

Big Moose Property Owners Fall Newsletter



As we enjoy the peak fall foliage season, I wanted to take a moment to share a few updates and announcements to close out 2025.

Recreation Director Search:

As you are aware, Kurt Pardue “retired” from his role as Recreation Director. We are now in the process of searching for his replacement. We have a search committee established, chaired by Carmen Mastroianni and are looking for candidates. We are working with local networks, but realize that you as members are a terrific resource. We are looking for candidates who are enthusiastic, with the requisite skills to lead the program.

This paid role is part-time, for 6 weeks and includes housing, ample free time to enjoy lake life, use of a boat for program purposes, and immersion into a welcoming and very special lake community!

Click on the link to see the job description for the position.

[BMPOA Rec Director Job Description](#)

Please share this information with anyone who may be interested – Word of mouth is key! **Contact Carmen Mastroianni at cmastroianni1@gmail.com with interest or questions.**

All candidates should express interest by November 1, 2025.

Water Quality and Invasives:

Invasives:

Results are in from the 2025 Aquatic Invasive Species Survey, conducted by Adirondack Research, and we continue to be invasive free! This survey is conducted every three years and rakes the full perimeter of the lake looking for plant invasives, as well as sampling for aquatic invasives (e.g., spiny water flea). We are thrilled to continue to have these results and thank the diligence of Dunn's for cleaning boats, our commercial members who direct guests to Dunn's, and to our members for their continued vigilance.

Read the complete report here:

[AIS Survey Report](#)

During our annual meeting, a question came up about how to know which lakes are, and are not, invasive free so an individual can be aware if traveling to those bodies of water. This is a link to an interactive map of lakes and their invasive species status in the Adirondacks:

[ADK Lakes Invasive Status Map](#)

We continue our strategy and programming regarding invasive species with the following framework:

Prevention remains the #1 priority. We are so fortunate that Dunn's Marina continues to be a strong partner in this endeavor, with a zero tolerance boat washing policy for guests launching boats in the lake. All boats will be washed, even if they have been tagged at a wash station elsewhere.

After Prevention, Early Detection is the most Critical Goal. Kurt Pardue conducted his annual invasives survey of the lake (thanks, Kurt!) and found no aquatic invasives present.

You can be directly involved in the early detection process. We have introduced the Lake Protectors program in which a Protector adopts and monitors an area of the lake for invasive species. Protectors receive training on how to identify and report aquatic invasive species (online for convenience). Protectors then monitor the lake at least once between July and September. Most volunteers spend 1-2 hours to monitor. Please consider volunteering for this important program! Contact Paul Powers at pkpowers@gmail.com

Water Quality:

We completed our twice per summer water testing for E. Coli, conducted in July and September and we continue to have outstanding results. Approximately 20 sites are sampled around the lake and all are well below recreational thresholds. Thanks to Paul Powers, Patrick Duffy and Ed Chase for spearheading this effort.

The Adirondack Lake Assessment Program (ALAP), which looks at 10 various water quality measures including alkalinity and transparency, will post its results in the winter and will be shared when available.

Water Safety:

Thank you everyone for complying with the New York State law now mandating that Boating Safety Certificates be held by anyone, of any age, operating a Motorized Water Vessel. If by chance, you haven't completed the course, please take the time over the winter months to do so.

Courses may be taken in person or online. For more information and a full list of courses, both in person and online click on the button:

[Boating Safety Cert Course Info](#)

New York recognizes the boating safety certificate issued by your home state.

Announcements:

Town of Webb Reassessment:

The town is conducting a reassessment of properties. Per the town assessor's website:

"The Town of Webb Assessor's Office is committed to maintaining accurate and up-to-date records for all properties within the Town. As part of this effort, our Data Collector will be conducting exterior-only physical inspections of all properties."

[Assessor's Website](#)

Public Informational meetings were held in late July. Those meetings were recorded. The links for the recorded sessions, as well as the slides used for the sessions, and the project timeline are below:

[July 23 Info Session Big Moose](#)

[July 24 Info Session Big Moose](#)

[Information Session Slide Deck](#)

[Reassessment Project Timeline](#)

Annual Meeting Minutes: If you missed the annual meeting, [click here](#) for the minutes.

Winter Reminder – Boat House Bubblers

Although it is not winter yet, please prepare to make others aware of boathouse bubblers by using a light, strobe or thin ice sign. These markers will help alert lake users of dangerous open water or thin ice.

Have glorious fall!

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