FRIENDS OF MESSALONSKEE WATERSHED

FINDING BALANCE ON THE LAKE THROUGHOUT BELGRADE, OAKLAND, AND SIDNEY

So Many Acronyms - So Much Confusion

This past winter the office of Friends of Messalonskee (FOM) located at Snow Pond Center for the Arts received a number of calls and emails asking very good questions about the different conservation organizations in the area. There are so many acronyms, It can be more confusing than telling the difference between a brook trout and a splake! But when you think about it, it's more of a blessing than a curse. The reason we have this confusion is because so many people care about the long term conservation of our lakes and lands.

With that being said, it's also very important to clarify and distinguish each one so you who is doing what in our watershed. All of these associations do good work and FOM does occasionally partner with them on projects or programs. However for the most part FOM does its own fundraising, marketing, and management of Messalonskee Lake and the Belgrade Stream.

FOM is YOUR lake association and is self funded through grants/foundations, private donations, business sponsorship, town funding, and most importantly personal memberships! The funds you give to FOM are used exclusively for Messalonskee Lake and Belgrade Stream projects. For example, this past year we removed over 38,000 pounds of milfoil from the lake!

Thank you,
FOM Board of Directors

FOM - Friends of Messalonskee -YOUR lake association
BLA - Belgrade Lakes Alliance - Now 7 Lakes Alliance
BRCA - Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance - Now 7 Lakes Alliance
MLS - Maine Lakes Society
LEA - Lakes Environmental Association

Up coming events:

CBI'S BEGIN
MAY 24TH

DIVE CREW BEGINS
JUNE

VOLUNTEERING MEETING
JUNE 22ND

OAKFEST
JULY 27TH

INVASIVE POND PADDLE
TBA

ANNUAL MEETING
TBA

FOR UP TO DATE EVENTS PLEASE CHECK US OUT ON FACBEOOK

KEEP YOUR EYES OUT...

COURTESY BOAT INSPECTORS

AT OAKLAND AND SIDNEY BOAT LAUNCHES

DIVE CREW

WILL BE ENTERING OUR LAKE IN JUNE

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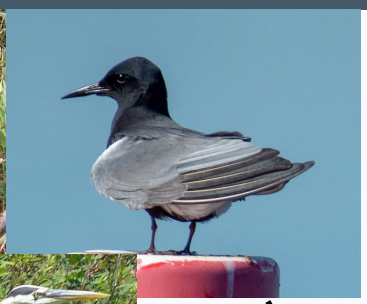
Thank you!

2019
"48 hours for Friends"
@Colby College

To all of our friends
from the
Colby College Crew Teams.



Pond Hockey

WHAT'S
BEEN
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Lake

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SNOW POND
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Pro Bass Fishing

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ROAD ASSOCIATIONS

Please send FOM your Road Association contact information, email or call Danielle.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP...

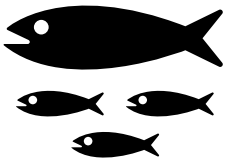
VOLUNTEER

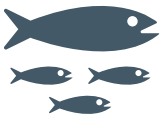
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE 2019 SEASON. WE HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES: COVE PATROL, CBI, LAKE SMART, INVASIVE POND PADDLER (IPPER)

WE CANNOT COVER OUR ENTIRE WATERSHED WITHOUT YOU!

TRIVA QUESTION

WHICH OF THESE FISH DO NOT SWIM IN MESSALONSKEE LAKE?





A. SPLAKE
B. CUSK
C. BLACK CRAPPIE
D. NORTHERN PIKE
E. WALLEYE

STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

CLEAN

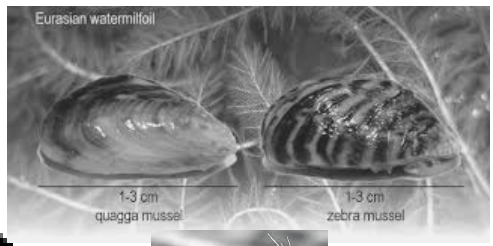
off all plants(even small fragments), animals & mud from boat, trailer, & equipment.

DRAIN

water from boat, motor, bilge, live wells & other equipment well away from the water.

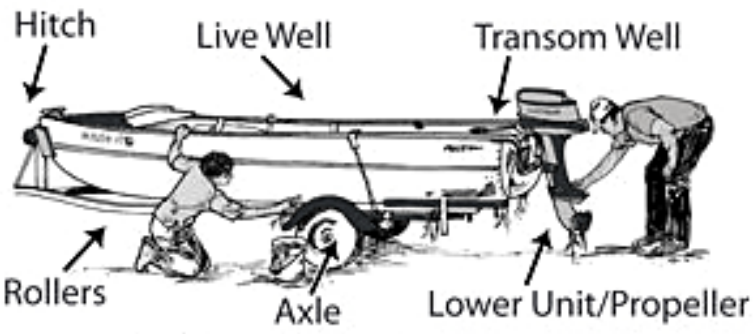
DRY.

everything five days or more before using in another waterbody to kill small organisms not easily seen or wipe with towel before use.



AQUATIC INVASIVE ANIMALS

WATERCRAFT CHECK POINTS



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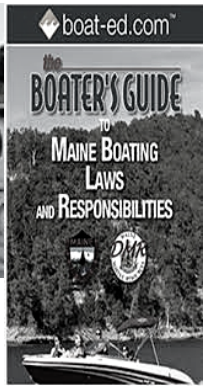
LOONS ON THE LAKE

We here at FOM are concerned for our nesting Loons on Blake Island and Brown Island. The past two years we have had nests fail. We believe, this is due to boat wakes and boaters being too close to our loon nests. This season we will be setting new "Loon Nesting" signs in these area in hopes to decrease the nests from being disturbed.



BOATER SAFETY

Participation in a boating education course will teach how to properly operate and maintain a boat.
A local Boater Safety course will be held by the North Pond Lake Association on June 1st, 9am-4pm at the Smithfield Fairview Grange. For more information and to register for the local course, please contact Debra Cunningham (207)985-7271 or deelalic@gmail.com

Enjoy the boating season!

For more information on Boater safety check out: www.maine.gov/ifw/programs-resources/safety-courses/boating-safety

Note: Persons 16 years of age and under 18 years of age MAY NOT operate a personal watercraft unless they possess on their person, identification showing proof of age and proof of successful completion of a NASBLA approved boating safety course unless they are accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older who physically occupies the personal watercraft. (Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife)

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Trivia Answer:
B. Cusk
This is a trick question...Messalonskee holds the state record for Walleye

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