

June 2026

Below is the weekly update of the Divers activity. As of Monday 6/22, 321 gallons have been harvested. The team started in Carlberg Cove and Stump Pond last week. They will be moving down the lake to Maine. We are on the other side of the "No Wake" zone this week starting in Wyman Cove

A photograph of three people standing behind a large wooden crate filled with moss and lichen. The person on the left is wearing a black jacket and glasses. The person in the middle is wearing a green shirt and patterned pants. The person on the right is wearing a blue shirt and dark pants. The crate is filled with various types of moss and lichen, and a long wooden stick is visible inside. The background is a dense forest with green foliage.

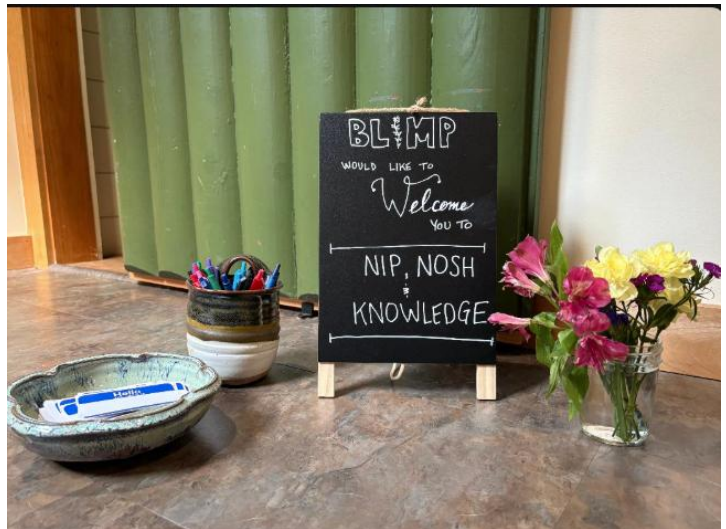
Chase, Lauren and Jack

Please reach out to your associations BLIMP Representative to report milfoil. See the last page for details on BLIMP Representatives per association and their contact information.

Event updates

Our first Nips, Nosh and Knowledge event was held on **Saturday 6/13** with 25 participants across 5 associations. Thank you to Mariah Haug with NH Loon Preservation for a great presentation and to everyone that came out to learn about the loons and meet others from around the lake.

The next Nips, Nosh and Knowledge event will be Saturday 8/1/26 with Jon Balanoff from AWWA. Be sure to join in the fun.



The Fishing Derby was held on **Saturday 6/20** with nearly 80 participants! The weather was great, the turn out was great and the winning Bass was 5.9 pounds! Thank you to everyone who made this possible. Special thanks to Steve Moscaritolo for organizing and to Brooke Peterson (REMAX Realty) for getting sponsors and running the raffles to raise money for BLIMP.



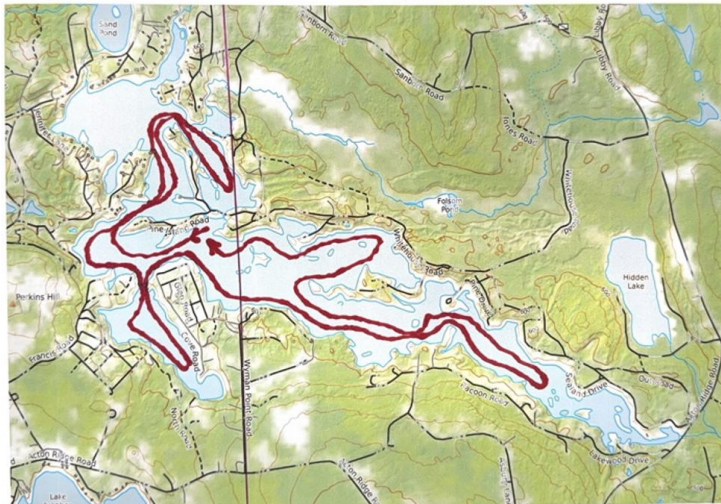
Thank you to all our sponsors!



BLIMP Boat Parade

Saturday July 4th
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
The theme is Yankee Goodie Dandy

Sign up by emailing Donna Lefebvre @
Don_ox@yahoo.com
There is no cost to participate this year...
the winner will win bragging rights for the best decorated boat on Balch Lake!



The BLIMP Boat Parade Route

"judges" will be in
Wyman's Cove
Loon Cove
The Marina
Shady Nook

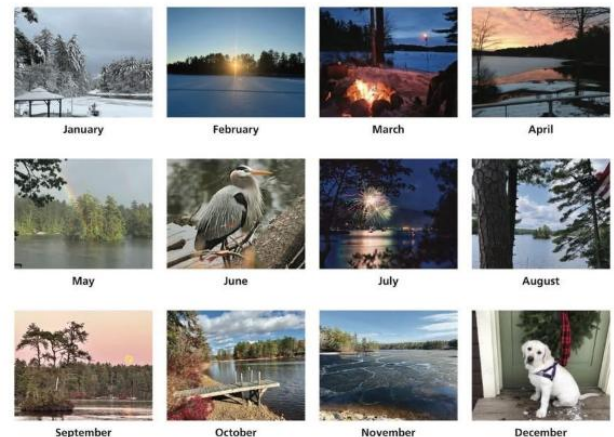
FUNDRAISING

Mark your calendars to join in the fun events that help raise funds for BLIMP and get the lake community together



Use the above QR code to make donations directly to BLIMP. *When making donations, please include your lake association in the notes.*

Saturday, July 11th 	Poker Run 2:00 pm -4:00 pm There will be 5 boats anchored in various parts of the lake from 2-4. Pull up to the boat with your tally sheet and you will be dealt a card. Contact person: Donna Lefebvre, don_ox@yahoo.com
Sunday, July 12th	Concert on the Lake 2:00pm -4:00 pm 2 person band performing <i>Across from Birch Island near Loon Cove</i>
Saturday, July 25 	Fishstock 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm (roughly) Wymans Cove Contact Person: Gary Poisson, garypoisson@gmail.com
Saturday, August 1 	NIPS, NOSH and KNOWLEDGE Join us at location at Shady Nook Rec Center 3:00 PM-5:00 PM AWWA Bring your favorite snack/appetizer, your favorite beverage and get together with other Balch lake residents to John Balanoff from AWWA provide an update on the work they are doing to protect the health of the lakes.
Saturday, August 22nd	Bake Sale 10:00am – 12:00pm Shady Nook Rec Center Please drop off wrapped donations at 9am.  Contact Person: Elaine Hall, niknakia@aol.com



There was a small batch printed this year for 2027 Balch Lake Calendars. Be sure to get your soon. Calendars will be available at the various BLIMP events and some association meetings or contact Donna Lefebvre to get one.

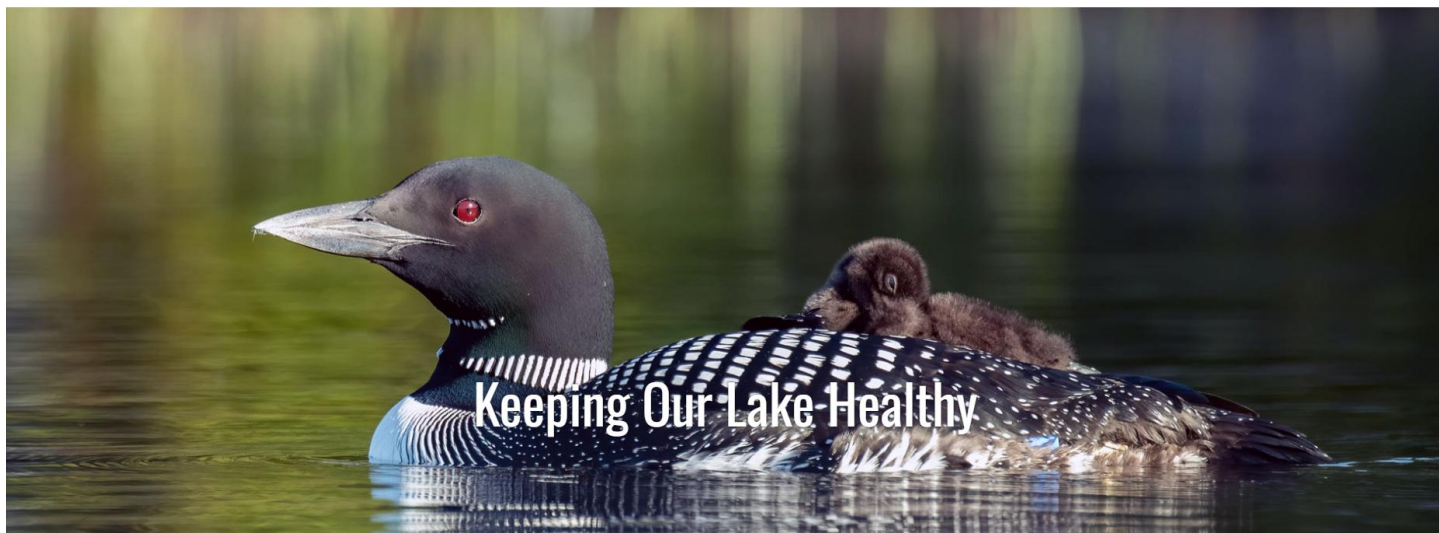
Balch Lake Dam Keeping

Please note that the dam is managed by the Town of Newfield so if you have any questions or concerns you can reach out to the Town at 207-793-4348. *According to the Dam keeper, Bruce Colwell, with the significant rain fall recently, the dam has been open to help maintain the correct water levels.*

COMING SOON....

We are in the process of developing a new and improved BLIMP website with a goal to launch by end of July 2026. The purpose/goal of the website is to:

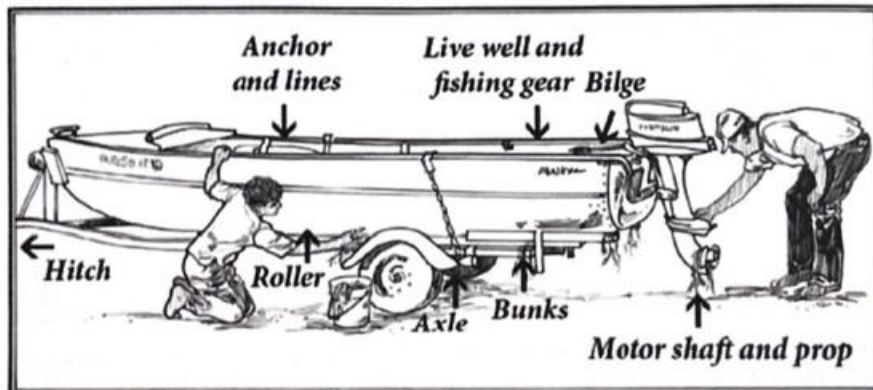
- *Inform about our mission and goals*
- *Promote our successes and accomplishments*
- *Provide education about invasives, laws and other elements of being a “good lake citizen”*
- *Encourage financial support through fundraisers*
- *Promote volunteerism*

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Education- Boat Inspections

STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS

Aquatic Invasive Species such as Eurasian watermilfoil, Asian clam and spiny water flea can spread between waterbodies on boating and fishing equipment that has not been cleaned, drained and dried. Help protect Maine waters by following the simple steps below.



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

DRAIN water from boat, motor, bilge, live wells and other equipment well away from water.

DRY everything five days or more before using in another waterbody to kill small organisms not easily seen or wipe with a towel before use. If you can't dry equipment, rinsing with hot, high pressure water will also remove many tiny organisms.

NEVER release plants, live fish or animals into a water body unless they came out of that body of water.

BLIMP is asking boaters to please be “Loon-Aware”. Sadly, last summer a loon was killed on Balch Lake from blunt force trauma, almost certainly from a boat or jet ski strike. Making this event even more difficult, was the fact that it was a male from the lake’s only nesting pair, and subsequently the female abandoned the nest. Loons are considered a threatened species, and we hope to do everything we can to help them thrive and reproduce on Balch Lake. We worked with the Loon Preservation Committee of New Hampshire to develop signage. Our hope is that with more education and signs that boaters can see, we can help reduce the chances that another loon will be killed on Balch Lake. The signs will be 2’ x 3’ and placed at strategic locations around the lake with landowner permission. If your camp is on the lake in a location where there is a lot of loon and boat activity, and you would like your location considered for a sign, please reach out.



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We continue to work with all the associations around the lake to identify the BLIMP Representatives. Please contact Donna Lefebvre @don_ox@yahoo.com to update the information for your association.

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