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Water Quality Efforts at Lake Carmi

By Peter Benevento, Lake Carmi Campers Assoc. President & Franklin Watershed Committee Secretary

Lake Carmi is a 1402-acre lake in Franklin, VT near the Canadian border. The lake is nestled in hills surrounded by agriculture and residences that border either directly on the lake or in close proximity. Seasonal fishing camps, which were the norm on the lake fifty years ago, have largely given way to homes and in some cases full time homes. The lake Carmi Watershed is located within the Missisquoi River Basin Watershed that feeds into Lake Champlain.

Given the activity on and around the lake, water quality is always an issue. The Lake Carmi Campers Assoc. Inc. (LCCA) and the Franklin Watershed Committee, Inc. (FWC) work year-round to secure funding and to promote practices to protect the waters of Lake Carmi. Each organization reaches out to the Lake Carmi community to engage its residents in sound shoreland, watershed and water quality activities.

The growth and spread of Eurasian Water Milfoil is a perennial problem. A mechanical weed harvester is the current primary means to control the milfoil. Last summer, the LCCA in conjunction with the VT-DEC secured the efforts of lake shore owners to cultivate, harvest and plant milfoil eating weevils. This experiment required shoreline owners to cultivate the weevils in large fish tanks. The weevils were extracted from the tanks and planted last August in a particularly dense patch of milfoil. Hopefully, the milfoil will be less dense this summer. The LCCA continues to evaluate all chemical, biological, and mechanical means to control milfoil. The LCCA participated in FOVLAP's Buffers for Blue Lakes program. Nearly all the land owners on one road bordering the lake attended

FOVLAP's workshop. They also purchased and planted blueberry bushes along their shorelines to curtail erosion. The LCCA provided a cost share for the plants purchased.



Summer at Lake Carmi--fishing, sunshine and boating. Photo by Larry Myott

The Franklin Watershed Committee is very active in the VT-DEC Lake Wise Program and is committed to promoting best shoreline management practices. To date, ten properties on the lake have been awarded the Lake Wise Certification. This summer additional properties are scheduled for construction to make their shorelines more lake-friendly and to qualify them for the Lake Wise Certification. Two of the shorelines slated for renovation involve the removal of concrete walls to allow for the restoration of a natural shoreline. The Lake Wise projects at Lake Carmi are operating under an ERP Grant; however, all the projects include an owner cost-share.

The FWC also operates an extensive water sampling program in cooperation with the VT-DEC Lay Monitoring Program, and the LaRosa lab. Water samples are extracted from the lake

and at nineteen additional points within the watershed. The latter includes the major tributaries to the lake. In February, a meeting of all active lake partners, including the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, VT Department of Agriculture, and the VT Agency of Natural Resources met to evaluate water sampling results and identify tributaries and areas contributing significant loads of phosphorous to the lake. Plans to reduce the phosphorous loading in these areas are being formulated. Repairing and replacing major culverts around the lake have been a focal point in improving water quality. In cooperation with land owners, culverts have been replaced with proper headers and plunge pools. Last year, a concrete culvert more than fifty years old was replaced in this manner.

Roads are also an issue. Proper grading and ditching are essential to maintaining water quality. A "roads" workshop sponsored by Northwest Regional Planning, the LCCA, and the FWC was held last September in Franklin. The workshop focused on solving road-related erosion issues to protect water quality. Several roads around Lake Carmi were evaluated, and a preliminary engineering report was prepared highlighting areas in need of correction. Preventing road erosion has become a major priority at the lake.

The efforts to improve water quality at Lake Carmi are constantly ongoing. Although progress at times may seem slow, the work must and will continue. Lake Carmi looks forward to working with FOVLAP and its partners in this regard. The conversation to improve the water quality of our lakes and ponds must be loud and clear and the projects never ending.

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LCCA Board Meetings, 2014

The LCCA Board has set their schedule of board meetings for the summer months. They meet at the FELCO Room of the Franklin Homestead at 8:30 a.m., May through September. Members are always welcome to attend. Remaining summer meetings are June 14, July 19, August 23 and September 20. The annual meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday August 9, at the Franklin Town Hall.

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Membership Drive Under-Way

The 2014 LCCA membership drive is underway. Membership chair Marion Benevento is seeking volunteers for each shore to knock on doors and complete the annual drive. 2013 was the most successful drive ever with a total of more than 260 paid members. The annual dues of \$35 are due in June.

Members get their new camp window card for identification throughout the year. When the Sheriff visits your cottage in the winter and finds something wrong, they will know who to call and where.

LCCA Members can be proud of their lake community and all the activities and events that take place during the summer months. Your board of directors and many volunteers work all year, planning, producing and packaging events for the seasonal folks and local residents to enjoy. The annual "Celebrate Lake Carmi" events are only part of what happens around the lake. ***Become an official part of our community, send in your membership, new or renewal.***

If you have a change in address or email you should send in the change soon to get it correct in the new directory. Email any changes to secretary Ruth Ann Krayesky (rakay@aol.com). Please add your email address to your membership form for a free subscription to LCCA communications.

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The winning ticket of the 2014 Ice-Out Contest came within five minutes of the real time, 1:10 p.m. on April 15.

Todd Romanko of Terryville, Connecticut got a check for \$500, after expenses were deducted. The pot was split with the LCCA.

Spring took a long time to get to Lake Carmi, but perhaps by the time this issue gets to you, it will be here. Todd bought his winning ticket from the LCCA website; his parents own a cottage on Dewing Shore Road.

Tickets for 2015 will be available in July. Solicitors are needed to visit with residents and visitors about the Ice Out. We know we can't reach the "Joe's Pond Ice-Out" count of over 12,000, but we can have fun and provide a sizable pot too.

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For Sale, For Rent or Wanted

Paid members are permitted a free classified ad in the four issues of the season. Merchandise ads can only run 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.

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Fishing Contest Begins June 1

The Annual LCCA, Inc. Fishing Contest opens June 1, 2014 offering trophies in Senior and Junior Divisions for the largest fish in each of four species caught at Lake Carmi through Labor Day, 2014. Trophies are awarded in each Division for the biggest and best fish entered. The contest is open to all licensed Lake Carmi fishermen and women and in the Junior Division, boys and girls age 15 and younger.

The official weigh-in stations are the General Store in Franklin Village or Byam's Quick Stop in East Franklin. Lists are located at each location where entries may be weighed and documented. All fish entered in the contest must be taken in conformance with State of Vermont fishing regulations regarding licensing, legal sizes, limits and dates within the contest period.

Trophies in the Senior Division are awarded for each of the following fish known to spawn in Lake Carmi: Yellow Perch, Northern Pike, Walleye Pike and Smallmouth Bass. Junior Division entrants do not require a Vermont fishing license and must be age 15 or under. Junior Division entries are automatically entered to compete against Senior Division entries; so a Junior Division winner may take first place in the Senior Division if the entry is the largest.

Under existing contest procedures, the weight of an entered fish is the only certifiable criteria and the only factor in selecting the winners.

LCCA, Inc. encourages catch and release of all fish not intended for consumption. Keep your entry in water as much as possible while taking it to the weigh-in station before releasing it back into Lake Carmi. Before releasing the weakened fish, cradle it in a swimming position in calm water while moving it gently back and

forth to force fresh water through its gills. On recovery, the fish will simply swim away. This procedure may take as long as ten minutes.



When you catch a great fish, please try to get a photograph of the fisherman and his (or her) catch and send it along to Editor Larry Myott. Use email if you can. Happy fishing!
Editor Larry Myott:
larry.myott@uvm.edu.

Thanks to Susan Semenak, I received

this great photo of Dan Mainardi (Patton Shore Road) with his trophy winner for 2013. A 9.5 pound Northern Pike.

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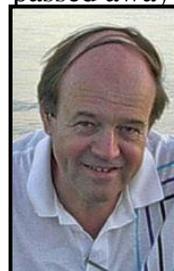
Memorials for LCCA Members

Ralph "Peanut" Barry of Waterville, VT, 88, passed away on January 20 at the hospital in



Morrisville. After his retirement, he got to love life at Lake Carmi, where he and his family camped on Hammond Shore Road. He is survived by his three children and 34 grand- children and great-grandchildren.

Richard "Dick" Toof, 70, of Essex Jct. passed away on February 1. Dick grew up and



was educated in Franklin. He was a dedicated Franklin Fireman who loved his home town. Dick was best known for his wonderful musical talents, playing many bands over the years. He was a deacon in his church where he and his wife Carolyn were members.

Dick and Carolyn were summer residents on the Westcott Shore. He spent his career at IBM in Essex Jct, having started there in 1978. Dick graduated from Franklin High School in 1961.

Rev. Herman Benjamin, 70, another Franklin native, passed on March 4. Herman was also a Franklin High School graduate of the class of 1961. Herm was a graduate of the University of Maine and Wesleyan College of Theology. He served churches throughout Maine and Vermont, retiring in 2010. His wife of 52 years, Sandra Lothian, survives him, along with three children. The Benjamin's owned a cottage on the Mullen Shore for many years.





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Folks are coming back to Lake Carmi and lots of walkers are on the roads. Your editor was reminded to ask our friends and neighbors who have dogs to keep them on a leash. All dogs should always be on a leash around the lake.

Furthermore, although we don't have a speed limit, we do need to protect our investments, friends and neighbors. The roads are in terrible shape, so warn your friends and family to slow down.

Dues are Due Again!

Treasurer Bob Baran reports that the 2014 dues are coming in regularly. He says every day brings more envelopes. For \$35 annual dues you get a bargain, there are so many benefits to being a member of your association.

- Spring water tap for campers to refill.
- Winter Security Patrol by the Sheriff.
- Liaison with the State and Town.
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- LCCA Newsletter, four or more issues
- Free Classified ads in the Newsletter
- Septic Tank pump-out assistance in cooperation with the FWC.
- 2014 Fireworks, July 3, 9:30 p.m.
- Annual Meeting and Program at the Town Hall, August 9.

Any questions, contact President Peter Benevento, 802.285.6744. A membership is on the back cover, please fill it out and mail it to: *L.C.C.A., P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457*. Check the address in the 2013 LCCA Directory, please make sure your address and other information are correct.

Franklin Events in the Month of June

The Haston Library is a busy place with all the Lake Carmi folks being invited to participate and use the facilities. If you need to access the Internet, the Haston is the place to go to use theirs. There are lots of regular and special events, including:

- A knitting and crocheting group every Tuesday from 5:50 – 7:00 p.m. with expert assistance available.
- Adult Book Discussion meeting every second Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Books available at the library.
- Story Hour is held each Saturday at 10 a.m. Children and adults enjoy stories, songs and a craft too.

Special Events too:

- The Backpack Players will perform *Beauty and the Beast*, at the Franklin Central School on Saturday, June 21 at 10 a.m.

•An interesting forum called, *Cookie's and Cream Community Forum*, will take place at the Town Hall on Tuesday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m. Bring your vision of the future of the Town of Franklin, the Haston Library, Lake Carmi and more.

•A public informational hearing, called by the selectboard. Wednesday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m., at the Franklin Homestead's FELCO Room.

1. *Proposed Town Membership in the Northwest Solid Waste District.*
2. *Proposed reconfiguration of the intersection of Rt. 120, Morses Line Road, Middle Road.*
3. *The proposed merger of the water district with the Town of Franklin.*

•Worm Harvesting, Thursday, June 26, 10 a.m. at the Haston. Bob, the Worm Guy, and Virginia Holiman will help children harvest worm casting and explore worms too.

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We've been dreaming all winter of those long days at the lake. Summer is getting closer, and the young'uns are all excited. School's out soon; it's time for visits to the lake. Thanks Louise Wright for this photo of the grandkids from 2013.

Franklin Watershed Report

Now that the weather has warmed up, I'm meeting more of the Lake Carmi community each week – it's been such a pleasure! Many of you are dealing with shoreline erosion issues – exacerbated by the thick ice and rapid thaw in mid-April. This combined with heavy spring rain, four feet of snow melting and the ensuing sediment run off, has left some shorelines in especially rough condition. I will happily meet with any interested camp owner to discuss issues you may have that fall under the purview of the *Lake Wise* program.

The Franklin Watershed Committee was awarded a \$55,000 grant from the State of Vermont, Department of Environmental Conservation in 2012. We had a slow start and a shift in staffing during the 2013 year. We could extend those grant funds through 2014, allowing for use of the funds to continue construction into this season.

The four areas being evaluated for participation in *Lake Wise* are: Shoreline, Recreation Area, Septic and Structure, Driveway. From the amount of interest generated in the program by Lake Carmi folks, it's possible that our lake could qualify for the State's *Gold Lake Wise Award*. This award would say that



everyone has put good effort into meeting the qualifications of the program, friends and neighbors alike. Many properties could be certified through only small efforts with minimal investment.

The FWC has also been awarded a \$15,000 grant for the 2014-15 year in order to promote stewardship of farmland within the Lake Carmi Watershed. The purpose of this grant is to identify the willing landowners who would take part in a study of their fields, farmstead, and nutrient management by private contractors and then have a storm-water map created.

It is clear in the 2009 TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load-Phosphorus) Study for Lake Carmi is the build-up of phosphorus, turning the lake green each summer, is the loss of soil from its surrounding fields. Over 80% of the phosphorus the entering the lake is being credited to these fields. Clearly, not all soils and fields are created equally – some are much more susceptible to soil loss than others, so it's important to take the time to identify areas within the watershed on which to focus.

You should also be keeping any eye out for Rebekah Weber, our amazing AmeriCorps member, as well as Per Engstrom, who is joining us as an intern from Johnson State College, we are lucky to have them both. The community of Franklin continues to impress me; you all take great pride in what you have here, and you should. Lake Carmi is an amazing place, but it is going to take the entire community coming together to see any real change in the quality of



the water at Lake Carmi. There are other resources besides the Franklin Watershed Committee, some with deep pockets, if you are interested in learning what is available out there, or working with us on our current grant projects, please call me,

Alisha Sawyer, at 802.752.7247, or email: alisha.sawyer@gmail.com.

Vermont Dairy Festival

The 58th Annual Vermont Dairy Festival, hosted by the Enosburg Lions Club will be June 5 through 8. There will be a carnival, bands for enter-

tainment in the park, a No-Limit Texas Hold 'em Tournament at the Dairy Center on Friday evening; Baking contest and huge parade on Main Street at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 7, (arrive early, the roads will be closed). In the big parade see the Lake Carmi float, with Kevin Lothian bringing forth a big pontoon boat to market "Celebrate Lake Carmi," our big 4th of July week events. To help with the parade, passing out Celebrate Lake Carmi flyers and more, contact Bruce and Debbie Bushey, 802. 285.6138.

After the parade, get in line for a great



chicken Bar-B-Q. There are events all day Saturday and Sunday. The last event is Cow Plot Bingo on Sunday at 3

p.m., get your tickets to get that pot, "*Where She Plops, Nobody Knows!*" Cow Plop Bingo is managed by LCCA's Larry Myott and Bob Baran.

www.vermontdairyfestival.com

Franklin Yard Sale, June 28, 8 a.m.

It's time to recycle all those items around your camp that you don't need any more. The LCCA participates in the town wide Lawn Sale. To make this sale a success, we need your donations of all those unused items from your cottage or home. You might hate that ugly green vase on your mantle, but someone else might know it's a treasure.

All donations are welcome, bring your "stuff" to 23 Camp Road during the week of June 22. Call Carolyn Rhodes at 285.6224 to make sure she is home. Even better, you can deliver your donations to the LCCA Lawn Sale table, on the green, as close to 8 a.m. as possible. Last year's sale was the best ever, we have a place for all the left overs that will do another community a lot of good.

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Stone's and Bouchard's gather for fun, for celebrating, and for grieving. As in real life, there is pain, happiness, regrets and accomplishments. Humor, life has to have a dose of humor. We don't know what is around the next corner, but you can be sure **Elusive Catch** will take you around corners and up and down the path of life in fiction. I hope my book brings you a smile, maybe a laugh and keeps you in suspense.

Elusive Catch by Renee L. Scott, Lauren Young's pen name, is an adult book; intriguing, humor, adventure, romance and mystery. It is available on Amazon.com in Kindle and Kindle Apps. It can also be downloaded on e-reader.

Lauren Young is a long-time resident of Enosburg Falls and the Westcott Shore at Lake Carmi. She is a frequent contributor to Lake Carmi News.

Celebrate Lake Carmi 2014!

Schedule of Events, Mark your Calendars!

Sunday, June 29, Lighted Boat Parade.

Boats from the cottages on the east side of the lake and east of the North Beach will meet at the south end of Hammond Shore Road. Lighted boats from the west side of the lake - from the



south end of Westcott Shore to the west side of North Beach, will meet at the south end of Westcott Shore. All boats

should be in position by 8:45 p.m.; the parade will start by 9:00 p.m., with the two groups meeting and passing at the North Beach by 9:30 and continuing on to the end of the route. (See article on how to light your boats.)

Other events will be announced as we get closer to the dates, it's a busy week with so much to see and do; lots of water skiing, kayaking, fishing and preparation for the invasion of the pirates at the North Beach. Get your weapons ready!

Thursday, July 3 – North Beach

Beginning at 4 p.m. the events begin, the committee is still putting things together, including foods, for the anticipated fun. A pirate ship is under construction now; anticipate an invasion at the North Beach. Pirates will not only threaten the



spectators, but try to rob the dignitaries, making off with the treasures on the beach. Expect the cannon to be fired, the muskets will be loaded and ready; old "peg-leg" himself will probably be there to make off with the cash and gems.

Come early to get a place to witness the annual **Lake Carmi Pontoon Boat Relay Race**, starting at 7:00 p.m. at North Beach. *The photo above is the Red team taking their victory lap in 2013.* There are five teams, totaling 30 boats getting ready for the big event. Time trials are beginning as teams get tuned up.

Tickets are available for the Annual Raffle, there will be five winners, with the top prize being \$500, being drawn from the winning teams' bucket. Total prizes of \$1,250. Tickets are

available all around the lake and at North Beach on the day of the race. The raffle will be drawn after the race at 8:30 p.m.

At 9:30 p.m. it will be the big bang Lake Carmi Fireworks show, with viewing from all around the lake and all the roads overlooking the lake.



On Saturday, July 5 is the Annual Franklin Fire Department Bar-B-Q at the Franklin Elementary School. Servings begin at 4 p.m., advance sale tickets are available at the Franklin Telephone Company and from Franklin firemen.

Following the Bar-B-Q, the annual Parade of Champions will take place at Lake Carmi, beginning at the south end, Westcott Shore at 7:00 p.m. *Photos by Robert Taisey.*

The final details of the *2014 Celebrate Lake Carmi* events are being put together. We guarantee a great week of fun, including those celebration parties at cottages all around the lake.

Franklin High School Alumni will be meeting on June 14 at the Abbey in Sheldon for their annual celebration and sharing. There will be a social time, dinner and the annual business meeting. For more details call Darlene Greenwood Cooper, 285.6870.

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Birding at Lake Carmi

If you are interested in “birding,” Lake Carmi is the place to be, says birder Debbie Bushey of Hammond Shore Road. There are several birders, mostly an individual hobby, around the lake. With places like the State Park and all



those trails or just walking the roads; the birds are right there ready to talk to you. Perhaps like this little hummingbird who comes by Larry Myott's home regularly with his mate.

Debbie Bushey writes that the “number of species one can see in a short time is amazing. Stay

on the lookout for the *Three-Toed Woodpecker*, it's around, no joke, look it up. Here is a list of the species Debbie has identified on just three days in early to mid-May.

May 1 – Junco, Yellow Rump Warbler, Goldfinch, Kingfisher, Eastern Phoebe, Blue Heron, Loon, Osprey, Barred Owl, Canada goose,

Mallards, Common Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Lesser Scaup, and Ringnecked Duck.

May 9 – American Eagle, Water Thrush, House Wren, Nuthatch, Robins, Chickadees, Swallows, various Sea Gulls.

May 12 – Yellow throat Warbler, Spotted Sandpiper, Water Thrush.

Birders can call Debbie Bushey to share their list of birds from Lake Carmi. Perhaps we could do a bird walk at the State Park, a few times this summer?

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The docks and hoists are being put in the lake, the boats won't be far behind. Oh what fun, the fishing, the swimming and just plain cruising – all around the lake. The water is pristine at this time of the year; it is so inviting, but 61 degrees is a little cool.

The Franklin Watershed Committee and the LCCA are working as a team to protect the lake, the Town of Franklin's most precious resource, join and be an important partner.

We need you as a member of the LCCA, Inc:

Become an LCCA member for the 2014 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 2014 dues in the amount of \$35.00, made payable to LCCA, Inc.

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Please register your Email address, you'll get the season's Newsletters by email and other useful information, but no spam or advertising: (Please Print) _____

Notes or Comments: _____

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Septic Systems at the Lake

At some point, every septic system will need to be replaced. The lifespan of a system depends largely on where it is located, how much it is used and whether it is well-maintained.

If you think your septic system might need to be replaced, then you are probably right. The State of Vermont will require a permit and to have your new system designed and certified by a professional engineer or licensed designer. Designers help you determine which type of system is most appropriate, given the amount of wastewater your family generates and your specific site conditions.

If your home is on a small lot with poorly drained soils, a designer may not be able to propose a system that meets all the current stands. In this case, the State allows a designer to propose a "best fix" septic system. You may need to request a variance if the system will be located too close to a property line or existing well or too small for the amount of usage needed.

A list of State licensed designers is available through the Vermont Wastewater Division Regional Office or on-line at: <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/ww/ST/siteteclist.pdf>.

Another option, in densely developed areas, as at the lake or small villages with poor soils, for wastewater management, is a shared system. A system is centrally located and designed to accept wastewater from several homes. It may be a challenge to develop a shared system in our lake locations, but there is one way to find out. Contact a system planner. Of course there would have to be buy-in from all the owners in the neighborhood.

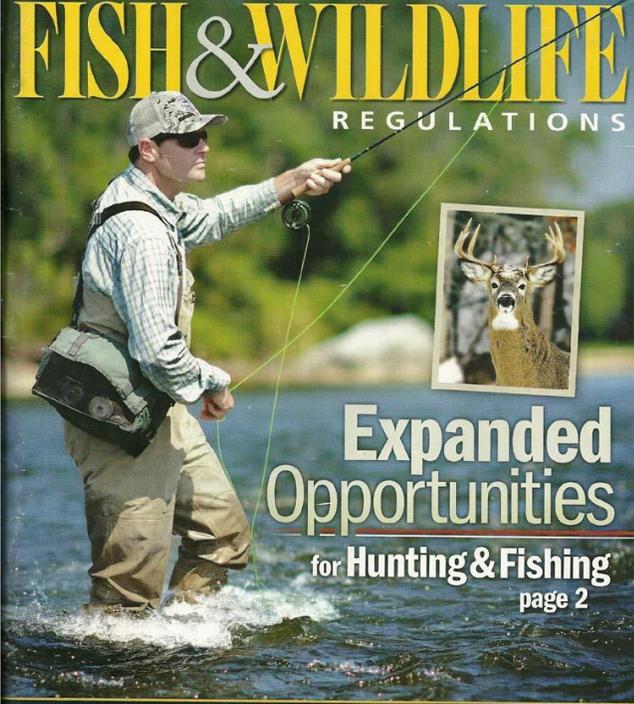
A shared system requires legal agreements between all the property owners to be hooked on the system; as well as, payment of maintenance fees. A shared system will be a definite asset to any area that cannot put in a traditional system, increasing the value of the property and therefore, the resale value. (Taken in part from, *A Guide to Owning & Maintaining a Septic System in the St. Albans Bay Watershed.*)

H526, Lake Shorelands Protection Bill was passed by the legislature, near the end of the session. If signed by the Governor, it will become law on July 1, 2014. Representatives of the LCCA and FWS Committee will attend a workshop in Waterbury on June 6 get up to date on the law.


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Fishing at Lake Carmi

Or any place else in Vermont, requires that you know the rules and laws. Pick up this 125 page magazine of all the State of Vermont Information on Fishing and Hunting Regulations. It's available wherever fishing and hunting licenses are sold, in Franklin that is Byam's Quick Stop in East Franklin and the Town Clerk's office.

Vermont residents, age 65 and over, can buy a one-time permanent license for a one-time fee of \$50. Proof of residency is required.

This manual gives you all the details, remember Walleye are a slot fish at Lake Carmi, with a restricted season, first Saturday in May to March 15. Walleye under 15 inches must be released and fish between 17 and 19 inches are

protected, and must be released. There is an enforced daily limit of five Walleye, only one may be over 19 inches.

Sale or purchase of fish is restricted by State of Vermont law. Certain Lake Carmi fish are restricted from being sold. It is illegal to sell both Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass; Walleye and Northern Pike. It is also illegal for persons to buy illegal species. It is legal to take Crappie, Sunfish and Perch for sale.

Winner of Junior Division

Ten year old Kameron Cyr of Essex Junction



won the Junior Division with his 21.5 inch, 2.63 pound Walleye Pike. He is the grandson of Everett & Wendy Peyrat of Patton Shore.

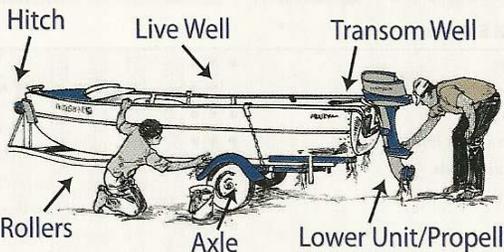
The contest officially is underway on Sunday, June 1. Bass may not be taken until Saturday, June 14, and the minimum length is 10

inches. The limit is five Bass per day.

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 CLEAN WATERS**


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WATERCRAFT CHECK POINTS



When you leave a body of water:

-  **Clean** off any mud, plants (even small fragments), and animals from boats, trailers and equipment. If possible wash at home or at a car wash.
-  **Drain** boat and equipment away from water.
-  **Dry** anything that comes into contact with water.

Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

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