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Association President Roger Cartee gives a quick rundown on the state of the lake and its capital campaign "We Will Not Be Foiled."

THE MILFOIL MONSTER

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Memories of the journey north and the production involved along the way.

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Join us for our annual meeting - July 15 at 9 AM (Char-Bo Campground).

Keep an eye out for our **Coin Drop** on Main Street, Derby, July 22 8 AM to 3 PM. Volunteers interested may contact [**drskelley66@gmail.com**](mailto:drskelley66@gmail.com)



Ross Ogilvie and John Guyette at the 2022 Coin Drop.

ROGERS REPORT

A Summer Packed With Targets & Goals

ROGER CARTEE

Jan and I are really excited to be back on the shores of Salem and we are looking forward to a great summer on the Lake. I'm sure all of you are excited as well, especially with warmer weather in the forecast along with opportunities for boating, fishing swimming, family cookouts and all the other things that go along with summer on the lake.

This will be an important summer for all of us as we make the move to eradicate part of the milfoil that has haunted us since 2017 when it was first discovered off the fishing access on the south end of the lake. If permitted by the state, we will most likely start at the west and north shores of the lake and continue from there.

Ross Ogilvie and his milfoil committee have been hard at work for over a year putting us in a position where we can take back our lake and enjoy it to the fullest. I won't go into detail about it here but suggest that you carefully read his report in this newsletter.

July will be busy for us with our Second Annual Association Picnic scheduled for July. Geri Marchessault and her committee are hard at work planning the event and once again I suggest you [view a quick preview](#) on how to participate and get involved. They did a wonderful job last year and we expect even more people to be in attendance this year. It was a fun day with food, music, sharing of information on the lake and a wonderful opportunity to get to know more of our neighbors.

Our annual meeting will take place on July 15 and our primary speakers will be Ross Ogilvie and his milfoil committee members. They will give a major presentation about what is happening with the milfoil situation on Salem so you absolutely don't



want to miss the meeting because it will answer most if not all the questions you might have about ProcellaCOR and the planned treatment of Salem.

Our association secretary Sharon Kelley is taking names for those interested in helping with another coin drop awarded to us for July 22 by the Town of Derby. Please don't wait until the annual meeting to sign up. It would really help if we knew who was available to help so, please let us know as soon as you can. drskelley66@gmail.com

Dennis Bond and his committee have put together a capital campaign to help fund our continuing campaign to rid Salem of Milfoil. This is not going to happen overnight necessitating your continued support. If you didn't receive the mailing that included a pledge card, please read the in this newsletter, details about how you can help.

Everything seems to be ready to go with our monitor program. The shanty has been moved and Ed Wells has given us the details in his report to the membership so please take the time to read it. Hope you have a great summer and Jan and I are looking forward to seeing you at our annual picnic.

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What's Up With Our Milfoil Monster

ROSS OGILVIE

The Eurasian Water Milfoil Committee (EMC) has been focused on plans for mitigating Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) over the last year (2022 to 2023). In previous years our mitigation tools were Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH), Bottom barriers, and hand harvesting. In spite of SLPA's best efforts Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) has continued to expand its infestation of the lake. The following dated EWM infestation maps show the EWM exponential growth.

With the continued exponential EWM growth while SLPA continues its mitigation efforts with DASH, bottom barriers, and hand harvesting, the EMC started looking at alternative treatment methods including herbicide treatments. After extensive research regarding the herbicide ProcellaCOR EC, the committee concluded that ProcellaCOR EC is safe, effective, and quite cost effective with costs less than ¼ the cost of any other mitigation technique.

Given these research results the committee voted to recommend to the SLPA board that we pursue a ProcellaCOR EC permit from the state. Included in

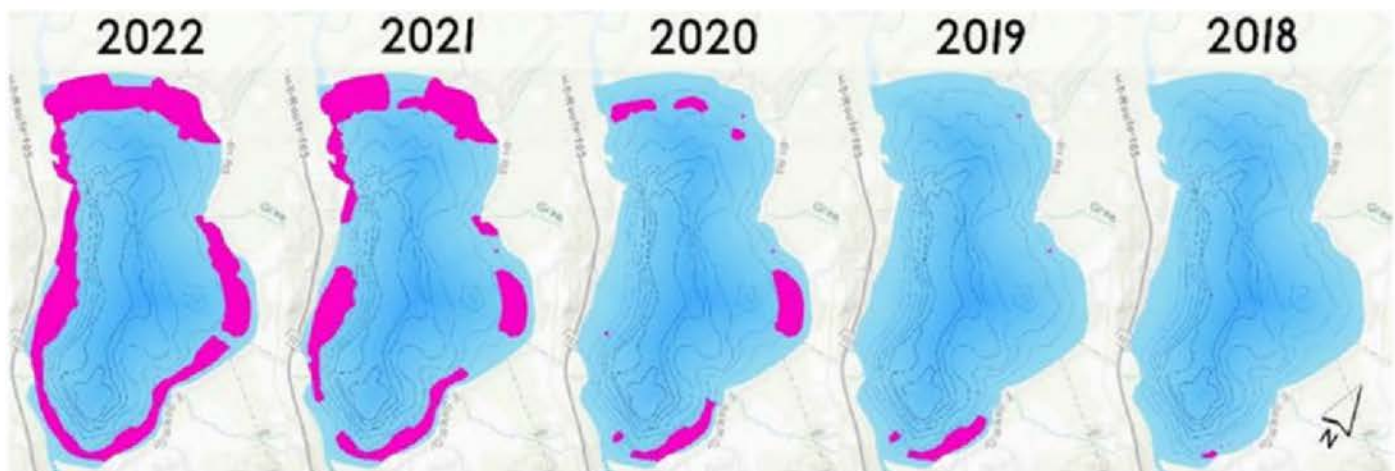
the requirements for a state permit was to develop a five year Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) management plan. The focus between late 2022 and early 2023 was to develop this 5-year plan with Arrowwood Environmental.

In early 2023 the EMC with Arrowwood Environmental finished the five-year plan. The plan was presented it to the SLPA Board, and the SLPA board voted unanimously in support of the five-year Plan. With the SLPA Board support the Committee started efforts to apply for the ProcellaCOR EC treatment permit.

These efforts included a first notification of abutters about the SLPA plan to treat the lake with ProcellaCOR EC and to submit an application to the state for the treatment permit. In addition, a required RTE permit application (Endangered Plants) was submitted to the state by Arrowwood Environmental.

Currently (early June, 2023) in the state permit approval process, a preliminary SLPA ProcellaCOR permit should be posted on the state ENB site for

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THE PROGRESSION OF EWM IN BIG SALEM SINCE 2018 IS CLEAR.

Kindly and In Kind of You

SHARON KELLEY

Summer is almost here – year round lake residents are cleaning up after the winter and opening up the windows on nice spring days! Seasonal residents are making their way back to the best spot on earth to spend the summer! Everyone is anticipating a season of family, friends, relaxation and taking advantage of everything Salem has to offer.

This summer while you are enjoying the lake, there is a way that you can help preserve this paradise for future generations: keep a watchful eye on what is happening near you AND report the time you spend doing that to the in-kind hours monitor (that's me!) This is how it works – you are in your kayak and you spot some plants that you haven't seen before. It may be a new growth of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and you are concerned. First, send an email with the location of the growth and as many specifics as you have to one of the Milfoil Committee members: Ross (crogilvie54@gmail.com) or TJ (tjjackman@gmail.com). They will follow up and check it out. Then send an email to drskelley66@gmail.com with the time you were in your kayak when you spotted the growth.

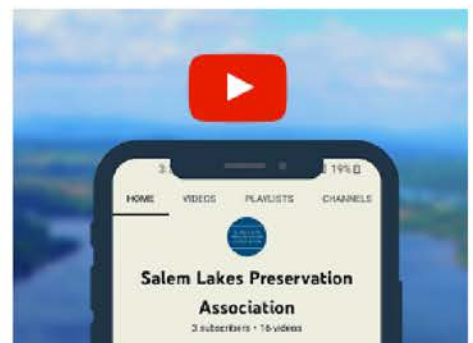
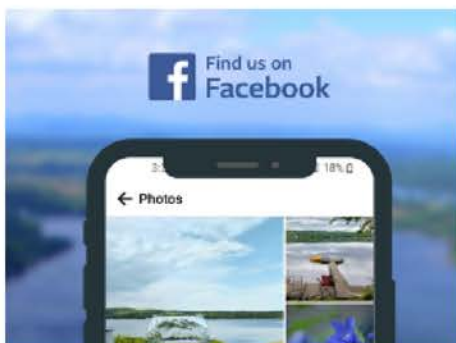
Every year the Salem Lakes Preservation Association applies for funding for Aquatic Nuisance Control (ANC) from the State of Vermont.

This year the award was \$9494.00 for the greeter program and \$10,000 – the maximum award allowed – for milfoil eradication. The application includes a section for anticipated in-kind hours spent monitoring for EWM and volunteer efforts to eradicate milfoil. We need to be sure that we have a record of folks who are monitoring around their properties to support the grant narrative so please let us know what you are doing to help.

In addition to hours monitoring your area for potential new milfoil growth, those of you who snorkel and are trained in hand-pulling the plants should also report the hours you spend doing that. The more documentation of how residents are supporting milfoil mitigation efforts, the better! But please do not pull plants that you think may be an issue unless you have had training—or we may have an even bigger problem than we now do!

Thank you for your continuing support and efforts to make Salem a wonderful place to boat, fish, swim and relax. The email for reporting your volunteer hours is drskelley66@gmail.com. Please use it frequently this summer as you enjoy long summer days and cool summer nights.

We appreciate you!



A VIEW AROUND SALEM

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GREETER PROGRAM UPDATE

By Land and By Water

ED WELLS

The primary goals of the Greeter program at Big Salem Lake are to minimize the transfer of [aquatic invasive species](#) (AIS) and to educate boaters. A boat inspection may result in a recommendation for a boat to be decontaminated at another public boat launch equipped with a decontamination unit or to be cleaned at a car wash. Nearby Little Salem Lake receives Greeter attention by way of a sign placed at its primitive boat launch directing boaters to the big lake's Greeter station for pre-launch inspection. Four Little Salem boaters volunteered their boats for inspection last year. We appreciate that.

Despite the low number, the sign at Little Salem at least reminds boaters of the importance of launching a clean boat. [As a reminder – personal watercraft \(e.g., Jet Skis\) are not allowed on Little Salem as the lake does not meet the minimum size requirement set by Vermont Use of Water Rules of at least 300 acres of water surface.](#)

Vermont has more than 800 lakes and ponds and, so far, only 35 Greeter boat inspection/boater education programs – most without wash stations. Salem's program was started by the late Dave Wood and the lake association in 2002. In 2022, 809 boats were inspected and 83 decontaminated (651/95 in 2021). Funding again this year comes from a generous contribution by Derby taxpayers of \$15,000; a Vermont Aquatic Nuisance Control grant award of \$9,494 (from motor boat registration fees); and from an expected donation by the lake association of less than \$2,000 to cover any unmet balance.

Total projected cost is just over \$26,000, about \$1,000 more than last year's actual cost. The program will run from May 26 to October 1 this year unless the budget allows for additional weekend coverage in October.

Six Greeters return from last year: Eric Bingham, Frank and Julie Drauszewski, Lenny Boulanger, Dean White and Jane Bingham. Both Jane and Eric have many years of experience working at Salem. Jane was one of the original Greeters hired by Dave Wood. Eric, her son, learned the trade from his mother as did Eric's daughter who no longer works for the program. We are very fortunate to have other experienced people keeping an eye on the lake. Lenny has a Coast Guard background. Frank served for many years managing national wildlife refuges for the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Dean came to us last year after several years at Seymour Lake. Dean has graciously offered to assist with some of the day-to-day operation of the program. Julie is in her second year as Greeter and has assisted in keeping our iPad charged and downloading boat survey data to the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation.

Each year Salem Greeters inspect boats from many states and infested waters such as the Hudson River, Lake Champlain (51 AIS) and the Connecticut River where the environmentally dangerous aquatic plant, Hydrilla is found in Massachusetts. Neighboring Derby Pond contains a plant-like algae called Starry Stonewort which is almost impossible to remove once established in a waterbody. This plant takes over lake bottoms, smothering other

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THE GREETER SHACK GETS STASHED AWAY.
(L - R: DENNIS BOND, ROGER CARTEE, DEAN WHITE)
IMAGE BY TIM VOTAPKA

E.COLI REPORT

What Was Done. What We Found.

ROSS OGILVIE

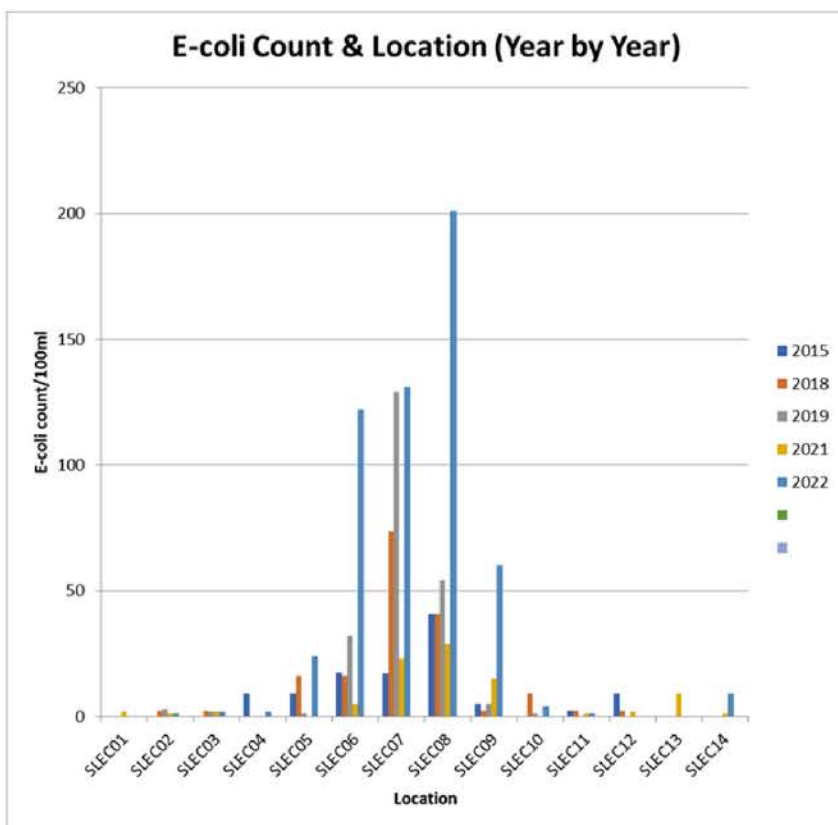
On July 26 2022 Dennis Bond, John Guyette, and Ross Ogilvie did their annual E.coli sampling on Salem lakes. Dennis' boat was used to take the samples in Big and Little Salem. After the water samples were taken Ross took the samples to the testing lab in Colchester Vermont. To avoid climbing down into the water and getting stuck in the mud, Ross in 2021, developed a prototype pump mechanism for taking the water samples from the side of the boat. This mechanism was refined and used last year to take samples ([see demo video online](#)).

Results Summary

The testing results mailed to Ross on July 27, 2022 indicated E.coli count in the lake was safe for swimming with all samples less than 235 E.coli/100ml. However, there was a significant increase in counts over previous years.

E.coli chart over time

The tracking chart (right) shows the E.coli counts had elevated counts particularly in Little Salem (SLEC06, SLEC07, SLEC08, & SLEC09). At the entrance of the Clyde River in Little Salem sample points SLEC07 and SLEC08 are usually high, and these points were quite high with SLEC08 approaching the unsafe for swimming limit with a count of 201 E.coli/100ml.

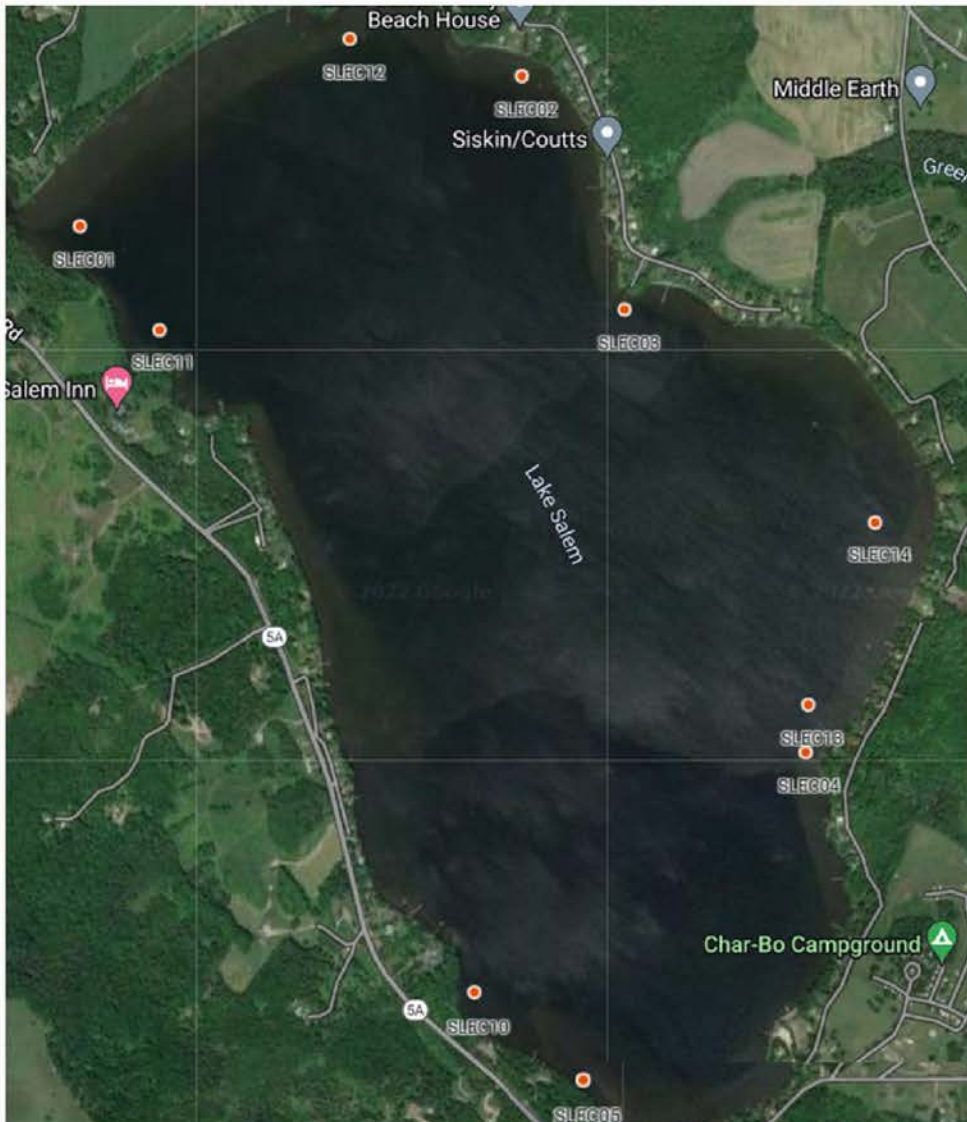


A DEMO OF INNOVATION

SEE NEW WATER SAMPLER IN ACTION



E.COLI REPORT



SAMPLE LOCATIONS

Satellite view maps show locations of E.coli sample points used in 2022 survey conducted by Ross Ogilvie.

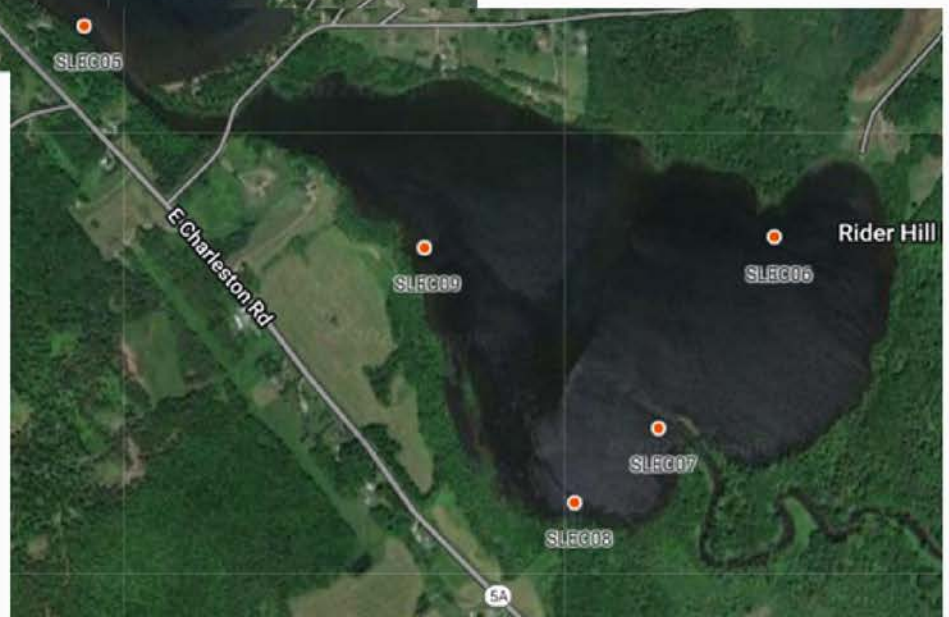
WHY WE WATCH IT

E. coli (Escherichia coli), is a type of bacteria that comes from human or animal waste.

Healthy people infected with E. coli may suffer cramps, diarrhea, nausea, and fatigue. They typically feel better within a week. But some people have a serious complication called hemolytic uremic syndrome, which affects the kidneys. This is more likely to happen to older people and children.

HIGHEST COUNTS

Sampling data since 2015 reveal waypoint SLEC08 has the highest E.coli count in both Big and Little Salem. This is an area where Greens Brook flows into Big Salem. In 2022, this sample point was at its highest MPN (Most Probable Number at 201 E.coli/100ml.



Fishing Gear Program Seeks to Rid Use of Lead Sinkers in Salem Waters

BECKIE EAKIN

The Vermont Center for Ecostudies (VCE) is implementing a campaign to reduce and hopefully eliminate the use of lead sinkers in Vermont waters as well as the disposal of monofilament fishing line safely. Salem Lakes Preservation Association, as well as other lake associations in Vermont, is joining them in this effort to reduce the impact of fishing gear on loons and other water fowl.

The impetus for this project must be credited to the Friends of Waterbury Reservoir. When a cormorant became entangled in discarded fishing line on the reservoir, they decided to find a safe and easy way for anglers to dispose of unwanted fishing line and lead tackle. They learned that loons in Vermont have also needed to be rescued after being injured by discarded monofilament fishing lines.

Researching the topic, they found other states have installed recycling bins at popular fishing sites for discarded monofilament fishing line as well as lead tackle. They improved upon the design of these bins and offered to provide input and assistance to VCE to implement placement of the recycling bins at other fishing areas across Vermont.

Lead fishing tackle continues to be deadly for the loons in Vermont. Although it is illegal to use and sell lead sinkers weighing under ½ ounce in Vermont, the law does not include other lead fishing-related items such as weighted flies, lures and jig heads. Implementation of this law has reduced loon mortality from lead tackle. However, loon deaths have been on the rise in recent years with 50% of the loon deaths in Vermont caused from lead tackle and discarded monofilament fishing lines.

The SLPA was contacted by VCE to join them in this endeavor. We were definitely willing to support this program and will be installing a lead fishing gear and monofilament collection tube on our greeter's hut at the boat launch this month. We will also have information on the program provided by VCE available at this location. For more information visit: <https://vtcostudies.org/projects/lakes-ponds/common-loon-conservation/vermont-loon-conservation-project/loons-and-lead-tackle/>.

Please consider fishing lead-free! There are several alternatives to lead available for anglers to use that are much safer for wildlife and are also safer for humans. They are made from non-toxic materials such as tin, steel, tungsten, bismuth and ceramic. Take a little time this season to go through your fishing tackle box and clean out lead fishing gear and old monofilament line. Remember, you can now safely dispose it in the collection tube at the greeter's hut. Help keep our lake safe for the loons and other wildlife we all enjoy!



THOSE WERE THE DAYS

The Journey North

TIM VOTAPKA

Before we owned our place on Salem, my family rented a camp for a couple of weeks each summer. For that reason, our car – the station wagon – would be packed with every particle of clothing, sweatshirt, action figure, fishing gear, linens. Geez, my mother even brought her favorite cookware which would be placed in the kitchen by the garage door – my father's staging area of choice.

The guy could take advantage of every square inch of trunk and floor space like nobody's business. I figured it was something he'd picked up in his Coast Guard days years before, but he had it down. The only problem was he wanted everything in view before he'd stuff it all into the old Pontiac. No matter how hard he tried to keep this policy in, my mother would come down from the bedroom with another Crock Pot or cosmetic case which would throw the entire production out of whack.

This was back before every house in suburbia had air conditioning. It was usually being done the Friday night before our departure on Saturday. They were skittish about many things my parents were. They were very uncomfortable about people in the neighborhood knowing we were going to be away. So despite the 95-degree August heat, my dad refused to open the garage bay door to allow some air to circulate. Nope. All of this had to be done under complete secrecy. He even hated telling the Post Office to hold our mail.

To this day I don't know what drove the fear. We lived in an upscale neighborhood that had never seen any major crimes short of some kids knocking over bicycles from time to time, or pulling Christmas lights down and that sort of brilliant mischief.

As exciting as all of this activity was, it was also a painful drudgery for me to experience. My job would be to man the door for my father. Yes. That was it. Oh, and to keep the dog from getting in the way. That took a little skill as the sight of one suitcase triggered some high anxiety in our pup.

One year, one of our uncles gave us a black vinyl car carrier which was a game changer in a couple of ways. For my dad, it added another few cubic feet of packing space. For me, there was a darker joy. It resembled a black body bag – the kind we'd often see in an episode of Hawaii 5-O when the medical examiner would arrive to carry the victim of the week off to the lab after Steve McGarrett would have something pithy to say over the corpse.

It inspired me, especially after my father would pack it to capacity and zip it closed. To my 12-year old mind, we had ourselves a crime scene right there on the kitchen floor. He'd have me grab one end and help him bring the bag out into the sauna – sorry garage – and hoist it up onto the car roof. I took great pleasure in the horrified look on my mother's face as I'd hum a Purgatorial Hymn I'd picked up during my years as an altar server. In all fairness, it had that macabre look to it, especially with the sag in the middle as we made our way past the kitchen table. So I wasn't totally out of line.

With the bulk of the assets stashed away, and my father reasonably certain nothing would rattle (something always did), we'd then go about setting up the home security system. That installation involved a network of extension cords, timers, table

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THOSE WERE THE DAYS

The Journey North

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lamps, and old AM radio set to play Charles Osgood at whatever time his broadcast would run. Using a variable zone transitional model, my father figured he'd thwart burglars by having them believe people were lighting lamps and listening to the news throughout the house. And if that didn't get the job done, my mother had a back up plan. Her failsafe was to arrange a couple of coffee cups on the kitchen table with spoons in or near the little saucers as if to suggest someone, someone very close by was about to come back to retrieve their empty and very clean cup and raise the devil if the hooligans hadn't already aborted their mission.

To this day I don't know how my dad pulled this production off each year. He worked in Manhattan, got home typically after 7:30 pm and would stay on task well past midnight long after I'd slipped away to the sanctuary of my bedroom.

I'd sleep in whatever travel clothes I'd be wearing the next day so that we'd be ready to go under the cover of darkness - usually around 3:30 in the morning. The dog would yap out her anxiety for a half hour or so. The cat would look nauseous.

We'd be on our annual journey northward, an eight-to nine-hour trip in those days. We had everything we needed including a fresh bag of Canadian mints, a sleeve or two of Fig Newtons which would tie us over until we'd get into Brattleboro's Howard Johnsons for breakfast.

The back half of the trip would go much quicker, especially after Interstate 91 was completed. Prior to that, we often had several miles to cover on Rt. 5 with an occasional pitstop to clean up cat barf and get a cold Fresca.

The Willoughby Gap marked our home stretch, and all the fatigue, all of the stiffness would melt away as the promise of Salem lake loomed near. The joy of seeing my grandparents and their dog Mugsy standing by the screen door as we arrived. The toads I'd catch over the next couple of weeks. Pure bliss was just minutes away, and a sense of calm pervaded throughout the car. We were good. All was well.

And then my mother would ask my father if he remembered to turn off the Mr. Coffee machine before we left the house.



Our Milfoil Monster

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internal state review for 30 days. Assuming all issues can be resolved in the 30 day review period, a final permit will be granted.

After final permit is granted (possibly in early July), Solitude's pre-treatment EWM plant survey can take place, a final treatment map can be created, and the refined final treatment locations planned. Sometime after the Solitude's pre-treatment plant survey, SLPA will receive a contract from Solitude and Arrowwood for 2023 services.

SLPA will then take the contracts to the Town of Derby, and SLPA will receive the awarded ARPA funds (\$75K). SLPA will then pay for services as invoices are received from Solitude and Arrowwood. Also, after the final Herbicide Permit is issued the second abutters notice can be mailed by SLPA.

The SLPA fundraising committee agreed to mail the second abutters notice given they have experience with similar mailings.

Two weeks after the abutter notice is sent, Solitude can treat the lake with ProcellaCOR. Given the 30 day internal state preliminary permit review, and the two week after notification period, the treatment will likely not occur before mid to late July.

As required by the state, 24 to 48 hrs after the ProcellaCOR treatment, SLPA volunteers will take water samples testing for residual ProcellaCOR, and mail samples to a lab for processing.

In late summer or early fall Arrowwood Environmental will do a post treatment plant survey and document the results.

Ross Ogilvie is the chairman of the EMC Committee.

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- ☐ SILVER \$400.00 PER YEAR FOR 4 YEARS
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GREETER PROGRAM UPDATE

By Land and By Water

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vegetation needed to maintain a healthy lake for fish and animals that live there. AIS, both plants and animals such as snails, mussels, and water fleas exist in Vermont waterbodies or are on a watch list. Look no further than Memphremagog for the game-changing Zebra Mussel now making its way south from the Canadian side. Microscopic Zebra mussel larvae travel in tiny amounts of water, surviving a week or more in ballast tanks such as those found on Wake Boats. Wake Boats are asked to stay out of water for 14 days if traveling between infested lakes if they have not undergone a thorough decontamination. Boaters are reminded they may be carrying water in their engine compartments and in other places in boats and trailers and will be asked to remove it when discovered during a voluntary inspection.

Greeters are required to advise you not to launch your boat if they believe it needs to be cleaned in some way or just allowed to dry.

They are required to notify a game warden if a boat presents a threat to the lake when boat owners do not take proper steps to remedy a problem.

Please make sure your boat is fully dry before launching in any lake or pond. Please be mindful of your boat's trailer, anchor and anchor line as sources of hitchhiking AIS material. These are often primary AIS carrier locations, often more so than the boat itself.

This year, Greeters may ask your permission to decontaminate the outside of your boat with a sponge and water/vinegar mix if they suspect areas of the boat contains contaminated material from an infected waterbody.

The good news is that survey data show over 90% of boaters are aware of AIS. Most everyone willingly cooperates with our efforts. There are many AIS hitchhikers wanting to call Salem Lake home. Let's make it difficult for them. Thanks in advance for everyone's cooperation. We are in this together!

Ed Wells is the Greeter Coordinator.



YOU'RE INVITED! SALEM SOCIAL BBQ

**SATURDAY JULY 8 NOON - 4 PM
THE BEACH HOUSE**





THE GREETER SHACK GETS REINSTALLED.
(L - R: DEAN WHITE, DENNIS BOND, LENNY BOULANGER, T.J. JACKMAN, ED WELLS)
IMAGE BY TIM VOTAPKA

THE MEMBERSHIP

Association Members are Amazing!

In early spring of 2022, the association sent a letter to all property owners recounting the seriousness of our fight against Eurasian Water Milfoil and asking for your monetary support of the ever-increasing expenses. We had 118 responses with 87% of respondents not only paying their dues, but generously making donations over and above the \$20.00 membership dues. Member donations in 2022 surpassed \$22,500!

The SLPA Board of Directors is very grateful for the continued support from these property owners. But we need to get everyone on board in order to save the lake. Please look for the 2023 Membership form on the last page of this issue and join or renew your membership. Also check out the details describing the Capital Campaign on our website and consider a four-year pledge to support our efforts against EWM.

NEW MEMBERS & MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Steve & Suzanne Barrup
Bellemore Snowdusters, LLC
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Tanya & Mike Pappalardo
Amity & Todd Perman
Jennifer Powers
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Madeline & Paul Roy
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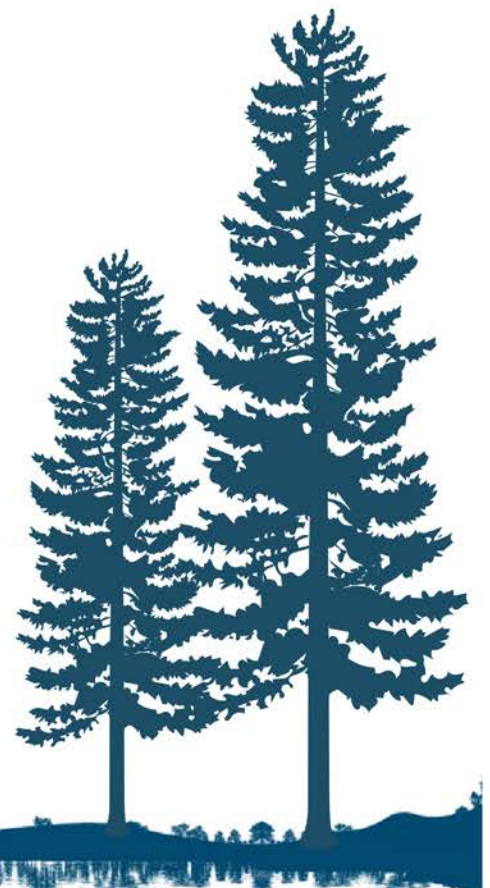
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COMMON SENSE & A CALL FOR HELP

We Need Your Help Beating Milfoil

ROGER CARTEE

As most of you know, we have been fighting a battle against milfoil in Big Salem since it was first discovered near the fishing access area back in 2017. We attacked it with divers and a DASH boat that fall, only to discover the next summer that milfoil had spread to the bay along East Salem Drive. As time passed it continued to spread along the shores of Route 105 down to the North end of the lake and further. No matter what we threw at it the milfoil flourished and made our lives miserable.

We have spent thousands of dollars and many thousands of hours trying everything we could to stop the spread, but nothing seems to work. If you have been following our efforts you have read about our attempts to stop the milfoil and are aware of where we are now, on the verge of spreading the herbicide ProcellaCOR into Salem in a last-ditch effort to bring it under control.

One thing we have also talked about is how boaters and jet skis also affect the spread of milfoil. We have asked people who leave or enter their property by boat or jet ski, to please do so slowly and to drive straight out into the lake or when they return to drive from deep water straight into their property.

Unfortunately, some have not been receptive to our request, and they still race along the shores and do whatever they want to do with their boats and jet skis. Granted, there are only a very few who do this, but it only takes one boat or one jet ski to spread milfoil all over the lake. We have spent thousands of dollars trying to save the lake from being coated with thick heavy milfoil that will virtually eliminate swimming, fishing, and boating as we know it. All we ask is that you help us by being conscientious as to how you use the lake.

After multiple requests for help over the years, last year I observed from my pontoon boat a jet ski and boat on successive days, racing along the shore near Route 105 at full speed right through the middle of the milfoil beds a couple of hundred feet from the shore. Other board members have seen the same thing including people on jet skis doing trick riding close to shore in several locations.

The answer is simple, please drive from your dock, straight out into deeper water slowly and when you return drive slowly from deep water straight into your dock. If you do otherwise, all you have done is spread milfoil all over the lake and wasted the thousands of dollars we have

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already spent trying to clean it up.

Some of you may ask, how do you know where the milfoil beds are located? We have mapped the location of milfoil in Salem since 2017 and that information has been available to all who want it. You should be able to find those maps in this publication showing the growth of milfoil each and every year.

I want to let you know that there are some very angry and upset board members who have donated hundreds and hundreds of hours, donated their boats and gas for divers to pull milfoil, gone to dozens and dozens of meetings both local and with the state, and spent many hours researching

information about milfoil and how to battle it.

Yet despite all this and all the money that members of the association have given to help stop milfoil, a single boat or a single jet ski racing through the milfoil beds can destroy in a single day, everything we have done since 2017.

We need the help of everyone around the lake. You need to talk to your friends and neighbors around the lake, especially if they have a boat or a jet ski, and make sure they know how to use them appropriately when Eurasian Milfoil is present. That also includes those who also rent around the lake and bring watercraft onto the lake. Please do everything you can to help us stop the spread of Eurasian milfoil in Salem.

Rest in Peace Robert Daniels 1939 – 2023

We are sorry to report the passing of Robert Thomas Daniels who passed away peacefully in March at Grand Strand Hospital in Myrtle Beach, SC with his three children Renee, Ernie and Kathy, son in law Marc and sister Elizabeth by his side.

Robert was born in Norton, VT and a long-time lake resident here at Salem. He was a veteran having served in the US Air Force from 1959 to 1964. During his military career he was stationed in Sumter, SC, and was deployed to Florida during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He also served in the Vermont Army National Guard and was a member of the Vermont National Guard Armory in Newport. He was involved in the construction of the bi-athalon course which is still used by Olympian trainees today.



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