

# Lake Breezes

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## Thanks Frank!

After five years as the president of the Lake Rescue Association, Frank Wingate decided to take some time off. Although still very much involved in the association as a board member and head of the milfoil committee, Frank handed the reins over to Jim McCall at the last LRA board meeting. Also at that meeting, the board unanimously adopted the following resolution:

“The board wishes to express our sincere gratitude and deep appreciation for your years of service as president of the Lake Rescue Association. Through your passion for the lake, insight, patience and leadership, the Lake Rescue Association is well positioned for the opportunities that lie ahead.”

So when you see Frank and Anne please be sure to thank them for their many contributions.

### Lake Living Booklet

Recently mailed to lake district residents, this booklet outlines the many ways each person can help improve the quality of our lakes. Judy Zilvitis led a committee that included Marge Killian, Marty and Hinda Wolf and Maria Urban. Their impressive research included information from many state agencies such as the Vermont Agency Of Natural Resources and the Vermont Department Of Environmental Conservation as well as many common sense recommendations.

We hope that you find the publication informative and useful. Should you have any suggestions for future editions, please let us know.

### Riparian Buffer Zones

This summer we will present examples to demonstrate the various ways residents can prevent or significantly reduce sediment from

getting into our lakes. Let's call this a way toward improving our "sedimentality" just for fun!

Mary Rita Batesole [known as MR] is working with LRA homeowners who have agreed to demonstrate excellent examples of buffer zones. We would appreciate having more examples so we can demonstrate the many alternative ways to inhibit sediment flow into our lakes. Please contact MR if you would like to participate. There are some funds and lots of expertise available to help with this project, should you be willing to offer your property as a buffer zone demo site! Remember to be "sedimental".....know how you can help and be mindful of ways to reduce sediment in our lakes!

### UVM Study Authorized By LRA Board

As we all know, sediment continues to accumulate in many locations around the lake. Although not an immediate concern by any

means sediment buildup could significantly impact the many uses of the lake over the long term. To ensure we do all we can to maintain, if not improve, the quality of our lakes for our children and grandchildren, we need to continue to stay focused on sedimentation. With the advice of Chris Salerno and Dave Hearne, the LRA board has selected the University of Vermont to conduct a study of the sediment that is accumulating in Round Pond and Lake Rescue. Dr. Andrea Lini, associate professor and chair of the Department of Geology at UVM will lead a team in collecting and analyzing core samples of the Lake Rescue and Round Pond bottom. The purpose of this study is to accumulate important data regarding the history and chemical content of sediment deposits coming primarily from the Black River. This information is a necessary piece of data needed by the state to determine the origin of the sediment, thus permitting us and the state to work together to find alternatives that can be used to reduce or eliminate future increases of sediment growth.

This study is set to begin in May with the extraction of two core samples. We will

keep you posted on its progress and expect to receive a final report at year end.

### **How About Those Grants!**

Although Alan and Michelle Grant are wonderful people, we're talking about financial grants from the state of Vermont. We are continuously looking for financial help to support important work we need to do around the lake area. The application and data collection process to even apply for grants is, well let's say challenging at times. We are grateful for the work that is done to secure grants for the lakes district.

In addition to a \$2,800 water quality grant we received from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation earlier in 2010, we also received an award of over \$8,800 through Better Back Roads to remediate drainage issues on the southern end of Ellison's Lake Road. Work will begin by the town of Ludlow this summer.

We were also granted over \$2,000 by the state for our ongoing milfoil detection efforts. This money will be used to check the lake bottom for milfoil and other invasive plants

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### **New LRA Officers**

Following the annual meeting in August, the re-elected board met and approved the following officers:

President: Jim McCall • 228-2964 • [jwmccall@comcast.net](mailto:jwmccall@comcast.net)  
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### **Committee Chairs:**

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Please contact any of the above board members with your suggestions, concerns or questions.

over this summer. Frank Wingate, before jetting off to France with Anne this spring, mentioned that we are six years milfoil free! Keep up the good work everybody.

### **Safety, Safety, Safety**

Charlie Robinson, LRA's water safety chair has produced a very useful guide entitled "Rules on Boating." In addition to listing some valuable information concerning state laws and responsibilities, Charlie also has a series of suggestions regarding boating from

the Lake Rescue Association. These rules are reproduced here and may be found on the association website at [www.lakerescue.org](http://www.lakerescue.org) or by contacting any board member.

One other safety note, as the summer approaches the activity level around the lake roads increases dramatically. Our lakes region is such a beautiful, peaceful place to enjoy a walk, jog or bike ride. Please expect people to be enjoying our wonderful area as you and your guests drive our roads. Please use caution.... slow down so you can better enjoy all that we have to offer.

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## **Lake Rescue Association Rules on Boating**

Source: *The Handbook of Vermont Boating Laws and Responsibilities*  
[http://www.boat-ed.com/vt/handbook/pdf\\_index.htm](http://www.boat-ed.com/vt/handbook/pdf_index.htm) (2/10/2010)

1. All motorized boats must be registered and the certificate must be carried in the boat.
2. Anyone born after January 1, 1974 must successfully complete an approved boating safety course before operating any motorized vessel.
3. No one under 12 years of age may operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 horsepower.
4. One Personal Flotation Device (PFD) is required for every person on a boat.
5. Children under 12 years of age must WEAR an approved PFD at all times when on board a boat.
6. All persons being towed behind a boat must WEAR an approved PFD. (Ski belts are not approved PFDs.)
7. Anyone under 16 years of age must WEAR an approved PFD when on a sailboat.
8. When traveling more than 5 miles per hour, boats must be kept a minimum of 200 feet from shoreline, other boats, objects and persons in the water.
9. In addition to the operator, every vessel towing a person on water skis or any other device must have a person who is at least 12 years old in a position to observe the towed persons(s).
10. Causing danger or damage from the wake of a boat is "careless and reckless operation" under VT state law.
11. Other examples of "careless and reckless operation" and "unlawful operation" include boating in restricted areas, operating in excess of posted "no wake speed" areas, overloading your boat, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

### **Suggestions from the Lake Rescue Association:**

1. Water skiing & fast boating are discouraged before 8:00 am and after dusk.
2. Fast boats and those towing should go in a generally counter-clockwise direction.
3. When two boats are approaching each other, each boat should bear right to pass the other boat on the left side.
4. Make complaints and report violations to the State Police: (802) 234-9933.
5. Please remember: *"Safe and considerate boating is everyone's responsibility for an enjoyable summer."*

## **LRA'S Annual Meeting**

Well, while you're reading this, how about taking a minute to place the August 6th annual meeting on your calendar. This year we will be meeting at the new Ludlow Community Center [former Armory!] at 9:00 am. More on the meeting in our next Lake Breezes. Please plan on joining your lake friends for an always interesting get together.



## **Picnic Time**

Look for information in the near future about our Fourth of July celebrations!

## **And Finally**

Please remember to complete the dues letter form, which you will receive under separate cover, and mail it back right away.

We need everyone's contribution to help "Save Our Lakes."

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