

Glen Echo News

Summer 2012

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Hello everyone! Wow, another summer on the lake is here already! School gets out this week and vacations will begin. Here is to a GREAT summer!

DRAWDOWN

This drawdown started on October 15, 2011. At the September 2010 meeting, the membership voted to follow Lycott's recommendation and the existing Notice of Intent (NOI), for a 4-foot drawdown. Per Lycott's written recommendation, the initial refill began in early January 2012. The full refill was completed well before April 1, 2012.

WEED UPDATE

At the May 2012 meeting, the owner of Lycott Environmental, Will Stevens, came to discuss the current status of the aquatic vegetation in Glen Echo Lake. Will provided the results of the 2012 survey (completed 11 May 2012), which identified a large area of Milfoil in the north end of the lake. Will indicated that the initial 2012 weed treatment will focus on the Milfoil. This treatment will take place on June 7, 2012. When asked if there were other ways that residents could use to manage Milfoil, he advised AGAINST pulling, raking and or harvesting Milfoil as it is a pernicious weed, difficult to harvest (you have to get the entire plant and root bulb) and will re-root if fragmented, increasing the lake's infestation.

Will also offered advice on how to help control the other "beneficial" pond weeds within Glen Echo. He recommended NOT irradiating these

weeds as these weeds provide a natural habitat for the various types of organisms that live within the lake, and by doing so, other weed species could move in. He did indicate, however, that residents can rake, cut or harvest these weeds along their waterfront area without risking proliferation.

Will also recommended that we perform a second survey in mid-July (similar to last year) to identify and track areas within the lake which have seen an increase in beneficial pond weeds to establish a pattern and possible treatment methodology.

Other recommendations included:

1. If you trailer your boat between water bodies, clean your boat of any weeds (regardless of type) prior to launching. This will help prevent the transfer of weeds from lake to lake.
2. Use a phosphate free fertilizer for lawns near the lake. This will help reduce the influx of nutrients into the lake and thereby, reduce lakeshore weeds.
3. **DO NOT USE ROUNDUP** as a method of lakeshore weed control – the surfactant used in roundup is poisonous to the organisms that live in the lake.

Lake survey maps (July 2011 and May 2012) have been posted to the GEIA website showing the amount and location of both beneficial and invasive species.

JOIN US!!

Annual 4th of July Boat Parade!

The annual Glen Echo Lake Boat Parade will be held on Wednesday, July 4, 2012 at 4:00 pm. Decorate your boat and join us in the North end of the lake! Meet in front of Bernie Lizotte's house. PRIZES will be awarded!! Come join the fun!!

SKI CLUB is BACK!!

The Glen Echo ski club was restarted last summer and was a huge success!! Thanks to Jody McManus O'Brien for spearheading the effort and acting as the club's new President. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids of all ages to learn how to ski, kneeboard, etc, and to just have fun!! Adults are welcome too!

Meetings for 2012 will be held on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm. Club dues remain the same as 2011 at \$35 per person or \$70 per family. All club members must also be AWSA members (\$35 single, \$135 per family).

Please download a membership form for 2012 from the GEIA website and bring it with you to the first meeting.

The first meeting for 2011 will be Wednesday, June 27 at 5:30 pm at 103 Sunset Drive. Any questions please contact. Any questions, contact Jody at 508-688-9540.

FISHING DERBY!!

Sunday, July 29, 2012

Registration: 7:00 am

Derby: 7:30 – Noon

Weigh-in and Cookout to follow
Steve Frederico's House

North End Cove

***A message from the Conservation
Committee***

***Activities that ARE permitted along
shorelines:***

- ◆ Hand raking of the shore area to clean up debris
- ◆ Rearranging by hand existing rocks/stones that protect and delineate the shoreline
- ◆ Beach Nourishment of an existing beach area with PRE-WASHED sand, no smaller than 0.25mm, spread by hand (retain receipt as proof)

**PLEASE NOTE: This is not a full list; if you have any questions, please contact the Conservation Commission, at 248-2247. Other activities may require a Notice of Intent.

GLEN ECHO WEAR – Update!

We are still in the process of finding a new vendor for the Glen Echo Wear. We hope to have a new vendor soon and be able to take orders mid to late summer.

We do have ceramic and commuter mugs available. The cost is \$4.50 each or 2/\$8.00. Please call J. Nowak at 508-248-4832 if you have any questions.

***REMINDER
Boating Safety***

Please remember to obey the speed limits on all parts of the lake and to use the boating channel through the

narrows. The Glen Echo Lake courtesy rules are posted on the website. Please take a minute to download and review the rules with everyone in your family. A link to the Mass State Boating laws can also be found on the GEIA website.

The Narrows buoys have been installed. Please stay within this channel at all times while traveling through the narrows. **Remember these buoys delineate the boating channel from resident's swim areas.**

Some reminders:

- Traffic flows counter-clockwise on Glen Echo Lake. Please go with the flow and avoid accidents and confrontations.
- Drivers and passengers should be seated at all times – STATE LAW requires a spotter while towing. The spotter must be at least 12 years old.
- No persons under the age of 16 may operate a PWC.
- Water-skiers, tubers, etc., **MUST** stay **DIRECTLY BEHIND THE BOAT** while traveling through the narrows.

While traveling through the narrows, please be mindful of your wake! Large wakes cause damage to not only the shore line but also docks and boats. Please remember to use common sense and courtesy while on the water!!

DUES – A REMINDER!

Dues for the 2012 calendar year were due on 1 April 2012. If you are a **GATE KEY OWNER** and have not paid your 2012 dues, please send your dues in as soon as possible. This will preclude the need to change the lock and to *reissue* keys to all users.

Dues forms were sent out earlier in the year. If you need a new form, please download one from the GEIA website.

***NEXT
MEETING***
10 July 2012
7:00 PM
Senior Center

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