



Perkins Pond Protective Association

The Perkins Ponder

Summer 2003

2003 Fall Meeting

Sat. Aug 23
10 a.m.

at Tom & Ann Gallagher's
41 North Shore Road
603-763-2294

2003 Water Carnival

Sat July 26

Parade: 11 a.m. Picnic 1 p.m.

At Gary Szalucka's
77 Piney Point Road
(rain date July 27)

Water Carnival



The 2003 Water Carnival will be held Saturday, July 26, at Gary Szalucka's. It begins with a boat parade at 11 a.m.

A prince and princess will be selected. The pot-luck picnic begins at 1 p.m. Plans call for skiing, tubing, wakeboarding and other water events, music, and a raffle.

See the enclosed announcement for more information., and please return the form to indicate your plans.

Attendees are asked to make a donation to help defray the costs, so as not to deplete the Association treasury. Donations will pay for hamburgers and hot-dogs, soft drinks, plates and napkins, a porta-potty, and other important incidentals.

Spring 2003 PPPA Meeting

The spring meeting of the Perkins Pond Protective Association was hosted by Loreli Diehl on June 7. Approximately forty people attended the gathering.

Diagnostic Study

President Gary Szalucka announced that the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) has approved a diagnostic study of water quality for Perkins Pond. As reported in the spring 2003 Perkins Ponder, DES will work cooperatively with the town, PPPA and other interested parties in conducting the study.

Gary described how the study will proceed. During the first year, DES will conduct surveys on the status of all the

septic systems around the lake. In spring 2004 DES will collaborate with residents to test water quality in more detail than is currently being done. Testing will probably be done weekly and volunteers will be needed then. Finally, in spring 2005, the final evaluation will be conducted. Meanwhile, monthly testing of water quality will also continue as in previous years.

Details of how the survey will be conducted are still being worked out. The sense of the PPPA meeting was to encourage residents to cooperate in the study since the goal is to preserve and improve Perkins Pond water quality. (continued on page 2)



2003 PPPA Dues

\$20 per family

Use enclosed envelope or
Send to Treasurer Suzanne or
Bring to Meeting or Carnival.

Spring Meeting (cont)

Weed Watching

Perkins Pond residents are engaged in two programs with goals of preventing exotic weeds. One is the Weed Watchers program that Tamar Sanders leads. The other is Sunapee Area Milfoil Attack Team (SAMAT). Robin Saunders represents Perkins Pond on SAMAT.



The new banner at the landing warns about milfoil.

Tamar described the work of the Weed Watchers. Current Perkins Pond volunteers are Tamar, Robin Saunders, Gary Szalucka, Chris and Holly Leonard, Jackie Bradley, Marian Leavitt, Tom Gallagher, and Chris Domian. The weed watchers go out on the pond periodically on clear days to look into the water and monitor weed growth. They have received training to recognize exotic weeds such as variable milfoil. If any are found, they would notify NH DES and take measures to contain the weeds. So far none have been found in Perkins Pond.

Robin Saunders reported on measures to prevent weeds coming in on boats. A boat should have any weeds carefully picked off, kept dry, and removed from the area. Robin was instrumental in getting a banner erected at the launch site reminding boaters to check their boats.



New PPPA members at the Spring meeting included Bunny and Paul Lewis (photo on left) and Paul and Paula McDonough and Margot and David Rox (left to right in photo to right).

Robin emphasized that jet ski type boats should be run on land away from any lake for 90 seconds before launching to a different body of water. See more details on page 4 of this newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Suzanne McMahon reported that the Association is bringing in slightly more than it spends. Last year the Water Carnival brought in more than its expenses due to contributions and the raffle. Other PPPA expenses included the newsletter, the banner at the boat launch, and water testing done six times a year. Dues-paying members may contact Suzanne for more details.

Map of Perkins Pond Lots

Claude Leavitt has once again updated the map of the pond showing all the lots with the names of the residents. These maps contain a great deal of detail and are very interesting and informative. The group expressed appreciation to Claude. These maps are available to PPPA members. Copies of this year's map will also be available at the Water Carnival or from Gary.

Memorabilia

Scott Sanders is in charge of Perkins Pond memorabilia. Scott announced he has some items in stock including \$14 hats with the Perkins Pond logo and coffee mugs with the logo. He has catalogs showing the entire range of clothing and other memorabilia that can be ordered with the logo, so there are many different items, styles and sizes available. Contact Scott to view the catalog or to order.

Other Business

A canoe has floated to shore in the little cove near the burned cottage (Mary's Road). Steve Priest mentioned he has a canoe for sale on Mary's Road. Discussion took place about requirements for registering boats and the boating safety course. The NH Boater's Guide included in this mailing should answer most of these questions.

The current slate of officers was unanimously reelected. A rainstorm speeded the conclusion of the meeting. The Gallaghers volunteered to host the fall meeting Aug. 23.





Creel Notes

by Guide Islefish Anytime

Welcome to the first installment of Creel Notes! That's right, give someone a little space and they'll write about anything, especially fishing. I hope to make this a regular contribution to the Perkins Ponder until I either get the hook or become fish bait myself. See how easy that was!

First of all let me introduce myself. My pen name is Guide Islefish Anytime. For obvious reasons, and some not so obvious, I need to protect my true identity in order to glean information from sources who would otherwise not be so willing to share their favorite fishing secrets.

Just got back from a night out fishing with my good Ol' friend JB. It turned out to be one of the best nights of fishing in the past couple of years. We landed about 30 fish in all, most of which were small mouth bass and several large pickerel. The small mouths were in the 2 to 2 1/2 pound range and the pickerel

were 23 to 24 inches in length. It is safe to say JB had the time of his life, which one would expect when accompanied by "Guide Islefish," who encourages the "catch and release" method of fishing.

In addition, another practice I like to encourage is barbless-hook fishing, or at least, taking the time to turn down the barbs on your hooks. These methods lead to quick release of, and as little distress to, the fish, and yourself, as possible. (Just ask JB, who had several hook marks in his hand from failing to follow this protocol.) He's on fishing probation for the next 30 days, you might say I have him "on a short string(er)." Right now you're asking yourself, "Where did they go?" Sorry, "it's THE SECRET LOCATION," but if you agree to wear a blindfold and take the Fisherman's Oath (not to be confused with the Fisherman's Lying Oath) I may agree to take you sometime.

On a more serious note if you're looking for a great website for New Hampshire fishing information visit the NH Fish and Game site at www.wildlife.state.nh.us. In addition to fishing, it has great information on hunting and wildlife in general.

If you have a question or want to get information to Guide Islefish, please email it to Islefish@perkinspond.org. Alternatively, you can contact one of the PPPA Board Members and they'll be sure and get it to me. 'Till next time remember, "Be safe, Have fun, and Keep a tight line!"

Who Needs to Take the Safe Boating Course?

NH is phasing in a requirement for Safe Boater education for anyone operating a vessel powered by more than 25 hp. In 2003, operators born on or before Jan. 1, 1977 must have a Safe Boater Education Certificate. Next year the requirement extends to those born before 1973. Page 22 of the Boater's Guide contains the entire schedule.

You can learn all about the course at www.state.nh.us/safety/ss/links.html or by calling 888-254-2125. You can take a classroom course, take the course on-line, order a video course, or test out of taking the course. The web site shows an outline of the course and lets you take a sample test.

Persons under the age of 16 are restricted from operating a ski craft. They may operate a vessel powered by more than 25 hp only in specific conditions described on page 22 of the Boater's Guide.

Registration is required for all boats with motors and all sailboats over 12 feet. See page 18 of the Boater's Guide.

Perkins Pond Memorabilia

Contact Scott Sanders

603-763-9255

mem@perkinspond.org



Ask to see the catalog with hundreds of items you can order with the Perkins Pond logo, in your choice of color and size.



Already in stock: Perkins Pond coffee mugs and hats.

July Sky Map

Last issue noted the pleasures of observing the night sky at Perkins Pond, away from the city lights. Enclosed with this issue is a map of the July sky. These are available each month at www.skymap.com.

Weed Out Aquatic Stowaways



Aquatic weeds are often found attached at the locations indicated. Please remove and dispose.

Avoid Spreading Weeds

Here's some tips from the NH Boater's Guide (p. 46) to prevent spreading exotic weeds. The above diagram of locations to clean comes from NH DES.

- Inspect your boat and trailer and remove any weeds before leaving the water body.
- Drain your motor, wet well, and bilge on land before leaving the water body.
- Empty your bait bucket on land before leaving the water body.
- Never release live bait or live animals from one water body into another.
- Rinse your boat, trailer, and equipment. Use a garden hose or preferably high pressure hot water.
- Air dry your boat and equipment.
- Flush the engine's cooling system with hot water.

Ski Craft

Ski craft continue to hold water when the craft is removed from a lake. To avoid transporting weeds, flush the motor for 90 seconds before launching to a different body of water. Ski craft have a spot that's made for attaching a hose for flushing. This should be done on land away from the destination body of water.

www.des.state.nh.us/wmb/vlap
Perkins Pond Water Quality Report

<http://town.sunapee.nh.us>
Check out the town of Sunapee's excellent web site.

Off-Pond Entertainments

Here's some other things to do around town this summer. Schedules could change so it's best to check before getting in the car. Some events require reservations or registration.

- **Chamber of Commerce**, 526-6575. All this and many more places, concerts and events are listed at www.lakesunapee.nh.org. Select "area events."
- **Sunapee Harbor Entertainment**, 5-8 pm most Sat and Sun evenings. Lively, eclectic music.
- **Ben Mere Bandstand Concerts** at Harbor, Wed's 7-9
- **Newport Concerts on the Common** Sun's 6-8 pm
- **Annual NH Craftsmen's Fair** at Mt. Sunapee, Sat Aug 2 - Sun Aug 10 www.nhcrafts.org/annualfair.htm
- **Antique Boat Show & Parade** Sun Aug 10
Love Your Lakes Day, Sunapee Harbor, Aug 10, 10-2
Both events by Lake Sunapee Protective Association
Schedule at LSPA, www.lakesunapee.org, 763-2210
- **Sunapee Historical Museum** at the Harbor. Tue, Th, Fri, Sat, Sun 1-4 pm, Wed 7-9 pm.
- **New London Barn Playhouse**, 526-4631
- **Cruise Lake Sunapee** on the M.V. Mt Sunapee (10 am and 2:30 pm) or dinner boat Mt Kearsarge. 763-4030
- **Walk the RiverWalk** from behind the deli in Sunapee Harbor to behind the Sunapee Information Booth.
- **The Fells**, John Hays Natl Wildlife Refuge, 103A, Newbury: trails, gardens, events. 763-4789 www.thefells.org
- **Cornish Fair** Aug 15-17. Hopkinton Fair Aug 28-Sep 1. See all NH Fair dates at www.nhfairs.com
- **Pick Your Own Blueberries**, Newport, 863-2583
- **Music at the Anchorage** Fri's, Sat's 9-12 pm, 763-3334

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