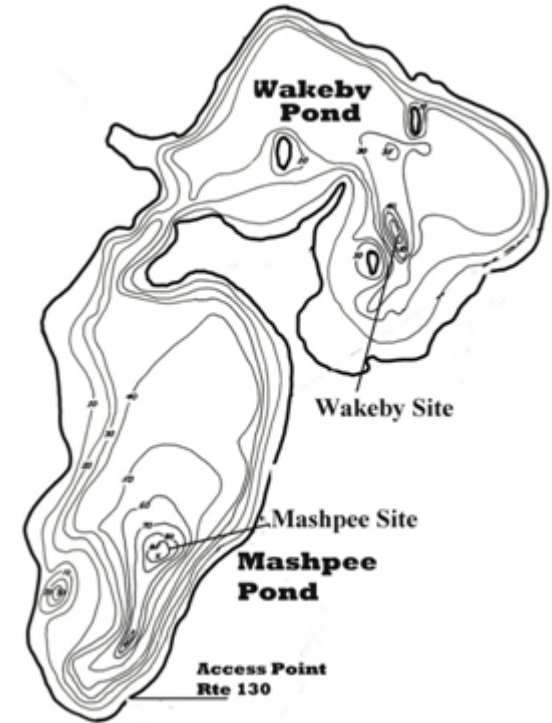


**MASHPEE & WAKEBY LAKES
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
NEWSLETTER**



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"Man is a complex being: he makes deserts bloom and lakes die."

Gil Scott-Heron

**Mashpee-Wakeby Lake
Management Committee
Mashpee Town Hall
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European Frog-bit

European frog-bit is an invasive free-floating aquatic plant with heart shaped leaves. The flowers have three white petals with a yellow center. The plant is native to Europe and was introduced to North America in the 1930's. Frog-bit is now found in nearby Vermont and New York and several Canadian provinces.

Propagation is by vegetative means. Mature plants send out multiple trailing runners and winter buds (turions) form during the summer, and fall to the bottom as the plants decay at the end of the season. In the spring, these turions bob to the water surface and sprout new growth. European frog-bit creates dense mats of vegetation, which can restrict fishing, boating, swimming and other recreational use.

It has become a popular water garden and aquarium plant, however is banned in some states, Maine and New Hampshire for example.

Do not release water garden or aquarium plants into the lake, but rather seal them in a plastic bag and dispose in the trash. Remove all plant fragments from boats, trailers, live wells, and fishing equipment.

See" Maine's Interactive Field Guide to Aquatic Invaders" for more information

MASHPEE & WAKEBY LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mashpee & Wakeby Lake Management Committee is comprised of five members from the Mashpee community. They are representative of groups within the Town of Mashpee who have a vested interest in maintaining the beauty and safety of the Lake for the residents' use and enjoyment. The Committee acts as a conduit for the public's interests and concerns about the Lake. It serves as liaison to the Town's governing agencies, recommending necessary actions to be taken. The Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of each month, at 7:30 PM at the Mashpee Town Hall. The presence of Mashpee residents at these meetings is encouraged. We urge your participation in the activities of this Committee, to assist in our ongoing efforts to preserve the beauty and safety of the Lake. For more information, contact any of the Committee members listed below.

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For Help on the Ponds 10.

For Police or Harbormaster Emergencies, call 911. If you need to report a non-emergency problem on the pond, the best way is to phone the Police at 508-539-1480, the non-emergency dispatch line. The dispatcher will contact the on-duty harbormaster or waterways assistant. Calling the Police line ensures that your complaint will be handled in a timely and safe fashion.

PWC Hours of Operation

There is a Town Ordinance regulating the hours of operation for PWCs. They may be operated from sunrise to 7 PM or sunset, whichever occurs earlier. The State EPO Officer has corrected their sign to agree with the Town signs at the State boat launch area.

Rule Reminders for PWC Operators

PWC may not be operated within 150 feet of a shore, water-skier or tuber, swimmer or moored vessel, unless operated at headway speed. (Absolute maximum speed of 6 mph.) Jumping the wake of another vessel, or riding too close to another vessel is prohibited.



Angel wing in Waterfowl

An article in the Cape Cod Times on March 3rd by Deborah Millman, explained how feeding ducks and other water fowl an unhealthy diet can cause angel wing. Angel wing is a deformity commonly found in ducks, geese, swans and other waterfowl. Most wildlife and waterfowl experts agree that the cause of this condition is an unhealthy high protein and or carbohydrate based diet. The disorder causes the last joint in one or both wings to unnaturally twist outward. Birds with angel wing are unable to fly or escape predators. When cold weather comes, they are unable to fly away and instead starve or freeze to death. Ms. Millman, who is the director of Cape Wildlife, a Barnstable based wildlife center, treats a significant number of these cases each year. The condition can be minimized in younger birds by splinting the affected wing and feeding them a proper diet for optimal growth. But, recovery is not guaranteed. For adult birds, the condition is almost always a death sentence.

Angel wing can be drastically reduced by not feeding birds "people food" including white bread, popcorn or crackers. This will help save their lives.

One can buy nutritious waterfowl feed or duck pellets at a feed store. Seedless grapes cut in half, shredded kale, swiss chard or romaine lettuce are healthy food sources as well as grains such as wheat, barley and oats.

Teach your children about a healthy diet for waterfowl and help prevent this condition called angel wing.

Mooring Enforcement Alert

The Mashpee Harbormaster has made compliance with the mooring regulations a priority for the 2014 season. Non-compliant moorings were tagged during the summer of 2013 and residents were given an opportunity to address any compliance problems. While many issues were resolved, some moorings remain out of compliance for issues ranging from improper markings, missing numbers, inadequate or worn chains and anchors or for other reasons.

The Harbormaster has notified the committee that non-compliant moorings will be removed this spring. The removal of moorings is an expensive and time-consuming process for the Town and is something that no one wants to see happen. If you have any questions about the status of your mooring, contact the Harbormaster, Stephen Mone at 508-539-1450.

Free Paddleboat Available

A white "Pelican" paddleboat with a red interior washed ashore, and was secured to a tree by the Harbormaster last summer. No one claimed it, so if you would like to have this boat, please email Barbara Nichols, Secretary as listed in this newsletter by July 1, 2014.

2014 Mashpee Wakeby Bass Tournaments

boats

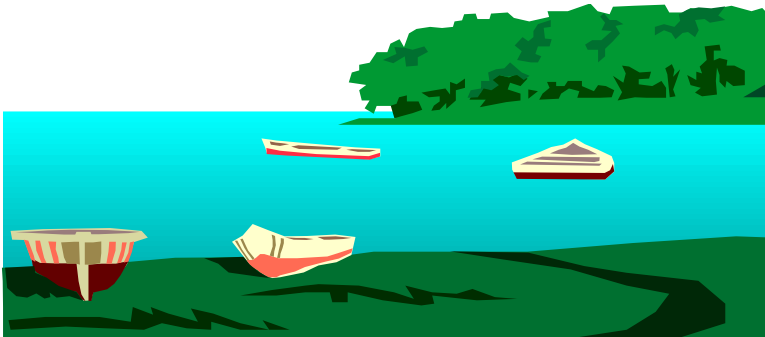
4/6/2014	Tri County Bass Masters	7-3PM	23
4/12/2014	Chelmsford Bass Tacklers		
4/19/2014	Northern RI Bass Anglers	7-3PM	23
4/26/2014	Mass Bass Federation	7-3PM	24
5/4/2014	Wildside Bass Club	7-3PM	13
5/17/2014	Silver City Lunkers	7-2PM	24
5/18/2014	Mass Bass Federation	7-3PM	24
5/25/2014	American Bass Anglers Div 5	7-3PM	24
6/8/2014	Bass Bums	7-3PM	15
6/14/2014	Eastside Sport Fishing Club	3-9PM	23
6/28/2014	Captain Bub's Bass Trail	7-3PM	24
6/29/2014	Mass Fish Finders	7-3PM	20
7/27/2014	R I State Bassmasters	7-3pm	19
8/2/2014	Happy Hookers Bass Club	7-3PM	20
8/16/2014	South Shore Bass Masters	7-3PM	20
9/7/2014	Rayn-Water Bass Club	7-12PM	15
9/13/201	New England Bassmasters of RI	7-3PM	10
9/14/2014	American Bass Anglers Div 5	7-3PM	40
9/21/2014	Baystate Rodbenders	7-1PM	22
10/5/2014	Mass Bass Busters		
10/12/2014	The Bass Club	7-3PM	15
10/19/2014	Bass Nation of Massachusetts	7-3PM	45

Just a Quick Reminder for Boaters

Please be aware that you should not be washing your boats off in Mashpee & Wakeby Lakes after leaving the ocean or any other lake. The aquatic weeds and plant life can be transported from one lake to another on your boats and trailers. Many of these plants are invasive and some can do serious damage to our fresh water lakes.

We have already seen some of these invasive species such as the Asian Clam. The management committee also recently received help to identify Richardson Pondweed, which seems to be spreading.

We have discussed the need for a washing station at the boat ramp to help with this problem, but would have to find a way for the project to be funded. If anyone has some helpful ideas, we would welcome you as a guest at one of our meetings. We would love to hear any of your suggestions.



Lowell Holly Reservation

The Trustees of Reservations have owned and provided stewardship for Lowell Holly Reservation since 1942. Lowell Holly Reservation is a Cape Cod gem hosting landscape qualities that provide stunning views and unique ecological features. The reservation's main geographical feature is a peninsula of land dividing Wakeby and Mashpee Ponds offering a sandy beach available to swimmers and visitors year-round. The beach at Lowell Holly has previously allowed boaters, however, starting in 2014 the beach will be reserved for swimmers only, no motorized boats will be allowed in the immediate area of the beach. The beach will be accessible by non motorized boat craft such as canoes, kayaks or sailboats and we encourage such users to enjoy the experience while maintaining respect for the rules and regulations of the beach. The beach is accessible by car from Memorial Day to Labor Day, the gate off South Sandwich Road is opened daily at 9AM and closes at 5PM; no motor boat launching is allowed. The beach is an unguarded swimming area, please be sure to apply the appropriate caution if you plan to swim. As stewards of the property we encourage active use, and request that all visitors please share in preserving its beauty through a carry-in, carry-out policy. The Trustees wish all visitors an enjoyable experience and welcome any comments or feedback. We encourage passionate visitors to become more involved with the organization through volunteering or supporting the Trustees work in preserving Massachusetts most special places, for more information please visit www.thetrustees.org or contact Diane Lang, Superintendent, at dlang@ttor.org.



Weed Update

The last few summers, marked by warm temperatures and lots of sun, have brought with them the growth of a weed that is causing problems in some areas. The weed, Richardson's Pondweed (*Potamogeton Richardsonii*), is native to the region but has probably existed in MW Pond in low numbers for years. This type of plant has thrived in the warming climate we have experienced and it now appears in dense stands sporadically throughout the pond.

While the pondweed is not considered an exotic or non-native invasive species, it is clearly becoming a nuisance and is negatively impacting certain areas. There is guidance available on pondweed control at www.mass.gov/lakesandponds. The Richardson Pondweed spreads through distribution of its seeds. The spread of the weed can be controlled by hand pulling the weed, especially prior to the formation of seeds in mid to late August.

The seed heads are white and are at the tip of the plant in late summer. The weed pulls out by the roots with some care and regular maintenance can control the weed to some extent. Pulled weeds should be removed from the water and left to dry on land. The use of herbicides is not encouraged and should not be used in the pond by anyone except a licensed applicator.

