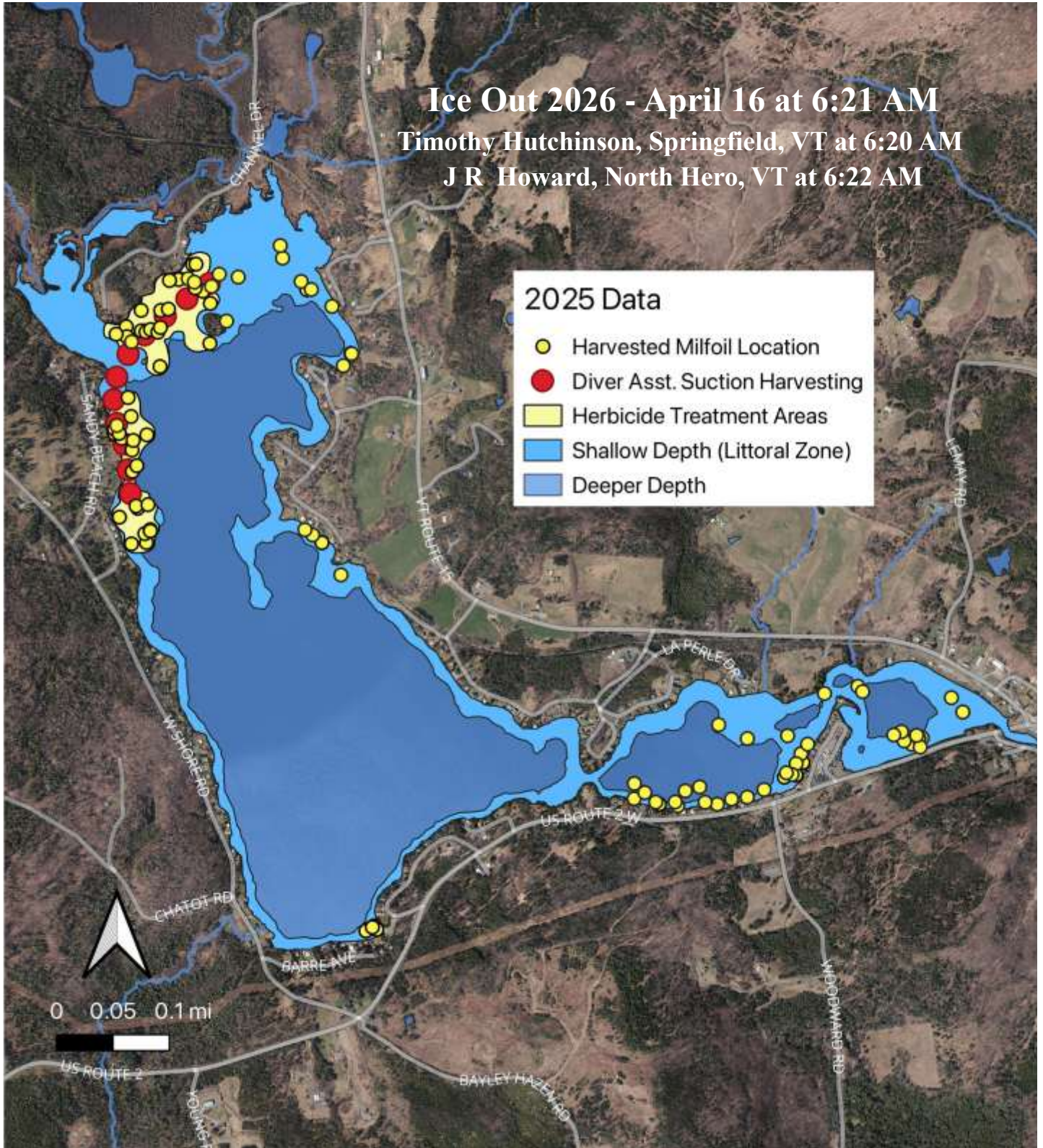


# JOE'S POND ASSOCIATION

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**2026 Events schedule**

**Note new dinner time!**

<b>May</b>	<b>Saturday 23rd</b>	<b>JPA Spring Meeting</b>	<b>10 am</b>	
<b>June</b>	<b>Saturday 20th</b>	<b>Mac &amp; Cheese Social at 4:30 &amp; 6 pm</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Page &amp; Peter Crosby</b>
		This has been a fast growing event. Nothing but rave reviews. Get your tickets before it sells out.		
	<b>Sunday 21st</b>	<b>Sunfish Race</b>	<b>1 pm</b>	<b>Susan Bouchard</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>Saturday 4th</b>	<b>JPA Annual Meeting</b>	<b>10 am</b>	
		<b>Pontoon Boat Parade</b>	<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Jeremy Grenier</b>
		Theme 250th anniversary of America. Be creative, have fun! More info, p. 8		
		<b>Fireworks (see VP report, p. 4)</b>	<b>Dusk</b>	
	<b>Saturday 11th</b>	<b>Italian Dinner Social at 4:30 &amp; 6 pm</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Jeremy &amp; Lori Grenier</b>
		A Joes Pond tradition. Hope to see you there!		
	<b>Sunday 12th</b>	<b>Sunfish Race</b>	<b>1 pm</b>	<b>Susan Bouchard</b>
	<b>Monday 27th</b>	<b>Paint &amp; Sip</b>	<b>3 to 6 pm</b>	<b>Susan Bouchard</b>
		\$50 per person, all proceeds to benefit Milfoil		
		This was an immediate hit amongst ponders. What's not to love, it's Wine and painting!		
		Everyone had a great time so sign up early as I am sure this will sell out!		
<b>August</b>	<b>Saturday 1st</b>	<b>Pig Roast Social at 4:30 &amp; 6 pm</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Michelle Parker</b>
		Last year was the largest turn out for the pig roast. Same caterer has been hired back.		
		Hope to see you there this year!		
	<b>Sunday 2nd</b>	<b>Sunfish Race</b>	<b>1 pm</b>	<b>Susan Bouchard</b>
	<b>8th &amp; 9th</b>	<b>Pickleball Tournament</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Tom Segale</b>
		You will have all summer to learn Pickleball. Anyone can play. Hope to see you at this fun event!		
	<b>Saturday 22nd</b>	<b>Cocktail Party</b>	<b>4 pm</b>	<b>Nancy Buttura &amp; Susan Yesalonia</b>
		Last year Nancy and Sue shook things up a lot! This was another huge fundraiser for the pond. Every one brought a bunch of creative appetizers. There was heavy competition over the silent auction.		
	<b>Sunday 23rd</b>	<b>Sunfish Race</b>	<b>1 pm</b>	<b>Susan Bouchard</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Saturday 5th</b>	<b>JPA Fall Meeting</b>	<b>10 am</b>	

**GAMES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Mah Jongg** A fun way to spend an afternoon. Wednesdays at 1:30 led by Kate Chatot. Beginners welcomed.  
**Pickleball** Every Saturday & Sunday morning. A great way to get some exercise. Anyone can play.  
**Art** July 6th, 13th, and 20th at 10am. Contact [andrea.aimi@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.aimi@gmail.com) for details.



**Thank you to all who give their time to put on all these social events.**

Jeremy Grenier [jeremy@calmontbeverage.com](mailto:jeremy@calmontbeverage.com)

## President's Report



This past year has perhaps been perhaps the most challenging for the Joe's Pond Association. We have collectively dealt with several issues which significantly impacted the pond. What is most impressive and rewarding to me is the collaborative nature of our approach, and the amount of effort and volunteer time donated by numerous members. Without their contributions and energy, it would be difficult to imagine anything productive being accomplished.

First and foremost was our response to combat the infestation with Eurasian Water Milfoil. Following its discovery in late 2024, a Eurasian Water Milfoil Committee, headed by Barry Cahoon was formed and spent last winter formulating and researching a plan of action. This eventually led to harvesting in June utilizing diver assisted suctioning (DASH), and in August the application of the herbicide ProcellaCOR. Led by Barry's efforts, we were the first waterbody in the state of Vermont to receive permission from the Department of Environmental Conservation to apply the herbicide in the first year of dealing with an infestation. Previously, 2-3 years of non-chemical methods were required prior to approval. Additionally, a SNUBA device was purchased which assisted snorkelers in hand pulling areas of milfoil growth. Essentially, every weekend a team of volunteer scuba divers and snorkelers spent time searching for and removing areas where milfoil existed. Barry's report will undoubtedly include more specific detail about our milfoil response and options for the coming year, but what is most rewarding is the amount of time and effort put in by our volunteers in an effort to support, educate, and fund raise for our response. Volunteers on all levels donated over 3000 hours of time last year. A truly impressive response. For example, when we contracted with a vendor for DASH, we were able to supply them with free housing for the week, and all meals donated and prepared by volunteers. I cannot emphasize enough how heartwarming the response has been.

The battle with milfoil will continue for many years as it is likely a situation of control vs eradication. One of the pressing issues is whether we should continue to use ProcellaCor. The milfoil committee has prepared a document listing the pros and cons of Procellacor which will be emailed to the members prior to the spring meeting at which time we anticipate further discussion and input from members. Additionally, we have met with the selectboards of both Danville and Cabot to keep them apprised of the situation and have requested additionally funding. Danville has earmarked \$10,000.00 and Cabot \$5,000.00 for milfoil control. I am always hesitant to thank individuals at the risk of inadvertently omitting someone, but we need to recognize the extraordinary efforts of both Barry, who has led our response, and Jim Bernotas who leads the dive team. Please take the time to thank them.

The committee has also been actively pursuing the establishment of a boat wash station at the fishing

access. We have been denied permission to date by the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife as they are not willing to relinquish two parking spots which would be needed for the installation. The committee feels a station is necessary not only to protect Joes Pond but to prevent the transmission of milfoil from Joe's Pond to other water bodies. Barry Cahoon has testified on behalf of the association to a legislative committee suggesting changes to a current proposed senate bill. Unfortunately the bill was tabled but hopefully will be revisited next year.

Unfortunately, the association was again forced to address the rising costs of the annual fourth of July fireworks. Following a lengthy discussion at our fall meeting, the members voted not to exceed an expense of \$15000.00. Later in the fall we were notified that the cost would rise from \$13000.00 to \$20000.00 for the 2026 display. A cost of roughly \$1000 per minute. Subsequently the board of directors honored the decision of the members vote and reluctantly cancelled the fireworks. A private group of individuals has chosen to fund the costs and fireworks will be held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Individual donations are encouraged to help offset costs and may be made through the Town of Danville.

At the time of this report, the wake boat issue remains undecided. This past summer the Department of Environmental Conservation proposed new regulations that if enacted, would prohibit wake sporting on Joe's Pond. Two public hearings were held this winter for the purpose of public input to the proposed changes in addition to the option of an online forum to express your opinion. The DEC will eventually make a recommendation that will be sent to the Legislative Rules Committee before a final decision is made.

Once again it is impossible to thank all the volunteers who make our association function. To the event and dinner coordinators, ice out committee and all who contribute in so many ways we owe a great deal of gratitude. I cannot thank you all individually but please know that your efforts do not go unnoticed or appreciated.

I would like to thank Jack LaGue who has stepped down after nearly 10 years as our treasurer. He certainly has "modernized" our accounts and provided timely and detailed reports for our meetings. His insights and opinions at the board meetings were always thoughtful and appreciated. The board has appointed Jane Segale to replace him and looks forward to her service. Please take time to thank both Jack and Jane for their work on behalf of JPA.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the assistance and guidance of my fellow board members. Their values, opinions and input have been extremely helpful to me personally and always in the best interests of our association.

Enjoy the summer everyone!

Joe Hebert [pjhebert@charter.net](mailto:pjhebert@charter.net)



## Secretary's Report



**Spring Meeting, 5/24/2025.** Sue Bouchard announced her retirement as Activities Director at the end of 2025. Barry Cahoon was appointed as interim Water Quality Director. Members testified at the ANR meeting to ban wake sports on Joe's Pond. JPA petitioned the State to apply ProcelloCOR as an herbicide to treat the milfoil. There will be 4 sailboat races in 2025 with 3 races counting towards the standings. Barry Cahoon informed the membership of the activities the newly formed Milfoil Committee did to combat the milfoil infestation. He encouraged all members to get involved as a lot of work is needed. He warned that boat activity is the culprit that spreads the plants; by breaking off fragments and then they float away to replant themselves. The State has never allowed any lake to be treated with herbicide until after 3 years of dealing with the infestation by removal of weeds manually. This is unacceptable. Any herbicide treatment would have to be in August, before the plant undergoes senescence. Please go to the JPA website to read the full details.

**Annual Meeting, July 5, 2025.** The State proposed new regulations for wake sports. Minimum acreage to be 100 acres, a 3000-foot run, and shape normalization. Public hearings are scheduled. By-law changes were proposed to allow JPA funds to be invested in banks and/or brokerage accounts, and the membership fee be set by the Board of Directors and ratified by a majority vote of the members. These changes to be voted on in the Fall meeting. The Board also recommended that any income from dinner events go into the general fund and not be earmarked for any specific causes. The 2025 fireworks were shot from the Cairns camp in the Second Pond. The Board also recommended we suspend any fireworks in the future given the milfoil expenses we are incurring. This is to be voted on in the Fall Meeting. A nominating committee recommended Jeremy Grenier to replace Sue Bouchard as Activities Director. A "Paint & Sip" event is planned for August. Barry Cahoon announced that herbicide treatment was allowed by the State and to occur on 8/13. The area to be treated is parallel to Sandy Beach Road and behind the islands. He thanked all the membership for their active support. There was an example of a 6-foot strand of milfoil on a nearby table and it had 18 different strands growing from it. Milfoil is not a dandelion weed. It is prolific. Please go to the JPA website for full details of the meeting.

**Fall Meeting, August 30, 2026.** The proposed by-law changes to allow the JPA funds to be placed in banks and investment houses and for the Board to set the membership dues was voted on and passed. The Board recommended the membership dues be raised to \$75 per camp. After discussion this was passed. Considerable discussion occurred on whether to have fireworks in 2026. Concerns about the unknown milfoil costs for 2026 were raised. By a paper ballot, the members voted to have fireworks for 2026 at a cost to not exceed \$15K. The cost of the fireworks was unknown at the time of the meeting. The vote was 48 camps for fireworks and 36 camps against fireworks. The motion passed. Barry gave his report and the results of the 8/13 herbicide treatment. The plants treated are dead and/or dying. A video was shown. Barry thanked everyone for their dedication. The milfoil committee is figuring out how to get a boat washing station at the boat launch. Barry also asked that people stay out of the treatment area. When the floating signs are removed; then it will be safe to boat in the area. For full meeting details, please visit the JPA website.

Jamie Stewart jbstewart802@gmail.com

## Vice President's Report



As many of you know, the 2026 fireworks show was initially approved by the membership, provided the cost did not exceed \$15,000. Unfortunately, the final cost came in at \$20,000, and in accordance with the members' vote, the Board voted to cancel the fireworks. Since then, a group of individual members, spearheaded by Garry Cairns and Steve Larabee, stepped forward to ensure the fireworks could continue in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of America. Through their efforts, a substantial amount of money has been raised, and a contract has been secured with Northstar Fireworks for 2026. Enough funds have already been collected to cover the required 50% deposit, and fundraising efforts are ongoing to raise the remaining balance.

If you would like to contribute, donations can be made payable to the Town of Danville, with "JPA

Fireworks" noted in the memo line.

Many thanks to Garry and Steve for their dedication and hard work in continuing this long-standing JPA tradition. The fireworks will be launched on July 3 (rain date July 5) from the Cairns property on the Middle Pond, just past the narrows.

Richard Gagne joesponder@gmail.com

## Maintenance Report



The 2025 maintenance for the JPA required very little expense, as the tennis courts weathered the winter very well and the pavilion remains in great shape. A new shed was purchased to store milfoil supplies, and Joe Hebert built the shed. Sections of the playground fencing will be replaced. If any member has suggestions for improvements, please do not hesitate to contact me.

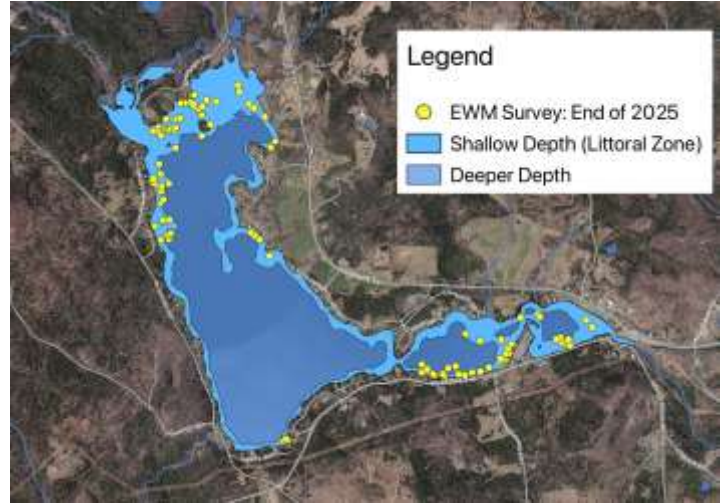
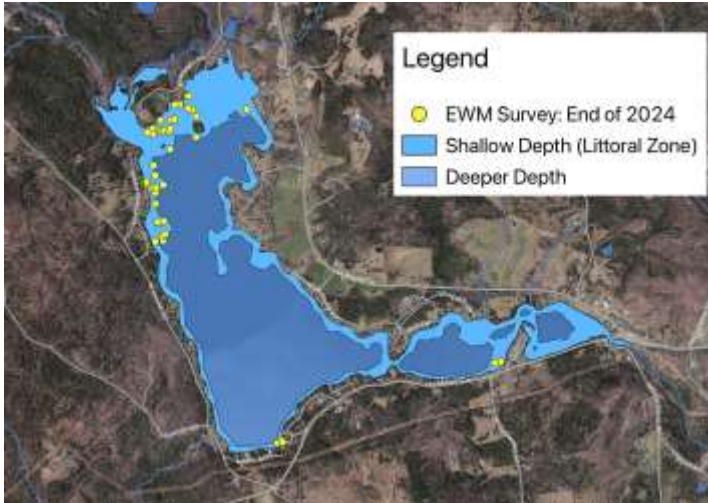
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# Water Quality Report

## Eurasian Watermilfoil in Joe's Pond Grown to the Surface 2025

As Joe's Pond Association (JPA) members might well expect, the Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) infestation continues as the most salient water quality issue with which the association will be grappling in 2026.

In a nutshell, despite the tremendous efforts of many JPA members and expenditure of over \$40,000 (not all JPA funds), which included suction harvesting, hundreds of hours of hand harvesting, and a 23-acre herbicide treatment, the EWM infestation at the end of the 2025 season appears significantly more widespread than at the end of 2024. A comparison can be seen in the maps below.



Extent of Known EWM Infestation at the End of 2024

Extent of Known EWM Infestation at the End of 2025

However, we should not jump to the conclusion that we have lost ground in this battle. Yes, EWM has now become established in all three ponds and has demonstrated its ability to outcompete our most ardent and impassioned attempts to contain its proliferation. But we engaged in this war as complete novices, and we are now battle tested and hardened. We have built, from the bottom up, the personnel, and the organizational, infrastructural and financial wherewithal that gives us a fighting chance to achieve and potentially maintain a long-term equilibrium relationship with EWM that will preserve and sustain our enjoyment of the lake into the foreseeable future. See the QR code to the left or view [this link](#) for a full accounting of JPA EWM containment efforts in 2026 (excluding herbicide treatment).

It is absolutely imperative that the JPA membership recognize that this level of effort is not self-sustaining. It requires continual infusion of new blood, energy, commitment and enthusiasm. Other VT lake associations that have been engaged (some for decades) in this battle against EWM and their struggle to preserve the soul of their lakes, report inevitable burn-out, loss of dedication and diminished member commitment to the cause. JPA must avoid this at all costs. Clearly, this depends on you, the membership, to step up, step into the breach, and contribute all that you can to not only lighten the load on those already committed and engaged but also to enhance the JPA's ability to achieve our EWM containment goals.

Despite all that the JPA has built and accomplished over the past season, it is also important to recognize that, absent occasional to frequent (annual) herbicide treatments, our ability to contain EWM proliferation at an acceptable level entirely by non-chemical means, becomes highly unlikely. This does not mean that we should blindly grasp and apply herbicide (ProcellaCOR) without a complete and impartial consideration of the potential long-term consequences. **No one** should be entirely comfortable with discharging chemicals into the aquatic environment, particularly in our beloved lake, even in full compliance with the product label and regulatory obligations, unless it is determined, after exhaustive research and deliberation, that such treatment is the only acceptable alternative and is deemed to be the best available option to achieve our EWM management objectives.

The JPA EWM Management Committee (EWMCM) feels it has an obligation to ensure the wishes of the JPA membership, particularly with regard to herbicide treatment, are factored into its EWM management decisions. A discussion of the pros and cons of continued herbicide treatment for control of EWM will be facilitated at the JPA Spring Meeting. Please scan the QR code to the right or click [this link](#) to inform yourself, then attend the meeting on 05/30/26 and participate in this discussion. A more comprehensive informational document addressing the pros and cons of ProcellaCOR use for treatment of EWM will be distributed via email to the entire membership prior to the spring meeting.



One year ago, based on what we understood to be a limited establishment of EWM along the Sandy Beach shoreline, we believed that if we were allowed by the VT Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) to apply herbicide in this small area at what we suspected to be an early stage of infestation, that the potential for complete eradication might be achievable. The JPA successfully petitioned ANR to allow an early herbicide treatment (which under ANR regulatory practice had previously been prohibited). But ultimately, our assessment was proven wrong. The EWM appears to have been growing there much longer than we thought and, in addition, was very well established along the Channel Drive shoreline.



**EWM Fragment with Roots Forming**

Despite intensive contracted diver assisted suction harvesting (DASH) and JPA hand harvesting operations through June and July, the EWM populations along Sandy Beach and Channel Drive exploded exponentially. By the end of July, the JPA Dive Team suspended operations in these two areas as the EWM plant density was so extreme that we felt more harm would be created by fragmentation than benefits could be achieved.

As a fallback plan, the JPA acquired warning signs and constructed floats and anchors to alert boaters and warn them away from these two EWM concentration areas. One of the most important aspects of EWM management learned in 2025 is that watercraft-induced fragmentation is a major factor (and likely the most significant) spreading and causing establishment of EWM populations in new areas scattered around the lake either by direct transport or breaking off pieces of plants through physical contact, or boat wake and turbulence, which then drift, spread and re-establish by wind and current.



**EWM in Joe's Pond Grown to the Surface in 2025**

After suspending operations in the two concentration areas, the JPA Dive Team moved on to harvest newly established EWM plants elsewhere on the Third, Second and First Ponds through mid-October as they were discovered and buoyed by Lakeshore Section Coordinators and volunteer surveyors. In June, 2025, the JPA applied to ANR for an Aquatic Nuisance Control permit which was approved for 3 years. A Treatment Plan was then submitted proposing to apply the herbicide ProcettaCOR (the only aquatic herbicide approved by ANR for control of EWM) along the Sandy Beach and Channel Drive shorelines as well as at smaller infestations found near Island Drive, the boat access, and the US 2 shoreline on the Second Pond. Only the Sandy Beach and Channel Drive areas were approved for treatment which subsequently was accomplished by SOLitude Lake Management on 08/13/25.

A post-treatment assessment by Arrowwood Environmental observed 100% mortality of EWM within the treatment areas and adjacent areas around the north end of the Third Pond. The assessment also documented some unquantified damage to non-target aquatic plant species including native milfoils and water lily. Scan the QR code to the left or click [here](#) to view the report. A second post-treatment assessment will be performed in 2026.

The EWMMC attempted to work with the VT Department of Fish & Wildlife (DF&W) to gain its approval for establishment of a boat inspection station at the state-managed boat access. Our primary purpose being to avoid introduction of a new aquatic invasive species into the lake (there are plenty of threatening invasives out there in VT lakes) and to prevent the export of EWM from Joe's Pond to other VT waterbodies. The JPA hired a consultant to perform a wetlands delineation and provide a map, and we have developed a site plan and design. However, the DF&W has refused to approve the plan primarily because it would eliminate two parking spaces. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to the right for the report.

The JPA has suggested and testified in support of amendments to a bill (S.224) under consideration by the VT legislature which would facilitate the establishment of boat inspection stations at state-owned fishing access areas. At the time of this writing, the fate of S.224 and the JPA proposed amendments is unknown. The EWMMC is also considering other options for how we might achieve implementation of the boat inspection station plan.

We are extremely fortunate that a JPA member has pledged to fully fund construction of the boat inspection facility



**A Single Harvested EWM Plant Joe's Pond 2025**



and endow an operations and maintenance fund in perpetuity if our legislative advocacy is successful and we are able to obtain state approval for a boat inspection station.

Looking ahead to 2026, the Milfoil Page on the JPA website has undergone a significant update which includes, among many other improvements, modifications to the protocols for Lakeshore Section Coordinator’s responsibilities for geolocation of new EWM outbreaks, documenting survey activities and coverage, and data reporting to the mapping coordinator. Susan Yesalonia has joined the EWMMC and has been designated to coordinate all LSC activities and EWM Surveying operations.

Joanne Stewart will be coordinating EWM harvesting surface support operations. It is an essential aspect of EWM spread prevention to capture all fragments created during harvesting operations. If you have a kayak and can be available to assist in this work, please contact Joanne at [verthai@gmail.com](mailto:verthai@gmail.com) so she can add you to her contact list.



**New Colorfast EWM Marker Buoys to be Deployed in 2026**

The foam marker buoys used in 2025 proved to not hold their color and have been replaced with colorfast orange plastic buoys typically used to lay out a water ski course. If you see these buoys, please steer all watercraft well clear to minimize the chance of any fragmentation.

The JPA will contract with VTHozerz to conduct another intensive Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting project scheduled July 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. The VTHozerz crew may also be tasked with placement of bottom barriers and hand harvesting. As we did last year, JPA is providing lodging (Chris Hebert’s camp) and meals to the VTHozerz crew. Susan Bouchard will be coordinating meals. If you can contribute one or more prepared meals, please contact Sue at: [chatotbouchard@icloud.com](mailto:chatotbouchard@icloud.com)

In 2025, the JPA acquired a SNUBA raft (Surface Nexus Underwater Breathing Apparatus) which has enabled expansion of the dive team and significantly contributed to efficiency and effectiveness of operations. For someone with any SCUBA diving or snorkeling experience at all, it is not difficult to become proficient at SNUBA diving. The most critical deficit the JPA needs to address in our EWM management operations is the small cadre of dedicated divers who have been working tirelessly to respond to new outbreaks. The JPA will continue recruitment and training opportunities in the spring. Please consider stepping up and making a vital contribution to our EWM management capabilities. The dive crew works really hard, but we also make sure to have a lot of fun together. Join us!



**A Portion of the JPA Dive Crew Mobilized for Action August 2025**

There appear to be troubling trends in phosphorus levels in Joe’s Pond; most likely due to the climate change-driven increasing frequency and intensity of rainstorm events which transport greater volumes of phosphorus-laden sediment into the lake. This can be problematic on multiple levels including fueling robust plant growth, which is not helpful in association with our EWM management goals.

Thanks again to everyone who dedicated their time, energy and attention over the past year to containing and managing the EWM infestation, even if only making sure you avoided, whenever possible, operating watercraft in the littoral zones (shallow water areas) or in the signed, designated watercraft exclusion areas, and communicating,

whenever possible, this responsibility to those boaters who, through your observation of their actions, appear to be either ignorant or willfully dismissive of such necessary EWM spread prevention measures. It all matters.

A special thank you to Chris and Scott Burns, the dedicated Danville community members serving on the Milfoil Committee, and the St. Johnsbury Fire Department for generously filling our divers’ scuba tanks at no cost. Your continued support makes a meaningful difference.

For anyone who wishes to access additional information on the topics addressed above through the links provided in the text, please visit the [Joe’s Pond Association website](#). Scroll to the bottom of any page and click on “NEWSLETTER” then click on “Spring 2026” to open a digital version of this newsletter which will enable you to navigate the links provided within this and any other article.

### How you can help:

Train as Diver/Snorkeler:  
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Provide surface kayak support:  
Joanne Stewart  
[verthai@gmail.com](mailto:verthai@gmail.com)

Provide meals for VT Hozerz crew:  
Susan Bouchard  
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Barry Cahoon [bear817@hotmail.com](mailto:bear817@hotmail.com)



## Paint & Sip

On August 18, Jessie Bouchard, Butch & Susan's daughter-in-law, led 50 artists in the first Paint & Sip event at Joe's Pond, raising over \$2,700 to support the fight against milfoil. Jessie is a high school art teacher in southern New Hampshire and has led many of these events in her community. Participants enjoyed an afternoon of creativity and good company along with enjoying cheese and crackers (donated by Cabot Creamery), glass of wine or seltzer water, while they painted.

Adding to the fun, Jane Brown and Jules Chatot offered their own handcrafted creations—earrings and framed watercolor prints for sale, with all proceeds going directly to the milfoil fund.

Mark your calendars for the 2nd annual Paint & Sip which will be held at the JPA Pavilion on July 27, 3–6 p.m., once again led by Jessie Bouchard. Seating is limited, so please contact Susan Bouchard to reserve your spot.

## Sunfish Races

The winners of the 2025 Caledonian Cup were Jack LaGue, who won the Single Division, and Scott Spencer, sailing with Josh Ventrice or Eric Furs, Double Division.

Since 1972, every winner's name has been engraved on the Caledonian Cup. This tradition began with the Smith family (300 North Shore Rd) who are the longtime sponsors of the Sunfish sailboat races and hosts of the annual celebration where winners are announced and trophies presented.

Our 54 year old trophy was showing its age. When I brought it to NEK Trophy and Engraving LLC, the owner Kristian & Dean Switser generously offered to refurbish the trophy at no cost. They replaced all of the nameplates, re-engraved every winner's name and gave the metal components a light polish.

The Caledonian Cup will be on display at our spring meeting: be sure to take a look. We give a big thank you to Kristian and Dean for their beautiful work and generosity and can recommend their work to everyone.

Susan Bouchard

## JPA Thanks!



A special thanks to Jamie Dimick for his work for the JPA. In addition to being the buoy guy for the lake hazard buoys and the Sunfish races, he took the time to make 6 videos of the process of organizing a milfoil response, on DASH, and the JPA management

training. Please check these out on the JPA website under the Milfoil tab.

Another example of fundraising for milfoil comes from the group that gathers each Wednesday afternoon to play Mah Jongg at the JPA pavilion. They generously donated their season's winnings—totaling over \$400—to support milfoil recovery efforts. In addition to their contribution, the group took time to engage in meaningful discussions to better understand the challenges and ongoing work involved in managing milfoil. It is efforts like this that makes Joe's Pond such a special place.

## July 4th Boat Parade

Decorate your boat and join the fun as we celebrate America's 250th birthday and bring back the Joe's Pond Boat Parade! Meet at 1:30pm with your decorated boat behind the big island near Doug Hamilton's. The parade will begin promptly at 2:00pm. Jeremy will lead the parade clockwise around the pond, starting at the big island, heading up to the small pond, and returning.

There's no fee to participate—we just want a headcount of how many boats will be joining. Sign up with Jeremy Grenier: 802-505-0032.

## Cyanobacteria Report



One advantage of a very dry summer is that we had very little cyanobacteria blooms. The reason, for the fewer number of blooms is less water runoff into the Pond. We did have small blooms again in September as we experienced normal rainfall levels. Fortunately, the efforts of several Ponders to slow runoff is mitigating this issue. Creating “no-mow zones” and maintaining the natural forest buffers will help keep our Pond Cyano-free.

Schedule a visit with the VT Lake Wise program to learn about ways you can manage your shoreline property to ensure that Joe’s Pond stays healthy and continues to provide clean water, safe recreation, and critical wildlife habitat for years to come! The staff will join you to assess your property, and share ideas on ways you could make your property “lake-friendly” It is free and NON-REGULATORY Scan the QR code to view the Lake Wise Program.



Dorothea Penar [dfpenar@comcast.net](mailto:dfpenar@comcast.net)

## Signs & Membership



This past year was relatively quiet, with only a couple of new homeowners on the lake to welcome. This spring, however, we will have a number of new members to greet, as several properties changed ownership over the fall and winter.

This past summer, we were able to get the road signs up to date thanks to Thierry Guerlain, who painted a number of new signs. Thanks also to Larry Rossi, who replaced the base of the Old Homestead sign and was able to put the road sign back in place. As always, my thanks to Jamie Stewart for helping me install and remove the road signs in the spring and fall, and to the road captains who take care of many of the signs throughout the year.

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## 2026 Ice Out Report

Spring 2026 arrived at Joe’s Pond on April 16 at 6:21AM when the block fell through the ice, disconnecting the clock on Diane Rossi’s boathouse. This marked the end of the 38<sup>th</sup> Ice Out Contest. As in previous years, the weather during the winter was variable and quite unpredictable. About ten days after Thanksgiving the ice was on the lake to stay. Not long after that, fishing shanties began to appear just off the shore near the state fishing access. All the fishing shanties were removed just before the end of March, and on Easter Sunday, the ice measured just over 18 inches thick. In fact, Diane Rossi noted parasailers on the pond. The weather varied from long periods of temperatures below zero to warm rain and wind. Many of the residents were sure that the block could drop at any time.

There are two winners this year, each guessing within one minute of the block’s drop time. Timothy Hutchinson from Springfield, VT with a guess of 6:20 AM, and J R Howard from North Hero, VT with a guess of 6:22 AM. Both winners will receive a check for \$3,933.00 and a certificate acknowledging their winning guesses. We hope that both winners will be able to join us at the Spring Meeting to receive their checks and certificates.

There were over 16,000 tickets sold this year, which was very close to last year’s total. As in previous years, April 20<sup>th</sup> saw a spike in guesses, with 20 submitted at 4:20 AM and 45 at 4:20 PM, which is the unofficial marijuana holiday.

The Ice Out Committee is looking for some new energy and people to join its forces. There are many opportunities to contribute to this annual contest. Since it officially began in 1988, it has grown by leaps and bounds. The committee members have a wonderful chance to meet residents and businesses who distribute tickets. If interested, please contact any committee member.

Diane Rossi, MaryAnn Casani, Theresa Dimick, Larry Rossi and Michelle Walker

## PICKLEFEST

Thanks to all the players, volunteers and spectator's who made the 2025 Picklefest and Doubles tourney another success. We raised over \$1200 for the PB/tennis courts. It was a lively, fun bunch both days celebrating the Joe’s Pond Pickleball community! Summer '25 Picklefest final had Kim Kidney and Tom Segale barely beating Paul Penar and Scott Burns in an exciting close game. Brothers Mike and Tom Segale just got by the father-son duo of Alex and Tao Bravakis in the advanced division, and Grandfather-grandson duo Dave Kidney and Gus Bravakis winning the pickles in the intermediate division over Devin Hebert and Betty Le.



Tom Segale [tom\\_segale@mac.com](mailto:tom_segale@mac.com)



## *Friends We've Lost*

**Dolan, Frank**, 82, (86 Narrows Dr), died on 8/6/2025 in Hanover, NH. Frank was an engineer in Hanover, where he contributed to many projects, including work on the restoration of the Hubble Space Telescope. Outside of his career, Joe's Pond was his cherished retreat, where he was well known for his rides in his beloved wooden boat. Frank was intelligent yet humble, and will be remembered for his caring nature, kindness and easygoing spirit. He was predeceased by his first wife, Gail, and his son, Andy. He is survived by his wife, Jenny Gelfan; his daughter, Kirsten; his grandson, Zach; his great-grandson, Mikian; and three siblings.



many lasting memories together at Joe's Pond. Joe is survived by five of his children: Gary, Daniel, Brenda, Douglas, and Michelle.

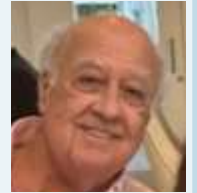
**Patin, Paul**, 81, (75 Point Comfort Rd) died on 1/22/2024 in Blue Point, NY. Paul was a nuclear engineer founding his own company. He was an avid sailor and a two-time winner of the Raven Class National Championship. Paul truly enjoyed his time on the pond with family. He is survived by his wife, Priscilla, son Paul-Jon, siblings and 2 grandchildren, Nicholas & Andre.



**Kenneth "Ken" Mason**, 87, (former owner of 1581 West Shore Rd,) passed away on May 10, 2025, in Berlin, VT. Ken enjoyed a varied and productive career over the years, serving as Barre Town Clerk, Vice President at Granite Savings Band and also worked for the VT Highway Department. Music was an important and enduring part of Ken's life. He was happiest sitting at a keyboard, piano, or organ, sharing his love of music with those around him. Ken is survived by his former wife, Nancy; his son Kevin of Florida; and his son Kent (Cherese) of Cabot.



**Quatrini, Steven**, 81, (former camp owner of 167 Barre Ave.) died on 12/30/2025 in Naples, FL. Steve was a longtime realtor in St Johnsbury whose expertise helped many families buy and sell camps on Joe's Pond. Beyond his professional life, he was an avid golfer and an active, well-loved member of the Joe's Pond community, always engaged in its vibrant social life. He is survived by his wife, Susan; his two daughters, Samantha and Shelby; and his five cherished grandchildren.



**Joseph "Joe" Mureta**, 96, (former owner of 225 Old Homestead Rd), passed away on October 29, 2025, in Montpelier. A proud Korean War veteran, Joe spent much of his working life alongside his father at Montpelier Granite Works. He had a deep love for the outdoors and found great joy in hunting and fishing. Above all, Joe cherished his family and his faith. Summers were a special time for Joe and his six children, who created



**Rubalcaba, Cynthia**, 74, (33 Barre Ave), died on 12/6/2025 in Essex Jct, Vt. Cynthia was a 1973 graduate of UVM and worked in the UVM office of Residential Life her entire career. An avid hockey fan, mentor of Alpha Delta Pi, stock car racing enthusiast, and a prolific gardener. Cindy spent a lot of time at camp enjoying her family and rousing card games. Well known on the pond, Cindy will be dearly missed. She is survived by her sister, Patricia, and two brothers Michael and Steven and his partner Karen Gadapee.



## *Extended Family Members*

- Foran, Wayne**, 84, father of Patrick Foran (124 Otis Dr), died on 4/15/2025 in Montpelier, VT.
- Molinaroli, Bruce**, 87, father of Brooke Molinaroli (1225 West Shore Rd) died on 12/14/2025 in New York City.
- Russell, Paula**, 44, daughter of Doug and Patricia Hood (8 Otis Dr) died on 5/11/2025 in Lebanon, NH.
- Talbot, Gwen**, 79, sister of Carolyn Hamilton (1785 West Shore Rd) and sister-in-law of Marti Talbot (1279 West Shore Rd) died on 11/25/2025 in Ashburn, VA.
- Thurston, Charles (Dan)**, 93, brother of Ernest Thurston (19 Pt. Comfort Rd), died 12/28/2025 in St. Johnsbury, VT.

### Welcome

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### Property Transfers

- Farr, Mark & Patricia** sold 3322 Rte 2W to **Michael Lunski**, Charlotte, NC.
- Hall, John & Jo Anna** sold 150 Otis Drive to **Robert & Ann Hutchins**, Barre, VT.
- Robinson, Jack & Elizabeth** sold 60 Birch Bound Rd to **Katie Emerson & Mark Woodward**, Old Town, FL.
- Somerville, Steve & Sarah** sold 1639 W Shore Drive to **Justin Gregorie**, Salisbury, NH.
- Talbot, Marti** sold 1239 W Shore Road to **Peter Hess**, Huntington, VT.

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