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'Tis the season - don't forget
about lakes!

December 13, 2014

SHORELINES

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE LAKES ASSOCIATION

Dear Elizabeth,

'Tis the season to be merry - and busy!

With gift-buying, celebrating at holiday parties, and, for many of us, wrapping up work projects before taking time off to be with loved ones, there's much to do in December.

This month, please don't forget about your special lake and NH LAKES! This is the time of year when NH LAKES needs your support the most. If you have already made a donation to our Annual Fund, thank you! If you haven't yet, please don't delay - you can make your donation today at www.nhlakes.org/annual-fund. With your support, we'll start off the New Year strong.

And, we hope you'll take just a few minutes to read this issue of *Shorelines*. You may just find a few things to talk about at an upcoming holiday gathering and a few gift ideas, too!

NH LAKES 2014 by the Numbers!

**Help us Grow
NH LAKES Nation &
Spread Holiday
Cheer at the Same
Time!**



Do you have friends that
enjoy time at a New
Hampshire lake every
summer?

Do you have grown
children who learned to



Need some conversation starters for an upcoming holiday gathering? Try these...

58: The number of aquatic invasive species 'saves' Lake Hosts made by removing hitchhiking fragments of plants and animals on boats and trailers during summer 2014.

396: The new Guinness World Record for the largest simultaneous launch of canoes and kayaks set at the NH LAKES *Lakefest 2014: Raft-a-Palooza* event in August.

11,092: The number of hours 500 Lake Host volunteers logged during summer 2014 helping boaters prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

83,463: The number of courtesy boat and trailer inspections conducted by Lake Hosts during summer 2014.

200,000: The approximate number of additional dollars that will be available annually for the control of aquatic invasive species in New Hampshire by the passage and signing of House Bill 292 - a bill that NH LAKES and a broad coalition of partners worked together on to get passed.

**Amy Smagula named as
NH Department of Environmental Services
Employee of the Year!**

swim, fish, or water-ski at the lake - a special place that permeates many of their favorite childhood memories?

We have many members who are committed to the important lake protection work NH LAKES does year-round, whose permanent address is as far away as France! We like to think of this extended community as 'NH LAKES Nation.'

This holiday season, you can help us build NH LAKES Nation by giving a NH LAKES membership to a friend or relative who has a special lake in their life. The gift membership rate is only \$35.

To give your gift memberships, call Erin or Martha at (603) 226-0299.

IN THE NEWS



NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Climate Change and
Water Quality in New
Hampshire**



Thank you, Amy Smagula -
NH Dept. of Environmental Services
Employee of the year -
for all you do for our lakes!
- NH LAKES staff



Please join the NH LAKES Staff and Board of Directors in congratulating Amy Smagula, the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) 2014 Employee of the Year!

Amy has done so much for our lakes during the last 15+ years, overseeing the Clean Lakes Program and Exotic Species Program, and participating in leadership roles in regional and national lake management and protection initiatives.

She has not only worked closely with NH LAKES through the Lake Host Program and the Advocacy Program, but has worked one-on-one with numerous lake associations throughout the state training Weed Watchers and developing and implementing aquatic invasive species management plans.

Thank you and congratulations, Amy!

Congratulatory notes can be sent directly to Amy by emailing Amy.Smagula@des.nh.gov.

Lake Protection Tip!

Closing in on ALS? Link between lethal disease and toxic algae explored

NH Fish and Game Forecast for 2015: A 150th anniversary and uncertainty

EAST COAST

A Plastic Problem in the Chesapeake

Microplastics: a puzzle along Lake Champlain

MID-WEST

Are the Great Lakes Connected?

EPA approves use of potash on Christmas Lake to kill off zebra mussels

Great Lakes ice cover developing; Earliest in over 40 years

Milfoil-and-zebra mussel beer sells out in less than seven days

CANADA

Industrial pollution is turning lakes into jelly

WORLD

Modern Worldwide Danger Blooms for Ancient Bacteria

Scientists use bugs against water hyacinth nuisance



The 411 on De-icer Use on NH Lakes

- Register your de-icer with your municipality.
- Post a "Danger, Thin Ice" sign readable from 150 ft. in all directions & equipped with reflectors.
- Use a timer with a thermostat to minimize the open water area.

Your lake & the animals & people that enjoy it in the winter thank you!

- New Hampshire Lakes Association

Thinking about a New Year's Resolution?

**Help Save A Child's Life!
Become a Life-Jacket Loaner Site!**



OUTER SPACE!

[NASA: Mars once had lakes capable of sustaining life](#)

More Holiday Gift Ideas!



Please consider supporting our partners with your holiday gift buying this season! Just click on the links below to find out how to purchase gifts online or in person.

[Loon Preservation Committee](#)

[New Hampshire Fish and Game Department](#)

[New Hampshire Audubon](#)

Oops, we goofed!

In the November issue of *Shorelines*, when listing all the lakes that are protected from the spread of aquatic invasive species by NH LAKES Lake Hosts, we inadvertently made two errors. Lake Wentworth and Crescent Lake in Wolfeboro are protected by Lake Hosts. Long Pond, also

***Deadline to Apply is March 1st
Largest, Longest Running Nationwide Loaner
Program***

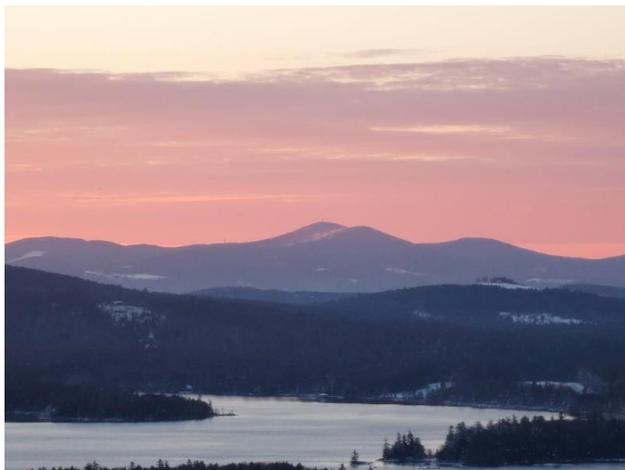
ANNAPOLIS, Md., December 8, 2014 - Waterfront businesses, local organizations or government agencies can help themselves, and at the same time, also possibly help save a child's life.

All they have to do is join the nation's largest Kids' Life Jacket Loaner Program offered by the non-profit BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water.

By becoming one of the Foundation's new no-cost loaner site locations available for 2015, a local business or group can have positive interaction with the boating public when a jacket is needed for the day or weekend.

However, loaner site applications will only be accepted at www.BoatUS.org/life-jacket-loaner until March 1, 2015.

There is no cost to set up a loaner site and it's easy to do. To learn how, [CLICK HERE](#).



Gunstock Mountain as seen from Squam Lake.

We hope you enjoyed this issue of *Shorelines*.

As always, please contact us with your lake questions and concerns. We wish you a safe and wonderful holiday season!

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Please accept our apologies for these errors.

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