

LAKE CARMI ASSOCIATION NEWS

June 2017.....**One Happy Lake**.... Volume 11, Number 2

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The 2017 Season is Here!

The one thing you can count on when opening camp for the season is challenging. Usually, it is a cracked waterline that managed to retain water during the winter freeze, but sometimes it is a bit more serious. The latter situation is what happened to us. In early April I received a call from a neighbor in Vermont who alerted me to the fact that a tree had downed a power line in my driveway and this had torn the power box and meter away from the outside wall of the camp. This had also caused roof damage, but he was not certain of the extent or whether water from recent, heavy rain was entering the camp.



Fortunately, for us the only roof damage was to the soffit, and there was no water damage inside. A local contractor and the power company made the necessary repairs, and we were able to open camp in a normal routine manner. The point is that if it hadn't been for my neighbor, things could have been a lot worse at my camp. He made an effort to locate my cell number and call me. Thank you, neighbor!

Neighbor helping neighbor is certainly one of the many benefits of living on Lake Carmi. It emulates the type of community spirit that makes Lake Carmi "One Happy Lake." A prime example is the recent beautification effort at the North Beach boat launch. This FWC initiated project involved lake volunteers working together to enhance the appearance of "our front door" and improve the shoreline. This same form of effort could be applied to the beginning (front door) of each shoreline where signage, flowers and some minimal landscaping would warmly welcome neighbors and friends. Please consider it for your road.

Community spirit is also the wave that will propel us into the future and ensures a safe and healthy lake for future generations. We need campers to be "all in" when we talk about improving our shorelines, properly maintaining septic systems and making our roads passable and environmentally sound.

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This beautiful photo was published on the "Friends of Lake Carmi" Facebook page on April 9. The photographers name was not included. Many beautiful winter photos were shared this past season; the editor wishes there was enough space to print them all.



The excitement starts to build as preparations are taking place for all events at Celebrate Lake Carmi 2017. More details are in this issue of the Lake Carmi Newsletter. Here, Corey Bertrand and his team are celebrating the event in 2016. Most events take place over the 4th of July weekend, others take place later that month or in August. The full schedule of events is included here. The very busy committee has been working during the winter and by mid-May were in full planning stages. *Photo by Mike Tansey.*

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No one else is going to champion our cause but us. So please contribute and do your share for the benefit of Lake Carmi.

Speaking of community, I am very excited and pleased to announce that the Lake Carmi Community Foundation Inc. has been approved by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization. More details in the centerfold section.

One of the projects we are working on this summer is cleaning out the channel between the main outlet and the Mill Pond. It is long overdue. The channel is clogged with sediment. It prevents the lake from draining properly, and this causes shoreline erosion. The Army Corp. of Engineers has been consulted, and discussions with VT DEC are ongoing. We are hoping to have positive news on progress by the end of the summer.

The new gubernatorial election has resulted in changes in the officials who have direct influence over our water quality efforts. As a result of the election of Gov. Phil Scott, Julie Moore is the new Secretary of ANR. Julie was the Lake Champlain Czar in the Douglas Administration and is very familiar with Lake Carmi. She has visited the lake many times and has attended FWC meetings. Anson Tibbetts is the new Secretary of the Agency of Agriculture, and Emily Bodecker is the new Commissioner of VT DEC. We intend to invite these new officials to the lake. We encourage you to contact them too, on behalf of Lake Carmi, strength is in numbers.

The first LCCA Board meeting of the season was held on May 27; the hard work of board members over the winter has laid a terrific foundation for our upcoming major events. Light up Lake Carmi starts the festivities on the weekend with the Pirate Raid, Pontoon Boat Race and Fireworks all on schedule for a fabulous evening Monday night July 3rd. Later in the month, the 2017 Cottage Tour will be held Saturday, July 22nd. The Cottage Tour will bring you to fabulous venues around the lake and will also provide samples from local food and beverage vendors. Tickets will be available soon.

I could go on and on, but if I get too long in the tooth, my editor will put me on the back page. I'll sneak some more in later in this newsletter. Enjoy the start of summer and see you around the lake!

.....Peter Benevento, LCCA President



Member David Gates recently shared this photo of his grandfather, Irwin Weiss, teaching swimming lessons sometime in 1950's. He taught water safety to hundreds, over the years.

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 2017 Season

Cottage for Rent, on the water, two story sleeps six, 1 ½ baths, heat. Bring your own linens & towels. \$750per week. Call Louise at 802.933.8949 or 802.782.0383. Or email: louiseb1347@gmail.com

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Cottage for Rent. Patton Shore; three 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.

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Cottage for Rent, Three bdrm. Dock, rowboat, kayaks. Cushman, 925.253.1958 or jancushman@comcast.net.

For Sale:

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Camp for Sale, 234 Hammond Shore Road, 99 yr lease, two bdrm, one bath. Westerly view. Bruce & Debbie Bushey, 802.285.6138 or email dbbushey@gmavt.net.

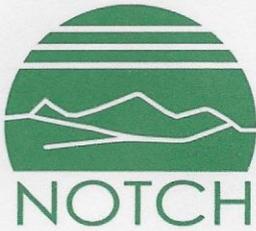
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The **Old Man Garage Band** will be providing special entertainment at the North Beach on the evening of the July 3rd events. Featuring our own Leonard Larose and several other well know local musicians, there is more fun to be had. Come early, bring your chairs.



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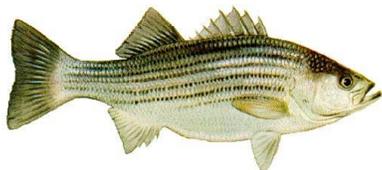
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Sunday Morning Brunch at St. Mary's Catholic Church is a big event three times a summer in Franklin. They have a great meal and large attendance, so mark your calendar with these dates: **June 18, July 16, and August 20.** 9 a.m. 'til 12:30 p.m. Prices, adults \$9.00, ages 7 – 16 \$5.00, under 6 years Free. The annual Kayak Raffle is to be drawn at the August event. A 50/50 will be held at each Sunday Brunch. A good place to go meet your friends and neighbors from around the area. Mass is at St. Mary's each Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

LCCA Annual Fishing Contest

This annual contest begins on June 1 and runs through Labor Day on September 4. All rules of the Vermont Fish & Game Department must be followed, i.e., for both small-mouth (*pictured*) and largemouth Bass, the season opens June 10, through November 30.



Other categories are Walleye, Northern Pike, and Yellow Perch. All licensing requirements must be adhered to along with legal sizes, limits, and dates within the contest period. The official weigh-in station is the Franklin General Store during the normal hours of business.

Contestants entering are asked to fill in the form at the store, with name, address or phone number, youth entries require a listed age, species, length and weight. Please write legibly or print. A great entry should be photographed, with the fisherman and emailed to the editor, for possible future use in this newsletter or on the Lake Carmi Facebook page.

The **Annual Franklin Yard Sale** is set- **Saturday,**



June 24, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Town Hall, inside and outside.

The LCCA has reserved tables for the donated items. Items can be taken to Hilda Hendrickson's garage, beginning June 14 at 40 Vics

Crossing. Call Hilda at (285.6855) or Ruth Anne Kravesky (285-6891) to arrange for a time. *No computers, large appliances, textbooks, or large furniture.* Call the Town Clerk (285-2101) to reserve your personal table.

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A Lake Carmi Member Owned Business



An error was made in the April 2017 edition of the Lake Carmi Newsletter. The editors comments on the Franklin Watershed Committee wrongly stated that Peter Benevento was the past president of the FWC. Benevento is the VP/Secretary of the FWC. Bruce Bushey was the president of the FWC for the years 2015 and 2016. John Barrows became president in the fall of 2016.

Franklin Watershed Committee

Planting at the North Beach made the headlines in the St. Albans Messenger in April. The article and photo highlighted the volunteers who are working to make the north end of the lake a friendlier environment. The FWC made the cover of the St. Albans Messenger on May 3 with the headline "Planting for Carmi."

"On April 29, hardworking volunteers from the Franklin Watershed Committee: Judith McLaughlin, Robert Cormier, John Barrows, Dick Benton, FWC Coordinator



Jean Elizabeth Shockley, the energetic Sorenson family, Sharon and Bill with their daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons (Sheryl & Mike Garala with Caleb & Nathan) worked very hard digging holes in rocky conditions planting the following shrubs and small trees: 20 red osier dogwoods, 6 button bush, 6

winterberry shrubs, 4 cedar trees, and 4 speckled alder trees
"The shrubs and trees are located between the North Beach sign and the Lake Carmi Boat ramp on Lake Road. The



plantings are sponsored by the State of Vermont Lake Wise Program and purchased at the Intervale Conservation Nursery. These shrubs and trees will help stabilize the shore front, reduce erosion, and beautify the area. The FWC is going to help keep the planted area cleaned up and trimmed over the summer.

Another planting is scheduled for the Swamp Road in September."

The FWC has been very busy planning for their organizational activities this season. Under the



leadership of their new President John Barrows of Black Woods (left) and their new coordinator, Jean Elizabeth Shockley they are moving forward with several new members on the committee. The FWC has a new mailing address, P.O. Box 79, Franklin, VT 05457, any correspondence should be

sent to this address and not delivered to the Franklin Town Clerks office. *Receipts for septic pumping and port-a-potty rentals should be mailed to this address for partial reimbursement as well.*

Water Quality Sampling began in April and will continue every other week until October. The sampling is carried out in ten tributaries of the lake and from Lake Carmi itself. Benevento is coordinator of the sampling, assisted by Americorps member Brodie Haenke. Samples are analyzed for nutrient load (phosphorus and nitrogen). Testing provides crucial information regarding the health of our lake.

The North Beach Greeter program has received funding from the Lake Champlain Basin Program to support the program at Lake Carmi. John McHugh has once again been hired to carry out this program; he gets to talk to boaters about invasive species in Lake Carmi and how to reduce their spread while making visual inspections of vessels.

FWC is partnering with the Lake Champlain Sea Grant staff to host three workshops during July and August. Topics included will be *Pollinator-friendly Native Plants, Rain Gardens, and Lakeshore & Streambank Erosion*. Each workshop will be limited to 25 participants. Preregistration will be required. Contact coordinator Jean Elizabeth Shockley at fwcoordinator@gmail.com for details.

Phase 2 of the Camp Roads Inventory is taking place this summer as the remaining camp roads, not previously surveyed is taking place. The purpose of the survey is to identify areas along private camp roads that have significant erosion and drainage problems that allow runoff into the lake. After phase two of the study is complete, work plans will be drawn up to address the issues. These road improvements will help reduce the need for intense road maintenance.

Additional programs and projects will be listed in the July issue.

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Lake Carmi Community Foundation, Inc.

What's this? This new entity for assisting with funding projects the Lake Carmi area has been worked on for many years. It was finally completed this spring, with the acceptance of our application by the IRS. The LCCA has worked on getting our 501(c)(3) IRS status for many years.

This new 501(c)(3) has been founded through the LCCA but is not a part of the LCCA; it is a separate entity, incorporated in the State of Vermont as a non-profit corporation. This status is required before the application can be acted on by the IRS. This (501(c)(3) status makes the Foundation tax-exempt, allowing contributions to the Foundation to be tax-deductible. Individuals, estates, corporations, businesses and other organization can now make contributions to the Foundation, to assist in its purposes, and deduct those contributions from their federal tax liability.

The Lake Carmi Community Foundation, Inc. is not a part of the LCCA. However, its officers are currently LCCA officers and directors. Larry Myott is president of the Foundation; Peter Benevento is Vice President; Ruth Ann Krayeski is secretary, and Pauline W. Gadbois is treasurer. It was established in this manner, to have a founding board of directors and establish the Foundation.

Contributions can be made to the Foundation at any time and will be tax deductible. The general purposes of this organization are to benefit Lake Carmi in some way, enhance water quality, reduce pollution, and more. The foundation is "Charitable," as determined by the IRS. The officers of the Foundation are working to develop the foundation.

Contributions can be made to the *Lake Carmi Community Foundation, Inc.* at any time, providing the donor a federal tax deduction. To make your first contribution, contact an officer. The IRS letter of approval will be provided to all donors. Donations can be made in many forms, cash, land, homes, camps, cars and more.

LCCA Membership Benefits

Become a Member of LCCA now, be a part of your community. Volunteer to help out as much as you can. You are always welcome.

- Sponsor and presenter of *Celebrate Lake Carmi*
- Spring Water tap at Fire Station
- Off-Season security patrols by the Sheriffs Dept.
- A forum for sharing idea and problems
- Lake Advocate with local and state government
- The annual contribution to the town weed harvester
- Annual LCCA Newsletter, five issues
- Free classified ads for members
- Fishing contest for all ages
- Light-up Lake Carmi, 4th of July week
- 2017 Cottage Tour, July 22
- Huge Fireworks, July 3rd at 9:30 p.m.
- Annual Pontoon Boat Relay Race, July 3rd
- The Lakes Water Quality Advocate
- Sailfest each month, as announced
- Cardboard Boat Event & more, August 5th
- Lake Advocate on milfoil and algae management
- Sponsor of Lakewise Program with State
- Septic Pumpout program with FWC
- Sponsor of VT Invasive Patrollers
- Lake Shore Bulletin Boards provided
- Volunteer water quality water sampling program
- Liaison with Franklin and State of Vermont
- Member of Lake Champlain International
- Member of Lake Carmi Committee
- Member Franklin Watershed Committee
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We need you as a member of the LCCA, Inc:

Become an LCCA member for the 2017 season. The dues are just \$50.00 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.

*Please mail your check and this form to: **LCCA, Inc., P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457***

Name _____ Renewal New Gift Membership

Attached is my check for 2017 dues, in the amount of \$50.00, made payable to **LCCA, Inc.**

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Haston Library Events this Summer

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On Monday, June 19 at 10:30 a.m. there is a Baby Poultry Visit Story Hour, this program is free and open to the public. On Saturday, June 24 at the Franklin Central School, the Backpack Theater Presents, free: Peter Pan and the Tree Bears.

The popular adult book discussion group meets one Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m., call the library at 802.285.6505 for more details. There is a knitting and crochet group on Tuesday evenings, 5:30 to 7:00. Technology Saturdays are at 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. for help with your computer,

devices, social media, the internet and more.

More information is available on the website: <http://franklinhastonlibraryvt.org>. You can email the librarian: librarian@hastonlibraryvt.org.



The Dock Crew of Brady Giroux installs docks and boat hoists recently on Hammond Shore Road. It won't be long, the boats will be out with fisherman and pontoon boats getting ready to race.

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July 1 is Canada Day, this year celebrating 150 years as the country of Canada. Bring your Canadian flags to the lake, let's celebrate that world event as part of Celebrate Lake Carmi in 2017. Being such close neighbors, here at Lake Carmi, we have a great opportunity to help celebrate this Canadian National Holiday. We can join Canada and the United States as "one" for our joint holiday. This is the National Day of Canada



celebrating the enactment of the Constitution Act on July 1, 1867. This was celebrating the uniting

of three colonies, Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick into a single entity called Canada. The photo here shows the Duke & Duchess of Cambridge in Ottawa at the Canada Celebration in 2011.

Free Fishing Day, NO license Required!

Vermont has two free fishing days, one in the winter and one in the summer. This one comes up is June 10th. Anyone, resident or non-resident, can be fishing even without a license. All legal fishing methods and limits apply. A great time for Dad to help as neither needs a license.

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Lake Carmi Loons

The loons have come back to the lake; we are watching them, but not seeing much action. Loons have begun to nest around Vermont, according to Eric Hanson of the VT Loon Watch Program. There are several volunteers who watch the loons here at Lake Carmi. Every spring there are many loons at the lake, perhaps as many as 15-18. Local watchers have succeeded in getting photos of them when they are here, getting rested for their journeys to home lakes and ponds.

Lake Carmi is usually home to four or more loons, no nesting pairs yet, but "loon-watch" is hopeful. With the new outlet on Dewing Shore Road, the chances are better as the level of the lake is being stabilized to the level of the dam at Mill Pond, 435 feet above sea level.

The official Loon Watch Day is Saturday, July 15. This day is the same all over the US and Canada.

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The plans are being made; the committee is working for another great Lake Carmi Cottage Tour. You'll have a personal tour of several of the greatest cottages around Lake Carmi, along with treats from restaurants and other Franklin County businesses. Mark your calendar now for **Saturday, July 22**. Tickets will be available along with details soon.

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New Weed

Harvester to be running soon.

According to the Franklin Board of Selectmen, the new weed harvester has a new (and much larger engine). It is at its Westcott Shore mooring. They'll have it out on the lake as soon as the state permit allows. There are three operators this

season. Selectboard chair Peter Magnant told the Franklin Watershed Committee at a recent meeting; they installed a 40hp motor. They will be adjusting the motor to work with the hydraulic systems of the machine.

Birding with Debbie Bushey.....

Watching birds is almost too good to be true. After all, it is a relatively inexpensive pursuit.



All it takes is a decent pair of binoculars, a field guide, a place to go (even a backyard will do), and some desire. Beginners who discover birds are often amazed at how they had

managed to walk through life over looking these beautiful creatures that sing and fly. Every morning walk can bring excitement, discovery, and a better understanding of the natural world.

I love spring time birding, especially May, the height of bird diversity. Shorebird and Song-bird migration peaks as Fly Catchers, vireos, warblers, and other passerines (perching birds) ride the wave of emerging leaves and insects north. June, with the last of the northbound stragglers, is when spring migrations end. Nesting activity peaks for most species.

The best time to visit Lake Carmi State Park birding is spring and fall migrations. The varied habitats in this state park have hosted a dazzling diversity of birds over the years, including Black Scoter, Least Bitten, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Three-toed Woodpecker, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, and Eastern Towhee. Most bird activity is at the southern end of the park along the campsite access road and near the bog.

The list of birds below are just since arriving back to the lake in April through late May:

Spotted Sandpipers, Kingfisher, Loons, Bald Eagles, Osprey, Common Mergansers, Lesser Scaup, Mallards, Common Golden Eyes, Buffleheads, Cormorants, Blue Herons, Gulls, Kingbird, Eastern Phoebe, Robins, Catbird, Red Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Gold Finches, Purple Finches, White Throat Sparrows, White Crowned Sparrows, Carolina Wren, Song Sparrow, American Tree Sparrow, Blue Jays, Bluebird, White Breasted Nuthatch, Junco's, Yellow Rump Warblers, Mourning Doves, Common Grackle, American Kestrel, Turkeys, Raven, Crow, Turkey Vultures, Red Winged Blackbirds, Northern Flickers, Tree Swallows, Downey & Hairy Woodpeckers, Yellow Bellied Sap Sucker, Barred Owls, Chickadees, Baltimore Oriole, Ruby Throat Hummingbird. Happy Birding!

Loon Photo by Joe & Linda Craig - April 2017

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- Try your hand as a stream engineer with a model
- Learn how to attract pollinators with native plantings
- See how water infiltrates the soil and improves soil health
- Learn about the Lake Wise program
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Coming Events, Celebrate Lake Carmi!

The annual Celebrate Lake Carmi events begin on Friday, June 30 with the displays of Light Up Lake Carmi. Campers can begin and end the displays at any time around the July 4th big day.



The LCCA sponsored events officially begin with Light Up Lake Carmi, which can go on as long as the residents want

them. Bring your light from home, along with extension cords and more. Last year some folks lighted up like Christmas while others were more subdued, but all were celebratory of the holiday at the lake.

As presented earlier in this newsletter, this is the 150th Anniversary of Canada, so our Canadian residents and American too can use decorations to celebrate both the July 1 Canada Day and the U.S. Fourth of July. Judging of the Lighted Cottages will take place on the night of Sunday, July 2. Presentations will be made later.

The July 2 opening ceremony parade will be led by the Lake Carmi Pirate Ship, under the command of Captain Rob Evans, beginning at 4:00



p.m. from the Westcott Shore. The Enosburg Town Band will be providing a floating concert all around the lake on Katie Thompson's pontoon

boat. Followed by all five of the race teams that will perform the next evening for the annual Pontoon Boat Relay Race at 6:30 pm all around the lake. There are thirty boats participating in the race and all are asked to take a tour of the lake during the opening ceremonies. Bring your horns and other noisemakers, a good time to bring the family.

Of course, the Pirates will be coming with guns ablaze and cannon firing. The six teams of pontoon boats, following the cannons are the *Red Team* (Pirates) from Patton Shore and Blackwoods with Captain Jim Piviroto leading; the *Blue Team* (Hammerheads) under the leadership of Captian Bob Larose; the *Green Team* (Dueling Dolphins) come from the Dewing Shore Road and Camp Road, this year being led by Captain Casey Robin, son. Captain Joe Craig is leading the *Yellow Team* (Wildcats) from Westcott and Mullen Shores; Also, Vic's Crossing/Shore Road/King's Court *Orange Team* will be under the leadership of Captain Bill Spears.



Of course, each team will be flying their colors so we can sit back on the shore and watch the preparations for the big events during the week. The starting gun will fire at the North Beach at about 6:30 p.m. with the race lasting for just over one hour.

Teams are required to navigate five buoys placed around the lake, and each boat will get to take three laps. The five checkpoints are monitored by race staff who sound the horn when all is safe to continue.

Many folks can win, each team is staffed by a crew of several sailors. Each boat is expected to have at least four crew members. All must follow the mandated rules as developed by the Race Committee and approved by the Vermont State Police. Sheriff Bob Norris's big powerful pace boat will be here leading the race and making sure all are safe throughout.

Mike Tansey Photos

Relay Race Tickets to Win Dollars

Relay Race tickets can help you win \$500 or more, at the July 3rd race. You can buy as many tickets as you like, betting on as many teams as you select, perhaps all. Tickets will be available at the Franklin General Store in Franklin and Boat Headquarters in Swanton and over the weekend before the race, from volunteers on each shore of

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 Team Captain Casey Robinson

Vic's Crossing/Shore Road/Kings Court—Vipers—Orange Team
 Team Captain - Bill Spears

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the lake. Tickets cost \$5 for a book of three. Fill out your tickets, check off who you think is going to win. The tickets will be sorted by volunteers into colored buckets (team colors), The first place team winner will be drawn from the color of the winning team and so forth.

First place ticket wins \$500; second place wins \$300. Third place wins \$200, fourth place wins \$150, and fifth place wins \$100.

Franklin Fire Department Chicken Bar-B-Q
 Support a great cause, Saturday July 1, tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased from FFD members, at the Franklin General Store or the Franklin Telephone Company. Begin at 4:00 pm, eat in or take back to the lake. Get your tickets early as they always sell out.



The LCCA has scheduled two **SailFest** days, July 8, and August 12. A very informal and voluntary day of sailing on the lake. Plan on having sail boats on the lake around 10:00 am for some fun and quiet time with other sailors. The more, the merrier.

Fireworks on Monday, July 3rd



Photographer Mike Tansey of Patton Shore Road is here to shoot the best photos during the Celebrate Lake Carmi events. The highlight of the celebration is always the big fireworks show at 9:30 p.m. on July 3, this year a Monday evening. The fireworks are sponsored by

many donations from businesses and individual who love and support Lake Carmi. Additional



donations are needed and welcome. Checks should be sent to LCCA, P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457 noted for Celebrate Lake Carmi Sponsorship.



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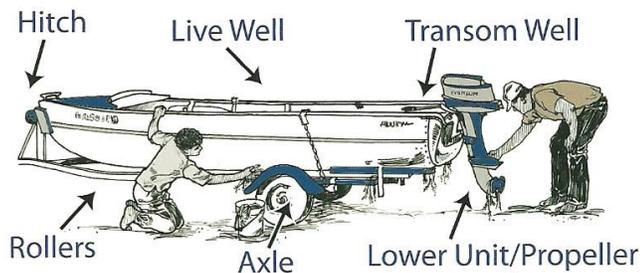


No More Free Rides

Under Vermont Law, you may be fined up to \$1000 for transporting any aquatic plant or plant fragment, zebra mussels or quagga mussels.

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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.
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Lake Carmi State Park

With a 1375-acre surface area, Carmi is the fourth largest natural lake located entirely within Vermont. It is 7.5 miles around, averaging about 20 feet in depth, and is 33 feet at its deepest point. The lake supports northern pike, walleyes, and other warm water species. The lake drains north into Quebec's Pike River, then into Lake Champlain. Lake Carmi was once much larger. In the thousands of years since the last ice age, the southern end of the original lake has silted in, creating wetland forests and the third largest peat bog in Vermont.

Most of the 140-acre bog lies within Lake Carmi State Park and is a designated State Natural Area. Natural Areas have been set aside for the preservation and protection of their unique ecological, geological, or scenic and contemplative values. The road to Camping Area "B" cuts through the bog and is the northern boundary of the Natural Area. The high ground on which Camping Area "B" is built on a would island if not for the bog.

The Lake Carmi Bog is characterized by spindly black spruce trees, with lesser numbers of tamarack trees. Shrubs, especially mountain holly, form a thick and nearly impenetrable understory. The ground plants include pitcher plants, sedges, sphagnum mosses and other typical bog plants. This black spruce-tamarack bog is largely undisturbed and is unusual in Vermont for its size.

The state park includes over two miles of frontage on the south and east shore of Lake Carmi. Most of the 482-acres were purchased in 1959.

There are two lakeside cabins available to rent. The campground has 138 tent/RV sites, 35 lean-to sites, and two cabins, making it the largest in the state. The campground has restrooms with hot and cold running water and coin-operated hot showers. There is an RV dump station, but there are no hookups. Most sites are large enough to accommodate self-contained RVs. There are swimming beaches in both camp areas. There is also a day use beach (open 10:00 a.m. to sunset each day) with a nature center, restrooms, and rental boats. For more information, 933.8383.

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