

Little Ossipee Lake Association

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2022 Board of Directors

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Little Ossipee Lake Association

2022 newsletter



Membership Makes an Impact!

Your membership dues are what keep LOLA going. They fund vital programs such as...

- the boat inspection program in collaboration with the town of Waterboro
- ongoing and regular water testing
- invasive plant patrol surveys
- building a reserve of funds to fight invasive species, should one be found

Thank you to the 178 households that paid dues in 2021. Please become a dues-paying-member this year and help us reach our 200 member goal! You can give by mailing back the enclosed envelope, via Venmo @LOLA-10, or online at www.littleossipeelake.org



Will Banister

Financial Summary

Membership dues and donations comprised the majority of revenue in 2021. Each dollar you donate plays a part in protecting Little Ossipee Lake. Here's a breakdown of the Association's income and expenses for the 2021 season.

2021 Income

Membership dues	\$8,946.66
Stewardship donations	\$2,746.76
Scholarship donations	\$522.66
Event revenue	\$2,273.00
Total 2021 revenue	\$14,489.08

LOLA also holds \$20,855.13 in savings, designated for combatting invasive aquatic species, should one be found.

2021 Expenses

Programs	\$3,183.44
(Boat ramp inspection, water testing, buoys)	
Administrative	\$2,203.08
(website fees, mailings, postage, insurance)	
Event costs	\$1,150.00
Scholarship awards	\$1,00.00
Other	\$802.95
Total 2021 expenses	\$8,339.47

Honored to Serve

Is it just me or do the stars seem brightest at Little Ossipee Lake? I love the feeling of being awestruck while gazing into the night sky as I dip my toes in the cool water. The gratitude I feel for the lake and nature is what motivates me to volunteer on the Little Ossipee Lake Association's (LOLA) board of directors. I've served on the board for ten years as a director, and I'm honored to serve as president for the 2022 season.

I'm grateful to Mike Taflas who served as president for more than a decade, leading our association forward to a place of financial maturity and with critical focus on invasive plant threats. Mike has been a certified IPPer, surveying the lake for invasive threats for 10 years! He has left big shoes to fill and I hope to carry forward many of his initiatives. Mike isn't going too far, as he has agreed to stay on the board as vice president. Thank you for your dedication to our lake, Mike!

While some of the issues our beloved lake face are great—an ever present threat of invasive species, and a changing climate, to name a few— I feel hope because everything the Association has done in it's nearly fifty year history, has been done in partnership with you. LOLA members and supporters are key to protecting the beauty and quality of the lake. Earlier this year a survey was shared on LOLA's Facebook page. If you haven't already, I hope you will share your ideas on how best the Association can serve you and the lake. You can find the survey on the LOLA Facebook page or by visiting: <https://forms.gle/INCwflvNatAyj8r67>

Looking forward, I know that together we will continue to be successful if we recognize the awe that nature stirs inside us all and act on it. I hope you'll join me by becoming a member of the Association, attending a LOLA event, or perhaps, maybe even joining the board.

With gratitude for the lake and for you,

Lindsay Taflas

Eyes on the Water

Lake Arrowhead now has three confirmed aquatic invasive species. Given our proximity to Lake Arrowhead, changes in climate, and a public boat launch, LOLA is on high alert.

Here is what LOLA is doing to stay ahead of invasive species:

- 2022 will be the third year of a partnership between LOLA and the town to fund the boat inspection program. Paid boat inspectors look for any plant material and remove it before a boat can enter the water. Boat inspectors are at the public launch Monday–Sunday, 6am–5pm, from Memorial to Labor Day, and then on weekends until October. We know prevention is our best line of defense.
- In partnership with the Lake Stewards of Maine, LOLA can help train new members to join the IPP (invasive plant patrol) team.
- The IPP team is planning a survey of the most critical spots on the lake (the boat launch, dam, various shallow coves) to monitor for invasive species. All are welcome!

Be a LAKE DEFENDER!

July 26, 2022

In partnership with residents of Lake Arrowhead, and the Lake Stewards of Maine, you are invited to join a Plant Paddle workshop. Registration is free but advance notice is appreciated. You can register at <https://www.lakestewardsofmaine.org/invasive-plant-patrol-workshops/>

August 20, 2022

All hands on deck! On Saturday, August 20, a survey of the most critical areas of the lake will be conducted. Volunteers will look for plants, both suspicious and native.

To register, please email LOLA Director, Deidre Donovan, at DDonovan89753@gmail.com, or send us a message on our Facebook page.

Everyone can be a citizen scientist! You can help by simply looking into the water from the shoreline and noticing changes in plants. If something looks different, you can try to identify it or ask LOLA for help.

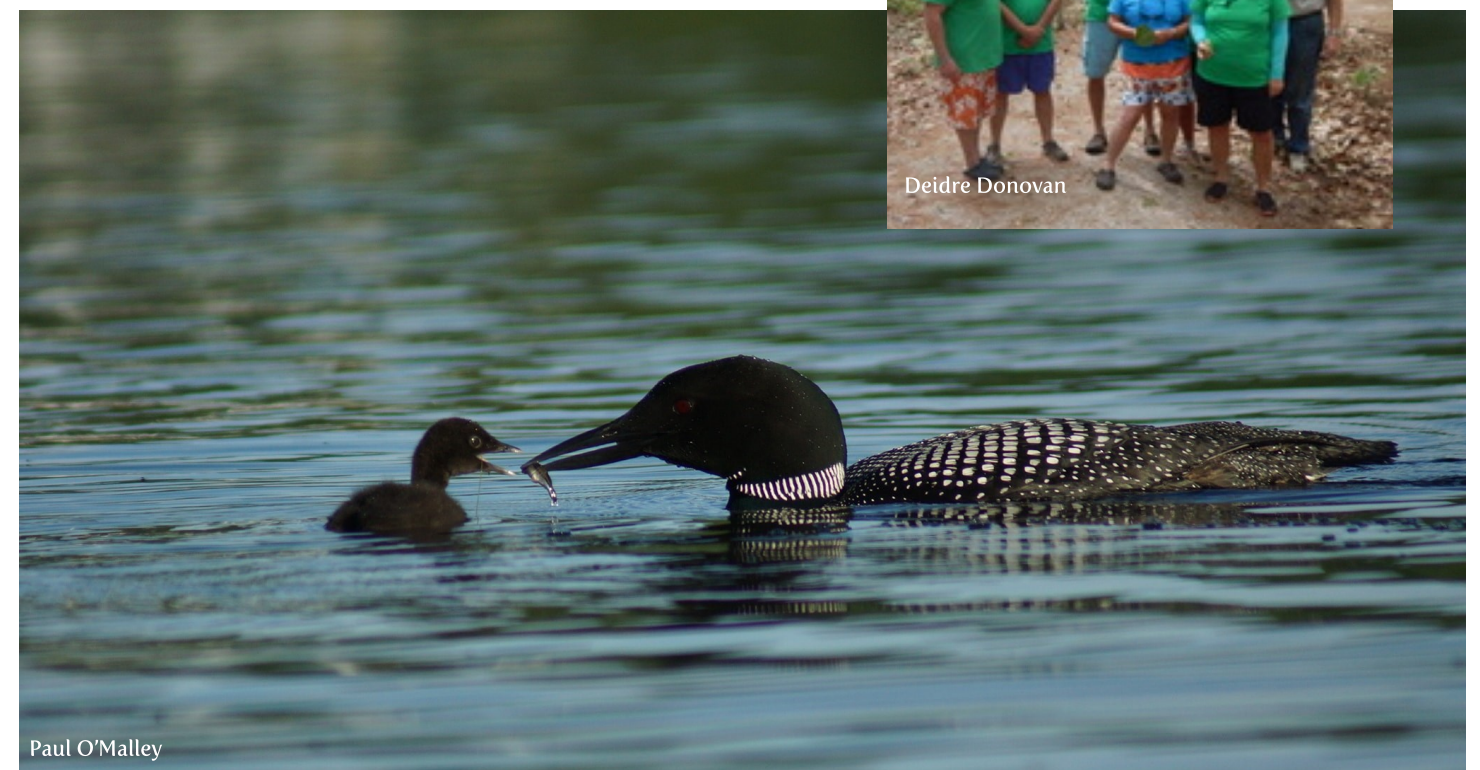
To encourage you to look not just at the water, but IN to the water, “LOLA the Lilly” will be hiding somewhere on the lake as of July 1st. If you find LOLA the Lily, get in touch with LOLA to win a prize!

The Power of YOU

A warming climate is already bringing more extreme weather, new invasive species, and more frequent algae blooms to Maine’s lakes. While we’ve been lucky to experience above-average water quality for many years, Little Ossipee Lake is not exempt from these threats. Luckily, all of us have the power to do something about it!

Here are four things you can do this season:

1. Download the Lake Stewards of Maine iPhone app called “Field Guide to Aquatic Phenomena” and start identifying aquatic plants in and around the lake. This app provides reliable information for identifying flora and fauna and users can also submit pictures of suspicious nature. Find it in the app store.
2. Become familiar with algae blooms and report them immediately if found. You should report a bloom to both LOLA and on the Bloom Watch smartphone app, which tracks algae blooms worldwide in real time.
3. Join LOLA’s Invasive Plant Patrol team (IPP) and become trained in plant identification. No experience necessary. Early identification is paramount.
4. Become a member of LOLA! You can pay your dues by returning the enclosed envelope, sending a Venmo to @LOLA-IO, or by visiting www.littleossipeelake.org.



2022 Annual Boat Parade

Save the date: The Fourth of July Terry Hackett Memorial Boat Parade, Monday July 4th, 11:00 a.m.

The annual boat parade is a beloved lake tradition that many of us look forward to. This year's theme is "Through the Years". We want to know how you have (or how you plan to) pass on the boat parade tradition to the next generation. Think about your lake legacy and tap into that boat parade nostalgia.

- The parade begins on the small pond, near the dam. Follow the lead boat (a pontoon boat with the Statue of Liberty mounted to the front) to be sure you drive by all areas of the lake.
- The winning boat will be announced immediately after the parade in front of Weymouth's Point.
- Please allow ample space in between boats, move at headway speed, and watch for swimmers.



Parades from the "early" years. Terry Hackett, for whom the parade is named, is on the left in the middle picture.

Pictures Ethel Hackett



The 2021 boat parade was cold, wet, and rainy ... but that didn't stop many of you!

Thank you to all participants.



Brianna Walton

"Pure water is the world's first and foremost medicine."

– Slovakian proverb

Roland Gendron



Photo Contest

Do you have a beautiful photo of the lake? Submit your best picture for a chance to be featured on the cover of next year's newsletter. The winner will also receive a LOLA t-shirt. Photos can be emailed to: president@littleosipeelake.org.

2022 Events

7/4/22 4th of July Terry Hackett Memorial Boat Parade, 11am

7/26/22 Plant Paddle Workshop, time TBD

In partnership with residents of Lake Arrowhead and the Lake Stewards of Maine (LSM), a plant paddle workshop will be held. This is a chance to learn how to identify the most threatening invasive species. Lunch will be provided. Register through the LSM website: <https://www.lakestewardsofmaine.org/invasive-plant-patrol-workshops/>

8/13/22 Annual Celebration, all activities held at Camp Laughing Loon

Annual Meeting, 11am

The meeting will feature a keynote speaker (stay tuned!) and a review of LOLA's latest priorities.

BBQ Lunch, 12pm

There will be time to ask LOLA directors any questions.

Fish Lead Free Event, 12pm

In partnership with Maine Audubon, at the Annual Meeting we will host a lead tackle take-back event. Bring your old lead fishing tackle and exchange it for lead-free tackle, including sinkers, lures, weights.

Dance Party, 7pm

This is a fundraising event to benefit LOLA. Tickets can be purchased from a LOLA director or at the door. There will be a 50/50 raffle and LOLA swag will be for sale. Bring your own snacks and beverages and a friend!

8/20/22 Invasive Plant Lake Survey, 9am

Calling all paddlers! Many hands needed to help survey areas of the lake which have high threats of invasive species. No experience necessary, but please register with LOLA director Deidre Donovan at DDonovan89753@gmail.com.