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Well here's to another season under our belts. As usual it was crazy busy and I'm sure we all ran into our share of hurdles. I want to share a few things from over the summer that you may not have heard about. See you at the summit!

Sincerely,
Mary Jewett - Milfoil Coordinator

Check the trailers - A Cautionary Tale

This summer, Toddy Pond's own Barbara Leaf discovered Eurasian milfoil on a trailer parked in the parking lot at the launch. With no boater in sight she was unable to immediately determine where the trailer had been last. She called the game warden, who came down and launched his boat to find the boater in question.



Eurasian Milfoil found on trailer from Connecticut

It turned out that the boater had just arrived from Connecticut. He couldn't remember if he had been in Pachaug Pond or Mansfield Reservoir, but they both have documented infestations of Eurasian milfoil so it doesn't *really* matter. The boater claimed that he pressure washed his boat but the location of the plant was in a tricky place, trapped under the boat on the trailer. The plant was only visible when the boat was off the trailer.

The boater was given a summons for transporting an invasive aquatic plant. This charge carries up to a \$5,000 fine but the Maine District Attorney's office only asked for \$100 due to the apparent remorse of the boater.

If nothing else this was certainly a teachable moment. It is vital that inspectors check parked trailers to make sure there are no hitchhiking plants. Keeping track of how many trailers are present can help you determine if you should start shifts earlier or do additional education programs for early risers. Thank you to Barbara for her vigilance and attention to detail!

Long Lake Infestation

On August 1st LEA staff visited Long Lake in Naples and found variable leaf milfoil. We were acting on a tip from an angler who mentioned the situation to one of LEA's boat inspectors. Upon inspection of the site LEA and DEP staff discovered a dense patch of milfoil in a small marina in Mast Cove, a stretch of the lake which includes two campgrounds with private boat launches.



Variable Milfoil flowers in Long Lake

"Thanks to a robust and timely response to the milfoil in Long Lake, we have avoided a massive infestation. Control work has removed the vast majority of plants from Mast Cove, so the threat of spreading fragments around the lake is minimal" - Christian Oren, LEA Milfoil Coordinator.

Read the whole story in [this article](#) written by LEA's Christian Oren.

Data Entry Survey

If you were part of the pilot data entry program this summer please consider filling out [this survey](#) (click on the link). We are looking for feedback from people who spent the most time doing data entry this summer. We have heard back from a handful of people and would like as much feedback as possible. The DEP will use this information to improve the program.



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