

LITTLE FREE Library

Back in 2022, local author, Gail Olmsted and longtime resident and creative carpenter, Bob Dean got together to design and build our two Little Free Libraries. There is one on Glen Echo Shore Road at the Boat Launch Ramp, and the other, pictured below, is on Sunset Drive where it meets with Westview to Sunset.

As it happened on a beautiful sunny and mild mid-February day, Sue Briody was out and about and saw this adorable scene play out. Two little girls, Tomi and Marley Cantwell were out on a stroll with their nanny Megan Shea, when Sue caught them carefully selecting books to take home with them to read.

The Little Free Libraries' collective purpose is a simple one. Take a book, share a book! No one is keeping score or taking inventory. If you see something you like, take it home and enjoy it. Pass it on to a friend, keep it forever or return it. Next time you have a book to share, drop it off. Easy as can be! Both of our Little Libraries are full of books, something for everyone. The next time you are walking or driving by, take a look. Your next new favorite book might be waiting there for you!



Tomi and Marley Cantwell choose books with Megan Shea



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Hello 2026!

Wow! A winter, a real winter! With snowbanks! So good to be able to enjoy the lake through ice fishing, snowshoeing, skating, hockey, snowmobiling, etc. The **lake level** was held at the 5 foot (at the dam) reduction level throughout the winter and the lake was successfully refilled the second week of March.

Did you see? The **GEIA property** continues to receive its **annual clean up and maintenance**. A large portion of the property has been reclaimed, trees were removed and branches have been trimmed, and the memorial plaques have been installed. (*Story on page 4.*) This year we will once again hold **spring clean-up** and work on the stormwater swale on the edge of the property, **Saturday, April 25th**, rain date following Saturday, May 2nd. This swale will be getting a much needed update for run-off control.

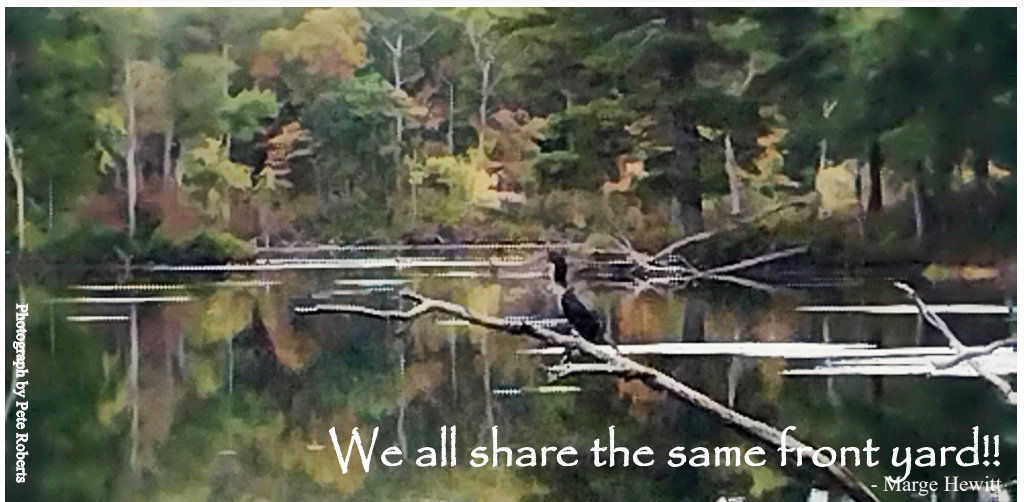
KEYS! Reminder!! We cannot stress this enough – As **key holder**, you **AGREED** to maintain your membership in good standing, by either being up to date on your yearly dues, or by being a lifetime member. Annual members! Please ensure your dues are paid each year! **PLEASE DO NOT MAKE US CHASE YOU!** Dues can be paid online or by mailing in the form found in this newsletter with your payment.

As always, please review the **boating and courtesy rules** and share these with **EVERYONE**, in your household who will be boating on the water. If you trailer your **boat between water bodies**, please make sure its hull is **CLEANED** and motor is **FLUSHED** between launchings – we don't want to allow any aquatic hitchhikers into our lake. Don't forget – MA Law requires that **ALL boat and PWC operators take a boating safety course**, for a fee online or for free in person. See the article on page 6, and the updated poster on page 7 of this newsletter for more information.

Our **first meeting** is planned for **Tuesday, May 26** at Sue B's house – hope to see many of you there!

Thanks everyone! See you on the water!

Jackie Nowak, President GEIA



Photograph by Pete Roberts

We all share the same front yard!!

- Marge Hewitt

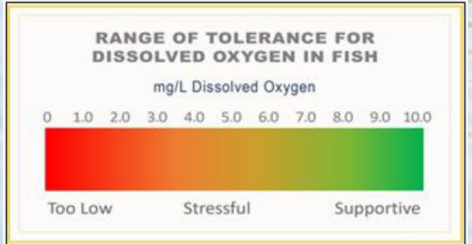


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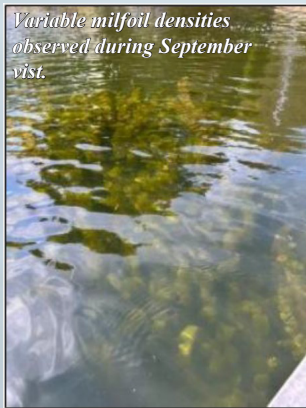
LAKE, POND & WETLAND MANAGEMENT

2025 Year End Report

Glen Echo Lake is approximately 116 acres and located in Charlton, MA, and primarily surrounded by sparse woodlands with developed properties located on the majority of the shoreline. Historically, **Glen Echo Lake** battles invasive species including **fanwort** and **variable milfoil**. The **goal** of the 2025 program was to **manage the invasive species while monitoring basic water quality** through a proactive monitoring schedule, accomplished by implementing an aquatic management program focused on planning, permitting, surveys, treatments, and reporting.



During each visit to the lake, a survey is conducted using visual observation paired with a standard **throw-rake** and handheld **GPS/ ArcGIS Field Maps**. Additionally, **dissolved oxygen (DO)** and temperature readings are collected throughout the season using a **calibrated YSI meter** with optical sensor. Dissolved oxygen (DO) is the amount of oxygen in water that is available to aquatic organisms, necessary to support fish spawning, growth, and activity. Tolerance varies by species, please see above figure provided for a **general range of fish tolerance**. DO can be affected by many outside factors, such as temperature, time of day, and pollution. DO levels are typically lowest early in the morning. **Healthy water** should generally have concentrations of about **6.5-8+ mg/L**. **Water clarity** was also assessed using a **Secchi disk** lowered into the water of a pond or lake until it can no longer be seen by the observer.



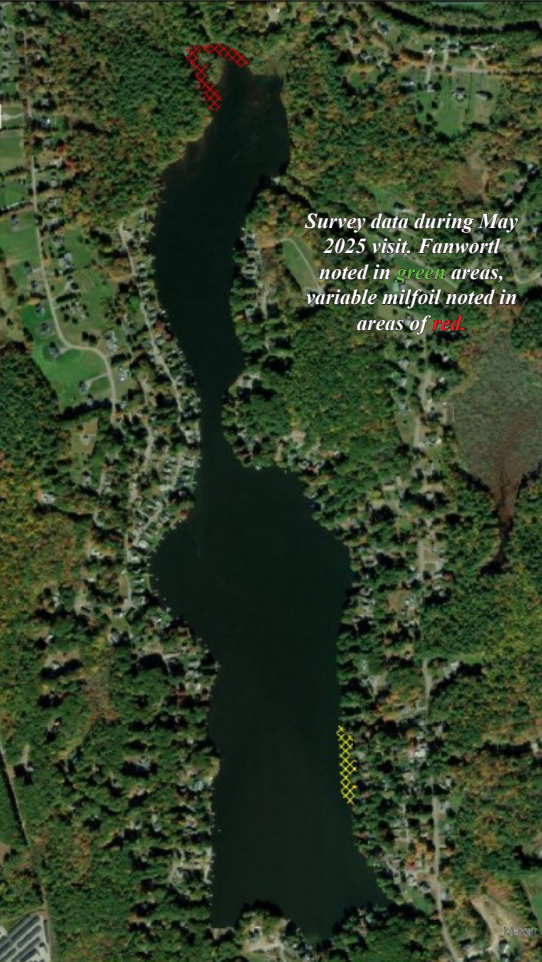
This depth of disappearance, called the **Secchi depth**, is a measurement of the transparency of the water. All readings are included in the tables throughout this report. All permitting, treatment, and survey tasks were completed without issue and at the proper times. The **table below** provides the specific dates of each task.

Survey Date	Surface Temp (°F)	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l)	Secchi Disk Clarity
May 29, 2025	69°	9.34	76"
July 23, 2025	77°	7.25	—
September 15, 2025	72°	6.65	79"

May 29, 2025 – Pre-Management Survey Field Biologist, **Drew Felter**, and Field Biologist, **Irini Stefanakos**, made a visit to Glen Echo Lake. **Plants documented during all surveys are documented in the table below**. Invasive species are non-native to the ecosystem and are likely to cause economic harm, environmental harm, or harm to human health.

Species Identified 2025		
Common Name	Latin Name	Observed Dates
Fanwort*	Cabomba caroliniana	5/29, 7/23, 9/15
Variable Milfoil*	Myriophyllum heterophyllum	5/29, 7/23, 9/15
Clasping-leaf Pondweed	Potamogeton perfoliatis	5/29
Waterlilies	Nymphaeaceae	5/29, 7/23, 9/15
Needle-Spirogyra, hairgrass	Eleocharis acicularis	5/29
Bladderwort	Utricularia sp.	5/29
Watershield	Brasenia schreberi	5/29, 9/15
Burreed	Sparganium	5/29
Big-leaf Pondweed	Potamogeton amplifolius	5/29
Water Starwort	Callitriche	5/29
Thin-leaf Pondweed	Potamogeton pusillus	5/29, 7/23
Cattails	Typha	7/23
Benthic Algae		7/23, 9/15
Snailseed Pondweed	Potamogeton bicupulatus	7/23
Ribbon-leaf Pondweed	Potamogeton epihydrus	7/23
Floating-leaf Pondweed	Potamogeton natans	7/23

We completed a survey as well as basic water quality data collection. Two invasive species were observed during the survey, which included **variable milfoil** and **fanwort**. There was very **scarce plant growth** noted for both **invasive and native species**. The **variable milfoil** was found in one patch on the north side of the pond. **Fanwort** was observed in another small patch from the throw rake sample on the south side cove where the inlet is. The water quality data

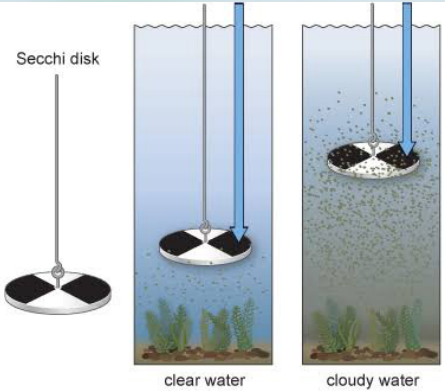


showed an **average range for both DO and water clarity**. We observed around a dozen dead fish, but overall, the lake looked very clear as it was still early for fanwort growth to develop.

July 23, 2025 – Survey / Herbicide Treatment Aquatic Field Biologist, **Brian Sweeney**, and Field Assistant, **Nick Cameron**, collected basic water quality data, completed a survey to gauge species distribution and to confirm **potential treatment areas** to target **nuisance densities of pondweeds, variable milfoil and fanwort**, observed in scattered densities in the north end and along shorelines. Also observed were **dense patches of floating-leaf pondweed**. Overall, the treatment went well, and excellent coverage was achieved.

The **liquid contact herbicide** was applied using a treatment boat equipped with a **calibrated sub-surface injection system**. This application methodology allows for even coverage within the treatment areas, completed without issue. Anticipated **plant die-off** expected in a few days to a few weeks.

Prior to the treatment, **neon signage** noted the **treatment**, water use **restrictions**, and **Water & Wetland** contact information to



fulfill permit obligations. **September 15, 2025 - Post-Treatment Survey** Aquatic Field Biologist, **Brian Sweeney** and Field Biologist, **Irini Stefanakos**, visited for final **post-management survey** for the season and to collect basic water quality data. Scattered areas of **fanwort** were observed, ranging from scarce to dense, with small patches of **variable milfoil** also present. The northernmost coves showed **significant improvement**, containing

only limited new growth of fanwort and milfoil. In the middle of the lake - within the eastern and western littoral zones - tall, dense fanwort was observed. While specific sections of the pond continued to show active growth, the previously treated zones displayed substantial improvement. A high number of **fanwort fragments** were also noted, most of which were **chlorotic**, exhibiting a pink coloration **indicative of decay**. Water quality data showed excellent clarity and dissolved oxygen levels at the time of the visit. Weather conditions were ideal, and no issues were encountered. Overall, the **treated areas show great improvement**. New areas of invasive growth may need to be addressed in 2026.

Summary / 2026 Recommendations The 2025 management program follows an approach centered on **survey-driven decision making**, with a pre-management survey completed in late May, treatment performed in July, and a post-management survey in September. Monitoring confirmed the **continued presence of fanwort and variable milfoil**, in addition to **nuisance densities of native species**, though spring conditions showed sparse plant growth overall. By midsummer, both species were present in scattered patches, particularly within the northern end and shoreline littoral zones. A **contact herbicide application was completed without issue** and resulted in good **reduction of growth** in treatment areas. The **September survey documented improved conditions** in zones previously treated, though tall dense fanwort and scattered patches of milfoil remain in portions of the eastern and western littoral zones. **Water clarity and dissolved oxygen** readings remained within **excellent range** during all site visits, and no adverse impacts were observed. These results indicate that **progress is being made**, but management must continue to prevent spread and protect open water habitat.

For 2026, we **recommend** continuing a similar **survey-based program** that begins with an early season assessment to identify treatment need, density, and distribution of fanwort and variable milfoil. Based on the strong response to contact herbicides in 2025, continuation of **diquat or flumioxazin** as a spot-treatment tool is appropriate. As contact herbicides only provide seasonal control, annual management will remain necessary. Given the persistent presence of fanwort and milfoil and the increasing height of late-season fanwort growth, the GEIA may also wish to **consider systemic control** options in the future. Whole-pond **fluridone** remains the most **effective long-term strategy** for fanwort suppression when budget allows, while **ProcellaCOR** may be suitable for **milfoil** control should selective management be desired. **Treatment in 2026 should be guided by survey data** to ensure timing aligns with plant growth and to **avoid unnecessary applications**. Water quality should continue to be monitored annually. Maintaining **communication** throughout the season is important for proactive decision making. **Algae** should be watched closely, with copper-based products kept available should conditions shift during periods of warm temperatures or limited flow. **Report unusual growth** to the GEIA. Visit www.glenecholake.org for full report.



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The Glen Echo Lake Legacy Fund




Begun by the family and friends of **Russell Smith** in memory of his passing in October of 2017, the GEIA unanimously voted in May, 2018, to continue this idea with the creation of this fund. GEIA President and Secretary during the 1990's, Russ and Linda started the Weed Fund, now known as the **Lake Management Fund** in response to an overwhelming invasion of **variable milfoil** and **fanwort** threatening to overtake the lake.

Our association continues this vigilant fun(d)raisig effort through direct donations given in tandem with dues renewal, fundraising events like the **Corn Hole Tournament**, hosted by **Bob Dean and Terry Buron**, the **Dock-To-Dock Prize Raffle**, and generous donations given in loving memory of passed stewards of the front yard we all share.




Do you know? **Steve and Allison Schur** see to it that the 4th of July Annual Boat Parade Trophy is updated every year. And made “sure” all the names were spelled correctly and lovingly installed on the Memorial this past fall. Allsion is also GEIA secretary. Thank YOU both for all the great good you do!

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Total Donated in 2025: \$575.00

2024

Mark and Debra Beaudry, in loving memory of **Joe Peak** • Susan Briody, in loving memory of her husband, **Hugh Briody** • Susan Briody, in loving memory of **Ken Blackman and Joe Peak**, loyal stewards of Glen Echo Lake • Jeffrey Dion, in loving memory of **Rita Konia**
Total Donated in 2024: \$300.00

2023

Mark and Debra Beaudry, in loving memory of **Mary Jane Regis** • Susan Briody, in loving memory of her husband, **Hugh Briody** • John Dorman, in loving memory of **Linda Denault** • George and Allison Howard, in loving memory of **Connie and Ken Johnson** • Arthur and Lori North, in loving memory of **Ken Blackman and Bob Doucette** • Joe and Shirley Peak, in loving memory of the **Heroes of Ukraine** • David Regis, in loving memory of **Mary Jane Regis**
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2022

Mark and Debra Beaudry, in loving memory of **William “Butch” Rand** • Susan Briody, in loving memory of her husband, **Hugh Briody** • Vic and Nancy Coderre, in loving memory of **Leona Coderre** • Joe and Shirley Peak, in loving memory of **Brave Ukrainians** • Arthur and Lori North, in loving memory of **Butch Rand and Bob Doucette**
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2021

Mark Beaudry, in loving memory of **Larry Boudriault and Thomas Coughlin Sr.**
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 Shirley and Joe Peak, in honor of all EMTs • Karen Spiewak in loving memory of **Ken Blackman**
Total Donated in 2021: \$670.00

2020

Many donated in loving memory of **Ken Blackman**, in October 2020 for a total of **\$850.00**
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 Susan Briody, in loving memory of her husband, **Hugh Briody**
 Lynda Smith, in loving memory of her husband, **Russ Smith**
Total Donated in 2020: \$1,075.00

2019

Mark Beaudry, in loving memory of **Robert Doucette** • Anne McIntosh, in loving memory of **Russ Smith** • Rosilla Olson, in loving memory of her husband, **Edward Olson** • Joe Peak, in loving memory of **Jane Roberts** • Susan Briody, in loving memory of her husband, **Hugh Briody** • Lynda Smith, in loving memory of her husband, **Russ Smith**
Total Donated in 2019: \$405.00

2018

Susan Briody, in loving memory of her husband, **Hugh Briody** • Susan Briody, in loving memory of lake resident, **June Lawrence** and in honor of Sue's friendship with her son, David and his wife, Dixie Lawrence
 Lynda Smith, in loving memory of her husband, **Russell Smith**
Total Donated in 2018: \$250.00

2017

The GEIA gratefully acknowledges the following, who made generous donations in loving memory of **Russell Smith**, October, 2017: William Bell • Kenneth Blackman • Sue Briody • Donna and James Ewick • Rosemarie Hagerty • Chris and Donna Matson • Anne McIntosh • Patricia and Richard Morin Alice and Kevin Mullen • John and Cheryl Phillips • Mary and Fred Taubert • Louise and Kenneth Winquist
Total Donated in 2017: \$835.00

GEIA is a charitable non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”
 Photograph by Deborah Trombi Paquette - Margaret Mead

Where

by Frank Zappulla

A lot of people have asked about the **Slalom Course on Glen Echo Lake**. This lake has a long history of slalom waterskiing. Ski clubs in the past had members that practiced on our lake and then competed in local and national tournaments.

The **Docks and Moorings Bylaw** allows us to anchor the course on town property. The initial cost of the course was over \$2,000.00. It is **850 feet long and 75 feet wide**. There are **22 buoys**. The **red ones mark the entrance and exit gates**. The other **red ones** are the **skier turn buoys** that the skier attempts to ski around. They are made of heavy but pliable plastic with strong molded attachment rings. The **white foam buoys** down the center are the **boat guides**. The **American water Ski Association** dictates the size and distances between the buoys.

The pipes are connected to each other with a single stainless-steel cable with six rigid PVC boom arms. These cables are anchored at each end of the course. The buoys are attached to the plastic PVC pipe. **The pipes and cables are about 5 feet under water**. Bungy cord is attached to the buoy attachment ring. The other end of the cord is connected to the pipe with plastic hooks via stainless steel eye bolts. The elastic bungy keeps the anchor line taut and the buoy directly over the anchor and allows for a 6-to-12-inch variation in water level.

In the **fall**, the buoys are unhooked from the pipes and the cables sink to the bottom of the lake. In the **spring**, a line and hook are dragged across the bottom of the lake to locate the cable, and the **buoys are reinstalled** to float the course. The **costs** associated with repairing the course and maintenance work are **split among the primary people that use it**.

The buoys are safe and designed not to

the Buoys Are!

Frank Zappulla skis the slalom course.



harm boats or skiers when struck accidentally. The **slalom course does not represent the exclusive use** of this portion of the water. Fishermen and other boaters have as much right to that water space as the skiers, so **common courtesy dictates** how and when the course is used on the lake. Skiing the course successfully requires calm water. This is why you see skiers out there early in the morning.

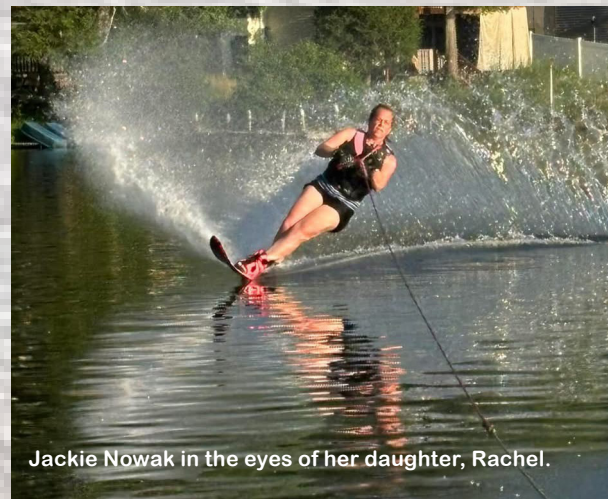
It is not a problem to drive boats in between the buoys without causing damage. However, **boaters should avoid dropping anchors along the center length of the course**. If one should **hook the cable with an anchor, carefully unhook** the cable from the anchor. **Do not cut the cable or drive off with your anchor hooked on it**. If one finds a **buoy floating free** let one of the skiers know and **we will pick it up** from your dock. The **GEIA Facebook page** is a good way to communicate this.

The **narrows buoys** mark the **Narrows Channel**. Their installation was in response to the **Chapter 91** act increasing the maximum speed limit for boating within the narrows on Glen Echo Lake to 35 miles per hour. This law was approved on May 31, 2006, by then **Governor Mitt Romney**.

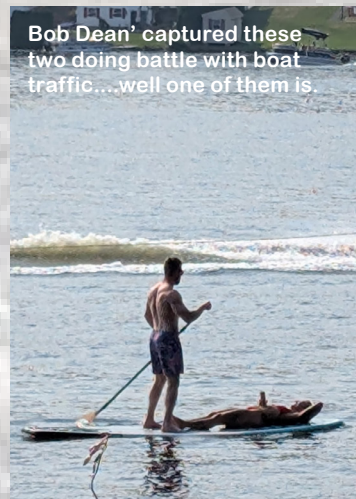
The buoys are **US Coast Guard approved Channel regulatory markers**. They are owned and maintained by the **GEIA**. There are two **Aids**, one at each entrance to the **Narrows**. They are anchored to the bottom of the lake with a heavy weight. They are **put out in the spring and retrieved in the fall** by members of the **GEIA**. **Frank Zappulla** manages the narrows buoys. **Nick Dilegge** manages the north end buoys.

At the far north end of the lake are **three buoys that mark off the shallows** there where **invasive weeds and native weed species** like to grow. While it is a popular and **safe fishing spot**, it should be **avoided by speedier boats**, especially those towing skiers and tubers. **Propellers** chop up the weeds and **facilitate their propagation**, spreading them around the lake.

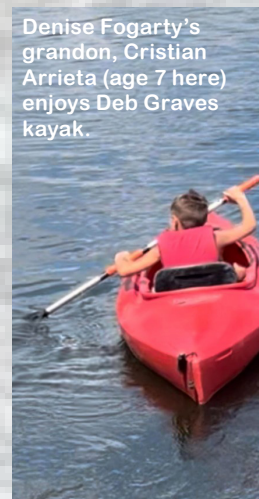
Please **note changes** in the updated **Safe Boat and Water Craft Operation**. As of **April 1, 2026**, **all powerboat and PWC operators** born after January 1, 1989, must be at least 16 years old and **must possess USCG Safety Certificate while operating**. Those born before January 1, 1989, have until April 1, 2028, to complete the course.



Jackie Nowak in the eyes of her daughter, Rachel.



Bob Dean' captured these two doing battle with boat traffic....well one of them is.



Denise Fogarty's grandson, Cristian Arrieta (age 7 here) enjoys Deb Graves kayak.



Frank Zappulla caught Deane Olmsted reflecting.

Glen Echo Lake Safe Boat and Water Craft Operation



- **Counter clockwise traffic flow** for all powerboats and motorized personal watercraft such as jet skis (PWC).
- **Keep to the right** when approaching a boat head on.
- In **north end** of lake, turn by last dock on Sunset, not too far into the cove to **avoid cutting up milfoil** areas.

- **Daytime speed limit is 45 mph, 35 mph through the narrows** marked channel.



- **Nighttime speed limit is 6 mph** headway speed, no wake, dusk to dawn.
- All craft operating at night must have **running lights; red and green** fore, white aft, including canoes, kayaks, etc.

- **Yield right of way** to canoes, sailboats, rowboats, and swimmers.
- **Keep 150 feet from shore, other boats and swimmers.**



- **Swimmers** must not swim farther than **50 feet from shore** unless alongside a boat. Never in marked channels!

- **Avoid following boats** engaged in recreational towing. They stop quickly and unexpectedly!

- **State law requires approved personal floatation device (PFD) on board all watercraft for each passenger.**



- **Children 12 and under must wear an approved PFD whenever they are in ANY type of boat.**

- All operators and passengers on PWCs must wear approved PFDs.

- All water-skiers and tubers, etc. must wear

approved PFDs.

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- **Never operate ANY water craft without lights at night.**

- **Never moor in travel lanes or the slalom course.**

- **Never operate under influence of alcohol or drugs.**

- In trouble? **Distress signal is 5 short blasts** or raise a red flag. ➤ For more detail on Massachusetts Boating Law visit

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Adaptive skiers at play by Ryan DesRoches



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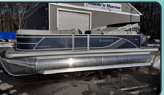



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FESTOONED FLOTILLA

4TH OF JULY BOAT PARADE

On the 4th the festooned flotilla gathers at the North End of the Lake at 4:00 pm. 1st Place Winner - Boat #1- Young Family - Fabulous Fathers. Special Thanks to PARADE MARSHALS, Berberian Family and to PARADE PHOTOGRAPHERS: Deane Olmsted and Sue Cloutier, for Sue's stunning fireworks photo, and to our PARADE JUDGES; the Coderre, Dussault, Fitchett, Gionet, Olmsted, Roland, Mason, an Selavka families for excellent judging. HOW WE LOVE A PARADE!



MEETING Like This



Jackie Nowak's back to doing what she is so good at....running an efficient meeting! Done by dark!



Sue Briody loves to host meetings, especially when her favorite neighbors, Cheryl and John Phillips attend!

The stewardship of our lake may seem self-serving, as a good water lake like we enjoy does preserve real estate values. In truth, we are part of a much larger community that is connected by rivers and streams with every other waterbody in New England and Canada. All the good we do for our lake flows forward to everyone downstream from us and all the way to Long Island Sound.

Good Stewardship means many things: becoming and maintaining your **membership** in the GEIA, **donating** prizes for the Prize Raffle, selling and buying **D2D tickets**, volunteering for **Earth Day** property cleanup, **hosting and participating** in our events, hosting and **attending meetings** to become **informed**. An **all-volunteer** organization, membership is not required, and there are no paid positions. All funds collected go toward running the organization, USPS post office box rental, maintaining the GEIA boat launch property, taxes, and liability insurance, communicating with the community with our website, www.glenechoLake.org, contributing photos to the GEIA Calendar and this newsletter, writing stories, printing and mailing it, which is defrayed by our steadfast **advertisers**, trophy and **Legacy Fund** Memorial engraving, facilitating our biannual **clothing store**, prizes for our the **4th of July Boat Parade** and the **Dock O' Treat** Halloween event, and maintaining the narrows and north end **buoys**.

We all lead busy lives. We do what we can, when we can, as often as we can. All the

good we do working together adds up for the front yard we all share.

What deserves a special mention here are **members** who faithfully donate directly to the **Lake Management/Weed Fund** with every renewal of their annual **Membership**. They donated \$4,755.00, directly without anticipating any accolades or acknowledgment for their abiding generosity. Forty percent (40%) of all monies raised for the responsible stewardship of our lovely lake comes from their thoughtful, benevolent contributions.



Deb and Paul Roland sit with Linda Neff and Steve and Karen Levine.

2025 FUN(D)RAISING RESULTS
 2025 Dock 2 Dock Prize Raffle...\$6,640.00
 2025 Glen Echo Legacy Fund....\$575.00
 2025 Direct Donations.....\$4,755.00
 2025 Total Funds Raised.....\$11,970.00

We are so fortunate to have so many people step up and get involved who work so well together! **Bob Dean** and **Terry Buron** have agreed to host the **2026 Great Glen Echo Lake Corn Hole Tournament TBA**. **Brian Lizotte** is to perform with one of his bands, **Three Little Birds** at the Dock-To-Dock Prize Raffle and Concert on Saturday, September 12th, hosted again by **Helene Doucette**. **Dock O' Treat** will be hosted by **Erin Berberian** last weekend in September.

Thank you for all the good you do!

WE ALL SHARE THE SAME FRONT YARD!

2025 Dock-to-Dock PRIZE RAFFLE DRAWING & CONCERT

Featuring **Three Little Birds**
TIPS gratefully accepted via VENMO @Brian-Lizotte-17
Saturday September 6

RAIN DATE September 7
 at 1 o'clock pm

Hosted by **Helene Doucette**
Get Your Tickets!
 \$5 each or 3 for \$10
 email: glenechoimprovement@gmail.com
WE ALL SHARE THE SAME FRONT YARD!



Frank Zappulla pulls winning tickets while Sue calls prizes.



Sue Briody is with generous host, Helene Doucette



John Phillips, benched with Terry Buron, while Bob Dean tails it.



Joan & Charlie Adcock, Bill & Ann Feuss, Brian Boria, Deane Olmsted



Jeff & Sue Canale sit with Pam & Dennis O'Toole.



Kathy & Rob Lemansky



Torrential hail, lightening and thunder threat kept everyone away EXCEPT: Frank and Carol Zappulla, Sue Proulx, Helene Doucette, and Sue Briody.



Gail and Deane Olmsted attend almost every meeting.



VP Frank Zappulla, Secretary Allison Schur, and Denise Fogarty pay close attention to 1st's, 2nd's and all those in favor...

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Dock-to-Dock Raffle Fundraising Event Concert & Prize Drawing Saturday September 6, 2025 with Brian Lizotte Floating Concert at 1:00 pm in north end of the lake Hosted by Helene Doucette Raffle Tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10

PROCEEDS BENEFIT GLEN ECHO LAKE MANAGEMENT & MS4 COMPLIANCE For more fun and fundraising events.






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- Albert Einstein



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Dock O' TREAT

2025

A spooktacular treat around the lake, Dock to Dock!

Sunday, September 28th

3:00-5:00PM

on the Docks of Glen Echo Lake

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO BEST COSTUME, BEST DECORATED BOAT, AND BEST DECORATED DOCK!

Sign up your boat and/or dock by contacting Erin: eberberian30@gmail.com

Rain date Sat Oct 4th





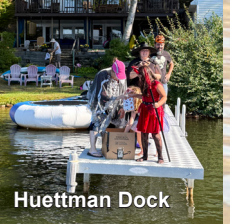


BOO! CREWS

We appreciate every little bit of fun added to make a successful Dock O' Treat for the kids on Glen Echo Lake!

Have a fabulous fall and see you out on the ice on the next page!






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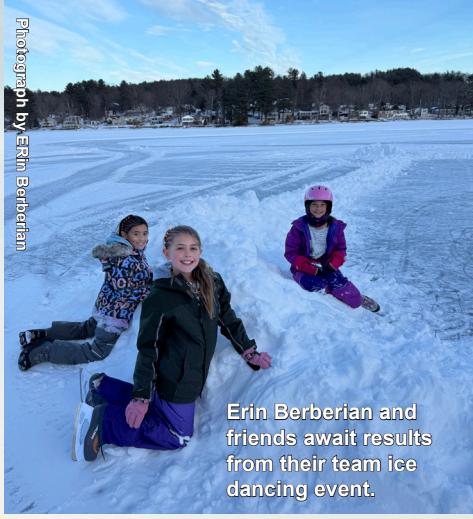
Team Beaudry's toughest competitor is Mother Nature.



Bonfire competition heats up.



Theo Berberian and friends win gold medal in youth hockey.



Erin Berberian and friends await results from their team ice dancing event.



Deb and Paul Roland's family wins gold in team sledding.

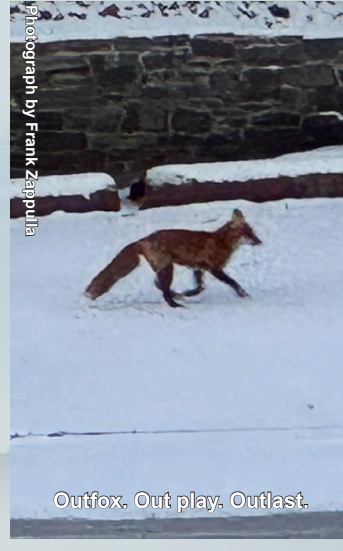
RECORD BREAKING WINTER GAMES



Team Beaudry medaled in night skating.



Erin Berberian and daughter Keira take gold in team tubing.



Outfox. Out play. Outlast.



Autumn Spiewak and her Mom, Kolbe medal in the snowman event by carving the snoman out of 3 feet of snow!



Nolan Beaudry made Team Glen Echo



Nolan and Cam Beaudry ready to take to the ice.



Theo Berberian wins the tubing on snow event simultaneously with his dad, Aaron taking gold in the plowing event.



Linda Neff's grandson, Stephen takes top prize in singles ice fishing.



Stephen Neff and his cousin Jon Neff and his son Jameson also win gold in the team ice fishing event.



Mark Your GEIA Calendar with 2026 Events!

- ❑ Earth Day GEIA Property Boat Ramp Cleanup, Saturday, April 25, (Rain Date May 2).
- ❑ Clothing orders by Friday, June 5, in time for 4th of July BBQ's and Friday, October 30, for Tournament commemorative T-shirts and Christmas Holiday Gift Giving, December delivery.
- ❑ First GEIA Meeting of the Year, Tuesday, May 26, 2026 6:00 pm, at Sue Briody's house!
- ❑ Adaptive Ski Event, June 9, for 1st 15 skiers of all ages and abilities, \$40 for food, fuel, and fun!
- ❑ GEIA Meeting, Tuesday, June 23, 6:30 pm. D2D Raffle kickoff, ticket sales pamphlets and packets available at this meeting.
- ❑ 4th of July Boat Parade on Saturday the 4th at 4:00pm, gathering in the north end of the lake! Donate a D2D prize, buy D2D tickets, sell D2D tickets to your 4th of July Holiday Party guests!
- ❑ Corn Hole Tournament with Connect 4 for the kiddies, TBA hosted by Bob Deane & Terry Buron.
- ❑ Annual Pot Luck Dinner Meeting, Tuesday, August 25, 5:30 pm, maybe at YOUR HOUSE?
- ❑ Dock-To-Dock Prize Raffle Drawing, and Floating Concert featuring Brian Lizotte, Saturday, September 12, (Rain Date September 13), 1:00 pm, in the north end of the lake!
- ❑ Dock O' Treat by boat! Saturday, September 26 (Rain Date September 27) 3:00-5:00 pm.
- ❑ DRAWDOWN begins on or about Tuesday, October 13, water lowers a few inches each day.
- ❑ Submit Photography for 2025 GEIA Calendar by Friday, October 23, suebriody@aol.com



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