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Saturday Pond 03/09/2011



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

After a very long winter and spring filled with torrential rains, we are finally able to bask in the warmth of the summer sun! It won't be long before we'll be engaged in many of the water-related activities that the summer brings. Over the past few years, there have been a number of concerns raised about safe boating on Saturday Pond and how to address them. Regardless of your specific view, one thing is very clear – everyone in the watershed cares passionately about Saturday Pond and safety on our lake. To that end, the Saturday Pond Watershed Association (SPWA) has developed a 'Safe Boating Brochure'. Please turn to page 2 to see Jerry Haber's introduction and page 3 to read "Boating Guidelines for Saturday Pond".

On another note, you are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Saturday Pond Watershed Association on **Saturday, July 16th at 9:00 AM on the Pond View Beach**. We are pleased to invite you to what we hope to be the first of an annual event – a breakfast before the SPWA's Annual Meeting. Two members of our Board of Trustees, Steve Markarian and Carl Anderson, will be cooking up a hearty breakfast @ 9:00 AM followed by our Annual Meeting @ 10:00 AM. To ensure that there's plenty of breakfast food, please RSVP to

carl.anderson@saturdaypond.org;

and bring a lawn chair if you desire!

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish you a happy, healthy and safe summer!

Sincerely,

Ellen Attaliades
President

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34. Verno, Krista & Nick

Thank you for your support

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, JULY 16, 2011.

Pond View Beach 1 (West Shore Drive)

Breakfast 9-10 AM

Meeting 10 AM

Please let Carl Anderson know if you can attend the breakfast so we will know how much food to bring. carl.anderson@saturdaypond.org

Bring a lawn chair if you can. Thanks!



In the event of inclement weather, we will meet at the East Otisfield Free Baptist Church on the Rayville Road.

Joining the Saturday Pond Watershed Association (SPWA) is an investment in the future good health and beauty of Saturday Pond.

Membership Form for 2011. Cost: \$15.00

Thank you

Name: _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email (optional): _____

Checks made payable to: Saturday Pond Watershed Association or SPWA



Mail to: SPWA

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Safe Boating on Saturday Pond

By Jerry Haber

The temperature is warming and another wonderful, summer season on Saturday Pond is fast approaching. As many Otisfield residents know, there has been much discussion this fall and winter about safe boating on Saturday Pond. In response to the concerns of several Saturday Pond residents, the Saturday Pond Watershed Association has developed a Safe Boating Brochure (see text on page 3), which will be distributed to all boaters, who use the Pond View Association boat launch. Safe boating is based not only on the boating laws of the state of Maine, but also common sense and consideration for others. It is our hope that all boaters will take into consideration the effect that their wake has on other boats, docks and swimmers. Saturday Pond residents have a long history of consideration for others as they pursue a variety of water related activities. It is in this spirit that the Safe Boating Brochure has been developed.

Boating Guidelines for Saturday Pond

Welcome to Saturday Pond.

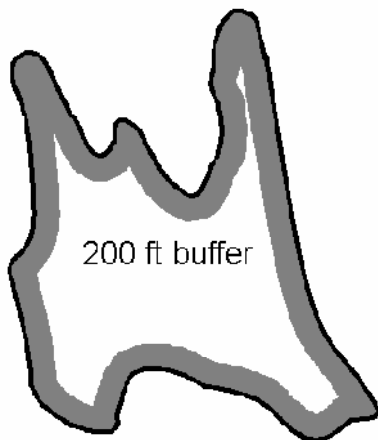
Saturday Pond is a pristine, small, shallow pond occupying approximately 179 acres in Otisfield, Maine.

The residents of Saturday Pond have taken great care to ensure that the beauty, purity and tranquility of the pond are preserved. We are proud of the fact that the pond has not been contaminated by milfoil.

We ask your cooperation in continuing this tradition as you enjoy boating on Saturday Pond.

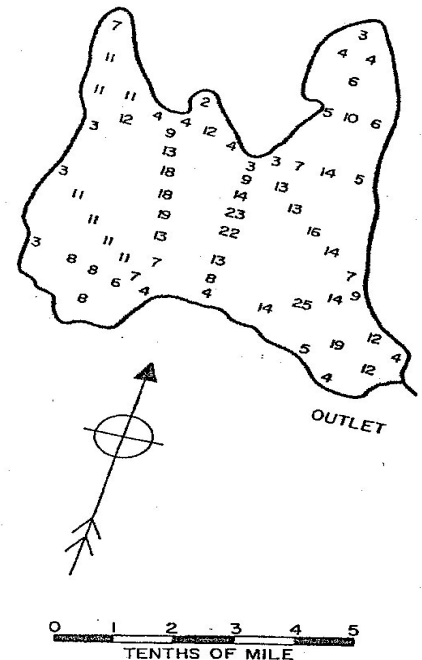
The following recommendations are made to ensure that your power boating experience on Saturday Pond will be safe and enjoyable, without adversely impacting others on the pond. These recommendations are in accordance with the boating laws of the State of Maine.

1. Milfoil is an invasive plant, which will choke the life out of a pond and render it unusable for boating and other recreational activities. Please check your boat, canoe, kayak, trailer and fishing gear for plant material before launching or using. A small fragment of this plant is viable for days out of the water and is sufficient to contaminate the pond. It is almost impossible to eradicate milfoil once it is established in a pond.
2. Respect the **water safe zone**, the area of water within 200 feet of any shoreline, where your boat **may not be operated faster than headway or idle speed** (see maps below).
3. **Please be mindful of the size of your boat wake** and its effects on other boats, swimmers, kayaks, canoes, sailboats, water bicycles, floats and docks.
4. Do not exceed headway speed in the three shallow coves on the north end of Saturday Pond. Boat wakes in these narrow areas are disruptive to pond residents and pond ecology.



5. Canoes, kayaks, sail boats, and paddle boats have the right-of-way over power boats.

6. When starting a skier, drive away from the shoreline. When dropping a skier, drive toward the shoreline and turn out. Do not parallel the shoreline. Water skiing, tubing and wake boarding are prohibited from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.



On behalf of the residents of Saturday Pond, we wish to thank you for your consideration.



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Remember to register your boat for 2011



Photo by Bill Grenier

**Josh Grenier in a hike, that's up on two runners, in ice boating lingo.
December 2010 on Saturday Pond.**

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“A lake is the landscape’s most beautiful and expressive feature. It is the Earth’s Eye; looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature.” – Henry David Thoreau