

SHORELINES

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE LAKES ASSOCIATION

The groundhog was right earlier this month - it's been a long winter and there seems to be no end in sight.

The temperatures have been frigid for days at a time, the snow banks are higher than ever, and the ice, in many places, is the thickest it's been in years.

If the sentiments of the staff here at NH LAKES are representative of how our friends and members are feeling about this winter, some of you are loving this New England winter wonderland while others can't wait for it to end.

While ice out on our lakes may not happen for several more weeks, it's not too early to start thinking about spring and summer.

In this issue of *Shorelines*, you'll learn about what NH LAKES has in store for you in the coming months and more

Calling all lake, pond, river & watershed associations & conservation organizations:

Now accepting 2014 Lake Host Grant Program applications!

Calling all canoeists & kayakers!



Despite the snow, it's not too early to start planning your summer activities!

Plan on joining us on Sun. Aug. 3rd at **LakeFest 2014: Raft-a-Palooza** as we try to once again attempt to set the Guinness World Record for the largest free-floating raft of canoes and kayaks while raising awareness about preventing the spread of aquatic nuisance species.



We are pleased to offer the Lake Host Payroll Grant Program, one of the nation's premier aquatic nuisance species education and prevention programs, for its 13th year this coming summer!

Since 2002, hundreds of paid and volunteer Lake Hosts have conducted more than 580,000 courtesy boat inspections and have made more than 1,409 'saves' of aquatic nuisance plant or animal specimens that were about to enter or had just left a waterbody.

We invite groups that have participated in the program during previous years and new groups to apply for a 2014 payroll grant award to implement the program at boat ramps open to the public on lakes, ponds, and rivers throughout New Hampshire.

The payroll grant program is open to lake, pond, river, and watershed associations, conservation commissions and other conservation groups that are willing to adopt a boat launch open to the public on a waterbody in New Hampshire. If you're not sure if your group or your local launch qualifies, find out by [emailing us](#).

For more information, and application materials, [CLICK HERE](#).

Calling all Experienced Anglers!

Find out more and purchase tickets today - only \$5 a boat for a limited time only - at www.nhlakefest.org!

Have you joined us yet?

JOIN NOW

The New Hampshire Lakes Association (NH LAKES) is the only nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting New Hampshire's approximately 1,000 lakes and ponds.

NH LAKES relies on memberships and donations to do its work to achieve its mission.

Membership starts at just \$50 a year - and \$35 if you are a member of your local lake or watershed association!

Please consider becoming a member today - it's easy to join, just [CLICK HERE](#).

Upcoming Events



DES Biologist Amy Smagula holding a lake trout.

Biologists at the Jody Connor Limnology Center (JCLC) are asking for assistance in updating information on mercury levels in New Hampshire's freshwater fish. Periodically, New Hampshire updates statewide fish consumption advisories for mercury, and also determines if pollution control efforts to reduce mercury are working.

The **statewide fish consumption advisories** are determined by studying mercury levels in all fish types in the size range one would consider suitable for eating. If specific species of a certain size are identified to contain higher levels of mercury, consumption advisories are issued. The study also identifies any "hot" spots that require lake specific advisories due to the fish having higher than average levels of mercury.

The **New Hampshire Statewide Mercury in Fish Consumption Advisory** was last updated in 2008.

To help keep consumption advisories current, the JCLC is looking to receive Largemouth bass, Smallmouth bass, Eastern chain pickerel, Yellow perch, White perch, and Black crappie, or any fish considered suitable for eating, from any lake in New Hampshire.

For more information, including collection and submission procedures, contact sara.steiner@des.nh.gov.

In the News



Pond of Safety.
(Photo Credit: Plymouth State University)

NH Water & Watershed Conference: Fri. Mar. 22, Plymouth State University, Plymouth. **CLICK HERE**.

Wild & Scenic Film Festival: Fri. Mar. 28. Hosted by the New Hampshire Rivers Council at Red Rivers Theater in Concord. 11 great films! For more information, **CLICK HERE**.

NH LAKES 2014 Lake Congress: Fri. June 27, Church Landing at Mills Falls, Meredith. More information coming soon - **Save the Date!**

LakeFest 2014: Raft-a-Palooza: Sun. Aug. 3, Endicott Rock Park, Weirs Beach, Laconia. **www.nhlakefest.org**

Trainings for Nonprofit Organizations & Leaders





Ice boating. (Photo source: Flickr/mafiozo)

[10 New Snow Sports to try this Winter](#) (USA Today)

[Approval of Lake George boat inspection program hailed](#) (Lake George, NY)

[Eagle Scout Project Creates Kiosk at Veteran's Park Boat Ramp](#) (Naticook Lake, Merrimack, NH)

[P&G Commits to Global Phase Out of Phosphates in Detergents](#)

[Workshop seeks solutions to Province Lake pollution](#) (Effingham, NH)



William Tuthill of New London sails on ice skates at Lake Massabesic in Auburn in late-January. He was testing a kitewing system he is developing in Wilmont. (DAVID LANE/UNION LEADER)

We hope you enjoyed this issue of *Shorelines* and are having a safe and enjoyable winter wherever you are. And, as usual, please feel free to pick up the phone or send us

Feb. 26: Starting and Building a Nonprofit - Seminar for Board, Staff, and Volunteer Leaders of Emerging Nonprofits (Concord). **[CLICK HERE.](#)**

Mar. 11: Turning Great Board Members into Great Fundraisers (Manchester). **[CLICK HERE.](#)**

Mar. 12: High Impact Volunteers (Concord). **[CLICK HERE.](#)**

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