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### Lake Host Program

### Jennifer West – Lake Host Coordinator

## **CPLA Lake Host Program History**

- We started in 2019, 2023 is our fifth year!
- Consistently expanded the program and ramp coverage each year.
- Supported by member contributions, Newton NH Warrant Article and NH LAKES Grant
- Provided 367 hours of inspectors at Newton Boat Ramp in 2022 which is an increase over prior year.
- Volunteers provided 101 hours of service
- Completed 213 inspections, 80% were compliant with "Clean, Drain & Dry"
- Inspected several boats coming from infested water bodies for a total of estimated **16 "saves**" for potential infestations.
- Educated many boaters about Clean, Drain and Dry requirements NH law





# **Country Pond Infestations**



Good News! - Country Pond is still not known to be infested by milfoil!

#### Current challenges -

- *Brittle/Spiny (European) Naiad- widespread in 2022, monitored in 2022.* Treatment by diver is planned in 2023 if observed as the same level.
- Southern Naiad was observed in 2019 & 202 & 2022. This is a nuisance but not invasive
- Chinese Mystery Snails in 2020 & 2021 have been reported
- Weed Watchers will be on the lookout for all invasive species and report to NHDES
- If you are interested in learning about weed watching let us know, we could use more eyes on the lake!
- Also have an opening for Weed Watcher Coordinator.

Nearby waterbodies have milfoil and zebra clams as well as other invasive species.

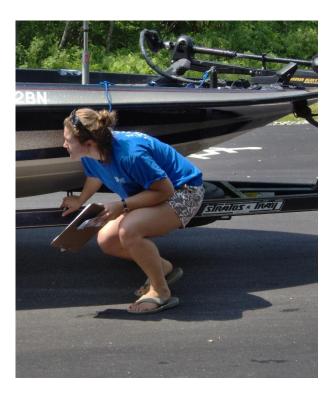
We are working hard to keep this from happening to Country Pond and need your help!



## Lake Host Program 2023

- We continue to *expand* the program
- Funding from member contributions, NH LAKES grant of \$1,730 and this year's *Newton warrant article of \$3,000!*
- Our Program is growing but we need staffing!
  - We currently have three paid PT inspectors for a total of 22 hours per week
  - □ Five regular volunteers for host & coordinator work
  - This equates to 38 hours per week of volunteer and paid paid shifts of about 4-8 hours each.
- Our NH Lakes Funding requires volunteer match.
  - In 2022 we had part time volunteers, the combined efforts achieved 291% match or equivalent of \$3,080 in volunteer match funds. As such we did meet the threshold to achieve the 2023 full grant
- Volunteers are urgently needed for more complete coverage and to ensure we will continue to achieve full grant potential.
- We also have room for another paid Host.





### **Become a Volunteer Inspector**

- NH LAKES grants *must be matched* by volunteer hours to qualify for grant next year
- Volunteering is fun and rewarding!
  - □ Work as little as one hour or the whole day!
  - □ It is EASY and quick to get trained
  - □ Meet new people and enjoy the outdoors
  - Weekly volunteer sign-up for available shifts- No longterm commitment required
- Materials can be downloaded from NH Lakes
- A volunteer information form must be completed prior to working the ramp. Yup- we can help with that <sup>3</sup>
- Contact Jennifer West at <u>Jnnawest@gmail.com</u> or Pat Masterson at <u>patmasterson96@comcast.net</u> to schedule hours.







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# Thank You!