

## Clean Boats, Cleaner Lake

It is critical that all boats and trailers coming to and from our lake are thoroughly **cleaned, motors flushed, bilges and live wells emptied**, to prevent the spread of non-native plant and animal species. Many nearby water bodies are infested with Zebra mussels. See the PDF with the list of infected waters and proper care of boats at <http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/unitedstates/ma.shtml> Also, never dump aquarium contents into any lake, especially our own.



**KEEP  
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AND  
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ON  
NO WEEDS**

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**Draw down** started on 15 October 2015 and was completed by the first week of November. The lake level has been held at approximately 4 feet since that time. Per the **recommendations of Aquatic Controls**, our weed management firm, **refill** will restart within the next few weeks, but no later than the **end of February**.

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As a lake resident, you know what a very special place **Glen Echo Lake** is to live and raise a family. The goal of the **GEIA** has always been, and will continue to be, to maintain the health of our lake along with providing support and activities to its residents.

Did you know that the various fund raising events we held last year were developed and implemented by **a few residents**? That the board consists of **volunteers**, who spend countless hours to maintain the **Association**, its associated functions and events? We can't do this without resident participation and support. **PLEASE consider getting involved!** Remember the adage: many hands make for light work! Can you help out by hanging signs? Being a local ticket representative for raffles? Organize a potluck meeting? Anything would be helpful and welcomed! Do have a new idea? Have an issue? Love what we are doing? Let us know!

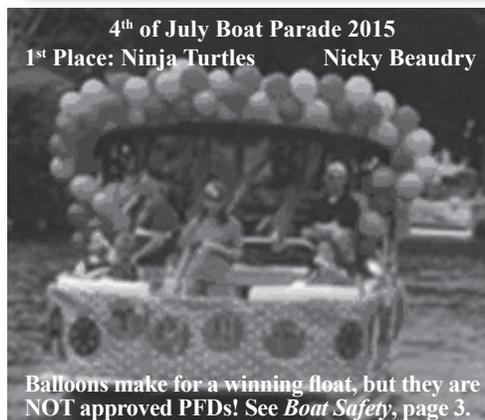
A **HUGE thank you** to **Mark and Linda Racicot** for their efforts over the past year. Without their leadership and support the various fund raising activities would not have been such a huge success. We wish them good luck in their new adventure!

As mentioned in elsewhere in this newsletter, our dam needs repairs associated with standard maintenance. While I will be involved with the process through my membership in the Lakes & Ponds Committee, as President, I personally, will not be spearheading any type of effort on this. Glen Echo has two residents who are members of the Dam Task Force which will be working with the town through this process. Be aware that the town, through the town meeting process, will be looking to **assess betterments** to pay for these repairs. This has **already happened** with **South Charlton Reservoir** dam's repairs.

**This is your lake and your community.** Please consider getting involved!

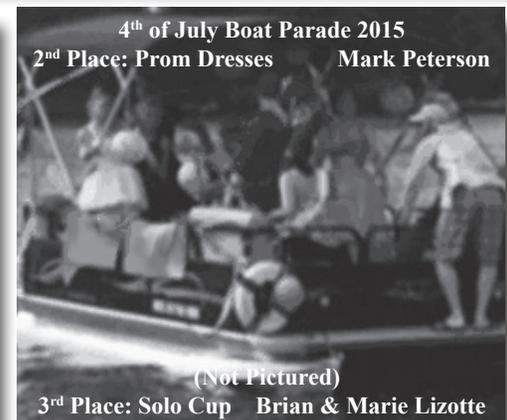
Thanks and see you out on the water!

**Jackie Nowak**, President



4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade 2015  
1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ninja Turtles Nicky Beaudry

Balloons make for a winning float, but they are NOT approved PFDs! See *Boat Safety*, page 3.



4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade 2015  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Prom Dresses Mark Peterson

(Not Pictured)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Solo Cup Brian & Marie Lizotte

# Weed Fund Fun Raising

We All Share the Same Front Yard

The **Dock2Dock Raffle** brought to a close the very busy year of activities **The Weed Fund Committee**, under the leadership of **Mark Racicot**, set out to do when the committee was formed in June of 2014, after GEIA decided to expend \$19,270 for weed control. We mailed out a special *Save Glen Echo Lake* general appeal flyer that also advertised upcoming events through the summer of 2015. Our year-end summary is as follows:

1. October 2014, **Mohegan Sun** Trip ~ \$613
2. Winter 2015, **Glacier Glen 50/50 Ice Out Raffle** ~ \$620
3. July 2015, **Dock2Dock Raffle** ~ \$1,905
4. General Appeal **Donors** ~ \$3,500

**Total Fund raising 2014-2015 ~ \$6,638**

In spite of the good news we received from **Aquatic Controls Technologies** regarding invasive aquatic plants, we need to remain vigilant in our fund raising efforts. The 2014 expenditure was 4 times our average annual weed fund donations, and we have a long way to go to replenish the Weed Fund to what it once was. We are only one unsuccessful draw down away from another invasion like we experienced in 2014. Our chairman, **Mark Racicot** recently accepted a new career opportunity and has moved away from the lake with his family. We wish them much success and happiness even though his efforts will be sadly missed. The committee is in great need of some "fresh legs" as Mark so eloquently put it.

It is the committee's plan to continue with the **Dock2Dock Raffle** in July, and **Glacier Glen** is out on the lake doing his part right now! **WE NEED YOUR HELP....**

1. Direct donation to the **Weed Fund!**
2. Take a chance on **Glacier Glen!** Use the printed Guess Tickets or make your own!
3. Get your **family** and **friends** to make lots of guesses on **Glacier Glen!**
4. Donate prizes to the **Dock2Dock Raffle!** See 2015 Flyer for ideas!
5. **Buy AND sell** raffle tickets for the **D2D Raffle!** Packets with Raffle Prizes Flyers and Tickets provided!

Every dollar we raise through fund raising is a dollar not shouldered just by the membership! And we are *fun* fund raisers, too!

**Weed Fund Committee** will have their first 2016 meeting to plan other events at **Sue and Hugh Briody's** home on Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30 pm. on 141 Sunset Drive. Email [SueBriody@aol.com](mailto:SueBriody@aol.com) or call/text her at 617-834-6859 with offers, suggestions and questions. Look forward to see you then!

# 2015 Summary Aquatic Plants

We had a successful draw down last winter which greatly contributed to smaller weed growth. **Aquatic Control Technologies (ACT)**, our management company, surveyed Glen Echo in **May 12**, **June 30**, and on **August 25** of 2015. There were no observed invasive species noted in May, early growth in June, and sparse vegetation in August. Given the reduction in invasive species, Variable Milfoil and Fanwort, from 2014 to 2015, ACT believes the management activities which were conducted at Glen Echo Lake in 2014 **worked well** to reduce the distributions of V. Milfoil and Fanwort throughout the water body. Much of the Fanwort observed emerged late in the summer and was unhealthy and even chlorotic. While the delay with permitting unfortunately did not allow for treatment in 2015, the fact is that V. Milfoil regrowth was relatively sparse and the Fanwort emerged too late in the season to be effectively treated. Therefore the lack of treatment should have a minimal effect on the management in 2016. Due to the fact that Fanwort and V. Milfoil are highly invasive, competitive plant species that have the capability to proliferate rapidly, and because a season of treatment was lost in 2015, **ACT recommends treatment be initiated shortly after growth is observed.** See the full report on our web site [www.glenecholake.org](http://www.glenecholake.org).



## Glen Echo Gear

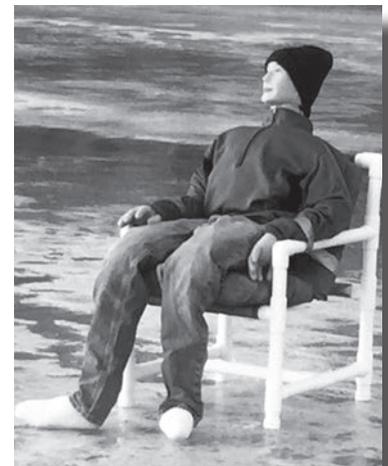


## Get your Gear Twice a Year!

Use our **order form** or make your own of the items you want! Please specify quantity of each item description, color, size, price and total enclosed with your check made out to the GEIA. Place your order by **May 20, 2016**, in time for **July 4<sup>th</sup>** celebrations or by **November 21, 2016**, in time for **Christmas Gift** giving. Questions? Email [SueBriody@aol.com](mailto:SueBriody@aol.com) or call/text 617-834-6859.

## Glacier Glen Awaits His Fate!

Who's the dummy out on the lake in a lawn chair waiting for the ice to melt! Why it's the return of our friend, **Glacier Glen!** Take a chance! Take a guess! When will the bloke go down under? But you got to be in it to win it! **An Ice-Out Date 50/50 Raffle**, send your guesses and your friends guesses - day, date AND time (am or pm) - along with \$10 per guess or 3 guesses for \$20, **NO LATER THAN MARCH 18, 2016** to **John Phillips**, Treasurer, GEIA, P.O. Box 578, Charlton City, MA 01508. Make Checks payable to the Glen Echo Improvement Association (GEIA). Visit [www.glenecholake.org](http://www.glenecholake.org) for more events and information.







# Glen Echo Improvement Association ~ Spring 2016

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and return with your check

<b>2016 Membership Dues and Information Update</b> (please print <b>LEGIBLY</b> )	
Name:	
LAKE Address:	
MAILING Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes! Please add me to the email distribution list.	
Enclosed <b>DUES:</b> (choose one, submit by April 1, 2016, pay to GEIA)	
One year (for 2016)	\$30.00 \$
Lifetime	\$450.00 \$
Enclosed <b>Weed Fund</b> (suggest \$70)	\$
GEIA Gate Key	\$10.00 \$
(One-time fee for key. Lifetime or annual renewal of membership required of all key holders.)	
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>	<b>\$</b>
Check payable and mailed to: <b>GEIA</b> Post Office Box 578 Charlton City, MA 01508 <i>Thank You Very Much!</i>	



Dear Key Holder,  
Time happens.  
Memory fades.  
Have you renewed  
your **GEIA**  
membership lately?  
Lifetime or annual renewal  
of membership **REQUIRED**  
of all Key Holders.  
Regards,  
The **GEIA**

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