

BLIMP Newsletter

June 2025

DASH BOAT

Operations

Aqualogic kicks off the 2025 invasive plant harvest season.

We are fortunate that Nate Adams is back for the second year. The other members of the crew are Charles Anderson (who worked on Balch in September of 2024), and Madison Lin.

Aqualogic is using a different boat this year. Keep your eye out for a pontoon boat with a tall metal post. The pole is used to anchor the boat in place.

A couple reminders:

- The dive crew will have one diver in the water, one in a kayak, and one on the boat. They love to explain their work so please say hello while being careful to not approach too closely. And, they are always hungry! If you would like to bring them snacks and treats it is much appreciated.
- Milfoil identification – if you suspect you have milfoil by your camp please send us a text with your name, association &, most importantly, a picture of your camp taken from the lake. Please text Tom Eichner at 1 (631) 495-7704 or email at Tom.Eichner.blimp@gmail.com.



BLIMP Ops Boat

To better assist in operations on the lake, BLIMP procured an operations boat last year and it is branded. If you see this boat near your area or dock, know that it is Tom or other BLIMP members working to mark areas for Aqualogic to focus on during their visits.

Aqualogic and the DASH boat will be on the lake 6/16/25-7/16/25 and will return again 9/15/25-9/26/25



Balch Lake Summer Activities To Benefit BLIMP

Saturday, June 28th	Balch Lake 2nd annual Fishing Tournament (rain or shine) Anglers must check in 8:00 AM- 9:00 AM at the Balch Lake Marina  You must have purchased a shirt to be on the registration list <i>2025 Link needed from Brooke</i> Trophies awarded at 2:30 PM for the 3 largest fish
Saturday, July 19	Poker Run  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.
Saturday, August 16th	Bake Sale 10:00am – 12:00pm Shady Nook Rec Center Please drop off wrapped donations at 9am.  Contact Person: Elaine Hall, niknakia@aol.com
June photo submissions July/Aug sale	2026 Balch Lake Calendars. Contact Michael Moscaritolo at michaeldomoscaritolo@gmail.com or Facebook at Balch Lake NH/Maine 

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.*

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW for the POKER RUN \$5 per tally sheet/hand

Balch Lake 50/50 Poker Run
Saturday, July 19th, 2:00-4:00 pm

What is a poker run:

Essentially a poker run is an excuse to meet other people on the lake and have a good time while supporting a good cause, BLIMP. Even though it is called a run, it is not a race.

How it works:

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 and the dealer will mark your sheet. If the card drawn is already on your sheet, you will be dealt another card.

You can play more than one tally card/hand at a time. Just let the dealer know.

If you think you have a winning hand, present your Tally sheet to the dealer at your final stop, filling in your name and phone number. The 5 dealers will meet in front of the Marina and see who the winner is. In the event of a tie, there will be a draw for High Card to determine the winner.

Come join us for a great time!

To get your tickets, please contact Donna Lefebvre @ don_ox@yahoo.com or text @ 978-852-3119

Water Quality/Analysis

BLIMP continues to proactively do water quality monitoring that is unique among NH and ME lakes. We do this in conjunction with UNH and with Katahdin Analytic Laboratories, a Maine EPA certified laboratory. Balch Lake is demonstrably free of heavy metals, “forever chemicals” like BPA and PFAS and meets the highest standards of quality for a lake of our size and age. Unlike many of our nearby lakes, Balch has not experienced an algal bloom in the past few years- another testimony to our water quality!

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

Loon Preservation Committee

BLIMP leadership tours Balch Lake with Loon Preservation committee biologist earlier in the month and eight loons were sighted which is very healthy sign.



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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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