

Lake Todd Times

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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

August Social - The annual Lake Todd Social will take place this coming Sunday, August 12, at noon. The rain date is August 20. Please call Sue Vitale at 938-2852 before noon on the 12th to let her what you plan to bring to this pot-luck event. Bring the family for games, good food, and good company!

No Wake Zone Hearing - The hearing to establish a no wake zone from the bridge to the dam will take place on August 16 at 1:00 p.m. at Bradford Town Hall.

A LITTLE HISTORY

There are 5 islands on Lake Todd, a good average for just 168 acres! The "Fireplace Island" once had a small cabin on it, built and lived in by Hank Eastman in the 1930's. The present fireplace was part of that cabin. The materials were taken across the ice in winter, so he could erect the cabin in the spring. The cabin burned sometime in the late 1940's.

Faces on the Lake

Doug Webb recently purchased the Lavin Property on Route 103, next to the Birch Lane Motel. Doug began coming to the area 38 years ago, and relocated here in 1992 from Sudbury, MA, making his permanent home in South Newbury. Doug has taken down the house and garage, and is presently clearing the land he bought, with no definite plans as to its purpose. It will, however, be an asset to the community.

Jim and Carol Lauby are new faces at 10 Fowler Mill Road. Their children are grown and on their own, but Jim and Carol are not alone. They have a golden retriever named Dallas, a second dog named Scooter, and an African Gray bird named Buddy. Jim is a software designer for Fidelity. They have a boat docked in Sunapee Harbor called the Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah and are having a great time here.

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Marine Safety

We are fortunate to have a Marine Safety Patrol Officer visit Lake Todd several times over the summer. He puts out the safety markers in the spring and retrieves them in the fall. He also checks on licensed boats, safety equipment, and monitors the safe use of the lake.

He recently gave us a schedule for NH Marine Patrol Boating Education classes. These safe boating classes will be mandatory for younger motor boaters beginning in 2002, and mandatory for all power boat users, regardless of age, by 2008. The classes are free this year (perhaps not in the future) and may be scheduled by calling 1-888-254-2125. Nearby classes are as follows:

8/22	Dept. of Safety Motor Vehicles
8/24	Concord. Part I, 6:00-10:00 pm
	Part II, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
8/24	Sunapee H.S., Sunapee
8/26	Part I, 5:00 - 9:00 pm
	Part II, 5:00 - 9:00 pm
8/28	Dept. of Safety Motor Vehicles
8/30	Concord. Part I, 6:00-10:00 pm
	Part II, 6:00-10:00 pm

There are other times and dates scheduled for these classes. Space must be reserved, and classes are filling up rapidly.

Taking Care of Our Lake

There will soon be a poster at the access area for outside boats on Lake Todd on Rt. 103 with the message: "TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR LAKES AND WILDLIFE." It continues, "Please use alternatives to lead fishing sinkers and jigs. Please don't leave fishing line behind. Please keep your distance from nesting loons and chicks. While enjoying this lake, please take care and help to protect wildlife by allowing them the space they need." We hope everyone follows these practices to help keep Lake Todd beautiful and thriving.

A Few Reminders . . .

All types of water craft can flush loons from their shoreline nests, leaving eggs vulnerable. They can also disrupt parental care and feeding of young. Please stay at least 100 feet away from loons and other lake wildlife, even further if they show signs of fear. If you observe a loon being harassed or injured, please contact one of the following:

Loon Preservation Committee
(603) 476-LOON (5666)
NH Dept. of Fish and Game
(603) 271-3361
Allene Hamilton 938-2318

Lake Todd Association
P.O. Box 169
Bradford, NH 03221

If you lose or find a boat or other water equipment, please call Carol Tonkin @938-2811. Several boats have floated out and been retrieved, but it has been difficult to locate the owners. If you have a small boat that doesn't require registration, it might be a good idea to mark it with your name & phone no.

Thank you to all who have paid their annual dues. There are still a few stragglers out there! We hope you will remember that your dues maintain the dam and the water quality of our beautiful lake. If you haven't already done so, please send in your fair share by sending a check for \$25.00, payable to the Lake Todd Association at P.O. Box 169, Bradford, NH 03221.

Thank you.

Are You On Our List?

We are updating our mailing list to make it available to everyone on the lake. If we don't have your phone number(s), please call Carol Tonkin at 938-2811. If you don't wish your number to be given out, we will keep it unlisted, but it would be helpful to have if a boat gets loose or we see a problem at your lake home.

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