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A Message from the President,

Fall was spectacularly warm and beautiful at the lake so hopefully you enjoyed extending your lake activities well into October. As we prepare for the upcoming winter months, it's a good time to reflect on our past season, what is new, and to give some thanks. We hope you find the accompanying articles interesting and informative.

As you know, our lake was challenged with several cyanobacteria blooms and as I write this, we are experiencing another one. This is discouraging but not unique to Province Lake as many lakes in New Hampshire experienced blooms this year. We are fortunate to have our new Water Quality Coordinator, Katie Jones, who has worked with our team and NH DES in monitoring, sampling, posting alerts and advisories. We continue work to minimize nutrients from entering the lake to mitigate future cyanobacteria blooms through our partnership with AWWA and 319 grant.

On a very positive note, we had a very successful NH Lake Host Program this year. I'd like to thank our former Board Member and Lake Host Coordinator, David Lajoie, and our lake hosts for keeping our lake invasive species free. We had 531 inspections and no invasive were found. We are the only lake in the area that is invasive free and are working hard with your support to keep it that way. Our monthly Rt 153 beach cleanup was a success as well and we will continue the program next season. Sixty-four people collected over 50 bags/250 lbs. of trash from the beach. And a big thanks to the Province Line Associates campgrounds for the great job they do in keeping their beach clean.

Many of you have been asking where you can get Province Lake Association merchandise. Thanks to our Board Members, Ryan Ruel and Mindy Shuman-Vye, we now have a shop on our website where you can find variety of PLA branded apparel and goods. The selection and quality of the offerings is great with something for everyone. It could be your one stop shopping site for holiday gifting!  
<https://provincelake.org/photos/apparel/#!/>

I'd also like to acknowledge the many folks who contributed to the PLA in Donna Davis's memory. Their generous contributions are a wonderful way to recognize and commemorate Donna for all that she has done for our lake. Thank you!

A reminder that your membership makes all the difference and information can be found on our website [provincelake.org](http://provincelake.org). You do not need to be a property owner to

join, you just need to love our lake. You can always contact us at [president@provincelake.org](mailto:president@provincelake.org) or [provincelakemembers@gmail.com](mailto:provincelakemembers@gmail.com).

Thanks for your support.

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Thank you Stephen Luce for the photo.

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[Click here for Province Lake Apparel](#)

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### **NH Lakes Webinars**

[Link to NH Lakes Webinars](#)

Explore Lakes with NH Lakes Webinar Series

I wanted to put another plug in for this great series of webinars that NH Lakes has been putting out over the last year or so. When the pandemic hit NH Lakes immediately switched from in person educational events to webinars.

They are very well done and recordings are available at

<https://nhlakes.org/explore-lakes-webinars/>. This library of webinars is one of the silver linings of our need for social distancing. While they are all well done, a few that I have watched and learned a lot from are,

Shoreline Tree and Vegetation Management Rules of Waterfront Properties

Lake Level Management: A balancing Act

Keeping the Family House in the Family

Eagles and NH Lakes

There are also episodes related to each of the 4 seasons at the lake.

Enjoy,

Jim Aiken

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### Membership Drive

To all of you procrastinators out there, -- Your ***Province Lake Association needs your help!*** We have had a good year with new and returning members, but there are a number of you that have been members of the PLA in previous years that we have not heard from yet in 2021. And if you are not sure if you have joined this year, please check our website where we keep an up-to-date listing of this year's members. If you misplaced the membership letter sent earlier this summer, that's fine, - the PLA mailing address is PO Box 24, Effingham, or you can pay the membership fee via PayPal.

To all paid 122+ families that have joined this year, thank you. And this would be a good time to ask your lake friends and neighbors if they are members. We would love to set a new record for member families in 2021.

We operated in 2020 at a small net deficit and are hoping that increased membership will put us back in the black. Our major expenses are a) Lake Host payroll, helping us maintain our unique status of milfoil free, b) our partnership expenses with AWWA, NH Lakes, LPC, UNH water quality monitoring, and MMRG, and beaver population control in the South River as we work to achieve a healthy balance between wildlife and lake water level.

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It seems that Province Lake has channeled the power of youthful exuberance in an attempt to highlight the need to protect her shores from future erosion.

I sometimes wonder if we make it clear enough to everyone why we should discourage parking on the lakeside of the road along Route 153 in Maine. It is not about the sign, sign everywhere a sign thing and the Man trying to keep us down. It is more about protecting the health of our lake.

Parking on the shoulder of the road, the beach or even more cringeworthy in the lake itself destroys or limits the growth of a vegetative buffer that helps control erosion and the introduction of phosphorus by slowing the flow of stormwater runoff. While we had a pretty good summer with very few if any



cyanobacteria blooms, our fall season has been considerably more active with larger and longer lasting blooms. Although the causes of blooms are complex and not yet completely understood, there is no arguing the fact that higher levels of phosphorus will contribute to more frequent blooms.

I am not under the delusion that my short article here will magically stop the practice of parking on that side of the road but I hope that it might lessen it and start more conversations about the things we need to do to keep Province Lake clean and healthy.

Jim Aiken

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Links to our partner websites,



[Acton Wakefield Watershed Alliance \(AWWA\)](#)



[Moose Mountain Regional Greenway](#)



[NH Lakes Lay Monitoring Program](#)



[NH Lakes](#)



[Green Mountain Conservation Group](#)

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### About the PLA

Membership in the PLA is open to anyone who has a love and concern for Province Lake. The PLA has an active membership and we encourage all to become members by completing a brief membership form and paying annual dues. Click [here](#) to join and to see membership information. 100% of PLA membership fees and donations go into projects and related work focused on Province Lake water quality.

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