

ANDOVER LAKE

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

SPRING 2025

SAVE THE DATE!

Come join us at the Semi-Annual ALPOA Membership meeting! Voice your comments at the beach (weather permitting) on June 24th at 7:00 pm.

PURCHASE YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

PURCHASE YOUR 2025 Membership Online! Go to andoverlakeect.com and click on Purchase. Your membership includes beach use for swimming, lounging, & boat docking at one of our 7 Right of Ways.

BEACH IMPROVEMENTS

ALPOA has started working on updating areas of our beach. This includes clearing overgrown areas and re-discovering a spot where there used to be horseshoe pits! Additional updates are coming soon.



ALMA REPORT

Wow! This winter has been a wonderful ice year, for the first time in a while. Wonderful to see fishermen and families enjoying seasonal activities. We were visited by a group of DEEP Environmental Conservation officers with our local Trooper to check for fishing licenses and lake membership. It was a busy Saturday and of the 40 or so folks fishing, everyone was licensed and only 1 person did not have a membership. That person was escorted off the ice. It is possible that there will be additional visits during the summer months to check for fishing licenses, membership as well as flotation devices as are required by state law.

As required by the state, ALMA commissions an annual dam inspection to be done by an independent engineer. He makes recommendations for maintenance and then we complete the necessary repairs. These are "level 1" kinds of repairs; painting the pier, fixing cracks in the concrete, removal of plant growth. We plan for these and pay for them out of the ALMA budget. There is a "level 2" category of repairs pending; re-grading the eroding back side of the dam, repairing a toe drain and repairing the shaft of the valve that was damaged by ice. Any one of these could cost upwards of \$100,000. We will be researching people who do this kind of work and getting estimates. These larger repairs are required to prolong the life of the dam. These costs will come out of the Lake Management Fund.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

4/26 - Spring Litter Walk: 9:30

5/3 - Beach Cleanup Day: 9:30-12:30

(Rain Date 5/17)

5/24 - Beach Opening - Memorial Day Weekend!

6/7 - Open House Party & Swim Lessons Sign-Up

6/15 - Father's Day Fishing Derby

6/24 - Semi-Annual Meeting

NEW!

STICKERS & TAGS PICKUP!

Pick up your boat stickers and hang tags to save ALPOA postage costs!

Pick up at the Andover Community Center at 17 School Road

- Tuesday May 6th from 4:00-8:00
- Saturday May 10th from 9:00-11:00

The Activities Committee is putting together another fun summer for our members! Have an idea to share or interested in hosting an activity? Send an email to activities.andoverlake@gmail.com

Our monthly calendar of events will be shared via email and on our Facebook page. Stay tuned!

* ALPOA has a vacancy on the Activities Committee. Team up with Anna to organize the summer calendar, create flyers, assist volunteers and come up with new ideas for our members!

COMEDY SHOW FUNDRAISER

ALPOA is pleased to announce that we raised \$4,900 at our Comedy Show Fundraiser that was held on January 26th. The proceeds from this fundraiser go to beach improvements!



LIFE JACKETS



As a reminder, life jackets are required by law to be on your watercraft at all times. Per CT State Boating Regulations, prior to Memorial Day and after October 1, you are required to be wearing a life jacket. Children under 13 are required to wear life jackets at all times.

RACKS AND ROWS

Information about renewal of Right of Way (ROW) rack spaces for the 2025 season will be emailed out to current rack space holders in mid-April and remaining availability of ROW rack spaces will be emailed to all members in early May. NEW POLICY beginning with the 2025 season: Boats at ROWs that have paid membership and have been assigned a ROW (rack or ground) space may remain there over the winter. If payment is not received to secure the rack space for the following year via membership dues by April 30, 2025, then the owner will be asked to remove their boat. Other inquiries regarding ROWs and rack space or to update/confirm your email address can be sent to andoverlakerow@gmail.com.

ALMA Report Continued:

We are seeing increasing plant and algae growth in the lake and that can require herbicidal treatment or mechanical removal. We are reviewing the results of the recent perimeter study that looks at possible causes for hot spots of elevated nutrient levels. We can all help to protect the lake by avoiding the use of fertilizers and maintain septic systems. 60% of all CT Lakes have at least one kind of invasive plant. Hydrilla is aggressively spreading. So far, we are free of invasive plants and we continue to carefully monitor the lake. Invasive plant treatments can cost upwards of \$30,000. This cost would come out of the Lake Management Fund.

MEET THE HEAD LIFEGUARD



Avery Gohla joined Andover Lake as a lifeguard in 2021 and with outstanding job performance, she worked her way up to Assistant Supervisor and Head Swim Instructor. Avery is excited to continue her work at Andover Lake and with the community she has become a part of over the last 4 years. Avery is a Marine Affairs major and wildlife conservation minor at the University of Rhode Island who strives for adequate beach access and conservation of wildlife. In her free time, you can find her tidal pooling, swimming, crocheting or reading.

Session

Dates

Times

Session I

6/16-6/27
(10 weekdays,
no weekends)

half hour classes
10-10:30, 10:30-11,
11-11:30, 11:30-12

Session II

7/7-7/18
(10 weekdays,
no weekends)

half hour classes
10-10:30, 10:30-11,
11-11:30, 11:30-12

Session III

6/14-8/02
(8 Saturdays)

10-10:45

SWIM LESSONS

Ages 5 years and up

Sign up at the beach on Saturday, June 7th from 3pm-5pm

Cost: \$80 per child for members, \$100 per child for non-members

Additional siblings enrolling in lessons will receive a \$10 discount

Payment Methods: cash or check

Mom & Tot and Private lessons also available.

See website for details and forms.

Contact: beach.andoverlake@gmail.com