

## HALF MOON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTICE

The Second Annual Meeting of the Half Moon Lake Association for the 2010 season will be held on Sunday, August 29th, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. in the dining hall at Camp Mi-Te-Na. They will provide chairs and coffee.

We had a very good July meeting this year, except for the torrential downpours. Our guest speaker was Sgt. Josh Girth from the New Hampshire Marine Patrol. He answered many questions and gave a very informative presentation on the rules and regulations for safe boating on our lake. \*See the attachment for some of the highlights discussed. Please be reminded to travel in a **counterclockwise** direction on our lake.

We have had a certified diver in twice this summer to hand pick our milfoil. If you think you see milfoil, please call one of the officers and someone will come out and verify. If you see a piece floating on the water, pick it out and throw it in your trash. We seem to finally be making headway on this problem.

Nominations for new officers were taken at the July meeting and can be added to, at the August meeting, when a vote for our new officers will be taken. Nominations are as follows: President...Roger Hatch; Vice President...Bill Mannion; Secretary...no new nomination received; Treasurer...Linda Bramante.

Our Annual Labor Day Weekend Boat Parade is scheduled for Saturday, September 4th. (Rain date of Sunday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>). If you would like to participate, please meet in front of Camp Mi-Te-Na around 8:00 P.M. We hope to see some nicely decorated boats for the parade. Drive carefully and have fun!!

Halfmoon Lake T- shirts will be available at this meeting and are priced at \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for kids.

We now have street representatives for each street or smaller association on the lake, to make the officers jobs more manageable. These representatives are responsible to get their member's name, lake address, home address and E-Mail address. The representatives are as follows: Rustic Shores...Bill and Pat Mannion; South Shore Drive...Ed Blair and Dan Wildes; Crescent Drive...Ann Bohley and Mike Geraci; Newcastle Ext...David Parish; O'Neill Drive...David Briggs; Fire Road 1.The Point...John Wheeler; Route 28 Alton Line to Varney Rd... Vickie Pelletier; Fernhill...Al Gengras; and Varney Road...no representative available at this time.

We are working to get another informational speaker for this meeting. See you on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

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**DUES ARE DUE!!!! LITTLE MONEY FOR A BIG JOB!!! ONLY \$10 PER HOUSEHOLD!!!**

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Half Moon Lake Association Dues for 2010 from:

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**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Make checks payable to the "Half Moon Lake Association"

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**Highlights.... Boating Safety**  
**Alton-Barnstead Half Moon Lake Association Meeting**  
**July 10<sup>th</sup> 2010**

Our guest speaker at this meeting was Sgt. Josh Girth of the NH Marine Patrol. This is, by no means, a full listing of boating laws, but the highlights of a few that Josh went over with us.

- 1) Safe Passage Law: When operating within 150 feet of all other boats, floats, docks, swimmers, and the shore: You must operate at headway speed...the lowest speed at which you can still maintain steering or 6 MPH.
- 2) RSA 270:74 Prohibits the use of Ski craft (one and two person) on all public bodies of water less than 75 acres in size
- 3) RSA 270:74-a No person shall operate a Ski craft on a Saturday or Sunday on Halfmoon Lake in Barnstead, (Effective 12/31/89) ...
- 4) Ski Craft means any motorized watercraft or private boat, which is less than 13' in length, exceeds 20 MPH, and can hold only one operator and one other person while in operation. This ruling is not for the 3 passenger personal watercraft.
- 5) No person less than 16 years may operate a ski craft. PFD's must be worn while operating a ski craft. No ski craft can be operated after sunset.
- 6) All boating accidents that cause property damage must be reported and it is a Class A misdemeanor not to do so. Boating accidents that cause injury or death must be reported or it is a Class B felony.
- 7) It is not illegal to operate a boat with an open container of alcohol in your hand, as long as you are not impaired. If you are found to be impaired or DUI and convicted, you will be fined not less than \$500, lose your license to operate a boat for 1 year and your car license also.
- 8) Boating Education Certificates are required for any operator of a motorized craft over 25 HP. The first offense has a \$60 fine and \$300 fine for the second offense. You should have your boating education certificate, or a copy of it, on you whenever you are operating a boat over 25 HP. If you are fined for not having one on you, you have 48 hours to provide proof of the certificate. <http://www.boat-ed.com/nh/>.
- 9) The maximum number of people that can be towed behind a boat, at any given time in NH, is two, even if the towable holds 3 or more. Two people being towed require an operator of the boat plus two spotters, age 13 or older, able to render help as needed. Towing is not permitted after sunset.
- 10) Overloading a boat, in numbers or weight, can result in a fine. There must be a lifeguard-approved jacket on board for each person on board that corresponds with each person's size and weight. Even paddleboats require PFD's. Boats over 16' must have a type IV throwable cushion or ring. All children 12 years of age or younger must wear a USCG approved life jacket when the boat is in operation.
- 11) Navigation lights must be on from sunset to sunrise as long as the boat is in operation, not ½ hour after sunset or ½ hour before sunrise. A non-powered canoe or kayak, at sunset, requires a white 360-degree light that can be seen for two miles. The resulting fine for not having a light is \$85.