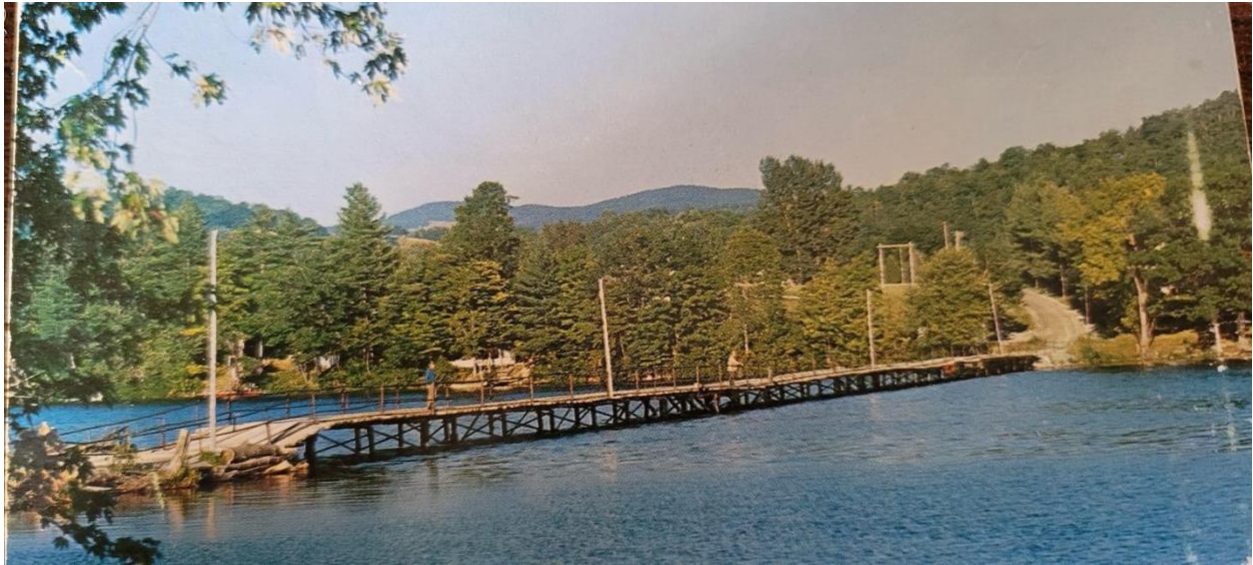


Lake Bomoseen Association Spring 2024 Newsletter



Early days of the original 'Float Bridge', looking east.

What's Been Happening on Lake Bomoseen? [Join Us!](#)

- Ice out early!
- Loon sightings at Rustics Cove!
- New renovations at the Lake House Restaurant!
- The Lake Bomoseen Taproom provides year-round cheer!
- LBA awarded \$35,000 LWAP grant!
- Greeters Program 2024
- Lake Wise Program 2024
- New Wake boat laws

Save these dates:

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| •Parade | July 6 th -Main Street Castleton |
| •Fireworks! | July 6 th -Crystal Beach |
| •Annual Meeting | July 27 th - Location TBD-soon! |
| •LBA Bomo Bash: | August 4 th - Bomoseen Taproom! |

- **Mild winter, and Ice-out early!**

We had an unusually short ice season this winter on Bomoseen. Avid ice fisherman, Brian Reynolds made the following observations:

“It was one of the earliest ice-outs ever by all accounts as far as I know. I think the official day was March 7th. At the end of December, the lake froze on the north side of Float Bridge and a bit to the south. By January 5th, the ice passed Spooner Point, but then it got peeled back by heavy winds. The main lake froze around January 17th (that’s when I first fished it) and I think it took a couple weeks from there before the entire lake was considered ‘safe’ ice”.

The Castleton Lions Club fishing derby was also canceled again this year due to lack of ice. Lots of crazy wind and storms throughout the winter, but very little snow.



- **Loon sightings at Rustics Cove!**

A Spooner Point resident spotted and photographed a pair of loons circling the shoreline, just south of the Float Bridge. Please let us know if you see any loons on Bomoseen that appear to perform ‘nesting activities’ (gathering building materials) so we can contact loon biologist, [Eric Hanson](#).

Eric recently built a nesting platform for a ‘Territorial Pair’ on Lake St.Catherine.



UPGRADES!



• **Renovations at the Lake House Restaurant!**

The Lake House restaurant made some gorgeous improvements just in time for the summer 2024 season. Please stop by for a lovely lakeside meal served by their excellent staff. We appreciate and support our local businesses!

- **The Lake Bomoseen Taproom** provides year-round cheer! We love this wonderful restaurant and event venue so much that we are hosting our summer **Bomo-Bash** there two years in a row! We also appreciate having a local restaurant providing wonderful food and great service to our community all year round!
- **The Bomoseen Lodge** also received some ‘renovation- love’ over the winter season and begins the 2024 summer season with brand new siding and remodeled decks. Bring on summer 24!
- **Crystal Beach** has a newly built stairway from the parking lot to the water!

LAKE HEALTH NEWS!

- **Grant for Lake Health study!**

LBA was awarded a **\$35,000 LWAP grant** through the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District (PMNRC)! The Lake Bomoseen Association will partner with Fitzgerald Environmental Associates on a **Lake Watershed Action Plan**.

An **LWAP** is an assessment and planning tool that identifies the greatest threats to the lake ecosystem. These plans ask the questions: “What issues threaten the health of our lake most”? and “What can we do about them”? [Learn more about the LWAP process here.](#)

- **Greeters Program 2024**

Our **Greeters Program** is back in full swing for summer 2024, financed by the LBA with matching grants from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. Greeters play a vital role in preventing the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species by inspecting boats entering and exiting our lakes at launch sites.

If you are looking for a **great summer job**, email us at lakebomoseenassociation@gmail.com

Learn more about the Greeters Program [here](#)





- **Lake Wise Program 2024**

The goal of the [Lake Wise](#) program is to establish a new culture of lakeshore landscaping that is proven to protect the lake. There are government funds available to pay for improvements in some cases.

A property that earns the **Lake Wise Award** will represent a "model" shoreland property. The Lake Wise Award certifies a property is well managed, using shoreland [Best Management Practices](#), and is maintained to care for the lake.

Please contact [us](#) if you would like to be part of this non reporting, free assessment. And afterwards you may be able to sport this great sign on your shoreline!

• **New regulations for Wake Boats as of April 15th**

The DEC's rule would allow wake boats to engage in wake sports on public waters under the following three conditions:

- On lakes, ponds, and reservoirs with a minimum of 50 contiguous acres that are 500 feet from shore on all sides and 20 feet deep (eligibility rule)
- Wake boats must be 500 feet from shore at all times while engaging in wake sports (operating rule)
- A wake boat must stay in one lake per calendar year unless boat is decontaminated by a DEC-approved entity (home lake rule)

Under this newly approved rule, wake boats can engage in wake sports on 30 inland lakes in Vermont, one of which is Lake Bomoseen

This rule will be in effect for the 2024 boating season.

You can check out all the zone maps [here](#)

And the Lake Bomoseen map [here](#)

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