

We are concerned about the **health and future of Stocker Pond**. Here are some of the ways gasoline powered boats ruin and damage fresh water ponds like ours.

- **Lakes that are small, narrow and shallow (less than 20 feet) have the greatest potential for boat damage.**
- Stocker Pond is **small, narrow and very shallow**. In 1983 it was only **15 feet deep** at its center, as you see on the enclosed map.
- Toxic hydrocarbons from boat exhaust become airborne and dissolve in water. **One gallon of gasoline burned in an average two-stroke outboard engine produces 70 times more hydrocarbon pollution than the same gallon burned in the average automobile.**
- **Gasoline powered boats ruin water quality** by churning particles up from the bottom (turbidity) which damage and kill fish, plants and other animals.
- **Additional negative impacts from gasoline powered boats** are increases in phosphorus, hydrocarbons, metals and bacteria accumulations, and adverse changes in water odor and taste.
- **Powerboat wakes damage the shore and cause erosion.** The wake greatly disturbs the loons (protected by the State of NH) and their nests, the Blue Herons and other water birds.
- **Fish and other wildlife are killed** by speeding boats.
- Powerboats on a shallow pond cause **sediment to "fill-in" the bottom.**
- Making sharp, high speed turns while waterskiing is extremely **dangerous to swimmers, other boaters, and our docks and rafts** in such a narrow, shallow pond.
- **We CAN use electric motors, sail boats, canoes, row boats, kayaks, and peddle boats. We can fish and enjoy Stocker Pond in many ways without gasoline engines.**
- The **value of your home will go down** if Stocker Pond continues to be polluted, continues to get filled-in by sediment, and the fish and wildlife die or leave!!!!!!!!!!

Please **come and discuss** this important issue **on July 3rd**. We hope you will **join in an effort to protect the health and future of this beautiful and most valuable resource, the people, fish, birds, water and plants of Stocker Pond!!!**

Mauri + Bob

STOCKER POND

GRANTHAM



Stoney Brook Road

Outlet
boat launch

ROUGH BATHYMETRIC CHART

WSPCC -- 1983

SOUNDED BY FATHOMETER

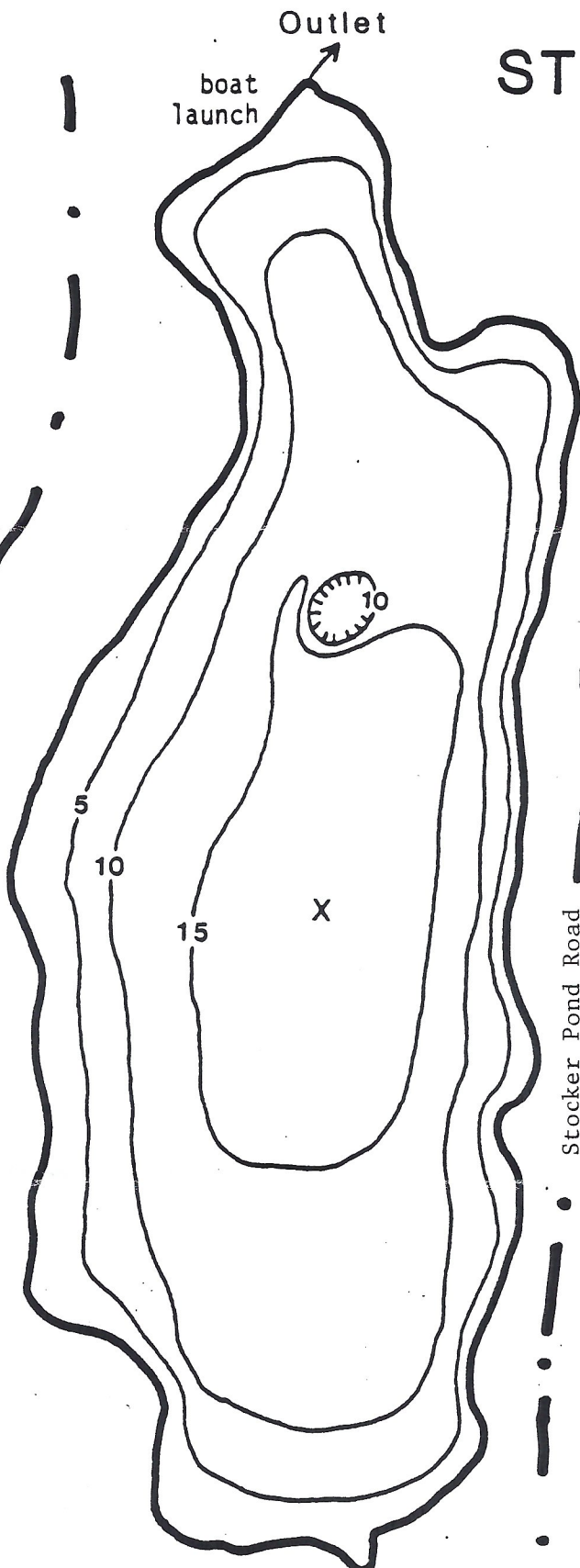
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1998 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***1135***

AN ACT relative to the use of watercraft and boats on Ledge Pond in the town of Sunapee.

SPONSORS: Rep. Leone, Sull 2; Rep. Schotanus, Sull 3; Rep. Wiggins, Sull 4; Rep. Flint, Sull 4; Sen. Whipple, Dist 8

COMMITTEE: Transportation

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits petroleum-powered motors on the waters of Ledge Pond in the town of Sunapee. The bill authorizes the use of electric-powered boats.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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61:1 New Section; Ledge Pond. Amend RSA 270 by inserting after section 129 the following new section:

270:130 Ledge Pond. No person shall use, operate, or have aboard or attached to any watercraft or motorboat, a petroleum-powered inboard or outboard motor upon the waters of Ledge Pond in Sunapee. A person may operate a boat propelled solely by an electric-powered motor on Ledge Pond. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation.

61:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

(Approved: May 12, 1998)

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GRANTHAM (Sullivan County)

Representatives:

District 2

Richard C. Leone, r, Sunapee (46 West Court) 03782-2914

District 3

Merle W. Schotanus, r, Grantham (HCR 63, Box 628) 03753-7725

Senators:

District 5

[Jim Rubens\(R\)](#), PO Box 365, Etna, NH 03750

*State of New Hampshire
New Hampshire General Court
State House
107 North State Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301*

19 December 1998

Here is the reference: House Bill 1135/Chapter 61 (DB, MS) - Added a new section 270:130 and restricts all petroleum powered inboard and outboard motor watercraft on Ledge Pond in Sunapee.

Act takes effect upon passage May 12, 1998

The criteria should be applicable to Stocker Pond.

1. Lie -No one has proposed a a ban of all gasoline powered boats on Stocker Pond
2. Barbara implies that the report was written on behalf of the property owners' association of Stocker Pond
3. Lie -Gasoline and power boats do contribute to the deterioration of a pond
4. Barbara can not make an accurate observation when she is only here 14 days out of 365 = 3.8% of the time.
We have a public landing and it is used frequently
Lie - There are 4 large, gasoline power boats owned by residents of Stocker Pond
Eckbreth boat is also used by her brothers family who ski constantly
5. Lie - Stocker Pond is not stable. See charts from report
6. Lie - there is written evidence in the report
7. Lie - no reports that any septic is leaching into the pond
8. Barbara called John Cotton to talk about the Transfer station. She did not say she was a director of the association. She did not say she was a property owner or had a boat or a boat house. His answers were about the transfer station.. Iron and manganese are the most common elements and minerals in our NH environment. They only contribute to the aesthetics of the lake and are not harmful (like ring-around-the -tub). He said there probably never was a problem on Stocker Pond and was sorry he mentioned I-89. If there ever was run off from I-89, it's not a problem any more. The run off decreases geometrically - and only lasts for a few years. I-89 drains the away from Stocker Pond. And the run off goes into the ground water, gets filtered by the ground before it gets as it moves. He is only vaguely familiar with Stocker Pond's general location, does not know 3 C's development, he can remember the details of the area, the pond layout. He is familiar with the Transfer Station. He said he was sorry he ever mentioned run off or I-89 to her.
9. Ed Mac Neill does not know Barbara. He does not know her house or her boat house and could not locate them if asked. She did not say she was a director of the association. She did not say she was a property owner or had a boat or a boat house. She called about property values in general. He said he was the wrong broker to talk with. He referred her to Art Zerbel. He said he had very limited real estate experience with ponds other than those with a 10 mph such as Eastman Lake. He told me it is conceivable property values would go up when you have no power boats on such small, intimate ponds. Power boaters and skiers go to larger lakes - not ones like Stocker Pond. (He grew up on Sunapee.)
10. There are many types of boating activities that can take place on Stocker Pond.

11. There is no value established for Barbara's boat house - so there is no way of determining the loss.
12. Lie - it is not time consuming or expensive to get a comparable market analysis for a house with a boat house on a lake. Look at the Kearsarge Shopper - they are advertised on Lake Sunapee for sale each week. Call any broker and get a FREE comparable market analysis by saying you want to sell your house and don't know what would be a good price. The information is all in a data base in an MLS listing program in computers used by brokers today.
13. Lie - we need 10 petitioners only - page 392. RSA 270.74-a Hearings II
14. Who is padding petitions????
15. Grantham and Stocker Pond are not tourist destinations.
16. Barbara did not talk with Attorney Jim Bianco. She spoke with his associate Jody Grimbilas. They represent only 2 associations in the State - NH Personal Watercraft Association with 1400 members and NH Marina Dealers with a few hundred members - for less than 2000 people total - not thousands. I read Jody the quote - and she said her associate would never say anything like that quote.
17. Lie - No one is banning locals from the water. This implies that only people who come from other states can use the water.
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19. There are many people on Stocker Pond who will police the activities - gladly.
20. Barbara is the flatlander. She is not a resident. She does not live and work in this community.
21. Lie - not one is taking away the privilege to fish/boat on Stocker Pond.
22. Lie - no one is saying they can not boat on Stocker Pond any more.
23. Eastman Lake has a 10 mph speed limit. Real estate prices there have gone up - people come from all over the country to summer there. It is a plus to their community.
24. Every one will still have the right to use Stocker Pond
25. The water skiing boats are blatant violaters of the state water safety rules. See RSAs

26. See State of NH environmental report
27. The loons tried to nest, but were chased away by the boats.
28. There is no cost to the legislative action. Our tax dollars all ready pay those salaries. We might as well put out tax dollars to work.
29. Barbara is the one who has turned a discussion into an adversarial situation. She alone uses the words opponent, pit neighbor against neighbor, sour.
30. Lie - Bittlers would not let me post our deeded right-of-way when local residents were going into the cemetery, changing the oil in their cars, and dumping the oil in the lake. A responsible steward of the watershed would never water ski on such a tiny, shallow, fragile pond.

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