

There was a post on Winnepesaukee.com a few days ago from the Marine Patrol about the change in the law regarding the use of aqua therms or ice bubblers, below, which you might want to make Associating members aware of. The prior law only applied to impeding ingress or egress from public access points, not private property. Now it applies to all property.

"As of today's date, all navigation lights have been removed from Lake Winnepesaukee.

While recreational boating seems to extend further into the season every year, mother nature remains unpredictable. Marine Patrol must consider a variety of circumstances including weather forecasts, staffing, lake draw- downs and ramp access when planning this large scale, statewide, task.

We would also like to remind those of you who use aqua-therms around your docks during the winter months of a new state law. In addition to having to get a permit at your local town hall, effective this year, it is now illegal for anyone to create a condition which inhibits or prevents the natural freezing of water, or forming of ice, and thereby impedes either the ingress or egress to or from the ice **from any property other than that of the owner of the device.** The person or persons responsible for the placement of the device shall ensure that warning signs are posted to warn of its location. Said signs shall read DANGER, THIN ICE and shall be of sufficient size to be readable at a distance of not less than 150 feet, and shall be visible from all directions and shall be equipped with reflectors and color-coded in a pattern unique for this purpose only. ice conditions beyond your own property. If you have any questions, please contact Marine Patrol at 603-293-2037.

We wish everyone a safe "hard water" season!

Safe Boating!!"

David
