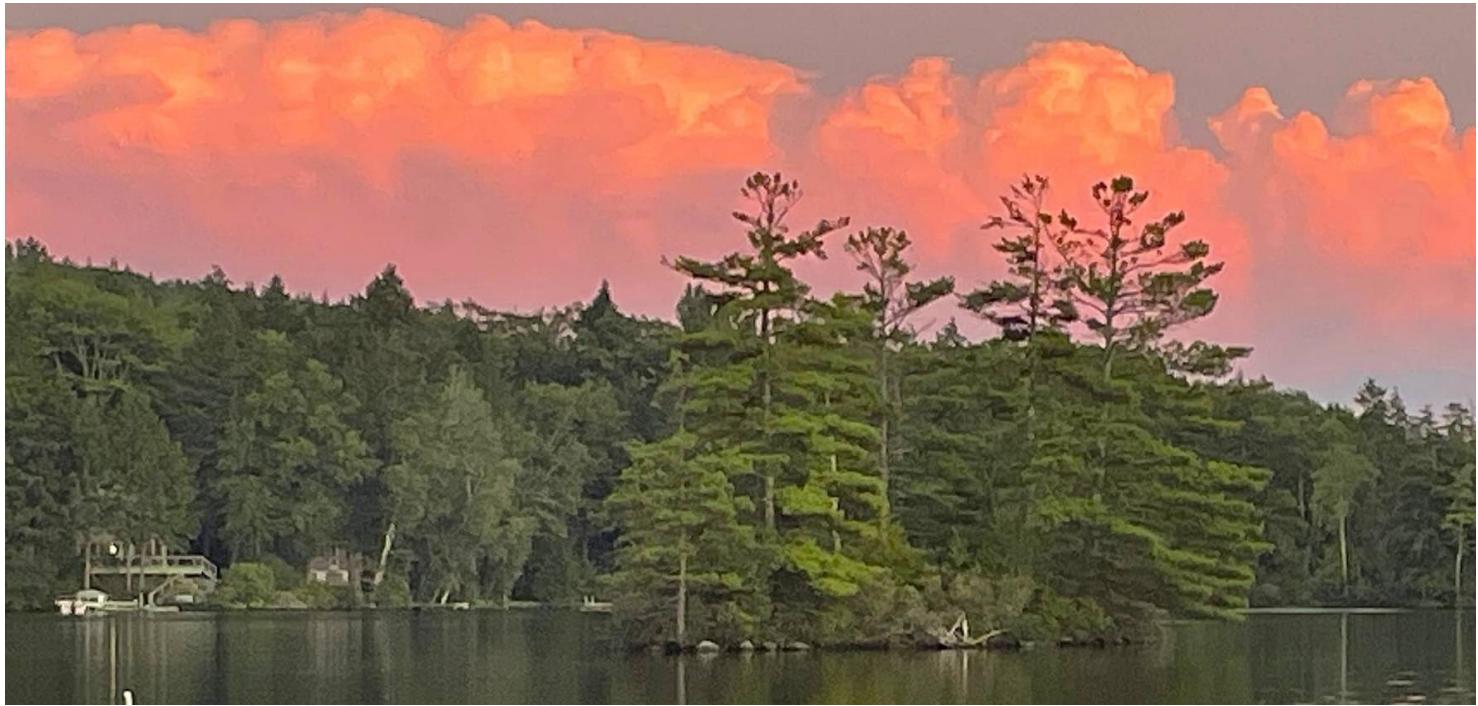




NEWS FROM THE LAKE | Aug 2025



Canadian smoke contributes to the amazing sunsets we've had this summer.

Photo: Betsy Holmes

NEWS from the LAKE:

- Another summer, another loon saga! You've probably noticed we have had lots of visiting loons this year. Mid-summer a kayaker noticed a distressed loon with a fishing lure stuck near its beak. He reported it to a Lake Host, who notified Glenn Clark and Henry Bozek. It took 2 days, 2 people from the Loon Preservation Committee, and several Deering volunteers before the loon was captured. To find out the end of the saga (and get more details!) come to the DLIA meeting on Saturday, August 30 for Glenn Clark's full report.
- Despite the early heavy rains, and then lots of very hot humid weather, the plant growth on the lake has not been excessive this year. Typical in August, our filamentous green algae is back ... We have not had a cyanobacteria bloom; the [2025 NHDES Healthy Swimming Mapper](#) shows up-to-date healthy swimming advisories, warnings, and watches throughout the state- note that Deering is advisory-free.
- The Deering Chloride Management Plan Advisory Committee has continued to meet weekly throughout the summer. They are on their way to meet the goal of presenting findings to the Deering Board of Selectmen before the 2026 budget is developed. Extensive work on this committee has been done by DLIA members Bob Compton, John Rudd and Peter Kaplan. Come to the DLIA meeting on August 30 to learn more.

NEWS from and for LAKE FOLKS:



Family Fiesta was a HUGE success! Another great DLIA memory was made on Saturday, the 20th, at the Family Fiesta! Eighty DLIA members and their families gathered for music, dancing, face painting, a crafts session (decorate an Aztec-inspired sun mobile), swimming and kayak races, limbo, corn hole, family photos and lots of great Mexican food and beverages. Guests received a goody bag filled with props and accessories, and it is fair to say that an awesome time was had by all! **A HUGE *gracias*** goes to **Kate Cleveland and Donna Raoust** for fantastic foods, events, and all the planning, and to **Pam Trombino and Henry Bozek** for sharing their *playa* with us all!



Photos of kayak races, wonderful décor, and our intrepid organizers and volunteers- more pics at the end of the newsletter!

Not to be outdone, the events committee has more in store – mark your calendars:

4th Annual Harvest Happy Hour

This year's event will be hosted by Lilian and Bob Carter on Saturday, September 20 from 3-6:30 PM
211 Lake Shore Drive

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Cost is \$10 per person. We will start sign-ups at the August 30 DLIA meeting.

**Holiday Open House
Save the Date!**

Tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, December 21st
At the home of Betsy and Ralph Holmes, 209 Lake Shore Drive

****Important Information**:**

We've had some reports of folks failing to receive DLIA emails. In the cases we've followed up on thus far, this is because the emails had gone into the recipient's junk/spam folder. This can happen. Often, when you don't receive emails from a sender in several months, your email program will divert emails from this sender into spam/junk when they do resume.

Please go into your “Contacts List” in your email program and create a contact for DLIA Emails with the address of olivier@raoust.com. This is the sender email address we've been using. Once you've added DLIA emails from olivier@raoust.com as a contact, you should no longer have a problem receiving them.

The next ROADSIDE CLEANUP will be held on Saturday, October 4- this is a town-wide effort, leaving at 9am from the town hall. Plan to arrive early to get a vest and to be assigned a team. We (the DLIA) do about 2 miles along Deering Center Road; it usually takes about an hour. *Thanks to Glenn and Carole Clark for running this 3 times every year.*



NO OPEN FIRES!!!

Please be aware that due to extreme dry conditions (and brush fires in the area) there is a **ban on any outdoor fires** in Deering - even if you have a fire permit. Hopefully this will be lifted with the rains that are forecast, but in the meantime please check with Town Hall or the Deering Residents Facebook page for updates.

NEWS from the DLIA Council:

As of Monday, August 25, we still do not have candidates for any open positions in DLIA. Positions that need candidates:

*President
Vice-President
Secretary
Council Members (2 positions)*

Remaining members:

*Barbara Larmand, serving as Past President
Lilian Carter, Treasurer
Ben Barkhouse, council member
Dave Glaunder, council member*

Thanks to the following individuals who have served on the Board and will be leaving:

*Betsy Holmes (9 years- continuing on Membership and Lake Protection committees)
Sue Kaufman (4 years- continuing on Lake Protection committee)
Charles Hambrick-Stowe (4 years- will continue with “Meet your Neighbor”)
Cameron Lewis (2 years)*

There is still time! Please let [Barbara Larmand](#) know if you'd like to join the team to help DLIA continue as a vital organization for our lake community. Our work is more important than ever, with volunteers working on environmental concerns, community gatherings, and providing important information to our neighbors via our directory, newsletters and direct mailings.

Even if you are not on the DLIA Council, you still can help! Volunteers are always welcome on the following committees: Social Events, Lake Protection, Membership. We'd like to have someone relieve Olivier from Website duty—he's been covering it for many years! Please ask someone at the meeting if you'd like more information.

We are very interested in knowing YOUR thoughts about the current structure of DLIA – please bring your ideas to the August 30 meeting – we will be soliciting suggestions to keep this organization relevant, and thoughts on ways to develop more community involvement.

The revised DLIA directory will be available to all members at the August DLIA meeting- if you can't be there to pick up yours, contact [Lilian Carter, Treasurer](#). Please pay your membership dues if you have not yet done so you can receive your copy! Dues are \$40/year per household. You may pay by check or cash at the August meeting or by mail (P.O. Box 691, Hillsboro, NH 03244), or by credit card (for \$43) at the [DLIA website](#).

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Aug 31: Boat Parade closing Summer 2025**
- **Sep 6:** Traditional Rug Hooking - At the Deering Library, starting at 10 AM - Resident Nancy Stauffer will demonstrate her technique in creating hooked rugs
- **Sep 13:** Monthly Breakfast at Deering Community Church- 2nd Saturday of the month. All are welcome!
- **Sep 13:** Orienteering (Map & Compass) - At the Deering Library at 10:30 AM - Resident Eric Stauffer will teach a class in orienteering. Learn or review how to use a compass and a map to navigate in the wild.
- **Sep 20 (rain date Sep 27): Harvest Happy Hour, 3-6 at the Carters. The theme is 'Apples'!**
- **Sep 20:** Blood Pressure Checks - Provided by resident and Nurse Practitioner, Grace Donison Turcotte, APRN. At the Deering Library from 10 AM until Noon
- **Oct 4: Roadside Clean-up, Town Hall 9am**
- **Oct 11:** Monthly Breakfast at Deering Community Church- 2nd Saturday of the month. All are welcome!
- **Dec 21: Holiday Open House at the Holmes'**

Final thoughts:

I've truly enjoyed serving in a variety of ways on the DLIA council these past 9 years, and hope that some of you will agree to carry the torch onwards. Deering is our home and Ralph and I have richer lives for getting to know our lake neighbors—DLIA involvement has been critical to that end. While I'm leaving the council, I'll still be fully engaged: weed-watching, getting involved in the lake protection committee, and putting out the newsletter. Thanks to *everyone* who volunteers for our community – hope to see more of you next year!

Betsy Holmes
DLIA Past President, Membership Committee



Bob Monahan and Doug Dalrymple at the Crafty Table



Pin the Tail on the Donkey -- with stickers instead of pins. Lots of award handed out!



Lots of crafts – when kids weren't competing in other events!



Different age groups competed in timed swimming events



Everyone cheering on the swimmers – these kids are FAST!



Look how much fun DLIA volunteers were having! Peg and Karl Hauschmidt officiated for the kayak races;

Helen Grembowicz and Kirk Searle were awesome starting and timing all the swim races. Thanks folks!!!



Make sure you give a special thanks to Donna Raoust and Kate Cleveland-- they handle EVERYTHING,
including the cooking!



Adios friends, til we meet again next year!