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President's Message

By Rhonda Shippee

By the time this newsletter arrives in your mail, the ice will be out, muddy roads dried up and the loons returned. I look forward to these events each year as they are signs that summer is right around the corner. Hopefully, you have received your SLA membership renewal letter and renewed your membership either by mail or on-line. Our member support through dues and additional donations are what sustain our ongoing work to maintain the lake's excellent water quality.

Sadly, Ron Frascoia, one of our longtime members, avid fisherman and camp owner on the lake passed away suddenly last fall. Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Ron, the outpouring of condolences and stories of his life and love of the lake have been heartwarming. You can learn more about Ron on page 5. Many thanks to his family for naming SLA as a recipient of memorial donations and to those who made donations in his memory.

Please be sure to note the dates on page 4 for this summer's SLA and Morgan area activities. The annual meeting, summer social, water quality workshop, garden tours, and boat parade are all activities where you can both learn im-

portant information and meet other SLA members. I hope as many members as possible will consider participating in these activities.

After considerable debate statewide, the amendments to the Vermont Use of Public Waters Rule that add restrictions for wake boats have been finalized. The changes became effective on April 15. As we expected, Seymour is one of the 30 inland Vermont lakes where wake boats will continue to be allowed to operate. More details can be found in Candy Moot's article on page 8.

As you will read on page 8, work on the Echo-Seymour Lake Watershed Action Plan (LWAP) is ongoing. I encourage all SLA members to try to attend both the stakeholder meeting in August where specific projects will be ranked and also the reveal of the final plan in November.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the lake this summer. If you see me out and about and have suggestions for SLA or would like to become a volunteer, please don't hesitate to stop me for a chat! □

ALERT- Dredging To Temporarily Close Public Boat Access

By Rhonda Shippee

We have recently learned that the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department has completed plans and advertised for bids to dredge the State boat access area. The timeframe for construction is not yet determined. However, "during the construction period, estimated to be 3-4 weeks) the access will be closed." Closure signs will be posted in advance of construction. We strongly recommend that

property owners who keep their boats on the lake put them on the lake prior to the start of the dredging work.

Obviously, the closure of the access area during construction will be an inconvenience for some. SLA will do our best to keep members informed via Facebook posts and e-mail blasts as closure dates are finalized. □ (see picture on page 4)

Photos by Doug Gimler , Camp Winape Road, Morgan ,VT



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- Greeters at the Boat Launch: (2023) Bud Bergh, Jimmy Almazan, Joe DeSena, Bill Drake, Kim Hier Germain, Bethany Howe, Ryan Hryckiewicz, Cora Kelly, Leslie Martin, Zoe Shelp, Denis Ullery, Kerry Wevurski, Dean White, Josh Brien Craig Whitney, Angela Walton, Alex Carter, Jane Bignam

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The newsletter is paid in part with support from VT Department of Environmental Conservation funds. □

Shoreland Protection Permitting

For questions regarding Shoreland Protection Permitting, the contact person is Laura Woods who can be reached at laura.woods@vermont.gov 802-490-6100.

Note that the Town of Morgan now requires a shoreland permit (if needed) prior to issuing a zoning permit. □

Big Changes to the Lay Monitoring Program

By Peggy Barter

For decades, you have seen a graph created by Erik Lessing in this space. The data shown in those graphs resulted from water sampling, which from 1979-2022 used identical protocols until last summer when Vermont's Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) adopted new protocols resulting from lessons learned during the years 1979-2022.

As in the past, lay monitors continue to collect phosphorus, chlorophyll and clarity data, but use new equipment and new protocols in order to better stand-

ardize the data used in determining the condition of a lake's water. In 2023, the monitors began sampling for another substance, caffeine, which has been shown to be a reliable indicator of waste water (septic discharge) leakage into the lake.

The sampling continues to be done at the same location at the deepest point of the lake. Images of the new equipment can be viewed on SLA's web site under the heading "Monitoring" in the Water Quality section.

Tom Emery continues his fine work as our lay monitor which provides continuity for Seymour Lake. Your Water Quality Committee will continue to follow the new data and plans to again feature a graph in this report when several years of data have been collected using the new protocols.

Please continue your efforts to reduce phosphorus in our lake by using Lake Wise best management practices (BMP's) which include appropriate septic system care. Fact sheets about BMP's and septic care can be found at <https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/lakeshores-lake-wise/bmp>

Help Wanted

by Peggy Barter

Volunteers to join present task crews are needed to:

- Mulch the rain gardens at the access as needed.
- Water the rain gardens at the access during dry periods.
- Weed the rain gardens at the access.
- Report locations of the invasive land plants, phragmites and Japanese knotweed.

- Control the phragmites growing on the public beach.
- Help educate new lake shore owners about lake shore property management.
- Become Water Quality Committee members.

As little as 2-4 hours per season would be helpful for the task crews. Please contact Peggy Barter at pbslawq@gmail.com if you are willing to share your time and talents. □

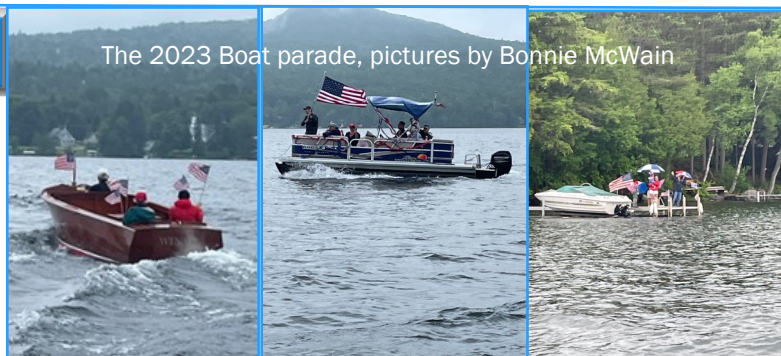
The Annual Boat Parade

By Bonnie McWain

Remembering 2023 and looking forward to 2024! Last year was our 13th annual July 4th Boat Parade and as lucky 13 would have it, it was probably the worst weather we ever had to travel around the lake! We debated postponing to our rain date of Monday, but when we had to make the decision, the weather for Monday was forecasted to be even worse than Sunday so we made it a go.

We had 20 exuberant boats in the parade and what we lacked in numbers we made up for in cheering, waving, and blowing horns. But what made us continue our wet and soggy ride were the 146 camps around the lake that joined us in the rain to cheer!

Thanks to the boaters and the watchers for helping us keep up the Boat Parade tradition on Seymour Lake! But now, save



The 2023 Boat parade, pictures by Bonnie McWain

the date for our 14th annual Boat Parade: Thursday, July 4, 2024 at 2:00 pm.

Plan on joining in the fun, from lake or shore, in what has become a tradition here on Seymour Lake, the start of a great summer in Vermont. See you then! □

Seymour Lake Parcel Maps

Most long-time lake owners and users have already acquired (and often framed!) the Seymour Lake Parcel map. For those new to the lake, you may not be aware that the map can be purchased at the Morgan Country Store.

This is a great resource if you are trying to locate a particular property or find out who owns a property on the lake.

There are two sizes available, 32"x34" and 24" x 18". The guide to parcel owners (as of 2022 grand list) is located on the SLA website at the following link: □

seymourlake.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Lake-Seymour-Map-2018.pdf

Save the Dates!

- July 4th Boat Parade 2 pm
- July 7th Echo Lake Color Challenge 10am
- July 8th Water Quality Workshop 9am, Morgan Community House

- July 25th Seymour / Echo Lake Garden Tours (Rain date July 26th)
- July 27th SLA Annual Meeting 9 am Morgan Community House
- August 3rd SLA Social at Camp Winape
- August 3rd Circle of Friends Luncheon and Craft Sale

**Patrick Hurley
Project Manager, Memphremagog Watershed Association**

Below is an update of what's happened and what's planned for the Farrow Farm to improve fish spawning, water quality and reduce phosphorus load into the lake.

Phase 1 (completed to date)

- Barn deconstructed & 1.75 acres reclaimed in August 2023.
- 1.15 acres of floodplain restoration.
- 2.5 acres of wetlands enhancement.
- 9 culverts removed to improve fish passage and reduce erosion.
- 35 beaver dam analogues installed to retain sediment and floodwaters.
- 100 linear feet of newly constructed stream 'riffle' habitat.
- 350 cubic yards of forest slash recycled for floodplain roughness and erosion control.
- 450 feet of stream reconnected to historic channel alignments, 1600 linear feet of farm road decommissioned and restored.
- 3,500 cubic yards of fill removed from floodplain and river corridor, and 4000 willow live-stakes planted.

Phase 2 updates

- MWA contracted a professional engineer to redesign 4 culverts on Valley Brook – 2 private, 1 Morgan Town, 1 Holland Town. Designs aim to be completed by December.
 - Working to reforest the floodplain on the Valley Brook Streambank Management Area by planting species like tamarack, alder, cedar, willow.
 - Will install strategic wood additions to enhance fish habitat, retain sediment, and promote floodplain connectivity.
 - Plans to utilize logs and rootwads salvaged from a flood debris pile on Stearns Brook in Holland. Logs will be secured in place along the stream corridor to provide habitat complexity, floodplain roughness, reduce erosion and retain sediment.
- There will be more on the Farrow Farm property in a later issue! □

Logs salvaged from Stearns Brook flood debris



**Green Mountain Conservation Camp
BY Linda Buzzell**

Seymour Lake Association (SLA) will once again sponsor two young people (either boys or girls, ages 12-15) to attend the Green Mountain Conservation Camps, paying the full \$250 camp fee for a week at one of the camps of the youth's choosing. There will also be a co-ed weekend in August for older teens age 15-17; SLA will also pay the full camp fee of \$125. There are two camp sites, Edward F. Kehoe Camp on Lake Bomoseen in Castleton, VT and Buck Lake Camp in

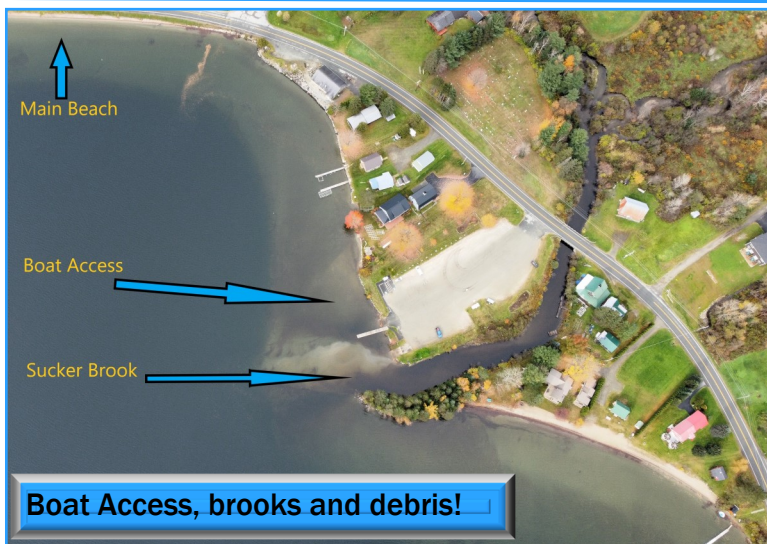
Woodbury, VT. There are both boy and girl sessions. A camper must be at least 12 years old before or during the week he/she attends. There is a Basic Week Session and an Advanced Session for boys and girls aged 12-16 who have completed the Basic Session. Please look at the website www.vtfishandwildlife.com/learn-more/gmcc for additional information. If anyone has a young person in mind who would like to attend, please contact Linda Buzzell, Secretary of SLA (tbuzzell47@gmail.com or 603-443-1666) about sponsorship **before** sending in an application. □

**The "Taj Mahal" of loon nests!
With "eagle guards"**

VT Center for Ecostudies Loon Biologist Eric Hanson and Volunteer Abby Reifsnyder



Seymour Lake's loon platform has been upgraded with a mesh guard to protect from birds of prey



Ron Frascoia

Ron Frascoia, 83, a lifelong resident of Barre and Morgan, VT passed away last November from an injury sustained in a fall in the woods. Ron and his wife, Dolores, have owned a camp on Hunt Shore South since 1954. Ron was born and raised in Barre, VT, and graduated from Spaulding High School and VT Technical College.

After a 34 year career with the VT Agency of Transportation, Ron enjoyed 27 years of retirement, spending half of each year at their camp in Morgan where he enjoyed gardening, hunting and making wooden bowls.

Perhaps Ron is best known as an avid fisherman who provided detailed Seymour Lake fishing records for the VT Agency of Natural Resources.

He is remembered fondly by many children on the lake with whom he shared his fishing skills. Of course, Ron was also active on the SLA Fishing Committee. Our sympathies go out to Dolores, his two sons, daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Good friend of Ron's, Anthony Lazzara, shares some personal memories of Ron in the commentary



<p><i>Ron Frascoia</i></p> <p>I first met Ron in 1981 when I bought my camp next to his on Seymour Lake. After a friendly handshake and a warm welcome he asked if I liked to fish. That set the tone of his character as well as a good neighbor and friendship that lasted over the next 40 years.</p> <p>However it was more than just his pleasure that he found in fishing that defined this man. It was his eagerness in sharing this joy and his knowledge as he would often pass his rod to me or my son at the first tug on his line.</p>	<p>Ron's soft spoken and quiet nature, as well as his love for the lake, nature, his wood lot, maple sugaring and hunting entitled him to be classed as a true Vermonter. He hailed from a passing generation where integrity and hard work was the norm and not just an expectation. And true as it was with so many of his time, each had their own talent that developed into a craft and then an art as the years progressed.</p> <p>In Ron's case it was his signature live edge wood bowls</p>	<p>that he turned from Black Cherry burl. It was common for me to greet the morning sun to the hum of his lathe while he worked in his make shift workshop tucked in among the cedars behind his camp.</p> <p>His legacy will be one of integrity and peacefulness with nature that will linger in my being for the duration of my days.</p> <p>He was a good neighbor and a trusted friend.</p> <p>Ronald Frascoia... a true Vermonter</p> <p><i>Anthony Lazzara</i></p>
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Water Quality — By Tracey Becken

As part of an ongoing effort to educate and inform lake shore property owners and others who care about Seymour Lake, the Water Quality Committee of the Seymour Lake Association is hosting a seminar on July 8th at the Community House in Morgan. You can come to the talks that interest you the most, or come for all of them. Each presenter has allowed time for questions. The schedule of presentations is as follows:

9 AM Lakeshore Invasive Plants: "Identification and Management"- Sam Perron, Director of Forest Stewardship, Northwoods Stewardship Center.

10 AM Stormwater Management Practices "on Lakeshore Properties"- Meg Carter, Conservation Science Director, Northwoods Stewardship Center.

11 AM The Forests Along Our Lakeshores and "How We Manage Them"- Jared Nunnery, Orleans County Forester, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

12 Noon Wastewater Workshop, "Onsite Systems for Homeowners" Cristin Ashmankas, Hydrogeologist & Sedimentologist, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. Prepare to be amazed at how exciting and interesting dealing with wastewater can be!

To make sure we have room for everyone, we are asking people to register. Please email slalakewise@gmail.com and please provide the number of guests who will be attending. Walk-ins are always welcome! In addition, the Lake Wise coordinators at both Echo Lake and Seymour Lake have arranged for garden tours of

Lake Wise properties on July 25th with a rain date of July 26th. This is an opportunity to visit properties that have incorporated lake-friendly practices in creating beautiful spaces.

Each property will be open to visitors from 1pm - 3pm on Seymour and from 3pm - 5pm on Echo Lake. The locations will be announced later in the season. The garden tour will illustrate how properties can easily be transformed in an esthetic way while also following Best Management Practices.

There will be refreshments at our last house visit, where we will enjoy the lake, socialize, and recap the day.

Thank You to the following SLA members for your support in 2023

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SLA is grateful to also have received memorial donations in memory of Ron Frascoia and William Smith during 2023

Wake Boat Rule for 2024 By Candy Moot

Vermont's new "most restrictive statewide rule in the nation" for wake boats passed its final hurdle on February 15, 2024 and took effect on April 15, 2024 for this boating season. This new rule is intended to protect our lakes' water quality and reduce safety risks by confining wake sports to wake sport zones defined by a 500' shore buffer and a depth of more than 20'. Seymour Lake will be one of 30 Vermont inland lakes where wake boats will be allowed. In the Kingdom, other affected lakes include Echo, Willoughby, Holland Pond, Salem, Shadow, Caspian, Miles Pond, Island Pond, and both Great and Little Averill.

In late March, SLA was asked to present our wake boat implementation plan to over 125 interested people and lake associations at a webinar hosted by the Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds (FOVLAP). FOVLAP President Pat Souzzi noted that it was likely that SLA's implementation plan for this

new rule is among the most comprehensive in the State.

Wake boats will be allowed to operate in wake boat mode (500' from shore) on much of Seymour, except for the south eastern corners. SLA representatives who participated weekly and often daily for two years in the promulgation of this rule, originally proposed the idea of the "home lake rule," which formally became part of the rule and now requires that a wake boat owner choose only one lake for an entire calendar year. This matters because wake boats are unable to fully empty their ballasts, and there was concern that wake boats from another lake infested with one or more invasive species could infect a pristine lake like Seymour. □

To see more on this rule, you can go to :
<https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/Vermont-use-public-waters-rules/wakeboats>

Lake Watershed Action Project (LWAP) Update, By Bevin Barber-Campbell

Bevin Barber-Campbell is the Lake Shoreland Coordinator, Orleans County Conservation District.

A Lake Watershed Action Plan (LWAP) is an assessment and planning tool created by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation to identify the greatest threats to a lake ecosystem. The Echo-Seymour LWAP process was launched last summer, with public input meetings, a desktop review of available data, and the initiation of field assessments. The purpose of the assessments – performed in three core areas: streams, lake shoreland, and hydrologically- connected roads – is to generate comprehensive lists of problem areas and potential restoration projects. Last summer, the LWAP project team, along with members of the lake associations, performed shoreland assessment boat tours, resulting in a list of lakeshore properties identified as potential opportunities for Lake Wise assessments or lake shoreland restoration projects. On Seymour, 40 properties were prioritized for follow-up outreach. Staff from the Orleans County Conservation District are

in the process of reaching out to property owners. This June, we will conduct Lake Wise assessments with willing property owners. In the fall, MWA staff hit the ground to conduct stream and road assessments, which will continue this spring. So far we have evaluated 18 miles of streams and 15 miles of roadways and private driveways for erosion and other water quality issues.

After the field assessment work is completed, the project team will hold a stakeholder meeting in August to share the list of identified projects and what we think are the top three restoration opportunities, seeking community input. Then in November, we will wrap up the LWAP with a public presentation of the final report and share the next steps in making the LWAP an actionable plan for working on restoration projects into the future. To review the data library and other resources of the Echo-Seymour LWAP, go to the Orleans County Conservation District's website at: www.vacd.org/conservation-districts/orleans-county/

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