

## Lake Hosting Report for July 19, 2025 Annual Meeting

Lake hosts are an important part of preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species in New Hampshire. In addition to conducting voluntary boat and trailer inspections, lake hosts educate boaters, anglers, and the public about the problems aquatic invasive species cause and how to prevent their spread through the Clean, Drain, and Dry method. Lake hosts also gather critical boater data for the state.

To protect our lake this summer, we have 7 paid lake hosts and 12 volunteer lake hosts. Cynthia Kelsey and I are the co-coordinators of the Lake Host program. Our Lake Host program is a program of NH LAKES. The non-profit organization helps with lake host onboarding, training, timesheets, and paychecks.

Weekend coverage at our boat ramp started on May 9<sup>th</sup> and daily coverage started on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

So far this summer (through July 18), we have had 849 boat inspections. 56% of the boats were launching into the lake and 44% were departing the lake. 70% were non-motorized and 30% were motorized.

- May = 91
- June = 399
- July (thru July 18) = 359

The largest number of inspections over a two-day period—49 of them—happened July 12<sup>th</sup> thru the 13<sup>th</sup>.

As of the last payroll that ended July 6<sup>th</sup>, we have spent \$9,508 dollars on lake host coverage. The NH LAKES payroll award and a grant from the Town of New London help us cover payroll costs.

And now for a few more numbers...

7 – # of visits so far by New England Healing Sports Association (NEHSA) with 10 more to go

6 – # of shifts our volunteer lake hosts cover each week

5:15 am – Earliest boat inspection

4 – # of paid lake hosts that returned from last summer

3 – # of fishing tournaments so far with 3 more to go

2...to 4 pm – Busiest time block for inspections: 210

1 – Suspicious specimen that happily turned out to be non-invasive

On a final note, the kiosk at the boat ramp is an important way we educate folks when a lake host isn't present. And our kiosk looks a lot better this summer thanks to the "spruce up" efforts of Cynthia Kelsey, Peter Gunn, and Sally Barker and her signage team.

Respectfully submitted, Amy Bucklin

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