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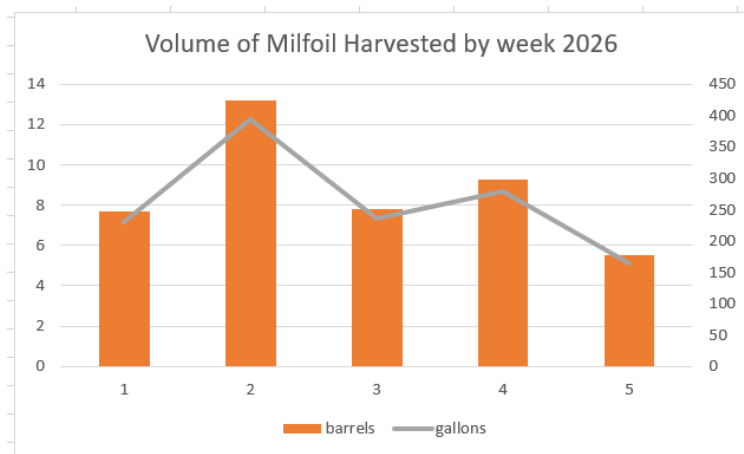
July 2026

Invasive Plant Harvesting Operations

It's a wrap...for now. After 5 weeks, 24 *dive days* Aqualogic is done for now and will return again at end of August for a few more weeks.

Aqualogics Crew (Lauren, Jack and Dustin) pulled 1,306 Gallons / 43.5 Barrels of Milfoil from Balch Lake. The top 3 areas were Wyman Cove West with 340 Gallons / 11.3 Barrels, Stoddards Narrows with 225 Gallons / 7.5 Barrels and Stump Pond with 143 Gallons / 4.7 Barrels.

The crew lucked out with weather with only about an hour or two of rain. They definitely loved Balch! Appreciation was felt from several people around the Lake. A couple days of fresh muffins and cookies. Plenty of cold waters and a nice bag of snacks from a bunch of kids that live by the BLIMP Dock. The crew told Tom that most of the time on other lakes they don't even know who they are diving for. As of now it looks like we will be lucky to have Lauren and Jack back late summer for the remaining dives.



(L to R)- Aqualogic team working on Balch Lake this season...

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

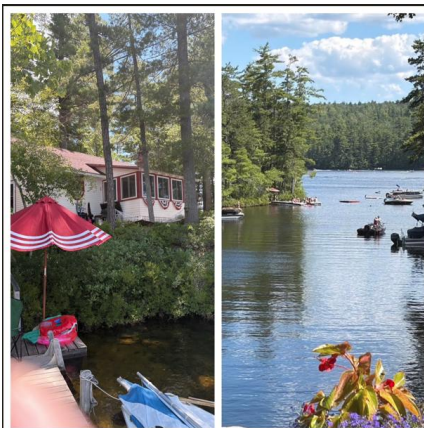
So many fun events on the lake during July.

Thank you for all your continued support for BLIMP!

We started the month off strong with the Boat Parade on July 4th



Followed by a fun weekend for a Poker Run



A pop-up concert at Marshall Camp



The Davis Girls Lemonade Stand



And closed out the month BIG with the return of FISHSTOCK!



Special Thanks to Roger Legendre and Joanne D'Alleva from Shepards Island for designing our new BLIMP Logo

We still have a couple of fun events to go in the month of August.

Shady Nook Rec Committee Presents:
Harrison Goodell, back at Balch Lake
Saturday, August 8th 2026 at 5:30PM
Green Bay Cove



Harrison returns for the 3rd summer at Chris and Sharon McCarthy's boat house to play a mixture of classic guitar rock and his own original music. So far this summer Harrison has played sold out shows in Davis Square, Portsmouth and later in September he is opening for Big Head Todd and the Monsters. Bring your boats, a beverage and your singing voice!

Donations to Harrison and BLIMP will be gratefully accepted at the venue.

Check out Harrison's latest songs here:

https://open.spotify.com/artist/2TY6ezHqtKxz13UGEP2ddy?si=0DmWWSyVRke_UoWGRUeyuA



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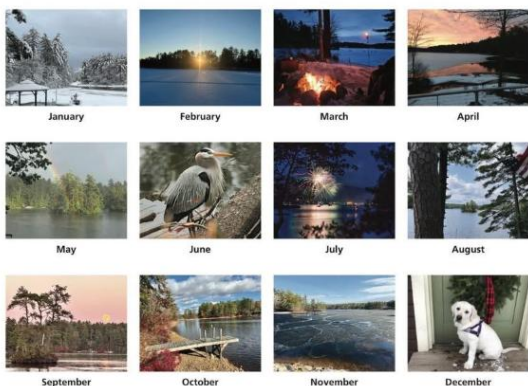
Mark your calendars to join in the fun events that help raise funds for BLIMP and get the lake community together



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

Saturday, 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
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**BAKE
SALE**



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. There are very few calendars remaining.

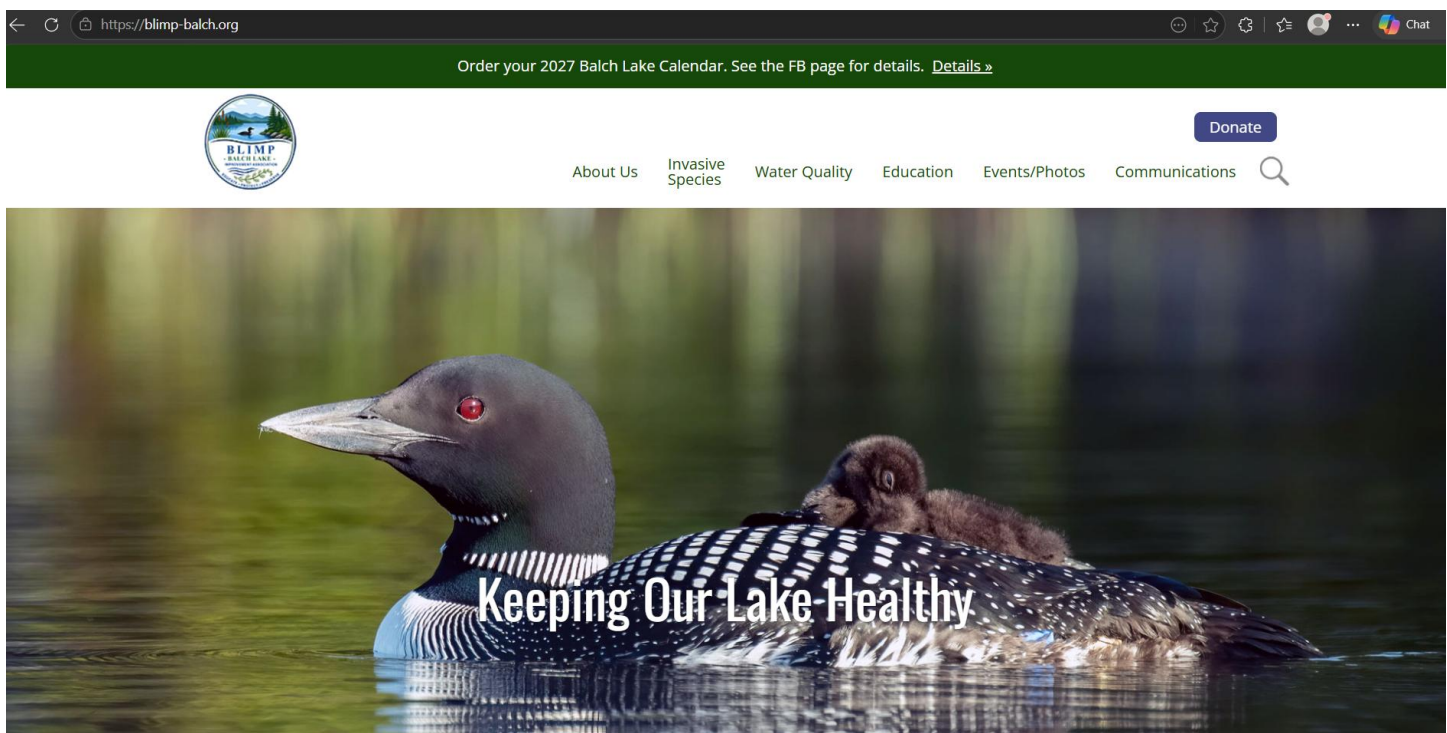
Balch Lake Dam Keeping

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.

BE SURE TO VISIT THE NEW BLIMP WEBSITE

In July we introduced the new BLIMP website which will provide you a one stop shop for anything and everything you need to know about BALCH Lake. The website will allow us to:

- *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*



Visit [BLIMP-Balch.org](https://blimp-balch.org)

Water Quality- Testing

Water Sampling is underway now...please respect our water samplers!

As we ask you to do for our invasive milfoil divers, please respect any pontoon boat you see flying the “BLIMP Water Testing” flag by staying as far away as possible and minimizing your wake as you pass. We test 5 different places on Balch about 5-7 times a season, and it's critical that we do the testing in the calmest possible water to get accurate and consistent results. We're out during the 10-2-time frame and avoid inclement weather, holidays and weekends.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

If you're interested in being a water sampler, please contact Tony Taglieferro (tonytag63@gmail.com). No scientific background or experience is necessary—just a willingness to pay careful attention to the sampling procedures that we'll show you how to do on your first time out! Samplers are typically assigned to go out 2-3 times per season with at least two other people. It takes about an hour-and-a-half and is a relaxed, sociable trip. Couples are most welcome!



Common Green Algae bloom has been reported to us and is being monitored by our Water Quality team.

It was last spotted near Sunset Beach in the Shady Nook area of the lake.

While Green Algae is safe and is common on our lake, people should not disturb it with swimming or other water activities.

If you see water that looks like spilled green paint, pea soup, blue-green streaks, floating scum, or unusual green material collecting along shore or in a shallow area, avoid contact, keep pets out, take photos from shore if possible, and report the location/date/ time to john.castelott@tufts.edu

**GREEN ALGAE BLOOM
REPORTED NEAR SUNSET
BEACH ON 8/1/26**

BLIMP- Loon Preservation

BABY LOON UPDATE:

We have one loon chick still with mom and dad and one that has been orphaned.

In late July it was rumored that a baby loon was found dead but we can confirm that was a kingfisher chick and NOT a loon chick. We continue to watch for the orphaned loon and will keep you updated as we learn more.



BLIMP is asking boaters to please be "Loon-Aware". 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.



BLIMP Association contact list - 2026

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

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