



**FEDERATION OF VERMONT LAKES AND PONDS**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The FOVLAP Board met on Monday, April 5, 2021 and discussed the following:

**FOVLAP newsletter:** The newsletter committee is hard at work on the spring issue of the newsletter. It is expected to be published in May.

**Lake Seminar:** The Lake Seminar is scheduled for Friday, June 4, 2021. The events committee is finalizing the plans for the day and will be officially announcing it in the next few weeks.

**New England Chapter of the North American Lake Management Society (NEC-NALMS) Webinar on cyanobacteria:** Part 1 of this two part webinar will be held on April 20 and Part 2 will be on May 25. The webinar is free but registration is required. For registration information: <http://nec-nalms.org/index.php/regional-conference/>

**Report from Oliver Pierson, VT DEC Lakes and Ponds Program Manager:**

- The annual spring phosphorus monitoring effort began on Monday April 5. A number of Vermont's lakes and ponds are already free of ice due to the unusually warm weather in March.
- Tributary Monitoring around Lake Champlain, Lake Carmi, and Lake Memphremagog is also underway to measure phosphorus concentrations in high-flow snowmelt runoff events.
- A lake encroachment permit to "reef" the MV Adirondack was issued on March 25 allowing the sinking the MV Adirondack ferry in Lake Champlain to create an underwater dive site. No date has been set yet but permit conditions require the ferry to be sunk in early summer. There continue to be concerns expressed, so an appeal of the permit remains a possibility.
- As part of a joint effort with NY DEC, the Lake Champlain Basin Program, and SUNY Plattsburgh, the Lakes and Ponds Program is working with AID to acquire a new high-frequency monitoring buoy to be placed where the Lamoille River flows into Lake Champlain. This buoy will be paired with an in-lake buoy and will collect data on a variety of hydrological and ecological parameters at 15 minute intervals that will be available to the public on a near real-time basis.

It's springtime in Vermont and that means maple syrup, sugar on snow, and ice out on our lakes. We had a relatively mild winter and an unusually warm March this year. That did not make for a great sugaring season but it did mean early ice-out and boaters, paddlers, and even water-skiers already out on many of our lakes. Here is a sampling of some of the ice-out dates this year:

Lake Mephramagog	March 27
Lake Iroquois	March 29
Lake Raponda	April 6
Lake Groton	April 7
Lake Amherst	April 9
Lake Parker	April 9
Joe's Pond	April 10
Maidstone Lake	April 11
Valley Lake	April 11
Echo Lake	April 12
Seymour Lake	April 14
Great Averill	April 14