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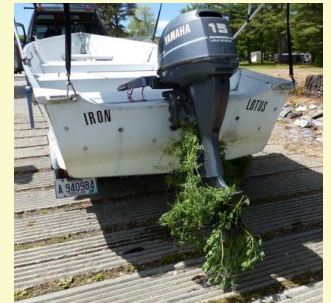
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I hope everyone is having a great summer. It has been a pretty quiet inspection season so far but I do have a couple of messages to share. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments. I'd love to get more stories for our next issue!

Sincerely,
Mary Jewett - Milfoil Coordinator

Previous waterbody for "entering" boat??

On the new inspection form I noticed that under [Previous Waterbody Visited](#) it says "For 'entering' inspections". I wanted to talk a little about this since those words appear to contradict part of the CBI training you attended at the summit and what the procedure should be.



If an inspector starts shift at 1300 and inspects a boat leaving the lake, that they did not inspect going into the lake, they should still be asking about the previous waterbody. Since that boat is leaving the lake listed at the top of the form the inspector should ask about where they were *before* the current one. If all the boaters said "I only boat in this lake" we can all go home. But many times they will list a different lake. There could be a chance that the lake they last visited is infested. This information is incredibly valuable.

So don't just ask about previous waterbody on "entering" inspections. There's a chance that the milfoil you found on their anchor isn't actually from your pristine lake, but if you don't ask then you won't know for sure.

Check Your Anchors!

On a recent visit to Sebago Lake State Park (an infested waterbody) I spoke with a fisherman leaving the lake. I asked if he had dropped his anchor and he told me he had. I asked if I could take a look at it and he said yes. He then informed me that I was the first CBI to ever ask to see his anchor and fishing gear. I have since spoken to all of my inspectors about this critical issue but I wanted to share this tale with all of you. Please remind your inspectors that *anything* that goes into the water is suspect.



Data Entry Tips

DEP strongly urges that groups enter their own data in 2017 as this will be a requirement in the future. The combination of increasing inspections (the number of 2016 inspections reached an all-time high of 88,165) and loss of staff means DEP can't enter the inspection data in a timely fashion. DEP will email the electronic data form with instructions once the CBI grants are awarded in May.



"Hiring Owen for data entry was one of our best moves!"

There are a few recurring issues that many coordinators are having with the data entry. Here are a few listed with solutions:

1. Saving the the unique name provided when the top two lines are entered. If the Function (F) Key lock is not on, the F9 key won't work. F Lock key on my keyboard is on the top row but others have found the Fn key next to the Ctrl Key.
2. You don't need to enter the type of non-motorized watercraft in the 'Bow #' cell. This cell should only contain a motorized boat's registration number. Also, don't type 'non-motorized' in this cell; whether a boat is motorized or not is captured in the 'Sticker' field.
3. For the 'Previous Waterbody Visited' field, only enter a lake name if you have it. I've seen 'First Time', 'NA', etc.
4. Also, if the inspector looked at the same boat entering and leaving during their shift, and asked for the Previous Waterbody at the time of entry, there is no need to type the Previous Waterbody again on the exiting inspection line as you already have the information.
5. Please let the DEP know the names of any new inspectors. The inspector names you supplied earlier in the season are in your drop down list. Please use those.
6. If possible, do not use capital letters for all your entry.
7. If folks don't have Excel, use Google Sheets for free and follow the saving instructions in the guidance document. You will need to sign up for a Google account to use this option. Click [here](#) to sign up.
8. Please look at the guidance document to help work out issues before

calling Karen at the DEP.

[Download the most updated version of the guidance document now.](#)

Finally, DEP thanks everyone for your patience and perseverance during this period of change. Don't hesitate to contact Karen at DEP if you have comments, concerns or need help with your inspection form template: 207-215-9270, karen.a.hahnel@maine.gov

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