



Perkins Pond Protective Association

The Perkins Ponder

Summer 2008

New Water Carnival Date Sat. August 2, 2008

Rain date August 3

Hosts John & Suzanne McMahon

52 Burma Road



Note that dates have changed for both
Water Carnival and Fall Meeting



**New Fall Meeting Date
Sat August 16 at 10 am
On the Island**

Dundee and Linda Nestler

603-763-4105

Come by boat!

Call Claude Leavitt for a ride to
the meeting in a pontoon boat.

603-763-2129

PERKINS POND WATER CARNIVAL 2008

Saturday August 2, 2008

(Rain Date: August 3)

**At John & Suzanne McMahon's
52 Burma Rd ("Sunset Lodge")**

The annual Water Carnival is a wonderful time to meet new neighbors, say hello to long time friends and have lots of fun! Please come and join your friends from around the pond.

10:45 am: Commencement Ceremonies:

At 10:45 sharp in the McMahon's front yard, the drawing for the Prince & Princess is followed by the raising of the ceremonial Water Carnival Banner. All Prince and Princess contestants must be present during this ceremony.

11 am: Boat Parade:

The boat parade commences promptly at 11 a.m., starting in front of the McMahon's camp. Come as you are or fully decorated, but most importantly... be PROMPT! The lead boat will host on board the 2008 Princess and Prince as it makes its voyage around the pond.

1 pm: Pot-Luck Feast:

At 1:00 p.m., the "Grill Masters" will have the grills sizzling with burgers and dogs. Hamburgers, hot-dogs, soft drinks, and water will be provided by the Association, and delicious pot-luck dishes provided by you.

All Afternoon: Music, Water Events, Children's Games, Raffles, and more: Skiers, tubers, wake boarders, bare footers, or disc riders are welcome. There's lots of entertainment for the kids and a chance to make new friends.

Contact John and Suzanne McMahon

with any questions and to let them know how you would like to participate.

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SIGN UP TO HELP!

Here's some roles where volunteers would be much appreciated. If you can help, please let McMahons know by returning the form, by phone, or by email.

Cooks and Chefs Everyone is a cook! Please bring a side dish or dessert of your choice to share. Bring your most exotic culinary experiment or old faithful home cooking.

Grill Meisters We need volunteer cooks, the "Grill Masters," to tend a grill for 1-hour sessions beginning at noon.

Coach Drivers Boats with drivers are needed to "pull" for the water events.

Admiral of the Fleet To circle the pond, stop at each house, blow horn, and begin the boat parade. Admiral announces the boat parade winner.

Reigning Monarch Draws the name out of the entrees for the prince and princess. Will the prince and princess from last year volunteer for this?

Pied Piper Responsible for the children's games. Decides games, organizes, keeps kids busy. Have several options on hand from prior years, but it's up to the Pied Piper.

Director of Safety Responsible for keeping an eye on the waterfront.

Director of Communications Responsible for putting up signs two weeks ahead announcing party date and location.

Environmental Sustainability Director Responsible for setting up recycling center, and disposing of trash. This is a thankless, altruistic job, but the most important.

Pony Express Responsible for running to get something if it has been forgotten.

Director of Music Could arrange for live music, if appropriate, or just arrange to play recorded music.

Construction Crew Responsible for putting up and taking down the tent. Need Construction Superintendent, who will pick up the tent, arrange the layout and will return the tent.

Interior Decorator Responsible for identifying, gathering and delivering tables and chairs to the party location.

Finance Minister and Tax Collectors Help our illustrious Treasurer collect and record dues and donations and sell raffle tickets.

Financial Donations for Carnival expenses are welcome.

Report on the Spring 2008 Perkins Pond Protective Association Meeting

The May 31, 2008 meeting of the Perkins Pond Protective Association came to order at 10 am at the home of Tom and Marge Judge. Tom and Marge graciously invited the meeting into their home to escape the rainy day.

Robin Saunders was elected vice-president to replace Ellen Mercer. The remaining Association officers were reelected.

Gary reported that the Sunapee Selectmen have suggested that they would entertain endorsing a Perkins Pond sewerage program for the spring of 2009. The Association is currently in communication with the Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen, and the Water and Sewer Commission to look at the feasibility of a board-endorsed warrant article to sewer Perkins Pond. Members voted to request that the Association move ahead to get the issue on the March ballot, but that the officers use discretion in determining how best to move forward.

Gary reported that the pond water was looking exceptionally clear, but that as the water warms up, more growth of algae and weeds would take place. Claude Leavitt reported that the water level is just right, with turtle rock just showing its top. Marian Leavitt, head of the Weed Watchers, asked that if anyone sees a new weed, they should contact a Weed Watcher. NH DES has provided bags that enable mailing a weed to the state for identification. Other Weed Watchers are Gary Szalucka, Robin Saunders, Holly Leonard, Tamar Sanders, Chris Domian, and Ruth Pratt. Robin Saunders noted that she has been taking underwater pictures to create a baseline view of the weeds.

Claude Leavitt reported that the NH Shoreland Protection Act goes into effect July 1. See the Spring *Perkins Ponder* for information about the Act.

Holly Leonard reported that she had looked into the potential for upgrading roads around the pond in order to reduce runoff. The town is considering that the upgrades might be done in conjunction with the sewer project.

Claude Leavitt passed out copies of Perkins Pond maps that he maintains showing each property and cottage.



Tom and Marge Judge (left) hosted the meeting and Gary officiated. They sport a Perkins Pond logo hat and shirts.

Paula McDonough described how she has been taking pictures of the flora and fauna around the pond. Paula brought scrapbooks full of wonderful and informative pictures of creatures and plants, with everything labeled with its name. Paula pointed to literature about restrictions and products to safely maintain lawns near the pond.

Marian and Robin described finding an excess of trash in the lake and using a "picker-upper" device to retrieve it. Items include cigarette butts, tires, cans, and balls. Jim Fuller volunteered to organize a Clean-Up Day to remove trash from the roads.

Robin spoke about light pollution. She thanked people for not over-lighting their shores and not aiming spotlights at the water.

Members thanked the Platts for putting up the banner at the landing warning boaters to avoid bringing in weeds. Gary McFarland also contributed to the literature loan-to.

Members agreed to donate \$100 to the NH Lakes Association. Discussions took place about fishing licenses and about geese on the pond. The meeting adjourned at noon. Members then socialized and partook of delicious home-made snacks from Marge Judge and others.

Water Carnival Donations

Donations to defray the costs of the Water Carnival from the Association are welcome. Donations will help pay for supplied food, drinks, utensils, and other items including the tent, porta-potty, and other incidentals.

2008 PPPA Dues

\$25 per family

Send to Treasurer Holly
or
Bring to Carnival.

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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.
- 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. Excess lighting hides the stars, disturbs the wildlife, and shines into people’s eyes. It’s best to direct light toward ground.

Photographs are by Robin Saunders except the island by Anne VanTine.
The water skiers on first page are Holly Leonard and Gary Szalucka.

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