



## **THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Spring is upon us, a time when our thoughts naturally run towards the rapidly approaching summer. Our course is set for the most active and social season on our lake.

But ironically, as I write this message, most of us are experiencing the lowest period of activity and social engagement of our lifetime. It is the price we willingly pay to keep our families, friends and everyone healthy and curb the current invasion of the COVID-19 pandemic. This has changed everyone's behavior, and my wife, Mona and I have certainly not been unscathed. Many of you know that cooking is not listed on our resume. With the restaurant closures, we have been attempting to master the art of microwave cooking. Some of our friends, fearing we may perish from starvation, have brought home cooked meals to us. They obviously underestimated our reheating prowess. I relate this anecdote to illustrate two things we've all seen. The resiliency and innovation we are witnessing along with the kindness and generosity of our fellow Americans. In a time of crisis, the rally against a common foe can bring out the best in all of us.

The coming warmth is somewhat chilled by our current reality. As a nation built on strong beliefs and determination towards building a brighter future, we all know better times are coming soon. Speaking of better times ahead, the lake refill started off on the slow side, but "April showers" have begun, and along with "May flowers" are providing an encouraging refill. With resolve, we are looking forward to returning to the American dream, knowing that these life changing times will soon come to pass.

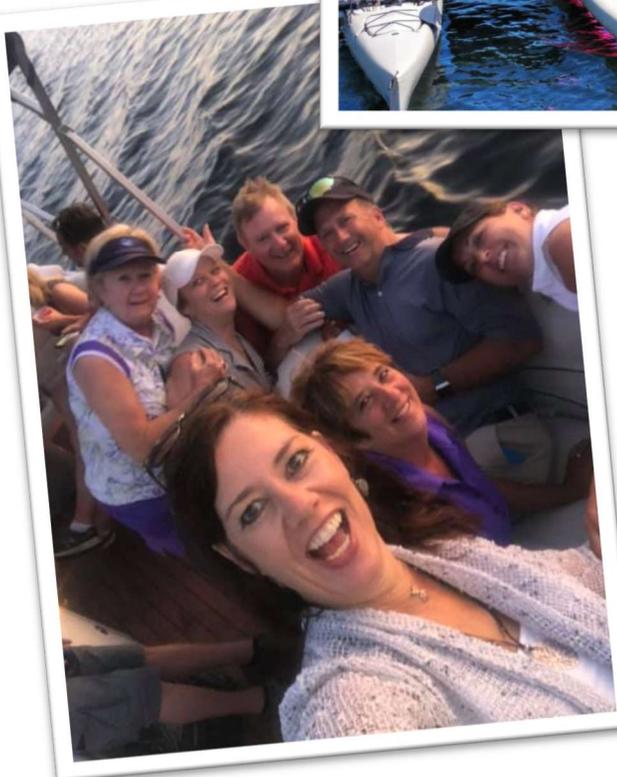
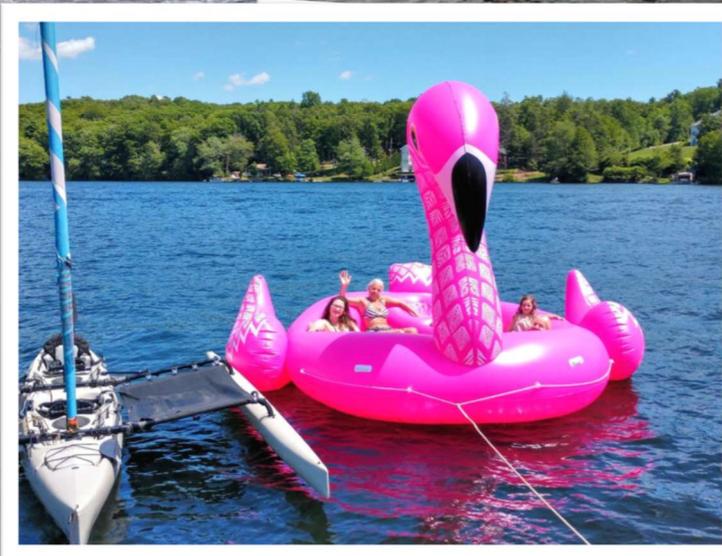
I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on and around the lake for another safe, happy, and healthy summer season. I expect that I am not alone in looking forward to this even more than usual.

Together, we will all get through these challenging times.

Paul Kawolis  
President, Lake Singletary Watershed Association



# Fun On The Lake



# WING DING

It's 5 o'clock somewhere

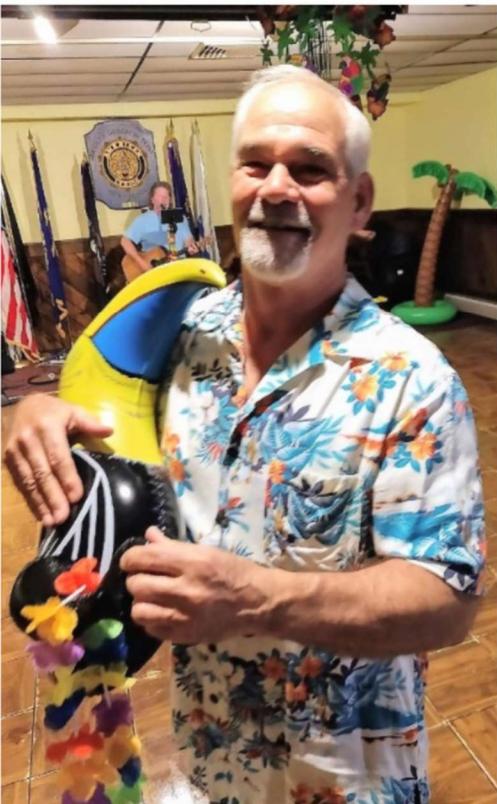
Our annual Spring Wing Ding kicked off the 2019 summer season on May 19 at the Dudley Gendron with a blast of tropical air and live entertainment! This annual event was a delightful evening where friends and neighbors enjoyed the end of the long winter with dinner, dancing and raffles.



WING MORE DING  
It's 5 o'clock somewhere



WING **EVEN MORE** DING  
**It's 5 o'clock somewhere**



# Website Update



Our website has a new look and feel, with improved support for tablets and mobile devices, as well as other important features...

- New Look and Feel
- Easy Navigation
- Improved support for Tablet and Mobile Devices
- Improved application performance
- Enhanced security
- New Content Management Application (Word Press)

- Fanwort
- Rough Stonewort
- Musk Grass
- Waterwort
- Quillwort
- Variable Milfoil
- Lowly Watermilfoil
- Eurasian Milfoil
- Bushy Pondweed
- Southern Waterlily
- Ribbonleaf Pondweed
- Thinleaf Pondweed
- Common Bladderwort
- Tape Grass
- Watershield
- White Water Lily
- Spike Rush
- Golden Hedge-Hyssop
- Northern St. Johnswort
- Canada Rush
- Arrow Arum
- Soft-stemmed Bulrush
- Burr Reed
- Broadleaf Cattail

## Lake Singletary Word Search "Vegetation/Invasive Species"

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Can you identify any of these? Look for them on our website at <http://lakesingletary.org/vegetation/>

# Boat Ramp



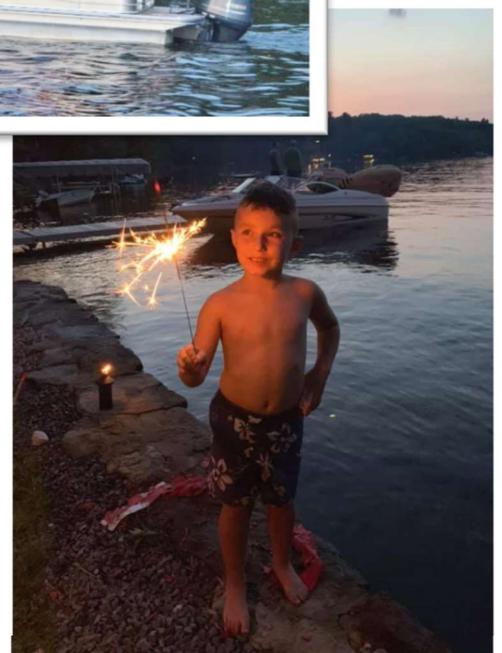
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts owns the public boat ramp and operates it through the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Last year, the state executed its plan to rebuild and correct issues that had developed with the aging ramp. The project improvements include a longer, narrower and deeper concrete underwater ramp. This new ramp eliminates the problems associated in the past from power loading.

On the west side of the ramp there is a seasonal floating dock. This makes launching and retrieval easier. The floating dock also is used for fishing and access for other water activities. A concrete sidewalk was added from West Main Street to allow safer access to a new shoreline fishing area and the parking lot was paved and relined.



# FOURTH OF JULY BOAT PARADE!

Our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July was yet again a wonderful demonstration of Lake Singletary's patriotic spirit!! Spectators enjoyed watching over 30 decorated boats parade around the shoreline. Whether you were part of the parade, or on shore, it was fun for all! Thanks for all who participated and for all those who cheered from ashore!!!

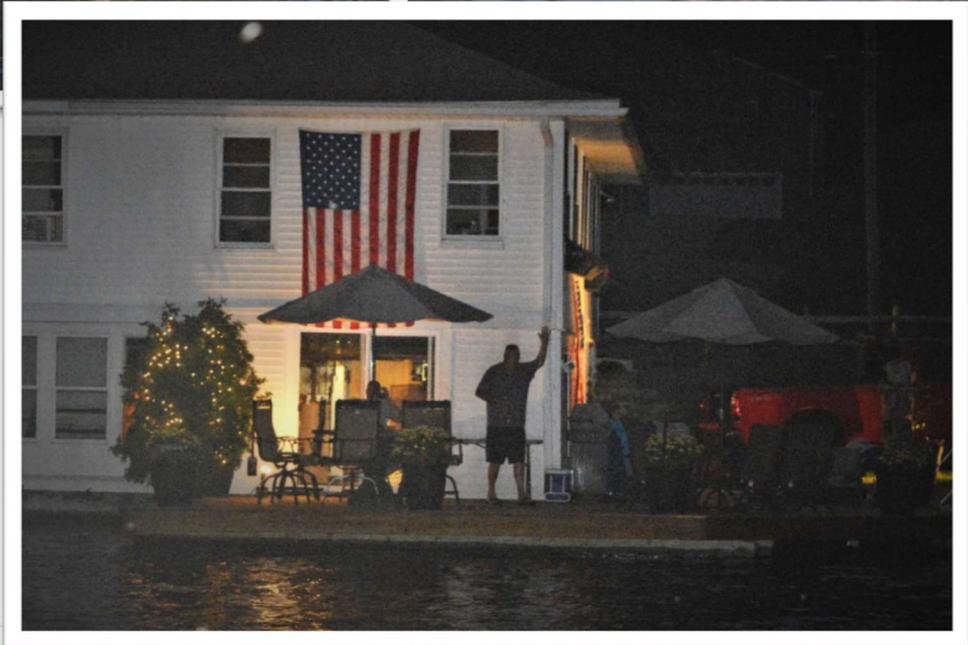
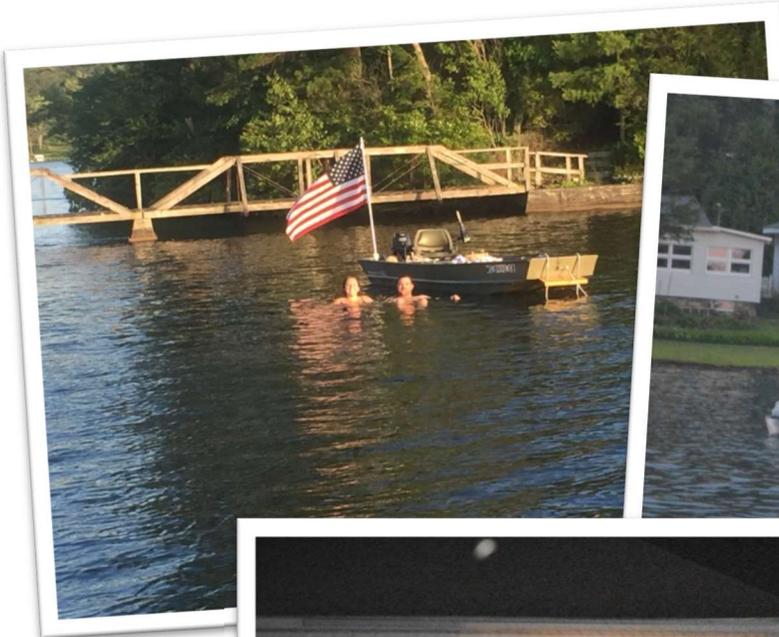


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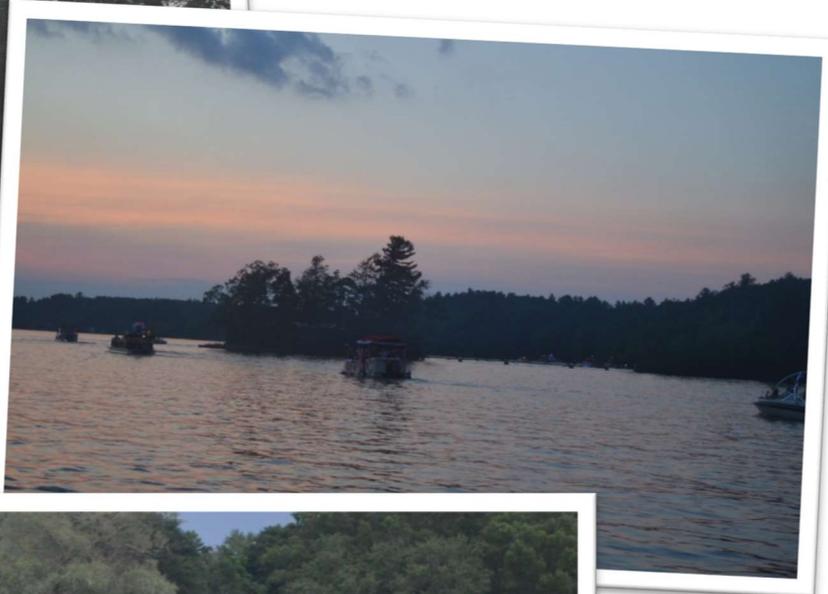


# MORE PARADE





# PARADE!



# THE RAFTING PARTY

Our annual rafting party marked the height of the summer season and was celebrated by old and new friends rafting up for an afternoon of fun!!



# Water Quality

We again begin our spring season this year with a with a full lake. The initial look at the health of the lake bodes well for another great summer. The LSWA water monitoring program tests the water quality of Lake Singletary monthly, as weather permits. In doing this, our volunteers compile data by using both our own equipment and through laboratory analysis of collected water samples. We typically track dissolved oxygen (DO), temperature, PH, chlorophyll-a, phosphorus and clarity. This long-term data is important for maintaining the health of the lake and can be viewed on the LSWA website. If you are interested in helping this group of dedicated volunteers, please contact Wayne Junnila to join the fun.



# Merrill Pond Projects

The ongoing Merrill Pond Wildlife Management Dam Removal and Rehabilitation Projects to repair and remove dams on the Merrill Pond system is underway. The Welsh Pond Dam has been removed and work continues under and along Hutchinson Road. More information about this project can be found on our website.



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A very special thank you to the Board member who retired this year: Jon Heslin. We all appreciate your significant service and dedication to the protection of our watershed!

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If you would like to join us, it is not too late for the 2020 season.

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# MASSACHUSETTS BOATING LAW SUMMARY

**Minimum Age Restrictions:** No person under 12 years of age may operate a motorboat, unless accompanied on-board and directly supervised by a competent person 18 years of age or older. Personal watercraft (PWC) users must still be at least 16 years of age in order to operate, with no exceptions.

**Safety Education Certification:** Youth who are between 12 and 15 years of age must complete an approved basic boating course in order to operate a motorboat without adult supervision. Upon successful completion of such a course, students are issued a state "boating safety certificate" which must be in the possession of the certified operator when underway. Personal watercraft users who are 16 or 17 years of age must also complete such a boating course. Youth less than 16 years of age are not allowed to operate personal watercraft.

**Accident Reporting:** The operator of any motorboat involved in an accident which results in personal injury, death, or property damage (over \$500) shall immediately notify the MA Environmental Police and file the appropriate accident report within the required time frame. (2 days-fatality; 5 days - all other accidents)

**Safety Equipment:** Most of the state equipment carriage requirements are similar to federal laws. This primary list includes life preservers, fire extinguishers, signaling devices, visual distress signals, and navigation lights. In Massachusetts, life preservers are required to be worn by: (1) youth less than 12 years of age (2) personal watercraft users (3) waterskiers (4) canoeists/kayakers from September 15 - May 15. A boat owner or a boat's operator is responsible to ensure that passengers on-board wear life preservers as required. Additionally, the state requires that all motorboats (with the exception of personal watercraft) be equipped with an anchor, manual bailer, and line. A paddle or an oar is required on boats less than 16 feet in length. Motorboats towing skiers must also be equipped with a boarding ladder. Registration and numbering of all boats powered by machinery is required.

**Prohibited Operation:** The following types of operation are extremely unsafe and are prohibited:

Operating any vessel under the influence of alcohol or drugs. A blood alcohol concentration of .08 BAC is the current standard of intoxication in Massachusetts.

Operating a motorboat within 150 feet of a swimming area, whether public or private.

Operating at an excessive speed considering weather conditions, boat traffic, and other hazards.

For inland waters, operating at a speed greater than 45 mph is considered negligent operation.

Operating a motorboat without properly working lights.

Operating a motorboat during the nighttime while towing waterskiers, tubers, etc.

Operating at greater than headway speed (6 mph or less) within 150 feet of a swimmer, waterskier, mooring area, marina, boat launch, or when the operator's vision is obscured in any way.

Operating in an overloaded condition (carrying total weight that exceeds capacity plate recommendations or is excessive considering water conditions)

Operating with passengers on the bow, gunwales, or any other place where there may be a chance of falling overboard.

**Personal Watercraft Operation :** Personal watercraft (PWC) are considered motorboats by law and must comply with all boating laws and navigation rules, including the speed and operation provisions above. Additionally, PWC users must adhere to state regulations specific to personal watercraft operation including:

Wear an approved life jacket (PFD) at all times (operator and passengers); Attach the safety lanyard to the operator and the cutoff/kill switch; Always operate at slow, no-wake speed (6 mph or less) within 150 feet of a swimmer, the shoreline, waterskiers, a boat launch, a raft or float or a moored or docked boat.

You must not operate a PWC: If less than 16 years old; Under the influence of alcohol; Between sunset and sunrise; At high speed in congested areas; On waters under 75 acres; While towing persons on skis, tubes, etc.

This is only a summary of boating laws. All boaters must know and observe all local, state, and federal laws. For further information on boating laws, boating education, or to obtain accident report forms contact the Environmental Police at (508) 564-4961 <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massachusetts-boating-law-summary-0>

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Earth Day Clean-Up		Canceled due to Covid-19
Spring Wing Ding		Canceled due to Covid-19
4 <sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade	Saturday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 PM Meet at the Southwest end of the lake
Rafting Party	Saturday, August 1 <sup>st</sup> Rain date August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bring your boat and tie up at Gull Island 5:00 PM 'till whenever. . . .
Annual Meeting Open to all members	Wednesday, August 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM St. Mark's Church, Sutton MA



A sincere THANK YOU to all the Lake Singletary Watershed Association's members. Your continued membership and volunteer support enables us to enjoy and protect this beautiful watershed. A friendly reminder, if you have not already done so, please remit your 2020 dues (dues and donations are tax deductible).

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[www.lakesingletary.org](http://www.lakesingletary.org)