

Little Ossipee Lake Association Newsletter

Water Quality Report

By Bob Labelle

Since 1977 our association has collected valuable water monitoring data in conjunction with the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Water samples are drawn from the deepest part of the lake every 2 weeks from April through October. During this period, 25 years of Secchi Disc Transparencies (SDT) and 11 years of basic chemical information have been collected.

Secchi Disc Transparencies are a direct measure of the water clarity and an indirect measure of algal growth. Unless a lake is highly colored or turbid from suspended sediment, transparency readings of 2 meters or less generally indicate a severe algal bloom according to the 2006 Maine Lakes Report. Little Ossipee Lake transparency readings are typically between 6.0 and 7.9 with occasional readings above 9.0 meters.

Basic chemical information includes water temperature and dissolved oxygen measurements at every meter down to 20 meters. Water samples are also submitted for Total Phosphorus and Chlorophyll-a monitoring.

Test results continue to show the water quality of Little Ossipee Lake to be excellent and the potential for nuisance algal blooms is considered to be very low. For additional information contact Maine DEP at (207) 287-3901 or the VLMP at (207) 783-7733, or on the Internet at

<http://www.mainevolunteerlakemonitors.org/waterquality/> and/or
<http://www.pearl.maine.edu>

Important Do's and Don'ts keep our lake clean and healthy:

DO follow the No Wake Zone rules to minimize shoreline erosion

DO repair any areas of shoreline erosion

(Contact town office for required permits)

DO plant trees and ground plants at or near the shore

DO NOT use fertilizers near the lake that contain Phosphorus

DO NOT use soap or shampoo in or near lake

DO NOT clear vegetation or trees near shoreline

Thanks to all of you for your continued support. Your annual dues makes it possible to continue the water monitoring program. With everyone's help, future generations will enjoy our beautiful lake as we have.

NOTE: Information taken from the 2006 Maine Lakes Report, the annual report of the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program

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WWW.LITTLEOSIPEELAKE.ORG

As announced at last year's annual meeting our Lake Association web site is now a reality. Many thanks to Karen Cummings who offered her time and talent to this project. The site is intended to be informative and fun. Members are invited to submit information and pictures and every effort will be made to post them on our site. We welcome your suggestions for keeping the site a "must visit".

Road Association Workshop

Interested in learning how to form a road association? The LOLA is sponsoring a **FREE** workshop on Saturday, July 14 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Waterboro Town Hall meeting room. Residents from area ponds and lakes are invited to attend.

Speakers include Forrest Bell, consultant for York County Soil & Water, representatives from YCSW, an attorney and representatives of the Mousam Lake Association which has been successful in forming road associations in their area.

A road association can provide a means for private road residents to formally manage roads in an organized and economical manner while protecting lake and pond water quality.

For more information, call Dianne at 247-5926.

**Official Ice Out Date
3/24/2006**

Promote LOLA With Pride!

LOLA T-shirts are available in all sizes, for all ages, and come in a variety of colors! Having a family reunion at the 'cottage'? You can also add family or wearer's name.

Other items available include tank tops, polos, muscle shirts, denim shirts, and boat totes. T-shirts and order forms will be available at LOLA's Annual Meeting in August, or contact Dianne at 207-247-5926; e-mail: ddholden@sacoriver.net

2007 LOLA SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board of Directors for the Little Ossipee Lake Association has chosen William Knight, of N. Waterboro as this year's LOLA scholarship recipient. The scholarship is awarded to a senior at Massabesic High School who plans to major in Environmental Science or a related field. William plans to attend Unity College majoring in Conservation Law Enforcement. A check for \$500 will be paid to the book store after he has successfully completed a semester of college.

Brock Sanborn of N. Waterboro is this year's Guy L'Italien scholarship recipient. The award is made in conjunction with LOLA and the Guy L'Italien Scholarship fund. Brock plans to attend the University of Maine and study at the College of Natural Science, Forestry and Agriculture with a major in Wildlife, Ecology and Environmental Sciences. The \$500.00 scholarship will be paid to the book store of the school in which Brock plans to attend next year.

We wish William and Brock much success as they enter into their chosen fields of study.

Frank P. Salvo
Scholarship Committee Chairperson

Front Runner – Gravel Road Maintenance

The Front Runner grader/rake is an attachment that fits onto the front of pick-up trucks utilizing a snowplow mount. Used for gravel road grading and maintenance it does a terrific job.

York County Soil & Water Conservation District, supported by a grant from the DEP, is able to offer the District's Front Runner to any York County resident for use at a low cost of \$50/use to anyone who participates in the workshop and training session and has access to appropriate equipment: ¾-ton or 1-ton vehicles equipped with a 8-foot Fisher 25" push tab snowplow mount.

For more information contact Melissa Brandt, Dist. Office Mgr. at 207-324-0888.

**Annual Meeting
August 11, 2007
9 AM
Central Fire Station**

**Guests-Reports
News/Information
Refreshments**

The public is welcome

**Door Prize
\$100 Gift Certificate to
Area Nursery**

**Pay your dues prior to the
meeting to be eligible for
the drawing.**

**YOU MUST BE PRESENT
AT THE MEETING TO WIN!**

Ossipee Lake Dam Report 2006

By Don Holden

Normal Summer Level 6' 6"
Normal Winter Level 4' 6"

Starting with August 2006 the water level remained normal with only minor adjustment to the gates to control the summer level. In the middle of September the scale at the dam was replaced and the gear boxes were greased. Careful attention was given to insure the new scale was installed exactly in the same place as the old scale. Our thanks to Dwayne Woodsome for taking the lead on the repairs. Great job!

Summer level was maintained for the first time until 10/15/06. Heavy rain in late October kept the water level high even with the gates open. By the end of December the lake was settling down to near normal winter level, yet still not frozen. It wasn't until January 18, 2007 that the lake froze 100%.

The lake remained at a normal winter level thought-out the winter. Because the ice was still remaining on the lake, I did not close the gates on April 1st, the normal close date. Then came the Patriots day storm of April 17th. York County experienced significant damage. In anticipation of heavy rainfall the check valve was opened to let additional water out of the lake. The lake rose 21 inches in 2 days, with all 3 gates opened 100%. WOW!!! Because the lake was at near winter level at the start of the storm, we reached a high of just 7' 2". Heavy wind finely took the ice out on April 18th. By April 28th the lake receded back to summer level and I started bringing the gates up. Again on May 17th heavy rain was predicted and I opened all gates 100%.

Since the first of June normal activity has occurred to maintain a consistent summer level.

10/15/2007 – Start of Winter Draw Down

LOLA President's Message

By Wayne Gautreau

Invasive Plants – Variable water milfoil has been found in two locations in the Little Ossipee River downstream from Lake Arrowhead. To date, no invasive plants have been found in Little Ossipee Lake. *It is important that all boats be cleaned of all plants before and after use in the lake.*

Watershed Update – Watershed Projects on Courtney Lane and Dean Drive are ongoing—however moving slowly at times. Other projects are also in the works and all must be completed by December 2007 when state funding will terminate. Anyone with runoff problems on their property and would like assistance in addressing those problems should contact Forrest Bell at 207/650-7497 or email him at forrest@maine.rr.com.

Boat Safety – Last summer our lake had its first fatality in recent memory involving a boat and a swimmer. Let's keep our lake a safe place for all to enjoy by following the rules and regulations spelled out in the 'Open Water Boating Manual'. Please take the time to be courteous to others while on the lake.

Game Wardens Can't Be On Our Lake EveryDay—If You Observe Unsafe Boating Activity On the Lake Take Down the Watercraft Registration Number or Take a Picture and Call The Maine State Police.

Do You Rent Out Your Cottage?

Post important information for renters in an obvious location. In addition to emergency telephone numbers and information you specifically provide we ask that you remind renters that using soap and shampoo in the lake is very harmful to the water and should NEVER be done.

Welcome New Association Members

Treasurer, Ed Doggett, reported at the June meeting that he has received 125 membership dues payments—40 from new members. The Association welcomes those new members and members who renew every year. If you are new to the lake or to the area and want to know more about the topics covered in this newsletter, please visit our web site for contact information. Board members are happy to answer questions you might have and eager to assist you in obtaining additional information.

Thank You Charlie Killam

Charlie let's the Lake Association invade his property every July 4th to set up the judging stand for the boat parade. We appreciate Charlie's hospitality and just want to say a great big THANK YOU!

Attention All Swimmers

Practicing good water safety means you, too. Planning a distance swim? Make sure your plans include a spotter in a boat. Even expert swimmers experience unforeseen problems.

Little Ossipee Lake Association

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Wayne Gautreau, President
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Treasurer's Report as of June 8, 2007

Ed Doggett, Treasurer

Checking Account balance: \$3688.43
Savings Account balance: \$ 906.50
CD Balance: \$7849.90

Note: Above balances include Guy Litalien Scholarship fund (est. 12-03) \$950.00

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

SUMMER HOURS
Mon., Tues & Thurs: CLOSED
Weds. 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Fri & Sat: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

WINTER HOURS
Mon., Tues & Thurs: CLOSED
Wed. 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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TERRY HACKETT MEMORIAL

BOAT PARADE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH

PARADE STARTS AT 11 AM AT DAM

PICK UP NUMBERS AT RED BOARD HOUSE (LEFT OF DAM)

JUDGING AT WEYMOUTH POINT

CASH PRIZES

BOATS: 1ST PRIZE \$75
2ND PRIZE \$50
3RD PRIZE \$25

BARGES: 1ST PRIZE \$75
2ND PRIZE \$50
3RD PRIZE \$25

Be creative—decorate your boats and barges and you could win a cash prize or the highly coveted “Best In Show” trophy.

Remember to please stay with the boat parade around the lake so all can enjoy your hard work!

SECOND NOTICE

2007 MEMBERSHIP DUES

You are a valuable part of the Little Ossipee Lake Association!

We hope that the Association is of value to you.

We need your support!

_____Dues, \$10 Per Family

_____Scholarship Donation

Please make checks payable to: Little Ossipee Lake Association and mail to: P.O. box 204, East Waterboro, ME 04030-0204. Include any comments, suggestions or questions you may have.

Name_____Map/Lot # (if known)_____

Home Address_____

Lake Address_____Tel #_____Email_____