



July 2017

Greetings HMLA Members:

We held the first 2017 annual Halfmoon Lake Association meeting on the evening of July 7th. This marked our first ever meeting combined with a social event which turned out to be a great success with 52 members and guests attending. Thanks to everyone who attended and brought delicious munchies and beverages. Hopefully this will become a new tradition for HMLA.

Attached is a copy of the minutes from the meeting. Please take time to read through the minutes and learn about important news regarding the Association and Halfmoon Lake.

Other News and Advisories:

BOAT SAFETY AND TRAFFIC PATTERNS:

Please be advised that there is a standard rule for boater traffic pattern in place on Halfmoon Lake. All boaters should abide by traveling in a counter-clockwise pattern. This advisory was put in place years ago to ensure safety. We have recently observed several boaters who are traveling in the opposite direction (clockwise) and understand that they are not aware of our traffic pattern. If you are renting your home/cottage, please post a notice regarding imposed traffic patterns to assure safety.

With a new family of loons on the lake (residing mostly in the cove, but straying farther into the depths of the lake), we have seen several incidents of boaters encroaching on loon territory, either coming between parents and chicks or coming dangerously close to the family. We ask that all boaters please keep a look out for the loon family when cruising, water skiing, or tubing and avoid navigating between the parents and chicks. We also want to caution boaters from cruising too close to the loon family for a closer look to prevent any undue distress. If you see one of the parent loons flapping its wings, it is a signal that you are too close.

NEW STATE LAW FOR BOATERS:



Imagine a boat or trailer like this one pulling up to our lake! The Halfmoon Lake Association has been very diligent about monitoring and clearing the lake of invasive species such as Milfoil. However, we cannot control boats and trailers from launching into the lake that carry invasive plants from other locations. We have signs posted to alert boaters of this threat, but to better enforce this practice, the State of New Hampshire has recently passed a House Bill 1589 - the 'Clean & Drain' bill – which is now law. With this law, all boaters in New

Hampshire are now required to clean off **all** aquatic vegetation - native and invasive - from the outside of their boat and trailer, making frightening sights like this . Boaters are also required to drain their boat every time they exit a waterbody, helping to prevent aquatic invasive plants and animals from "hitchhiking" from one waterbody to another. We ask that any boater who puts in or out of Halfmoon Lake abide by this law. For the most part, lake front owners are aware of this, but if you are leasing your property, please post a notice for your renters this. As a community, we can all contribute to maintaining the quality of our lake.

AUGUST MEETING & PICNIC SOCIAL:

Last year's 50th celebration was such a success that the HMLA has decided to make it an annual tradition. On Saturday, August 26th at Camp Mi-Te-Na from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm we will hold the second annual meeting for 2017, followed by a Pot Luck Picnic. Please mark your calendar. We will start with an Association meeting, possibly with a speaker (to be announced) and follow with a barbeque of hot dogs and hamburgers generously provided by the YMCA camp. Each family is asked to bring a side dish or dessert. As with last year, the camp will open up their facilities so there will be games, basketball, three-way tug-of-war, climbing wall and more. Come and enjoy the fun and meet your neighbors. More information to come.

LOST & FOUND:

We have heard from several lake HMLA member regarding things lost and found around the lake. Below is a list of recent reports. If you should lose something or find something of value, please contact Kate Brown at katebrown@browntech.com and check our website at www.halfmoonlakenh.org. Below are recent articles/pets found.

Found small pink dog's vest: floating in the cove. If it is yours please call Shelly Lalos at (603) 670-485.

Found Lost Black Lab Dog: at 20 Water Street at Fernhill Development on Half Moon Lake. Contact Mike Joy at (693) 767-7458.

Found Adjustable boat cover pole: floating in the lake. If you are missing one, please call Fab Cusson at (603) 765-3574.

Found wooden canoe paddle: washed ashore. If you are missing one, please call Fab Cusson at (603) 765-3574.

Left at July Social: White dish cloth with red and brown strips. Please call Kate Brown at (978) 376-9598.