

New Year's Advice from the
Lake!

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Happy New Year!

If you are in New Hampshire, you know that 2015 blew in with bitterly cold weather. While uncomfortable for many of us, the frigid air is just what our lakes needed! Significant rains in December contributed to a relatively late ice-in for many waterbodies. If this cold weather continues, we'll soon be able to safely enjoy another season of fun on the lake skating, cross-country skiing, ice-fishing, and more!

Whether you are in New Hampshire or not, you may be one of the four in 10 Americans expected to make a New Year's resolution for 2015. If you haven't made one yet, or even if you have, your favorite lake has some New Year's advice to share - check out the "Advice from a Lake" in the right-hand column of this newsletter.

We hope that 2015 is off to a great start for you, wherever you are, and we hope you'll take a few minutes to read this issue of *Shorelines*.



***Dedicated to protecting
New Hampshire lakes
and their watersheds.***

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FROM THE LAKE!**



*New Year's celebration with
Mills Falls at the Lake
in Meredith on Lake Winnepesaukee.*

NH LAKES Advocacy Update

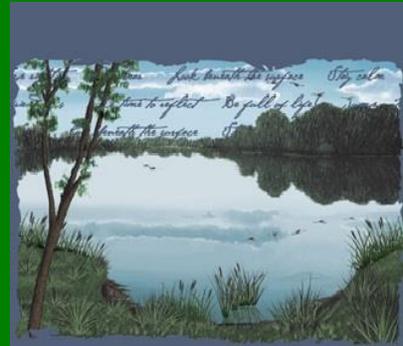


If you responded to our annual advocacy survey in the fall, your voice has been heard! The overwhelming majority of survey respondents expressed support of our goal to improve the prevention and the management of aquatic invasive species (AIS) in the state.

To achieve this goal, we are trying to close some gaps in the inspection of boats, trailers and aquatic gear, and improve the early detection and rapid response to AIS infestations.

NH LAKES is behind the filing of three bills in the state legislature designed to:

- Improve legislative and multi-agency engagement and oversight of AIS prevention and management programs;



Advice from a **LAKE**

Be clear
Make positive ripples
Look beneath the surface
Stay calm
Shore up friendships
Take time to reflect
Be full of life!



*To find/purchase products featuring this advice and more, **CLICK HERE.***

IN THE NEWS



NEW HAMPSHIRE

Ice conditions improve, but not all lakes and ponds are safe

Lake group introducing anti-invasive species

- Place greater responsibility on groups that hold on-water events to inspect their participants' boats, trailers and aquatic gear; and
- Improve the state's ability to rapidly and more effectively respond to AIS infestations.

To learn more about these issues, [CLICK HERE.](#)

Stay tuned - in the coming weeks, through the *NH LAKES Advocacy Alert*, we'll let you know when these bills will be heard and how you can help! To sign up for this alert, [CLICK HERE.](#)

If you did not have a chance to respond to the 2014 - 2015 Advocacy Survey, please feel free to share your lake advocacy priorities with Tom O'Brien, NH LAKES President and Policy Advocate, by emailing tobrien@nhlakes.org or calling 603-226-0299.

You're invited...

2015 Green Eggs and New HAM-shire Environmental Policy Breakfast



On Wednesday, January 28th, please join NH LAKES staff and Board of Directors along with 400 Granite Staters - law makers, advocates, business leaders, and the general public - and learn about some of the most pressing environmental issues state lawmakers face in the upcoming session and beyond. What can we agree on? What issues continue to divide us? How can we find common ground?

One way or another, over the next decade, the choices we make on conservation, energy, and environmental issues will impact our New Hampshire Advantage - why we work, live and play in the Granite State.

legislation

Resurgence of otter population continues in NH

State to spend \$1.345m for new Marine Patrol station

Study: Toxic Algae Blooms Help Create Their Own Favorable Conditions

NORTHEAST

Study: Clams in Lake George transported by boat anchor sediment

MID-WEST

Diabetes drug found in Lake Michigan could hurt fish: experts warn

Invasive Algae Found for the First Time in a Wisconsin Lake

Pancake ice possible on Lake Michigan this week

SAVE THE DATE!



Sat. Feb 14: 2015 Winterfest, hosted by Squam Lakes Association,

This breakfast is FREE and open to the public.

- **Day:** Wed. Jan. 28
- **Time:** 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM
- **Where:** Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH.
- **To Register:** Click [HERE](#).

See you there!

If you paddle, boat, hike or otherwise enjoy the NH outdoors...



Your back-up plan in the great outdoors!

A law passed in 2014 authorizes the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to sell a voluntary Hike Safe card for \$25 per person and \$35 per family. People who obtain the cards will be helping to support Fish and Game search and rescue and will not be liable to repay rescue costs if they need to be rescued due to negligence on their part. People participating in hiking, biking, paddling, cross country skiing, rock climbing or other outdoor activities in New Hampshire may be interested in obtaining this annual card.

An individual may still be liable for response expenses, however, if such person is deemed to have recklessly or to have intentionally created a situation requiring an emergency response.

People who possess a current New Hampshire Fish and Game hunting or fishing license, or a current registration for an off-highway recreational vehicle, snowmobile or boat, will also be exempt from repaying rescue costs due to negligence.

The law takes effect January 1, 2015.

For more information, and to find out purchase your card, [CLICK HERE](#).

Holderness, NH. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).



Fri. May 29 - 2015 Lakes Congress: Hosted by NH LAKES, Church Landing, Meredith, NH. To find out more, including exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities [CLICK HERE](#).

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Limnology Lab/Field Research Assistant



Guided Discoveries Summer Internship



Kingswood Camp in winter on Lake Tarleton.

We hope you enjoyed this issue of *Shorelines*.

As always, please contact us with your lake questions and concerns. Happy 2015!

Sincerely,

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