

Welcome to the Cathance Lake Association (CLA)

Call to Action...

We need You!

Our Cathance Lake Association supports our lake communities in many important ways. The Association consists of lake stewards committed to protecting this magnificent resource for future generations to enjoy as we do today. The Association membership dues are used to support efforts to maintain our pristine lake and ecosystem and host association/community events.

The recent milfoil infestation at Big Lake underscores that our location does not exclude our lake and ecosystem from negative impacts. Monitoring and water testing are vital for early detection of issues and to minimize impact, including costs. We need members in order to support the activities to maintain our lake and community.

Below we have listed information that briefly describes who we are, what we do, and what we do not do. We hope you find this informative and thoughtfully consider becoming a member or renewing your current membership.

Who we are:

- Caring individuals of diverse backgrounds
- People who volunteer our time and resources to support our goal of lake preservation and to facilitate social events- there are no paid individuals from our association dues
- Community supporters including lakefront and non-lakefront members
- Seasonal and year round property owners who also support Cathance TWP and the town of Cooper through property tax revenues

What we do:

- Lake water quality testing for early identification of potential degrading conditions
- Invasive organism monitoring to maintain current lake uses and activities, as well as to prevent potential quarantine/restricted areas
- Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) training, awareness, and assistance to boat owners who use the lake and public boat launch
- Participate in annual loon counts throughout the state of Maine to monitor their livelihood which is an indirect indicator of lake conditions.
- Monitor and report occurrences of fish or animal mortalities or abnormal appearances to state biologists for review
- Partner with agencies such as the Lakes Environmental Association (LEA), Lake Stewards of Maine (LSM), Lake Volunteer Monitoring Program (LVMP), Audubon Society, Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Maine Inland Fisheries and