



st. albans area watershed
ASSOCIATION

working to restore saint albans bay

Newsletter | May 2013



The Benefits of Weed Harvesting

Each season, the SAAWA harvester removes around 400 tons of wet weeds from St. Albans Bay. About 10% of those weeds is solid organic matter which when composted has the nutrient equivalent of composted cow manure. We estimate about 500 lbs. of phosphorous is removed annually by reducing the weed mass in the Bay. This year, we hope to increase our productivity.

Weed removal improves water quality by improving water circulation and wave action. The incidence of algae blooms is greatly reduced and there is evidence keeping weed growth in check causes weeds to be reduced over time.

If you see the weed harvester operating this summer, stop by and take a look.

Please Give to Help Clean the Bay and Keep the SAAWA Weed Harvester Running!

The St. Albans Area Watershed Association depends on your financial support to continue its mission of advocating for a clean lake as well as for operation of the weed harvester in Saint Albans Bay. The annual cost of weed harvesting is approximately \$14,000.00. The weed harvester itself is also in need of a paint job which may cost as much as \$7,000.00. We need your help!

Please help keep the harvester project going by renewing your SAAWA membership, becoming a member or making a donation specifically to weed harvesting. Owners of lakeshore property are requested to contribute \$50 or more to weed harvesting, which will also be considered as payment of annual SAAWA dues.

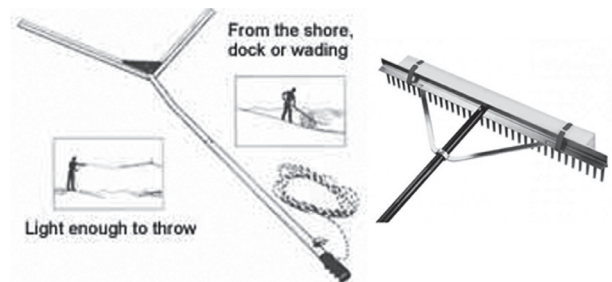
Please complete the form below and return to:

St. Albans Area Watershed Association
PO Box 1567, St. Albans, VT 05478

Name _____
Address _____
Email _____ Phone _____

Weed Harvesting Contribution \$ _____
Please make checks payable to "SAAWA." Thank you!

Shoreline property owner? yes no
If yes, please indicate your location on the map at right.



Shoreline Clean-up Tools Available

SAAWA is experimenting with different methods for cleaning the close shoreline. We now have an aquatic weed cutter and shoreline rake available for demonstration or loan. If you would like to try it out on your property for clean-up near docks or near the shore, please give Eric Wolinsky a call at 527-7572.

Support the Bay — and Join Us!

SAAWA is a grassroots group dedicated to a cleaner Lake Champlain, but also focused particularly on restoring the health, beauty and usability of St. Albans Bay.

The Watershed Association needs more than just financial support. We need members to become involved and serve on the Board of Directors. The main commitment is attending one meeting per month (usually the 3rd Wednesday) at the St. Albans Free Library. *Details and meeting times can be found on our website: www.saawavt.org.*

Our meetings are open to all. Please attend and learn more about how you can help restore the Bay — and Lake Champlain.

You may also donate online by visiting: www.SAAWAVT.org.

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Register Online!

Tee shirts, food, prizes & fun!
(Receive a walk tee shirt with a \$20 minimum pledge)

Race Start (Kill Kare State Park) | 9:00am

Shuttle Bus to Kill Kare | 8:45am

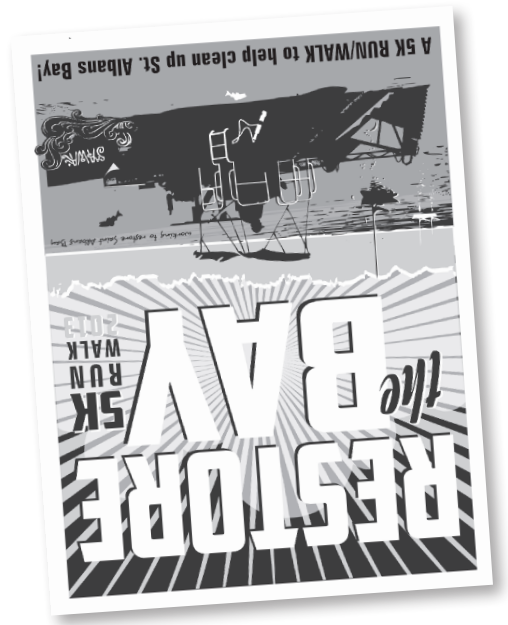
Registration (Bay Park) | 8:00am

(Event ends at the Stone House, St. Albans Bay Town Park.)

Join us for a timed 5k run/walk beside the lake from
Kill Kare State Park to St. Albans Bay Town Park.

Saturday, June 8, 2013 | St. Albans Bay Town Park

RESTORE *the* BAY 5K



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