



Perkins Pond Protective Association

# The Perkins Ponder

Spring 2008

**Sat. May 31  
Spring Meeting  
10 a.m.**

**62 Kate Lane  
Tom and Marge Judge  
603-763-2787  
Please bring chairs.**



## Photos of the Fall Meeting

Shannon and John (right) hosted the Fall meeting. At left, members check out the new maps updated by Claude Leavitt. Below, scenes from the meeting.



## Fall 2007 Meeting

The Perkins Pond Protective Association held its Fall meeting at the home of Shannon Martinez and John Paris on Burma Road. President Gary Szalucka called the meeting to order at 10 am on August 25, 2007.

The group discussed concerns about water quality and pond depth. Suzanne McMahon moved and Holly Leonard seconded to create five teams to explore alternatives relating to these concerns. The five teams and the volunteers who offered to head them are:

- o Water Quality Report: Gary Szalucka
- o Marketing: Robin Saunders
- o Community Septic: Adam Taloni
- o Dredging: John Lovell
- o Road and Silt: Holly Leonard

Come to the Spring Meeting on May 31 to hear reports from these volunteers.

Marian Leavitt reported on Weed Watching activities. A group of Weed Watcher volunteers monitored the pond throughout the summer. They were pleased to report that they found no invasive or alien plants.

Marian stated a need for hosts at the boat landing to inspect incoming boats and advise those launching boats about weed control practices. She said that different programs are available, and that the NH Lake Association can provide grants to help pay for personnel.

Members expressed appreciation to the McMahons for hosting the water carnival, and to Gary and others who helped make the carnival a success in spite of a rainy beginning.

Gary reminded members that by 2008, the Boating Safety licensing requirements would apply to everyone operating a boat with 25 horsepower.

Gary mentioned that boats can be registered at Sunapee Town Hall. When registered in Sunapee, \$2 of the registration fee goes to the town.

Would you like to be the next Vice-President of the Association? The only duties are to confer occasionally, and to be willing to fill in if another officer is absent. If interested or for more information, please contact Gary.

Members expressed concern about jet skis or personal watercraft, both because of their noise, and the danger of spreading weeds. Another concern expressed was that there needs to be enforcement of speed limits on the roads around the pond.

Claude Leavitt provided maps showing all the cottages around the pond. Every year Claude updates the map. In 2007 he waited until the end of summer to complete the updates because of the several properties that changed hands during the summer.

Members agreed to hold the next meeting on May 31, 2008, at the home of the Judges. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.



Paula shows off the choices of Perkins Pond memorabilia at the fall meeting. Contact Paula to learn the wide variety of items available.

### Perkins Pond Memorabilia

Paula McDonough  
603-763-0195 (Sunapee)  
or cell 617-909-5735

### 2008 PPPA Dues

\$25 per family  
*Send to Treasurer Holly or  
Bring to Meeting.*



## Water Carnival 2007



By noon the rain had cleared away and folks enjoyed a potluck feast and the raffle.



## Winter Fun on Perkins Pond, 2007-08



New Years Eve party on the ice.



New Years Day



Valentines Day



Easter

## Ice-Out April 20, 2008

In spite of all that snow, the ice went out of Perkins Pond earlier than last year. Recent ice-out history:

07 Apr 23 / 06 Apr 3 / 05 Apr 19 / 04 Apr 18 / 03 Apr 28 / 02 Apr 12 / 01 May 3 / 00 Apr 9

## ***"Creel Notes"***

by Guide Islefish Anytime

Ever get involved in one of those conversations where you know your answer controls your fate? Well, a couple months back, in the midst of all the snow we've had this year, the wife says "a friend of ours is offering us their condo for a week in Florida, what do you think about that idea?" I momentarily buy some time with a blank stare as if I'm thinking (of a way out of it), and respond "it's ice fishing season!" She replies, "what does that mean?" I'm thinking (to myself of course) isn't it obvious?

But, before the proverbial thin ice breaks beneath me I come back with "you should go with a couple of your girlfriends." She gives me The Look, and I retort "you deserve it for putting up with me." To my surprise no argument, and the reservations for she and her girlfriends were made that evening. I didn't quite understand her comment about "what happens in Florida stays in Florida." Hmmm.....



Well, as a result of the above Durham Jim and I were able to ice fish the Third Connecticut Lake in Pittsburgh the last weekend in March. Snowy, cold days (unlike Florida), but we managed to land a couple beautiful rainbow and lake trout.

Our Friday didn't start out too well when early that morning we locked the cabin door by mistake with the keys inside. No problem we thought we'll get back early and see the camp owner for the spare key. As the day draws to a close around 5 or so we break camp at the lake. Heading back to the launch site with the snowmobile we hit a soft embankment and our sled sinks in about 3 feet of snow

While we're getting off the machine Durham Jim and I look at each other, shake our heads, and have a laugh or two. May have said a few other things as well, but this is a family newsletter. We disconnect the toboggan with about 50 pounds of gear in it and survey the situation. I can tell you the machine is as heavy as it looks at about 550 pounds. Lucky for us I have my pruning saw and snow shovel. Yes, I had a pruning saw with me, what's the problem?



Anyway into the woods we go, and we exit with several freshly cut 10 foot fir trees. Durham Jim has a lot of patience (no wise cracks about how he would have to for being with me), and went into great detail about how we would dig a long path in the snow, limb the trees, and make a ramp covered with the branches which would enable us to back the snowmobile back on top of the snow. Needless to say, after a lot of digging, lifting, several attempts, and hour and a half later we were on our way back to camp with another great memory! Yeah, your right, guess you had to be there.

Till next time keep a tight line.





## New Regulations from the State of New Hampshire

Are intended to protect NH shorelands and to keep you and others safe while boating.

### NH Shoreland Protection Act

The State of New Hampshire has a new and updated *Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act* (CSPA). This law restricts changes in vegetation and regulates building activity within 250 feet of a shoreline. It requires a state permit for many activities which formerly were not regulated or required only Sunapee Zoning Board approval.

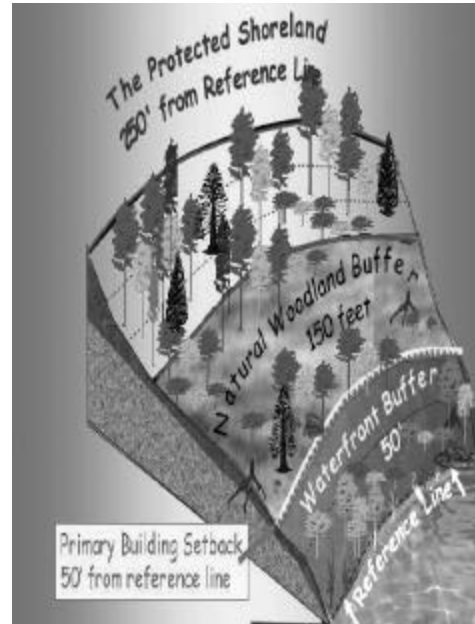
The law went into effect April 1. The NH legislature subsequently sought to delay its implementation. The House wanted to delay 6 months and the Senate wanted to delay 3 months. Looks like they've now agreed and Gov Lynch signed a bill delaying enactment to July 1, 2008.

Learn more and access application forms at:

<http://www.des.state.nh.us/CSPA/>

You can read the complete regulation at:

[www.des.nh.gov/Rulemaking/adopted/env-wq1400.pdf](http://www.des.nh.gov/Rulemaking/adopted/env-wq1400.pdf)



### NH Boating Education and Certificate

Anyone piloting a boat with 25 hp or more now must have passed a proctored examination to obtain a Safe Boating Education Certificate. You can study the material and take practice tests on the web. NH Marine Patrol conducts 1-day courses and gives the test at the end of the day. A person under 16 years of age cannot legally operate a 25 hp boat unless accompanied by an adult with a certificate. Learn more at [www.nhboatingeducation.com](http://www.nhboatingeducation.com)

Note that a change to NH law now requires all children 12 years and younger to wear life jackets.

### NH Hull Number Certification

We have a little aluminum boat with a 9-digit hull number. This year, the State of NH has determined that all boat hull numbers must have twelve digits. "No problem," they tell me, "NH Marine Patrol will visit you and certify it!" Marine Patrol says "I know they're telling everyone that, but we don't have the manpower." *Probably had to pull off some good men to patrol the shoreland and educate boaters, I'm thinking.* "But no problem, you can take the boat to a commercial inspection station and get a new hull number." We were in luck that the inspector would be visiting Sunapee Harbor! We drag our little boat down there early Sunday morning and get inspected. Turns out the inspection is required, but those aren't the guys that assign hull numbers. "Call this number..." they say. This number says "No problem, the Sunapee Town Clerk can assign hull numbers!" The Sunapee Town Clerk says "Oh gosh no, we can register but can't assign new hull numbers." Have to contact the Concord DMV boat office, whose phone is almost always busy. DMV finally answers and says "No problem, just send us all your paperwork and a check." We will see how that goes.

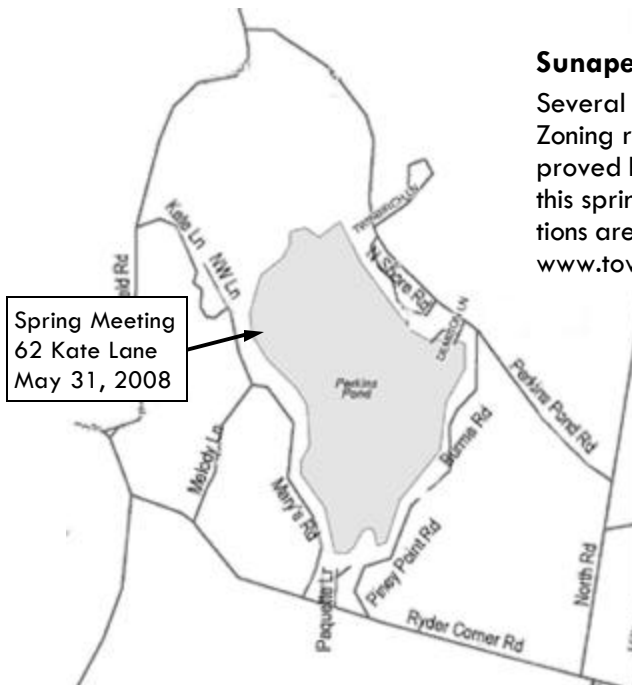
## Boat Parade 2007

### Boat Parade Mimes

Rain came pouring down  
the morning of the  
2007 Water Carnival,  
and the parade had  
to be cancelled....

HOWEVER

one lone scull  
circled the pond  
rowed by  
two mysterious mimes...



### Sunapee Zoning Changes

Several changes to Sunapee Zoning regulations were approved by Sunapee voters this spring. Zoning regulations are available at [www.town.sunapee.nh.us](http://www.town.sunapee.nh.us)

### Transfer Station

It's easy and free to get your transfer station sticker from the Selectmen Office (763-2212). Station hours: Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8-4:15. Sun 8-11:45.

### Perkins Pond Photographers

Pages 1, 2 and 3: John McMahon

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two bottom right by Anne VanTine

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## Perkins Pond Reminders

- Boat speed must be at “No Wake” within 150 feet of shore, docks, rafts, other boats, and swimmers. It’s NH law, it’s safe, and it protects the shoreline.
- If your boat has been in other waters, wash it thoroughly before launching into Perkins Pond. Let’s keep the alien weeds out.
- Power boats travel in a clockwise direction on Perkins Pond.
- There are many rocks in the pond. Stay East and North of black/white markers and West and South of red/white markers.
- Do not feed the ducks or geese. It’s bad for the water and bad for the birds.
- Don’t use lawn fertilizers. They cause phosphorus to enter the pond, producing plant growth that clogs the waterways and harms water quality.
- Be courteous to your neighbors. Continually barking dogs echoing across the pond can really disturb a peaceful summer day.
- Take it easy on night lighting: it hides the stars and disturbs the wildlife.

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