



Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association 2013 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE--WHAT IS THE LKWA?

Lake Kanasatka is nestled between Red Hill to the north, the Ossiipee Range to the east and a portion of the Squam Range to the west. From this perspective, we can see that the lake, with its backdrop of mountains, is part of a larger scene. The Lake Kanasatka Watershed extends well beyond the properties of the shoreline. It includes the surrounding mountains and the waters of other lakes, ponds (including Wakondah), streams and wetlands for miles around. The entire watershed is part of the fragile ecosystem we all love.

The shores of Lake Kanasatka and its watershed region have changed dramatically from the time when Native Americans inhabited them until today. Not too many years ago, only a few fishing or hunting camps dotted the area. Over time, many grew into modern day lodges and year-round homes, and more cottages were built. At the same time, recreational uses expanded: fishing, swimming and boating are ever-popular activities. As the shoreline filled in with houses, more boat traffic and docks appeared. Now, property owners as well as others from around the country come to spend time enjoying our peaceful part of the world.

Yet, the continued growth and development in the region put added pressure on the ecosystem and threatened the pristine environment. It was for this reason that the Lake Kanasatka Watershed Association (LKWA) was formed in 1973.

For forty years now, LKWA has worked to provide an organized effort to protect the lake and its environs. Today, the organization provides the following services:

- Ongoing sampling and monitoring of water quality in cooperation with the UNH Freshwater Biology Program. Reports are provided annually and measure water quality over time .
- Protection of local wildlife, including cooperation with the Loon Preservation Society to protect the lake loons and nests. A "looncam" is maintained close to the nest for online viewing pleasure of nesting activity.
- Monitoring land use and construction activities around the lake for violations of state or local laws or possible degradation of the environment.
- Public education regarding milfoil, contamination/water quality threats, water safety, wildlife protection and other timely information.
- Maintenance of a website at www.kanasatka.org and Facebook page to provide users with further information, activities and history.
- Promotion of good neighbor policies and a family friendly atmosphere in all activities on and around the lake and Organize annual 4th of July Boat Parade.
- Hold two meetings per summer to discuss lake issues, provide information and answer questions.
- What is your role in supporting the LKWA? Please join if you are not already a member (or renew your membership), get involved with an activity (volunteers are always needed!), attend meetings to learn and educate others, give us feedback on how you think our Lake Association can provide the best service possible, and answer questions and get to know your neighbors.

Officers

Ted B. Hilton,
President

Jane Fairchild,
Vice President

Jane Nash, Secretary

Philip Youtz ,
Treasurer

ANNUAL MEETING

Sat. July 13
8:30 coffee;
9am meeting
Loon Center

SOCIAL MEETING

w/short business
meeting
Sat. August 17
11:30 brief mtng.
Noon—Pot Luck
picnic at:
VonHurst Beach





UP COMING LOON SEASON

Hopefully we will have another loon family on the lake this summer. LKWA supports two nest/webcams that give continuous views of the nest; one is actually in the nest so you can see the loons up close and personal! The cameras will be up and running as soon as spring arrives.

Check on loon nesting activity on the raft by going to our website at www.kanasatka.org and a link will be provided to take you to the nestcams. This gives a much better view than you will get from the water!

Also, please take a moment to review the important message below from Harry Vogel, Executive Director of the Loon Preservation Committee

Loons and People

The best protection for those chicks is to keep too many people from getting too close to the family for too long. Hard to do because everyone is excited about the big event, but the care and feeding of loon chicks is a full-time job for both of the parents, so they should not be spending their time and energy swimming away from boats.

My standard advice to boaters is if you want to get close to loons, especially loons with chicks, buy a good pair of binoculars. Loons can be quite curious birds, and if they swim close to have a look at you, by all means enjoy – but no chasing loons around the lake! Judy Silverberg at NH Fish & Game said it best I think – any time you’ve caused a wild animal to change its behavior, you’ve had an impact on that animal. The firstborn chick will generally be the first to be fed, and if we give the birds enough space then the second chick will also get enough food to survive and grow and fledge before the ice closes in. It’s great to see loon chicks on Kanasatka again – I hope they survive and thrive, and I hope they are the first of many more to come!

Thanks again to Kilnwood resident Allen Rapp who continues to manage and monitor the Nestcam devices.

ANNUAL JULY 4 BOAT PARADE *

Get wild and wacky and dress 'er up for the annual 4th of July Boat Parade!

Motorboats, party boats, kayaks, paddleboards, sailboats - all welcome!

Step off at Animal Island at 4pm sharp

Please be considerate of others!

Rules for 2013 parade:

- NO DEBRIS THAT COULD END UP IN THE LAKE
 - (crepe paper, water balloons, confetti)
- DON'T SWAMP OR SOAK OTHER BOATS or RIDERS
- STAY IN FORMATION AND FOLLOW THE PACE BOAT ON THE DESIGNATED ROUTE
 - – PLEASE DON'T BREAK UP THE PARADE!
 - NO TOWING OF SKIERS, CANOES or TUBES

***HELD IN CLEAR WEATHER ONLY!!!**



Fun had by all

Safe Boating for 2013

Please take a few minutes to review these reminders of boating rules for New Hampshire lakes. While not comprehensive, this summary gives a few important points to remember about boating on our lake. Other laws and the full text can be found at NH RSA: Ch 270-D or from the NH Department of Safety.

1. Since 2008, all operators of power boats over 25 HP must be age 16 years old or over *and* have a Certificate of Safe Boating issued by the NH Dept of Safety unless the operator meets one of the authorized exemptions. RSA 270-D:13
2. Temporary certificates may be obtained from the Department of Safety for up to two weeks per year. RSA 270-D:14
3. No one may sit, ride on or straddle the gunnels, bow or transom of a powerboat while it is in operation. RSA 270-D:7
4. Powerboats must travel at headway speeds (no wake) within 150 feet of the shore, rafts, swimmers, skiers/tubers, moorings, docks or other vessels, except when starting a skier from shore or a dock. . RSA 270-D:2

More information is available at

<http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/nhsp/fob/marine-patrol/boating-education/index.html>

<http://www.boat-ed.com/nh/>

<http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/nhsp/fob/marine-patrol/contactus.html>



Memories of the lake in summer!

LKWA and KOTL Cash Flow Statement 7-1-12 to 2-28-13*

LKWA Cash Flow Statement

Balances as of July 1, 2012:	
Checking	\$ 2,621.68
Income July 1, 2012-Feb.28, 2013 (Dues, Donations, Merchandise)	955.47
Transfers from KOTL Checking	13,087.34
Expenses July 1, 2012-Feb.28, 2013 (Meetings, Donations, Merchandise)	1,179.77
Transfer to New LKWA Savings Acct.	\$13,087.34
Account Balances Feb. 28, 2013:	
LKWA Checking	\$ 2,296.76
LKWA – KOTL Savings	13,087.03
Petty Cash	<u>100.00</u>
Balance-LKWA Accounts	\$15,483.79

KOTL Cash Flow Statement

Total Contributions	\$24,636.00
Total Expenses (Legal, mailing)	(20,843.57)
Bank Balance 7-1-12	3,792.43
Settlement Award	23,294.00
Total Available	\$27,087.00
Refunds Requested	(14,000.00)
Transferred to LKWA Savings	<u>(13,087.34)</u>
Balance - KOTL Account (closed)	\$ 0

* Full-year report will be available at the Annual Meeting on July 13, 2013

Visit our beautiful and informative website at www.kanasatka.org
Here you will find past newsletters, meeting minutes, reports on water quality, and pictures.

Check us out on Facebook www.Facebook.com/kanasatka

John Scudder, Webmaster

ANNUAL DUES \$25--PLEASE PAY BY JULY 1ST

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR RECORDS UP TO DATE BY FILLING OUT FORM BELOW.

SEND FORM AND DUES TO: LKWA c/o TREASURER, PO BOX 774, CENTER HARBOR, NH 03226

NAME:

EMAIL:

MAILING ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

LAKE ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER