

GIA NEWSLETTER 6/13/19

SUMMER MEETING NOTICE & WINTER MEETING REPORT

1) Summer Meeting: Monday, July 22nd at Marine Patrol – 6 to 8 pm – 2nd floor.

- **6 to 7 pm:** Presentation by Harry Vogel, Director, Loon Preservation Committee. Climate Change and the Impact on Loons and the Lakes: what are the challenges that affect loons with a warmer & wetter NH? What can be done?

- **7 to 8 pm:** Regular meeting and election of officers – new 2-year terms. Charlie Fairman, VP, Sue Colbert, Secretary, Nancy Birge and Pete Derby, At-Large.

2019 Dues: 134 have contributed to date (was 145 in 2018) and an additional \$451 has been donated. It's never too late to give your support

EMAIL LIST: If you change your email address, please let us know. If you have an email and are not on the list, consider signing up. We can send out a lot of information with e-letters, as we can only do about 4 USPS mailings per year. The list is not shared with anyone and is secure. You can send your email to jimmacbride@msn.com.

2) Winter Meeting Report March 2, 2019: Forty-one (41) attended. It was moved by Charlie Fairman and seconded by Dave Beardsley to allocate the annual \$500 to LWA for the sponsorship of the three (3) water testing sites, GiC, GiD & Winbmerd. We have some new GIA volunteers for this summer and the program will begin in mid- June under the direction of Pat Tarpey. The "power point" slides of the presentation can be read on gilfordislands.org. Pat is the Executive Director for the LWA and the GIA has worked with her for 10 years. LWA is under the direction of the water testing program from UNH, Lay Lakes Monitoring Program, which is celebrating the 40th year of water testing on Winnepesaukee and other NH lakes.

3) Three Proposed Glendale Regulations Rescinded: Last fall the Glendale Committee recommended to the BOS to modify 3 issues in the Rules & Regulations – (1) Increase the cost of Guest Parking Cards, (2) Sec. 15.4.3.1(c) regarding boats over 30' and the docks, (3) Sec.

15.4.3.3(b) regarding boats over 30' and the launch ramp. The BOS reviewed these issues on 11/14/18 and tabled them. On 5/23/19 the Glendale Committee reviewed these recommendations and rescinded all three (3). Guest Parking will remain at \$25 each and Park/Launch at \$50 each. Items 2 & 3 regarding application of the over 30' rules will remain status quo with the existing past practices in effect.

4) The Town Clerk's Office reminded us that only property owner(s) are entitled to purchase the Guest Parking Cards. Not surrogates.

5) Expanded Glendale Patrol Hours: A third officer is now on duty with an increase of 20% coverage; Friday, Sunday and Holiday nights to 8 pm and most Meadow Brook concert nights from 4 pm to 8 pm; up to 2 weekends after Labor Day will have coverage. Also, coverage for Columbus Day weekend is under consideration.

6) Fire Boat Review: The "Lake Jake" means Lake Firefighter! The term "Jake" is a positive reference for a fire fighter and dates back to the early 20th century in the Boston area. This boat is an outstanding fire/rescue vessel. Its twin engines and computerized controls allow for a high level of maneuverability and it only draws 22". The electronics include both a GPS and a sonar unit. It can chart a course throughout the islands and all the buoys. The big pump can push 1,500 gallons per minute. The Town is asking that all island dwellers put their house number on their dock. The boat will remain docked at the end of the 3 Hour Dock. This is critical for reduced response time and docking accessibility. Marine Patrol doesn't have a more suitable location at this time.

7) GIA Web Site: "My Lake Town" will phase out by 6/30/19. Sue Colbert, Secretary, is working on the conversion to a new provider and transferring GIA data. The web site "**gilfordislands.org**" will continue with the new provider. The new site will not have all the features that "my lake town" had.

8) Important Dates:

- the Loon Census is Sat. 7/20 – 8 to 9 am. – see info at **loon.org**.
- the "live loon cam" is up and running – go to loon.org for access – Make a donation!
- Island Clean Up at the docks is Sat. 7/27 in the morning.
- Gilford Old Home Day – Sat. August 24th
- St. John's Services, Bear Island – go to **stjohnsonthelake.org**.

9) Tying Your Boat at Glendale: Clint and George, Patrol Officers, remind us that too often boats are not securely tied, and they can move fore & aft and sideways. A double “clove hitch” is probably the best. Go to **rattlesnakecam.com** and click on the link for “Watch the Lake Cams”. A long list of other links is on the right side. Go down to “Animated Boating Knots”. You can find info for clove & half hitches.

10) There are several new pieces of **legislation** and we will update these by the 7/22.

11) Stay Better Informed: sign up for email alerts at **winnipesaukee.org** and **nhlakes.org**. The GIA supports both organizations.