



# NEWS

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## We've never needed you more!

### 128th Annual Meeting - July 24th.

We are pleased to announce our Annual Meeting will be in-person this year on Saturday, July 24th at the Whiteface Club and Resort. Registration and coffee will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. *Please hold the date.*

## Annual Pump-Out Program

Septic tanks require upkeep to keep them safe. The most important maintenance practice is to pump out your septic tank when it is 1/3rd full.

To make it easier for Members to maintain their septic systems, the SOA conducts an Annual Pump-out Program each summer. We organize and pay for a barge to reach Lake-access-only camps, thereby offsetting some of the cost to camp owners. This summer, the

pump-out will occur within the first two weeks of August. Dates will be confirmed in early summer.

We are grateful to Lendy Bernard, Board Secretary, for managing this important program again this year. If you

need to have your septic tank pumped, please call her at 203-912-3058 or email: [lendy3710@att.net](mailto:lendy3710@att.net). For the safety of all who use the Lake, Town Code requires a septic tank inspection every three years for full-time residences, and every five years for part-time residences.

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## Farewell Message

**“We look forward to watching this small, but important organization continue to protect the Lake so that future generations can enjoy the gift our forbearers passed to us.”**

On July 24th our terms as President and Vice President of the SOA will come to an end. We have both had the immense pleasure and opportunity to be on Lake Placid for over 60 years. It is such a special place; a beautiful, pristine resource unlike any other. It is refreshing to the soul and the place where not only lifetime, but multi-generational friendships, are formed. When we were recruited to these positions five years ago by Scotty McGraw, Sue Riggins, and Fred Calder, we indicated our interest to focus on water quality, invasive species and boating safety, areas of concern not only to Shore Owners but to all who enjoy time spent on Lake Placid. Specific SOA initiatives during these five years have included expanding the invasive species dive program, continuing support for the Adirondack Watershed Institute’s Stewardship Program, funding and organizing the

pump-out of lake access camps, working with the Town, Village and DEC on boating safety issues, and maintaining the Dam. Each of these is a testament to the SOA’s ongoing commitment to preserve the beauty and clarity of Lake Placid. It has been our privilege to work alongside a dedicated Board of Trustees and Committee Chairs. We look forward to seeing how this small but important organization continues to develop in performing its role in preserving the Lake so that future generations can enjoy the gift our forbearers passed to us.

David and Rusty

## Invasive Species Update

**The SOA has increased the effort to control the only invasive species currently in Lake Placid - Variable Leaf Milfoil (VLM).**

Thanks to SOA Members, there was a 91% reduction in variable leaf milfoil (VLM) harvested from Paradox Bay last summer, from 1,675 pounds in 2019 to 148 pounds in 2020. To continue this momentum, divers from Invasive Solutions will harvest VLM in Paradox Bay and surrounding areas in June and August.

We increased inspection sites covered by Paul Smith's Adirondack Watershed Institute to include the Decontamination site, as well as the DEC launch, and Village Launch.

The cost for these activities is projected to be \$52,000 for 2021. A \$15,000 grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program and a \$7,500 contribution from the Town of North Elba, left the SOA with a \$29,000 goal to meet the need. To date, eighteen SOA Members donated \$17,800 and we thank you!

### Please Help Us Close the Gap

DONATE ONLINE:

<https://lpsoa.org/donate>

DONATE BY MAIL: Adirondack Foundation

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## Boating Safety Classes

New York State law requires that anyone operating a motorized boat or personal watercraft must have a boating safety certificate, and be at least 14 years of age. This phase-in-by-age law requires a new age group to become certified each year. If you were born on or after January 1, 1993 you need to take a boating safety course and obtain a boating safety certificate to operate a boat on the Lake this summer. Beginning in 2025, all motor boat operators regardless of age, will need a certificate. Boating safety classes are available in-classroom and online. For further information, please go the New York State Parks website: <https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating/education.aspx>



## Protect Your Property

A big source of frustration for shore owners is sharing the lakefront with geese, or more particularly, dealing with the mess they leave behind. They're a problem for the Lake too! Check out the top tips from the Lake Placid Land Conservancy. Access the article from the SOA website > <https://lpsoa.org/protect-your-property-and-the-lake-from-geese/>

Stay in Touch

**Let's Go Green!**

**During these uncertain times, it is more important than ever to communicate via email.** Please be sure we have your current email address. Just send a quick email to Kristin Parker, our SOA Executive Assistant at: [soalakeplacid@gmail.com](mailto:soalakeplacid@gmail.com).

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## Lake Constable, Buzzy Rickard

Boat traffic has increased exponentially over the past few years, and safety has become an even higher priority. The SOA, Town of North Elba, Village of Lake Placid, and DEC work together to maintain safety. This spring, the Town hired Buzzy Rickard as the new Lake Constable. His primary responsibility is to educate boaters about the Vessel Regulation Zone Rules that apply to Lake Placid. He will be on the Lake to monitor and report on issues that affect boating safety. Safety issues include, tethered and over-populated party boats, floating debris, littering, life jacket regulations, and disrespectful or dangerous boating operations. Please welcome Buzzy to his new position.

Contact him directly regarding safety issues on the Lake: 518-524-1234 or [buzzy@lakeplacid.com](mailto:buzzy@lakeplacid.com).

## Officers & Trustees

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## Please Help Us Continue to Protect the Lake

While Lake Placid has changed over the decades, one fact remains the same; members, friends, visitors, boaters, community residents and businesses –have relied on the SOA to protect Lake Placid water quality for more than 127 years. You can make a difference in the health and purity of Lake Placid water.

There are three simple ways to contribute to the prevention of invasive species:

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