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Watchic Lake Association

Hi Paul, we hope this spring greeting finds you, and your family and friends well. After a trying year, we are beginning to emerge from various COVID-19 restrictions and look forward to hosting family and friends here on the lake. Over the past year WLA volunteers have continued to manage and maintain the dam, monitor water quality and invasives, and address other issues as they come up.



Please feel free to forward this email to others you know on the lake, and encourage them to [sign up for our emails](#). Emails and our website are the best way to keep informed of activities on the lake! Email addresses are not shared and will only be used for WLA business.

Owen Smith and Paul McNulty



Boating Safety Course June 19

June 19, 2021, 8am – 3pm, Kiwanis Beach Club (outside, under canopies)

The WLA and the Town of Standish have partnered with the Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to bring the Maine State Approved Boating Course to Standish. Understanding safe and courteous watercraft use helps make all lakes, including Watchic Lake a safer

and more environmentally friendly place to be.

How to Register

Registration Fee: \$10.00* (includes lunch). Registration is required by June 14, 2021. Persons under the age of 18 are free if registered with a paying/attending adult. The minimum age to take the course is 10 years old.

To register, go to [Standish Parks and Rec Registration](#) (you may need to create a household account). Payment can be made by credit card. To receive the wallet card, legal name and date of birth are required for each student.

Questions regarding registration, please call the Standish Rec Department at 207-642-2875. If you have questions regarding the course, please call Terry Fay-Babcock at 207-650-5240 or at tj_home7@yahoo.com.

The maximum class size is 30 registrants. If the class is cancelled due to inclement weather, a make-up date will be provided. To help us plan materials and refreshments we require registration prior to the event.

With successful completion of the class, students will receive a State of Maine NABLA (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators) boating safety cards that is recognized in all 50 states* To view the details of this course on the State of Maine Website, please go to: <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/programs-resources/safety-courses/boating-safety.html>

**Note: Persons 16 years of age and under 18 years of age MAY NOT operate a personal watercraft unless they possess on their person, identification showing proof of age and proof of successful completion of a NASBLA approved boating safety course unless they are accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older who physically occupies the personal watercraft.*

2021 Annual Meeting – Via Zoom July 10 at 10:00 am

Although things are improving regarding COVID-19 in the state of Maine, for the peace of mind for our members, we will again hold our annual meeting online using Zoom. The meeting will be held on Saturday July 10, 2021 at 10:00 am. Registration will begin at 9:45 am. Similar to previous meetings, we will provide an update on water quality, the [2020 Watershed Protection Plan and DEP Matching Grant](#), and give members an opportunity to comment and vote on board positions. Zoom meeting attendance details will be posted on our website and sent via email shortly before the meeting.

You can also check our website for more details at [Annual Meeting Section](#), including [Draft Minutes from the 2020 Meeting](#) which will be approved at our 2021 meeting

We hope you can join us.

2021 Membership

Thank you to the many members that have recently joined or renewed. If you have not already, we encourage you to join the association. Your support helps fund water quality testing, dam maintenance, invasive plant mitigation, and securing grants for lake property owners and road associations. [See our membership page](#) for more details. Membership is \$40 per year for an individual and \$75 per year for two family members.

Every little bit helps, do not forget to use [Hannaford Clynk](#) or [Amazon Smile](#) to make donations to the WLA with every transaction.

The Loons

The loons returned to the lake very shortly after ice-out. Some updates:



Loon Nest Raft at Paine Brook: There have not been any loon chicks at the Paine Brook (south) end of the lake since 2018. This is likely this because the traditional nesting site in the Paine Brook inlet was washed out a few years back. The WLA was able to secure one of the prototypes for a new loon nesting raft design developed by volunteers on Keyser Lake. This raft was launched by WLA volunteers on May 2. We ask that you avoid this area until early July when loon chicks will be hatched. Click here for more info on the Loon Nesting Raft. [Read more on our website.](#)

Loon Count: The Annual Audubon Loon count is scheduled for July 17th this year. Volunteers gather at 6:45 to count the loons on the lake. If you have a hour to spare and would like help with the count and meet your neighbors, please contact Kim Lajoie at kimj03229@aol.com.

Please feel free to forward this email to others you know on the lake, and encourage them to [sign up for our emails](#).

Contact Owen Smith at omacsmith58@gmail.com or Paul McNulty at p3mcnulty@gmail.com if you want to learn more about any these or other lake related topics.

Thank you!
Owen Smith and Paul McNulty

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