



## Our new fence at Little Beach



# RED CEDAR LAKE POST

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## NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT Mike Sidoti

The 2020 summer season has been somewhat strange without membership meetings and traditional social events and with social distancing on our beaches. Yet, we have managed to once again enjoy the pleasures associated with lake residency.

Our ability to enjoy our lake is due in no small measure to the willingness of residents to volunteer their services, creativity and cooperation for our benefit. Let me express first my thanks to the members of the Board of Directors for their consistent efforts to keep our lake, roads and beaches in such excellent condition. Also a thank you to Bill Starr for all of the quality service he provides including the unbelievably quick clearing of our roads after the storm Isaias.

## Notes from our President continued .....

Special thanks to Lynn Gonzalez for her coordination of membership communications and to both Lynn and Jerrilyn Ciotto for their fantastic creativity and work on the “Rock Hunt”. This activity was enjoyed by so many members that it may rank as our most successful activity ever. Also, this years Fishing derby had more participation than ever before. Thank you to Heather Nenna and Jim Frazier for making it happen.

A note of thanks to Dino Tine, Kelly, Bill Starr, Alex Starr, Barbara Starr, Tracy Ormond, Arcady Bibeau and Earl Ormond. All of these members participated in the removal of the 24 foot tree that appeared in the middle of our lake after storm Isaias. It was a yeoman task that went “above the call”.

Please remember that the final pick up date for seasonal garbage collection is Wednesday October 14. If you need to continue garbage collection beyond that date you must contract individually with Willimantic Waste.

Have a safe and healthy winter and hopefully we will see you all at our meeting and picnic next spring.

## NEW MEMBERS

**We’d like to welcome new members. Hopefully next season we can meet at Spring meeting and barbecue lunch.**

Margery and Robert Bogus. 281 Lakeside Drive

Donald and Kathleen Gibson. 292 Lakeside Drive

Ralph and Paula Warner 14 Ruth lane

Zachary Hyde. 42 Liz Rd

## WATER QUALITY CONTROL by Mark Fitton

The quality of the water at Red Cedar Lake tested very well all season. There was a concern that the geese droppings were contributing to a higher e-coli level, but the tests didn't reflect that. The level of the lake is lower than usual due to the near drought conditions, but I'm confident it will rise through the fall, winter, and spring. By the time, everyone reads this, the fall treatment of the lake will probably have happened. Treatment due date Monday September 21<sup>st</sup>.

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## ROCK HUNTER WINNERS

THIRTY in all (25 children and 5 adults) turned in their forms to be entered in the drawing. We drew 10 names, each won a \$10 gift card to Walmart. .

Congrats to these winners. (There were no duplicate names, so we are only posting everyone's first name)

Troy  
Jonathan  
Hazel  
Jackson  
Kayla  
Casey  
Molly  
Ryan  
Forest  
Fran (Adult)

Thanks to all who participate and special thanks to **Lynn Gonzalez** and **Jerrilyn Ciotto** for their fantastic creativity and work on the "Rock Hunt". This activity was enjoyed by so many members that it may rank as our most successful activity ever.

Next year we will be looking for volunteer painters, children and adults!! Get those thinking caps on for designs.





## FISHING DERBY

21 participants this year!

Big winners

Most fish: Isabelle age 10 with 25

Age group winners:

Age 0-5 had 6 participants

Most: Dream age 4 at 20

Biggest was a tie at 8 1/2" with Jonathon age 4, Oliver age 3, and Carmella age 3

Smallest: Anthony age 5 at 4 3/4"

Age 6-10 had 12 participants

Most: Livia age 9 at 19

Biggest was a tie at 9" between Roen age 6 and Jackson age 9

Smallest: Justin age 10 at 3 1/4"

Age 11+ had 3 participants

Most: Joey age 12 at 17

Biggest: Joey age 12 at 9"

Smallest: Jackson age 13 at 4 1/2"

Thank you to **Heather Nenna** and **Jim Frazier** for making it happen.

## **SAILING by Larry Berglund**

### **2020 Sailing Season**

The Sunday morning sailing activities started June 27 with races every Sunday at 11:00 am throughout the summer and finished on Labor Day, September 6. It was another fun season of sailing, competing, learning and socializing. This summer a total of 13 different boats competed but never all on the same Sunday. Typically, 4 to 6 Sunfish, 1 to 3 youth class Sunfish and 1 to 3 Laser class boats competed. Sailing conditions were generally good with sunny warm weather together with moderate to light winds on race days, but one Sunday's race had light rain. Socializing after the races was always fun and a great source of local neighborhood news together with refreshments and presentation of ribbons. The sailing rules and scoring are guided by the US Yacht racing rules.

The sailing participants for the 2020 season were:

Jeff **Pasiuk**, Dave **Chamberlain**, Jim **Tuscio**,

John, Jack, Nicholas and Kate **McGonagle**,

Craig, Connor, Hunter and Gracy **Bowman**,

Elisia and Cal **Ramey**,

Larry **Berglund**

The competition in the Sunfish class was very good all summer and became keener as the summer progressed. Some of the resulting top sailors of the 2020 Season are:

*Sunfish class sailors Summer series place* Jeff **Pasiuk** 1<sup>st</sup> – Larry **Berglund** 2<sup>nd</sup> –  
Connor **Bowman** 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Laser class sailors Summer series place* David **Chamberlain** 1<sup>st</sup> - John **McGonagle** 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Sunfish Youth class* Nicholas **McGonagle** 1<sup>st</sup> Jack **McGonagle** 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Jeff Pasiuk** also won the 2018 & 2019 *Sunfish summer series*;

He is amazing at detecting and using slight wind shifts on Red Cedar Lake to his advantage.

After the first race on the last day of the season, it is a Red Cedar Lake tradition to have a picnic lunch followed by a second race to determine the Lake Champion Sailor from among the top sailors. The top sailors from all classes sail the same class of boat, a Sunfish, but not their own, selected by a random drawing. In this race the wind was light and shifty with strong sudden gusts. **Connor Bowman** crossed the finish line 1<sup>st</sup> ! to win, which he also won in 2019

***Congratulations: Connor Bowman – 2020 Red Cedar Lake Champion Sailor***

A photo of the sailors after last race of September 6 on the beach of Amy and John McGonagle's is shown below with some of the ribbons and trophies won.



September 6 Red Cedar Lake Sailors, left to right:  
Nicholas and John McGonnagle, Jeff Pasiuk, Hunter Bowman, David Chamberlain,  
Jack McGonnagle, Craig and Connor Bowman, Larry Berglund

**We look forward to the 2021 season and hope and encourage other Red Cedar Lakers to join in this sailing fun and camaraderie. It is a good practical skill to develop and enjoy.**

# FRIENDLY REMINDERS

## DRIVE CAREFULLY

Speeding is a concern on our narrow roads. Many children and adults walk and ride bikes on our roads. PLEASE drive slowly.  
The speed limit is 10 mph. Tell your guests, workers and delivery people to drive slowly when coming to your home.

## TRASH AND GARBAGE BINS

Trash seasonal collection pickup ended October 14<sup>th</sup>. . Please pull YOUR bins in for the rest of the season so they won't be damaged during the winter.

POST YOUR HOUSE NUMBERS CLEARLY SO EMERGENCY VEHICLES CAN EASILY FIND YOUR COTTAGE.

## RED CEDAR LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS WEB SITE

<http://www.redcedarlake.org>

Check out the web site for any general information, dates of event, current bylaws, annual membership meeting minutes and announcements.

Rules and Regulations are also posted on the website.

Send electronic copies of your Red Cedar Lake photos for the website to

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