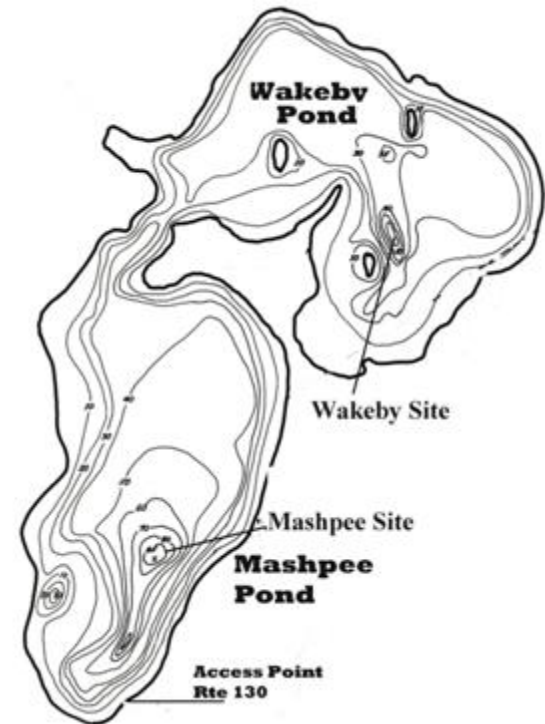


**MASHPEE & WAKEBY LAKES
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
NEWSLETTER**



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“To waste, to destroy our natural resources, to skin and exhaust the land instead of using it so as to increase its usefulness, will result in undermining in the days of our children the very prosperity which we ought to by right to hand down to them amplified and developed.” Theodore Roosevelt

Transportation of Gasoline

2.

In accordance with 527 CMR 8:21 (5), gasoline or other flammable product may be transported without a permit in any open vehicle or in a compartment of a closed vehicle separated from passengers, in a total not to exceed 21 gallons, provided such flammable liquid is contained in approved containers with no individual container exceeding 7 gallons in capacity.

The use of “gas caddies” for the transportation of gasoline and/ or diesel fuel is not allowed in the Commonwealth.

527 CMR 5.08 (4) Delivery: Portable containers shall not be filled while located inside any vehicle, (pickup truck beds, cars and enclosed trailers)

527 CMR 15:04 Handling, Transporting or Disposing: No person shall keep, handle, store or transport flammable or combustible liquids, or dispose or crude petroleum or any of its products on the waters of the Commonwealth except in accordance with CMR 527 15.00

(14) No flammable or combustible liquids shall be delivered from a portable container to the tank of any vessel with a fuel tank capacity greater than 28 gallons without prior written approval of the head of the Fire Department, A single delivery or not more than seven gallons in the emergency is accepted. All provisions of both 527 CMR 15:04 (6) and (7) shall be complied with at the time of delivery.

All of 527 CMR's are enforceable under MGL Ch.14

More information can be found under MA.gov/ Board of Fire Protection

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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10.

Mashpee Nitrogen Bylaw

Approved by Mashpee Town meeting, the Cape Cod Commission and recently by the Attorney General's Office, the bylaw is now an official town ordinance. The new nitrogen bylaw is similar to those enacted in Orleans and Falmouth.

It limits the application of nitrogen on turf between October 30 and April 14th. It also prohibits the application of nitrogen on non-turf such as pavement, and prohibits its use just before a heavy rain. It also bans the use of nitrogen within 100 feet of wetlands. Be sure any fertilizer you use meets these guidelines.

Although nitrogen is a big part of the degradation of salt water bays and estuaries, phosphorus in fertilizers is more responsible for degrading the fresh water ponds and rivers. State regulations govern the application of phosphorus. Residents should minimize the use of phosphorus fertilizers and be mindful to use low or no phosphorus compounds in the home.

The new bylaw will be enforced by the town's conservation and health departments. The fine for the first infraction is no more than \$150; second offense is \$250 and each subsequent offense is \$300.

3.

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 seasonal parking area is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The gate is open daily until 5 PM. The access road is off South Sandwich Road, just south of the year round parking area. This summer season all the beaches at Lowell Holly will again be marked by swim buoys and the swim areas will be restricted to non motorized boats only. 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.

4.



Yellow Iris

Distribution : This flower, native to Europe, Africa, and temperate Asia is now appearing on Mashpee Lake in the Holly reservation area. It migrated to the US in the late 1770's and is now found in all but eight states from the Dakotas to Arizona. It is found in forested and open woodlands and along wet areas of lakes and streams

Description: The plant has stiff erect leaves, strong root development (rhizomes usually 4-8 inches long) and pale yellow flowers from late May to early July.

Reproduction; it reproduces both by seed and rhizome fragmentation.

Impacts and Controls:

Yellow iris tends to form dense stands and replace native vegetation. It is of little value to wildlife and is considered poisonous. It reduces habitat needed by fish and wildlife.

Prevention of spread: Physical removal of the entire plant and rhizome is the only way to prevent spread.

Removal of seed pods will prevent further establishment from seed.

Information from the USDA Forest Service web site.
<http://www.fs.fed.us>

9.

A Reminder

When some invasive species of plant life get into our lakes, they can be very harmful and have a devastating impact. When they enter our waters, they can spread very rapidly.

Once invasive plants are established, they are almost impossible to eradicate. The United States spends millions of dollars annually to control these exotic species.

We have seen this happen in our pond, so we remind you, when traveling between different water ways, to always remove any plant fragments from your boat, trailer, anchors, and fishing gear, while on dry land well away from the water.

If you would like to learn more, go to:

DCR Lakes and Ponds Program
www.mass.gov/lakesandponds

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4. PFDs (**Personal Flotation Device**) Type 1, 2 or 3 (one per person). Those on PWCs must wear a PFD at all times. Children under 12 must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket on any vessel that is underway. Type V PFD use is authorized for those on PWCs and children under 12 years of age. All persons on board **a canoe or kayak** from September 15th to May 15th must wear a USCG approved Type 1, 2, or 3 PFD at all times.

5. A **Boating Safety Certificate** is required if the operator is 12 through 15 years of age. This is also required for PWC operators 16 or 17 years of age. Those under 16 years of age cannot operate a PWC in Massachusetts.

6. A **fire extinguisher** is required and the type is 1B.

Outboard motorboats less than 26 feet of open construction and not carrying passengers for hire are not required to carry fire extinguishers. Back Flame Arrestors are required on all gasoline engines except outboards.

7. The following items are **required on all motorized vessels**. Ventilation systems; muffler; a horn, whistle or bell; Navigation lights if operating between sunset and sunrise; ladder, steps, platform or similar device if towing a person on skis or other device; anchor, line and manual bailer; paddle or oar (PWCs are exempt from paddle or oar).

8. **Specific to PWCS**: They may not be operated between sunset and sunrise. They may not be used to tow anyone. Those under 16 years of age cannot operate a PWC in Massachusetts.

Course offered..

The Harbormaster plans to offer a boating safety course leading to a **Boating Safety Certificate**. He can be reached through the Police Dept. business number.

•Boating Basics and a Required Equipment Checklist

•Every year we get ready for spring. There are several items that need to be checked annually to be sure they are up to date. The following information, though not complete, is intended to be a basic review of what is needed on our local lakes. The complete list is available from the Code of Massachusetts Regulations. You can stay up-to-date on new boating laws by contacting the Massachusetts Environmental Police at www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dle.

•A **vessels length** determines what equipment is necessary to comply with federal and state laws. For the purpose of this newsletter the length classes are: Class A – less than 16 feet; Class 1 – 16 feet to less than 26 feet; Class 2 – 26 to less than 40 feet.

•Regarding capacity, “**Maximum Capacity Plates**” are required on single-hull vessels that are less than 20 feet. Personal Watercraft (PWC’s) carries a recommended capacity in the owner’s manual and on the manufacturer’s warning decal. Beyond 20 feet there may be a Maximum Capacity Plate, but the law states that no vessel may be operated in an overloaded condition. This should mean common sense prevails, but the Marine Police may determine that a vessel is overloaded based on the vessel and weather

•The following items are required on all motorized vessels:

•1. Vessel **registration** on board.

•2. Validation **Decal** displayed.

•3. **Registration numbers**.

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6.

Event Date	Group	ArriveTime
	StartTme ReturnTime	
3/28/2015	Mass Bass Federation	6:00 AM
	7:00 AM 3:00 PM	
4/18/2015	Avid Anglers	6:00 AM 7:00 AM
	3:00 PM	
4/19/2015	Cape Cod Bass	6:00 AM
	7:00 AM 3:00 PM	
4/21/2015	Lunker Landers	7:00 AM
	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	
4/25/2015	Blackstone Valley Bassmasters	
	6:30 AM 7:00 AM	3:00 PM
4/26/2015	Baystate Rodbenders	6:30 AM
	7:00 AM 1:00 PM	
5/9/2015	Massachusetts Bass Nation	
	5:30 AM 7:00 AM	3:00 PM
5/13/2015	Take A Break Trail	6:00 AM
	7:00 AM 3:00 PM	
5/17/2015	South Middlesex Bass Anglers	
	6:00 AM 7:00 AM	3:00 PM
5/24/2015	American Bass Angers Division 5	
	6:00 AM 7:00 AM	3:00 PM
6/13/2015	Silver City Lunkers	6:00 AM
	7:00 AM 2:00 PM	
7/18/2015	Captain Bub'sBass Trail	6:00 AM
	7:00 AM 3:00 PM	
7/19/2015	Happy Hookers Bass Club	6:00 AM
	7:00 AM 3:00 PM	

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Date	Start	return	arrival
7/25/2015	Captain Bub'sBass Trail	6:00 AM	
	7:00 AM 3:00 PM		
8/16/2015	Overtime Anglers	6:30 AM	
	7:00 AM 3:00 PM		
8/23/2015	Rayn-water Bass Club	6:30 AM	
	7:00 AM 1:00 PM		
9/6/2015	Northern CT Bass Anglers	6:30 AM	
	7:00 AM 3:00 PM		
9/13/2015	Silver City Bass	6:00 AM	
	7:00 AM 2:00 PM		
9/19/2015	USA Bassin MA Div-1	5:30 AM	
	7:00 AM 3:00 PM		
9/20/2015	R.I. Bass Federation	6:00 AM	
	7:00 AM 3:00 PM		
9/26/2015	South Shore Bass Masters	6:00 AM	
	7:00 AM 3:00 PM		
10/4/2015	American Bass Angers Division 5		
	6:00 AM 7:00 AM	3:00 PM	
10/10/2015	All State Bass	6:00 AM	
	7:00 AM 3:00 PM		
10/11/2015	Rod Jockeys	6:00 AM 7:00 AM	
	4:00 PM		
10/18/2015	Massachusetts Bass Nation		
	5:00 AM 7:00 AM	3:00 PM	