

# BOONE NEWS

*"IT'S ALL ABOUT THE LAKE"*

Spring 2010

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

*By Gary Casaly*

This year at Boone Lake the focus will be on preserving and renewing our lake and our community.

Our kickoff – the Annual Cleanup – will be on Saturday, April 24 starting at 8:30 am. As usual, for those who help there will be pizza and refreshments at the clubhouse in the afternoon. Join in – use your truck with a “crew” and pick up stuff curbside; walk around the streets and collect the bottles and other debris in the bushes; spruce up the clubhouse, entrance and beach. Call Gary at 392-0588.

Our annual Septic Pumping will be in the summer. Get on the list by June. Call Claudia at 269-9401.

This year we will address the weeds that have begun to proliferate in the lake. Weeds can have an impact on the use of the lake and even the proper operation of the sluiceway and gate mechanism. We will address the weeds in two ways: (1) Aquatic Control Technology, Inc. will be doing the first treatment of the lake this year and further information on this project will be forthcoming and will be provided to you well in advance; (2) A gate will be erected at the boat ramp which will keep boats from outside the lake out. Boats from other places not only impact our use of the lake but also carry weeds on their undersides. Residents of Boone Lake will be able to operate the gate by a key or combination to launch their boats, but “outsiders” will not be able to do so.

Signs will be placed on the beach and boat ramp providing important information.

## ANNUAL BOONE LAKE CLEANUP

Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> "Keep It Clean!"

We need trucks and manpower. If you can help out, please call Gary at 392-0588.

### Restrictions:

- Place all items at edge of street
- Separate all metal
- Cut all wood to 4-foot lengths
- No leaves, no brush
- No recyclables

There is a nominal fee for the following items. Call Gary (392-0588) for details.

- Washers and refrigerators
- Water heaters
- NO TIRES

Freon and compressors must be properly removed from all refrigerators. Save a child’s life—remove the door too!

Note: Other information and any changes will appear on the Bulletin Board at the entrance and on [www.boonelakeri.org](http://www.boonelakeri.org). (Rain Date April 25)

## SEPTIC PUMPING

\$160.00 up to 1,000 gallons

>>Pumping will begin in June<<

>>Covers must be exposed at time of service<<

You need to be on the list by June to get this SPECIAL PRICE

Call Claudia at 269-9401

# WATER SAFETY

## Town of Exeter Ordinances

<b>Horsepower</b>	<b>45 horsepower maximum.</b>
<b>Direction of travel</b>	Counter-clockwise for all motorized boats.
<b>Speed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>30 mph maximum speed limit.</b></li> <li>• 5 mph maximum speed limit in Main Beach Cove and South Cove.</li> </ul>
<b>Water skiing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water skiing is <b>not</b> allowed in Main Beach Cove or South Cove area except for picking-up and dropping-off water skiers and skiing directly away from or toward the shore.</li> <li>• No more than two water skiers allowed per boat.</li> <li>• Erection of structures or devices in connection with water skiing is <b>not</b> allowed.</li> </ul>
<b>Night-time operation (9 pm to 8:30 am)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 mph maximum speed limit.</li> <li>• All boats over 16 feet must have proper running lights.</li> <li>• Smaller boats must have a hand-held lantern.</li> </ul>
<b>Weather</b>	No boat shall be operated under power when visibility is restricted by fog or other conditions to less than 50 feet.
<b>Swimming</b>	All swimming must take place within 50 feet of shoreline unless accompanied by and within 15 feet of a boat.
<b>Scuba diving</b>	Scuba diving is permitted in the Main Beach Cove area only, except in the case of emergencies.

## State of Rhode Island DEM Regulations

<b>Registration for boats</b>	<b>All motorized boats must display current and valid registration and numbers. This includes electric motorized boats.</b>
<b>Life preservers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One wearable Coast Guard approved life jacket per person in every boat (powerboat, canoe, kayak, paddleboat, etc.).</li> <li>• Children 10 years of age and under must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket at all times.</li> </ul>
<b>Spotters</b>	Any boat pulling one or two water skiers, watertubes, surfboards, wakeboards, etc. must have a spotter 12 years of age or older who is qualified to observe.
<b>Safety equipment</b>	Fire extinguishers and flares are required where applicable.
<b>Right of way</b>	Motorized boats must give right of way to all unmotorized boats.
<b>Jet skis</b>	Jet skis <b>cannot</b> be operated on Boone Lake due to requirements of state statutes governing clearance from boats, the shoreline, and swimmers.

## How to Report Violations

<b>Town of Exeter Ordinance Violations</b>	State Police Exeter Patrol	401-267-0145
	State Police Hope Valley	401-539-2323
<b>Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) Violations</b>	Business Hours	401-222-6800
	After Hours	401-222-3070

**Please Practice Responsible Boating and Water Safety.  
Make Sure your Guests and Tenants are Aware of these Regulations.**

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## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO LIMIT PHOSPHORUS INPUTS TO BOONE LAKE

Reprinted from the University of Rhode Island Watershed Watch Monitoring Procedures Manual

- Maintain your septic system.
  - Have it inspected every year or two.
  - Have it pumped regularly, usually every 1-3 years.
  - Old systems should be replaced to meet new systems standards.
  - Avoid using garbage disposals which add excessive solids and grease to septic systems.
- Don't pour chemicals (pesticides, disinfectants, acids, medicines, paint thinner, etc.) down the drain. These chemicals harm septic system bacteria and can contaminate groundwater.
- Manage lawn and garden fertilizer use. (Most fertilizers contain phosphorus.)
  - Have your soil tested to determine exactly how much fertilizer your lawn needs.
  - Use a mulching lawnmower; grass clippings recycle nutrients to your lawn.
  - Avoid fertilizer application just before a heavy rain.
  - Use slow-release fertilizers.
  - Do not rinse spilled fertilizer off paved surfaces, but sweep excess up or onto lawn.
  - Use native and adapted plants with lower fertilizer needs.
  - Store fertilizer in a location with a concrete floor.
- Plant a buffer strip of plants or shrubs (a greenbelt) between your lawn and lake; this zone will absorb excess phosphorus before it can enter the lake.
- Rake and remove leaves from lakeside property in the fall (leaves contain phosphorus). Do not dispose of them in the lake.
- Use no-phosphorus detergents (check labels). Most liquid laundry detergents do not contain phosphorus, but some powdered laundry detergents and dishwasher detergents still do.
- Support maintaining wetlands in their natural states. Wetland areas help to filter nutrients and many other pollutants.
- Do **not** feed the waterfowl. Waterfowl, along with all animals and humans, excrete phosphorus in their wastes. Feeding waterfowl encourages them to congregate in your lake.
- Direct roof downspouts to broad, grassy areas so the rain water has a chance to seep into the ground rather than run off, carrying sediments and nutrients with it.
- Conserve water. For example, use low-flow shower heads and place a brick in the toilet tank.
- Correct soil erosion problems immediately! Steep, sloping banks and exposed soil should be seeded and terraced to prevent erosion.
- Join your local lake, pond, or watershed association.

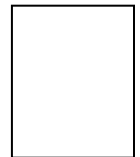
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