

Webster Lake News



Linda Johnson Photos



Franklin, NH

Celebrating the Summer of "Glory"

Fall 2017

Summer Fun on Webster Lake

The 2018 Webster Lake Association Fundraising Calendar has gone to press and will be available to order by the time you receive this newsletter! Go to WebsterLakeNH.com and click on the calendar store.

The Photo Contest theme for year's calendar was *Webster Lake Activity, Human and Wildlife*. We received lots of great activity shots, but all were taken between May and September 2017, so we've retitled the calendar *Summer Fun On Webster Lake*. Congratulations to the winners of the 2017 contest: Janet Pedersen, Betty Pauwels, Judy Desharnais, Brian Kosovsky, Janet Wasiejko, Justin Woodford, Laurie Salame, Sabrina Feldman, Mark Lorenze, Kathleen Traester, Taryn Rousseau, and Gina Murphy.

The images show the fun of Webster Lake in the summer sun and will keep you warm in the winter months as well! We've reproduced them in miniature on this page, but the calendar itself is a treasure! The standard-size calendars will sell for \$15 each plus shipping. A 12-month poster calendar and a desk calendar are also available. To order (any quantity) go to the "Store" tab at WebsterLakeNH.com.

Many thanks to the four judges: Linda Johnson, Sarah Stanley, Val Perkins, and Nancy Wolcott.

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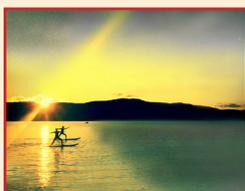


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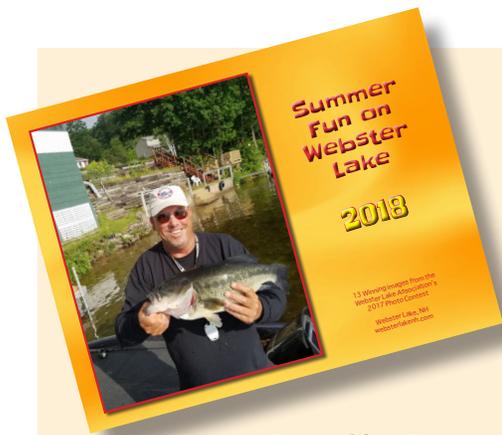
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Unfortunately, there were quite a few good images that could not be considered for the contest because of their low resolution. Please keep in mind for future contests that submissions should be close to or more than one Megabyte (> 750 KB). Anything less than that would reproduce poorly in calendar size. In other words, texted images will always be too small. If you take a photo with your smartphone and want to submit it, email it as a “large” image rather than texting it.

Next Year's Photo Contest

The judges have already come up with a theme for next year's Photo Contest: “The Four Seasons on Webster Lake.” It may be a challenge, but we know it can be done! It means there will be a limit to the summer photos selected as winners; and we'll need at least two or three autumn pictures, at least three winter pictures, and three spring-like pictures. So take out your cameras now for some good fall shots!

The deadline will be September 5, 2018, and we'll let you know when and where you can start sending your submissions in the Spring.

Please keep in mind that submissions less than 750 KB (preferably > 1MB) will not qualify.



Webster Lake Updates

Beavers. As we go to press, pipes are being placed through two beaver dams on Sucker Brook so that the lake can get the input of water it needs, and the beavers can stay in place. (In photo above, Mark Lorenze and Jeff Perkins work on one of the dams.)

Boat Ramp. Fish and Game has been contacted and will look at remediating the silt that has filled in areas of the boat launch. Most likely this will not happen until late next season.

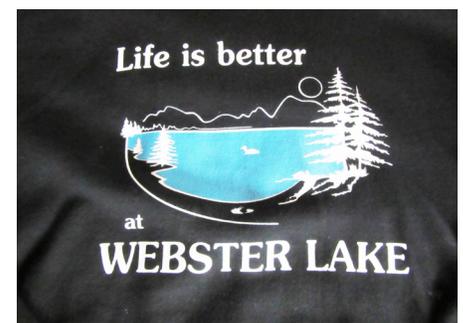
Presidency. After nine years as president, Mark Lorenze has decided that it's time for a new perspective at the helm and will step down as of the 2018 Annual Meeting in August. If you, or anyone you know, would like to serve, please contact any one of the board members.

Milfoil. Milfoil has been discovered in Chance Pond. The lake has been surveyed and shows no sign of milfoil. The concern is that it could easily be brought into the lake from a visiting kayak or canoe. Milfoil is an invasive plant that could choke the lake and affect property values. Please do not venture into Chance pond. The DES is taking the lead on the project and means to act aggressively once permits are in place. Most likely treatment will include herbicide and hand pulling treatment in the spring

Water Testing. This season's test results showed total phosphorus and

EColi well within range. The water has been clear with no reported cyanobacteria outbreaks. Summer rain kept levels high and cooler than normal air temperatures have done the same to the water. All in all, a very good water quality season.

Fireworks. This summer the City passed an ordinance prohibiting the discharge of fireworks past 9:30 pm. If you must set off fireworks please desist by 9:30



T-Shirts and More

When you're ordering your 2018 WLA Calendar, don't forget that we also have an online store for clothing and other items. Just go to our Store tab on our website, websterlakenh.com.

There's also new a Webster Lake logo (“Perkins, WLA”; see photo) only available through Cutting Edge Grafix in nearby Northfield, NH (98 Park Street, [729-0141](tel:729-0141), or www.cegrafix.com).

Houston,

**We are with you
after Harvey.**



After receiving \$1,634 in donations from Webster Lakers for Hurricane Harvey relief, the WLA matched that amount and donated a total of \$3,268 to the Houston Food Bank. Here is their response:

Dear Friends at the Webster Lake Association,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Houston Food Bank at this critical time. Hurricane Harvey's scale and destruction to Southeast Texas was truly monumental. We're committed to providing food, water and other supplies to the people who need it most. For some individuals who already struggle to provide for their family's basic needs, the flooding was even more catastrophic.

We are very busy working round the clock to distribute the much needed items out to the various shelters and agencies. We know it's going to be a long road to recovery and we'll be there for the community. We truly appreciate your support! *Your generous donation provided 10,000 meals!*

Houston Food Bank

535 Portwall Street
Houston, TX 77029

www.houstonfoodbank.org

RESOURCES

Boater Education Classes	267-7256
Boater Safety/Marine Patrol	293-2037
Franklin Municipal Services	934-4103
Exotic Plant Concerns	271-2248
Shoreland Concerns	271-2147
Water Quality Concerns	419-9229
Weed Watcher Volunteers	271-2248
Wetlands Concerns	271-2147
Webster Lake Association	671-3405



Brian Campbell's fire engine and ambulance dock

Celebrating Independence Day at Webster Lake, July 2, 2017 "Appreciating Our First Responders"



A good imagination turned this speed boat into a rescue helicopter.
(Let us know who you are and we'll post on the web page!)



The Franklin Fire Dept. stopped by Breakfast on the Beach



Mark Lorenze's fire engine follows closely after the Perkins' SS Loony



Lake Lessons *and* Boat Gauges

BY BARRY FREEDMAN
SUMMER RESIDENT (78 WEBSTER AVENUE)

Several years ago, my daughter, her husband, and their 6-year-old daughter, Cecilia, were visiting us at the lake shortly after Labor Day. Many of the vacationers had gone home and few boats could be seen on the lake. I had made arrangements, as I do every year around this time, to take my boat out of the water later that week, and trailer it to the marina for winter maintenance and storage.

So, it was a melancholy time – the end of another wonderful summer here at Webster Lake. You could hear the loons softly crying their mournful song. But the weather was still beautiful, warmer and sunnier than the previous week, so, I said to my family, “Let’s go for a boat ride around the lake, one last time!”

It was early afternoon, shortly before one of my grand-daughter’s favorite TV shows was due to come on. “OK,” she said, “but let’s make it a short ride, Grandpa, so I can be back in time for my TV show.” “A short ride around the lake it is,” I promised.

I took the boat off the lift and uncovered it, one last time. The gas gauge indicated a quarter tank of gas. Usually, I like to have at least a half-full tank for tubing and water skiing purposes, but this was only going to be a *short* ride, so I thought we were safe.

My wife and I and our family piled into the boat. Cecilia dutifully put on her life jacket (my family know my rules, including the stipulation that no one under the age of 15 goes on the boat without wearing a life jacket! I am the captain, after all!) and off we went. As we left the dock, Cecilia reminded me, as 6-year-olds do, “remember, Grandpa, a short ride!”

We started around the lake (counter-clockwise, of course, as we *always* do). It was glorious: low humidity, shining sun, little wind, no white caps, very little boat traffic – just perfect. We rounded the island, went by the Webster Lake Inn, motored another 200 yards or so, and then **silence**. The motor had stopped!

I looked at the gas gauge. It was steadfast at a quarter full. I put the throttle in neutral, checked to see that the dead switch had not inadvertently been activated, and turned the starter key. The engine turned over, again and again, but did not catch. We were dead in the water, in fact, **OUT** of Gas!

I immediately sprang into action. I turned to my wife and demanded to know if she had touched any buttons! I can’t describe the look she gave me.

My daughter and son-in-law seemed only a little concerned. We were, after all, in sight of land. Cecilia said, “I wanted to go for a **SHORT** ride, Grandpa!” It wasn’t helpful.

I scanned the seemingly boat-less lake looking for any assistance. After some time, we saw a jet-skier, way over on the other side of the lake, by the shallows. We all began to shout and wave.

Finally, the jet-skier saw us, came our way, and couldn’t have been nicer. He went back to his house, returned with his pontoon boat, and towed us back to our house – just in time for Cecilia’s TV program.

It turns out that he and his wife live on the exact opposite side of the lake from us. The next day I went over (by car) and invited them out to dinner as a grateful *Thank You*, and since that day, Neil and Pauline Twomey have become great, good friends.

As for the boat, the marina people said that sometimes the gauges on old boats don’t tell the truth. I had it fixed and all the gauges recalibrated, but I couldn’t complain. If not for that faulty gas gauge, we would not have met some terrific lake friends!



Marrapese Scholarship

Katerina Crowley, a graduate student studying Environmental Science and Policy at Plymouth State College, is pictured above collecting macro invertebrates in Sucker Brook, a tributary to Webster Lake. Katrina is the 2017/18 recipient of the Pamela and John F. Marrapese “Keep NH Lakes Clear” Endowed Scholarship at PSC.

The Webster Lake Association is fortunate to have a working relationship with the science department at Plymouth State University to conduct ongoing studies into the quality of Webster Lake. The fund has currently grown to \$32,000 and pays out approximately \$1,200 annually.

The Marrapese family has lived on and supported Webster Lake for many years.

To donate to the tax deductible scholarship, go to plymouth.edu/advancement/give-online/ or send checks directly to Plymouth State University, MSC #50, 17 High Street, Plymouth, NH 03264; note Marrapese Fund in the memo line.

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