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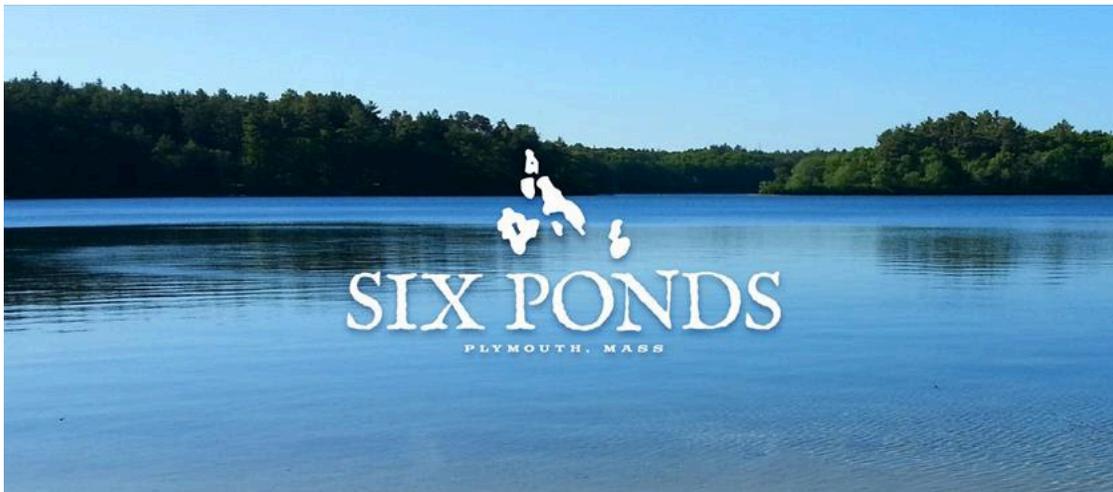
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Water issues and Upcoming Events!

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August 25, 2025

## SIX PONDS WATER TESTING

The Six Ponds Association has a long history of concern for the health of the water in our ponds. Since the creation of the association in the 1950s, volunteers have tested the water in each of the ponds.

This summer the water has been monitored monthly. Data is collected with a Secchi depth disc and a dissolved oxygen meter that records the water temperature at different depths along with the dissolved oxygen. Both these tools are owned by the Six Ponds Association.

The testing is done at the deepest location in each of the ponds. The weather and visual report of water color and pond plant life are recorded. The Secchi meter is divided into four white and black quadrants. It is then dropped into the water until it is no longer visible and the depth is recorded. A second depth measurement is taken when the Secchi

meter becomes visible again.

The Dissolved oxygen meter measures the temperature of the water at 1 meter intervals along with the dissolved oxygen (DO) at those intervals. This August the water temperature in Long Pond at the 1 meter depth was 80 degrees. At 10 meters the temperature had dropped to 50 degrees. The DO measures the amount of gaseous oxygen in the water. DO is essential for the health of fish and other organisms. By keeping monthly records of the DO at different depths we can see trends in each of the ponds.

In September water samples are taken and sent to the U MASS Dartmouth School for Marine Science and Technology lab in New Bedford. The water sample analysis includes a broad array of chemicals including salts and other contaminants. The results of these tests can be viewed in detail at [www.sixpondswaterquality.org](http://www.sixpondswaterquality.org) . Thank you to the late Doug Post, Leighton Price and Hampton Watkins for developing and updating this site.

It is important that we all help improve the health of our ponds by reducing nutrient inputs by eliminating lawn and garden fertilizers and properly maintaining and pumping septic systems.



Six Ponds volunteer Al Baum with the Secchi disk. Photo by L. Warren



Six Ponds volunteer Al Baum with the dissolved oxygen meter. Photo by L. Warren

**FULL MOON PROGRESSIVE PADDLE ON LONG POND**

**SUNDAY SEPT. 7**

Let's hit the water under the full moon for a magical paddle experience! Meet at the Long Pond boat ramp for a 7:30 pm departure, and join the group for a planned route around Long Pond with the following stops along the way:

Pinewoods Camp for cheese and crackers  
Group float in the middle of the pond for moon songs  
The Plymouth Estates Beach for dessert

Meet us at the boat ramp with your watercraft, paddle, a life jacket and a headlamp or flashlight. Or watch for us and join us along the way. If you do not have a watercraft on Long Pond (or one that you can easily bring to the boat launch), please let us know when you sign up, and we can arrange a loan or seat for you in a neighbor's boat.

Everyone who wishes to join this event must get a ticket and sign our disclaimer.

**[REGISTER HERE.](#)**



Neighbors enjoying a paddle on Bloody Pond. Photo by S. Lucas

## **BLOODY POND PADDLE AND PICNIC - A WONDERFUL EVENT**

On Saturday August 9th, approximately 40 people attended this friendly, relaxed picnic on the shores of Bloody Pond, hosted by Ethan and Linda Warren. For some people it

was the first time seeing Bloody Pond, yet alone paddle or swim in it. Residents of the pond came by boat, with the BIGGEST CHEER going to Sherman Gellar as he arrived on his "floating barge". Ages ranged from 11 to 91, and VIP Bill Keohan (Town Selectman) joined us, too. Members of the BRATS (a local sailing group for youngsters commandeered by Kate Harvey) added to the color and fun of the day.



Bloody Pond neighbors Kathy Harrison and Sherman Gellar. Photo by S. Lucas



BRATS members on Bloody Pond. Photo by S. Lucas



Alice Hyslop of Bloody Pond arriving to the picnic on her daughter's paddle board. Photo by M. Delafield

## Despite the recent rain, South Plymouth remains in a "significant drought"

Our Six Ponds neighborhood is located in a region the State has indicated as experiencing **Level 2 – Significant Drought**. We should do what we can to conserve water! The Town of Plymouth has implemented watering restrictions, [see here](#).

The State asks residents and businesses to do the following:

>Minimize overall water use;

>Limit outdoor watering to hand-held hoses or watering cans, to be used only after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m.;

>Follow local water use restrictions;

>Fix indoor leaks, such as from toilets, faucets, and showers, which result in more than 60 percent of indoor use; and,

>For larger buildings and businesses, conduct water audits to identify areas of leaks and potential water conservation opportunities.

The State of Massachusetts offers a library of outreach materials for communities and municipalities. Interested? [Read here.](#) Even more thorough is the State Drought Management Plan, [found here.](#)

Thank you for doing what you can to conserve our precious water resources.



**ALTERNATIVE IDEAS FOR WATERING PLANTS**

**CONSERVE MA WATER**

-  **Using rain barrels**
-  **Water from dehumidifiers**
-  **Water that drips from AC units**
-  **Put a bucket in the shower while waiting for the water to warm up**

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**MEMBERSHIP FORM is here for printing (CLICK here)** and mail to The Six Ponds, P.O. Box 1580, Plymouth, MA 02362. Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership or has made additional donations.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS.** Members are welcome to attend the monthly Executive Board meetings. Call President Bill Abbott for more details, 508-224-6629

September 7 : Full Moon Progressive Paddle on Long Pond. 7:30pm  
TENTATIVE depends on weather. [REGISTER HERE.](#)

September 14 : Six Ponds Board of Director's Meeting. 5pm at the  
Watkin's home, 10 Bridgegate, in the Pinehills.

September 20 : Plant Walk on Cornish Bog. Stay tuned.

October 18 : Cemetery Walk with Sam Chapin and Zac Baszynski. Stay  
tuned.

November 14 : Living Room Concert with Arielle Silver. Stay tuned.



The Plymouth Gentian (*Sabatia kennedyana*) is a globally rare and threatened plant, protected under the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act as a Species of Special Concern. While Massachusetts holds some of the most robust remaining populations, the species faces threats from habitat destruction due to rising water levels, invasive species, and human activity, leading to significant population declines in the state. Photo by S. Lucas

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