Summer 2022

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our course is finally headed directly into summer. This is the season that many of us look forward to on the lake. It certainly affords us some of the most pleasant opportunities in and on the water. We also get to take advantage of enjoying many activities in our yards surrounding the water.

I want to thank everyone that already sent in their dues for the Lake Singletary Watershed Association. We've had a great response this year from many of you. Now we're at the time of the year we spend that money on non-native invasive weed treatments and general water quality initiatives for our lake.

This spring we have all appreciated the return to normal water levels heading into the summer season. I'm sure everyone remembers the water level challenges we faced last year, due to the downstream construction project at Round Pond. Our outflow gate could not be opened most of last year because of it.

We are all blessed to live on Lake Singletary. I think it's one of the best residential lakes in southern New England. Our lake offers an incredible diversity of wildlife and great scenic vistas, all with a beautiful lake as the centerpiece. Many times, I get home from work and feel like I've been transported to a daily vacation setting. All of this within minutes of the second largest city in New England, offering great restaurants and entertainment, prestigious institutes of higher education, a well-respected medical and biotech community along with many other benefits. What a great place to call home!

Like most of you, I'm looking forward to another season of fun on our lake. Let's make sure we do everything to make it a safe season. Now is a good time to review swimming and boating safety with your family or possibly neighbors that are new to the lake. It takes all of us to practice and promote safety, so that everyone can have a great summer.

I look forward to seeing all of you out and about the lake. Wishing everyone a happy, safe and healthy summer.

Paul Kawolis, LSWA President

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2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Boat Parade	Monday, July 4th	8:00 PM - Meet at the Southwest end of the lake for an 8:15 parade start
Rafting Party	Saturday, August 6th	3:00 PM Gull Island
Annual Meeting Open to all members	Wednesday, August 24th	7:00 PM St. Mark's Church
Fall Swing and Fling (Golf Outing plus Open Dinner)	TBD (Likely Late Sept or early October)	TBD
Earth Day Cleanup	Saturday, April 22, 2023	8:00 AM Meet at the boat ramp

Want to keep up to date on events, meet new lake friends or just enjoy the beautiful photographs of our lake?

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!
https://www.facebook.com/groups/3216376521791259

Any LSWA Member that is current on dues can join – we are already at 108 members and growing every week. Join up, stay connected and keep in touch.

VOLUNTEER WATER QUALITY MONITORING

This year we continued one of our main purposes of the Association - our volunteer water monitoring program. As we all know, the summer of 2021 was challenging due to the water level issues, but we were able to keep up with weed and algae treatments and generally had clear water and limited weed/algae issues. The ability to enjoy our pristine lake as a healthy and enjoyable respite from the world is truly unique. Our water testing volunteers last summer included: Ann and Wayne Junnila, Brian Mellen, Diane and John Greenlaw. New volunteers are always welcome.

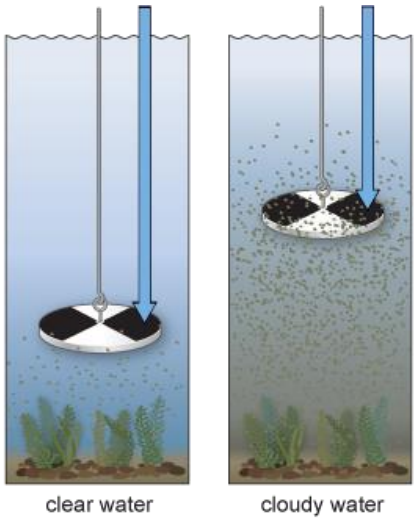
Our program includes in-lake measurements for clarity (Secchi depth), pH, dissolved oxygen (DO) , temperature profiles, alkalinity, and total phosphorus. In addition, we monitor pH, DO, and temperature, and phosphorus at 3 upstream locations in the Merrill Ponds. These locations are Arnold and Welsh inlets and the Schoolhouse outlet.

The LSWA continues to provide information to Alpha Analytics, the consulting company we contracted with to complete the Management Plan update, for their analysis with the goal of improving water quality of our lake.

If interested in learning more about our sampling program, check out the web site at www.lakesingletary.org. Click on Maintenance/ Water Quality to explore our program.

Did you know?

A 'Secchi Depth' reading is a process where a black and white disk is lowered into the water at different points around the lake, and readings are taken to see at what depth the disk is no longer visible.

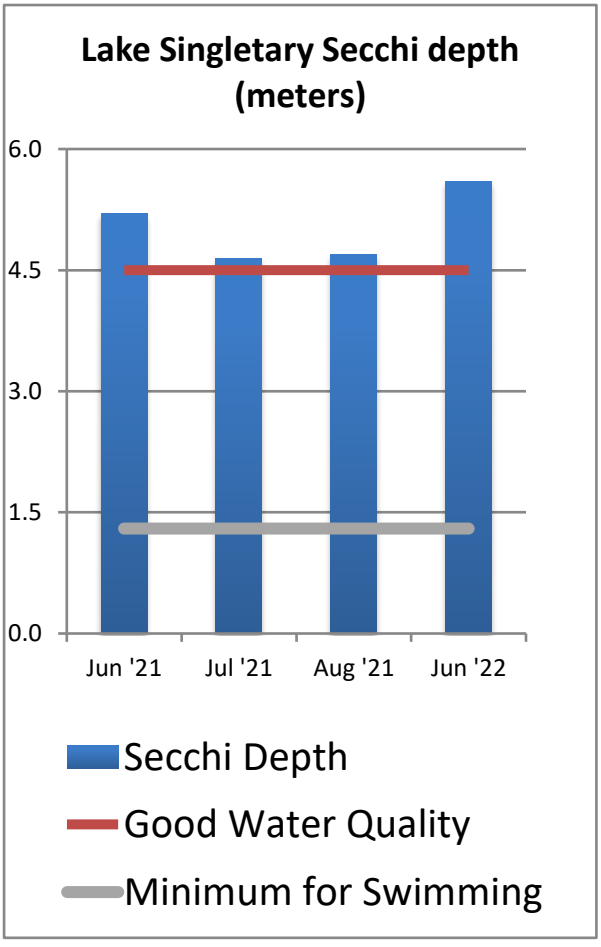


clear water cloudy water

A deeper Secchi Depth indicates clearer water.

This is great for water activities like swimming, but also allows more sunlight to reach weeds on the bottom and fuels growth.

Which is why Secchi Depth is just one of the many measures we watch for Lake Health



MEMORIES ON THE LAKE

Everyday we are building memories, and our lake is one of the finest memories many of us, our children and generations to come will have. Enjoy a few of these walks down memory lane, and as always let us know if you have a special memory you want to share!

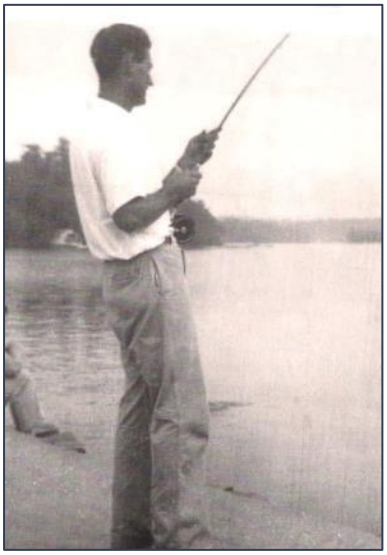
Did you know?

Lake Singletary was a getaway stop for Ted Williams during his Red Sox career

Ted came to Millbury during his career to tie flies for fishing with Mickey Marshall of Prospect Street and to fish with Chief Fred "Joe" Vulter.

He often ate at Dick Gillert's Central Diner and even signed a ball for Dick which is now on display in the National Diner Museum in Rhode Island.

Thank you to the MILLBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY for this info



Red Sox Star Ted Williams fishing on Lake Singletary in 1946

Early Construction

A camp being built in 1940 that went on to become 22 Mallard Way in Sutton

Construction consisted of finding, digging out and hand carrying rocks for the foundation from around the shoreline and lake bottom, hand digging a well, and building a stone firepit to have hot coffee and warm dinner

Thank you to the LINDA CARLSON for this info

Have a Memory you want to share? Email JHull444@Gmail.com

MEMORIES ON THE LAKE

Submitted by: Dr Jordana Utter DeZeeuw Spencer

"My paternal grandmother, Barbara Utter, taught me to swim in the waters of Lake Singletary, when I was 3-years old, jumping off the stone stairs that led down into the water and paddling out to her waiting arms."

Growing up in New York City, I felt the magic of the lake every time I visited, which was a lot, during my childhood. I often spent weekends & holidays with my grandparents, Barbara & "Bookie" (Gustave Henry Utter), as well as long stretches during the summer,. And though they lived in Auburn, they spent much of their time at their "camp" on Singletary, which grandpa had inherited from his parents, Gustaf Emanuel Utter & Cecilia Matilda Hillsen – the original owners of the camp. Indeed, my father (Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Hillsen Utter) and his two younger brothers (Lt Cdr James Utter and Robert Utter) essentially grew up at the lake and then their children did, too.

Countless memories were forged there – swimming, hunting crayfish, waterskiing, jumping off the floating dock with my cousins, catching lightning bugs in the warm summer evenings, and telling stories 'til the wee hours of the night. My cousins & I were so in love with the place, that when my grandparents decided to sell it during our teen years, I remember a few of us acting really goofy out on the lawn in the hopes that prospective buyers coming to view the house would get scared away. Alas, we were not successful, and much to our chagrin, our grandparents did sell the lake house in the mid-1980's.

Nearly 35 years later and though both of my grandparents have now passed (after 68 years together), the myriad happy memories they afforded us on Singletary are as strong as ever. Thus, when my father's 60th high school reunion was scheduled for September '21, I offered to travel with him from our new homes out west and bring him to his old stomping grounds in Auburn, Sutton, and Cambridge in the hopes that we might catch a glimpse of Lake Singletary.

While neither Dad nor I could remember the street address of the Singletary home, we knew exactly where it was (years of muscle memory, as approached the lake). So we decided to just drive by, and I left a note in the mailbox with fingers crossed that the owners might let us visit. Sure enough, the next day as Dad & I walked around the Harvard campus, where he'd attended both undergrad and grad school, we got a text message from the new owners inviting us over.

What an extraordinary evening it was!! Our hosts could not have been more hospitable, generous, and gracious, welcoming us into their home, showing us the amazing renovations they've done (a lot has changed since the 80's), and hosting us on their deck overlooking the lake. There were so many serendipitous connections we made with them, sharing stories about our respective backgrounds, and Dad & I could not have imagined a more meaningful reunion Lake Singletary, which will always hold such a special place in our hearts.

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MEMORIES ON THE LAKE

Submitted by: Virginia Bliss

THE MAYOR OF THE 30'S

Not the 1930s. The houses that are numbered in the thirties on West Sutton Road along Lake Singletary.

From 1986 through 2003, "The Thirties" had its own mayor. Kevin, a large orange tiger cat with amber eyes, presided over the neighborhood. In those days, before the coyotes came, people often let their cats outdoors. When newcomers moved in, Kevin greeted them. At first, they thought he was lost. I explained to folks that Kevin just wanted to welcome them to The Thirties and let them know they could call on him if they needed anything.

Kevin had many friends in the neighborhood. He could be seen playing tag and hide-and-seek with his fellow felines or maybe just hanging out on the deck with them watching the lake go by. He even befriended a lonely dog who was kept tied up most of the time. Although supposedly neutered, he was quite the ladies' cat.

Kevin took a strong stand when the quality of life in The Thirties was threatened. The dead bodies of mice, rats, snakes, et cetera, that dotted backyards attested to his skills as a pest control specialist. Whatever the weather, he was undaunted. In summer, he was a tiger in the jungle, in winter a Siberian tiger. With his cheetah legs and lion's heart, he also was quite adept at dodging West Sutton Road's more reckless drivers.

He served as a one-cat coastguard, chasing ducks and geese off the yard and back into the water. And there was the time when The Thirties was terrorized by a beagle. Loud, fat, and obnoxious, the dog made everyone's lives miserable with his incessant barking. One day, Kevin decided he'd just had it and took matters into his own paws—or rather teeth. He approached the insufferable canine and bit him squarely on the nose. The beagle shrieked and waddled away, never to be seen or heard from in these parts again.

Kevin loved Lake Singletary, loved looking at it, drinking from it. With his fishhook claws, he'd capture minnows. Like most cats, he didn't care for swimming and could never understand my devotion to the sport. He sat at the water's edge as I paddled out, watching me intently until I returned.

Kevin died at age seventeen. At the last moment, he offered me a comforting paw as if to say, "What a wonderful life." And if you happen to catch a fleeting glimpse of an orange cat by the lake nibbling a bit of grass or climbing a nearby tree, there is a good chance it's Kevin saying hello.

R.I.P. Mr. Mayor

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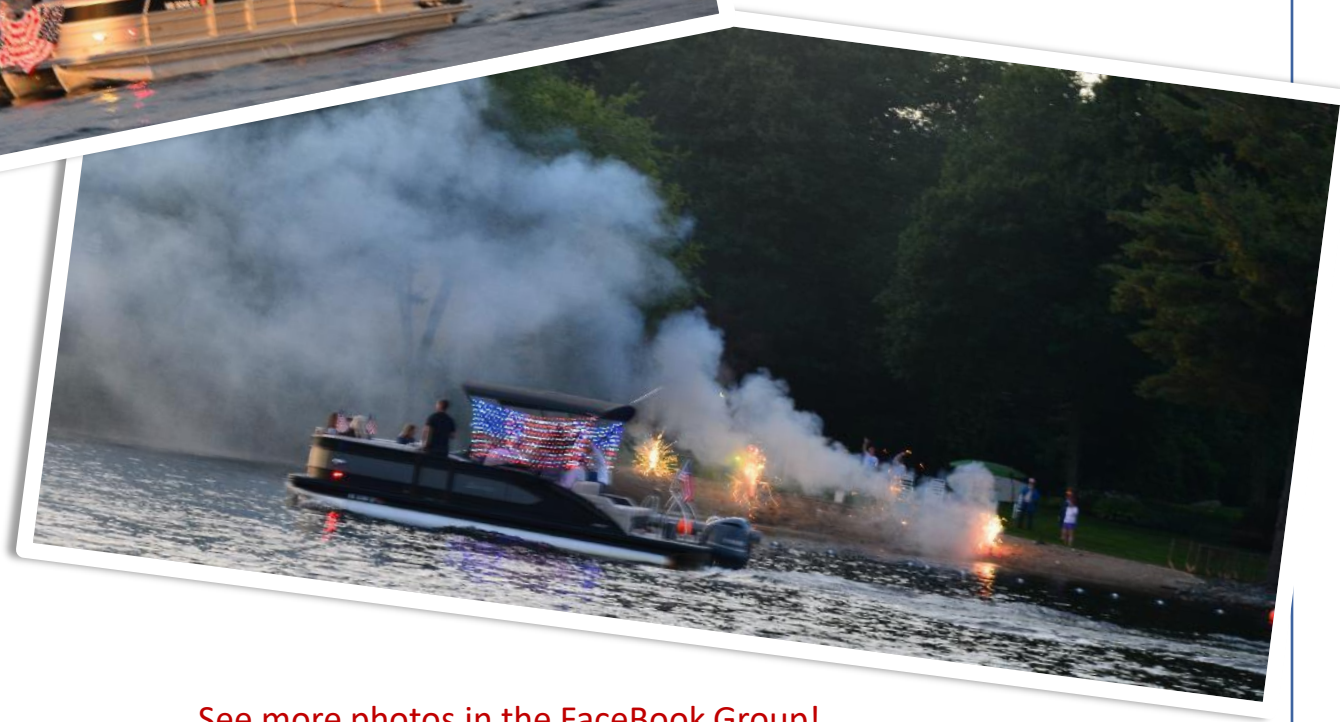
JULY 4TH BOAT PARADE - 2021

We had a great turnout in July 2021 for the annual Boat Parade.
Decorate and join us again this year for a great time!
Meet at 8pm in the South cove on the 4th for an evening of celebration

See more photos in the FaceBook Group!

DON'T YOU JUST LOVE A GREAT PARADE!



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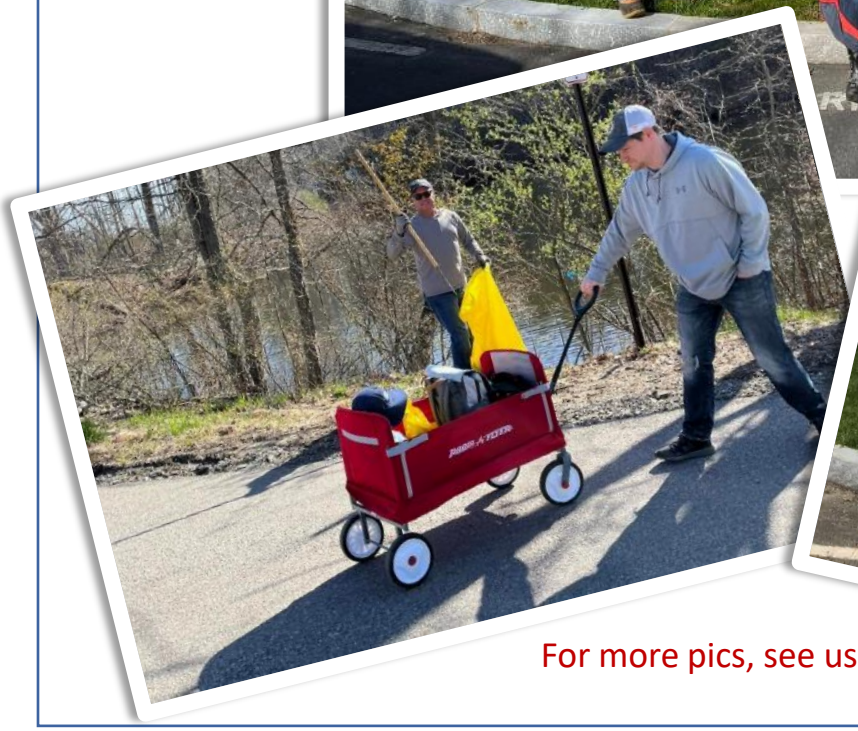
GOLF IS BACK!!

2021 saw the return of the LSWA Annual Golf Outing
We hope to repeat again this fall – date and time TBD

See more photos in the FaceBook Group!

EARTH DAY CLEAN UP 2022

Volunteers gathered on Saturday April 23rd for our annual Earth Day Cleanup of our watershed. As is the story each year, many hands make for light work. Many thanks to all who participated: Laurie and Brian Mellen, Bob Kimball, Deb and Arthur Remillard, Candy and Mike Leblanc, Linda Carlson, Ann and Wayne Junnila, Giles Whalen, Cindy and John Charest, Jim Nash, Karen and Ken Rapp, Jenni and Jim Hull, Mona and Paul Kawolis, Lindsey, Tim and Tommy Nash



For more pics, see us on Facebook!

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MASSACHUSETTS BOATING RULES

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.

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MASSACHUSETTS BOATING RULES

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.

https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massachusetts-boating-law-summary

2021 HONOR ROLL

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It's not too late to be a member!

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