

# The Reservoir Review

*A Newsletter About Life on Neponset Reservoir*

## FLOATING DOCKS AND WHAT TO KNOW

**I THINK WE'D ALL AGREE** that living on a lake is one of life's greatest pleasures. And along with that pleasure comes our desire for a dock to tie-up our canoe, kayak, power boat or just to put out a chair and enjoy the scenery.

There are plusses and minuses to both stationary docks as well as floating docks, however for purposes of this issue, we are focusing on floating docks and the important things to know.

That said, whether you're installing it yourself or having it professionally installed, the key thing to keep in mind is whether the floats being used to hold up the dock are made of encapsulated polystyrene or unencapsulated polystyrene.

Encapsulated polystyrene is what you want your floats to be made of as it is surrounded by a polyethylene shell. The shell is a material, usually black, that is harmless to the environment, recyclable and prevents the polystyrene from breaking apart.



Encapsulated polystyrene floats that are environmentally safe

Unencapsulated polystyrene, also known as styrofoam, is largely an inert product made from petroleum products and consists of small polystyrene beads fused together. Once it begins to age and break apart, it results in pieces of white or blue, virtually indestructible, beads and pieces lining the shoreline. When swallowed by fish and waterfowl, it can clog the intestines, preventing digestion of food and leading to starvation.



Images of unencapsulated polystyrene, from broken dock floats, in various states of decay.

Unencapsulated polystyrene floats are being increasingly banned on lakes and rivers in a majority of states. While not yet banned on lakes in Massachusetts, many towns are considering it and Foxboro is one of them.

As of November 2023, within Massachusetts, 61 cities and towns, across 12 counties, representing over 1.3 million people, have already banned some form of polystyrene.

More importantly, if you own a floating dock and the floats are made of unencapsulated polystyrene, you may want to look into replacing them with something more environmentally friendly. Your neighbors, our aquatic and semi-aquatic friends and the environment will thank you.



# A SUMMER OF FUN?

Keep an eye out for our next Newsletter which just may include some activities taking place this summer on our lake! Once it's all together, we will be sure to let you know!



🎵🎵 *Rock the Boat, Don't Rock the Boat, Baby....* 🎵🎵

## JOIN US for our MONTHLY ZOOM MEETINGS

The NRRC meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Check our website at [www.neponsetreservoir.com](http://www.neponsetreservoir.com) 24 hours prior to get the Zoom sign-in information for the Tuesday, May 7 meeting.





# NEWS YOU CAN USE....

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! **SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024** is **CLEAN-UP FOXBORO DAY from 8:00 AM-Noon!** And NRRC will be participating!! We will focus on the Lane Property (off North St), Kersey Point, Edwards Road Boat Launch and some other areas on the lake. And we would love some help. If you want to help us clean up some key areas around our lake, please [click here](#) and it will take you to the Clean Up Foxboro Day page.

Click on the VOLUNTEER HERE button and it will bring you to the sign up page. Fill in your name/ email/ phone/ address and T-Shirt size. Then, where it asks if you're part of a group, check YES and put NRRC in as the group name.

On May 11, at 8:00 A.M., the day of the clean-up, NRRC and all volunteers will sign in at Schneider Electric, 38 Neponset Ave. Then head for Kersey Point, Lane Property or Edwards Road Boat Launch and there'll be someone from NRRC at each location. Following the clean up, from Noon-1:00 PM, pizza will be served at the Grove.

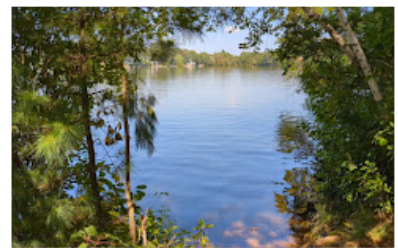
We hope you will join us at one of those spots. Let's help make a difference!



Edwards Road  
Carry-Boat Launch



Lane Property



Kersey Point



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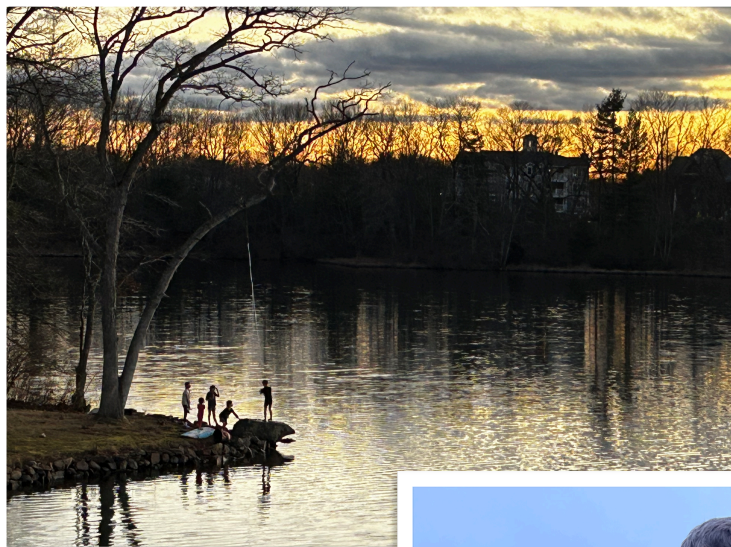
**HELP WANTED:** The NRRC is looking for a couple of young, strong people to work with one of our NRRC members to help put the buoys in the water this season. They are heavier than they look, each weighing 60-70 lbs, and there are 5 of them.

It also involves one of the people leaning over the boat and reaching down into the water 12-16 inches to retrieve a submerged float with a chain to attach to the buoy. If you think this is something you could do, please respond via our email at: [Lakelife@neponsetreservoir.com](mailto:Lakelife@neponsetreservoir.com).





# LAKE LIFE



Henry Diamond catches a LARGE Large-Mouthed Bass!  
Way To Go, Henry!!!

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