

DEXTER LAKES ASSOCIATION FALL NEWSLETTER

Our Mission:

Is to monitor and preserve our beautiful lakes.

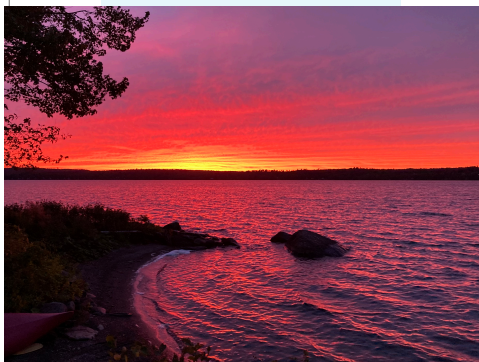
How it Rained this Summer!

We saw some of the highest lake levels ever! Pieces of dock floated away and boats left their moorings and floated ownerless across the water. One resident had a good solution!



Annual General Meeting at the VFW Hall

Despite the many days of rain, we had a grand summer. Our annual general meeting was held on July 12, 2023 at the VFW Hall on Cedar Street, Dexter with 47 attendees. The invited speaker was Caroline Murray from Maine Lakes who inspired us to help keep phosphorus out of the lake by slowing run-off so the ground can filter out phosphorus carrying sediment. The Lake Smart Program provided by Maine Lakes is a free program to help us do this, for more information check out <https://www.lakes.me/lakesmart>. Janie Snyder also presented the techniques and tools that are handy while checking for non-native invasive aquatic plants.



Sunset on the Eve of Storm Lee



Here they Come!! The 4th of July Boat Parade



Nine DLA volunteers assisted with the Audubon Society's annual Loon Count on July 17. Nineteen (19) adults were counted. Two chicks (twins) hatched on the Big Lake after the loon count and are thriving (see photo). Two nests on the Little Lake produced three chicks which did not survive, most likely due to eagle predation. Two new "Look out for Loon" signs were posted by each boat landing to help make boaters aware of the fragility of our loons.



Janie Snyder looking for invasive aquatic plants.

The Invasive Plant Patrol revealed No Aquatic Invasives, but two shoreline Invasives: Purple Loosestrife, and small patches of Yellow Water Iris exist on the shore. Both appear on the Maine State Invasive List. The high rains changed the range of the purple loosestrife, increasing it in new areas (previously dry, now wet) and decreasing it in others (previously wet but now too wet). There were 8 volunteers in the patrol effort this year. Approximately 60 hours of IPP volunteer time were logged in 2023



Invasive Yellow Water Iris by the causeway