

**Lake George Lake Association of Wales, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 824**  
**Wales, MA 01081**

**2014 Newsletter – Spring Edition**

The Lake George was frozen as of April 1st. We hope your 2014 season will be very enjoyable.

**Lake Association General Meeting**

On May 31, 2014, at 10:00 AM, the Lake Association will hold its spring general meeting at Judy McKain's deck at 4 Birch Drive, Wales. Your participation will be welcomed and appreciated. At the meeting you will hear what the Lake Association is doing to further the well being of Lake George. Volunteers are needed to help work on Lake issues. If you are interested in being part of the Lake Association's ongoing efforts, please call Bill Terry at (413) 245-1164 or Judy McKain at (413) 245-9643.

**Draw Down**

The State maximum level draw down allowed is 36". With the Wales Board of Selectmen (BOS) approval, Bill Anair, our Dam Keeper, removed three (3) boards, which achieved a 18" draw down last winter. Thanks Bill Anair for being our "Dam Keeper"!

**Lake Testing**

We have been trying to find the "North East Lake Water Quality Guide Lines" for some time now. The Massachusetts Department of Watershed Management is working on developing Lake Water Quality Guide Lines. The Lake is tested before and after treatments. The Lake Association will continue to monitor water quality and to seek advice to determine what action steps might be necessary if we detect any change.

**Weed Treatments**

The Lilly Pads were not treated last year because of the fish kill in July. We have no plans to treat the weeds this year to show the negative effects and the need for annual weed treatments.

**Hydro Raking**

Lycott Environmental will be on the Lake early May. The process of Hydro Raking removes vegetation and sediments which improves your swimming area as well as the depth of the water. It also reduces the need for other methods of weed control if done on a routine maintenance basis. If you would like more information about Hydro Raking Lycott Environmental e-mail address is: [info@lycott.com](mailto:info@lycott.com) or call Lycott at (508) 885-0101 and ask for Jeff Castellani.

### **Boat Traffic**

Lake boat traffic is to proceed around the Lake "counter clock wise". Keep 100 feet away from swimming areas unless operating at a very slow speed. Powerboats are to yield to paddle boats, canoes, kayaks, sail boats and swimmers. Crisscrossing close to boats by jet skis is illegal. If you see infractions call the Environmental Police at (800) 632-8075 or the Wales Police at (413) 245-7844.

### **E-Mail Mailing List**

John Kadow continues to manage the Lake Association e-mail list. Please consider providing your e-mail address to: [waleslakegeorge@aol.com](mailto:waleslakegeorge@aol.com). You will then receive your newsletter by e-mail. Save a tree and save a stamp!

### **Financial Support**

Your annual contribution and dues are needed to help with the costs of keeping the lake healthy. Please join the Lake Association by paying annual dues. The most direct way to contribute to weed control costs is to mail your separate check contribution to the following address:

Millennium Account  
c/o Lake George Lake Association  
P.O. Box 824  
Wales, MA 01081-0072

### **Comments and Suggestions**

Please send your comments to any LGLA officer or board member. Our e-mail address is: [waleslakegeorge@aol.com](mailto:waleslakegeorge@aol.com) and our mailing address is:

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All suggestions are appreciated!!

