

Floating Mats, January 2021

Hi Everyone,

You asked about the floating mats and whether or not they would contribute to some of the problems that we are experiencing with the pond (like cyanobacteria). Kara's response is in italics below. She is from Solitude Aquatic Technology and is usually the one who surveys the pond and applies the treatment. (She's delightful to work with.)

Will there be a day this winter when we can be skating out on the pond? If there isn't, it will be the first time since we moved here that I didn't get out at least once. I'm trying to focus on the positive and not get too discouraged about that.

Hope to see you out there one day soon!

Love,

Robi

The floating mats are likely just more of a nuisance than anything. Overtime (slowly), the ones that are truly floating, will begin to break up and sink - but again it's no quick process. But there's not really a concern of them causing any algae issues, etc. as it's just organic material that was essentially already in the pond to begin with (and hopefully it will breakdown more quickly in its current format).