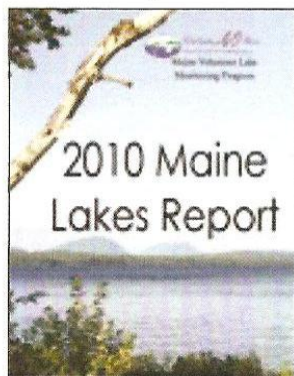


What you may not know about your lake!!

Every year multiple surveys are performed on our lake and annual reports for all surveyed lakes are compiled. The most recent report has just become available on line at the VLMP website. This document contains a wealth of information on the status of our lake. Other years are also available.



Local surveyors include our own Board members. Lew Wetzel measures key water quality indicators; Phosphorous levels, water clarity and dissolved oxygen. He also takes lake water temperature readings multiple times and in multiple locations.

Pixie Williams and Fred Cummings have performed the important Invasive Aquatic Plant Survey for many years. Last year they were joined by two new plant patrollers, the Barbers. Training and certification are required to lead these surveys but free training is available at many sites during the summer through VLMP. This summers dates are as follows:

Sat. July 9*, 9AM – 12PM, Bridgton, Town Office

Tue. July 12, 2:30 – 8PM, Mt. Vernon, Community Center

Wed. July 20, 2:30 – 8PM, Jefferson, DLWA Office

Mon. July 25, 10AM – 3:30PM, Weld, Town Hall

Wed. August 3, 2 – 7:30PM, Rangeley

Wed. August 10, Time TBA, Searsmont

Wed. August 17, Time TBA, Hiram

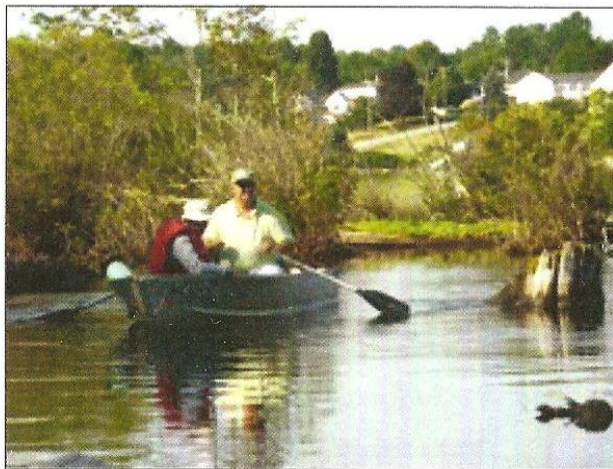
Consult the VLMP website for more information

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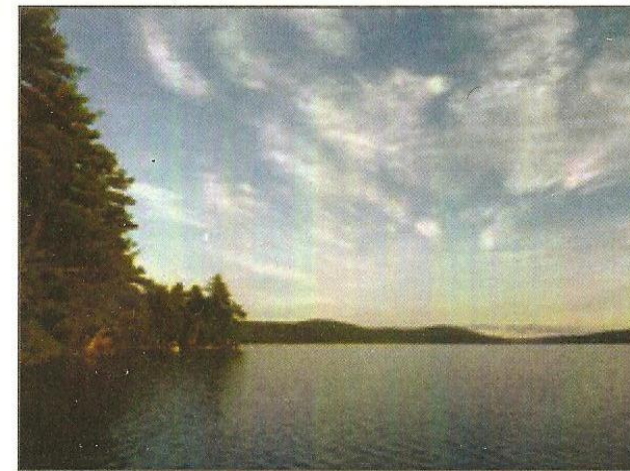
Many public and private entities perform vital water quality services that benefit our lakes, but arguably none better than the efforts of the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program. Now celebrating their 40th year, VLMP has trained over 2000 volunteers and continues to add 250+ to its roles of certified citizen scientists. It is the oldest organization of its kind in the country. Our President/Treasurer Lew Wetzel is one of the stalwarts and serves as Treasurer of the organization as well as a regional Data Coordinator and lake monitor.

Scott Williams, our Annual Meeting speaker this year, has been instrumental in VLMP since its inception and its Executive Director for 20 years. As a trained aquatic biologist he has extensive knowledge of the health of our lakes and will talk specifically on the ecology of our own special lakes. He will address the water quality data and what we can do to preserve the watershed in the future. Learn more by visiting VLMP's website.

www.MaineVolunteerLakeMonitors.org



Pixie Williams and Fred Cummings patrolling for invasive aquatic plant species.



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ANNUAL MEETING

JULY 16, 2011

SATURDAY 9:30 A.M.

Featured Speaker

SCOTT WILLIAMS

Executive Director of the Maine
Volunteer Lake Monitoring
Program

**"An overview of the
ecology of Pleasant lake
and Parker Pond"**

Casco Community Center

940 Meadow Road, Casco

Coffee and Doughnuts served

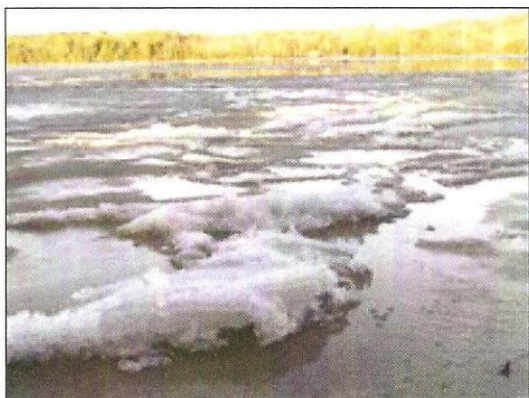
**PLEASE COME AND BRING A
FRIEND**



Refrigerator Magnets

We hope you enjoy the enclosed magnet and its important message on best methods to maximize our individual contributions to protecting and preserving the quality of our waters. Please display so all in your household will get the message. Thanks to Board member Liz Solms for her efforts and contribution. Phosphorous is the NUMBER 1 non-point source of pollution. Additional magnets will be available at the Annual Meeting. We hope to distribute to all in the watershed.

ICE OUT - WHEN WAS IT?



Ice Out and Ice In dates are statistics that have been collected systematically over the years for lakes in the state of Maine. Recent Ice Out dates for Pleasant Lake were April 22 this year and almost a month earlier last year on March 23. Similarly for Parker Pond, April 19 2011 and March 21, 2010. All the snow helped to insulate the ice!

News From The Lake

• OFF THE LIST -- a Joel Bloom success story

Last fall Maine's Dept. of Environmental Protection announced that Pleasant Lake, which had been listed as one of 34 water bodies in the state with an infestation of Variable Leaf Milfoil, has been officially removed from the list and declared free of this invasive aquatic plant. As many of you know this plant was first noticed 10 years ago and it is through the efforts of many current board members that this infestation has been eradicated. The systematic use of custom designed "benthic barriers" was the key to our success and Joel would be proud. We are making progress in our Lily Brook efforts and hope for the same success.

• BOAT INSPECTIONS TO CONTINUE

We will continue the important vigilance of checking all exiting and entering watercraft from Pleasant Lake and Parker Pond. Our boat ramp inspections during weekends and holidays will be staffed at all three ramp locations for this summer. Fred Cummings will again be coordinating this critical work. Please remember to register your boats as these funds contribute to the State's effort to eliminate invasive plants in our lakes.

Important and interesting Websites

www.MaineVolunteerLakeMonitors.org

www.Maineaudubon.org

<http://www.maine.gov/dep/index.shtml>

<http://www.maine-lakes.org/>

<http://www.maine.gov/IFW/>



Did you know that the third Saturday of July is always the Maine Audubon Loon Count? On that day between 7:00 AM and 7:30 AM Loon counters all over the state head out onto their bodies of water to count all the loons they see in that time period. The results of past loon counts can be found on the Maine Audubon website; Maineaudubon.org. Enter "loon count" in the search box and choose the year you are interested in.



We welcome your involvement!!

Your financial support is most appreciated to help the PLPP Association provide the materials and personnel to protect our lakes. We hope your interest will also lead you to become involved in other ways as well. There are many educational and volunteer opportunities should you wish to join in.

Please start by attending our ANNUAL Meeting this July 16th, 2011. See cover of Newsletter