



Summer 2003

WHAT A 4th OF JULY!

The fourth was a very good day for the boat parade with 31 boats participating in the bright sun of a week that was punctuated by perfect weather.

Parade leader Les Hall took us for a clockwise turn around the lake for the first time in our 35 years of boating here. Good job Les, except our boat got con-

fused. I had to explain to her that all was ok. The boats were as well decorated as ever with patriotic themes as varied as could be. It seems that we are still very proud of our country in spite of political differences. Even with 31 boats in the parade there were still several at dock. Folks may have been away for the holiday or busy with festivities and guests.



July 4th 2003 Boat Parade

SUMMER FUN FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS!

Nearly every home and camp that didn't have their family in the boat parade had folks in the back yard cheering the well decorated crafts as they passed by. The boats in turn tooted and honked in recognition. It was a happy time for all!

We're told by the old-timers that fun days

like these have been going on every summer since boats have been on the lake. For example, the photo on the following page, taken in 1910, shows a steam boat on Canobie Lake. The boat looks to be about 16-18' long. It would be surprising

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Boat Parade Spectators

FIREWORKS

Three nights of fantastic fireworks helped us celebrate this year's 4th of July with a real BANG!. We haven't had that kind of action in quite a while. Lots of boats were out to view the pyrotechnics on Thursday, the 3rd & Friday, the 4th. There were a few less boats viewing the on Saturday, the 5th. Just goes to show you... there are many ways to celebrate!



Fantastic Fireworks!

WHO'S WHO?

At night it's near impossible to know whose boat is next to you. Many times you can be watching the fireworks while a close friend's boat is just 10' away and you have no way of knowing it. How can we remedy situations like this?

A simple lighting code or a clicker might work. The two way radios with several channels may solve the problem. Most folks forget to keep extra batteries around though. If anyone has a good idea please let us know.

We're also getting to the point where we may want to create a boat list for members of the association. It's purpose would be to let us know who's who on the lake. With about six pontoon boats, each with red, blue or green tops, identification can get a little confusing. Something like a laminated card that lists boat types, colors, length owner name, etc. would be a big help.

We have 100+ boats of various types on the lake as of July 29th. A detailed listing of boats by count, size, type & color is enclosed.

if one of them isn't on the bottom of the lake today. Some say they were coal or wood fired. It would be fun to find one down there and bring it up to see how things worked.

At the turn of the century, most visitors and vacationers came to the farms and camps around Canobie Lake by trolley lines which ran from Lowell, Lawrence and Haverhill. The old Boston & Maine railroad also came through from Boston to Canobie Lake Station.

Nearly all camps had screen porches since they didn't have air conditioning back in those days. Most families slept and ate on their porches because they were on the lake front, which offered a cooling breeze.

Notice, in the photo below, that the front entrances to the homes are on the water-front. In fact, all entrances were on the water with staircases built leading to screen porches from the docks. This was

because when the original camps were built, all access was from the water by ferry boat from the Canobie Lake Hotel dock.

The ferry line was operated by Mr. Adams, who lived at what is now 79 West Shore Road, Windham. Mr. Adams was also a builder and constructed homes at 77, 79 and 81 West Shore Road, in 1901, 1902 & 1903. We know this because his wife was still alive in 1968.



The "Mineola" one of the parks many boat rides. This photo is undated."



The Kennedy family camp. Several generations watch the boat parade.

SCENE ON CANOBIE LAKE.



BOATER SAFETY EDUCATION

Effective Jan. 1, 2002, no person born after Jan. 1, 1983, may operate a powerboat with an engine in excess of 15 horsepower (including electric powered motors) on the public waters of New Hampshire without a valid safe boating education certificate.

The law will be phased in over seven years with compliance for all boaters by

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LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE

An association member lost both lower motor unit gears on the July 4th. The cause? A dropped flag pole and a 3' x 5' flag that became wrapped around his propeller. Of course that's what shear pins are for. Even so, the repair cost was \$300 and 6 days off the lake.

We should all be aware of and remove any floating objects which may cause harm to a boat. Let's all practice common courtesy.

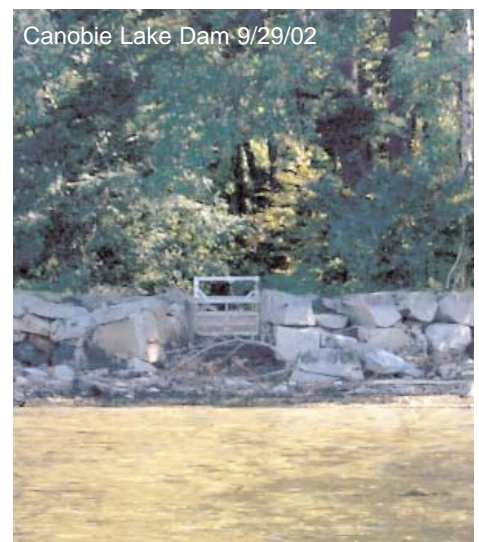
WATER DEPTHS

July 16th - 219.25 ASL - Down 9"
July 23rd - 219.00 ASL - Down 12"
July 30th - 218.80 ASL - Down 15".

The decreasing water level is not normal. A year ago on July 30th, the water level was 217'.6 ASL - down 27".

We don't like it when the water level gets below 217'.0 before Oct. 10th. This is when the switch over to Arlington Pond takes place.

NOTE: All measurements are relative to top of Canobie Lake dam which is 220 ASL. ASL=Above Sea Level.



2003 BASS TOURNAMENT

Hundreds of bass fishermen turned out for the first annual Canobie Lake Trophy Tournament. In the end though, Richie Campiola, last year's winner was once again the champ. Using a pig-a-ma-jig lure to catch the large mouth bass you see in the photo below.



Richie Campiola shows off his prize-winning bass.

The fact is, Richie was the only entrant in the tournament! We are discouraged that more parents don't give confidence to their children to join in the fun with other teens.

The association advocates any type of safe, interactive activity between children which can certainly be monitored by any of us who are willing to volunteer.



LOON-EY TOONS



Pictured above are the 2001 loons and chick at two days old. This was taken just before a gull took the chick. Better luck next year, we hoped. We were right. The adult loons were banded to prove they were ours.



The 2002 adult and chick, successful in spite of one adult being caught by a hook and bobbers. We worried until they arrived here this year and the loon intern proved they were ours by the leg bands.

Photo by Bruce Preseton-Salem Observer



2003 Interlopers.

The three loons shown above appeared in Heron Cove about ten days before our eggs were to hatch on July 18. They stayed around for a few days and were very close to the nest. According to the loon intern, this may have caused our loons to fight with them and abandon the nest. The intern took the cold egg to the lab to analyze it for lead and mercury content.

The leading cause of loon deaths in NH last year was from lead sinkers. Only lead sinkers 1 oz. and smaller were banned. A shame!

WHY YOU SHOULD CARE ABOUT CHLORIDE

Chloride is a component of road salt. Due to our proximity to Route 93, Canobie Lake's chloride intake has doubled in the past 25 years.

Cobbetts Pond is another lake which has doubled its chloride PPM (parts per million) in the past 25 years. Although this is cause for concern for both lakes, it is especially troubling for Canobie Lake as it is a source of drinking water. The same is untrue based on a list of approximately fifty lakes which are not astride major highways. Canobie Lake and Cobbetts are!

We had to request this information and we're not even sure DOT or the Town of Salem has it in their possession. It was a simple request made to DES by one of our board members who received the results back promptly.

We've gone from 30 ppm to 60 ppm in 25 years. Route 93 is due to double in size and capacity which will add considerably to the population base over the next 25 years. We have to assume that the chloride will double again. It is also possible that chloride levels will grow exponentially to 150 ppm or more.

While chloride isn't dangerous to humans at these levels, it does become a problem to the lower animal life in the food chain. It also effects wetlands, marshes & other wildlife. This may not seem to be much of an issue but, the slightest damage to a delicate eco-balance can have alarming consequences.

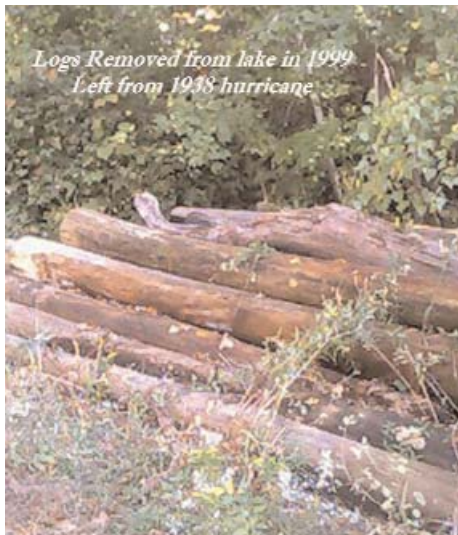
Should the increase in chloride levels go unchecked during a period of significant growth, which seems to be upon us, there's no telling how soon we'll reach a level that is dangerous to humans - 250 ppm.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Town of Salem have scheduled meetings to address these and other issues. Members should attend to make sure concerns are voiced.

At previous meetings, Town officials did not address the problems adequately. In fact they worked against them by suggesting such items as redirecting a brook into Canobie lake which will have road

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salt in it. Additionally, they suggested retention basins in Windham with gates to hold the Route 93 run-off from getting into the lake. We don't believe these methods are a wise answer to the chloride issue.



"WATER LOGGED"

Many boaters have told us about logs still floating in the lake. We've found about 6-8 mostly near the Windham launching ramp.

As many of you know they are the what's left of more than 200 trees toppled during the hurricane of 1938. We've began removing the remaining logs in the 1970s.

Since it's a miracle that nobody has been killed by these 12 foot, 1,000 lb monsters we hope to be rid of the last of them soon. We need help!

Some of us are getting older and would appreciate the services of the younger generation to get them down to the launch area and out of the water. You just need a 10' piece of rope made into a noose to slide over the log end and tighten. Then tow it with two people to help get it on to land so it won't float away.

BOATER SAFETY EDUCATION LAW

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Jan. 1, 2008. The chart below shows compliance date for specific birth dates.

BOATER SAFETY COMPLIANCE DATES	
If you were born on:	You must be certified by:
Jan. 1, 1993	Jan 1, 2002
Jan. 1, 1977 but before Jan 1, 1983	Jan. 1, 2003
Jan. 1, 1973 but before Jan 1, 1977	Jan. 1, 2004
Jan. 1, 1967 but before Jan 1, 1973	Jan. 1, 2005
Jan. 1, 1963 but before Jan 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 2006
Jan. 1, 1953 but before Jan 1, 1963	Jan. 1, 2007
Jan 1, 1957	Jan. 1, 2008

Who Needs It?

- A person who is licensed by the State of New Hampshire or by The U.S. Coast Guard to operate a commercial vessel will not have to take the safe boater education course and will be exempt from the requirements of the law as long as they maintain their commercial license.

- Any person who holds a certificate from

a state that meets or exceeds the requirements of the Boater Education Law (is NASBLA approved) shall be exempt. NH will accept proof of certification issued by another state.

- Once an individual has become certified, they have fulfilled the requirements of the law. There is no legal obligation to take the course again. **THIS IS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME REQUIREMENT.** In other words, once you are certified, you never have to take the course again.

Where Are The Courses Offered?

The Dept. of Safety, The U.S. Power Squadrons and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary all offer NASBLA approved courses year round in various locations. Some courses require a fee. Check with your local organization for dates, times and locations

IN THE WORKS

Here are some things we're working on:

Detailed laminated tax maps of the lake by street/lot number. Place mat sized w/ lot dimensions

CLPA annual meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SALEM'S WATER PROGRESS

Same old same old. More complexes with hundreds of units approved and every week sees more applications reaching the planning boards desk. And we've seen in the papers - the Selectmen are going to place the Lakes Area Infrastructure Project on the ballot as a \$70-100 million bond issue next March. It will likely fail again for the third time.

Remember - we've proven mathematically that Canobie Lake has reached its limit. If we have three or four normal years in a row, not to mention a drought year, the lake will go down to 1995 levels. These are the facts!

We're not hearing much about any drilling progress in the Town Forest or any of the other likely locations for alternative water sources. We will know something has happened if a request for a large sum of money comes in to Town Hall.

Finding an alternative water source is a critical issue. However, it's hard to get lake folk riled up when they see all that water (Canobie) in their back yard. The lake can hardly sustain current usage. Imagine what widened highways, and significant growth in business and population will do. Don't wait until it's too late. Make some noise now!

THANKS TO CANOBIE LAKE PARK



One again we thank Canobie Lake Park for their generosity in helping us increase our membership this year. Many old as well as new members took advantage of the opportunity to see the King and other park attractions.

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