



NEWS

Protecting Lake Placid Water Quality since 1893.



PHOTO: Julie Betts Testwuide

Please help protect the loons!

The loon is a symbol of unspoiled wilderness. Please observe loons with chicks from a respectful distance. Be watchful of your fishing lines and tackle to prevent entanglement and lead poisoning.

Note from the President

As we all wait for 'ice out' the SOA has been busy finalizing our critical water quality programs for the summer of 2023.

We have contracted with our dive services team to conduct three invasive species 'harvest' dives, received a grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program to support our Lake Stewards Program, and renewed our contract with Paul Smith's College to manage the Lake Stewards at the NY State DEC and Village boat launches.

Thanks to our volunteers Mark Wilson and Mary Thill, the SOA is once again

registered to participate in the Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP), a lake monitoring and education program managed by the DEC. Volunteers take water samples over the course of the summer that are tested for chemical properties and clarity and monitored over the years.

During the summer of 2023 wave action on the lake will be monitored to assess boat activity, wakes generated, and their impact on personal safety and shore erosion. Wave monitoring was identified as an important function in our Lake Management Plan published last year. The deployment, monitoring and data

analysis will be conducted by Brendan Wiltse and his Adirondack Water Institute (AWI) team at Paul Smith's College. Funding for wave monitoring buoys was secured by a grant awarded to AWI by the Town of North Elba Local Enhancement and Advancement Fund (L.E.A.F).

We greatly appreciate your support of our efforts to protect the lake and its residents and visitors and look forward to seeing you out on the water.

Scott



Q&A with Our Lake Constable, Buzzy Rickard

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Question: *What is the key responsibility of the Lake Constable?*

Answer: Try to ensure safety for all people using the lake; educate boaters of the laws; respond to questions or concerns.

Question: *What boater safety concerns do you have given your experience on the lake in 2022?*

Answer: Any lack of consideration on the part of a vessel operator can lead to an unpleasant or unsafe experience on and off the water. Failure to have a personal flotation device (PFD) when using paddle boards, canoes and kayaks.

Question: *What should shore owners be aware of when boating this summer to keep the waters safe?*

Answer: Shore owners have the opportunity and responsibility to exhibit and set the example of respectful boating etiquette.

For example:

- Remove floating debris from the lake whenever possible
- Maintain a safe distance and speed when in close proximity to other boaters.
- Be aware of NYS Boater Safety Rules and Regulations.
- <https://parks.ny.gov/documents/recreation/boating/2017NYSBoatersGuide.pdf>
- Be aware of your wake, especially when approaching paddlers. A constant speed with "Bow Up" is never good.
- Keep a respectful distance of at least 100 feet from docks and boathouses.

I hope you all have a safe and fun summer on the lake!

Buzzy Rickard

Annual Pump Out

Every summer SOA volunteers schedule septic pump outs for shore owners. The SOA provides a barge at no expense to members.

The Lake Placid Lake Septic System Inspection Law requires that all septic systems proximate to the lake be inspected every three years for year-round residences; every five years for seasonal properties; if there is a reason to believe that a septic system is not functioning properly; and when the property is conveyed to a new owner.

To schedule a pump out this summer, please contact Lendy Barnard: 203-912-3058 or lendy-barnard@gmail.com

It Was Always the Lake

We were children there leading separate lives
Long days immersed in water like silk
And it was always the lake
We met as teenagers
We knew each other's siblings, parents, even grandparents
And it was always the lake
Then there were spouses and children
Boats and barbeques, movies and dinners
And it was always the lake
All that changed and we led parallel lives
The lake became the keeper of memories
Except for dreams, I left the lake
Now we are the grandparents
We are together, life is good again
And we return to the lake

by Stephanie Sloane

A Fond Farewell to Recently Departed Members of Our Community

Rosemary Agnes Donohue Reiss of R-Camp passed away on January 15 in West Hartford CT at age 89. Born in the Boston area, she spent childhood summers at Newfound Lake, NH where she first enjoyed a peaceful paddle, as she often did later in life on the west lake. Rosemary graduated from Emmanuel College, and earned a masters in theology from Fordham University. She married Lake Placid native Paul Reiss in 1955 and their growing family traveled from Wisconsin to Lake Placid every summer before moving to the NYC suburbs and doing likewise.

Rosemary taught high school religion for many years once most of her nine children were grown. When Paul became President of St. Michael's College, their commute to Lake Placid shrunk again. Over many decades, Rosemary helped welcome hundreds of children at the summer camps of the Julian Reiss Foundation. She also served actively on the board of the Lake Placid Sinfonietta and was a devoted supporter of Mercy Care for the Adirondacks.

From her teens until her early 80s, Rosemary was a selfless caregiver beloved by many of all generations who already miss her steady, kind inspiration and generous spirit. In addition to her beloved husband, a sister and a brother, she

leaves three daughters, six sons, 30 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren, all of whom enjoy spending vacations in Lake Placid.

Elizabeth Linton Thomas "Liz" Ackerman, 93, formerly of New Vernon, NJ and recently of Shelburne, VT died on February 6th. The daughter of Catherine (Harrington) and Hassan Seeley Thomas, she was born in Springfield, MA. Elizabeth graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Elmira College and through a Ford Foundation Fellowship, earned a Masters degree in Education from Cornell University. She taught elementary school in White Plains, NY and told everyone how much she loved her first graders.

In 1956, she married David H. Ackerman (who predeceased her in 2013), the author of a book on the history of Placid Lake and co-founder, with Dr Howard Smith of the Placid Lake Foundation, now the Adirondack Land Trust. The Ackermans raised their two children, Jane and David, in New Vernon, NJ and Lake Placid, NY with a camp on northeastern Buck Island. When her children were mostly grown, Elizabeth owned and managed a ladies' dress shop in Morristown, NJ. She was a member of the Garden Club of America in Lake Placid.

JOIN - RENEW 2023

Spring is here and camps will soon come alive. Since we last gathered, SOA trustees, committee members and volunteers have been hard at work preparing for the summer of 2023. As activity on the lake increases, your membership is more important than ever. Your membership dues cover our annual operating budget, allowing us to monitor water quality, promote boating safety, maintain accurate mapping for the Lake Placid Fire Department, and so much more. We cannot do it without you.

Please join us again this year as a valued member of the SOA family. Renew your membership by sending your \$225 dues payment by mail or online: lpsoa.org/pay-dues

Your SOA membership is an investment in the future of the lake.



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Stay in Touch

Let's Go Green!

Thank you to all who have provided current email addresses.

To update your email, please send a quick note to: soalakeplacid@gmail.com

Membership Update

Extensive new research of Essex County's database of property owners, led by Cristina Lussi, helps the SOA maintain better records of lake shore property ownership. Local realtor friends help us discover properties that are newly up for sale. At least three lake properties were sold recently and two more sales are pending, so we'll be reaching out to those new neighbors soon.

Please check the [website](#) for our newly updated handbook on all things Placid Lake including the continuing good work of your SOA. While looking forward to re-opening of camp this spring and a great summer season ahead, **please mark your calendars for the annual membership meeting and breakfast social on Saturday, July 29th.**

We closed out 2022 with 169 memberships, and more than 43 of our most devoted members have already paid dues for 2023. We are grateful for your wise investment in the health of our cherished and pristine lake! Dues may be paid online at lpsoa.org/pay-dues or by mailing a check for \$225 to Shore Owners' Association of Lake Placid, P.O. Box 1235, Lake Placid, NY 12946.