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From our President:

Dear Members,

Ice Out was declared March 27 by our team of Fred Blodgett, Joe Giard and John Greenman. Open water gives us a sign of hope that soon we'll be out on the water in our boats.

We're living in unprecedented times for our generation of life on Earth and we've found ourselves unprepared and playing a fast game of catch-up. On the positive side this planet is getting a bit of cleansing with the reduced carbon footprint. But the impact on all of our lives from health to social to economic welfare is huge. These are times for reassessing priorities, staying in contact, and practice pulling together during a pandemic.

While so much has changed, we as a lake community will remain strong. We probably will have to alter our plans for gathering face to face this summer. Deb and Barry at the Alamoosook Lakeside Inn are open to us changing dates for our meetings if needed. We'll just have to wait to make those decisions come June.

With funds kindly donated by an active member of our association we have purchased our own ALA ProSolo DO meter to monitor temp and oxygen levels. We were also able to purchase a dedicated ALA board laptop which will be passed from president to president with ALA files including archived documents, all with backup. It will be used for video conferencing and networking with MLS, LSM, Hancock County Lakes Association, etc. I will be organizing and transferring files from my personal computer to the laptop in the coming months.

Our May 12th board meeting will be through online video conferencing. If you have concerns or ideas to share with the board please contact one of us.

The work we do to preserve and protect Alamoosook will continue. Water quality testing? No problem. John and I can easily do this together. Should we need another's boat we'll practice the physical distancing protocol. We'll be out there in all-weather gear in April !

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Ralph Jewett

BUCKSPORT - Ralph Joseph Jewett passed away on November 29, 2019, surrounded by his family, in the town he loved. For 93 years, he served as a towering figure of honesty, selflessness, and dedication to all who knew him, leaving a remarkable legacy.



We tragically lost Brian Wardwell.

<https://www.ellsworthamerican.com/obituary/brian-r-wardwell/>

Also Dawsie Pierce

<https://obituaries.bangordailynews.com/obituary/dawsie-pierce-1078871959>

We are grateful for our Alamoosook community. Let's continue helping each other as we look to the future.

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Alamoosook All Clear Team can do the survey work keeping distant from each other even if working in pairs of kayaks. A review of procedure can be done online and maps and forms downloaded, and equipment picked up without risk. Lake Stewards is developing training videos to use in place of face-to-face trainings that may need to be cancelled for this summer, but survey work will continue, especially on Big Lake in Washington County where invasive variable water-milfoil was discovered last year. This news brings invasives closer to home.

Courtesy Boat Inspection may be problematic for 2020. There could be a huge influx of people boating OR a sizable reduction if the usual vacationers stay home and shelter in place. There's no way to predict. We will not want to put our paid employees or volunteers at risk if the pandemic is still raging as predicted through the summer months. ALA's coordinators will be making recommendations to the Board and no doubt we'll be getting guidance from the state organizations.

Please take good care of yourselves. Those who live outside of Maine, let us know your plans for returning to Alamoosook. In the meantime keep reaching out to each other!

With warm wishes,
Katie
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Thanks to Lisa Dewese for the photos.

Your Board of Directors decided to forego the Ice-Out Contest this year out of sensitivity to the recent tragedy.

This website keeps historical ice-out data:

https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/water_activities/boating/ice_out16.shtml#iceoutHistoric



