

Playing the Lawn Game

Lawn Care for Residents in the Glen Echo Watershed by Joe Peak

Everyone in the Glen Echo Community appreciates the current **beauty and quality of our lake**. In order to preserve these benefits now and for the future generations, we share a responsibility to protect the lake's fish, aesthetics and recreational use.

One impactful area easily within the control of each of us, is **lawn care**. **Nutrient loading and chemical pollution** within the watershed **degrades the quality of the lake**. **Resident accounts and weed surveys** have identified grasses/weeds and algae that we need to address.

The same **nutrients that promote lush green lawns** also **contribute to aquatic plants and algae** in the lake. The algae blocks sunlight for beneficial aquatic plants, and its decay takes much needed oxygen away from fish. **Algae** also can make for **unsafe swimming conditions** and a mucky bottom.

Below are some thoughts on what we can all do.

1. **Try not fertilizing.** It will save you time and money and may have little impact on the quality of your lawn.
2. If really needed, apply **small amounts of slow release nitrogen** in the spring.
3. **Do not fertilize before a rain.**
4. **Never use fertilizer containing phosphorus.** Even small amounts stimulate excessive growth of aquatic plants and algae.
5. Use a fescue mixture rather than **bluegrass**. It uses less nitrogen and is drought and shade tolerant
6. **Cutting height of 3"** is recommended to allow for greener lawns with less fertilizers.
7. **Do not use pesticides or herbicides near the lake or streams** as they harm helpful aquatic plants and fish.
8. **Check that pesticides or herbicides do not have a fertilizer mixed in.**
9. **Please make sure lawn maintenance firms follow the above.**

We can and really must **do better** in managing our own lawns. We need to mitigate the aging of this lake through the **eutrophication process**. This happens when **nutrients overload** the lake causing excessive weeds, **poor water clarity**, low oxygen levels that **kill fish** and produce **unhealthy swimming conditions** from the algae.

It is always better to address issues when we can contribute to a positive outcome versus waiting until things become unmanageable. Let's **encourage everyone** to help with this effort for the **benefit of us all and future generations.**



Glen Echo Improvement Association

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Hello and Welcome to 2023!

As I write this, it looks like winter has finally shown up! A couple of March snow storms have brought some beauty to our world (not to mention some awesome spring skiing!)

Did you know? Through the generous efforts of **Bob Dean and Gail Olmsted**, the **Glen Echo Community** expanded its **Lending Library**, with a **new Little Library** located on **Sunset Drive**! Books are available for all reading levels! Come take a look and borrow a book or two! If you have books you want to share, drop them off there or at the GEIA property.

At the **August 30 Annual Pot Luck** meeting, **elections** were held for all positions. **Allison Schur** takes over the reins from **Sue Briody** as **Lake Association Secretary**, with the remainder of the officers agreeing to remain on the board for another year. Not to worry, Sue is still around and **very active** with the annual newsletter and Dock-to-Dock Prize Raffle. We potentially look at staggering officer elections rather than electing the entire board at the same time, hoping that **staggered elections** will entice more people to get involved. If interested in ANY position, a description of each position can be found in the GEIA bylaws, located on the GEIA web site. More to come at our first meeting.

Also at the August GEIA meeting, we discussed **Glen Echo's Order of Conditions (OOC)** and how the upcoming **2022-2023 Drawdown/Refill** that began last fall could be limited to no more than 4-feet due to a single shallow well on the lake. Glen Echo's **OOC** allows us to incrementally increase the drawdown depth each year (provided certain conditions are met) to a **max drawdown depth of 7-feet**. Our **OOC** does have a **shallow well contingency plan**, which states that **water will be provided**.

On **September 13, 2022**, GEIA went in front of the **Charlton Board of Selectmen (BOS)**. At that meeting we explained the rationale behind the current **OOC** and requested that the **BOS** abide by the **Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)** approved methodology outlined in the **OOC**. After much consideration and discussion, the **BOS** **voted to allow** the increase in drawdown **depth to 5-feet for the fall of 2022**. A letter was sent to all the necessary town boards and the owner of the shallow well with the decision.

The fall 2022 **drawdown** started on **Sunday, October 16, 2022**. The valve was opened to allow water to flow freely downstream, however, with the rainy weather pattern at the time, we didn't see much lake level reduction initially. Drawdown **levels were measured weekly**, and we **reached a 5-foot reduction at the dam mid-November 2022**. The lake was held fairly steady at this level until **refill began on February 13, 2023**.

As a reminder, **minor waterfront work** (an example would be rebuilding an existing rock wall with rocks that had fallen out of place or re-grading your beach by hand with a rake) can be **completed without an Order of Conditions**. However, anything more than that **must be vetted and coordinated through the Charlton's Conservation Commission** office to determine if an **OOC** is required. This **applies to all work within 100 feet of the lake/surrounding wetlands**. **DEP numbers** are to be **displayed both lake side and roadside** when the work is being performed. If the work is being performed during lake drawdown, please **ensure all work** is completed **no later than the end of January**.

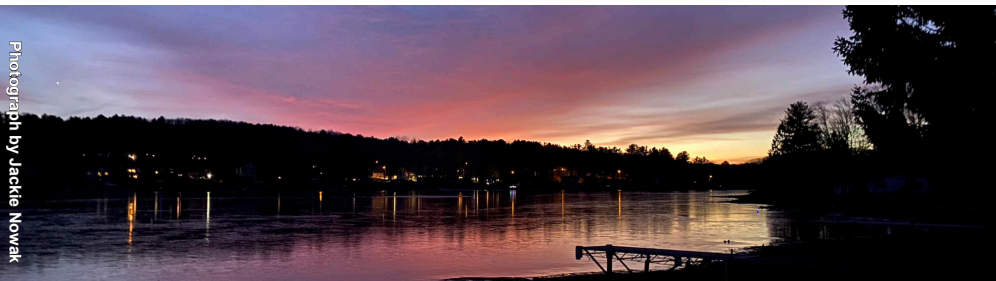
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Did you see? Thanks to **Nicholas Jalbert's Eagle Scout Project** (see article on pages 4-5) the **GEIA property** received a much needed clean up and face-lift. A large portion of the property has been reclaimed and the **memorial bench and post** have been installed. Additional **improvements** to the ramp are planned for **fall 2023** which will help with **storm water management** and erosion control.

At the **2022 Fall Town Meeting**, funding for **Glen Echo Dam repairs**, listed as **\$200,000 under Conservation Commission Capital Expenditure**, was included on the warrant. Happy to report that the **article passed**, and the maintenance **repairs will be paid for by the town**, rather than a betterment to lake residents. Here's to a fun filled 2023! **Thanks everyone!**

See you on the water!

Jackie Nowak, President



Photograph by Jackie Nowak



Glen Echo Lake, Charlton, MA – 2022 Year End Report

November 15, 2022

by James Lacasse, Project Manager and Senior Environmental Scientist

Glen Echo Lake is approximately 116 acres and is located in Charlton, MA. The Lake is primarily surrounded by sparse woodlands with developed properties located on the majority of the shoreline. Access to the lake is gained from the Association’s boat launch, which is gated off to the public. This boat launch is found off of Glen Echo Shore Road, along the western shoreline. Glen Echo Lake is a popular water body for recreational activities such as boating, swimming, fishing, and water skiing.

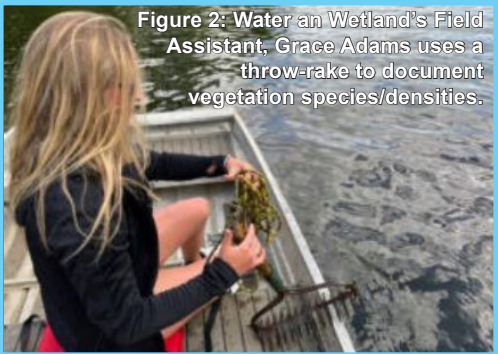
Historically, Glen Echo Lake has battled invasive species including **fanwort** (*Cabomba*) and **variable milfoil** (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*). The goal of the 2022 program was to manage the invasive species while monitoring basic water quality through a proactive monitoring schedule. This is accomplished by implementing an aquatic management program that focuses around performing all applicable tasks, including planning, permitting, surveys, treatments, and reporting. All permitting, treatment and survey tasks were completed without issue and at the proper times.

Pre-Treatment Survey

On May 24th, Senior Environmental Scientist, **James Lacasse**, and Field Assistant, **Grace Adams**, completed a site visit to Glen Echo Lake. The visit consisted of performing a **survey** and collecting basic **water quality data**. Conditions during the visit were warm and sunny.

Upon arrival, a survey was conducted using visual observation paired with a standard **throw-rake** and handheld **GPS/ArcGIS Field Maps**, as applicable. The water clarity was below average, so the survey relied heavily on rake tosses throughout the water body. With the tosses, **bladderwort** (*Utricularia sp.*), benthic filamentous algae, and minimal fanwort (illustrated in Figure 4), on the western shoreline, were documented. Most of the vegetation was found in the northern portion of the Lake. In addition, there were **water lilies** (*Nymphaeaceae*) and **watershield** (*Brasenia schreberi*) in scattered areas. The majority of the rake tosses, which were consistently collected every 50-75 feet, came up with only leaf debris and algae. The fanwort documented was mapped by inputting points into ArcGIS Field Maps, which was paired with an external GPS.

While on-site, basic water quality was collected using calibrated meters. The **pH was 7.1**, which is within a standard range for fresh waters and is considered neutral. The **water temperature** was



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Figure 3: Grace uses meters to note water quality data during the site visit.

Water clarity was also assessed using a Secchi disk. The **Secchi reading was 7’1”**, which illustrated the above average water clarity. The water clarity had visually significantly improved since the previous visits to the Lake.

A treatment was conducted for the control of variable milfoil and fanwort. The liquid 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. **Posters** stating the restrictions associated with the treatment were posted around the Lake prior to the treatment.

During treatment, several native species were also noted as the Lake was traversed. **Snailseed**, **pondweed** and **thin-leaf pondweed** were the most dominant, documented throughout the majority of the shoreline. These populations, despite being native species, were **approaching nuisance densities**.

Post-Treatment Survey

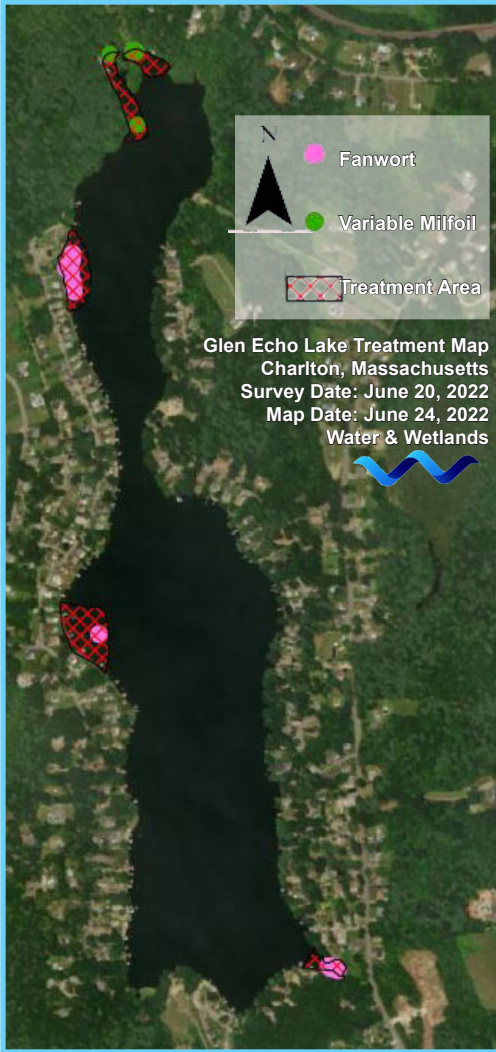
On October 6th, Senior Environmental Scientist, James Lacasse, completed a site visit, which consisted of performing a survey and collecting basic water quality data. Conditions during this visit were sunny with a slight breeze, overall, near perfect survey conditions.

Upon arrival, a survey was conducted using visual observation paired with a standard **throw-rake** and **handheld GPS/ArcGIS Field Maps**, as applicable. Rake tosses were thrown throughout the littoral zone, paired with visual observations. When encountered GPS points were collected within ArcGIS Field Maps. This approach allows for accurate collection of invasive plant locations. Once the field data was collected, it was mapped within ArcGIS Online. Two invasive species were documented during the survey, which included **fanwort** and **variable water milfoil**. Fanwort was the most prevalent invasive species documented, noted most problematic along the two “larger” western coves. It is important to note on the map that each dot represents fanwort found - the dots do not signify densities documented. The majority of the fanwort observed was found in trace to sparse densities. Many rake tosses included just one fanwort plant. There were a few small isolated patches that were observed that were moderate densities along the northwestern and mid-western shorelines. There was no fanwort noted along or near the surface as it was found along the bottom or within the water column. Variable milfoil was found in a few areas within the northern coves. All of the variable milfoil found and roughly 30% of the **fanwort was covered in epiphytic algae**, which indicates that the plant is **dying or decaying**. The remainder of the fanwort population did not appear healthy. This could be impacts from treatment or timing of the season. The fanwort was documented at varying in heights/maturity, from small shoots to larger, more mature plants. It is common to notice regrowth in vegetation towards the end of the season when using contact herbicides as these **products only provide temporary control**.

Native species noted during the survey include **large-leaf pondweed**, **water lilies**, **ribbon-leaf pondweed**, **callitriche**, **thin-leaf pondweed**, **duckweed**, **snailseed pondweed**, **aquatic grasses**, **common bladderwort** and **purple bladderwort**.



Figure 4: Fanwort documented during the survey at Glen Echo Lake.



There were also a few different algae species present: **filamentous algae**, **benthic algae**, **chara** (macro-algae), **microscopic algae**, and **epiphytic algae**. The benthic algae were noted primarily in the shallow depths, primarily towards the northern half of the Lake. This was found on the bottom of the Lake or within the lower section of the water column. **Chara** was found throughout the majority of the littoral zone varying in densities on the bottom of the Lake. There was a **microscopic algae bloom** also observed throughout the Lake, visible within the water column and on the surface, specifically noticeable within the windblown areas. While the only true way to know if a bloom maybe potentially harmful, **no visual signs of cyanobacteria** (swirling, etc.) were noted.

While on-site, basic water quality was collected using calibrated meters. The water temperature was consistent with other similar water bodies we manage in the area, and the dissolved oxygen was sufficient to support fish and wildlife. Water clarity was also assessed using a Secchi disk. The **Secchi reading was 8’8”**, which illustrated slightly above average water clarity.

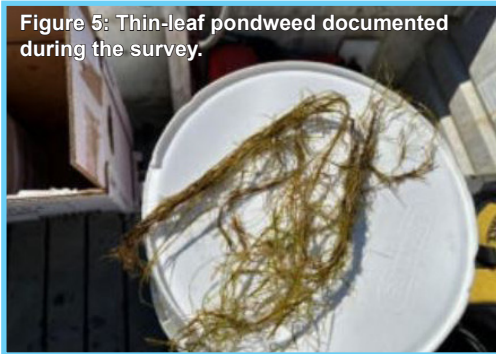
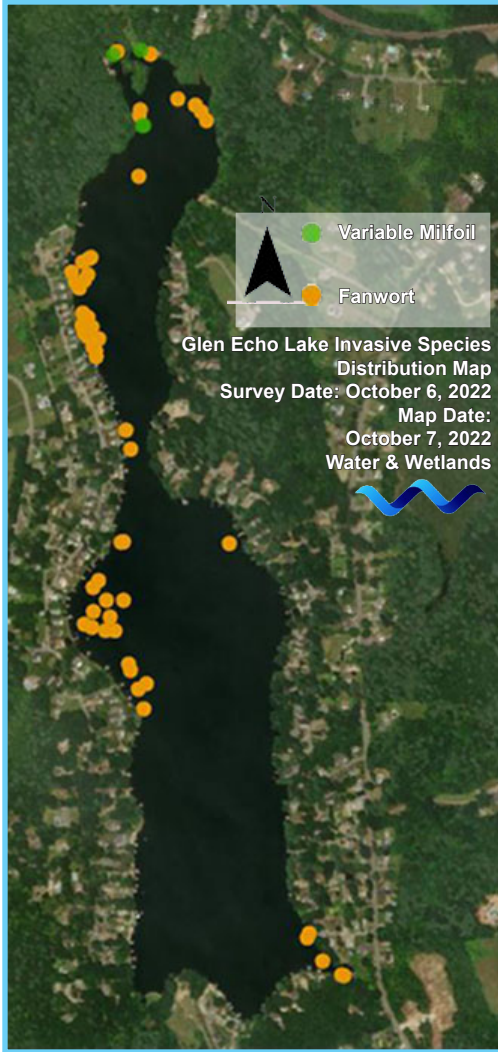


Figure 5: Thin-leaf pondweed documented during the survey.



Summary / 2023 Recommendations
The Town of Charlton has historically **funded pre-management surveys** at various Charlton Lakes. Based on this survey, the individual Associations are able to make decisions regarding management. This is the approach taken at **Glen Echo Lake** during the 2022 season. The early season survey found very little invasive species despite an intense search throughout the entire littoral zone. Based on direct communication and feedback from our Association contact, a survey was again conducted later in the season. This survey showed expansion of the invasive variable milfoil and fanwort. Despite the expansion, these invasive species were still confined to several small areas.

Based on the survey, **a treatment using contact herbicides was recommended**. There are two available treatment options for fanwort control, **Sonar** (*fluridone*) and **Clipper** (*flumioxazin*). Sonar is best suited for whole lake applications but does provide systemic control of fanwort, in many cases 2-3 years of nuisance level control of this species. Because the areas of invasive species were small and scattered (see maps), taking a Lake



Figure 6: Variable milfoil treated at Glen Echo Lake.

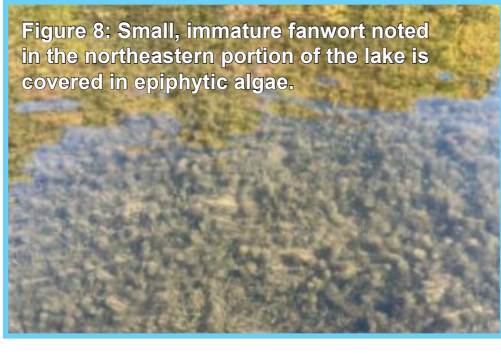


Figure 8: Small, immature fanwort noted in the northeastern portion of the lake is covered in epiphytic algae.

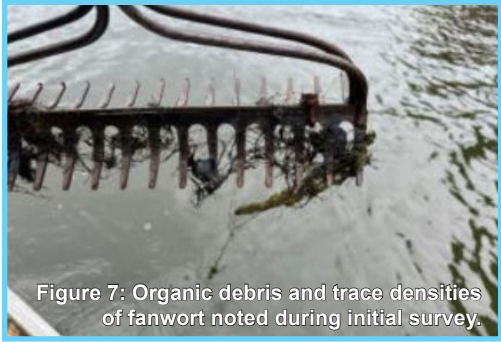


Figure 7: Organic debris and trace densities of fanwort noted during initial survey.



Figure 9: Microscopic algae bloom visible within the water column and on the surface.

wide **systemic approach is not warranted** from either an ecological or a cost perspective. **Contact herbicides work quickly and allow for little to no impacts to native species** outside of the small treatment areas. This **approach is recommended for 2023 as monitoring is key** to success. Keeping a direct line of communication open with the GEIA is also an important part of the program. We **recommend budgeting for a similar program in 2023** consisting of surveys, a treatment with contact herbicides, and reporting. The post-treatment survey found new areas of fanwort and milfoil, **all was at extremely low densities** and low within the water column. This makes monitoring of the Lake all the more important in 2023 and beyond.

We greatly enjoyed working with GEIA, Charlton Conservation Commission, and the Charlton Lakes & Ponds Committee during the 2022 season. We hope that you were impressed with the level of communication, expertise, and follow-through provided by Water & Wetland, LLC this year. We look forward to working with you in 2023 and beyond to continue to improve the health of Glen Echo Lake.

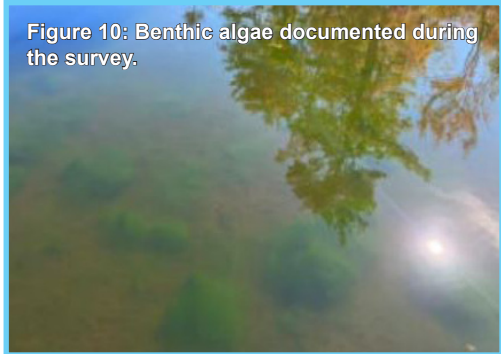


Figure 10: Benthic algae documented during the survey.



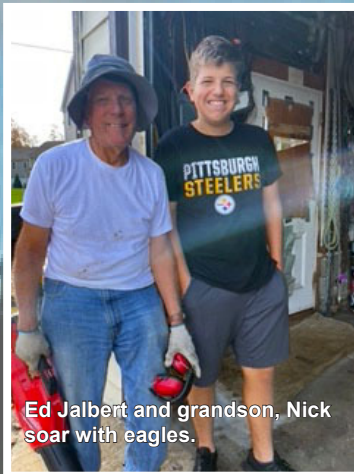
Deane Olmsted hauls and shovels with the eagles.



Debra and Mark Beaudry spread mulch with the eagles.



repoint retaining walls with the eagles.

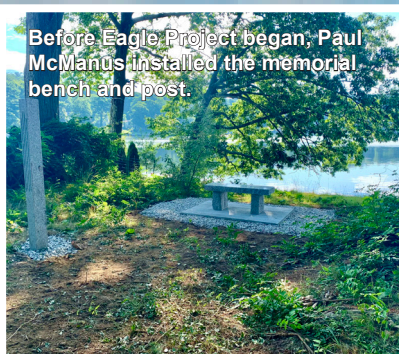


Ed Jalbert and grandson, Nick soar with eagles.

Nick's dad, Jim and Nick Jalbert dig in with hard rakes on the huge pile of mulch paid for by donations to Nick's Eagle Scout Project. Leah Kennedy of the Lucky Paw Lodge sold all the mulch for this project at cost. Nick calculated that the GEIA property would require 6-8 yards, then noted that he received about 20 yards....at no extra cost!

Surely, Leah Kennedy and The Lucky Paw Lodge know how to soar with the eagles, too. Nick is overwhelmed with gratitude for all the people who donated funds and volunteered their time, toil, tools, tractors and trailers that made the success of this project possible. And the entire greater Glen Echo Lake Community benefits from their collective efforts.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it is the only hing that ever has."
-Margaret Reed



Before Eagle Project began, Paul McManus installed the memorial bench and post.



Thanks to Bob Dean for his efforts negotiating with Camosse Supply.



Nora Dean and Emma Jalbert repoint retaining wall with the eagles.

Eagle Scout Project FUNDRAISER

Who: Nicholas Jalbert Troop 338
What: Glen Echo Beach Beautification
When: Work begins September 2022

My project is to beautify the community beach on Glen Echo Lake here in Charlton and to make it safer and more enjoyable for its beach goers. I will be removing the overgrown weeds and vines that have grown there, covering the area with mulch, placing a bench on the top tier of the beach, supporting the beach wall with mortar and fieldstone. Finally, a post will be set up where a life preserver along with life jackets will be placed.

Cost: \$813.00 (any excess funds will be given to the Glen Echo Lake Associaton)

Donate: Venmo - James Jalbert @Jimjalbert or mail a check to 5 Elm Rd Charlton MA 01507

Volunteers needed! To sign up or ask questions please email nicholas.jalbert08@gmail.com

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Eagle Scout Candidate, Nicholas Jalbert, of Troop 338, chose the beautification of the GEIA property for his Eagle Scout Project.



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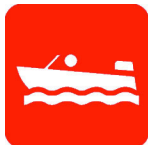
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➤Keep to the right when approaching a boat head on.
➤In north end of lake, turn by last dock on Sunset, not too far into the cove to avoid cutting up milfoil areas.

➤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.

➤Powerboat operators must be at least 16 years old, or with an adult 18 or older, or have completed the USCG approved basic boating course.



➤PWC operators must be at least 16. 16-17 year old operators must complete USCG boating course, an additional PWC course, and must possess USCG Safety Certificate while operating.
➤Never operate water craft without lights at night.
➤Never moor in travel lanes.
➤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 www.glenecholake.org and click on <Boating Rules>.

We All Share the Same Front Yard!



The Glen Echo Lake Legacy Fund

Began with a very generous idea by the family and friends of Russell Smith when they decided to donate to the GEIA Weed Fund in memory of his passing in October of 2017. In May of 2018, the GEIA unanimously voted to continue this idea with the creation of this fund. In so doing, the GEIA gratefully acknowledges the following generous donations given in loving memory:

2022
Mark and Debra Beaudry, in loving memory of **William "Butch" Rand** • Susan Briody, in loving memory of **Hugh Briody**
Vic and Nancy Coderre, in loving memory of **Leona Corderre** • Joe and Shirley Peak, in loving memory of the **Heroes of Ukraine**
Arthur and Lori North, in loving memory of **Butch Rand and Bob Doucette**
Total Donated in 2022: \$300.00

2021
Mark Beaudry, in loving memory of **Larry Boudriault and Thomas Coughlin Sr.** • Arthur Bellerive, in loving memory of **Chuck and Rosie Adcock** • Susan Briody, in loving memory of her husband, **Hugh Briody** • Susan Briody in loving memory of **Ken Blackman**
Adam and Lisa Burkitt in loving memory of **Larry Boudriault and Ken Blackman** • Shawn Heaphy, in loving memory of **Ken Blackman**
Allison and George Howard, in loving memory of **Connie and Ken Johnson** • Lori and Bill McIntosh in loving memory of **Ken Blackman**
Shirley and Joe Peak, in honor of all EMT's • 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**
Mark and Debra Beaudry • Dorothy Blackman • Robert Blackman • Sue Briody • John Phillips • Kevin Quirk
Thomas and Dev Reich • Allison and Steve Schur
Mark Beaudry, in loving memory of **June Lawrence** • Gayle Gionet, in loving memory of her parents, **Harold and Helen Gionet**
Joe Peak, in loving memory of **Jane Roberts** • Lynda Smith, in loving memory of her husband, **Russ Smith**
Susan Briody, in loving memory of her husband, **Hugh Briody**
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**
Lynda Smith, in loving memory of her husband, **Russ Smith** • Susan Briody, in loving memory of her husband, **Hugh Briody**
Total Donated in 2019: \$405.00

2018
Lynda Smith, in loving memory of her husband, **Russell Smith** • 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
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

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"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 Sophia Lynch
- Margaret Mead

Fun(d)raising Report

We had 2 major fun(d)raising events in 2022: the 4th annual Glen Echo Poker Run on Saturday, August 6, and The Dock-to-Dock Prize Raffle Drawing on Saturday, September 10th.

Hosted by Deane and Gail Olmsted, the Glen Echo Poker Run netted \$350.00 from a 50/50 pot of \$700.00. Mark and Debra Beaudry won with a full house, the fullest boat of players, and the first boat to start and finish the Poker Run! Between the 44 prepaid poker hands and the 26 boaters that collected cards sealed in envelopes from 5 hosts located around the lake on the day of the event, 70 hands were sold. Thank you to card hosts who had snacks and goodies to share with the boaters: Cliff and Sue Cloutier, Allison and Steve Schur, Bob Dean and Terry Buron, Helene Doucette.

Our exciting fun(d)raising season concluded with the Dock-to-Dock Prize Raffle and Concert, the audience floating in their boats to music performed by Far from Eden. We collected 144 prizes valued at \$7,507.00 and 22 salespeople sold 1,610 tickets at \$5 each or 3 for \$10 for a total of \$7,830.00 Many thanks to the ticket salespeople: Marie Arsenault, Aaron

Berberian, Brian Boria, Sue Briody, Terry Buron, Nancy Coderre, Helene Doucette, Andrea Dupell, Denise Fogarty, Karen Janes, Myles Lemansky, Karen Levine, Brian Lizotte and Toni Frascolla, Anne McIntosh, Jackie Nowak, Gail Olmsted, Joe Peak, John Phillips, Naomi Plante, Allison Schur, and Jeannine Wilkins, with Jeannine and Sue selling tickets at Ted's on Saturday, September 3rd. See the Prize Brochure on page 12 to see all the wonderful prizes and their generous donors. Charged with raising money to support lake management, the Weed Fund Fun(d)raising Committee may be the busiest arm of the GEIA, and its social director! Taking care of our lake helps preserve our real estate values, but it also gives us a collective sense of purpose.

The Legacy Fund is another thoughtful way to donate in memory of loved ones. Published every year in our Spring Newsletter (see above) and on our web site (www.glenecholake.org) it is an enduring way to turn grief into growth by honoring the memories of loved ones.

What deserves a significant mention here are your many neighbors who faithfully donate directly to the Weed Fund with every

renewal of their annual Membership. Many members donated \$2950.00 directly to the Weed Fund without expecting any accolades for their continuing generosity. Nearly one third of all monies raised for the responsible stewardship of our beautiful lake comes from their thoughtful, abiding benevolence.

2022 FUN(D)RAISING RESULTS

Dock 2 Dock Prize Raffle.....	\$7,830.00
2022 Glen Echo Poker Run.....	\$350.00
2022 Glen Echo Legacy Fund	\$300.00
2022 Direct Donations.....	\$2,950.00
2022 Total Funds Raised.....	\$11,430.00

We are so fortunate to have so many people step up and get involved who work so well together! We hope to continue all of our traditional events, and we hope to maintain a new tradition with floating concerts! Hoping that we might get Brian Lizotte and his band, *Petty Larceny* to perform for us at our September 9th Dock-To-Dock Raffle and Concert! Or perhaps Far From Eden will be entertaining us again. Brian Lizotte's ongoing generosity is integral to the success of our largest fun(d)raising event.

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Boat #2 - Mason Family- Hippies



Boat #3 - Peak Family -
Barn in the USA



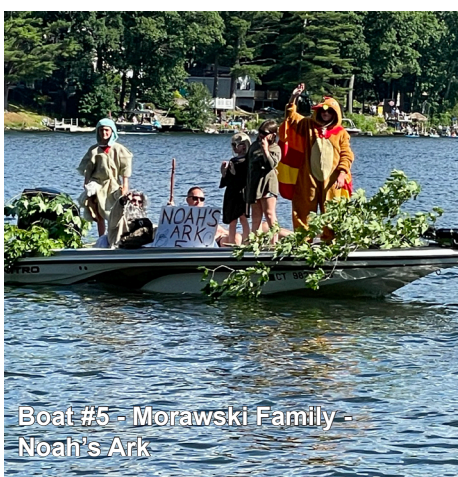
Second Place-Boat #8 - Adcock Family - Wild Wild West



Boat #4 - Olmsted Family -
G.E.T. Get Towed!



Boat #4 - Olmsted Family - Glen Echo
Towing



Boat #5 - Morawski Family -
Noah's Ark



Boat #7 - McCarthy Family -
Free Bird

GLEN ECHO LAKE 4TH OF JULY 2022 BOAT PARADE

THANK YOU PARADE JUDGES!
There were more than
35 of you!



1st Place Winner - Boat #1- Berberian Family - Jurassic Park
Special Thanks to Parade Marshalls, Berberian Family and to
Parade Photographer, Deane Olmsted.



Third Place-Boat #9 - Creelman Family - Pride



Boat #6 - Schur Family - Where's Waldo?



Boat #10 - Barrows Family - Prehistoric Patriotic



Boat #11 - Burkitt Family - Yellow Submarine



The Young family accumulates cards for their hands.



The McCarthy family looks well-suited out on their boat.



Cameron Plante, his father-in-law, Keith, and Cameron's wife, Naomi hope for great cards on their first ever Glen Echo Poker Run.



Steve and Karen Janes and her sister, Denise Fogarty ride in the lucky Beaudry boat.



The McCarthy Family boat tours the lake with Peggy and Sean McCarthy, and Nancy and Vic Coderre.



Young family are ready to Poker around the lake!



Cliff Cloutier and his son-in-law, Joseph Gogen are betting on a great time!

4th Annual Poker Run

**Saturday August 6th
10am**

Raindate August 7th

Two ways to play!

- 1) Visit 5 docks, collect cards & return to Olmsted's dock for scoring or
- 2) Reserve your hand in advance!

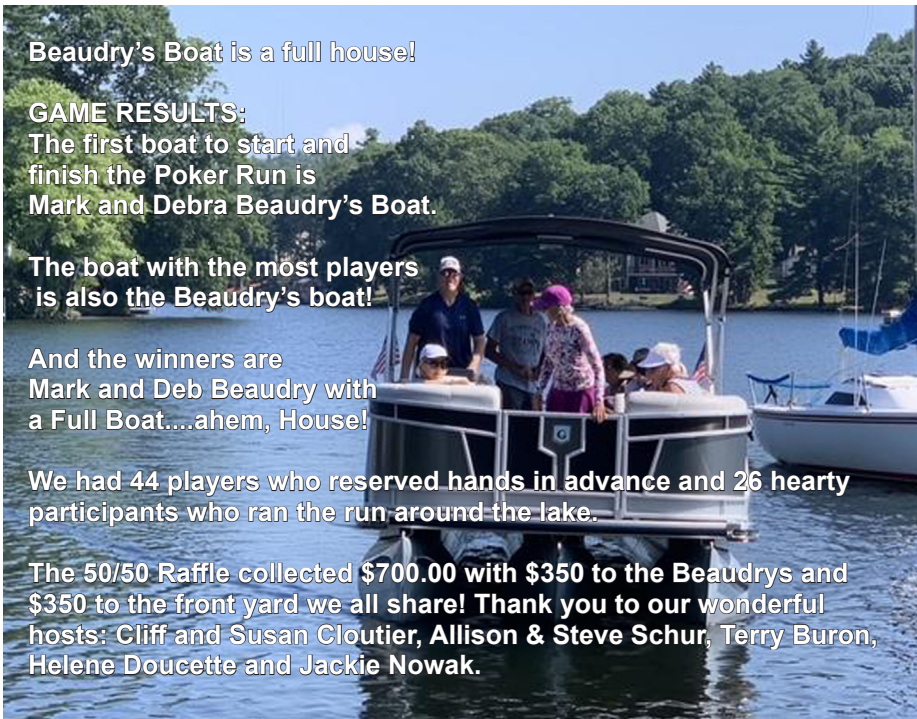
1/2 to winner, 1/2 to GEIA

Contact: Gail Olmsted
413-537-7124 gwolmsted@gmail.com



Thank you, Deane and Gail Olmsted, for your four years of hosting the Glen Echo Poker Run!

And for all the good you two do!



Beaudry's Boat is a full house!

GAME RESULTS:
The first boat to start and finish the Poker Run is Mark and Debra Beaudry's Boat.

The boat with the most players is also the Beaudry's boat!

And the winners are Mark and Deb Beaudry with a Full Boat....ahem, House!

We had 44 players who reserved hands in advance and 26 hearty participants who ran the run around the lake.

The 50/50 Raffle collected \$700.00 with \$350 to the Beaudrys and \$350 to the front yard we all share! Thank you to our wonderful hosts: Cliff and Susan Cloutier, Allison & Steve Schur, Terry Buron, Helene Doucette and Jackie Nowak.



Karen Janes and Julie Dostie rode the Poker Run Route on Beaudry's boat.



Beaudry's pontoon was packed with plentiful poker playing people.

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Bill Seaman smiles for Sue Briody as she runs around taking lots of photos.

Steve Janes and Deb Graves enjoy the concert.

Burkitt family boat moored in the north end.

Gabby and Adam must have lost their tickets to ride.

Far Far From Eden performs for the 2022 Dock-To-Dock Prize Raffle.

Far Far From Eden band members from the left, Bob See on bass guitar, Tina Pugliese, female vocalist, Brian Lizotte on drums and Dave Bourdeau on guitar.

Dawn Rand, Karen Janes and Denise Fogarty enjoy listening to Far From Eden.

What a beautiful venue for an outdoor floating concert!

**Dock-to-Dock
PRIZE RAFFLE
& CONCERT**

Band: Far From Eden
TIPS gratefully accepted via
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**Sunday
September 11**
at 1 o'clock pm
in north end of lake!

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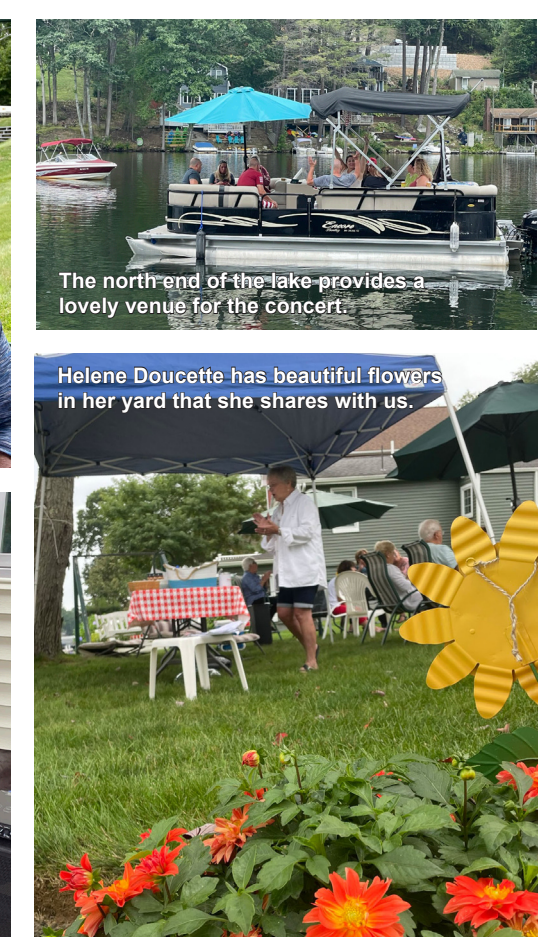
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Your treasurer, John Phillips and his wife, Cheryl,

are integral to making the Dock-To-Dock Prize Raffle happen. See the prize brochure to see all the wonderful prizes donated by your neighbors. Thank you to ticket salespeople who sold \$7,830.00 worth of raffle tickets! Couldn't do this without all of you! Amazing what can be accomplished when we work together.



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Render's Dock Crew



Portnoy Family's Boat got Pirated!



Beaudry Ghostly Family Boat is a floating apparition.

DOCK O-TREAT

OCT 1ST

**GLEN ECHO LAKE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st
3pm-5pm**



DesRoches cat caught toying with spider on web cam!



Best Dock - Beaudry's Graveyard



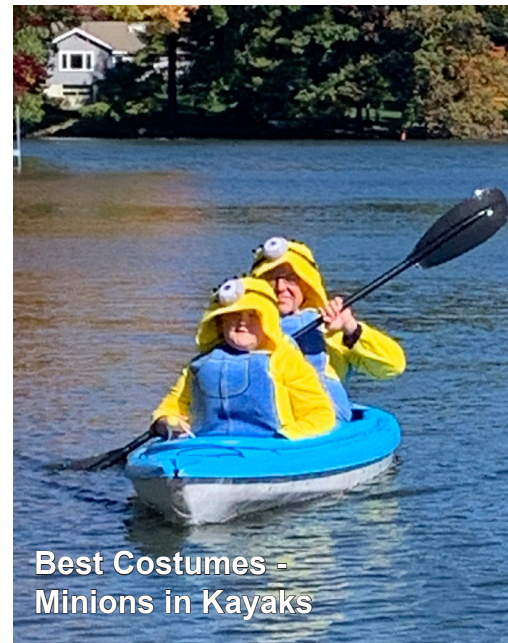
Berberian's Box of Crayons
colors Nowak's dock.



Beaudry's grandchildren, from left
Nolan and Camben Beaudry and
Kenadie and Kingsley Champagne
are all in disguise!



Best Boat - Burkitt Family's Skeleton Crew



Best Costumes -
Minions in Kayaks



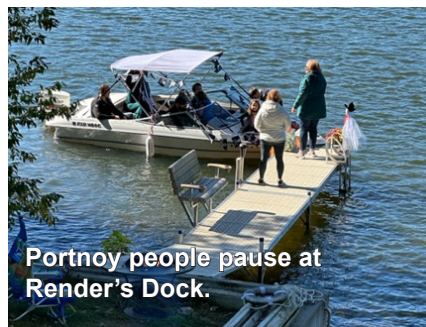
Adcock family visits
Render family dock.



Cannot recognize this family's
boat because it's camouflaged!



Helmeted heads heed
headway speed.



Portnoy people pause at
Render's Dock.

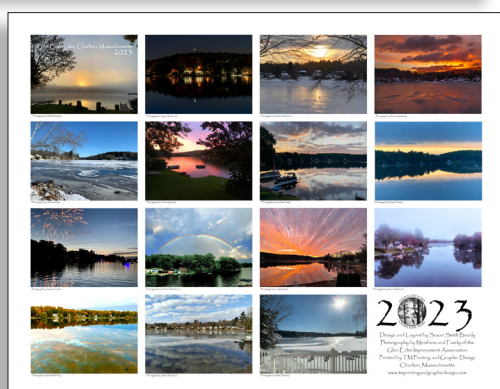


More Minion mariners mired on maneuvers.



Mark Your GEIA Calendar with 2023 Events!

- **Earth Day GEIA Property Boat Ramp Cleanup**, Saturday, **April 22**, (Rain Date April 29).
- **Clothing orders** by Sunday, **May 14**, in time for 4th of July BBQ's and Friday, **September 1**, for Tournament commemorative T-shirts and Christmas Holiday Gift Giving, November delivery.
- **First GEIA Meeting of the Year**, Tuesday, **May 23, 2023**, 6:00 pm, at **Sue Briody's** house!
- **FREE Learn to Ski** event near **Memorial Day**, TBD weather permitting!
- **GEIA Meeting**, Tuesday, **June 20**, 6:30 pm. **D2D Raffle kickoff**, ticket sales pamphlets and packets available at this meeting.
- **4th of July Boat Parade** on Tuesday 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** guests!
- **GEIA** looks for someone to host the **Glen Echo Poker Run**, typically the first Saturday in August.
- **Corn Hole Tournament** with **Connect 4** for the kiddies, Saturday, **August 12** (Rain Date August 13), 10:00 am, hosted by **Bob Deane & Terry Buron**.
- **Annual Pot Luck Dinner Meeting**, Tuesday, **August 29**, 5:30 pm.
- **Dock-To-Dock Prize Raffle Drawing**, and **Floating Concert** featuring **Brian Lizotte**, Saturday, **September 9**, (Rain Date September 10), 1:00 pm, in the north end of the lake!
- **Dock or Treat** by boat! Saturday, **October 7** (Rain Date on October 8) 3:00-5:00 pm.
- Submit **Photography** for **2024 GEIA Calendar** by Friday, **October 27**, suebriody@aol.com 📧



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