

Mousam Lake Region Association

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NEWSLETTER

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DID YOU KNOW...

One of the biggest threats to Mousam Lake today is phosphorous? Phosphorous enters the lake through shoreline erosion, storm water runoff and fertilizers. Excess phosphorous can lead to algae blooms which use up dissolved oxygen (DO) in the lower depths of the lake where cold water fish such as trout and land locked salmon live. Loss of DO can result in a fish kill of these fish. Much of the shoreline erosion is caused by boaters going too fast too close to shore. Please obey the 200' headway speed law and remind your neighbors and renters to do the same!

Look Back on the Summer of 2013

For each of us we mark the start of summer on Mousam Lake with our own traditions. Camps begin to come to life and summer is well underway following the Memorial Day Weekend. In June the MLRA Annual Meeting was held at the Acton Fair Grounds. For those of you who were unable to join us we have included the minutes from the meeting. July brought a number of the MLRA traditions including "Light up the Lake"; 4th of July Boat Parade which had 16 entries (10 in the small category and 6 in the large). This year's entries were creative and featured families from all around the lake. Let's not forget the Kid's Fishing Derby. Special thanks to our volunteers and

sponsors for these events including our parade judges Jack Kelly (Captain), Elliott & Linda Levine, Roger & Claudette Poor, Jamie Fajardo, and Peter & Elaine Beck.

This fall news letter has information and reminders on invasive aquatic plants, what each of us can do to keep our lake healthy. Pages 6 and 7 include information on various efforts to keep Mousam Lake free of invasive aquatic plants.

As we welcome in the cooler weather and fall colors we hope that you have enjoyed your family and friends.

REMINDERS:

Please update us if your email, phone number, or address changes.

Look for our winter newsletter January 2014.



Annual Kid's Fishing Derby

Once again July brought about the annual Kid's Fishing Derby. A special thank you to Glenn and Patti Baxter for hosting the event from their dock. The event brought out 30 kids from all over the lake. The children competed for three categories, heaviest, longest and youngest

angler. The event wouldn't be possible without the generous donations from both Beadle's Bate and Tackle and Lakeside Sport and Marine. Please remember to thank them when you stop by.

WINNERS

1st Place—Abby
3.29lb bass / 19 inches

2nd Place A.J.
2.78lb. bass / 18 inches long

3rd Place -
Youngest Angler
Ben—.78 lb. / 8 inch bass

2013 Boat Parade Winners

**First Place:
Large Boat Winners:**

"Trapped on Mousam"
Thyng & Trondle Families
33 Pump Box Road

Second Place:

"Great American Cookout"
Matt Demers & Family
10th Street

Third Place:

"Fishin' for Winter"
Allen & McQueen Families
23rd Street

Small Boat Winners:

"Bird Watching Pirates"
Jeff Harrington & Family
17th Street

"Wizard of Oz"
White Family
Carpenter's Cove

"Circus Circus"
Ben Wood
7th Street

Your MLRA Board is interested in hearing from you. If you have any questions or comments please email them at:

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Mousam Lake Region Board of Directors

Directors	Contact Number	Position
Rich Eagleston	(978) 985-3243	President
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Maine State Law requires boats to maintain headway speed when within 200 feet of shore line. If you are interested in finding out more about Maine Boating Laws go to www.maine.gov and visit the Department of Inland and Fisheries and Wildlife.

Going Retro, from MLRA Newsletter published in spring of 1986...

We remind you about the **Golden Rules of the (Mousam) Lake:**

Obey the boating Laws, dispose of oil and gasoline well away from the water, do not bath or shampoo in the lake (this includes your pets), use non-phosphorus soap for dishwashing

and laundry, be sure your septic system are working properly, and clean up animal waste promptly. Don't use pesticides, fertilizers or any other chemicals in any area where they might leach into the lake. If you have rental property, be sure your tenants are aware of these important

precautions. If you value your property, you will value the quality of Mousam Lake. We repeat these rules each year, not to be tiresome, but with the hope that members of the Association will set the standards for neighborly behavior on the lake.

Welcome New Members

New Members	Camp Address	TOWN
Diane & James Brindle	13th Street	Acton
Robert Caldicott	21st Street	Shapleigh
Drew Cassese	Shapleigh Corner Rd	Shapleigh
Josh & Martha DoByns	23rd Street	Shapleigh
Gerry & Cheryl Filliger	14th Street	Shapleigh
Brad & Mary Gauthier	12th Street	Acton
William & Eileen Mageary	Point Road	Shapleigh
Carolyn Mark & Bill Stone	3rd Street	Shapleigh
Jennifer & Paul Neveu	21st Street	Shapleigh
Ruth & Scott Raswyck	13th Street	Acton
Bob Torno, Jr.	23rd Street	Shapleigh
Catherine Wilson	13th Street	Acton

If you are interested in submitting a historical article for future newsletters email: `chrisleupold@comcast.net

Acton-Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corps

The Acton-Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corps (ASYCC), was founded in 2001, and is committed to protecting the waterways within Mousam Lake and Square Pond Watershed. This is achieved by providing education, community

outreach, courtesy boat inspections, technical assistance, and the installation of effective erosion control practices to the communities of Acton and Shapleigh. The ASYCC continues to work to sustain and protect the valuable waterways of

Goose Pond, Loon Pond, Mousam Lake, and Square Pond for the enjoyment of the community and its visitors.

To learn more visit their website at:

www.asycc.com

Interested in volunteering for the ASYCC Board of Directors? Interested Candidates can contact Beth Brown, President at: president@asycc.com ASYCC PO Box 47 Springvale, ME 04083

2013 Annual Mousam Lake Region Association Meeting Minutes

Mousam Lake Region Association Annual Meeting, Acton Fair Grounds

Saturday June 24, 2013

9:05 am MLRA President Rich Eagleston wished the crowd of about 50 people a good morning and asked VP Skip Bartosch to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Rich then continued by saying it has been a busy year for volunteers on the Board with water quality and invasive plants. Rich asked for a motion to approve the 2012 Annual Meeting minutes which were approved

unanimously. Rich then introduced the Board of Directors as follows: Glenn Baxter, Jaime Fajardo, Jack Kelley, Skip Bartosch, Elliott Levine, Mark Rousseau, Jamie Verity Treasurer and Chris Leupold Secretary. Board member Dennis Roberge was not in attendance.

Jamie Verity then made the Treasurer's Report as follows: 2012 budgeted expenses were \$20,700.00, actual expenses were \$42,449.58 which includes the transfer of \$20,000.00 out of a budgeted account and into the

water quality improvement fund for a difference of \$21,749.58. Expenses not in the budget were \$1,153.60. The 2013 year to currently have about 430-440 members. Real estate transactions are the biggest reason for loss of members. We have been forming partnerships with local realtors to give out MLRA info. We have also done large scale mailings to non members to recruit them to join. We need your help, ask your new neighbors to join. Chris, Elaine and I worked on a project over the past winter to put together a list of all MLRA Directors from 1956 to the present which we have passed out today.

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Mousam Lake Annual Meeting Minutes Continued

We need your help, ask your new neighbors to join. Chris, Elaine and I worked on a project over the past winter to put together a list of all MLRA Directors from 1956 to the present which we have passed out today.

Rich asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, the motion was moved, seconded and approved.

Skip Bartosch spoke next about water quality. He said the state came down to recertify the monitors. There are five stations on Mousam Lake and he will start to check them this week. In 2012 he did 465 dissolved oxygen readings and 25 secchi disk readings. The average secchi disk reading was 22 feet. The dissolved oxygen on average was 6 parts per billion (ppb). In some places it was 9 ppb and in some places it was 4 ppb. There is a water quality summary handout available today as well as online at the VLMP (Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program) website. Water quality summary – there is oxygen depletion; we have zero dissolved oxygen on the bottom of the lake. It won't sustain cold water fish. We do have a problem on the lake with phosphorous. The loon count was done on July 21, 2102 with a total of 6 adults and no chicks. The lake watch boat is up and running and the Acton Trading Post provides (donates) all the fuel. Please talk to your renters about boating laws. Shoreline erosion is a big problem – the boats are going too fast, too close to shore. Designated swim areas – you can't even go in between the markers for a designated swim area in your own boat. The lake markers are nationally recognized markers placed by gps. They can't be touched and markers can't be added. The state came down June 4 to check them and four of them had been moved. If you do any work on your property contact your code enforcement officer. The ASYCC will also come to help with erosion control projects. Skip thanked Fred Kelly for doing the camp inspections and placing and removing the lake markers. There were a few break ins last winter. Acton and Shapleigh now have a full time deputy sheriff. Make sure your phone number is up to date with the MLRA. We still have a lot of work to do with water quality.

Question from the floor, Norman Baker, asked if we have a swim zone at the beach. Skip replied we have been discussing that. Mr. Baker also asked about a cross walk at the beach, Skip replied he would look into it and that part of the problem is the intersection is supposed to be rebuilt. There is no crosswalk right now; Skip has spoken with Kyle Hall, a state engineer.

Someone else from the floor asked about outdoor showers. Skip said they are illegal and has called the Shapleigh code enforcement officer, Steve McDonough to look into one. Mr. McDonough wrote to the state about it.

Another question from the floor – Why doesn't the state put a sign in the road near the beach warning of swimmers ahead? Skip replied this may happen if the intersection gets rebuilt. Last year Skip spoke with Senator Ron Collins who got involved with the intersection issue.

Next question from the floor was about jumping off the bridge. Skip replied we now have a Deputy Sheriff who will address this issue, as well as people on the dam and building fires on the dam.

Rich then introduced Acton/Shapleigh Deputy Sheriff Dan Shaw. Deputy Shaw discussed camp break ins and said he is following up as fast as he can. He reminded people to lock your camps and to keep a record of serial numbers or take pictures of belongings in your camp. A lot of stolen property is pawned and can be traced with this info. Deputy Shaw does regular checks of the dam and the bridge. Deputy Shaw can be reached by calling 911 in an emergency and by calling 324-1113 ext. 2209 in a non emergency or through email (which is preferred) dpshaw@co.york.me.us.

Rich then introduced Wendy Garland from Maine DEP. Wendy's work focuses on watershed management. Wendy asked how many people in the room had been on Mousam Lake less than ten years; there were just a few people who raised their hands. Wendy went on to discuss Mousam Lake's water quality status. Mousam Lake was listed as impaired and after a decade of work, it was removed in 2006 from the impaired list.

It is one of five lakes to be removed from the impaired list. Wendy stressed that people's efforts do make a difference. Mousam Lake has had no fish kills, no algae blooms. There was a negative trend and the lake was on a downward decline. It is stable now, but it would not be hard to get back on a downward trend. Wendy discussed the secchi disk shows how much algae is living in the water. The algae feed on phosphorous in the lake. The more green algae, the less clear the water. As the algae dies it settles to the bottom and eats up oxygen which could result in a fish kill of deep water fish. The algae then feeds itself because it releases phosphorous.

Wendy stated that Mousam Lake IS on the DEP's NPS (non point source pollution) Priority List as well as the DEP's Most at Risk for New Development List. Mousam can't handle much more phosphorous – last year the early ice out and warm spring and big June storms and warm summer affected dissolved oxygen in the lake and although Mousam fared ok, Lake Auburn changed from good water quality to bad water quality and had a fish kill in September.

Wendy said we need to reduce phosphorous. A survey done in 2009 of 49 sites where work had been performed were visited and it was found that many needed attention, including clean out of sediment basins.

The lake watershed is the land that drains into the lake. We need to educate our neighbors. Soil erosion is so bad for the lake. Camp roads and driveways need to be stabilized; a vegetative buffer should be planted along your shoreline. We should be monitoring our properties for any trends in erosion.

Regulations for any work being done should be followed, contact your code enforcement officer or the ASYCC if you are planning on doing any work to your property. Wendy sees a lot of illegal activity including seawalls being built and sand being dumped into lakes. There is a new Contractor Certification Law in the state with over 2000 contractors on the certified list with 28 in Acton and Shapleigh. Bare soil is very bad as it washes into the lake. Erosion sediment laws should take care of this, but there is a lack of enforcers due to a lack of funding.

but there is a lack of enforcers due to a lack of funding. Question from the floor asked whether the ASYCC knows about the 49 sites that were visited in 2009 and can we reach out to these people? A question from Karen Pierce – when was the last time the Goose Pond Road basins were cleaned out? Skip replied that they had been cleaned about two weeks ago by the town. Pat Baldwin from the floor spoke up next. She reminded everyone that there is a water quality issue because Skip has said he cannot test after a weekend because the water is too cloudy. She has also been told about undercutting of the shoreline by many residents and heard complaints of cloudy water.

Much of this is due to the fact that the water level has been higher over the past 5 - 10 years and the amount of boat traffic has increased. Last fall she toured the lake with Wendy Garland, George Rankin and Chris Leupold when the lake was about 20" lower than usual.

George was able to put a yard stick 20" into the shoreline near his camp to show how much undercutting he sees. There were also roots exposed. We maneuvered around most of the lake including Hubbard's Cove and Carpenter's Cove with no problem. We did not go to Lower Mousam due to the bad weather. We witnessed erosion from minor to severe. Pat then wrote to the Sanford & Shapleigh Dam Coalition on the advice from Wendy that we try to handle this issue on a local level. The Dam Coalition was not interested in hearing about water levels. Pat then said she spoke with Dick Gallant, who controls the dam and ultimately the lake level and

he admitted to her that he sets the level based on the number of phone calls he receives. Complaints of cloudy water. Much of this is due to the fact that the water level has been higher over the past 5 -10 years and the amount of boat traffic has increased. Last fall she toured the lake with Wendy Garland, George Rankin and Chris Leupold when the lake was about 20" lower than usual. George was able to put a yard stick 20" into the shoreline near his camp to show how much undercutting he sees. There were also roots exposed. We maneuvered around most of the lake including Hubbard's Cove and Carpenter's Cove with no problem. We did not go to Lower Mousam due to the bad weather. We witnessed erosion from minor to severe. Pat then wrote to the Sanford & Shapleigh Dam Coalition on the advice from Wendy that we try to handle this issue on a local level. The Dam Coalition was not interested in hearing about water levels. Pat then said she spoke with Dick Gallant, who controls the dam and ultimately the lake level and he admitted to her that he sets the level based on the number of phone calls he receives. Pat then spoke with Marcel Blouin at the Sanford Park & Rec Department who told her he doesn't care what the level is as long as he has enough flow for the sewage plant and the fisheries. The boats are bigger, we can't get rid of the boat ramp, we could petition Fish & Wildlife, but that won't happen, we could petition DEP, but then the level would be set in stone. It would be best if we could do it locally. Pat made a motion to have the MLRA request the Town (City) of Sanford to lower the lake 6 inches from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Someone from the floor immediately seconded the motion.

Someone else from the floor said before we vote, we need to determine what level we start with. Where is the 6 inches?

Rich then got up and asked Skip to speak. Skip said 30 inches is where Dick Gallant is supposedly maintaining the level now. Skip then asked if anyone knows the level now. He said it is about 9 inches above the normal summertime level. Someone then asked what 30 inches means. Skip said from the spillway at the dam down to the water level, 30 inches represents the normal summer level. Skip said what he sees is no enforcement of boats and wave runners going to fast too close to

shore. Skip also stated Sanford is mulling over a change in the dam operator.

Rich then spoke and said we all agree that lake level needs to be a local thing. Sanford is not interested in listening to us. Today's meeting will hopefully be a turning point.

Sue Riding then said I think it's time for the MLRA Board to go to the Town of Sanford and tell them our membership is not happy with the levels of the lake.

Rich then said we should find out what a 6 inch drop will be before we do anything.

Someone else from the floor said why don't we speak to our neighbors about going too fast and ask them to slow down.

A resident of Warden's Way who is also a resident of Sanford said there are many Sanford residents on the lake who should speak to Sanford officials about the lake levels. Sue Riding then said we should table the motion for now, which was seconded and agreed upon by the majority.

Rich asked Mark to speak about a lake level monitor. Mark started out by saying "what is the level? I don't even know what does the 30" means". He has looked at automated monitoring systems, they are expensive, and the system would gather data and would be in the \$3,000-\$5,000 range.

Skip then spoke about the last Dam Coalition meeting, where the Mayor and City Manager of Sanford were present, they would look into grant monies to fund an automated system to control the dam.

Rich then introduced two Shapleigh Selectman, Bill Mageary and Mike Perro. Mike started out by saying he has been a selectman for 17 years and is also Chairman of the Sanford Shapleigh Dam Coalition. He said Shapleigh lost an icon this year with the passing of Selectman Ruth Ham, who served as selectman for 33 years and always said she was a public servant not a politician. Mike said Bill Mageary is the newest selectman and lives on Mousam Lake. The town strongly supports the ASYCC. Regarding the lake level the Sanford Mayor and City Manager and Councilman have been on the dam committee right along. The Dam Coalition was not formed to determine

lake levels, but to maintain the dam. The Dam Coalition is happy to maintain levels once we decide what we want. We need to be more proactive with dam management. Electronic monitoring and automating the opening and closing of the dam are possibilities.

The Town of Acton has decided to fund the Coalition and will now be a member. Mike ended by saying he will bring the concerns he has heard today to the Dam Coalition.

Rich then introduced Norris Johnson and Keegan Simons from the ASYCC. Norris is the Technical Director and Keegan is a Crew Leader. Norris asked the audience how many people have had the ASYCC do an erosion control project on their property. Many people raised their hands. He continued that the labor and education are free. The ASYCC also does courtesy boat inspections, last year one invasive plant was found before it entered Mousam Lake. The erosion control crew (ECC) works on techniques to prevent erosion. Keegan is a Crew Leader for the ECC. There are 5-6 crew members per crew and we have two crews this year. The ECC has worked on the beach at the foot of the lake and will be doing more work there as well. The 13th Street culverts get fixed every year. Norris told the audience to pick up Pat Baldwin's brochure on water quality before you leave. Rich thanked them both and mentioned the upcoming golf tournament to raise money for the ASYCC.

Rich then introduced Marsha Letourneau who is an aquatic plant patroller. Marsha started by saying we need to reduce phosphorous in the lakes. Forest pests are also becoming an issue. Marsha mentioned Laurie Callahan, an Aquatic Biologist from York County Invasive Aquatic Species Project (YCIASP) who couldn't be here today. We are lucky Square Pond and Mousam Lake don't have invasive plants yet. Most infestations are from boaters, it is important to check your boat, wash it and inspect it. If you see something out of the ordinary in the water - do something; call someone to get it checked out before it spreads. We have a signup sheet to learn more and are looking for volunteers to monitor the lake; Mousam's shoreline is over 20 miles long. There are 23 infested lakes in Maine and 70 infested lakes in New Hampshire. We have three plant workshops set up for this

summer and are looking for volunteers. Chinese Mystery Snails are also a problem; they are the size of a walnut and compete with native snails for algae, which they eat. They are hard to eradicate. The smell when they die, if you see them remove them and bury them.

Larissa Crockett from Three Rivers Land Trust spoke next; go to www.3rlt.org for more info. They provide maps with places for kayaking as well as maple sugar producers.

Jack Kelley spoke about the beach. The ASYCC cleaned it up his year. Skip is working with the state to try to get some rip rap. There is a new culvert under Route 11 with silt fences.

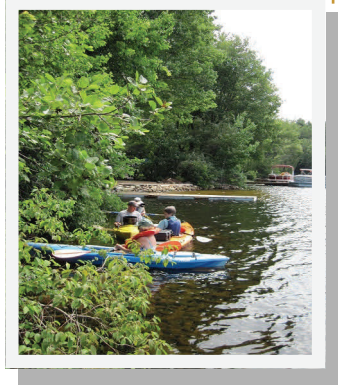
Rich then spoke about nominations for board of directors, four board members terms are expiring this year: Skip Bartosch, Glenn Baxter, Chris Leupold and Elaine Beck. A motion was made to reelect all four members and was approved unanimously. Glenn thanked Beadle's Bait and Tackle and Lakeside Sport and Marine for donating to the fishing derby. Rich also thanked Crabby Bear, Springvale Hardware, Shapleigh Corner Store, Joe for help with audio visual, Kristen Eagleston for all her newsletter contributions and Mary Leupold who will take over the newsletter from Kristen.

A raffle for door prizes was held next as well as the 50/50 raffle. \$170.00 was collected for the raffle, with \$85.00 in prize money.

A motion was made to adjourn at 11:27.

Minutes submitted by:
Chris Leupold

2013 MLRA & YCIASP Aquatic Plan Workshops



Lower Mousam Lake, MLRA On-the-Water Aquatic Plant Workshop, July 21, 2013

(Photo by L. Callahan)

In July and August two workshops were held at Mousam Lake to encourage the formation of a MLRA Invasive Plant Patrol (IPP) team. A total of 13 people attended those two workshops led by Laurie Callahan, coordinator of the York County Invasive Aquatic Species Project. Marsha Letourneau, IPP team leader at Square Pond assisted and co-led the workshops with Callahan. On July 20th the weather was good and an on-the-water workshop took place. On August 9th, the weather did not cooperate for an on-the-water workshop, but Barbara and Don Tewksbury generously provided the use of their house in Hubbard's Cove for an indoor plant identification workshop.

Mousam Lake is a water body at high-risk for the introduction of invasive aquatic species – due to heavy recreational use by visiting boaters and proximity to infested water bodies in ME, NH and MA. The established Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI) program through the Acton-Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corps (ASYCC) is a great first line of defense, but it will not be able to catch all of the invasive species that will be transported to Mousam Lake or other area water bodies. Goose Pond, connected by a channel to Mousam Lake, is also “at-risk”.

An Invasive Plant Patrol (IPP) team that will survey areas of the lake where aquatic plants can grow, or in the littoral zone, is another important line of defense to help ensure that an invasive aquatic species is caught

early and addressed before the population becomes very difficult to manage. The involvement of both individuals and the MLRA organization is an important factor in leading the formation of an MLRA IPP team and to ensure that the effort will be effective and successful. Dennis Roberge has done a lot of aquatic plant surveying on Mousam Lake and Goose Pond over the past few years, but many more eyes are needed to keep watch over what is happening and to help Dennis in this important mission. Invasive Plant Patrolers do not need to know the names of all the plants they will come across during their surveys. It can be as simple as just being able to recognize when something is not familiar or to use some simple tools available to determine if you should suspect that a plant is an invasive species. One of those simple tools is the Quick Key, produced by Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (ME VLMP)

ME VLMP runs programs that train volunteers to perform water quality monitoring and Invasive Plant Patrol (IPP) surveys. Most of their training sessions are over for the 2013 season, but there will be more opportunities to participate in their workshops in 2014. In most recent years, VLMP's IPP workshops in York County have typically been scheduled in July. York County Invasive Aquatic Species Project (YCIASP) provides training, discussion sessions and on-the-water events that augment VLMP's IPP train-

ing sessions. The workshops on Mousam Lake in July and August were events that MLRA requested YCIASP to provide in order to build an MLRA IPP team to help protect Mousam Lake and Goose Pond from invasive aquatic species. Periodic IPP surveys on a water body – especially in high-risk locations – can detect an invasive species occurrence early and hopefully help avoid degradation of the water body and a costly effort to manage the invasive population.

An IPP team leader, or IPP leadership team, has not yet been chosen or defined for the MLRA IPP effort. Until that happens, contact Laurie Callahan, YCIASP Coordinator, with any questions, to let us know you would like to be involved with this effort or to share related ideas. You can also address the MLRA board of directors, as several of the directors have attended one of the recent training sessions provided by Laurie Callahan/YCIASP. Those directors are Glenn Baxter, Elaine Beck, Chris Leupold, Dennis Roberge and Mark Rousseau.

If you think you have spotted an aquatic plant, or animal, that you suspect may be an invasive species please contact Dennis Roberge, Mousam Lake (207-850-1388) or Marsha Letourneau, Square Pond (207-831-0346). If unable to reach either of them, please contact Laurie Callahan, YCIASP [yciasp@hotmail.com or 802-258-1877 (*mobile*)]. Mark the spot of concern with a small float with a weight to anchor

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it or choose shoreline landmarks to return to the location. If you can, very carefully obtain a sample of the suspect plant, and contact Dennis or Marsha. When collecting a sample do not remove the entire plant. Even if you collect a sample, still mark the location or make observations/notes in order to return to the site.

to build an Invasive Plant Patrol (IPP) team on Mousam Lake, and Goose Pond, please let us know! Also join us for YCIASP workshops and discussions sessions that will be held the rest of this summer into the fall and plan to attend VLMP IPP training sessions that will be happening early next summer.

If you are interested in protecting Mousam Lake and Goose Pond from the threat of invasive aquatic species and with helping

Special Thanks to Laurie Callahan for this article



Participants of a YCIASP collaborative aquatic plant survey on Mousam Lake, 2012

Attendees at the July 20th MLRA Aquatic Plant Workshop

**Area's included:
On the Water, State Boat Launch, and Lower Mousam Lake**

Workshop leader, YCIASP Coordinator

Laurie Callahan

Workshop Asst. co-leader, Square Pond, SPIA IPP Team Leader

Marsha Letourneau

Other Participants:

Chris Leupold, Mousam Lake

Barbara Tewksbury, Mousam Lake

Judy Verity, Mousam Lake



Laurie Callahan, center front, aquatic plant workshop with MLRA members, Mousam Lake, 2009

Attendees at the August 9th MLRA Aquatic Plant Workshop

Due to weather was held indoors. Special thanks to the Barbara and Don Tewksbury for hosting.

Hubbard's Cove

Barbara & Don Tewksbury

Mousam Lake

Workshop leader, YCIASP Coordinator

Laurie Callahan

Workshop Asst.co-leader, Square Pond, SPIA IPP Team Leader

Marsha Letourneau

Mousam Lake continued

Paul Aker

Glenn Baxter

Elaine Beck

Peter Beck

Kent Haake

Joe Reardon

Dennis Roberge

Barbara and Don Tewksbury

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Help Prevent the Spread of Invasive Aquatic Species

Watercraft Check Points

Inspect all parts of the boat and trailer where plants may be caught including:

- Hitch
- Anchor and lines
- Live well and fishing gear
- Bilge
- Rollers
- Axles
- Bunks
- Motor shaft and prop

Prevent the Spread of Invasive Aquatic Species

- **Clean** off any mud, plants (even small fragments), and animals from boats, trailers and equipment
- **Drain** boat and equipment away from water
- **Dry** boat and equipment before using in another water body
- **Never** leave waters with live fish, or release plants or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

Help Protect our lakes from excess Phosphorus

- Make sure your cleaning products and detergents are phosphorus-free
- Follow maintenance guidelines for your septic system
- Remember Phosphorus adheres to soil particles
- Use zero-P fertilizer and apply in fall when the lawn will use it for healthy root development.
- Maintain headway speed within 200 feet of shore.