

MOOSE ON THE LOOSE

A special visitor was sighted taking a fall swim in Copake Lake on Wednesday, September 30th about 5:30pm. Lucky for us, Theresa Westlake



with her eagle eyes and camera was passing by just at the right moment. Several other residents saw "something" in the lake, but didn't make the connection. By the time I got there, the moose was by the house at the corner of CR7 and Lakeview.

It went up the shoreline and kept on going up Pine Street. Word had it that the moose entered the lake near Southwest Colony. If I hadn't seen it with my own eyes, I wouldn't have believed it.

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NEW PFD LEGISLATION IN NEW YORK STATE

Nearly 20% of boating fatalities occur during winter and early spring. In 90% of boating fatalities, the person was not wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD). On July 11, 2009, Governor David Paterson signed new law that requires all persons, including adults, on any pleasure vessel including motorboats under 21 feet to wear a PFD when underway from November 1 to May 1. This new legislation raises awareness that cold water immersion and hypothermia are twin dangers faced by a boater when she/he is in water with a temperature less than 60 degrees F.

During the late fall and early spring, waterways have less boat traffic and response by rescue and law enforcement may be slower than in the summer months. Wearing a properly fitted PFD becomes exceedingly important enabling the person to stay afloat until he/she can perform self-rescue or be rescued by others.

PFD's save lives – buckle up.

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