

# LAKE SIDE

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## NH LAKES Launches 15th Season of the Lake Host Program!



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Memorial Day Weekend 2016 not only signified the start of the recreational boating season for many, it also marked the kick off of the 15th season of the NH LAKES Lake Host Program—a nationally-recognized aquatic invasive species education and prevention program. This summer, approximately 800 individuals trained as Lake Hosts and stationed at 104 of the most highly used boat ramps throughout the state, will teach boaters how to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species—like milfoil and Asian clams—from waterbody to waterbody.

Aquatic invasive species are most commonly spread between waterbodies on boating, fishing, and recreational equipment that is used in more than one waterbody during a season. Once in a waterbody, these species can cause serious problems. Not only do these species crowd out native plants and animals, they affect people by degrading boating, swimming, and fishing areas, and by reducing shoreline property values and tourism.

Through the “Clean, Drain, and Dry” approach, Lake Hosts encourage boaters to always take time to do the following—before and after boating—to prevent invasive plants and animals from hitchhiking a ride into waterways:

- **Clean** off any plants, animals, mud, and other debris from your boat, trailer, and recreational gear.
- **Drain** your boat (bilge, engine, and ballast tanks), trailer, and equipment away from the water.
- **Dry** anything that came in contact with the water. At least five days of drying time is best.

Since 2002, Lake Hosts have conducted approximately 761,735 courtesy boat inspections and captured 1,515 pieces of hitchhiking invasive plants and animals before they were able to infest our waterbodies.

“Through the Lake Host Program, each summer we meet thousands of boaters who are often surprised to learn how easy it is for them to do a few simple things to protect the lakes and ponds they love from annoying—and sometimes devastating—aquatic invasive species,” commented Andrea LaMoreaux, NH LAKES Vice President. “We thank all boaters for always taking the time to clean, drain, and dry their boat, trailer, and gear before and after boating.”

The Lake Host Program, launched statewide by NH LAKES in 2002 and based on boat inspection programs conducted by the Squam Lakes Association and the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, was initially funded by a two-year grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. State funding became available to support the program in 2003 after NH LAKES helped get state legislation passed to raise boat registration fees by three dollars, providing approximately \$300,000 per year to fund milfoil and other exotic plant prevention and research activities. Up to two-thirds of this



Marcel Kallanian (right) is one of the nearly 800 Lake Hosts that are teaching boaters how to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species throughout the state this summer.

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**Protecting New Hampshire lakes and their watersheds.**

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# From the President...



It is that time of year again, sum, sum, summertime, and our lakes are beckoning! If you haven't already gotten to the lake—or are not there right now as you read this—we hope you get there soon, before the summer is gone by. Although I do not live on a lake, I go as often as I can, both on and off the job, to refresh and renew my spirit and meet with so many of you, our members and friends.

Of course, I also get to meet with many of you throughout the year, whether it is at the lake, at the State House in Concord, or at events like our annual Lakes Congress. Speaking of which, the 2016 Lakes Congress was an awesome experience for me and, if you were able to attend, hopefully for you as well. Hans Hug, diver and underwater explorer, enthralled a sold-out crowd on Thursday evening with his presentation “*What Lies Beneath Winnepesaukee*.” On Friday, our special guest Céline Cousteau, granddaughter of Jacques Cousteau and a water advocate with an extraordinary presence and depth, helped draw record attendance at our all-day educational, training, and networking event. There just wasn't enough time in the day to talk

with everyone, but I certainly tried! We hope to see you at the 2017 Lakes Congress—mark your calendar for June 1 and 2.

I assume that you have heard the great news on our advocacy program front. As of June 1 of this year, in an effort to safeguard our loon population, lead fishing jigs and sinkers weighing one ounce or less are now prohibited for use and for sale in New Hampshire. This regulation was the result of intensive advocacy work on the part of NH LAKES, many of its partners, and our members. These protections should be a boon to our loon population.

We were also successful this spring in getting House Bill 1589—the ‘Clean and Drain’ bill—passed and signed by Governor Maggie Hassan! This new law, which goes into effect January 1, 2017, will require all boaters to clean off all aquatic vegetation from the outside of their boats and trailers, and to drain their boats—motorized and non-motorized—whenever they exit a waterbody.

These are just some of the things we have been working on and which keep us hopeful for the future of our lakes. Partnering with people like you, we can protect all of our lakes in New Hampshire and, at least during the summer, stay refreshed and renewed while doing so.

Sincerely,  
Tom O'Brien  
President & Policy Advocate

## Healthy, Clean & Safe Lakes for Future Generations!

Please make a legacy gift to NH LAKES today through your will or revocable living trust! It is a simple way to support the NH LAKES mission and help to protect our lakes into the future.

If you wish to name NH LAKES in your will or estate plan, we should be named as: *New Hampshire Lakes Association, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, organized and existing under the laws of New Hampshire, address 14 Horseshoe Pond Lane, Concord, NH 03301.* Our tax identification number is 22-2668396.

If you have chosen to include NH LAKES in your estate plans, please let us know!

# My Life as a Lake Host

by Nate Rumrill, Lake Host, Highland Lake, Stoddard

I have worked as a Lake Host on Highland Lake in Stoddard for six years. It is one of the most enjoyable and satisfying jobs I have had. The job involves checking boats and trailers for invasive species both entering and leaving the lake. I speak with boaters and show them how to identify invasive species to be sure that they are not transporting them from one location to another. I tell of the importance of washing their boats between waterbodies. A major part of this job is educating boaters.

I enjoy this job for several reasons. The main reason is because I am providing an important service. I have lived in Stoddard all of my life and the natural environment is an important part of my life here. I am helping to protect Highland Lake and the beauty of the natural environment. If I can help protect the lake, it will remain an important part of the landscape of my town. The health of the lake is also important to the economy in the town because so many people visit Stoddard to enjoy the lake.

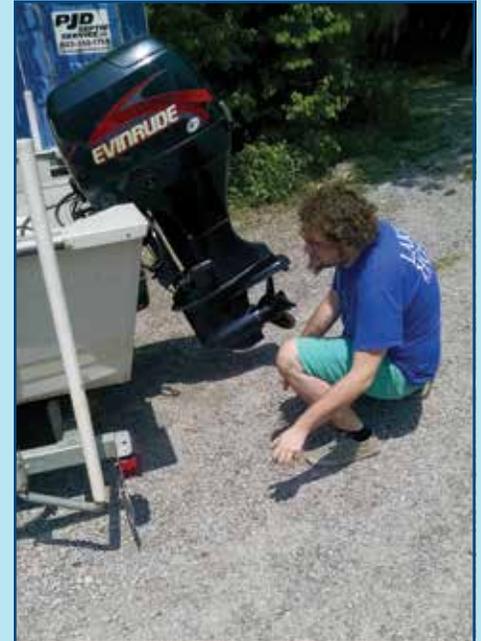
It is also enjoyable to meet so many people who come to town to spend the day, the week-

end, or the entire summer exploring the lake and the land around it. Many of these people don't know much about the lake or town and it is fun to help them learn more. Sometimes I make new friends, and I enjoy learning about the lives of these people, often from far away, and hearing what they like about Stoddard.

I also enjoy the educational part of lake hosting. It is satisfying to be able to help people understand the importance of protecting the lake and the environment, and to teach them how to accomplish that. Most visitors are friendly, happy to listen, and pleased to be able to help protect the lakes that they are using for their own recreation.

As a Lake Host, I am helping to protect the environment. This would be true anywhere, but it is especially gratifying to be able to do this in my hometown. I sometimes kayak the lakes in Stoddard and I often hike in the woods and along the many waterbodies in town. The lake is important to the town, to townspeople, to visitors, and to me personally. If my job can help to protect the lakes and ponds of our town and

help other people learn how to protect them as well, I think this will help in preserving the natural beauty in New Hampshire for future generations to enjoy.



Lake Host Nate Rumrill enjoys working as a Lake Host at Highland Lake.

## In Memoriam

On January 29, 2016, **James Moore** of New London, New Hampshire, passed away. James was one of the original founding members of the New Hampshire Lakes Association and was recognized an honorary board member thereafter. He served on the NH LAKES water quality committee for several years. He was also active in other New Hampshire conservation organizations including the New Hampshire Resource Conservation and Development Council and the New Hampshire Lay Lakes Monitoring Program. We are grateful for his contributions to lake education and protection and to NH LAKES.

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amount was to be allocated annually as grants from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to support exotic aquatic species education and prevention activities, such as the Lake Host Program. In 2010, NH LAKES helped get this amount raised to up to three-quarters of the fund.

This summer, the Lake Host Program is funded by grants from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, TransCanada, private foundations, and contributions from municipalities, lake associations, and individuals.

The Lake Host Program is open to groups (lake, pond, river and watershed associations, municipalities, and other community groups) that pledge to staff local boat ramps open to the general public. Through this program, NH LAKES provides ('sets aside') grant funding to

cover the payroll costs of individuals hired as NH LAKES employees to work as Lake Hosts at local ramps throughout the state.

Participating groups are required to match their payroll award by a minimum of 100% by providing volunteer labor and/or by contributing funding to extend Lake Host employee coverage at their ramp.

"While we provide the payroll services, training, uniforms, handouts, and staff support, there's no way the Lake Host Program would be a reality without local groups stepping up to the plate to take action to protect their local lakes and ponds," commented Tom O'Brien, NH LAKES President. "Without local groups choosing to host the Lake Host Program to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in their community over the last 15 years, I shudder to think what our lakes would be like today."

# NH LAKES Advocacy Update

by Tom O'Brien, NH LAKES President & Policy Advocate



We have done it! Together we got House Bill (HB) 1589—the ‘Clean and Drain’ bill—to the Governor’s desk for her to sign into law. Following a unanimous voice vote in support of the bill in the

House, the Senate voted likewise—all in favor. In mid-June, Governor Hassan signed HB 1589 into law! **Please thank your State Representatives, along with the Governor, for their support of this bill!**

Why is HB 1589 such a big deal? Under the provisions of this bill, which will go into effect January 1, 2017, all boaters in New Hampshire will be required to clean off **all** aquatic vegetation from the outside of their boat and trailer, and to drain their boat, every time they exit a waterbody. Under current law it is illegal to transport only certain ‘exotic plants’ and New Hampshire Fish and Game rules prohibit the sale of certain invasive animals. Unfortunately, the existing exotic plant transport prohibitions were virtually unenforceable, primarily because the positive identification of specific plant species by law enforcement personnel was required and, in the case of invasive animals (e.g. Asian clams, zebra mussels), the juvenile stages of these animals are virtually invisible to the naked eye. And, under current law, there are no draining provisions. **We know that if boats are cleaned of all vegetation and drained of all water (and ideally dried for a minimum of five days) aquatic invasive plants and animals will be prevented from ‘hitchhiking’ from one waterbody to another.** That’s why HB 1589 is such a big deal.

Also on the aquatic invasive species front, Governor Hassan declared June 2016 ‘Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Month.’ Governor Hassan provided us with her proclamation just in time to be read at our 2016 Lakes Congress by State Representative Suzanne Smith (Hebron). Rep. Smith chairs the Exotic Aquatic Weeds and Species Committee and it

was that study committee (on which NH LAKES serves) that did the necessary groundwork—through research and education—to get HB 1589 successfully through the legislative process.

At our 2016 Lakes Congress, we also held a strategic planning session on the future of our Advocacy Program. NH LAKES has defined advocacy strategies that it employs, but we always want to hear from our members about how we can improve upon these strategies, as well as on the issues which we should be trying to address. Our current strategies are to:

- Seek NH LAKES member input and feedback on an ongoing basis;
- Utilize partnerships, collaboration, and coalitions;
- Maintain strategic relationships in the State Legislature;
- Effectively participate in the public policy decision making arena; and
- Engage when necessary and practicable our Congressional delegation.

In this strategic planning conversation our existing strategies were affirmed and we got specific feedback on the importance of **working in partnership**. To have our voice heard,



*With the signing of House Bill 1589 into law, starting in 2017 our lakes will be better protected from the spread of aquatic invasive species.*

we must work in partnership with other statewide conservation organizations within the broader water sector (e.g. rivers, water supply, and water treatment), with governmental agencies, and with the State Legislature.

Our Lakes Congress strategic planning session also identified specific issues that NH LAKES should address:

- Advocating for a more proactive and comprehensive lake management system in New Hampshire;
- Generating new and/or additional resources for lake management;
- Assessing and addressing a broader spectrum of threats to our lakes (e.g. stormwater runoff and other aquatic invasive species transport vectors);
- Helping to improve lake water quality monitoring data integration and accessibility;
- Working to improve laws relative to septic system upgrades and compliance; and
- Adapting lake management and protection to changes in climate and water temperatures.

Through this summer and fall we will be talking with our membership, Lake Hosts, lake associations, and with our other partners and stakeholders, to determine the best ways to educate all boaters in New Hampshire about the new “Clean and Drain” law. We will continue the research and conversations necessary for potential legislation to be filed in the upcoming 2017 Legislative Session. We will also be conducting our annual advocacy survey in the fall.

If you aren’t already signed up for the NH LAKES Advocacy Alert! Eburst, please do so at [www.nhlakes.org](http://www.nhlakes.org) or email us at [info@nhlakes.org](mailto:info@nhlakes.org). And, if you have any questions or input, contact me at [tobrien@nhlakes.org](mailto:tobrien@nhlakes.org) or (603) 226-0299.

*The State of New Hampshire  
By Her Excellency  
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor*

*A Proclamation*

**AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS  
MONTH  
JUNE 2016**

**WHEREAS**, New Hampshire is known across the nation as a premier destination for fishing, boating, swimming, and observing wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, Residents, visitors, and businesses in New Hampshire value and depend on our beautiful and healthy lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams; and

**WHEREAS**, Aquatic invasive species of plants, animals, and algae have the potential to choke out native species that provide essential food and habitat for fish, birds, and other animals; and

**WHEREAS**, Aquatic invasive species cause millions of dollars in damage to underwater structures, drinking water intakes, and other infrastructure that is vital to New Hampshire's safety and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Aquatic invasive species pose threats to income from tourism, values of shoreline properties, and sheer enjoyment of the state's natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, New Hampshire is blessed to have dedicated agency staff, nonprofit professionals, and citizen scientists throughout the state who are dedicated to preserving these natural resources through prevention, early detection, and rapid response initiatives for aquatic invasive species;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **JUNE 2016** as **AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of New Hampshire and encourage all citizens to observe this month and recognize the seriousness of invasive aquatic species and the potential negative impact that they can have on our environment, our economy, and our state.



Given this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty.

*Maggie Hassan*

Margaret Wood Hassan  
Governor

*At the 2016 Lakes Congress, State Representative Suzanne Smith (Hebron) addressed the audience with the proclamation made by Governor Hassan declaring June 2016 'Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Month.'*

# A record-breaking success!



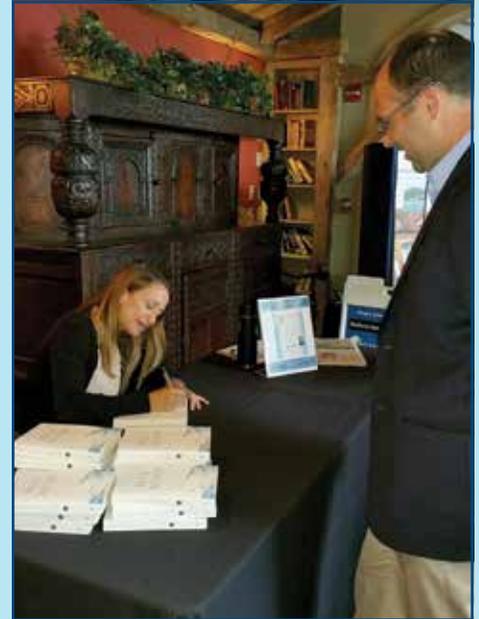
The 2016 Lakes Congress, presented by Grappone Automotive Group and hosted by the New Hampshire Lakes Association, was a record-breaking success! Over the two-day event, approximately 250 individuals had a myriad of opportunities to gain information and inspiration and to make connections to help educate, advocate, and organize to protect our lakes.

Hans Hug, Jr., diver and underwater historian, kicked off Lakes Congress on the evening of Thursday, June 2, with his *"What Lies Beneath Winnepesaukee?"* presentation, hosted by the Lake Winnepesaukee Association in partnership with NH LAKES. The 140+ individuals in attendance were fascinated by his many discoveries made while exploring the depths of the Big Lake.

On Friday morning, Céline Cousteau, storyteller, creative, president of CauseCentric Productions, founder of her namesake Film

Fellowship, and granddaughter of the legendary underwater explorer and filmmaker Jacques Cousteau, presented the keynote address. Based, in part, on the NY Times best-seller *Blue Mind*, Céline shared compelling personal stories while exploring the cognitive, emotional, psychological, social, and spiritual benefits of healthy water and illustrating the crucial importance of maintaining our deep connection to the world's largest resource. Her presentation was humorous, witty, and awe-inspiring. One attendee remarked, "Céline's presentation was brilliant! One of the best I've ever heard!" After her presentation, Céline met one-on-one with attendees and signed their recently purchased copies of *Blue Mind*, as she authored its foreword.

During lunch, New Hampshire State Representative Suzanne Smith (Hebron) addressed the audience with the proclamation made by Governor Hassan declaring June



Lakes Congress keynote presenter Céline Cousteau signed copies of the NY Times Bestseller *Blue Mind* for attendees.

2016 'Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Month.'

The 173 attendees on Friday had 16 workshop sessions to choose from throughout the day. If you missed the 2016 Lakes Congress—or even if you didn't and just weren't able to get to all the sessions that you wanted to—you can view most of the presentations given during the event by visiting [www.nhlakes.org/lakes-congress](http://www.nhlakes.org/lakes-congress).



Lakes Congress attendees had many opportunities to network with exhibitors throughout the day on Friday.

## Thank you to our 2016 Lakes Congress Sponsors!

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We extend a special thank you to Grappone Automotive Group, our 2016 Lakes Congress Presenting Sponsor, who made it possible for us to bring Céline Cousteau to Lakes Congress!



**Route 3A, in Bow, where 89 meets 93**

#### **In the market for a new vehicle?**

Fourth Generation Steward, Amanda Grappone Osmer, has committed Grappone Automotive's support to the 2017 Lakes Congress if they can tie the sale of 10 vehicles to NH LAKES. If you are in the market for a new vehicle, the knowledgeable staff at Grappone Automotive would love to help you. If you choose to purchase a vehicle, please let them know you are a friend of NH LAKES, and let us know about your purchase, too! Your purchase could be worth \$500 to next year's Lakes Congress.

## **SAVE THE DATE** *for the 2017 Lakes Congress!*

*Thursday, June 1 & Friday, June 2!*

*"I can't wait for the 2017 Lakes Congress!" – Ed S., 2016 Lakes Congress participant*

## *The Updated 'Lake Book' is Now Available!*

Those of you who joined us at Lakes Congress found a copy of the updated and newly published "*New Hampshire Lakes and YOU! A guide to clean, healthy & safe lakes*" in your conference packet. This publication, also known as the 'Lake Book' was first printed in 2008 and then again in 2011. Now, in 2016, it has been updated, improved, and reprinted with grant support from The Wolfeboro Fund, The Bea and Woolsey Conover Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, and The Peter H. and Susan R. Goodwin Fund.

NH LAKES developed this guide to provide people like you with an understanding of lake ecology, the function of watersheds, and the connections between lake quality and your activities in your home, on your property, along the shoreline, and out on the lake itself.

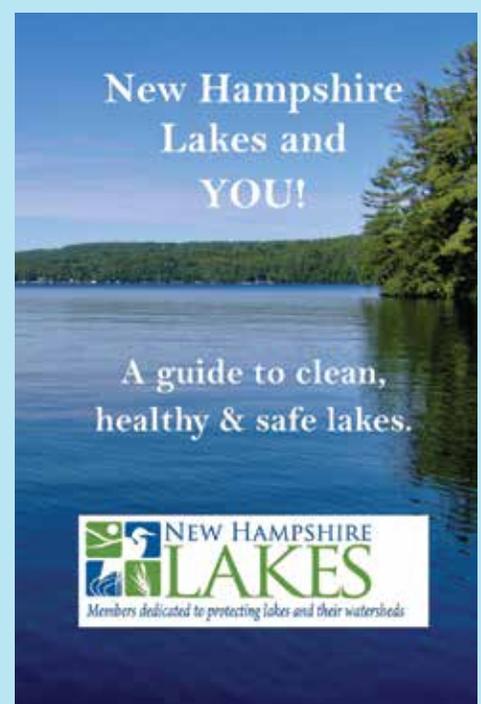
- Want to know how to make your shoreline unattractive to waterfowl?

- Are you wondering what plants you should use in your upcoming landscaping project?
- Wondering whether your plan to alter the terrain of lakefront property requires state approval and who you should contact?

In this updated edition, you'll find out the answers to all these questions, and much, much more.

This guide will be sent out to new, renewing, and current members upon request. It is also available for free download on our website at [www.nhlakes.org](http://www.nhlakes.org).

If your lake association is a member of NH LAKES, your group is entitled to 50 complimentary copies. If you would like to receive copies to hand out at your annual meeting or other community event, contact Martha Lovejoy, Member Services Administrator, at [mlovejoy@nhlakes.org](mailto:mlovejoy@nhlakes.org) or (603) 226-0299.



# In the Heart of New Hampshire – The New Hampshire Boat Museum

by Lisa Simpson Lutts, Director



*The New Hampshire Boat Museum is currently located at 399 Center Street/Route 28, in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.*

Over twenty years ago, when several men and women who loved old wood boats conceived of the New Hampshire Boat Museum, they established a museum where New Hampshire's boating heritage would be preserved, primarily through the collecting and exhibiting of vintage watercraft.

What our founders did not anticipate was the growth and development of the museum to what we are today. Now run by an active Board of Trustees and two professional museum staff, the museum's mission has expanded beyond wooden boats. Today, the museum's mission is to preserve, exhibit, and educate about the history of life on New Hampshire's many lakes.

Last year's exhibit on the history of Lake Wentworth was a case in point. While wooden boats with a Lake Wentworth history were shown, the exhibition delved into the full social history of this lake. The exhibit touched on everything from the Native Americans to Lake Wentworth's many lodging properties, from families to architecture.

In addition to changing exhibitions, the museum offers active and engaged learning opportunities for young and old throughout the season. With over 14 major events or education programs in a season, the museum presents a wide-range of hands-on experiences ranging from sailing, boat building, model yachting, to a week-long children's camp. All opportunities have a goal of helping people actively learn by doing.

Located in Wolfeboro Falls just two miles from Lake Winnepesaukee and downtown Wolfeboro, the New Hampshire Boat Museum has achieved a reputation as the place to experience the many aspects of New Hampshire's lakes, but also as family-centric destination. The museum's Family Activity Center provides a fun learning spot for kids, while their parents tour the museum at their leisure.

This season's special exhibits include an art exhibit, "We've Got You Covered: The Art of *MotorBoating* Magazine Covers 1914-1935," an exhibit on locally-made McDuff Engines, and an exhibit on ice boating on New Hampshire's lakes.

After touring the museum, visitors are encouraged go to the Wolfeboro town dock to take a 45-minute narrated ride in the museum's 1920's era HackerCraft, the *Millie B*. For those who have never been gone on a vintage boat ride, this is a fun and memorable experience.

The museum has a small but growing permanent collection that relates to its mission. Naturally boats are the mainstay of the collection. We are always looking for fresh water boats of all types, especially those with a New Hampshire history to add to the collection.

In addition, the museum collects historic motors and engines, historic photos and postcards showing boating and lake scenes, summer lakeside children's camp memorabilia, and all types of boating memorabilia.

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Recent additions to the collection include a huge postcard collection that features scenes from both Lake Wentworth and Winnepesaukee. Also a donor's much cherished collection of items saved from her time at Lake Winnepesaukee's Camp Kehonka in the late 1940s. The museum is always looking for new items for the collection related to any lake in New Hampshire.

To find out more about the New Hampshire Boat Museum, its programs, events and offerings visit to our website: [www.nhbm.org](http://www.nhbm.org). The museum is open daily for the 2016 season from Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day weekend.

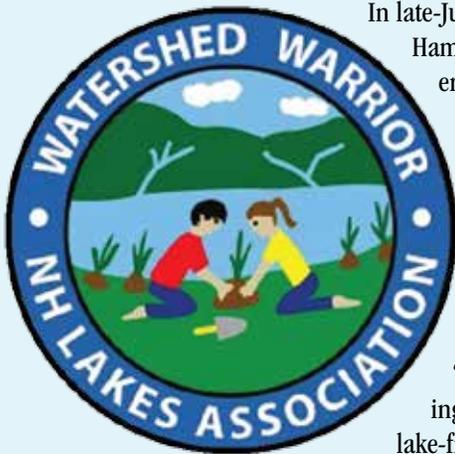
If you have any question you can contact Museum Director Lisa Simpson Lutts directly at the museum: (603) 569-4554. Or, contact her by email: [lisa@nhbm.org](mailto:lisa@nhbm.org).



*From the Wolfeboro town dock, visitors can take a 45-minute narrated ride on the New Hampshire Boat Museum's Millie B.*

## *The Watershed Warrior Program is visiting the Boat Museum this summer!*

*Invite the Program to your community, too!*



In late-July, the NH LAKES outreach team will be hosting the Watershed Warrior Program for the New Hampshire Boat Museum's Lake Discovery Camp. At this camp, children discover how the lakes, rivers, and streams of Wolfeboro connect the past with the future. The NH LAKES Watershed Warriors Program is a perfect fit for this camp!

Traveling through the stations of the Watershed Warrior activity circuit, participants experience hands-on fun while learning about lake ecology and simple everyday things that people can do to help keep lakes healthy. At the end of the circuit, participants have the opportunity to become a 'Watershed Warrior' by pledging to incorporate at least one lake-friendly practice into their daily routine. All Watershed Warriors

earn a multicolored patch and certificate.

**If your lake association is hosting a family-friendly event this summer, or if there is a festival or youth camp in your community, contact us to bring the Watershed Warrior activity circuit!**

There's no charge for this program and we know that youth—and their parents—will enjoy it while learning how to keep our lakes healthy, safe, and clean.

Our Watershed Warrior activity circuit touring schedule is almost full—to make your reservation, contact us at [info@nhlakes.org](mailto:info@nhlakes.org).



*Megan Hanna from NH LAKES enjoys helping youth learn how to take action as a 'Watershed Warrior' to keep our lakes healthy.*

# Are there historical properties in your lake community?

by Elizabeth Durfee Hengen, Historic Preservation Consultant, Concord, New Hampshire and Roger Larochelle, Executive Director, Squam Lakes Conservation Society

One of the largest undertakings in the nation to preserve historic properties is occurring along one of New Hampshire's most cherished lakes—Squam Lake. Since 2009, a broad coalition of conservationists, historians, preservationists, concerned citizens, and non-profit organizations has been working together to recognize and protect the numerous historic properties within the Squam Lake watershed. The project area includes some 42,000 acres in five towns and three counties.

The primary purpose of the project has been to use the National Register of Historic Places as a means to identify and document Squam's historical resources, raise awareness of the interconnectivity of the built and natural landscapes, and encourage their preservation. While much has been written about the Squam Lakes area, this project is providing the first in-depth, comprehensive, scholarly documentation of its most iconic properties.

The coalition first oversaw the compilation of a National Register Multiple Property Documentation Form, endorsed by the National Park Service in 2012. The form, which established the framework for subsequent National Register nominations, was unusual and innovative, weaving historic data into a narrative that explains how and why the Squam watershed evolved to be a pristine natural area with a rich cultural heritage. The form has provoked a great deal of interest, as it not only lays out the historic evolution of the area, but articulates exactly what the character-defining elements of both the buildings and cultural landscape are, thus laying the groundwork for managing future growth. The form has proved so popular that it is for sale at the Squam Lakes Conservation Society.

The project received private funding from more than 150 donors, enabling the committee to establish a grant pool to assist owners with

the costs associated with nominating their properties. About half of the owners undertaking nominations received a subsidy. Proceeds from sales of the documentation form also went into the grant pool.

By early 2017, a total of seventeen separate nominations will have been completed and listed on the National Register. The listed properties include more than 300 resources on approximately 1,250 acres, most of it undeveloped fields and woodland, but historically associated. The resources are wide-ranging: several camp enclaves with diverse secondary structures, such as bunkhouses, guest houses, ice houses, sermon huts, open-air chapels, music studios, tennis courts, boathouses and pump houses; farmsteads with significant agricultural outbuildings, including barns, poultry houses, spring houses, sap houses and blacksmith shops; Rockywold-Deephaven Camps (a large organized camp for families founded in 1897); Chocorua Island Chapel, which grew out of the first summer youth camp in the nation; a private island camp; country houses; and a country estate. A hilltop historic district of eighteen cottages (with sixteen different owners) accompanied by outbuildings and boat/bath houses on the shore encompasses the earliest summer development on Squam.

Several related projects have grown out of the Squam National Register Initiative. An Archive Committee is working with the Squam Lakes Association to create appropriate space for archiving historic documents relating to Squam. The Town of Holderness recently added a chapter on historic resources to its master plan. And several owners of historic properties outside the Squam watershed, including an early boys' camp, have moved forward with nominations.

The effort is a natural complement to ongoing efforts of the Squam

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*Squam island camp and boathouse.*



*Squam camp.*

# NH LAKES *Staff and Board Happenings*

**Welcome!** We are thrilled to welcome two new young professionals to our summer staff—Krystal Costa and Megan Hanna!

Krystal is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire where she received her B.S. in Environmental Conservation Science. She spent many years as a Lake Host with the Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association and this summer she is helping to coordinate the Lake Host Program statewide.

Megan was a volunteer intern last summer with NH LAKES and is excited to join the staff this summer. She recently graduated with a B.S. in Environmental Science from Southern New Hampshire University. She enjoys hiking and camping in New Hampshire, but her favorite lake to visit is Lac-Simon in Quebec as she spent most summers with her family

there when she was young. Megan is helping to coordinate the Watershed Warrior Program.

## **Congratulations!**

Andrea LaMoreaux, NH LAKES Vice President, graduated from Leadership New Hampshire on May 26, 2016. Through this program, participants gain a deeper understanding of the issues facing our state and build connections with fellow classmates, a diverse group of emerging, influential leaders.

We congratulate Bob Varney, current NH LAKES Board Member and former Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) New England office, who was given the Ira Leighton "In Service to States" annual award this spring. Bob received this prestigious award for his wide range of

environmental achievements, including his efforts on global climate change, energy efficiency, integration of energy and environmental programs, clean air, clean water, safe drinking water, and environmental justice.

And, we congratulate Jim Haney, former NH LAKES Board Member, who received a 2016 EPA Environmental Merit Award for his work studying cyanobacteria blooms in bodies of water, an increasing problem in New England and worldwide.

**To learn more about our staff, board members, and committees,** visit our website ([www.nhlakes.org](http://www.nhlakes.org)) and select "About Us." If you or someone you know loves New Hampshire lakes and is interested in board service and applying their "work, wealth, and wisdom" to help keep our lakes healthy, clean, and safe, please contact NH LAKES President, Tom O'Brien, at [tobrien@nhlakes.org](mailto:tobrien@nhlakes.org).



## LAKE KEEPER SOCIETY

*Protecting New Hampshire lakes  
one drop at a time.*

### **You asked and we listened!**

A growing number of you—our members—have told us that you would prefer to support our efforts by making monthly recurring donations. We are pleased to introduce the Lake Keeper Society!

For as little as \$5 a month, you and members of your extended family can become a Lake Keeper! This is a hassle-free monthly donation program that you can easily change or suspend at any time. Just think, no more membership renewal mailings, emails, or phone calls!

### **Who should become a Lake Keeper?**

- Anyone who loves the work we do but sometimes forgets to renew their membership when it is due and, as a result, receives a second letter, email, and maybe even a phone call. If this is you, avoid the guilt and become a Lake Keeper—you will also help the NH LAKES staff save time and money!

- Anyone who wants to be entered to win prizes at different times throughout the year. **Become a Lake Keeper by July 4 and you will be entered to win an overnight stay at the Common Man Inn & Spa in Plymouth, New Hampshire, along with a gift certificate for dinner.** As long as you remain a member of the Lake Keeper Society, you will always be entered to win prizes offered through any and all future Lake Keeper Society drawings.
- Members of your extended family that may live away but who enjoy knowing that NH LAKES is here, working year-round protecting these waters, ensuring they remain as clean and clear as they remember from their childhood.

**Please consider becoming a member of the Lake Keeper Society and help us to protect New Hampshire lakes one drop at a time. Thank you!**

### *Historical Properties, continued from page 10*

Lakes Conservation Society and the Squam Lakes Association to conserve land and water quality. Such conservation work has been entrenched within the Squam community for more than 100 years—as of 2015, 26% of the land within the watershed is under permanent protection—but scant attention had been paid to preservation work. This project is raising awareness of the value and significance of the cultural landscape and its interrelationship with the natural environment. Contrary to common perception, Register listing seldom impacts owner-initiated alterations and does not affect owner privacy. Listed properties will, however, afford some protection from publicly-funded, licensed, or permitted projects that may be out of character with the area.

To learn more about how to initiate such a project in your lake community, contact Roger Larochelle, Squam Lakes Conservation Society Executive Director, at [roger@squamlakes.com](mailto:roger@squamlakes.com) or (603) 968-7900.

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## Did you know that the IRA Charitable Rollover is now permanent?!

Congress recently made the IRA Charitable Rollover a permanent part of the Internal Revenue Code. Please consider taking advantage of this charitable tax benefit to support NH LAKES!

You can learn more by visiting our website—click on the “Support Us” tab at [www.nhlakes.org](http://www.nhlakes.org)—or by giving us a call at (603) 226-0299.

## Membership Matters

March 11 – June 14, 2016

### Individuals & Families

Jill Alexander  
Eve and Chuck Aretakis  
James Beard  
Austin Broadhurst, Jr.  
Robert Cole  
Kathleen DiRamio  
Emily Drake  
Carol and Robert Fontaine  
Gary and Marianne Gentel  
Ellen George  
Patricia and Roger Gingrich  
J.S. and Kurt Graustein  
Wendy Haynes

Bessie Kalamvokis  
David Ladd  
Mr. and Mrs. David S. Lee  
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Kathy McGhee  
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Andrea Polizos  
Dr. Fred Quimby and Mrs. Cynthia Quimby  
James and Barbara Rowe  
Marie Samaha  
Donna and Joseph Santoro  
The Honorable Suzanne J. Smith

Thomas and Sandra Stark  
Ed and Louanne Stephenson  
Mark Sullivan  
Richard Surace  
Peter and Sally Vacca

### Associations

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### Grants Received

Caswell Foundation Trust

Bea and Woolsey Conover Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation  
The Peter H. and Susan R. Goodwin Fund  
State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services  
New Hampshire Electric Co-op Foundation  
Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation  
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