of the MPA is set for Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 9:00a at Pleasant Mountain's main lodge. Please make plans to join us. **MPA**



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30+ Years on the Lake
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SAVE THE DATE! – Saturday, July 13, 2024



Please plan to join us on Saturday, July 13th, at 9:00a, for the next Moose Pond Association Annual Meeting. – We would love to see you there!

The MPA would like to thank Ralph Lewis and Pleasant Mountain for generously allowing us to host our annual meeting at the main lodge.



Three White Mountain Hiking Loops Within 45 Minutes of Moose Pond

by RUTH WYMAN NEAGLE • TREASURER OF THE MPA BOARD

Thinking of taking your hiking adventures further afield than Pleasant Mountain in our own backyard? The White Mountain National Forest offers 1,225 square miles of possibilities. One of my favorites is the under-appreciated Evans Notch, which straddles the border of New Hampshire and Maine and is an easy, quick drive from Moose Pond. Evans Notch avoids most of the big crowds that swarm the more popular “4,000 Footer” and “52 With a View” peaks, due to the generally lower elevation, further distance from Boston, and inaccessibility in winter. There are hikes for all abilities and interests in



THE BALDFACES FROM BLUEBERRY RIDGE

Evans Notch, from an easy, wooded stroll around Shell Pond, to the steep, open ledges and alpine zone of the renowned Baldface Circle Trail. My favorite hikes in the Notch can be found on the east side, and offer views to East and West Royce, Meader, North and South Baldface, and east into Maine with glimpses of the Mahoosucs, Old Speck, and even Pleasant Mountain. Top hikes, from easier to more difficult, include Little Deer Hill, Caribou Mountain, and Speckled Mountain.

The shortest route to Little Deer Hill begins at the Baldface Circle Trail parking area, and follows the yellow blazed Deer Hills Connector. At 0.4 miles, you meet a trail junction and the start of the Deer Hills Trail. You cross Cold River on old dam abutments, which can be tricky when high

water is rushing. To skip the dam crossing, you can park at the trailhead for Leach Link Trail. Leach Link offers a lovely 1.2 mile walk along a hemlock ridge above the east side of Cold River. It meets the Deer Hills Trail near the old dam. In just a few yards, you meet a granite marker for the Maine-New Hampshire state line. From here, it's about a mile to the summit of Little Deer, and glorious views of the Baldface ledges. Return the way you came, make a loop by descending Frost Trail to Deer Hills Bypass, or continue on to (Big) Deer Hill and have a longer outing!

Deer Hill loop via Leach Link / Deer Hill / Frost / Deer Hills Bypass: 4 miles, 650' elevation gain.

Caribou Mountain offers an alpine and wilderness area experience with reasonable effort. The loop may be done in



GRANITE MARKER AT THE ME/NH STATE LINE ON THE LITTLE DEER HILL TRAIL.

either direction. Clockwise (my preferred route – get the steep done first) follows the Caribou Trail back and forth over Morrison Brook, enters the Caribou-Speckled Wilderness Area, steps over the base of lovely Kees Falls, then rises more steeply to the summit. Caribou is a wide-open summit with spectacular views, but can be cold and blustery. Be prepared! Step carefully on exposed rocks so as not to damage sensitive alpine vegetation. The trail across the summit ledges can be hard to follow, so watch for faded blazes and small cairns. Descend via Mud Brook Trail (don't worry it's really not that muddy).

Caribou Mountain loop via Caribou and Mud Brook trails: 6.9 miles, 1950' elevation gain.

My final hike suggestion passes over the summits of Speckled and Blueberry Mountains, and is mostly contained in the Caribou-Speckled Wilderness Area. Begin your hike at the historic Brickett Place, just north of Stone House Road. Follow Bickford Brook Trail for 0.7 miles to Blueberry Ridge Trail. Cross Bickford Brook (difficult in high water), then immediately turn left (unmarked) to follow the wonderful swirling waterfalls of Bickford Slides for a 0.5 miles (the trail straight ahead will be your return trek). The Bickford Slides Loop rejoins the Bickford Brook Trail and continues for 2.7 miles to the summit of Speckled Mountain's summit. It's an open, rocky cone with excellent views towards Maine's mountains and lakes. Retrace your steps for 0.5 miles, then turn left on Blueberry Ridge Trail toward the summit of Blueberry Mountain. Enjoy the many viewpoints and spruce woods along Blueberry Ridge. Take your time with photos, wildlife watching, and the mountain air. The trail junctions at the top can be confusing; take care to read all the signs, and keep bearing right. You do not want to take a wrong turn onto White Cairn or Stone House Trails. Keep following Blueberry Ridge Trail, which descends steeply back to Bickford Brook. Re-cross the brook where you took that sharp left hours earlier, then turn left to return to your car at Brickett Place.

Speckled and Blueberry Mountains via Bickford Brook, Bickford Slides, and Blueberry Ridge Trails: 8.6 miles, 2500' elevation gain. **MPA**

Moose Pond: LakeSmart Report

by ROY LAMBERT • REGIONAL LAKESMART COORDINATOR



LakeSmart is a program that teaches property owners how to manage their property(s) to reduce or eliminate storm water runoff and related erosion into their lakes and/or ponds. Responsible land management reduces the potential for catastrophic lake algae blooms. LEA serves as the regional sponsor and administrative hub for the statewide LakeSmart program.

Properties that are inspected and deemed as being particularly lake-friendly receive a LakeSmart Award, with two



MIKE MCLEOD IS ONE OF SEVERAL OWNERS WHOSE PROPERTIES EARNED A LAKESMART AWARD IN 2023.

accompanying signs for display at the owner's shoreline and at the end of the driveway.

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Moose Pond's LakeSmart team is comprised of three evaluators who walk lakeshore properties and make suggestions for minimizing or eliminating storm water runoff into their lake. Moose Pond's team is Bill Dexter, Peter LaPolice, and Elizabeth

Stockwood.

2023 Lake Smart Participants with Award Winners Highlighted*

- Robert Bickford
- Jason and Christine Chasse
- Jim Gilchrist and Maria DelBaccaro*
- Stacy Lamson
- Peter LaPolice
- Michael McLeod*
- PJ and Pam Ricatto*
- Rick and Chris Siegrist*
- Hio Ridge Shores Association*
- The Narrows Lot Owners' Association

The MPA thanks each of the property owners listed above for helping to ensure that Moose Pond stays pristine for generations to come. If you want to have your property examined, contact us at info@moosepondassociation.org. **MPA**

MPA Board of Directors:

Here is a list of the MPA board members who are working hard on your behalf. Please thank them if you see them in, on or around the lake.

ZACH CLAYTON*
MIDDLE BASIN • 30+ YEARS ON THE LAKE

BILL DEXTER*
MIDDLE BASIN • 50+ YEARS ON THE LAKE

PAUL DWYER*
MIDDLE BASIN • 40+ YEARS ON THE LAKE

SCOTT FRAME*
MIDDLE BASIN • 40+ YEARS ON THE LAKE

SHAWN HAGERTY*
MIDDLE BASIN • 2+ YEARS ON THE LAKE

JOSH HARRINGTON*
SOUTH BASIN • 30+ YEARS ON THE LAKE

BILL MONROE*
NORTH BASIN • 5+ YEARS ON THE LAKE

BILL MUIR
MIDDLE BASIN • 5+ YEARS ON THE LAKE

ANNE MUNSTEDT*
MPA CLERK
SOUTH BASIN • 30+ YEARS ON THE LAKE

RUTH WYMAN NEAGLE*
MPA TREASURER
MIDDLE BASIN • 50+ YEARS ON THE LAKE

RICHARD NIEDEL*
MIDDLE BASIN • 50+ YEARS ON THE LAKE

MARK PATTERSON*
MIDDLE BASIN • 40+ YEARS ON THE LAKE

STEVE PETTER
NORTH BASIN • 5+ YEARS ON THE LAKE

STEPHANIE SCEARCE*
SOUTH BASIN • 30+ YEARS ON THE LAKE

LAURIE VANCE*
MPA VICE PRESIDENT
MIDDLE BASIN • 10+ YEARS ON THE LAKE

CHIP WENDLER* • MPA PRESIDENT
MIDDLE BASIN • 30+ YEARS ON THE LAKE

*THIS BOARD MEMBER IS ALSO A LAKE SECTION CAPTAIN

House Boats *continued from page 1*

regulating overnight stays, lodging, or living on our lakes. The primary reasoning for prohibition is safeguarding our lakes, as well as insuring lakefront homeowners value, privacy, and peace.

While no specific verdicts were made, the Board: "Recommend(ed) initiating staff research to determine if/how Bridgton could prohibit or regulate overnight stays, living, lodging on our lakes... we are not suggesting to restrict all types of overnight mooring, but overnight living, whether temporary or permanent."

The Town of Bridgton Select Board is quite tuned in to the very real and potentially negative effects of allowing houseboats on Bridgton lakes

There were also discussions regarding mooring ordinances, bad boating behavior, and the hiring a seasonal Marine Safety Officer. Bridgton has already contacted nearby towns including Winthrop, Naples, and Harrison, all of whom are wrestling

with these issues. There seemed to be general Board support for hiring a seasonal Marine Safety Officer, similar to an already existing position in Harrison. This Officer would randomly patrol the largest of Bridgton's lakes to enforce compliance with safe boating, mooring, and/or dock regulations.

It seems as if the Town of Bridgton Select Board is quite tuned in to the very real potential negative effects of allowing houseboats on Bridgton lakes, and appear committed to maintaining the quality and character of Bridgton's lakes. **MPA**

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Pond's Route 302 launch, this news has broader implications. The diligence of the Courtesy Boat Inspectors, who serve as our first line of defense against invasive species, is paramount to Moose Pond's

With Little Ossipee's public boat launch only 40 short miles away from the Moose Pond's Route 302 launch, this news has broader implications.

continued health. Second, LEA's efforts to successfully promote the Clean, Drain, and Dry Legislation, LD92, that went into effect on June 16, 2023, requires boaters to remove any hull drain plugs and empty out any water from live wells or ballast tanks before entering Maine's lakes. Fastidiously draining, cleaning, and drying boats away from any inland water prevents the spread of invasive aquatic species. Lastly, the proactive decision to support the Moose Pond Association by making an annual membership donation keeps our waters safe and pristine. Thank you so much. The stakes are too high to ignore the threats that surround us, and we would encourage all of you who love the lake and call it your home to support the MPA and its ongoing efforts to protect our special lake for all to enjoy for generations to come. **MPA**

The MPA would like to thank Collins Plumbing for their help opening, winterizing, and maintaining the Denmark Boat Wash Station. We really appreciate your generosity.



The MPA's Lake Section Captain Initiative Update

by ZACH CLAYTON • MPA BOARD MEMBER

As discussed in last year's Moose Pond Matters newsletter, and at the MPA Annual Meeting back in July, we launched this new initiative to enhance our efforts to protect the lake we love from invasive plant infestations. Your MPA dues help pay LEA to inspect several small sections of the lake with divers once a year, but their examination is limited to areas near the two public boat launches, the narrows that divide the middle basin from the north and south basins, and several private marinas adjacent to the larger neighborhoods on Moose Pond. That leaves a significant portion of our lake uninspected and vulnerable to undiscovered infestations. The Lake Section Captain Initiative is all about reducing that vulnerability. We have asked the Captains to paddle "their sections" of the lake two times each year – in late

Over the summer, we sent approximately 100 pictures and delivered more than a dozen plant samples to LEA. You may have seen someone paddle by, wearing a bright yellow vest, and staring at the water this summer. This was likely one of the 17 Lake Section Captains who paddle the shoreline to look for invasive aquatic plants that may have slipped by the Courtesy Boat Inspectors.



PLANT SAMPLE THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO LEA FOR CLOSER INSPECTION

July and in late September – when plants would be most noticeable.

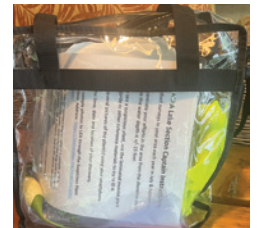
Each captain carries a "battle bag" with them that includes an invasive plant identification guide, a pair scissors, a magnifying glass, a white Frisbee to use as a picture backdrop for clear images of each suspicious plant,



and Zip-Loc bags to retrieve and deliver suspect samples to the LEA for closer inspection. Over the summer, we sent approximately 100 pictures and delivered more than a dozen plant samples to LEA. Fortunately, none of them were invasive.

Over time, these volunteers will become familiar with the types of plants currently growing in "their section" of the lake, and will be able to quickly detect the presence of any invasive species. This will allow us to take quick action before spreading. An infestation that is not quickly addressed could mean permanent and costly damage to our lake.

Please thank these volunteers when you see them out on the water next year, and support the MPA by becoming a paying member of the Association. Support means we can fund more important lake-protection initiatives like this one. **MPA**

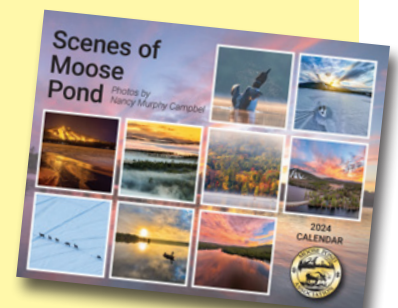
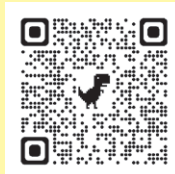


THE "BATTLE BAG" USED BY THE LAKE SECTION CAPTAINS

Calendars for Sale

Nancy Campbell's 2024 Scenes of Moose Pond Calendars are Still Available for Purchase

Visit the "Shop" Section of the Moose Pond Association Website or Scan The QR Code.



An Update on LD 693

Protecting Wildlife from Wake Boat Impacts

— by SHAWN HAGERTY • MPA BOARD MEMBER

Wake Boats, if used improperly, can have a negative impact on our lake and its wildlife. When operated too close to shore or in

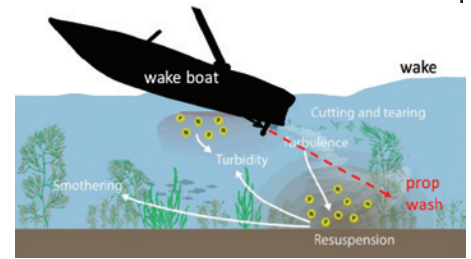
shallow water, they churn up sediment and increase shoreline erosion. A proposed bill, known as LD 693, would expand the existing no-wake zone to 500 feet. This bill was reviewed in the State Legislature over the

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summer, and received overwhelming public support. As a next step, the legislature has set up a task force to study the issue. We are hopeful they will propose an adequate solution in 2024.

If you own a wake boat or know someone who does, please encourage the following behavior:

- Depart from your dock at a no- or low-wake speed, and head toward the middle of the lake perpendicular from the shoreline.
- Enjoy your wake boat in the middle



of the lake, at least 500 feet from the shoreline and in water deeper than 20 feet.

- Understand that your large wake can have a significant impact on other boats (whether they are floating free or moored); can stir up bottom sediment, negatively impacting water clarity and quality; and can disturb the shoreline of Moose Pond increasing erosion and negatively impacting wildlife nesting sites. **MPA**

Why I Joined the MPA Board: Calling the Next Generation of Lake Stewards

by JOSH HARRINGTON • MPA BOARD MEMBER

Call out sentence: I would encourage anyone who lives on or near Moose Pond and loves our special lake as much as I do to support the work of MPA

Growing up in the Bridgton area, I have great memories of enjoying Moose Pond and the surrounding mountains, lakes, and streams. No matter what season, this place has a natural beauty that makes me feel at home. I am now fortunate enough to own a home on Moose Pond. Having easy access to this natural beauty has deepened my appreciation for the area and how to enjoy it sustainably. To me, joining the MPA Board was a tangible way for me to help protect and maintain Moose Pond for future generations to enjoy.

I did my research before deciding to join the board, and learned that the MPA has, in partnership with the LEA, worked hard to prevent invasive plant species from entering Moose Pond through regular and robust lake monitoring, and voluntary boat inspections at the two launch sites. I was also encouraged to learn that the MPA has a strong focus on preserving the shoreline

from erosion too – both from increased boat traffic and on-shore development.

I look forward to my time on the MPA board, working to solve any issues threatening the health of Moose Pond and

the surrounding area. I would encourage anyone who lives on or near Moose Pond and loves our special lake as much as I do to support the work of MPA by donating to the cause, volunteering, or both.

As a not yet 40 year old, I challenge my peers to become more involved in the preservation of our very special, beautiful lake. It's time for us to step up and become the next generation of Lake Stewards.

MPA





NANCY CAMPBELL AND THE MPA WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED A COPY OF HER 2024 SCENES OF MOOSE POND CALENDAR.

MOOSE POND ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

DATE _____

I wish to contribute to the Moose Pond Association in the following category

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