

Managing Recreational Safety on New Hampshire's Lakes

Wednesday, August 12, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Zoom Chat Box Discussion

01:10:17 Krystal Costa Balanoff: Bob Reed, NH LAKES Board Member in the house. Hi Bob! Thanks for joining us!

01:10:41 Doug Baxter: Hello Everyone, Doug Baxter, Pleasant Lake, New London, NH

01:11:08 Krystal Costa Balanoff: Hi Doug! Welcome

01:19:11 Krystal Costa Balanoff: Submit your questions through the chat box so we can ask the expert.

01:21:07 Tom O'Brien: PFDs even in canoes?

01:27:25 Drew's iPad: pfd on inner tube

01:29:44 Doug Baxter: I fully appreciate that your department has limited resources and can't be on every lake all of the time. Has consideration ever been given to working with lake associations to have 'safety representatives' that could be volunteer Marine Patrol associates to help educate boaters, swimmers, etc.? These people would not have any enforcement authority but could display the Marine Patrol logo on a designated 'Safety Boat' that is provided by the lake association. We could work together to make our water bodies safer for everyone. Our lake has been absolutely crazy this summer with so many violations. Thank you. Doug Baxter, Pleasant Lake, New London

01:30:20 Krystal Costa Balanoff: Hi Doug, thanks for your question/idea. We will ask Capt. Dunleavy at the end.

01:32:00 Maureen Casey: I called marine patrol on a boat that only had its white stern light on. I was told if they were anchored, it was considered an anchor light and that was all they needed. They were in the middle of Winnepesaukee and not visible until I was almost on top of them. Is this true? Just the white light is ok after dark in the middle of the lake? Seems to me it's a terrible hazard with potentially devastating consequences.

01:33:10 Krystal Costa Balanoff: Great questions. We will ask at the end!

01:41:32 Sheryl Castellano: in no wake zones how far do boats need to maintain distance? Thanks

01:42:21 Mike: Why does the State on NH allow the marinas to offer temp courses?

01:43:05 Krystal Costa Balanoff: Interesting questions. Thanks for submitting. We will ask at the end

01:46:33 Lewis Smith: is there a need for a secondary horn/ whistle if your boat is already equipped with a horn?

01:47:17 ingridphenix: Concerning Milfoil stickers—if you live on a lake that is in both NH and ME—do you need a sticker for each state?

01:48:22 Andrea LaMoreaux: Hi Ingrid, Currently, there is no milfoil sticker requirement for NH. Starting in 2021, there will be a requirement in NH.

01:48:23 Greg: What are the rules for swimming platforms / trampolines of a homeowner? e.g. are you allowed to enforce no trespassing?

01:48:29 Kevin: Are there limitations on patrols on Lake Winnisquam, have seen an increase of novice boaters cutting off others boaters, dropping anchor in high traffic areas making it difficult to navigate safely on the weekends.

01:49:51 Andrea LaMoreaux: To clarify, starting in 2021, there will be a milfoil sticker requirement in NH for out of state boaters.

01:50:44 Christina: on paddlecraft -- given what was just said -- can we have a white light on the bow and on the stern?

01:57:59 Mike: Thanks for the answer. The real answer is Money over Safety !

02:00:55 Lewis Smith: I think the answer was a great compromise between safety and the economic benefits we have with out of state seasonal tourism that we all benefit from.

02:02:07 Robert Reed: What about floating docks and buoys that folks put out

02:02:38 Judi: Air horn worked for us recently with a boat overtaking us within 30'... captain heard it loud and clear!

02:03:13 Krystal Costa Balanoff: Glad it was in working order! Whew!

02:03:19 Christina: can you have 2 white lights on paddlecraft if you believe one isn't visible 360 degrees?

02:03:22 Kevin: I agree with an auxiliary program on Lake Winnisquam

02:03:39 Krystal Costa Balanoff: Hi Christina, yes you can have two lights to ensure 360 visibility

02:03:44 Robert Reed: What about floating docks and buoys that folks put out? Do you enforce the unauthorized ones?

02:03:48 Mike: It's a tough compromise between safety and economic benefits. Have you been out on Lake Winni on a weekend this year?

02:04:16 Scott Parker: How would we report 150' violations? Becoming very frequent and we're on a small lake that the Patrol seldom visits (Kanasatka).

02:06:59 Judi: 150' safe passage is constant issue on Lake Winnepesaukee... Glad to report we reported a 'near miss' to Gilford Marine Patrol and the owner of the offending boat was contacted.

Photos of that boat close to our boat did help to substantiate our report. Wish to thank Officer Jones for addressing this near miss situation.

02:10:51 Judi: THANK YOU... very informative!

02:11:16 Mike: Thanks !

02:11:25 Krystal Costa Balanoff: I've gotta go get myself some PROPER lights for my kayak!
Happy to know how to be a safer boater.

02:11:26 Kevin: Great job

02:13:14 Sheryl Castellano: Thank you! was a great presentation!!