

# LAKE CARMİ ASSOCIATION NEWS

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## Governor Shumlin Signs H-35



On Tuesday, June 16, a delegation from the LCCA attended the signing of H-35 by Governor Shumlin at St. Albans Bay. In this photo, the Governor is making the Bill a Vermont Law. Denise Smith, of the Friends of Northern Lake Champlain is talking with Shumlin (center) while several legislators gather around to watch. On the right is Franklin County Senator Dustin Degree of St. Albans displaying a ***"Save Lake Carmi, Stop Pollution"*** sign.

The Governor spoke of the success of this bill and the work done by many volunteer groups around the state, naming the Lake Carmi group. Two other major players named were the Friends of Northern Lake Champlain and the Franklin County Farmers Alliance.

President Benevento wrote, "H-35 is not a panacea, but it is a good start to improving Vermont's waters; it would not be reality if we at Lake Carmi had not taken leadership and spoke up." Benevento has expressed his sincere thank you to everyone who wrote letters, sent emails and post cards, made telephone calls and attended state house sessions. Your voices made a huge difference.

The Lake Champlain Committee has trained several Lake Carmi folks as blue-green algae monitors. The monitoring began in mid-June; it will continue through Labor Day or longer. Five sites around Lake Carmi will be surveyed and sampled each week and reported to the Vermont Department of Health. If BGA is spotted in other sites, samples will be taken and reported to the Health Department.



**A Big fisherman on Patton Shore**, in early June, five-year-old Liam caught this big pumpkin seed. He asked if it was big enough to get his picture in the Newsletter. Sometimes there is just enough space for a photo that tells a story about life at Lake Carmi.

## LCCA Annual Meeting, August 8

Mark your calendar to attend the annual meeting of the LCCA on Saturday, August 8. Gather for a social time about 5:30 p.m. and plan on a pot luck dinner at 6:00 p.m. The annual meeting agenda includes election of directors and officers, annual reports and other business. There will also be door prizes donated by local businesses.

The guest speaker will be James Ehlers,



Executive Director of LCI, Lake Champlain International. James has a long history of clean water advocacy, not only in the Lake Champlain basin but water bodies all over the state, including Lake Carmi. At the recent signing of H-35, the

Governor complimented James as one of the leaders to make the bill meaningful, and getting it passed. A motto of the LCI is: "... ..because a swimmable, drinkable, fishable Lake Champlain is the only option."

Editor's note, "let's change Champlain to Carmi."

## Sailfest, 2015

**This is not a race.** It's a fun event for everyone with a sailboat, no matter the size. Get prepared for Saturday, July 11, 10:00 a.m. This is strictly a volunteer event. You make the decision to participate or not, depending on the weather. The buoys for the race of the week before will be left in place for the sail boats. Life vests and paddles are mandatory. This friendly sail is meant for everyone to have a good time. All the campers love to see the sail boats on the lake. There is no advance registration or fee.

## **President Benevento Writes:**

We have finally arrived at the best time of the year. Schools are out. Vacation plans are set, and Lake Carmi is a very busy place. Traffic during the week has increased around the lake, and the camp lights are bright. Our community has come back together for the summer.



The lights around the shore will be a new addition to *Celebrate Lake Carmi* this summer. "Light-up Lake Carmi" has been added to our list of activities, from June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 5<sup>th</sup>, or as long you like! Cottage residents are asked to decorate their homes with lights in the theme of their choosing. Break out the lights, yes Christmas lights will work and Celebrate Lake Carmi.

All the Celebrate Lake Carmi events require a tremendous amount of time and effort from many volunteers. The more individuals who share the work make the work lighter for everyone. If you really appreciate and enjoy these events, please volunteer to make it all happen. We need everyone's participation.

The public focus of LCCA activities has been on our festive events, but the majority of our efforts has been on our water-quality efforts. The new Weed Harvester should have arrived at the lake by the time you get this newsletter. The Town of Franklin Selectboard along with many others has succeeded in funding this purchase to do a much better job of making the lake usable for the summer months.

A fun event for some of the LCCA members took place this spring. LCCA and Franklin Watershed Committee officers participated in the Lake Champlain International Governor's Cup. A half-day fishing derby to promote clean water. We almost won the cup, but were beat by a larger fish just before the contest end. FWC President Bruce Bushey caught the unidentified large fish that almost won the contest.

Those participating from LCCA and FWC were, left to right, David Larose, Peter Benevento, Bruce Bushey, Judith McLaughlin



and Rob Cormier. Governor Shumlin recognized the Lake Carmi team in his remarks. He knows we are serious about improving our water quality.

So have a great summer, play safe, enjoy all the fun activities. Please remember that none of this happens without the support of our membership. Please send in your dues, so we can continue "One Happy Lake."

I remind you that articles are always welcome for the L.C.C.A. newsletters. Send email ideas and articles to [larry.myott@uvm.edu](mailto:larry.myott@uvm.edu). The next issue will be August 2015, deadline July 20.

## ***Peter Benevento***

President

## **LCCA Board Meetings, 2015**

The LCCA Board has set their schedule of board meetings for the summer months. They meet in the FELCO Room of the Franklin Home stead at 8:30 a.m., May through September. Of course, members are always welcome to attend. They will meet again on July 25, August 22 and September 19.

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### Haston Library Events

*This is a summary of Library events, go to <https://hastonlibrary.wordpress.com/> for more details and additional programs.*

- Sat. June 27 at Franklin Town Hall. *Fantastic Physicists*. Come do some cool experiments with balloons, electricity and more.
  - July 20 – 24, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Nature Camp at the Town Hall for ages 6 – 12. Tuition is \$130. Pre-register at the library.
  - July 27 – 30, 9 am – 1 pm. Art Camp at the Town Hall, tuition, \$140. Pre-register at the library.
  - August 10-14, 9 to 10:30 am. Woodworking camp at Town Hall. \$92 registration fee.
- Pre-registration required at library or 802.285.6505.

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### Free Concerts in July

They are in Shelburne, but car-pooling will make it even more fun. Four Wednesdays will provide free music at Shelburne Farms on Harbor Road. Of course, they will accept donations, parking is free too. The concerts will be at the large historic Farm Barn on the majestic estate. Bring your own chairs, perhaps a blanket too. The gates open at 5:30 pm for your picnic, the concert is at 6:30. This Shelburne Town Concert Series is hosted by Shelburne Farms. You can buy farm burgers on site.

- Wed. July 8 - Bob Degree & Bluegrass Storm
- Wed. July 15 - Buckshot
- Wed. July 22 - Dave Keller Band
- Wed. July 29 - Rhythm Rockets

### For Sale, For Rent or Wanted

*Paid members are permitted a free classified ad in the four issues of the season. Merchandise ads are only for two issues, unless renewed. Camp rental ads can run for the whole season. However, if you have no more availability, please notify the editor.*

### Cottage Rentals for the 2015 Season

**Cottage for Rent**, Westcott Shore, 3 bdrm, fully equipped, May – October. \$750. Wk.

414.220.7079 days, 450.359.9138 nights. Email: [sjones@erbgroup.com](mailto:sjones@erbgroup.com).

**Cottage for Rent**, May – Oct, AC/Heat, TV, Wifi, spring water, recently renovated. Plenty of parking, picnic area, 180' waterfront, Westcott Shore. Bob & Nancy Lumnah, 603.231.0716.

**Cottage for Rent**, Hammond Shore Road, 2 bdrm, right on the water. \$800/week. Call 802.848.3393.

**Cottage for Rent**, Hammond Shore Road, fully furnished, bring your own linens. 802.285.6737.

**Cottage for Rent**, 1950's era lakefront family camp on Westcott Shore. Sleeps six, two bdrm, plus beds on porch. Woodland setting.

\$600/week. Contact Kim Gates 802.285.9911 or email [vera@franklinvt.net](mailto:vera@franklinvt.net).

**Cottage for Rent**, right on the lake, Patton Shore Road, 2 story, sleeps nine, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Second story loft, fully furnished. Call 802- 879-7517,

[www.cyberrentals.com/rental/p129401](http://www.cyberrentals.com/rental/p129401)

**Cottage for Rent**. Patton Shore; 3 bdrm; Sleeps up to 15; full kitchen. New England style rustic, by the week. Includes rowboat and canoe. Pets & children welcome. Contact James Hearne at 215.205.7855 or: [lakecarmicamp@gmail.com](mailto:lakecarmicamp@gmail.com).

**Cottage for Rent**, 1930's era vintage lakefront camp on Vic's Crossing. Sleeps 10, 4 bdrm, with canoe & Kayaks. 802.285.2250 or email: [blackbarn@franklinvt.net](mailto:blackbarn@franklinvt.net).

**Cottage for Rent**, Three bdrms. Dock, rowboat, kayaks. Westcott Shore. \$600/week, including VT Tax. Contact Jan Cushman, 925.253.1958 or [jancushman@comcast.net](mailto:jancushman@comcast.net).

### For Sale:

**For Sale**, aluminum boat hoist. Asking \$1200. Located at Kings Court. Contact Jeff Richards, 802.272.3054 or email: [alljobssmall@hotmail.com](mailto:alljobssmall@hotmail.com).

**Camp Lot for Sale**, Patton Shore. 89 ft frontage, 60ft deep. Lease. \$55,000 asking price. Darlene Greenwood Cooper, 802.285.6870.

**Camp for Sale**, 41 Camp Road. Call 802.782.9665 or 951.639.3400.

**Home for Sale**, Blackwoods, year around, owned land, lake access. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, open & bright. Over 1,700 sq.ft. Large wrapping deck, great views. Asking \$275,000, call 802.285.6528 or 802.999.7026.

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**For Sale**, New Eccotemp propane hot-water heater, Model FV112. Asking \$225. Call Guy or Pat Roberge at 285.2113, email: [homestead206@franklinvt.net](mailto:homestead206@franklinvt.net).

*Donate your good stuff to the Town of Franklin Yard Sale on July 11, Call Ruth Ann Kraveski, 285.6891.*

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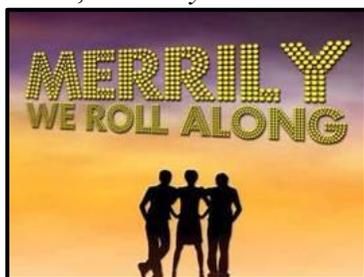
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## Enosburg Opera House Events

There are so many things to do in Vermont during the summer, many are in Franklin County. The Enosburg Opera House is one of those places for fun entertainment for adults and programs for summer campers too. This facility has been an important cultural center for the area since 1892.

The Friends of the Opera House owns and operates the theater as a non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining and preserving this unique facility. Community turned the dilapidated hall over to the Friends of the Opera House in the 1990's. In 2000 the building was re-opened ready for business. Their web-site says it will always be a work in progress, but it is a beautiful place for the community and the arts.

The Friends will present a great July show, "Merrily We Roll Along" on three dates, July 24, 25 & 26.



They held auditions in May and have been in rehearsal for some time now. This show tells the tale of friendship and ambition, set to the beautiful music of Stephen Sondheim. Tickets are available at the Opera House in Enosburg, call 802.933.6171 with any questions.

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## Q & A, Onsite Septic Systems

Answers provided by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Drinking Water & Groundwater Protection Division Staff.

Question: When do you need a Water supply/Wastewater Permit?

Answer: (a) For any changes to the water supply or septic or wastewater system beyond minor repairs. Minor repairs include replacing existing septic tanks and broken pipes but do not include adding wastewater pretreatment units, changes in the leach field, or drilling a new well.

(b) For any increases in flows such as adding bedrooms or sleeping spaces, or additional living units.

(c) For any changes in use such as converting a residence to commercial use.

(d) For any subdivision of land with existing development or for new development.

Question: What if I want to convert my camp from seasonal to year-round use?

Answer: Besides meeting local zoning requirements, the state rules include special permit standards for the conversion process in Section 1-315 of the Water/Wastewater Rules.

<http://www.anr.vt.us/dec/dwgwp/wastewater/pdf/finalwspwsrules>

Question: Composting Toilets-are they allowed?

Answer: Yes, you can replace an existing flush toilet with a composting toilet without a permit. In new construction, you can reduce the size of the leach field by 25% if you are to install a composting toilet.

Question: Who to I contact regarding having my septic system inspected or for replacement of my system.

Answer: Licensed designers can help you with evaluating and proposing upgrades to you system. You can hire either a Class 1 Professional Engineer or a Class A or B Licensed Designer. This link will bring you to the listings for each of these categories.

<http://drinkingwater.vt.gov/designerlicensing.htm>

Question: How often should I pump my septic tank?

Answer: Septic tanks can fill up with solids and need pumping when the tank is about 1/3 full of solids. It depends on the number of occupants and habits of those occupants as to when service is needed. In general, home owners are encouraged to pump their tank every 3 to 5 years. Rental camps may need to be pumped more often. If you don't pump your tank and solids move out of the tank and into the leach field, fixing the problem can cost many thousands of dollars versus a few hundred for service.

Question: Where can I find the answers to more questions?

Answer:  
<http://drinkingwater.vt.gov/poessexregionaloffice.htm>

Anonymous questions may be sent through the LCCA. They will be responded to from DEC through LCCA.

## WE NEED YOU AS A MEMBER OF THE LCCA, INC.:

Become an LCCA member for the 2015 season. The dues are just \$35.00 per year. LCCA members are committed to our wonderful lake in many ways. Some are volunteers who help out wherever and whenever they are able; some are simply here to enjoy a week or more in this pristine setting. We only ask that you become a member of your association and do what you can. Your comments are always welcome, contact any of the directors, or send the editor your thoughts for sharing at your director's board meetings. Become an official member of the Lake Carmi community, send your membership form and dues check, payable to LCCA, Inc. to: LCCA, Inc. P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457.

Attached is my check for 2015 dues in the amount of \$35.00, made payable to LCCA, Inc.

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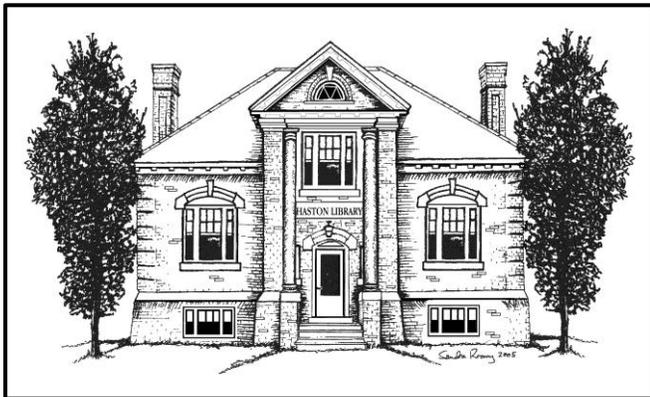
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### New Cookbook for Haston Fund Raiser



The historic Haston Library board of directors has announced the publication of their new cookbook. With recipes from full-time and snowbird residents, this new book price is very affordable, according to board member Sue Clark. The book will be available at the annual Fireman's Bar-B-Q on July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Franklin, Central School hosted event. The Bar-B-Q will be served from 4 to 7 pm at the price of \$10/dinner, tickets are available at the Franklin Telephone Company, the Haston Library or Franklin Firemen.

You'll find old and new recipes from many long-time residents and new citizens too. Sue Clark says to visit the famous dessert table, where the book will be available.

### The Facts, Just the Facts

There are always questions about Lake Carmi and the details of its size as compared to other lakes in Vermont. Just how big is our beautiful lake? According to the State of Vermont figures, Lake Carmi is the fourth largest lake, all within the State of Vermont.



Vermont's largest lake, all within the state, is Lake Bomoseen in Rutland County, in the towns of Castleton and Hubbardton. It is 2,360 acres with a watershed area of 23,630 acres. The number two lake in size is Seymore Lake in Orleans County at 1,769 acres with a watershed area of 12,920 acres. Seymore Lake is located in the towns of Morgan and Charleston.

The third largest is Lake Willoughby located in the town of Westmore, Orleans County. Willoughby is 1,687 acres with a watershed area of 12,256 acres. ***And that brings us to our own Lake Carmi with***

***1,402 acres and a watershed of 7,710 acres.*** (Photo of Admiral Ken Perry and his dad Albert, 2014)

## \*\*\* CELEBRATE LAKE CARMi \*\*\*

### *2015 Summer Schedule of Events*

- **June 29th thru July 4th - Light UP Lake Carmi** - Campers light up their premises with theme of their choosing; details to follow. Judging will take place all week with the winner announced at 2:00 pm on July 5th. The winning camp owners or renters will join us for the Parade of Champions with the Enosburg Town Band at 4:00 pm.  
**NOTE:** You are asked to UNPLUG your lights at 9:30 pm on July 3rd for the fireworks.
- **July 3rd - Pirate Ship, Pontoon Boat Race, Fireworks** - Can Larry Myott, our MC for the evening, keep everything under control?? Be sure to buy your Pontoon Boat Race Tickets which are available at Boat Headquarters, Parkside Cafe, Tammy's Family Hair Care and the Franklin General Store.
- **July 4th - Franklin Fire Department's Chicken BBQ** -- Enjoy the best BBQ around while supporting a great cause. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased from any member of the FFD, at the Franklin General Store or at the Franklin Telephone Company.

## \*\*\* HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA \*\*\*

- **July 5th - Parade of Champions** - Kevin Lothian of Boat Headquarters, Captain of the Pirate Ship, will lead the Parade around the lake, followed by the Enosburg Town Band and the winners of the Pontoon Boat Race. The winners of the ***Light UP Lake Carmi Contest*** and other boating enthusiasts are invited to participate. This parade will start at 4:00 pm from the South End and will proceed around the lake. We encourage everyone on shore to join in and cheer on our parade participants.
- **July 11th - SailFest** - Begins at 10:00 am - Voluntary SailFest for any and all sail boats. Additional details to appear July LCCA newsletter.
- **August 8th - Kayak Race** - Signup at North Beach at 1:30 pm, race at 2:00 pm. Open to all ages; must have your own kayak and life preservers. The afternoon begins with the blindfold short course race followed by the Youth (under 16) race and the Grand Marathon to the island and back while another shorter version will also be available. Awards will be made to the following categories:

***SINGLES:*** - Youth (under 16); Male & Female (over 16); and Male & Female (over 50).

***DOUBLES:*** - Youth (under 16); Male & Female (over 16); Male & Female (over 50) and Coed.

- **August 8th - LCCA Annual Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner** - Begins at 5:00 pm at the Franklin United Church Fellowship Hall. Watch your newsletter for further details, Celebrate Lake Carmi Awards to be presented.

## \*\*\* ONE HAPPY LAKE \*\*\*

## **\*\*\* JULY 3<sup>rd</sup> - DETAILED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS \*\*\***

- **6:00 p.m. – INVASION OF THE PIRATES**

*Watch your loved ones; hold onto your valuables and have your Pontoon Boat Race ticket stubs in hand - THE PIRATES ARE COMING!! Watch while 30 pontoon boats arrive to secure the waterfront. The pirate ship will approach North Beach around 6:00 pm from the South End with guns a blazing. These dastardly Pirates are on a mission to find the Treasure Chest and will be relentless in their search, taking hostages along the way until they can find their lost Treasure. You will be safe if you have a Pontoon Boat Race ticket stub in hand; so buy early; buy lots in support of your favorite team and your guarantee that you won't be captured! So, keep an eye to the South and an ear tuned around 6:00 pm for the Pirate Ship approach. This event will be fun for young and old alike. Come early, (suggest before 4:00 pm) bring your favorite chair, stake out a spot and enjoy the evening. Starting at 5:00 pm, Chef Marc Laroche and his traveling smoker/broiler will be offering a feast of pulled pork, smoked ribs or charbroiled burgers, etc, with all the fixings for your dining pleasure.*

- **7:00 p.m. - PONTOON BOAT RELAY RACE**

*Five (5) teams will participate; six (6) boats per team or 30 pontoon boats.*

*Note: Following is a list of each team, Shore represented and the team's Captain/Admiral.*

*RED TEAM: Pirates - Patton/Blackwoods; Jim Pivirotto/Bob Baran*

*BLUE TEAM: Hammerheads - Hammond Shore; Bob Larose/Tim Abbott/Bruce Bushey*

*GREEN TEAM: Dueling Dolphins -Dewing/Camp Rd; Richard Mercy/Lorraine Mercy*

*YELLOW TEAM: Wildcats - Westcott/Mullen Shore; Joe Craig/Cynthia Forsyth*

*ORANGE TEAM: Carmi Vipers - Vic's Crossing/Shore Rd/King's Ct; Bill Spears/Lee Abernethy*

*Each team will fly their team colors so sit back, cheer on your favorite team, enjoy the race. The start/finish line is at North Beach; start times are based on total team horsepower so you will see participants taking off at staggered times. Teams are required to navigate around buoys placed at different areas on the lake and must complete three (3) laps around the lake. There will be five checkpoints where participants will hand off a baton to their teammates who will run the next leg of the race. Updates by LCCA Staff monitoring the hand-offs at these five checkpoints will be radioed to our Emcee on the North Beach who will then announce the team standings to the anxious onshore crowd. This is always a fun filled event. The winner will be announced at the end of the race and will take a victory lap around the lake. There will be \$1,250 awarded in prize money so have your tickets ready: 1<sup>st</sup> Place gets \$500; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place gets \$300; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place gets \$200; 4<sup>th</sup> Place gets \$150 and 5<sup>th</sup> Place gets \$100. The rotating trophy will be awarded at the annual LCCA Pot Luck Dinner on August 8<sup>th</sup>.*

- **9:30 p.m. - FIREWORKS at North Beach - Presented by NorthStar.**



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Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri., 8a-5p  
Tue., 8a-7p

## LCCA Membership Drive, 2015

The big membership drive is well under way. In addition to this wonderful newsletter, Celebrate Lake Carmi Days and the fantastic fireworks display; the LCCA provides the following services to residents: Security Patrol by the Franklin County Sheriff's Department in the off season months, liaison with the State of Vermont and the Town on lake issues. Weed harvester maintenance is shared with the town as a direct fund contribution. There is also financial assistance to the Franklin Watershed Committee, and in cooperation with the FWC is Septic Pump-out assistance.

There are free classified ads in the Lake Carmi Newsletter to any paid member. You can sell your no longer needed items, buy a camp or a boat. There are always lots of listings.

The LCCA is dedicated to improving the quality of life at Lake Carmi.

If you haven't already joined, please complete the membership form included in this issue. Mail it to LCCA with your \$35.00 dues to LCCA, P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457.

Volunteers will be contacting you to deliver your 911 window card, membership card and LCCA Campers Directory. We are always looking for volunteers to assist in the membership drive. Please contact chair Marion Benevento at 802.285.6744 to see how you can help with this task.

Last year was a record membership year with 270+ members. Let's break that record.

*Marion Benevento, Committee Chair*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Quilters Camp Retreat

*145 Shore Road, Lake Carmi*

**Two Sessions, July 10, 11 & 12  
or August 14, 15 & 16**

**Bring your own projects or work on charity quilts with materials provided.**

**Overnight accomodations (dorm style) and meals provided, 7 pm Friday to 3 pm Sunday.**

**Cost: Overnights: \$150 – Commuters: \$125**  
**For more info or to register, contact Sue Stanley,**  
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### Fireworks at Lake Carmi

It won't be long now. July 3<sup>rd</sup> isn't far away. Mark your calendar for the 9:30 pm show at the North Beach. The 8<sup>th</sup> annual fireworks display is being produced by the LCCA for 2015. Mostly financed by donations from area businesses and residents; it is a big event that draws the largest crowd of spectators for any one evening.

Your help is also needed. You can come and participate, and of course you can help to pay for the show. All donations are very welcome, the range of donations ranges from about \$20 all the way up to \$300 or \$400.

Your donation checks should be payable to LCCA and mailed to LCCA, P O Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457.

This annual show brings the whole community together, a big event to begin the summer celebration. Of course, you can come early, have dinner then participate in the pirate invasion. Don't forget your raffle tickets for Pontoon Boat Relay Race at 6:30 pm.

### Safety at Lake Events

LCCA is required to get a permit from the State of Vermont, Vermont State Police, for our Pontoon Boat Relay Race. Without the proper safety measures in place, no permit will be given.

1. All participants are required to wear approved personal floatation devices (life jackets) at all times during the events.
2. The boat captain must be wearing an ignition key lanyard connected to the boat safety switch and the captains' wrist.
3. Boat operators born after 1/1/1974 must be trained and possess a Vermont Boaters Safety Certificate.
4. No boat may be operated closer than 200 feet from shore, or any occupied vessel, dock or person in the water, at more than five mph.
5. Spectators must not be in the water on kayak, canoes or other boats in any area closer than 200 feet from the race course.

6. Alcohol is strictly prohibited, violation of this Vermont State Police rule, by any boat captain, will result in disqualification from the race.

7. By State Police rule, all race team captains must conduct a safety meeting in advance of the race day.

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### Birding with Debbie .....

The big event for birders in Vermont and any area of the country where Loons live, is the loon watch. Always on the third Saturday of July, Volunteers take to the water to count and observe



loons. Coordinated by the Vermont Center of Ecostudies in Norwich, they collect the data from the volunteers, keeping

track of every loon lake or pond. Scientist Eric Hanson is in charge of the Vermont program, he was a speaker at one of the LCCA Annual meetings some years ago. (Volunteers at Lake Carmi are Larry Myott and Debbie Bushey) This

year the watch takes place on Saturday, July 18. Volunteers simply observe and then report their observations to Loon-watch.

#### More Birding!

The Eastern Kingbird, (Tyrannus tyrannus) sounds like a dinosaur. What to look for a dark gray to blackish

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prominent white tipped tail. It's common in semi-open habitats with a mix of grassy fields and trees, such as orchards, often near water. It perches on any prominent open perch from which to watch for passing insects. It flies with stiff shallow wing beats from a high perch. This flycatcher is a "lively bird." Its noisy twittering "stirs and keeps the air brisk." Look along the shore outside your camps or often on the Dewing Shore Road perched on a utility line at the outlet that flows into the Mill Pond. Happy Birding.

**The annual Franklin Garage Sale is being scheduled for July 11 at the Town Hall and green. Ruth Ann Krayesky is heading up the Lake Carmi portion. This is a great fund raiser for the LCCA. Donate your items to the LCCA, the money goes to LCCA programs. Bring your donations to Carolyn Rhodes cottage at 23 Camp Road, you might want to call her for availability, 285.6224. No electronics, books, big appliances, large furniture or clothing.**

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### A New Fun Event for Kayaks

Bob Lumnah of LCCA has come up with a new event for summer fun at the lake. The first kayak event will take place on Saturday, August 8. Sign-up time is 1:30 pm, with a required \$5.00



entrance fee. Entrants will get their personal number and be eligible to earn a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> award in the appropriate category. Warm-up will consist of a fun open

field blindfold event, testing everyone's communication skills for couples – one blind folded, the other barking the orders. Be ready for some laughs as we prepare for a youth under 16 event, followed by a marathon to the island or intermediate marker and back. Categories are for singles, doubles, male, female, co-ed and different ages. Bob reports he needs several to make sure all runs safely. Of course, *every participant must wear an approved life vest.*

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### Pontoon Boat Race Tickets Available

Race tickets, to choose your favorites teams, are now available from several locations, The Franklin General Store, Tammy's Family Hair Care, and Park Side Grill in Enosburg. Also, tickets are available on each shore from the Admiral. The Westcott/Mullen Shore Admiral Cynthia Forsyth; Patton Shore/Blackwoods Shore Admiral Bob Baran; Hammond Shore Admirals Bruce Bushey and Tim Abbott; Dewing and Camp Road Admiral Carolyn Rhodes; and Vic's Crossing/Shore Road/Kings Court Admiral Lee Abernethy.

Buy tickets in support of your favorite



team or teams, If your team comes in first place you might win \$500; second place winner gets

\$300; third placed winner gets \$200; fourth-place winner gets \$150, and the fifth-place winner takes away \$100.

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### **Be Prepared for “blue-green algae”**

It’s not a matter of “if,” it is a matter of “when” will the algae blooms hit Lake Carmi in 2015? Last summer, the bloom began in late July and continued into November, longer than had ever been recorded before. This article is prepared from a document shared by Lake Champlain International Executive Director, James Ehlers in February 2015.

This article reported on a global study showing increase in potentially toxic algae accelerating since the mid-1900’s. The organisms commonly known as *blue-green algae* have proliferated much more rapidly than other algae in lakes across North America and Europe over the past two centuries. In many cases the rate of increase has sharply accelerated since the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, according to an international team of researchers led by scientists at Montreal’s McGill University. This article was published on February 26, 2015.

Their study, published in the journal *Ecology Letters*, represents the first continental-scale examination of historical changes in levels of Cyanobacteria, the scientific term for the photosynthetic bacteria that form blue-green scum on the surface of ponds and lakes during the hot summer months. Cyanobacteria blooms pose a serious threat to drinking-water sources, because certain species contain toxins harmful to the liver and nervous system.

“We found that Cyanobacterial populations have expanded really strongly in many lakes since the advent of industrial fertilizers and rapid urban growth,” says Zofia Taranu, who led the study as a PhD candidate in McGill’s Department of Biology. “While we already knew that Cyanobacteria prefers warm and nutrient-rich conditions, our study is also the first to show that the effect of nutrients, such as phosphorus and nitrogen, overwhelm those of global warming.

#### **Alpine lakes affected.**

Researchers from France, Italy, Spain, the UK, Malaysia and across Canada contributed to this study. While the increase in Cyanobacteria in agriculturally developed watersheds was in line with their expectations, the scientists were surprised to find that Cyanobacteria also increased in many remote, alpine lakes. In those sites, warmer temperatures and nutrient loading from atmospheric sources are likely to have played a bigger role than direct agricultural

runoff.

Dense algal blooms have become a summertime staple of media coverage – and a growing concern of lakefront homeowners. Until now, there had been little in the way of long-term, large-scale synthesis of data on the phenomenon. This left room for doubt as to whether harmful algal blooms were truly on the rise, or whether communities were simply better equipped to identify and report blooms when they occur.

The rapid increase of Cyanobacteria identified in the study points to the potential for a parallel increase in the concentration of harmful cyanotoxins, says Taranu, who is now a post doc fellow at the University of Montreal. While potentially toxic species don’t synthesize toxins at all times, studies have shown that one of the best predictors of toxin concentrations in lakes is the total abundance of Cyanobacteria.

Cyanobacteria can produce toxins that cause damage to the liver and nervous system. The most common symptoms of acute exposure to harmful algal blooms are skin rash and irritation, gastroenteritis and respiratory distress. Chronic, low dose exposures over a lifetime may result in liver tumors or endocrine disruption. Preliminary studies also suggest that a recently isolated cytotoxin may become more concentrated across food chains and may be associated with the formation of progressive neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s and ALS diseases. Although this latter work is still controversial among scientists, “our results underline the importance of further research in this area,” says Taranu.

#### **Collaboration needed to tackle the problem.**

Our work shows that we need to work harder as a society to reduce nutrient discharges to surface waters,” says Irene Gregory-Eaves, an associate professor of biology at McGill and co-author of the study. “Because diffuse nutrient loading (as opposed to end of the pipe effluent) is the main issue, we need to build collaborations to tackle this complex problem. For example, partnerships among freshwater scientists and farmers are starting to happen, and more of this need to take place, so that we can strike a balance between maximizing crop yields and minimizing excess fertilizer application.”

The research was funded in part by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, the Fonds de Recherche du Québec and the Canada Foundation for Innovation.

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