

THE SINGLETARY SUN

THE VOICE OF THE LAKE SINGLETARY WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

"Dedicated to the preservation and protection of Lake Singletary and its watershed"

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Well, friends, another lake season has drawn to a close. A time to share and savor our memories from the Summer, and hold them warm in our hearts as the weather turns cold and the days get shorter. It was definitely an 'interesting' summer, with well above average rainfall, and it seeming to always land on the weekend.

I would like to thank everyone that has contributed their stories and pictures for the newsletters over the last few years. Please keep them coming. From the Earth Day cleanup and the 4th of July boat parade, the rafting party, the annual golf outing and just memories and pictures of every day life on the lake, we all share a love and passion for this little slice of heaven that we call Lake Singletary.

Our calendar of events for 2024 is pretty much set – everyone that lives on the lake is always invited and welcome, and as the saying goes, the more the merrier. We also have an active FaceBook group to keep us all in touch and up to date about upcoming events and key dates.

I hope you enjoy this Fall Edition of the newsletter, and a special thank you to the many contributors that help fill out the pages.

Have a great off-season, and see you in the Spring!
Jim Hull – LSWA Newsletter Editor



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2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Earth Day Cleanup	Saturday, April 20, 2024	8:30 AM Meet at the boat ramp
Boat Parade	Thursday, July 4th	Meet at the Southwest end of the lake for an 8:15 parade start
Rafting Party	Saturday, August 3rd	4:00 PM Gull Island
Annual Meeting Open to all members	Wednesday, August 28th	7:00 PM St. Mark's Church
Annual Golf and Dinner Outing	October – Date TBD	Time TBD

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 126 members and growing every week. Join up, stay connected and keep in touch.



Did you know?

Raking or blowing leaves into the lake is a significant contributor to Algae Blooms

Algae require phosphorous and nitrogen to grow. Nitrogen is abundant around us (the air we breathe is 78% nitrogen), so a good way to limit algae growth in the lake is to limit the phosphorous that gets into the water. In addition to runoff from fertilized yards and failing septic systems, a major source of phosphorous is decaying leaves.

You can help! During fall cleanups, avoid blowing or raking leaves into the lake. Both the Millbury and Sutton transfer stations have dedicated Composting Areas. Or, you can use a mulching blade on your mower to mulch the leaves and use them in beds around your house. As the leaves decay the Phosphorous migrates back into the soil and not into the lake!

Another tip – if you use fertilizer on your lawn, choose a low or zero phosphorous option and avoid applying fertilizer near the shore line. A great option is to plant native grasses along the shoreline. These act as a natural buffer to contain runoff, and a natural barrier that keep geese off your yard

LIFE ON THE LAKE

BALD EAGLE PAIR SPOTTED ON THE LAKE

Submitted by: Mona Kawolis

There have been many sightings of an eagle pair on our lake this summer. Massachusetts reports that there are 80 nesting pairs in the state. Back in the 1950's, the bald eagle population was down to 1000 in the United States. Now after bans on pesticide use and laws against hunting, their population is over 300,000.

Alaska has highest population with 30,000 breeding pairs and Hawaii has no bald eagles as fresh water fish (the eagle's main food source) are scarce and there are few trees tall enough for their nests.



The female and male eagle build their nest with sticks high up in a living tree. The female can have 1-3 eggs as early as January, which will hatch in about 35 days. Both eagle parents support the incubation period and feeding of the eaglets. The babies will not be ready to leave the nest and fly until about 3 months after birth.

Once the eaglets are self-sufficient, the parents will no longer stay together and will remain alone until the following year's breeding season. Since eagles are monogamous, they both will return to the same nest every year.

Newborn eagles are dark in color. In two to three years, they will develop a mottled brown and white pattern. By years four to five, they will have their distinctive white head and tail.



Let's hope the two eagles spotted on our lake become the 81st nesting pair in our state!

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

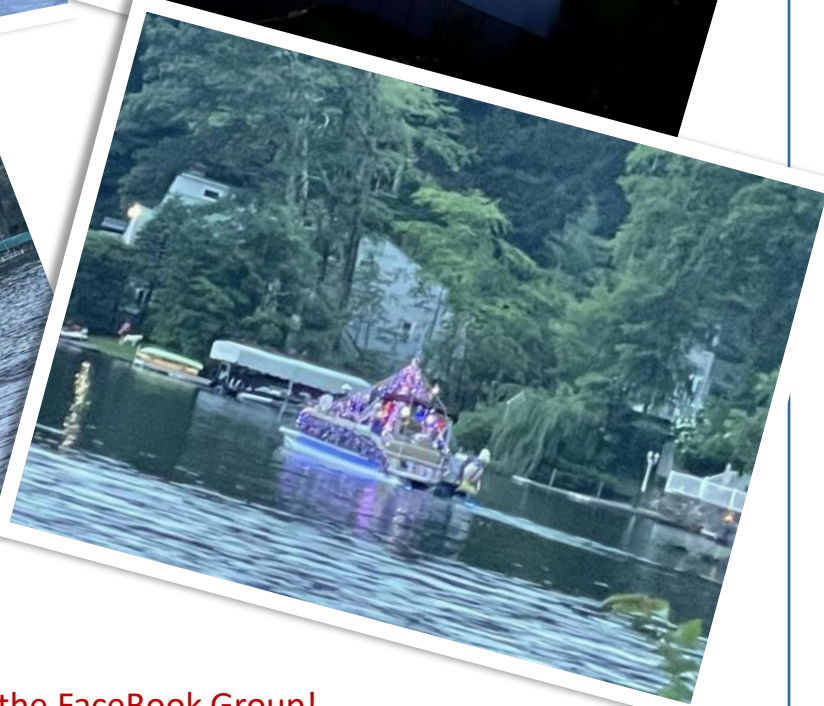
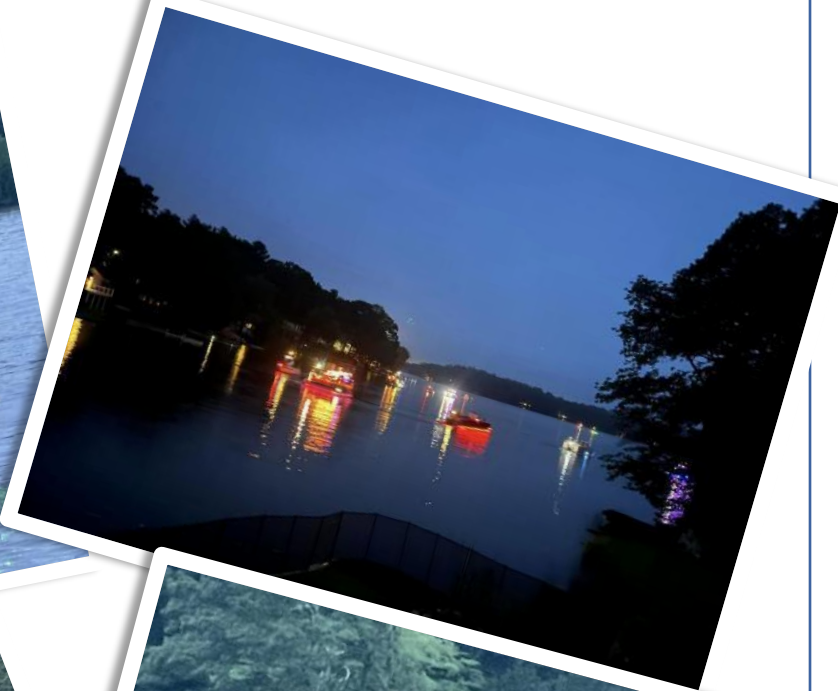
JULY 4TH BOAT PARADE - 2023

Our first July 4th boat parade had 5 boats, and happened over 20 years ago.

This year, there was a record 40 boats parading around the lake. Participants as well as bystanders on shore, displayed their patriotic spirit. Boats were adorned with lights, along with creative and festive July 4th decorations. People on shore cheered, waved flags and set off fireworks as the parade passed by their shoreline

Decorate and join us again next year for a great time!

Meet at 8:15pm in the South cove on the 4th for an evening of celebration



See more photos in the FaceBook Group!

Fall 2023

DON'T YOU JUST LOVE A **GREAT** PARADE!



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A FUN TIME HAD BY ALL!



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AUGUST RAFTING PARTY

Our annual rafting party is traditionally held on the first Saturday in August. This year, the weather was perfect and we had a spectacular sunset. Nine boats were rafted in the middle of the lake next to the big rock. This year, we had a special guest fly in for the occasion. Fondly named "Commander Cormorant", he stayed most of the evening perched on top of various pontoon biminis. There was plenty of food, drinks and fun to be had by all. Plan to join us next year! !



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WINTER LAKE SAFETY

ALWAYS USE CAUTION ON THE ICE!



Ice thickness is notoriously hard to estimate – always check with the Fire Department for the latest information before venturing onto the ice



For more info: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/ice-strength-and-safety>

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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.

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

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>

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