2015 marina<u>services</u>

Marina Hours

Through End of June

Saturday & Sunday 9am-5pm

June 27th through July 6th

Open daily, 9am-dusk

July 7th through Labor Day

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 9am-dusk

October 4th

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Sunday October 11th

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Marina plans to install a new Gas tank and Gas pump this fall

It has been over twenty years since the gas tank at the marina was originally installed. The tank receives regular testing and inspection and has never had a problem. Although it is not required yet the Marina will install a completely new, more modern, and safer system this year. A new tank, pump, and lines will all be upgraded. In order to provide fuel all season the tank install is scheduled for mid-October. Please check with the Marina this fall for date of installation.



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Merrymeeting Lake Association working for you

Please support
our efforts by renewing
your membership and
supporting our Water
Quality and Watershed
Conservation Funds!
(see membership form and
envelope included in
this newsleter or renew

at mmlake.org)

The Merrymeeting Lake Association (MMLA) exists to help preserve the beauty and quality of Merrymeeting Lake, to work in cooperation with the New Durham government and community, and to encourage an active and fun community among lake residents.

The past year has been a busy one for the MMLA. We realized a long-standing goal to solidify the status of the end of South Shore Road that will help avoid extensive development in that area. We reached a resolution in an MMLA sponsored court case that affects future development of the Owls Head area, and we continued support for our regular programs that help insure that Merrymeeting Lake remains one of the most pristine and beautiful lakes in New England.

- Negotiated deed restrictions on several lots at the end of South Shore Road (see accompanying article in this newsletter)
- Concluded Owls Head court case (related article later in this newsletter)
- Continued funding, organization, and management of the NH Lake Host program, supplying hosts who greet boats visiting Merrymeeting Lake, educate the owners on invasive weeds and other threats to our water quality, and inspect the boats coming in and out of the lake
- Sponsored the Merrymeeting Lake Water Quality program, a program that actively monitors and tests the quality and clarity of Merrymeeting Lake water on a weekly basis.
- Management of the Watershed Conservation Fund used to help preserve the lands and watershed surrounding Merrymeeting Lake
- · Funding of the popular LakeCam and the MMLA website, www.mmlake.org
- · Organization of late-spring, roadside, cleanup effort.
- · Organization of social activities such as the upcoming Block Party and the July fireworks show.
- Publication of this annual newsletter and other news of interest to lake residents via the website, email, and periodic postal mailings

Merrymeeting Lake Association

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Use Paypal or a credit card to join or renew your membership online at mmlake.org

2015 Dues

Annual Member Renewal:		\$50.00
Donation to the Land Conservation Fund (\$100 suggested)		\$
Donation for the Water Quality Fund and Lake Host Weed Prevention Program (\$100 suggested)		\$
	TOTAL	\$
Name	Lake Address	
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MMLA Water Quality

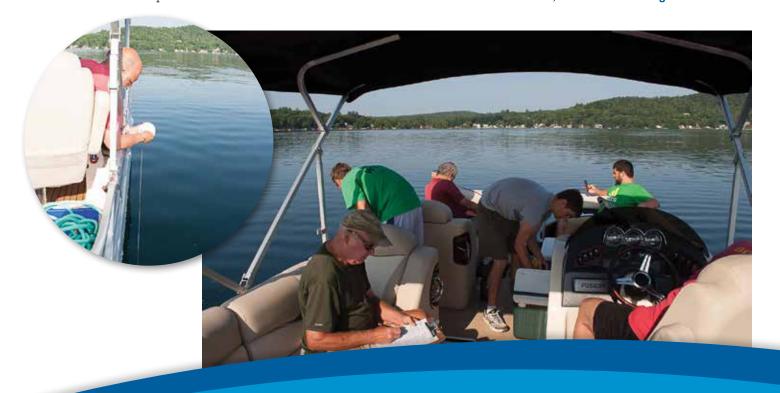
At least once a week during the spring, summer, and fall, a small group of volunteers quietly cruises the lake in the early morning, performing one of the most important activities supported by the MMLA, water quality monitoring and testing of Merrymeeting Lake. Your membership and donations allow this work to continue.



In cooperation with the UNH Cooperative Extension service, water quality samples are taken at several key spots around the lake. The team tests for water temperatures at multiple depths, measures water clarity in both sunlight and shade, takes various chemical measurements (pH, conductivity, etc.), and collects both surface and depth water samples that are sent to the UNH lab for further analysis.

The good news is that testing shows that Merrymeeting Lake continues to be one of the most pristine lakes in the Norhteast. The MMLA volunteers have been doing this for more than 30 years, and the results are consistently positive. However, as seen with other lakes, things can change quickly. The ongoing monitoring, supported by the MMLA and your extra donations to the Water Quality Fund, will allow us to identify developing problems early, and hopefully implement changes to correct the problems.

Annual reports are available for almost every year over the past 30. They are available upon request. The most recent ones can be obtained via the MMLA website, www.mmlake.org.



What Can You Do to protect loons

Through the generosity of a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, the MMLA has received a \$12,000 donation to fund the protection and preservation of loons on Merrymeeting Lake.

Loons are a very visible and anticipated indicator of the health of our lake and watershed. This donation will help the lake association guard land and water areas that the loons use for nesting and feeding, along with supporting the water quality testing that helps preserve and protect the loon population on Merrymeeting lake.

What Can You Do to Protect Loons? Why do some lakes have loons and not others? Loons need healthy aquatic ecosystems with good water quality, abundant prey, irregular shaped shorelines or islands with native vegetation, and nursery habitat with little to no human disturbance. Therefore loons are considered to be an indicator species, meaning that the presence of a loon may indicate that a lake that they live on or frequently visit is healthy.

Practice Good Loon Etiquette

- Watch loons from a safe distance and never explore a loon nest site. Close encounters can be deadly for swimming and nesting loons.
- Be an ethical angler. Never fish or cast near loon nests or swimming loons, properly dispose of extra bait and trash, and pick up monofilament line.
- Keep dogs and cats away from loons and nests. Pets disturb nesting loons and can destroy loon eggs.
- •Be a responsible boater. Never chase loons or run motorboats or personal watercraft over areas where loons have been seen. Loons and loon chicks have died from being hit by boats and propellers.

Protect and Restore Loon Habitat

- Protect native vegetation. Loons nest on natural shorelines and use natural materials to build their nests this also protects water quality by slowing and absorbing runoff materials from entering the lake.
- Use only phosphorus-free fertilizers on shorelands, and only if needed. Fertilizer that runs off into lakes

- increases aquatic plant growth, making it difficult for loons to swim and find food.
- Protect loons from your pets. Keep dogs and cats away from loons and nests. Pets disturb nesting loons and can destroy loon eggs. And please clean up your pet's waste - pet waste can also contribute unwanted nutrients and bacteria to the water.
- Loons need good water quality, healthy lake
 habitats and ecosystems to survive and thrive.
 Local government agencies do not have the capacity or resources to monitor the water quality
 on all lakes; therefore, volunteer monitoring
 is a vital component to determining the water
 quality of our lake.
- Make sure your septic system is functioning properly. When septic systems don't work properly, they pose serious risks to human, animal and environmental health by releasing contaminants, including harmful bacteria and chemical pollutants, into the groundwater and into surface water - lakes, rivers, marshes and streams.

Lake Host Program Gearing Up for 13th Season on Merrymeeting Lake



This past winter the NH Lakes Association received a 2015 Outstanding Invasive Species Volunteer Award at the National Invasive Species Achievement Awards Ceremony held in Washington D.C. The NH Lakes Association was recognized for the 500 Lake Hosts who volunteered 11,093 hours on NH waterbodies in 2014.

We want to take this opportunity to thank our local volunteers here at Merrymeeting Lake who contributed to that total! A special thank you to Dr. Fred Quimby who has volunteered a morning a week at the ramp for the past 6 years! Thank you Fred!

The Lake Host Program continues to be an essential line of defense in protecting Merrymeeting Lake from invasive plants and animals. Paid and volunteer Lake Hosts provide courtesy boat inspections at the public launch (the dam) throughout the summer boating season. They have "caught" milfoil and other aquatic plants a number of times - removing the plants before the boat was launched – each time protecting Merrymeeting from a potential infestation of invasive plants.

Lake hosts are not only looking for milfoil and other invasive aquatic plants and animals, but they are also educating boaters about the many invasive species that threaten Merrymeeting and other lakes all over the State. The Lake Hosts teach boaters how to prevent the spread of these invasive plants and animals by cleaning, draining and drying their boats and trailers after leaving a lake or river. Please be sure to follow the clean, drain and dry protocol if you travel with your boat to other lakes, and please make sure any guests you may have who launch their boat on Merrymeeting follow the protocol too. For more information about how to stop the spread of invasive species, visit www.nhlakes. org/education/lake-host/ and click on the first video for a great overview.

The Lake Host program on Merrymeeting Lake is made possible through a grant from the NH Lakes Association and financial support from the Merrymeeting Lake Association.

You can support the Lake Host Program by being a member of the MMLA and by making an extra donation to the Water Quality Fund. You can also help by volunteering as an unpaid lake host. For more information, contact Sue Kowalski at suekowalski@comcast.net.

Remembering our friends

Donald J. Roques



NEW DURHAM - Donald J. Roques, 76, husband of Patricia L. (Stockin) Roques of New Durham, died Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, in the Northeast Rehab in Portsmouth, following his brief illness.Born Dec. 26, 1937, in Jefferson City, Mo., he was the son of the late Elroy D. and Rosalia M. (Hilgert) Roques.

He received his aeronautical engineering degree at Parks College of St. Louis University. He was most proud of his work at Boeing Vertol where he was a test pilot for the Chinook Helicopter in the '60s. He then went to work for Mack Trucks in Allentown, Pa., developing, crash testing and managing the production lines.

He was full of love, life and laughter that permeated every aspect of his life. His smile and laugh was contagious. His hugs were all encompassing and are unforgettable. He was guilty of passionately loving his family and having fun wherever he was. His grandchildren were his pride and joy and he took every opportunity he could to quiz them on brain games and little riddles to keep the minds sharp. He was a foster parent to many over the years with his first wife, Marilyn, with enough love to cover all wounds. His life reflected a life of love and service. He was a lifelong, die-hard St. Louis Cardinals fan.

He will be greatly missed. We are proud to have been able to call him Dad, husband, Pop-Pop, friend, brother and our all time Mr. Fix-It. He rejoiced in the Lord and is now singing with the choir of angels.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Andrew H. Roques and wife Shannon of Ware, Mass.; his daughters, Margaret E. Wandrey and her husband Richard of Milford, Merri-Lynn Lathrop and her husband Robert of Ipswich, Mass., and Adonica Racicot and her husband Glen of Uxbridge, Mass.; stepchildren, Thomas M. Kingston of Byfield, Mass., and Linda K. Rausch and her husband Jonathan of Townsend, Mass.; and sisters, Karen Wagner, Penelope Challans, Janet Oakes and Lisa Robinson, all of Missouri. He is also survived by eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his first wife, Marilyn (Kroepel) Roques, in 2010.

Robert Magovern

Robert J. Magovern, 77, of Bedford died at his home surrounded by his loving family on July 4, 2014. Mr. Magovern was born in Leominster on January 26, 1937, and he was the son of the late Dwight H. and Carrie F. (Smith) Magovern. He attended Burdett College and Northeastern University and completed many hours of education and course work in business. He was employed as an independent insurance agent for 40 years and he established Magovern Insurance Agency, located on the Great Rd. in Bedford in 1991. He retired in 2011. Mr. Magovern served in the U.S. Air Force and Reserve from 1957 until 1963. In 1961, he married Barbara L. Ernst and in 1962 they moved to Bedford. While living in Bedford he became very involved with raising his sons, Scott and Daniel and devoted much of his free time to Masonic service. He was a Colonel of the Aleppo Shrine Temple Units in 1994, a Past President of the Minuteman Shrine Club, the Founding Captain for the Alleppo Shrine Minutemen which began in 1974 and he also had extensive involvement with the DeMolay International Battle Green Chapter of Lexington. Recently, he received his fifty year pin for membership in the Simon W. Robinson Masonic Lodge of Lexington. He was also a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Bedford. An avid hunter, he enjoyed spending time at his home at Merrymeeting Lake in New Hampshire. He was the beloved husband of Barbara (Ernst) Magovern, devoted father of Scott and his wife Kathryn of North Chelmsford and Daniel and his wife Christina of Hudson, NH, dear brother of Janet Stoffregen of Peabody and Dwight Magovern of East Longmeadow and loving grandfather of Cassandra, Emily, Evan and Connor Magovern.

Paul E. Harvey Sr.



PORTSMOUTH - Paul E. Harvey, Sr., 85, of Portsmouth, passed away November 23, 2014 at the Edgewood Centre.

He was born in Portsmouth Hospital in 1929, a son of Sydney R. and Pearl (Grant) Harvey and was educated in the Portsmouth school system, graduating from Portsmouth High School in 1947. He continued onto college at the University of New Hampshire, graduating in 1951. From there, he attended Tufts University's School of Dental Medicine, graduating with a Doctor of Dental Medicine in 1955. He married Carolyn Gailey (PHS, Class

of 1949) in 1955 in North Church.

Following graduation from dental school, Dr. Harvey served in the United States Air Force, and practiced dentistry in Portsmouth until 2011. He was a proud member of the American Dental Association and the NH Dental Society. He took special pride in providing exceptional Dental care over 50 years to the people of the Seacoast and was instrumental in helping create Delta Dental.

In his free time, Dr. Harvey enjoyed spending time at his lake house on Merrymeeting Lake, with his wife, Carolyn, and their two sons and their families.

Survivors include his wife Carolyn; sons, Paul E. Harvey, Jr. of Portsmouth and David Harvey and wife, Caryl of Stratham; seven grandchildren, Paul E. Harvey III, Andrew Harvey, Elizabeth Harvey, and Susan Harvey all of Portsmouth, Brianna Harvey, Sara Harvey and David Harvey, Jr. all of Stratham; sister, Barbara Hay and husband, Richard of Portsmouth; and several nieces and nephews.

Charles Field



Charles H. Field passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 21, at the age of 88. Charles was born on July 15, 1926 in Stoneham, MA and graduated from Reading High School in June 1944. He

served in the navy during World War II and afterward went on to receive a degree in Electrical Engineering from Northeastern University. Charles worked for Sanders Associates (now BAE) as an electrical engineer for most of his career.

Charles was able to realize his long-time dream of having a summer cottage on Merrymeeting Lake, where he loved spending summers with his family since 1967. He spent his free time with a smile on his face, dancing with his wife, Jean, whom he loved deeply, and teaching his children how to sail on the Lake. Charles' unique sense of humor will certainly be remembered, as his entire family will continue to share his funny stories and corny jokes.

Craig C. Groom



NEW DURHAM - Craig Groom, 63, of New Durham, New Hampshire, passed away on June 26, 2014. He is survived, loved, honored and missed by his three children; Brett Groom, Nathan Groom and Audra Kollmeyer; his four grandchildren, Emma Groom, Ethan Groom,

Nathan Groom and Katelyn Groom; his two siblings Linda Pearson and Tommy Groom; and the love of his life, Janet.

He was born on September 5, 1950 to Jacqueline and Thomas Groom. He proudly served for twenty-six years in the Navy and "retired" to a job as first captain with FedEx. Both occupations provided him the opportunity to pursue his love of flying, his taste for adventure and his desire to see and experience new things. His top priority in life was always the well-being of his family and good friends. He was kind, loving, generous, and had a passion for the lake community, participating actively on the planning board. He enjoyed his life, worked hard and never passed up an opportunity to help where it was needed.

Owls Head Update

In 2012, a development proposal for a large piece of land on Owls Head Ridge was brought before the New Durham Planning Board by the land owner.

The proposal was of concern to the MMLA as it proposed a much higher density of development in our watershed area than previously seen using duplex home designs. There were many questions concerning whether the proposal met existing bylaws and deed restrictions.

Several abutters with similar deed restrictions banded together to challenge the proposal through a lawsuit, based on their contention that the affected lots also had these deed restrictions and these deed restrictions should prohibit the prosed development. But the anticipated legal fees were beyond their ability or willingness to proceed.

With encouragement and financial support from the MMLA, the group proceeded with the lawsuit. While the case was proceeding through the court system, the largest acreage piece of affected property was acquired by a new owner. This new owner has no current development plans, and has a history of supporting conservation and water quality efforts on Merrymeeting.

In July of 2014, the Strafford County Superior Court issued its decision in the case after a trial concerning the remaining parcels. The Court did enforce the single-family home deed restriction to prevent development of any multi-family homes on any of the contested parcels. As a result, a primary goal of the litigation was successful. The support provided by the MMLA helped to insure continued maintenance of the quality of the watershed and the desired density of homes in the area."

Meeting House relocated and ready

The Merrymeeting Lake Association Meeting House 2.0 will be open for the Annual Meeting on Saturday June 27th at the corner of Merrymeeting and Powder Mill roads. Just a short move to a new foundation plus a bathroom and parking puts new life into a once deteriorating and virtually abandoned building. This move insures that the MMLA Meetinghouse will be here for future generations by granting the lake association permanently deeded rights to use the building, without costly maintenance. Although the Meetinghouse looks different on the outside it has retained its original look and character on the inside. Come to the annual meeting and check it out for yourself.

Old MMLA Meeting House Foundation removal planned

The Lake association is working with Fish and Game to removal of the old Meetinghouse foundation. The property owner must get a shoreline permit in order for the contractor to work next to the water. We hope this will be completed shortly.

What's Happening on Birch Ridge/Red Oak Ridge?

It would have been difficult to not notice the tree cutting going on above the lake last summer and fall. The noise of the cutting machines and falling trees was hard to miss. We received many inquires about the activity, with many wondering what could be done to stop it.

The MMLA continues to actively monitor the status of the Birch Ridge properties. The property are still owned by a large, out-ofstate, real estate investment firm. Last year they contracted with a well-respected, New Hampshire forestry service to harvest lumber from the properties. This is perfectly legal for any landowner in NH, and all indications are that good forestry practices, as defined by the UNH Cooperative Extension, were followed. Many healthy trees were left in place, disturbance of ground cover was kept to a minimum, and to date we have seen no change in the water quality below the ridge. Done correctly, the forest can actually become healthier over time if these good practices are followed.

While we do not know what is now planned for these properties, we continue to monitor for any activity that will indicate a change in status, and we hope someday to resume discussions on the possibility of setting aside the land in conservation.

Success on South Shore

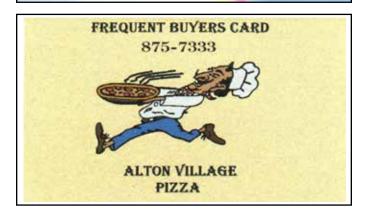
Merrymeeting Lake Association members may recall that the MMLA has held an option for a right of first refusal on the property at the far end of South Shore Road (#400) since 1979. The intent of this option was to ensure that the property could never be used as an access point to the lake from Birch Ridge, Lions Camp Pride, or any other abutting land. It would also prevent connection of a road all the way around the lake to Kings Highway. Thanks to the foresight and perseverance of the association's leadership over a 35-year period and the vision and excision of this right of refusal by the late Donald Bryant esq. the property was within our ability to control. The property was recently sold and the right of first refusal was converted to a permanent deed restriction that will never allow the property to be an extension of South Shore road or access other properties. This is a huge achievement for the MMLA and its Watershed Conservation Program and an important impediment to any future development by Red Oak Ridge or others. The MMLA would like to welcome new neighbors Bruce and Cathy Long to Merrymeeting Lake and thank them for their support and gracious acceptance of the permanent deed restrictions. Bruce and Cathy are new to the lake but have helped the lake and the cause of the MMLA in a great way!

Water Monkey Camp gets approval

At last year's MMLA annual meeting the attendees voted overwhelmingly to support the camp, and this year the Town agreed. New Durham planning board voted 5-0, and the ZBA 4-1, to approve the operation of Water Monkey camp at the Cove Cottage property. The camps founder, Evan Goldner, expects the camp will begin seasonal operations this June. The camp is limited to just 21 campers and 9 staffers. Boats will only ski on Weekdays in order reduce the potential for weekend boating congestion also the camp is restricted from the use of jetskis and personal water craft of any type. The camp has also volunteered the use of the property for the MMLA Annual Block Party on Saturday July 11th.

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