



CBI Update

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The Courtesy Boat Inspection program is the first line of defense against the spread of invasive aquatic plants. This newsletter is a way for inspectors around the state of Maine to stay connected and informed.

Hard work paying off this summer

On August 5 every organization participating in the CBI grant program through the DEP reported their inspection data for the season so far. As of the end of July we have performed 42,856 inspections. During those inspections 2,224 plants were found and 60 of those were identified as invasive aquatic plants. That is 60 potential infestations stopped by Courtesy Boat Inspectors this summer. Congratulations! These numbers also tell us that our job is never done. We cannot be everywhere at once but we can make an effort to educate boaters about doing their own inspections when we aren't there. Each of us must do our part to stop the spread!

Trouble with Military Time?



Many inspectors have trouble remembering to fill out their forms in military time. Some just forget but there are many who are unfamiliar with this standard of time. Most people use their phones to get the time so to make the process easier simply change your photo time settings to the 24 hour clock. Let's all make an effort to increase the quality of our data.

The importance of checking non-motorized boats

We all know that we should be checking non-motorized boats

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CBI Training Video

This video shows the standard for conducting a boat inspection. Even if you have already seen the video several times it is always worth watching and sharing with your inspectors again!



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as thoroughly as motorized...right? Well we should and here is a great story about why.

In July Michelle Broyer of the Saco River Recreational Council, was inspecting a kayak launching in Lovewell Pond in Fryeburg. The kayaker answered Michelle's questions and she discovered that he had last been paddling in Lake

Arrowhead. Just this summer there have been 35 confirmed fragments of variable milfoil coming out of Lake Arrowhead. Knowing the high level of infestation in that lake Michelle made sure she did a thorough inspection.



She found a small fragment of milfoil stuck to the side of the kayak. It was still a little wet from the last site so it hadn't fallen off yet. The piece was very small and we were not able to determine if it was variable milfoil but it was still an important find. This situation is a great reminder to always be thorough on every boat and to arm yourself with knowledge of what the infested lakes are in Maine.

Keep up the good work Michelle!

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Which Number?

Always record the alphanumeric number on the bow of the boat, not the river and lake protection sticker number.

Non-residents buying these stickers cannot be tracked through this number.



Do you have any CBI stories you would like to share with other organizations? I will be creating one more update this fall and I would like to include information from around the state. Please contact me if you have something to share: mary@leamaine.org. Any information would be reviewed and approved by the DEP.