



President's Corner

ICE OUT! That has been my favorite spring phrase since 2009 when we bought our cottage on Lake Blaisdell. As soon as Hunt and I hear those words, usually by e-mail from a very excited and winter weary year-round resident, we book our flight north to open up the house. Even though we know there will still be many weeks of mud, mosquitos, and black flies ahead, we can't wait to catch up with our neighbors, install the dock, and enjoy our favorite summer traditions like the *Pud Ellsworth Boat Parade* and *Flare Night*.

This summer we will celebrate the *Blaisdell Lake Protective Association's 65th Anniversary*. An enthusiastic committee chaired by Cynde Robbins is busy planning a wonderful event for all members and their families. If a cottage in your lake neighborhood has changed hands over the winter, I encourage you to forward our newsletter to the new owners, share our web address www.blpoa.org, and bring them to the party in August.

And speaking of summer, it's not too soon to sign up for a weed watch shift via the website! Protecting the lake from invasive species is an integral part of our mission, and we must be vigilant. If everyone commits to just one two-hour shift over the course of the summer, our lake will remain weed-free for many summers to come.

Read on for other BLPA news, and I'll see you at the boat parade!

Vicki

Save the Date!

We had such a good time 5 years ago that we have decided to do it again! The BLPA is 65 this year, and the Board of Directors is inviting all BLPA members to an anniversary celebration planned for Saturday, August 1st. Please save this date ... event details coming in June.

Reminders

- If you have not yet paid your 2015 Membership Dues, please do so now by sending a check in the amount of \$70 payable to BLPA, Attn: Peg DeMone, PO Box 462, South Sutton, NH 03273.
- Please go to <http://blpa.typeform.com/to/pDPLNz> to complete a short, anonymous survey that is being conducted by the Board of Directors to better assess who uses Wright's Beach and why; and to obtain members' thoughts about Weed Watch.
- We need volunteers once again from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend to participate in the Weed Watch Program. Be sure to go to our website www.blpoa.org and click on the Weed Watch button to sign up for a 2-hour slot.

Summer Calendar

Board Meeting	Saturday, May 23 rd 10:00 am
Pud Ellsworth Boat Parade	Saturday, July 4 th 4:30 pm
Flare Night	Saturday, July 4 th 9 pm
Board Meeting	Saturday, July 25 th 9 am
Annual Membership Meeting	Saturday, July 25 th 10 am
65 th Anniversary Celebration	Saturday, August 1 st TBA
Board Meeting	Saturday, Sept. 5 th 10:00 am

Town of Bradford



July 4th Schedule

7 am	Mason's Breakfast
8 am – 2 pm	Church Fair
9 am	5K Road Race
1 pm	Kearsarge Community Band At Library
1:30 pm	Parade
9:30 pm	Fireworks

Wright's Beach



John and I have recently put chairs on the beach for the summer season. We have only six and could use more. If you have gently-used beach chairs that you would like to donate for beach use, please contact me at 938-5457 or jcgodkin@tds.net. Thank you!

Carrie Godkin, Beach Manager



Wright's Beach is open for the season! Warm weather has returned, and the beach looks great. Also, there is a new sign on the fence outlining the kinder, gentler beach rules approved by the Board.

STAND UP PADDLE BOARD (SUP) SAFETY LAWS

Believe it or not, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) has officially classified a Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) as a vessel. Operators of SUPs are required to follow these laws:

All SUP operators 12 years of age and YOUNGER are required to wear a USCG-approved life jacket or Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and carry a safety whistle. Flashlights are required for night use.

All SUP operators 13 years of age and OLDER are required to have a Type III adult USCG-approved life jacket or PFD either attached to the SUP or worn by the SUP operator and carry a safety whistle. Flashlights are required for night use. Tethering (wearing a leash connected to the SUP and operator) is deemed to be an alternate or replacement for having a PFD.

If you choose a tether, be sure it is long enough to prevent injury if you fall off the board! A short tether can break a leg or worse.

Looking for Logos

Do you recognize this image? This beautiful design was created by Justin Shumway and graces the BLPA website. At last year's annual members' meeting, there was interest in printing t-shirts and hats with a new image, retiring the sailboat image that was previously used. Justin's is just one possibility, but as we all love choices, we would welcome more suggestions and submissions. What image comes to mind when you think of Blaisdell Lake? Write that down and e-mail it to vepwilliard@mac.com.



Light Up The Lake

Flares will be sold once again this year for display around the lake on July 4th. An e-mail listing prices and contact information will be sent to all BLPA members when flares are available for sale.

Board of Directors Updates

Elected to the Board for the 3-year term (2014 – 2017) were: Marilou Steblai, Steve Domber and Justin Shumway. Welcome to the Board, Marilou and welcome back, Justin and Steve! We appreciate your willingness to serve.

Those whose terms expired are: Stacey Herlitz and Fritz Pratt. Thank you very much for your time and service on behalf of the BLPA.

Board of Directors Executive Committee

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