

Big Moose Property Owners Fall Newsletter



Photos courtesy of Bill Burrows Jr

The fall turned very brisk very quickly, and as we begin to think about snowmobile season, I wanted to take a moment to share a few updates and announcements to close out 2026.

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Rec Program:

We had a very successful rec program this summer, with our new Rec Director Darren Smith jumping right in. We had 14 families and 24 kids in the program. Sailing lessons were a big hit this summer, along with Thursday night "Big Activity" night, swim lessons, one of the biggest turnouts for the lake swim in recent memory and many other activities. We are very happy to report that Darren will be returning for 2027!

Water Invasives:

Water Quality is one of our top priority items each year, and your annual dues help fund all of our water quality and invasive species diligence. Results are in from the 2025 Aquatic Invasive Species Survey, conducted by Adirondack Research, and we continue to be invasive free! This survey is conducted every three years and rakes the full perimeter of the lake looking for plant invasives, as well as sampling for aquatic invasives (e.g., spiny water flea). We are thrilled to continue to have these results and thank the diligence of Dunn's for cleaning boats, our commercial members who direct guests to Dunn's, and to our members for their continued vigilance.

Read the AIS report from 2025 here:

[**AIS Survey Report**](#)

In addition to the AIS Survey, Kurt Pardue returned to conduct his annual invasives survey of the lake (thanks, Kurt!) and found no aquatic invasives present.

You can be directly involved in the early detection process. We have introduced the Lake Protectors program in which a Protector adopts and monitors an area of the lake for invasive species. Protectors receive training on how to identify and report aquatic invasive species (online for convenience). Protectors then monitor the lake at least once between July and September. Most volunteers spend 1-2 hours to monitor. Please consider volunteering for this important program! Contact Paul Powers at [**pkpowers@gmail.com**](mailto:pkpowers@gmail.com)

Water Quality:

We completed our twice per summer water testing for E. Coli, conducted in July and September and we continue to have outstanding results. Approximately 20 sites are sampled around the lake and all are well below recreational thresholds. Thanks to Paul Powers, Patrick Duffy and Ed Chase for spearheading this effort.

The Adirondack Lake Assessment Program (ALAP), which looks at 10 various water quality measures including alkalinity and transparency, was completed in 2025 and all results are in excellent ranges.

During our annual meeting, a question came up about how to know which lakes are, and are not, invasive free so an individual can be aware if traveling to those bodies of water. This is a link to an interactive map of lakes and their invasive species status in the Adirondacks:

[ADK Lakes Invasive Status Map](#)

Association Center Bathrooms:

We expect in 2027 that the Association Center bathrooms will be open all summer and we will NOT have the porta-potty on the premises. If this approach works well for next summer, we will look to continue this in future years.

BMPOA Donations:

If you are contemplating any end of year donations, consider the BMPOA. Any amount will help keep our membership dues reasonable and continue to fund our Lake Quality and Safety programs, our fabulous rec program, and our Association Center.

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Have a fabulous fall and winter!

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