



What waters are associated with CLIC?

Great question! CLIC focusses upon the following waters:

- ~ North Lake ~ Monument Brook Stream ~ The Thoroughfare ~ East Grand Lake ~ Mud Lake ~ Spednic Lake ~ Palfrey Lake ~ Deering Lake ~ Bracket Lake ~

For more information on how to become a CLIC member or volunteer, or to get on our mailing list, contact CariAnn Michaud via phone: 207-538-2489 or email:

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Meet and Greet New Board Members

With great enthusiasm, the Board of Directors at CLIC is delighted to announce the election of a new member of the board and Newly elected Vice President of CLIC, Marie Ormerod. Marie is super motivated and ambitious for all things CLIC. Already, she has plans in the works for social media and other events. Thank you Marie for joining our team!!

What have we been up to??

HALF MOON ISLAND PICNIC, that's what!

July, 27th CLIC sponsored it's annual picnic. I think everyone that came would tell you the same...Best turn out yet! CLIC was thrilled to welcome over 200 guests and members to the picnic this year. We served almost 400 deliciously grilled red hot dogs and 4 cases of our infamous perfectly golden French fries, followed up with soft drinks and water galore. This year there was also a case of strawberry fruit cups donated for a delightful sweet treat on a beautiful sun shiny day.

One of the things my family looks forward to the most on the lake is having a picnic lunch on half-moon island. To be able to do that with over 200 of CLIC's greatest friends and family was the highlight of the season. CLIC loves meeting new people and putting on this event is the best way to do that.

CLIC was showered with over \$300 dollars in generous donations as well as bring in some new members.

May 23rd. CLIC had over 200 students from 5 schools raise salmon fry eggs. Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W) graciously delivered the Salmon eggs to each of the schools. The students maintained the water temperatures and monitored the hatching and growth of the eggs. All the students were then bussed with chaperones to East Grand Lake where they met some of the CLIC members at the along with a couple of employees of Maine IF&W. While there, the students released their salmon fry to the tune of 1529 fish. Highest number to date! Once the salmon fry were released, CLIC cooked red hot dogs, gave out bags of chips and



drinks to thank the kids for all their hard work. It was a great time and we look forward to doing it again. Job well done kids!

CLIC would like to thank Jerry Wilson for his time and talent with getting the fish tanks back up and running again in the schools. We couldn't have done it without you Jerry!

August 10th we had our Annual meeting. Danforth Fire Department graciously let us use their building and helped set up table and chairs.

One of the guest speakers was had Barbara Glanville and her sister Theresa speaking on Invasive species like mil foil and Zebra Mussels. It was a great reminder on why we need to keep our boats, oars, paddles, canoes and so many other fun things washed up nice and clean. We have to protect our beautiful water so we have something to come back to and enjoy year after year.

The other guest speaker was Neal Berry from St. Croix International Waterway Commission speak on behalf of the Forest City Dam. There are constant, aggressive negotiations to keep the Dam operational, and we appreciate having such a great advocate on our side.

Both speakers spoke passionately about their work and gave out great information. We look forward to next year and hope everyone can attend.

September 6th, Kathy and Pat Conley went out to Half Moon Island and took care of the 3 picnic table that were no longer safe for the public to use. Doug Callnan came

by the next day to help dispose of them safely.

CLIC has provided those picnic table for a few years now and appreciates the effort of the people that use them and keeping them in working condition. Keeping them out of the water gives them a longer lifespan.

Interested in local Fisheries Issues?

If you are interested in leading an effort to get the School Fish Tank Project up and running again, please contact CLIC and we will be pleased to discuss this matter with you.

Side notes in keeping our lakes healthy

As we get ready to close yet another incredible summer season, I want to be sure that cabin owners take the proper precautions for the closing up ritual.

When closing camp, for those of us that don't enjoy the lakes year round, we have to winterize the camp. That means, make sure when we come back next summer the pipes didn't freeze and there aren't any 4 legged tenants making themselves at home.

Some of the things that should be on our checklist are:

- Drain the pipes
- Look for openings inside and out to prevent rodents from entering
- Take the boat out, clean and stow the boats safely
- Remove the dock, clean and safely stow as well



It is important that we don't use poisons and pesticides in or around our buildings. Antifreeze is toxic and poses a threat to ground and surface waters and essentially not necessary once pipes are drained completely. Though, it seems effective, it is still not environmentally safe. Rodents tend to visit especially vacant homes. I have found, believe it or not, that Bounce dryer sheets (original scented) are a huge help with keeping mice and mosquitos away. Be sure to take out all food sources and liquids that may freeze and bust open before you leave too!

Stowing the boats and docks away from the shoreline is helpful and important to keeping the shoreline and vegetation stable and healthy. Also keep in mind that if you tend to drain the gas out of your boat, using a fuel stabilizer that can be found at any auto parts store will keep your fuel fresh for next season. That goes for any power equipment you may be looking to drain. If you do drain the gas or oil, be sure to use a proper collection vessel so it can be transported and disposed of in the appropriate locations and not just in the ground or at a transfer station that is not equipped to dispose of those materials.

Keeping our camps safe and clean upon closure in the winter, makes for a safer return come summer season.

Let's talk **SAVE THE DAM**

David Townsend and Marie Ormerod -

Worried About the Forest City Dam?

The CLIC 'Save the Dam Committee' was created the early spring of 2017 and continues in full force today. Its key

members have been Barry Connelly, Andrew McCain and David Townsend with critical research and logistical support from CLIC member, Christian Connelly.

Throughout its existence, this committee has had one simple objective, **SAVE THE DAM!!**

To this committee, "saving the dam" means supporting solutions which will secure a long-term future; with the 1. Dam intact, with 2. Operational gates, which will be deployed to 3. Store and release impounded waters to achieve (to the maximum extent possible) the operational objectives contained within the 30-year license issued to Woodland Pulp by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in November of 2015. At present, the operational parameters which will best achieve these objectives are found within Article 404 of that 30-year license. Saving the Dam also means opposing any solutions proposed which significantly depart from those objectives.

CLIC's Articles of Association charge the organization to pursue conservation, environmental and recreational values and outcomes will be expressed and attained by committing to the operational parameters within Article 404 of the current FERC license.

For example: (key article) Article 404 contains water levels and flow requirements intended to: protect water quality, to achieve a bi-modal operational curve with two drain and fill cycles annually, protect Spring, Summer and Winter spawning fish and their aquatic habitats, stabilize water levels to protect



the nesting and brooding activities of loons, maintain a summer recreational (high) level for boater access to docks and shorelines and, watercraft safety. These could target parameters which require a best-efforts standard.

The committee also supports requirements for a safe and effective fishway.

Stay tuned for more on this ongoing and exciting adventure in future quarterly's and for live and in person information with a chance to have questions answered, you are always welcome to attend the next Annual Meeting hosted by CLIC on August 9th.

CLIC is very grateful for this committee and its continued hard work and effort put forth every day. – Thank you

Water Quality and Testing

This year CLIC was able to learn more about the beautiful waters and what can be found in them. Zebra Mussels are ramping up in some spots and that can be an unwelcomed find for those that discover them without water shoes on. Zebra mussels are an invasive, fingernail-sized mollusk that are sharp and typically found in the Great Lakes region but are spreading rapidly. Zebra mussels negatively impact ecosystems by filtering out algae that native species need for food to include overtaking native mussels. They can take root firmly on surfaces such as rocks, docks, boats and native mussels. With the fast reproduction of Zebra mussels, they can quickly take over a water system.

To help stop the spread of Zebra Mussels, it is best to prevent them from getting into our waters at all. Research says they can only move downstream in a river and need to catch a ride to move up stream. That means that as we bring our boats and other fun motorized lake toys from place to place we are potentially causing the spread of these mussels. They are not visible to the naked eye and can be transported in the boats, in the live wells, and even in the motors. We really need to be vigilant when it comes to cleaning our boats when visiting new places. Zebra mussels can live for about 5 days without water so cleaning your boats and letting them dry for at least 5 days would be the ideal way to prevent this spread.

Lastly, thanks to North Lake Recreation Council, they have installed a boat washing station and additional signage for publics' use of the Chiputneticook Lakes area. This wash station can be found on the side of the North Lake Fire Department on Highway 122. We encourage the public to take full advantage of this station to help keep our lakes beautiful.

Please join CLIC in our efforts to keep our lakes beautiful and thriving.

More volunteers:

As we plan activities for this summer, we could always use more help. Experience in water testing is not necessary: training will be arranged.

If you have an interest in helping, please contact John Johnston via phone: 207-839-3454 or email: jjohnston1@maine.rr.com



If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for any of our committees or in becoming a CLIC member, please feel free to contact CariAnn Michaud at 207-538-2489.



Upcoming Events 2025

Half Moon Island picnic is an event you don't want to miss! Be sure to join us on July 26, 2025 from 11-1pm (ME. EST) noon-2 pm (N.B.) at the island. Should there be rain, the picnic will be on August 2, 2025.

CLIC's Annual Meeting will be held on August 9, 2025 at 9am (ME. EST) 10am (N.B.) Once a location is secured we will be sure to notify you so you can attend. Delicious homemade snacks will be provided. The more the merrier!

Lastly, CLIC wants to be sure Membership forms are updated so we don't lose contact with our members. Please update the attached form and send it back via email or snail mail, which ever you prefer. Can't wait to see you on the water this summer and surely at the picnic on Half Moon Island!

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David Townsend
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 Ann Barnes
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- + Save the Dam
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- + Navigation Markers and Buoys
 - Kathy Conley
- + Sunshine and Sympathy Club
 - Chair: Ann Barnes