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Lake Host Program

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# 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 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 long-term 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** 😊
- Contact Jennifer West at [Jnnawest@gmail.com](mailto:Jnnawest@gmail.com) or Pat Masterson at [patmasterson96@comcast.net](mailto:patmasterson96@comcast.net) to schedule hours.



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Thank You!