

## **Boat Raffle**

Finally, we are also sponsoring a **pontoon boat raffle!** 

For just \$100 you could win a gently used

2024 Sun Tracker Party Barge

(18 DLX with 75 HP Mercury and trailer).

We will sell a minimum of 400 tickets and a maximum of 500 tickets, and the drawing will be

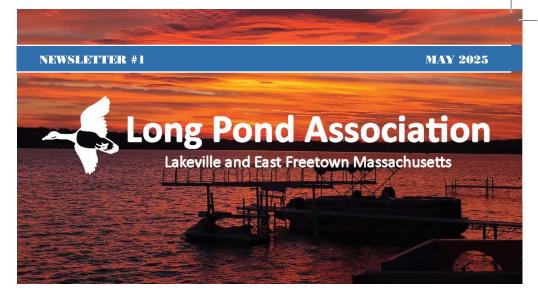
Saturday, July 5, 2025 at 4 p.m. at the Lakeville Eagles –

217 County Street, Lakeville, MA.

Please click here for more information:

LongPondAssociation.org/fundraiser-2025





## **Hello from Long Pond Association!**

We are pleased to bring you our first newsletter!

Our Association's objective is to reach out to you — someone who has an interest in the lake and its future — to tell you a little about who we are, what we are doing to preserve the quality of this body of water that we all love — and, candidly, to ask for your help and support.

We are looking forward to a great season on the lake – and we hope we can count on you to get involved and lend a helping hand!



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# What Have We Been Working On?

As many of you know, an invasive weed called milfoil is slowly but aggressively spreading on the pond. We work closely with SPREDD (Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District) and APC (Assawompset Pond Complex) to do everything we can to combat this weed in Long Pond.



In addition to receiving funds from our members and sponsors, we've worked hard to apply for and

receive over \$150,000 in state funding, either directly or through SRPEDD. 100% of these funds have been directed to the elimination of milfoil and fanwort. Among other things, we've used those funds to pay for an outside company to operate a weed "harvester" that pulls the weeds from shallow areas of the pond, and to pay for commercial divers to dive to the bottom and pull the weeds in deeper areas of the pond. In addition, we have recently purchased our own pontoon boat and the equipment needed to make our own "D.A.S.H." Boat (Diver Assisted Suction Harvester") to assist the divers that pull the weeds from the pond. We've even purchased an underwater camera to help us be more efficient with the weed pulls, and a trailer to haul the weeds away from the pond, where they are stored and converted to a valuable compost material. One of our goals is to eventually purchase our own weed harvester.

These are just a few examples of the important things that **Long Pond Association** is working on. Please visit our website or contact us for more information.

### We Need Your Help!

As a non-profit, all volunteer organization, we are writing today because we need your help in continuing our mission.



If you haven't joined the Association, please consider doing so today – it's only \$25 per year! You can apply for membership by clicking on this link: **LongPondAssociation.org/membership** 

Please consider volunteering to help in some capacity. We have a great group but as the saying goes, many hands make light work. So please help by getting involved. Send us an email at LongPondContact@gmail.com to let us know if you would like to get involved – or even just if you would like additional information.

We are always looking for sponsors. As a non-profit, we rely upon support from not only our membership dues but also from the generous support of area businesses and organizations. Interested? Learn more about sponsorships by visiting this link: LongPondAssociation.org/donate

# Who Is the Long Pond Association?

Our Mission Statement is to protect and improve the water quality of Long Pond, to eradicate the invasive weeds, to stabilize and protect the water level, to preserve Long Pond's status as a complete recreational body of water, to preserve wildlife and ecosystem health of the pond, and in general, to protect the property rights and promote the general welfare of Long Pond and its members.

We are an active, all volunteer, non-profit (501c3) organization. As a 501c3 organization, we are required to maintain strict control over our finances and to make this information public by filing our financial reports with the state of Massachusetts. We are, simply stated, an all volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of Long Pond.

#### Visit Our LPA Store!

Please visit the LPA store for cool sweatshirts, t-shirts and other swag.



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