



ON THE POND

JUNE/JULY 2017

President's Message

It's summertime on the Pond! Quadrant Officers will be coming around the weekend prior to July 4th selling Camp Association memberships, tickets to our annual BBQ, calendars, and flares. I hope you'll join in all the fun we have scheduled this Independence day. We have the usual events: kids derby, poker run, boat parade, and flare lighting.

The Annual Meeting will be held July 8th at the McGuire camp with BBQ to follow. The McGuires will also be hosting an outdoor movie night later that same day. Topics at this year's meeting will include private road maintenance, property revaluations, water testing, and more. Happy Summer!

Jackie Pratt

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NPCOA President ♡

Mark Your Calendar!

2017 Event Dates - Mark Your Calendar

July 1

- Kids' Fishing Derby (6-11am)
This is a catch-and-release fishing derby. Fish should be brought alive to the Pratt Camp dock on Lake Road by 11:00 AM for weigh-in and measurement.

July 4

- Poker Run (1-4pm)
- Boat Parade (7pm)
- Flare Lighting (9pm)

The poker run is for non-motorized boats. Paddle around the pond and look for five different buckets on five different docks to collect your poker hand. Do not open the envelopes until you get to the Carbonneau Camp dock on Boys Camp Road where your hand will be verified and recorded.

The boat parade is for motorized boats. Line up by the boat launch around 6:55 for a 7:00 PM start. The boats with the most elaborate decorations get the most cheers from the shore - be creative!!

Place your flares near the waterfront for all to see and enjoy. ***Listen for the 9:00 PM air horn signaling it's time to light your flares!***

July 8

- Annual Meeting (11am)
- Annual Cookout (12pm)
- Outdoor Movie Night (8pm)

All July 8th events will be held at the McGuire camp, Boys Camp Road.

August

- The Kids' Ice Cream Social will be held in August, date TBD.

Dues are Due

Quadrant officers will be visiting each camp prior to July 4th to collect Camp Owners Association dues and to sell flares for the 4th of July as well as tickets to the Camp Owners Association BBQ on July 8th.

Please renew your membership to ensure we will continue to have a strong organization that will monitor water quality, represent camp owners to local and state government, and maintain membership in the Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds. ♡

2017-18 Calendars Available

The NPCOA calendar is now available for purchase!

The cost is \$15 per calendar.

If you would like to purchase a calendar contact your Quadrant Captain or reach out to Paul Chouinard on Lake Road. ♡

Personal Watercraft Signage

At the 2016 Annual Meeting, there was a desire to have signage at the boat launch regarding the use of personal watercrafts (jet skis). Over the winter a sign was obtained from the State of Vermont and is now posted.

For those who may not be aware, Neal Pond is one of several bodies of water in the state of Vermont that prohibits the use of personal watercrafts. This is regulated by the state and is not influenced by the camp owners association. 🗨️

Fishing Licenses

If you haven't purchased your 2017 Vermont fishing license yet, now is a good time.

Kids under 15 fish for free. Minors ages 15 - 17 must have a youth fishing license. Adults may carry an electronic copy of their license on a phone or tablet. Minors must carry a physical copy of their license with their parent/guardian's signature.

Neal Pond Camp Owners Association
P.O. Box 184
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Licenses can be purchased online from the Dept. of Fish & Wildlife at www.vtfdwsales.com 🗨️

Give Nesting Loons Space

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department and the Vermont Center for Ecostudies are asking boaters and anglers to give loons a hand this summer by enjoying them from a safe distance.

Loons were removed from Vermont's endangered species list in 2005 following decades of recovery effort. But one of the main threats still facing loons as they continue to recover is human disturbance during the breeding season.

"Most areas where loons are nesting on Vermont's lakes are surrounded by signs reminding people to give loons the space they need, but not all nesting areas are marked," said John Buck, a wildlife biologist with the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. "We're asking people to enjoy loons from a distance using binoculars, whether they are in a motor boat, canoe, or a kayak." Learn more at www.vtecostudies.org 🗨️