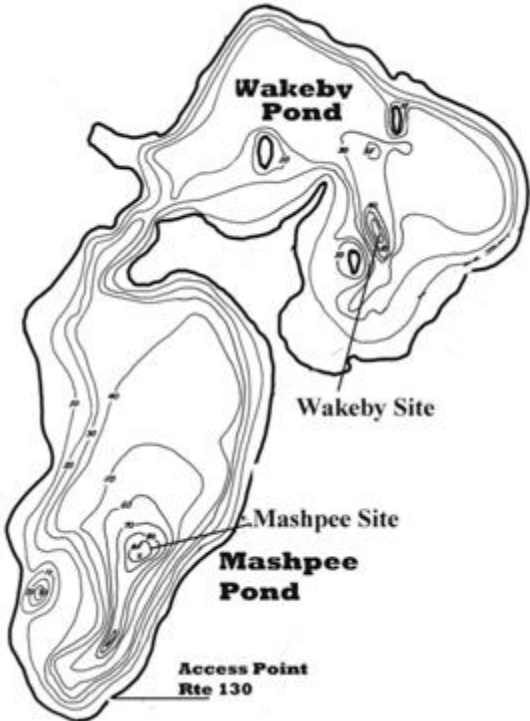


**MASHPEE & WAKEBY LAKE  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
NEWSLETTER**



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“In the end, our society will be defined not only by what we create but what we refuse to destroy.”  
  
John C. Sawhill, The Nature Conservancy

**Mashpee-Wakeby Lake  
Management Committee  
Mashpee Town Hall  
Mashpee, MA 02649**

## **Recreation Mooring Rules & Regulations**

The following information is taken from the Town of Mashpee website and is not the full listing. We are listing the highlights to answer the most frequently asked questions regarding moorings, their use and misuse. This information applies to both fresh and saltwater locations. The entire listing of the rules and regulations (11 pages) can be found at the Mashpee website "www.mashpeema.gov" under "Recreational Mooring Rules and Regulations".

### **1.0 Permit Holders**

- Private mooring shall mean any mooring permitted by the Town of Mashpee to an individual. The only vessel allowed on that mooring shall be the one registered to that mooring.

### **1.1 Transfers**

- There is no relationship between property ownership and the mooring permit. Mooring permits are not transferable when a property is sold. Moorings may be transferred to immediate family members as allowed in CMR 310, 90.7d.

### **1.2 Use, Lack of**

- If a permit holder discontinues use of the mooring permanently, he or she shall notify the Harbormaster within 10 days.

### **1.3 Renewal**

- Mooring permits are renewable each year and must be renewed by April 30th. If a renewal application is not received by April 30, it will be automatically revoked.

### **1.4 Mooring Fees:**

- Fees are based on boat length or float size. The fee for all boats or floats up to 20' or less is \$200.00. Boats 20' to 25' = \$250.00. Boats 25' to 30' = \$300.00 and boats 30' and up = \$400.00.

### **1.5 Temporary Mooring Permits**

- A mooring holder may loan his/her mooring for no more than seven days.

## **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 p.m. 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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Vacancy

## **Eight Easy Ways to Combat Invasive Plants**

You can help stop the spread of invasive plants by following these 8 easy guidelines:

1. Ask for only noninvasive species when you acquire plants. Request that nurseries and garden centers sell only noninvasive plants.
2. Seek information on invasive plants. Sources include botanical gardens, horticulturists, conservationists, and government agencies.
3. Scout your property remove invasives before they become a problem. If plants can't be removed, at least prevent them from going to seed.
4. Clean your boots before and after visiting a natural area to prevent the spread of invasive plant seeds.
5. Don't release aquarium plants into the wild.
6. Volunteer at local parks and natural areas to assist ongoing efforts to diminish the threat of invasive plants.
7. Help educate your community through personal contacts and in such settings as garden clubs and civic groups.
8. Support public policies and programs to control invasive plants.

## **Committee Vacancy**

Mashpee Wakeby Lake Management Committee has a vacancy. If you are a Mashpee resident and have an interest in serving on the five person committee, apply through the Selectmen's Office by sending a letter of interest. Sandwich residents are welcome to attend meetings. Except in December, we usually meet on the fourth Thursday of each month in Town Hall at 7:30 PM. Meetings last about an hour. Help is also needed on our newsletter, which contains articles of news from around the lakes.

## **2.0 Dates of Occupancy**

- Mooring permits are issued for a period of one year on a calendar-year basis. They expire December 31<sup>st</sup> unless revoked earlier by the Harbormaster for good cause.

## **2.1 Winter Spar Buoys, Sticks**

- Winter spar buoys (winter sticks) shall be painted white, numbered and float upright at all times at not less than 45 degrees and shall have a minimum exposed length of 18" above any tide level. Winter spar buoys may be used only from October 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **3.0 Billing**

- Bills will be mailed after January 1<sup>st</sup> each year for the upcoming calendar year. Payment must be received by the Town no later than April 30<sup>th</sup> of that same year of use.

## **4.0 Specifications**

### **Mushroom Anchor Size Requirements**

- Boat Length Weight of Mushroom Anchor  
    <8' – 100 lbs    18-22' – 150 lbs    23-28' – 200 lbs

## **4.3 Required Equipment**

Allowed Mooring Anchors: Steel (or cast iron) mushroom, DOR MOR, helical screw.

Not Allowed Mooring Anchors: Cement blocks, granite blocks, radiators, engine blocks, etc.

## **6.0 Inspections**

- Mooring equipment (excluding steel or cast iron mushroom, DOR MOR, helical screw) will be replaced every three years.

## **10.0 10A Floats**

- 10A Floats within the Town of Mashpee shall have a mooring permit as outlined in this regulation.

## Mashpee Nutrient Control By-Law

On May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Mashpee Town Meeting, the Nitrogen bylaw was expanded to include phosphorus. It was drawn up by Michael Talbot, Chairman of the Mashpee Environmental Oversight Committee, who first drafted the original bylaw in 2014. Mr. Talbot stated that once you have an established lawn, you do not need added phosphorus. Now, phosphorus application is prohibited between December 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Further information, including performance standards, exemptions and recommendations can be obtained through the Conservation Department. Conservation along with the Department of Natural Resources will be responsible for education and enforcement of the bylaw. The distance required between fertilizer application and Mashpee's wetlands is described. These two Departments will join the Board of Health in enforcement. The fine for a first offense shall be no greater than \$150; second offense \$250, and each subsequent offense is \$300.

Reducing excess phosphorus helps protect the water quality of Mashpee's ponds and streams, while reducing nitrogen helps protect the salt water estuaries and associated coves and waterways.

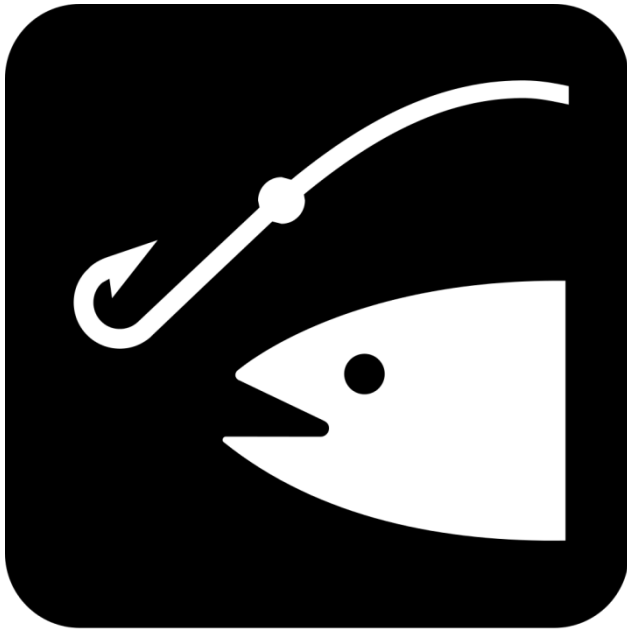
## Lowell Holly Reservation

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](http://www.thetrustees.org) or contact Diane Lang, Superintendent, at [dlang@thetrustees.org](mailto:dlang@thetrustees.org).



## Bass Tournament Cont'd

09/24/17	Happy Hookers Bass Club	20	7AM-3PM
10/01/17	Rod Jockeys of Cape Cod	24	7AM-3PM
10/07/17	South Shore Bassmasters	17	7AM-3PM
10/08/17	Rayne-water Bass Club	13	7AM-3PM
10/14/17	Nebassin	20	7AM-3PM



## Mashpee Wakeby Lake Regulations

Mashpee and Wakeby Lakes are governed by State regulations by the Massachusetts Environmental Police. For safety reasons, it is to everyone's benefit to follow them.

- Boats must be registered and numbered, including jet skis (PWCs).
- There must be a personal floatation device (PFD) on board for every passenger. Children under age 12 must wear one at all times. PFDs must also be worn by anyone in a sailboat, canoe, kayak, or paddleboard between September 15<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Hours of operation for boaters sunrise to sunset except for PCWs which must be off the lake before 7 PM. Jet skiers cannot tow anyone or anything. It is also illegal to waterski between sunset and sunrise.
- It is illegal to jump the wake or cross too close to another boat.
- Boats should not exceed 6 MPH (headway speed) within 150 feet of any swimmer, mooring area, boat launch, floating raft, the channel connecting Mashpee to Wakeby, and within 300 feet from the shore line swimming area, public or private.
- The overall speed on the lakes is 45 MPH.
- The minimum age to ride a jets ski is 16 and operators of 16 or 17 must hold a certificate of training.
- Regulations in Mashpee are enforced by the Harbormaster and his assistants. They have the power to issue citations and fines or ask you to leave the lake for safety or registration issues.
- During the week, the Harbormaster can be reached through the Department of Natural Resources at Town Hall. In emergency situations or on weekends, contact the Police Station at 508-539-1480.

**MASHPEE WAKEBY POND  
2017 BASS TOURNAMENTS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Max Boats</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>End Time</u>
03/12/17	Cran Bog Hogs	35	8 AM	3 PM
04/08/17	Mass Bass Nation	24	7 AM	3 PM
04/22/17	RI State Bassmasters	15	7 AM	3 PM
04/23/17	Tri-County Bassmasters	17	7 AM	3 PM
04/29/17	American Eagle Bass Anglers	24	7 AM	3 PM
05/06/17	Bass Addicts	17	7 AM	3 PM
05/14/17	Niipmuc Bass	17	7 AM	3 PM
05/20/17	Avid Anglers	20	7 AM	3 PM
05/21/17	Baystate Rodbenders	22	7 AM	1 PM
06/3/17	Southcoast Bass Anglers	19	7 AM	3 PM
06/11/17	American Bass Anglers-A.b.a.	24	7 AM	3 PM
06/24/17	Silver City Lunkers	24	7 AM	2 PM
06/25/17	Baystate Rodbenders	22	7 AM	1 PM
07/08/17	Ne Bassin	24	7 AM	3 PM
07/12/17	Take A Break	24	7 AM	3 PM
07/15/17	Captain Bub's Bass Tournament	24	7 AM	3 PM
08/5/17	American Bass Anglers-A.b.a.	24	7 AM	3 PM
08/19/17	Rod Jockeys	24	4 PM	2 AM
09/9/17	Bass Seekers	24	7 AM	3 PM
09/17/17	Bass Bums	14	7 AM	3 PM
09/19/17	Lunker Landers	24	7 AM	3 PM
09/23/17	Captain Bub's Bass Tournament	24	7 AM	3 PM