

Catamount Radio Issues List

Catamount Radio (WDVT, WJEN, WJJR, WSYB, WZRT) serves our city of license (Rutland/Killington) and beyond to the surrounding areas by gearing our programming to meet the areas of concern to our community members through our issues list.

Our radio stations' staff meets regularly to discuss these issues of importance and based upon recommendations from community leaders, and news topics, both local and regional. We arrive at our issues list and focus our *public service and public affairs* in that direction.

We integrate guests (usually local experts) into our regular programming. Our issues, although addressed in pre-recorded PSA's, are also presented in a more informal fashion with "live" instudio interviews with representatives from the police department, schools, hospitals and various community leaders.

The stations also broadcast numerous free announcements from non-profit community organizations who request such time to promote their causes.

We also execute a number of "on-location" broadcasts if the event warrants such activity. Catamount Radio believes that *public service is more than lip service*. We know we can encourage more people by example, rather than just more talk.

BUSINESS CLIMATE

ECONOMIC CLIMATE

RECREATION

WDVT 1Q 2023

Our Town 2023 First Quarter 2023 Saturday

Sunday 1-15-2023 - @ 6am Duration: 30 minutes

Vt. students can now participate in National Fish Art Contest
Vt. Fish and Wildlife.com Vermont is now host to a national wildlife contest. Vermont Fish and Wildlife teamed up with Wildlife Forever to become a state host for the National Fish Art Contest. **Awards will be given for the top three in separate grade categories.**

Rachel Carson's Writings: The Silent Spring DDT and the birth of the environmental movement. The Sea Around Us a book discussed and others. Jacques Cousteau-the little aquanaut with the giant imagination mentioned and when I met him. Phillippe' Cousteau-an explorer who took the Cousteau legacy to the next level.

Sunday 1-22-2023 - @ 6am Duration: 30 minutes

A big outdoor shows in our area that you might want to plan to attend. The Springfield Sportsman's Show at the Big E in West Springfield Mass in February. We discussed both shows. Vermont Fish and Wildlife have posted the most popular Ice Fishing Derbies to be held this winter and now the weather for freeze-up is looking much better as these derbies are beginning to look for a green light.

Gun Control and Application of Herbicide in a local lake (Lake Bomoseen), to control weeds gives us some food for thought.

Saturday 1-28-2023 - @ 6am Duration: 30 minutes

Recreational Forecast: Legislation from Montpelier this session concerning outdoor activity discussed.

As Vermont lawmakers begin to take up a fresh slate of gun control bills this legislative session, the imminent threat of litigation looms like never before. Your opinion and position is valuable. A panel of senators on Friday held their first hearing on **S.4**, a wide-ranging, nine-part bill that would, among other measures, ***ban straw purchasing of firearms at the state level, in which someone buys a gun for another person who couldn't buy one; prohibit tampering with firearms' serial numbers; prohibit the possession of semi-automatic weapons by Vermonters under 21 years old; and make juvenile case records available for background checks conducted prior to new gun purchases.***

Locally: Is Herbicide application back on or not for Lake Bomoseen this year?

Sunday **2-5-2023 - @ 6am**

Duration: 30 minutes

Published reports are saying this morning- Lake Bomoseen Association herbicide permit was taken off technical hold Top of Form, Bottom of Form The Lake Bomoseen association's application for an herbicide permit is no longer on technical hold.

Misha Cetner, lake and shoreland ecologist at the Department of Environmental Conservation, stated in an email in December that the application filed by the Lake Bomoseen Association and the Lake Bomoseen Preservation Trust was removed from its technical hold status per the applicants' request. This to me looks like the discussion has officially re-opened for discussion.

Remember-The application is for permission to use ProcettaCOR, an herbicide, to help control the amount of milfoil in Lake Bomoseen. It was filed in early 2022 and not long after was met with a great deal of public opposition. In May, the LBA said it would place its application on technical hold until August, and then in August said it. Officials say they will review the application at some point but doesn't have an estimate on when a draft decision will be published. Once the draft is ready, it will be posted to bit.ly/0317App and be open to a public.

Sunday **2-12-2023 - @ 6am**

Duration: 30 minutes

Yankee Sportsman Classic is back and will donate a part of the proceeds to Kamp-Ta Kum-Ta a year round Vermont camp for Kids with cancer.

The Silver Lake Hut Controversy: we discussed first here last summer. We checked the diagram now on Facebook and on Vermont Field Sport's Facebook

page. Silver Lake is a limited access, carry it in-carry it out lake above Lake Dunmore and feeds sucker brook into the lake. This is a pristine natural area for families.

Colder weather: We discuss with listeners how to dress in layers and a normal day in the woods, what to wear and what to bring to remain safe and comfortable.

Sunday **2-19-2023** - @ 6am

Duration: 30 minutes

Most of the local derbies locally have been canceled. Bad Ice Support your local derby sponsor they need your help. Big water bad ice.

Small ponds be careful when you pick your spots. Carry safety gear and a cell phone in a quick accessible spot on your jacket.

News from Montpelier: Rules and regulations pending legislation under the dome. Vermont legislators have been working on drafting a new gun control bill in the State Senate The work in progress Bill is S.4, a 9 point bill that would change the landscape of Vermont's gun rights

Sunday **2-26-2023** - @ 6am

Duration: 30 minutes

Today we will be looking over inventory at Vermont Field Sports so that we can help listeners get over cabin fever. Also: Lake Champlain and Landlocked Salmon in the Saranac River flowing through Plattsburgh from the Imperial Dam downstream into the lake near the monument is worth looking into.....also the Lachute River in Ticonderoga New York at Bicentennial Park. We talk about how and when to fish there near the small power generating station-downstream get there and how to catch some of them during the winter.

I've scouted a couple of my favorite spots for bull-head and it's still cold but getting better daily.

Bird watching is excellent these days with plenty of birds and ducks flying home northward.

Sunday **3-5-2023** - @ 6am

Duration: 30 minutes

We are beginning to see the demolition of old mill dams in Vermont and in New York good news for trout habitat lets discuss why?

A number of projects are underway and we are seeing even in Rutland locally that small dam demolition will improve trout habitat.

Sunday 3-12-2023 - @ 6am Duration: 30 minutes We

welcome our on air/on the phone guest:

Anastasia Mickiewicz Anastasia is a Falconer. She has been trained and certified to hunt with raptors. She is enthusiastic and has a terrific radio presence.

Th New England Falconry School and the Woodstock Inn and Resort they have partnered to bring falconry education to Woodstock, VT.

The educational content follows the already permitted New England Falconry operation in Hadley, MA. The content of all sessions includes detail about raptor adaptations, conservation, permitting and history of falconry, as well as free flying of Harris hawks and other species to guests.

The falconry center is located at 4148 Hartland Hill Road, Woodstock, VT.

Master falconer Chris Davis has been educating about falconry and raptors since 1985. They have a very knowledgeable falconry staff and can provide you with a special and memorable experience!

Sunday **3-19-2023 - @ 6am**

Duration: 30 minutes

Early season (Spring Snow-Goose Hunting is on) check in the Dead Creek goose preserve in Addison through the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.

Now is this time to take an inventory of your gear to get ready for spring. By the way spring skiing and riding is the best that it has been in years.

Sunday **3-26-2023 - @ 6am**

Duration: 30 minutes

Today we look at the increased presence of posted land and how people who love to hunt and fish will have to deal with it.

Vermont's tradition of open access is as old as statehood, and the values that support this tradition

are fundamental to our strong sense of community. However, allowing hunting or any public use on your land is, ultimately, a privilege only you can grant.

Vermont law may make your decision easier. It provides a number of landowner protections that

support your control, and it eases most liability concerns. This is good for you, your neighbors and your land too. Few management tools are as cheap and effective as hunting.

Landowner Rights

Allowing public access doesn't negate your rights. You always have the power to:

- Address any property damage or abuse;
- Dictate what activities are allowed or prohibited;
- Request to see the hunting, fishing and/or trapping license of anyone on your property;
- Request someone leave your property; and
- Contact law enforcement if you suspect illegal activity.

Open or posted, permission is always required if someone wants to:

- Trap;
- Erect a tree stand or ground blind;
- Park, drive or camp on your land; or ● Guide hunters or anglers on your property.

In addition, written permission is always required to ride a snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or off-road motorcycle.

Liability Protection

Vermont's landowner liability statutes are designed to encourage public access by protecting you from liability.

Provided that you do not charge a fee, you are generally not liable for any property damage or personal injury to a person who uses your property for recreation. ● Under [12 V.S.A. §5793](#), a landowner is not liable for property damage or personal injury

for the recreational use of their property, unless the damage or injury is the result of the intentional, willful, or wanton misconduct or gross negligence on the part of the landowner.

- Landowner liability increases if a fee or some other consideration is required for the use of the property, since a "higher level of care" (responsibility) is owed to recreationists.

Posting Does Not Affect Liability

The landowner is protected whether or not the land is posted.

Easements Do Not Affect Liability

Both the landowner and the party holding the easement are similarly protected, as if there were no easement.

Please be advised that this reference to the landowner liability statutes is provided for

informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. Landowners are encouraged to seek their own legal counsel regarding landowner liability. We recommend that you always ask first before you act.