

## GILFORD ISLANDS ASSOCIATION - JUNE 17, 2015

### - NOTICE FOR THE 2015 SUMMER MEETING - MONDAY, JULY 27th

### - REPORT FROM THE WINTER MEETING, MARCH 14, 2015

#### - GENERAL INFORMATION UPDATE

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**1) The 2015 summer meeting** will be Monday evening, July 27th, 6 - 8 pm, at the Gilford Town Hall (storm date will be Wed. 7/29 at Town Hall). The first half at 6 pm will be Captain Tim Dunleavy, head of Marine Patrol. He will discuss the expansion of the new Marine Patrol facility. You may recall from the Feb. 11, 2015 GIA newsletter that Glendale Marine has sold their property to the State and will vacate by June 30th. Demolition and construction of the new Marine patrol will begin by July 1. This means that all vehicle entry to the upper lot will be down the back road way from Dock Rd. A pedestrian passage will be available to the lower lot. It is important to observe any signage regarding the proper way to park. The Gilford Town Administrator has had discussions with the State regarding enhancements to the parking area and this is an ongoing issue at this time. The Laconia Sun had a good article describing the new facility that can be 'googled', "[new marine patrol facility at Glendale.](#)" The second half, 7 pm, will be regular business. Five (5) elected officers have expiring 2 year terms: John Goodhue, Vice President, Sue Colbert, Secretary, Connie Grant, Lisa Harris, and George Hilton, Board Members-at-Large. We will also recommend that we continue our contributions to the six (6) 501(c)(3) organizations that support our environmental objectives in our By-Laws.

**2) Report from the March 14th Winter Meeting:** 37 attended the event at the Lyons' Den in Glendale, including several current and past Board members. The weather was a little "iffy" and 8 were unable to attend. We had a discussion about the water testing project and Dave Beardsley motioned to allocate our standard \$500, seconded by Richard Holdaway, to sponsor the two sites, GI C & GI 5, off Governors Island. It passed with 100% support. These two locations have been sampled by Alan Sherwood and Janice McKittrick (Welch Island) since 2010.

GIA volunteers also "pull" samples from WINBGILD at the 180' spot in the Broads and WINBMERD at the 140' spot off Bear Is. The GIA is also the cited sponsor for WINBMERD and the Town of Gilford sponsors WINBGILD. This GIA contribution is vital to the program. The LWA, Lake Winnepesaukee Association (also known as the Watershed) and Pat Tarpey operate the program in conjunction with UNH and support from NH-DES. (We recommend signing up for newsletters from both DES and LWA.) GIA funding and volunteering play an important role in the program, and some new volunteers will be trained for this summer. We did an extensive sampling at several sites soon after ice-out on May 4th, the first ice-out venture since 2010. The regular summer sampling program began the first week in June. Sampling data is posted on the web site "[winnepesaukeegateway.org](http://winnepesaukeegateway.org)". It has data going back several years and

the 2014 results will be posted soon. When you enter the site, go to monitoring the lake and then click water quality data. It is an "interactive" map and you can see the locations we sponsor and sample.

Following the water test portion, John Goodhue highlighted a disturbing practice regarding island property insurance. Some insurance companies are refusing to ensure a property for its full value, thus forcing the owner to have split policies with two companies.

**The second part** of the meeting was an excellent presentation by Tom O'Brien, President of the NH Lakes Association. With over 30 years experience on water issues and water quality problems, Tom has been the Lakes president for the past 3&1/2 years. Their primary focus is to urge the various NH State agencies and Legislature to support and adopt good laws and policies that protect NH lakes, all 1,000, big and small. NH Lakes has been a key advocate in efforts to ban the lead sinkers and jigs that kill loons, to strengthen the Shoreland and Water Quality Protection Act, to reduce damaging run-off that generates unacceptable levels of phosphorus and the mis-use of fertilizers, and to tackle the spread of invasive plants like milfoil. The Lake Host Program, the blue T-shirts you see at Glendale, is run by NH Lakes to assist in cleaning up boats when they are launched and pulled. There are several hundred volunteers around the State in the program. If you have a highschool family member, or anyone, who is looking for a good summer activity, get them involved with this. Tom explained how a lake freezes: As the air temp starts to drop in September, the upper water layer that was the warmest starts to drop too and as it cools it becomes heavier and denser, thus eventually sinking toward the lake bottom and it forces warmer, less dense water to the surface. This process of the upper layer cooling and sinking occurs until the lake temperature reaches about 39\* F, where water reaches its maximum density. As we enter winter with air and water both approaching 32\*, the surface starts to freeze, and expands, and it is floating on top of warmer, more dense water below. The ice is actually lighter and less dense than the warmer water below. The thickness of the ice will increase as the freezing process continues, but is always floating on warmer water. In effect, the lake freezes from the bottom up!!

**3) GIA email list and the Web Site:** For over 12 years, Ron Silver, Jolly Is. and past GIA President, has maintained the original list and nurtured its expansion. We are very appreciative of his hard work over the years. Because we can utilize the web site, we have decided to consolidate the email list into an email capability under **gilfordislands.org** and **mylaketown.com**. So in the future you will receive GIA notices with a slightly different format, **info.gilfordislands@mylaketown.com**. We have over 150 on the email list, but you will not have to log onto **gilfordislands.org** to receive the email notice. However, we encourage you to log on to the site because of the informational & communication advantage it presents in addition to an email letter. If you have trouble signing in and getting a password, etc., email Sue Colbert, **welchislander@optimum.net**, for help. If you have an email and aren't on the current list, or you have a new email, you can send that to Sue also. The list is highly secured and not shared with 3rd parties. If you need a clarification on any of this, send that

inquiry to me, [jimmacbride@msn.com](mailto:jimmacbride@msn.com). We don't want to lose anyone off the list during the transition.

**4) Legislative:** There were not any major legislative issues in the current session. HB 667 that we reviewed in February regarding strengthening milfoil inspections on boats being launched has been scuttled. HB 281 better defined "exotic aquatic species of wildlife" and gave more authority to the legislative weeds and species review committee. SB 16 pertains to the the spotter in a ski boat: If the ski boat and the slalom course are approved by the American Water Ski Association, the course has a valid state police permit, and the operator is over the age of 18 using a wide angle mirror, they would not be required to have a 3rd person spotter. But this is not for week-end warriors!.

**5) Key Dates:** a) The **Island Clean-Up Day** at the Glendale Docks will be Sat. July 25th from 9:00 am to 12 noon. We will put out a notice as to what is not accepted, but as always hazardous materials and chemicals are prohibited. b) Gilford Old Home Day is Sat. Aug. 29th. c) The Timberman Triathlon is Sat. - Sun. Aug. 15th & 16th.

**6) DUES** For 2015: If you haven't paid your dues from the February mailing please do so.

**7) Your Elected Board:** Jim MacBride, President; John Goodhue, VP; Sue Colbert, Secretary; Diana Goodhue, Treasurer and 5 At-Large Members: Ripley Forbes, Connie Grant, Lisa Harris, George Hilton, Richard Holdaway.

**SEE YOU JULY 27th!**