

# Lake Todd Times

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## August Social Rained Out

The August Social scheduled for last Sunday, August 12, at noon was postponed due to rain. It is being rescheduled for this coming Sunday, August 19. It will still be at noon and will still be held at the Weiler's place at the north end of the lake. We're sorry for the inconvenience of rescheduling, but believe it or not, the meteorologists have trouble predicting the weather correctly sometimes.

Everyone really enjoys this get-together, and we hope as many people as possible will be able to come on this new date. We hope to see you there!

Carol Tonkin

## Seeing Green?

If you have been seeing green in the lake lately, you are not alone. The GUNK, as I call it, is all over the east side. I called Jody Connor, Dept. of Environmental Services in Concord. He says we probably have "filament green," a harmless algae which tends to arrive when the weather is overly hot. With our lake lower than usual, large boat motors tend to rile up the bottom of the lake, pulling the algae up to the surface. The prevailing wind then blows it east, creating the mess. It looks terrible for swimming and it tends to cling to marine grass and other marine growth. When we have had it in years past, we found that it gradually disappears. The sooner the better.

Ray Hamilton

## Runaway Boat!

Cheers were heard across the lake just a little after nine o'clock on Tuesday, July 24, when a runaway boat finally gave up the last of its gas and was towed home.

An identified visitor on Lake Todd turned to look at his children on the island and his motor boat overturned. The operator of the boat was not injured, but it was impossible to stop the boat from spinning out of control. Bradford Fire and Rescue, Police from Bradford and Newbury, and the Marine Patrol all responded and were on the scene within minutes of the mishap.

It was almost three hours later when the boat used up the last of its gas and quit. While many residents and visitors looked on, the boat was finally captured by the Marine Patrol and Carol Tonkin. Thank you to everyone who responded and helped!

Norma Murphy

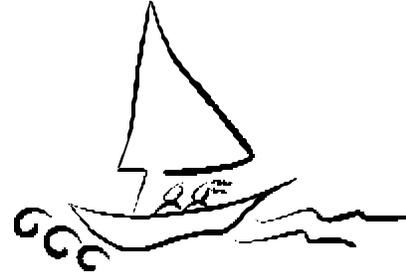


## A Quick Review of NH Boating Regulations . . .

1. Be registered and have the registration on board.
2. Have a wearable life jacket for each person on board (5-year olds and under must be wearing it).
3. Have a fire extinguisher properly stored.
4. Have a sound device (whistle, horn, bell, etc.).
5. Have adults in the board for children operators under 16 if the boat has 25HP or more.
6. Have lights when operating at night.
7. If towing skiers or tubes, participants must wear life jackets. One observer is required (13 years or older) for each device being towed. Limit: 2 tubes per boat.

Allene Hamilton

## Neighbors on the Lake



Tom and Patty Dugdale have lived on Rte. 103 on Lake Todd for approximately 20 years. Patty and Tom both enjoy skiing, biking, and golf in the area, and Tom loves to swim in Lake Todd. They started Lake Station Realty in Newbury almost four years ago, and Tom has been in real estate at that location for nine or ten years. He was previously the sales manager for Control Data in Massachusetts, and is originally from South Bend, Indiana. Tom has three children and eight grandchildren who live in the New England area. Patty runs her own secretarial business out of their home, and does the bookkeeping for Lake Station Realty. She is also the vice president of the Lake Todd Association. Originally from Haverhill, MA, Patty believes in keeping physically fit and is up every

morning, sometimes as early as 5:00 a.m. jogging on Rte. 103. Patty sees lots of wildlife that early in the morning, but especially likes to watch the loons on the lake. She also can often be seen out on the lake in her red kayak. They both enjoy meeting people, so say hello the next time you see them!

Carol Tonkin

## Update on the Loons

Sadly, one loon chick has been lost to us. The lives of these chicks hang by a very fragile thread, and it is difficult to know the cause. So many things could have happened. It could have been another bird, a motorboat not seeing the birds in time, a turtle, a gull, or just nature's way. We have had four adult loons (not ours) on the lake periodically. Hopefully they are only visitors and not mavericks bent on destruction.

Please caution any visitors to watch for the loons when they are out in their boats. Loons are not unfriendly to boats and are sometimes slow in getting out of the way.

Lets keep our fingers crossed that all will be well with the loon family until they fly away in late fall before the ice covers the lake.

Allene Hamilton



## Reflections



### Something I Miss

We used to have lots of Grandpa Bullfrogs on the lake. At night and in the early mornings especially, you could hear the "garrumps" all over the lake. We still hear them a little, but I do wonder why there seem to be fewer of them. Any ideas?

Allene Hamilton

## Reflections

It's difficult not to reflect on the beauty, the wildlife, the people of Lake Todd. Do you have thoughts or memories you would like to share? If you do, please call Norma Murphy at 938-6206. We would love to publish them in our Newsletter.



Here is our first reflection.

### Winter Beauty

In November, we somehow acquired a piece of heaven — a house on Lake Todd. To say the view is spectacular every single moment doesn't begin to describe it. Photographs cannot capture the splendor, nor do words.

Today is the first weekend of my February school vacation, and there is an ice fishing derby out on the lake. The smooth white surface crafted by the recent storm is being etched by snowmobiles, snowshoes, sleds, boots, augers, and dogs.

Hours ago, the first family arrived, like pioneers, a huge expanse before them to call their own. But before long, the lake was transformed from white stillness to a festival. Families and friends fished and talked, children ran and slid and laughed, and my view of Lake Todd was greatly expanded. By being here today and feeling the joy and sense of community coming from the lake, I realize it is far more than a beautiful body of water.

I'm standing on my deck, watching the last family walk towards the bridge, heading home. The sun is low in the sky, its weak glow forming a halo behind a tired pine tree branch. They are walking more slowly now, their eyes still on the lake.

Norma Murphy  
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