Dear Big Alum Neighbors,

These are indeed difficult times. We hope everyone is healthy and safe and able to enjoy an early summer as we work and learn from home. We are fortunate to live or summer in such a beautiful environment. While we would love to have our lives as we had them last year at this time, we need to adapt to the new norm for now, social distancing and thinking about the health of everyone.

In that vein, we have made the unfortunate, but correct decision to cancel the BALA Gala for this year. Gathering in large groups would be irresponsible at this time.

Please know that the Recreation Committee is still meeting (virtually) to do what we can to bring together our community in the safest ways possible. We are still planning on having a boat parade on July 4, following state guidelines about the people on boats and social distancing can easily be controlled. More information on this will follow.

Please feel free to reach out to us with any suggestions, questions or concerns.

We look forward to brighter days where we can gather and greet one another once again.

Our best,

The BALA Recreation Committee

Barbara Hitchcock Kathleen Harrington Suzanne Johnson Taylor Nelson Tina Gagnon Liz Detarando Mari Roy Lisa Sanderson Marion Reilly (email: <u>luthin1@yahoo.com</u>; phone: 774-230-1281)